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Many GOP officials see virus relief as a lifeline

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Mayors, governors say Biden's proposal is vital to blunt economic pain

BY GRIFF WITTE

The pandemic has not been kind to Fresno, the poorest major city in California. The unemployment rate spiked above 10 percent and has stubbornly remained there. Violent crime has surged, as has homelessness. Tax revenue has plummeted as businesses have shuttered. Lines at food banks are filled with firsttimers.

But as bad as it's been, things could soon get worse: Having frozen hundreds of jobs last year, the city is now being forced to consider laying off 250 people, including police and firefighters, to close a \$31 million budget shortfall.

"That," said Jerry Dyer, mayor of the half-million-strong city in the Central Valley, "is going to be devastating.'

The looming cuts explain why Dyer's eyes are fixed on Washington, where President Biden's \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief plan dangles the tantalizing prospect of a reprieve. Though Dyer is a Republican, he's rooting for the president to successfully push through federal aid that, after a nightmarish year for Fresno, will "help get us to the end." The first-term mayor's stance

reflects a broader split, one that SEE CITIES ON A7

Biden moves to hard part of reversing Trump legacy

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Democracy Dies in Darkness



RACHEL WISNIEWSKI FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

As clinics collapse, a rift in trust

BY FRANCES STEAD SELLERS

PHILADELPHIA — This city's first mass vaccination site looked like a model of 21st-century efficiency. Run by a neuroscience graduate student who spoke of creating a blueprint for high-volume clinics across the country, the innovative operation delivered coronavirus shots to almost 7,000 people in just five days, ushering them swiftly through private immunization pods.

"It was like the checkout at the supermarket," said Tonya Warden, 51, who went to get her shot with a coworker. "Really fast."

But after Philadelphia's health department learned that Philly Fighting Covid, established in April as a nonprofit, had launched a for-profit company in December, the city abruptly

shuttered the vaccination clinics. Officials said they had lost trust in the group, citing concerns that changes in its data policy might allow personal information to be sold.

Residents were beset with confusion about where to get their shots as an automated system sent out reminders for appointments that have since been canceled. One senior health offi-SEE VACCINES ON A8

Philly Fighting Covid ran a mass vaccination site at the Pennsylvania Convention Center that was abruptly shuttered after the group made changes, including to its nonprofit status, without informing the city.

Acquittal widens divide in GOP

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FACTIONS SPLIT ON PATH FORWARD

Graham sees Trump as the 'most potent force'

BY AMY B WANG

One day after the Senate acquitted former president Donald Trump in his second impeachment trial, Republicans continued to diverge in what the future of their party should be, with a chasm widening between those who want nothing to do with the former president and those who openly embrace him. The division is playing out as Trump promises a return to politics and as both factions within the GOP vow they will prevail in the 2022 midterm elections.

Meanwhile, the backlash began against the seven Republican senators who crossed the aisle Saturday to vote with Democrats to convict Trump on a charge of incitement of insurrection. Sen. Lindsey O. Graham (R-S.C.) planted his flag firmly in Trump's camp Sunday, with harsh words for his Republican colleagues - as well as his party leader.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) voted to acquit the former president - then followed his "not guilty" vote with a lengthy floor speech about SEE TRUMP ON A4

DHS shifting focus to threats from within U.S

BY ANNIE LINSKEY

President Biden launched his administration with nearly 50 executive actions, variously described in the media as "a barrage," "a blitz" and "a burst."

If the public was struck by the sheer number of orders, however, the team that spent more than six months planning them struggled with the opposite problem: resisting the temptation to craft even more orders and reverse larger chunks of former president Donald Trump's agenda.

Biden's staff even had a motto: Don't try to boil the ocean. "You can't try to do all of the things," explained Cecilia Muñoz, a senior transition official who oversaw the domestic executive actions. "A transition's job isn't to do everything. That's the administration's job."

But now that Biden has undone the most easily reversible Trump policies, the hard part begins - especially after the impeachment trial hampered early Senate action. While liberals are pushing Biden to do more, goals such as expanding health care SEE BIDEN ON A6 The loneliness of an interrupted adolescence

Traditional rough patches of teenage-dom are made rougher by an unprecedented public health crisis

BY ELLEN MCCARTHY

The caller was 17, female and speaking barely above a whisper.

"Lately I've been mad all day," she said on a Friday night in late November. "Mad for no reason. Little things make me mad. I'm angry for no reason. I don't know if it's covid . . ."

In a bedroom on the other side of the country, a long-haired 16-year-old volunteer for a teen crisis hotline listened through headphones and nodded. "That must be such a strange feeling,' she said.

"I cut myself once," the caller continued. "Four days ago, maybe. Just to feel something different."

"Is that something you think you might do again?" the volunteer asked.

'I definitely don't want people to see me as crazy," the caller said. "But if I could do it in a place that no one would see it yeah, I would.'

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Abi Raderman, an 18-year-old from Los Angeles, works as a volunteer for teen crisis hotline Teen Line.

BY NICK MIROFF

On a Saturday morning in August 2019, a 21-year-old White man with ear protectors, safety glasses and an AK-47-style rifle walked into a crowded Walmart in El Paso, his pockets bulging with ammunition. He had driven hundreds of miles across Texas, prosecutors say, because he wanted to kill Latinos.

Kevin McAleenan, the acting homeland security secretary, was at a Coast Guard picnic in Virginia that day, and soon the urgent messages began arriving. A sinking feeling of horror set in as the magnitude of the attack be-came clear. "It was devastating," he said.

Twenty-three people were killed in the worst attack on Hispanic Americans in modern U.S. history.

About 5,000 U.S. Customs and Border Protection employees live in El Paso, and six lost family members that day. "To have an individual attack us, at one of the home bases of our agency and specifically going after Hispanic Americans who make up a

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Milestone victory Coach Brenda Frese notched her 500th career win with the Maryland women's basketball team. D1

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and regulators are probing potential misconduct in the GameStop trading frenzy, as the SEC moves to restore harsher penalties on wrongdoers. A2

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A small biotech firm in Italy aims to soon crank out millions of coronavirus vaccine doses but

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THE REGION The acting chief of the

D.C. police said he wants to have background checks conducted on officers and employees to identify any who might align with extremist groups. B1 Virginia Democrats are set to unveil legislation to get students back into public school classrooms by summer, addressing a topic that has become increasingly politically urgent. B1

THE WEEK AHEAD

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President Biden participates in a live CNN town hall in Milwaukee. **NBA Hall of Famer** Earvin "Magic" Johnson speaks on supporting ethnic communities at an American Bankers Association conference.

WEDNESDAY

The Fed's Federal Open Market Committee releases the minutes of its Jan. 27 meeting. Retail sales for Janu-

ary are expected to rise by 1 percent. MLB pitchers and

catchers report to spring training sites in Arizona and Florida.

THURSDAY

Jobless claims for the week ended Feb. 13 are estimated at 757,000. NASA prepares for the landing of its rover, Perseverance, on the surface of Mars.

FRIDAY Biden delivers remarks in an online event organized by the Munich Security Conference. **Existing-home sales** for January are estimated at 6.6 million on an annual basis.

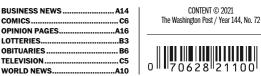
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Morgan Wallen's racist slur confirmed the worst stereotypes about the music genre, while T.J. Osborne's coming out as gay defied them. C1 'A dark cloud'

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Coronavirus: Leadership During

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Wall Street regulators probe potential misconduct

After GameStop frenzy, Biden administration signals stricter approach

ΕZ

BY TORY NEWMYER AND MATT ZAPOTOSKY

The Biden administration is sending a clear signal to Wall Street that the industry's Washington cops are back on the beat. Regulators and federal prosecutors are probing potential misconduct in the GameStop trading frenzy, as the Securities and Exchange Commission moves to restore harsher penalties on wrongdoers.

Attorneys in the Justice Department's criminal division are conducting a wide-ranging investigation into possible market manipulation from the trading surrounding GameStop and recently issued a subpoena to Robinhood as part of that, a person familiar with the matter said. The probe, though, appears to be in its early stages.

SEC acting chair Allison Herren Lee in a radio interview earlier this month said the agencv already is investigating the matter "from a number of different angles, and they're very significant."

Specifically, she indicated the agency is looking into whether brokers such as Robinhood complied with regulations when they limited trading in certain "meme stocks." And she said the agency is looking for signs of market manipulation amid the trading mania. A Robinhood spokesman declined to comment.

Beyond the GameStop probe, Lee said Thursday that the agency is reversing a policy that shielded financial firms settling charges from further punishment. Under the Trump-era approach, the SEC bundled settlement agreements with waivers that allowed the targeted companies to continue raising money in

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public markets.

Lee in a statement said the new policy marks a "return to the division's long-standing practice" and ensures "that the consideration of waivers is forward looking and focused on protecting investors, the market, and market participants from those who fail to comply with the law."

The same day, the SEC announced that it suspended trading in SpectraScience, a defunct company that had seen its stock zoom amid social media chatter. The agency said in a statement that "certain social media accounts may be engaged in a coordinated attempt" to boost the share price of the company, a Minnesota-based business that had not filed any reports since 2017.

The suspension itself was unremarkable. The SEC acted similarly more than 100 times last

year. But the agency used the move as an opportunity to remind investors they should "exercise tremendous caution when investing based on social media or a sudden surge of enthusiasm for a particular security, especially where that interest does not appear tied to any news about the company or industry," Melissa Hodgman, the acting head of the agency's enforcement division, said in a statement.

Taken together, the SEC's moves "certainly signal a chang-ing of the guard," said Philip Moustakis, a former senior counsel in the SEC's enforcement division now with Seward & Kissel.

But Moustakis also noted that despite invoking the GameStop frenzy in its announcement of its latest trading suspension, the SEC did not halt trading in GameStop itself. He said that signals the agency "made an initial determination that the facts and circumstances here don't give rise to sufficient concerns about manipulation to warrant a suspension" of that stock or others that saw dramatic run-ups thanks to attention they attracted from amateur investors

The matter is poised to get further scrutiny in the coming week, when the House Financial Services Committee convenes a Thursday hearing on it. The panel's witness list so far includes Robinhood CEO Vlad Tenev, Citadel CEO Ken Griffin, Melvin Capital CEO Gabriel Plotkin, Reddit co-founder Steve Huffman, and Keith Gill, the trader with a huge online following who helped set off the GameStop surge.

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opening a gravel mine site and building roads to support its Willow oil development project in the National Petroleum

Reserve in Alaska. The decision means continued delays during the oil company's already brief seasonal

construction window in the harsh climate of northern Alaska. An Alaska-based U.S. district judge issued an order on Feb. 6 barring construction activities,

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Lee Daniels, writer, director and produce

Andra Day, singer, songwriter and actress

Moderated by Jonathan Capehart

transmission lines and substations knocked out of service and additional tree limbs at risk of falling on power lines amid more expected freezing rain and wind, some people could experience multiple outages or prolonged outages, said Steve Corson, a spokesperson for PGE, one of the area's major electricity providers.

"Our hope would be that most would be restored sooner than that, but some customers will be affected for several days," Corson said.

The utility, which had about 250,000 customers without power on Saturday, is bringing in crews from Nevada and Montana to help restore power, he said. Other utilities, which reported about another 25,000 outages Saturday, were also working to bring electricity to homes and businesses.

Forecasters warned of more hazardous weather through Monday.

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Lorena and Steven James are married Sunday in Huntington Beach, Calif. The bride said the small, outdoor Valentine's Day affair reflected the couple's desire to adhere to pandemic safety guidelines.

Wintry weather was forecast for much of the United States on Sunday, with freezing temperatures expected to dip as snow falls as far south as Texas's Gulf Coast.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott (R), Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt (R) and Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson (R) have each activated National Guard units to assist state agencies, such as rescuing stranded drivers. Parts of Kentucky and West

Virginia still recovering from an

ice storm last week are expected to get up to a quarter-inch of ice or up to eight inches of snow by Tuesday.

About 19,000 customers remained without electricity in southern West Virginia and about 9,000 in eastern Kentucky on Sunday from the storm that moved through on Wednesday and Thursday.

-Associated Press

ALASKA

Order blocks work on **ConocoPhillips project**

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit extended an emergency order blocking ConocoPhillips Alaska from

and the new ruling leaving that injunction in place allows time for further proceedings in a case challenging the government's approval of the project.

Arguments are not expected until late April at the earliest. - Bloomberg News

Man arrested in fatal New York subway stabbings: A 21-year-old

Brooklyn man was arrested in the fatal stabbings of two people on New York City subway trains, police said Sunday. Rigoberto Lopez was taken into custody Saturday night and was formally arrested Sunday on charges of murder and attempted murder, police said. One of the victims was discovered dead on a train in Queens late Friday with several stab wounds to his neck and torso, police said. Two hours later, a 44-year-old woman was found stabbed to death in a subway car in upper Manhattan. Two nonfatal attacks - one involving a 67-year-old man and the other involving a 43-year-old man – also occurred in upper Manhattan. Authorities think all four victims were homeless. It wasn't clear whether Lopez had an attorney.

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POLITICS & THE NATION

Ga. town is majority Latino, but many don't have a voice

BY MARIA SACCHETTI

DORAVILLE, GA. - Pickup trucks splattered with mud, cargo vans topped with aluminum ladders and trailers carrying lawn mowers are everywhere in this Atlanta suburb.

For Latino residents, who make up more than 55 percent of the population of 10,000, the trucks are a symbol of their hard work, rolling out before dawn and returning home after dark. But other residents of this industrial city that was once predominantly White want these trucks barred from parking on neighborhood streets because they say they are "unsightly," road-clogging and a turnoff to home buyers.

The dispute landed in the hands of a city council that looks much more like the Doraville of a generation ago than the Doraville of today, as the mayor and five council members are White, one is Black and none is Latino.

"It simply comes down to one simple fact: What do you want the residential neighborhoods in the city of Doraville to look like?' Thom Abbott, a planning commission member at the time, said at a recent meeting.

"This is what Doraville looks like," Geovani Serrano, 25, an immigrant from Mexico, said in exasperation after the meeting, referring to the city's parade of trucks.

Like Serrano, nearly 8 in 10 Latino adults living in Doraville are not U.S. citizens - and cannot vote, receive federal stimulus payments, apply for driver's licenses or run for elective office. Many are also hesitant to speak up or get involved with anything political, even the policing of where they park.

President Biden has proposed a broad citizenship bill that, if passed by Congress, could flip that dynamic in communities such as Doraville by allowing about 11 million undocumented immigrants to apply for citizenship and making it easier for 9 million legal residents to take the test to become citizens. The effort would mark the first major push to integrate immigrants in more than three decades, opening a door to a greater role in running the communities where they have lived for years.

The legislation, which aides said could be introduced in Congress soon, faces steep odds. Democrats in the Senate would need to gain the support of at least 10 Republicans — a daunting task, given that similar attempts over the past two decades have failed and that GOP leaders already have deemed it too soft on immigration enforcement. Some Democratic lawmakers hope instead to use budget rules called "reconciliation," which require only a majority vote, to pass legislation that would legalize at least 5 million immigrants in the coming months. Many of Doraville's undocumented residents have long lived in fear of being deported and are wary of civic engagement. Even some legal residents are hesitant to draw too much attention to themselves. Barely half of Doraville's households filled out U.S. Census forms last year, a gap that the mayor said could cost the city "hundreds of thousands" of dollars in government money that is divided up by population. Because undocumented immi-



grants are ineligible for driver's licenses, many pay for taxis or walk most places - and Doraville has had one of the state's highest rates of crashes, injuries and deaths involving pedestrians.

Sweeping changes to the immigration system could build trust between immigrant communities and the government, said Mayor Joseph Geierman (D).

"I've been very concerned for the last four years about how people in our immigrant communities are faring," Geierman said. "I think there's been a lot of distrust of government generally, whether it's local, federal or state, because there's been such a push to deport people."

Since the 1990s, a steady flow of immigrants from Latin America and Asia have moved to Doraville, which is 15 miles northeast of Atlanta. The shift from a mostly White, blue-collar city to an international destination was rocky at first - a city councilor called Latino immigrants "freeloaders" in 2004 - but Doraville morphed into what some call a progressive oasis. The mayor is gay, and one council member is transgender. The city tilts Democratic in a state led by Gov. Brian Kemp (R), who ran a campaign ad in 2018 promising to round up undocumented immigrants arrested for crimes in his "big truck.

Her parents are Mexican immigrants and became naturalized citizens after Republican President Ronald Reagan signed legislation in 1986 that legalized nearly 3 million undocumented immigrants. They now own two houses and sent three children to college, with another on the way. All six voted in the 2020 presidential election and celebrated Biden's win

But the next month, Chavarria was fighting a city council measure that would send police officers to the homes of immigrants, possibly traumatizing them once again. She read testimony from residents who were too anxious to address the city council themselves, yet worried about where they would park their trucks.

They asked her to speak for them.

"How will I provide for my kids who are in school and planning to go to college?" she said, reading one father's thoughts to the council in December.

"I beg you not to place these ordinances, because they will affect my livelihood," said another, who said his jobs had been reduced by half amid the coronavirus pandemic. "By placing these laws," he told her, "you are cutting my other leg off. As Chavarria told the council that the ordinance would cause "a lot of harm and a lot of discrimination," the city clerk said she was out of time. Supporters of the proposed rules said the trucks created safety concerns about narrow roads that often lack sidewalks, forcing walkers, children on bicycles and parents pushing strollers to move into the street. They said it is difficult for firetrucks and ambulances to squeeze by. And then there were aesthetic concerns, and some suggested requiring residents to remove tools and ladders from their trucks before parking in their own driveways.



TOP: Doraville, Ga., passed an ordinance barring work vehicles, which many Latinos use to make a living in the diversifying suburb, from parking on neighborhood streets. ABOVE: Sandy Chavarria and son Sergio play at a Doraville park. She fought on behalf of undocumented immigrants too anxious to publicly oppose the rule.

home."

"We are not trying to get rid of anybody," said Rawlins, who is White. "It is a safety factor to do with these trucks and trailers on the street and unsightly equipment that needs to be put somewhere out of sight."

In an interview after the meet-

Morris knew that many immigrants in Doraville would not challenge the city council. A former teacher now studying law. she told the council that there was no proof that parking trucks on the street lowered home values or presented a significant public safety risk.

The council approved the measure on a 5-to-1 vote in January, barring vehicles over 6,000 pounds from street parking. Cohen Morris cast the dissenting vote.

Sitting at home a few weeks later, she worried that the crackdown by a mostly White city council will create resentment and fear.

Cohen Morris lives next door to Ofelia Haro, 56, a formerly undocumented immigrant from Mexico who became a U.S. citizen and whose husband owns a truck. Haro is one of her children's godparents.

"Most of the children here are citizens," Cohen Morris said. "And they're going to grow up, and they're going to remember all of this stuff that happened."

The mayor, who did not vote on the ordinance, stressed that the council listened to Latino community members. He noted that the panel scrapped plans to bar tools and ladders from trucks parked in driveways.

"The truth is that people did have a voice, and they were heard," he said.

The new rules are now in effect and will be enforced by the city's 54 police officers, seven of whom are Latino. After a six-month probationary period, the police will begin writing tickets. For now, written warnings will be issued in English and Spanish. And the police department has stressed that the issue is unrelated to Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

In Doraville's winding, hilly neighborhoods on a recent day, work trucks were parked mostly in driveways, but a few remained on the streets. Many residents worried about the new ordinance, along with the message it sends.

"They tell you to go back to your country," said a Guatemalan father of four who is undocumented and owns a truck that was parked outside his tidy ranch house. "Most of us come [to the United States] to work."

Francisco, a 35-year-old tile layer from Guanajuato, Mexico, said sometimes his brother-inlaw stays with his family, and they do not have enough room in the

Biden's victory in Georgia in November gave immigrants in Doraville comfort and hope which was then shaken by the city council's debate about the work trucks.

Sandy Chavarria, 29, said Trump's presidency traumatized many Latinos, even U.S. citizens like her. The year he was elected, she took a work trip to a mostly White rural county filled with Confederate flags. When her phone died and she needed to ask for directions, she had a panic attack.

"And I was born here. I have a license," she said. "I'm a U.S. citizen, speak English. So I can't even put into words what that means to people who are not born here."

Linda Rawlins, 73, said the beloved neighborhood where she has lived since 1969 was turning into a commercial zone.

ing, Rawlins said she supported Trump but not all of his immigration positions, as she thinks immigrants should be allowed to apply for legal residency and citizenship so they can fully participate in civic life.

Abbott, the former planning commission member, said the measure wasn't discriminatory.

"We had numerous comments made this evening that this is simply a racial-motivated piece of legislation," he said at the December meeting. "And I am for this

commission. No Latino residents spoke in favor of the measure that night in December.

He recently resigned from the

ordinance with the parking. I'm a

White male. I'm not Hispanic, I'm

not Asian, I'm not in any of these

categories. And I voted to not

allow my own personal vehicles

to be parked in front of my own

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Gerald Evans, the lone Black city councilor, wondered whether they should ban all street parking so that Latino truck owners would not feel targeted. But others said the trucks were the problem. Councilor Stephe Koontz said the big trucks parked on her street made it difficult to get to her house. Others voiced similar concerns.

Councilor Rebekah Cohen

steep driveway for both men's trucks. One has to park on the street.

Because Francisco is undocumented, he did not feel safe revealing his last name, and he said it had not occurred to him that he could challenge the city council about the truck ordinance.

Although he and his family have lived in Doraville for many years, he is now thinking: "Maybe it would be better to move away from here."

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Impeachment trial highlights split in Republican Party

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how Trump had been, in his estimation, "practically and morally responsible" for provoking the mob that overran the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6.

The violent siege left five people dead, including a police officer. Two other officers who helped fight the Capitol mob died by suicide in the days after, and their families want their deaths recognized as "line of duty" deaths.

McConnell may have "got a load off his chest" with his floor speech, Graham said, but he had also made himself a target for pro-Trump Republicans in 2022.

"Donald Trump is the most vibrant member of the Republican Party. The Trump movement is alive and well," Graham declared to "Fox News Sunday" host Chris Wallace. "All I can say is that the most potent force in the Republican Party is President Trump. We need Trump."

Graham's full-throated defense of Trump laid bare the divisions the former president has caused within the GOP over the past four years. There are those Republicans who say they must distance themselves from Trump to survive and those who believe doubling down on Trumpism is the only way forward. Up to this point, Graham has waffled — alternately trying to appeal to both sides - but on Sunday he made clear he would belong to the latter faction and seemed to enjoy his role as Trump champion.

"I've been asked by a lot of people ... 'Calm President Trump down, talk to him, get him to calm down.' Sometimes he does and sometimes he doesn't. But to my Republican colleagues, this is a two-way street," Graham said. "I'm into winning. And if you want to get something off your chest, fine. But I'm into winning."

At times in his interview with Wallace, Graham sounded as if he were reading from a script meant for Trump. He blasted the impeachment trial as "a complete joke" and President Biden for attempting to push his "most radical agenda."

When asked about former United Nations ambassador Nikki Haley's recent decision to distance herself from Trump, after supporting him unequivocally and not speaking out against his baseless claims of election fraud, Graham said the fellow South Carolinian was "wrong."

He also said that Trump's daughter-in-law, Lara Trump, should run to replace retiring Sen. Richard Burr (R-N.C.), who their state and local parties. On Saturday, Sen. Bill Cassidy (La.) became the latest Republican to be censured by his state party for his vote to convict Trump. Cassidy had previously voted against the constitutionality of the trial but said he changed his mind after listening to House impeachment managers make their case. Over the course of the trial, he appeared to devour news articles in the off-hours and raised specific questions to fill in the gaps.

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Ultimately, Cassidy cast a "guilty" vote and released a simple, 10-second video to explain his decision. "Our Constitution and our country is more important than any one person. I voted to convict President Trump because he is guilty," Cassidy said in the video.

couple of years."

"I was very proud of some of the folks who stood up and did the right thing. It's not always easy. In fact, it's sometimes really hard to go against your base and your colleagues to do what you think is right for the country," Hogan said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Hogan, who has not ruled out a presidential run in 2024, said there would have been more GOP votes against Trump had members not feared backlash from Trump and his supporters.

"A lot of Republicans are outraged, but they don't have the courage to stand up and vote that way because they're afraid of being primaried, or they're going to lose their careers," he added.

Trump himself has shown no intention of fading away, issuing a statement shortly after the Senate vote that slammed the entire impeachment trial as "a witch hunt" and lamented that no other president had been subjected to such indignities. tried to wrest the party from Trump's influence. Last month, Rep. Adam Kinzinger (Ill.), one of 10 Republicans in the House to vote to impeach Trump, started the Country First PAC to challenge the party's embrace of the former president. (He, too, has

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Sen. Bill Cassidy (La.), who became the latest Republican to be censured by his state party for his vote to convict former president Donald Trump

> said. Democrats defended their decision not to call witnesses Saturday in part because they recognized the degree to which GOP senators still support Trump. Republicans largely voted in lockstep with Trump during his presidency. In his speech Saturday, McConnell justified his acquittal vote by saying he did not believe the trial was constitutional because Trump was no longer president when the chamber received the article of impeachment – without mentioning he had himself refused to reconvene the

Senate any earlier than the day before Trump left office.

Sen. Chris Murphy (D-Conn.) said he was fairly certain there would have been enough votes to convict Trump had there been a secret ballot. Murphy also rejected Republicans' assertions that if a Democratic president had been on trial, the votes would have been reversed.

"I do think that this cult of personality that's been built up around President Trump is fundamentally different," Murphy said Sunday on CNN's "State of the Union." "I really don't believe that Democrats would rush to the defense of a president of our party that was essentially trying to overturn an election."

On Sunday, multiple House impeachment managers said it would not have mattered whether the Democrats had called

Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), seen arriving for the impeachment trial on Capitol Hill on Wednesday, blasted the impeachment trial as "a complete joke" and made clear Sunday that he would be on the side of the party that believes doubling down on Trumpism is the only way forward.

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cast a surprise vote to convict Trump on Saturday.

"The biggest winner I think of this whole impeachment trial is Lara Trump," Graham said. "If she runs, I will certainly be behind her because I think she represents the future of the Republican Party."

Graham's unapologetic embrace of Trump — in defiance of the GOP's longtime leaders comes as a string of high-profile Republicans who have dared to criticize the former president On ABC's "This Week" on Sunday, Cassidy waved off concerns about what Trump would mean to the GOP moving forward.

"I think his force wanes," Cassidy said. "The Republican Party is more than just one person. The Republican Party is about ideas."

Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan (R), who has been outspoken in his criticism of Trump, predicted Sunday that there would be "a real battle for the soul of the Republican Party over the next "Our historic, patriotic and beautiful movement to Make America Great Again has only just begun," Trump stated.

Trump, who has previously hinted at running for president again in 2024, added that "in the months ahead I have much to share with you."

Various Republicans have

been censured by his local GOP apparatus.)

Over the weekend, Evan Mc-Mullin, executive director of the nonprofit political organization Stand Up Republic, spoke of his recent call with more than 120 Republican officials about starting a new party or faction within the GOP.

"Well I think what's clear...is that something new is required," McMullin said on MSNBC on Saturday. "Forty percent feel additional witnesses. The resulting vote would not have changed.

"Once Mitch McConnell made it clear he intended to acquit . . . what the House managers needed wasn't more witnesses or more evidence," Sen. Christopher A. Coons (D-Del.) said on ABC's "This Week." "What we all needed was more Republican courage."

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CDC's guidance on school reopenings is more measured than many hoped

Almost no place in U.S. would meet standards for in-person learning

BY LAURA MECKLER

For months, President Biden has been urging schools to reopen, and promised that guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention would help them do so safely.

At the same time, public health experts including some at the CDC said available evidence suggested schools could safely open as long as precautions were in place. That raised expectations that the nation's K-12 education system might accelerate its return to in-person learning.

But the much-anticipated guidelines released Friday were, in fact, more measured than some expected, with full in-person schooling recommended only when levels of community transmission are quite low, a standard that almost no place in the U.S. meets today.

Under the rubric laid out, the CDC recommends either fully remote or hybrid plans, where students spend some time in school and some at home, for areas with substantial community spread. Even though case counts are falling, the definition of substantial spread today includes the vast majority of the

country.

When communities are in the "red" zone, the CDC suggests school districts offer hybrid classes for elementary school to reduce the number of students in each room. Middle and high schools could offer this sort of hybrid learning, too, but only if they implemented other stringent rules, as well.

If all schools adhered to the CDC guidelines, many that are fully open now would close for in-person learning or need to ratchet back to a hybrid system.

Advocates for reopening schools were dismayed.

The guidelines add "new and unnecessary demands that will ultimately keep millions of kids out of school," public health experts Joseph G. Allen and Helen Jenkins said in The Washington Post. They said they had once favored tying school reopening metrics for community to spread. "We changed our position on this in light of overwhelming scientific evidence that transmission within schools can be kept low regardless of community spread, so long as good mitigation measures are in place."

Some parents were also disappointed.

"Parents had grown progressively nervous that this was going to be a politically influenced outcome and that's what it feels like we landed at," said Karen Vaites, a mother who lives in New York City and is part of a group



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Paul Adamus, 7, waits at a school bus stop in Dallas, Ga., in August. The CDC's guidance on school reopenings recommends in-person school only when levels of community transmission are very low.

advocating for open schools.

She said mitigation strategies such as mandatory masks, which the CDC said were essential, make sense, but she views the requirement for six feet between students when rates are high to be too strict, and argued the CDC's metrics for reopening are too conservative.

CDC Director Rochelle Walen-

sky defended the agency's approach on Sunday.

"We know that the amount of disease in the community is completely reflected as to what's happening in school. If there's more disease in the community, there will be more in school," she said on CNN. "So, I would say this is everybody's responsibility to do their part in the community to get disease rates down, so we can get our schools opened."

Greta Massetti, lead author on the CDC guidance document, noted in an interview that even at high levels of community transmission, there are in-person – albeit hybrid – options for all K-12 schools. To use a hybrid model, middle and high schools are either required to implement all mitigation strategies and keep case counts low, or required to do in-school screening tests for students and staff without symptoms.

Speaking on Fox News Sunday, Walensky described the guidance as a road map for reopening schools, some of which have been shuttered completely for nearly a year.

"We are really anticipating that with this guidance emerging, that schools will be able to start opening," she said.

Some elements of the guidance will certainly help speed reopening. It says vaccination of teachers is a strategy for reopening, but not a requirement. It also put almost no emphasis on improving ventilation systems, an expensive proposition that has led to contentious negotiations between some school systems and their teachers.

But overall, the CDC plan was welcomed by teachers' unions as well as some public health experts as far superior to the guidelines put forward under the Trump administration.

"The CDC met fear of the pandemic with facts and evidence," said a statement Friday from Randi Weingarten, president of the American Federation of Teachers. "For the first time since the start of this pandemic, we have a rigorous road map, based on science, that our members can use to fight for a safe reopening."

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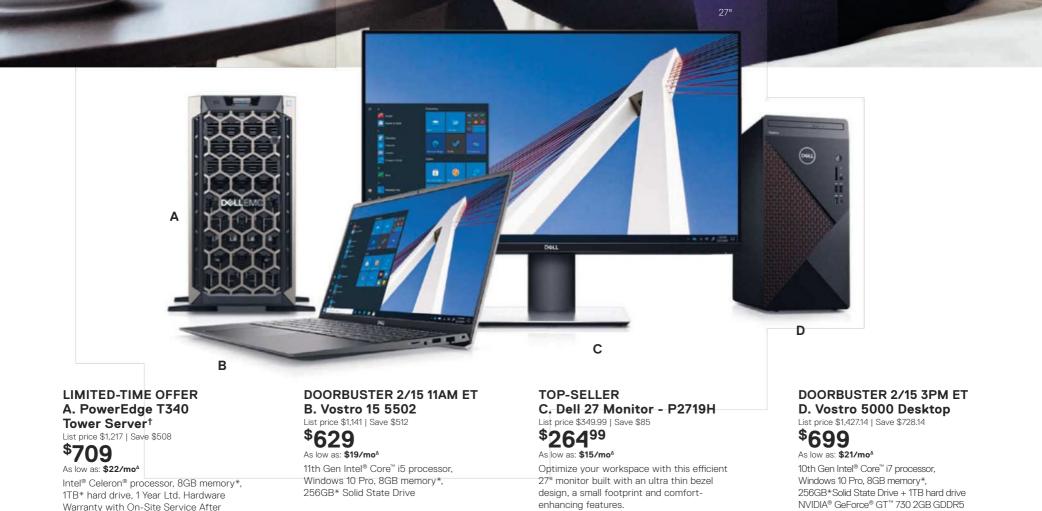


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Undoing Trump's legacy takes 'bureaucratic archaeology'

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and strengthening gun control would probably require new laws, which are much harder to enact.

The coming months will tell how much of his predecessor's legacy Biden can erase and how much of Trump's imprint, despite his chaotic style, will endure.

Some Biden supporters say the public will grow impatient if they do not see broader results fast. "We have a very short period of time to have people believe that government is the great equalizer of opportunity," said Rep. Pramila



American" edict and an order on racial equity that repealed Trump's 1776 Commission and aimed to root out racism throughout the federal government.

Many of the actions fell under the scope of what presidents typically do, including laying out ethics policies and proclaiming a national day of unity. Biden also lifted a restriction on taxpayer money for nonprofits that perform abortions overseas - a sensitive policy that gets reversed each time a new party takes the White House. The process is ongoing, Guttentag said, adding that it "requires delving into innumerable details" and sorting "through these almost hidden and easily overlooked administrative actions that have incredibly long tentacles that have to be undone, root and branch, to even begin the process of reform." Guttentag, a former director of the American Civil Liberties Union Immigrants' Rights Project, tracked more than 1,000 Trump-era changes to the immigration system alone. Even some of Biden's executive actions that sound relatively modest - for example, directing agencies to review certain policies - amount to promissory notes that changes will be made, he said. Valerie Jarrett, a senior adviser to Obama, cited an experience that reflects the challenges now facing Biden. On one particular day, she recounted, a major Obama immigration measure failed in Congress, while a gay rights provision advanced. Jarrett recalled that people in the domestic policy team had worked in both areas for years, so half the staff was jubilant and the other half in despair. Jarrett told Obama about the high emotions engulfing his policy staff, and the president made an unscheduled visit to Muñoz's office. "He said to everybody, 'For those of you who are so upset about the Dream Act, just remember that the people who've been trying to repeal 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' have been at it for 20 years. This change takes time,' Jarrett recalled. Because Muñoz fought for policies that Trump reversed, Jarrett said "there is a certain poetic justice to her having the opportunity to help the Biden administration shape the policies going forward." But Miller, the former Trump aide, said that even if Biden is able to rewrite federal regulations, his predecessor's broader legacy – a larger realignment in politics and a growing distrust in the establishment – will be much more difficult to take on. "Nothing that Biden can do can possibly touch that," Miller predicted.

Jayapal (D-Wash.), who co-chairs the House Progressive Caucus and worked with the Biden transition, noting that its leaders internalized this urgency.

Biden signaled early that he was sensitive to accusations he would try to do too much unilaterally. When signing a batch of executive orders shortly after taking office, he took a defensive tone, saying that day's actions merely aimed to "undo the damage Trump has done" and that "there's nothing new that we're doing here."

But that modesty belies a massive effort, occupying hundreds of volunteers and several months, to plot Biden's early actions and keep them to a manageable scope. The team included many Obama administration veterans who had seen their work reversed and were eager to help put it back together.

"A lot of us viewed this as among the most gratifying professional experiences of our lives," Muñoz said.

Biden's team even set up a shadow administration of sorts, recruiting Democrats with expertise in specific agencies to ensure that the orders would stand up to legal challenges.

The effort was driven by a view that Trump's policies have been codified via an army of operatives who found endless ways, public and hidden, to turn federal policies in nefarious directions.

Even now, Democrats are digging layer by layer through federal orders and manuals — "bureaucratic archaeology," in the phrase of Lucas Guttentag, a law professor who helped on immigration efforts — in hopes of unearthing buried Trump initiatives.

Trump also opened his tenure with a flurry of executive orders, signing them with great ceremonial flourish. But his approach was less disciplined, and Biden's onslaught frustrates conservatives who say he is contradicting his own high-flown rhetoric on bipartisanship.

"This isn't the unity he promised," Heritage Foundation President Kay James said. "He's signaled that he'll take unilateral steps that usurp Congress's power and leave no room for debate BILL O'LEARY/THE WASHINGTON POST

TOP: President Biden departs the White House on Friday. ABOVE: Biden with Vice President Harris in Washington on Wednesday. The administration undid the most easily reversible of former president Donald Trump's actions and now must grapple with removing his more entrenched policies. However, some Biden supporters say the public will grow impatient if they do not see broader results fast.

or dissent."

Other Republicans complain that Biden's moves are highly damaging.

"It's obviously true that Joe Biden can terminate a wide swath of policies [in ways] that we would argue would have very harmful effects," said Stephen Miller, a senior adviser to Trump who helped set up some of the policies that Biden is now trying to unwind.

On immigration, where Miller was particularly influential, he acknowledged the Trump policies were fragile. "It doesn't take much at all to topple the border security infrastructure that was painstakingly put in place," he said.

Miller contended that powerful forces oppose Trump's policies, and that big business, foreign governments and even organized crime support porous borders. "It actually requires a great deal of vigilance to keep the border secure," Miller said. "Even just suspending that vigilance will cause it to fall apart pretty quickly, let alone trying to work in the other direction."

Biden signed executive orders ordering a review of Trump's deterrent policies along the border and created a task force to reunite families, calling their separation under the Trump administration a "moral and national shame."

Despite the methodical early moves, the Biden team is now facing the limits of what he can accomplish on his own. He has promised, among other things, to create a new public health-care actions on health care in particular are not enough to meet the need. "I am still very afraid that there are a lot of people who are uninsured across this country [and] even with the subsidies are going to be falling through the cracks," she said.

In December, Biden cited the danger of overusing executive power, privately telling Black civil rights leaders that he intended to

"There is an inevitable limit to how much a president can do with his or her own pen alone." Lucas Guttentag, a law professor who helped President Biden in his

immigration efforts

option, fix the nation's roads and bridges, tackle the immigration system and enact tougher climate rules. All would require pushing complex bills through a bitterly polarized Congress or enacting time-consuming regulations.

Biden's allies are bracing for this next phase. "There is an inevitable limit to how much a president can do with his or her own pen alone," Guttentag said. Jayapal said Biden's unilateral limit his unilateral actions. "I am not going to violate the Constitution," Biden said, according to a tape obtained by the Intercept. "Executive authority that my progressive friends talk about is way beyond the bounds."

Muñoz, too, is aware of the limits of relying on executive actions, despite her role at the center of Biden's planning. A MacArthur "genius grant" recipient and the daughter of Bolivian immigrants, she started her career as an advocate for immigrant rights before spending eight years in the Obama White House.

Muñoz disappointed some former allies at the time by defending President Barack Obama's deportation policies, which he had deployed in the absence of a comprehensive immigration restructuring bill. When Biden invited her into his transition, immigration groups complained, and one even launched a petition to keep her out of the administration.

Unfazed, Muñoz last year drew up plans for quick executive orders on a range of subjects, organizing them into "buckets" for easy prioritization. One, termed "imminent harm," was for edicts that had to be issued quickly to avoid people getting hurt — such as extending a ban on evictions and prolonging a freeze on student loan repayment.

A second bucket included things Biden had explicitly promised to do on his first day, such as rejoining the Paris climate accord and lifting the ban on travel from some majority-Muslim countries. Others reflected Biden's proac-

tive agenda, including a "Buy

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Republican Mayor Francis Suarez of Miami, right, with White House press secretary Jen Psaki and Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan, speaks at a news briefing last week after meeting with President Biden.

State GOP leaders stand by relief plan

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gives Biden and his fellow Democrats a key tactical advantage as negotiations near an expected climax early next month.

Republicans in Congress overwhelmingly oppose the relief bill, casting it as bloated and budgetbusting, with some heaping particular scorn on a measure to send \$350 billion in assistance to states and cities. Should Biden go ahead without their approval, GOP leaders say, it will prove that his mantra of bipartisanship rings hollow.

But to many Republicans at city halls and statehouses across the country, the relief package looks very different. Instead of the "blue-state bailout" derided by GOP lawmakers, Republican mayors and governors say they see badly needed federal aid to keep police on the beat, to prevent battered Main Street businesses from going under, and to help care for the growing ranks of the homeless and the hungry.

"It's not a Republican issue or a Democrat issue," said Dyer, who became mayor last month following a long career as the city's police chief. "It's a public health issue. It's an economic issue. And it's a public safety issue."

Surveys show that a broad majority of Americans support the assistance, including large numbers of Republicans. Only a minority among Republican voters agree with GOP lawmakers that the aid package is too large, polls have found.

Biden on Friday highlighted

that Biden's insistence on \$350 billion in state and local aid was the biggest stumbling block in negotiations.

"That kind of number just makes no sense at all," he said. The Republican plan proposed to cut it entirely.

Yet as the J.P. Morgan analysis shows, the impact of the pandemic has been unevenly felt, with some states – especially those whose economies are heavilv dependent on tourism or oil and gas extraction - suffering dramatic declines.

A Brookings Institution analysis in September found that although income tax revenue had proved resilient during the pandemic, sales tax and transportation-related revenue had been hit especially hard. As a result, states and cities were projected to lose out on more than \$450 billion over three years.

And the pain hasn't only been on the revenue side. New needs arising from the pandemic have created new costs.

"Cities were confronting some really big challenges even before this crisis – income inequality, homelessness, housing affordability," said Tracy Gordon, acting director of the Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center.

All have been exacerbated by the coronavirus pandemic, she said. But many cities now have fewer resources with which to address them.

In Oklahoma City, Holt said, revenue has been down by about 5 percent, a sharp departure from the robust growth the city had become accustomed to bebe spent directly on coronavirus expenses, creating logistical hurdles in getting it out the door. Nearly a year later, some of it remains unspent, a point Republicans make in arguing for why additional taxpayer dollars should not be allocated.

The aid proposed by Biden would not have the same restrictions. Mayors say that will make it easier to quickly get it into the hands of those who need it and to stimulate economic growth.

Betsy Price proudly calls Fort Worth, the metropolis of nearly 900,000 she has led for the past decade, "a fiscally conservative city." But the Republican said the pandemic has forced the city government to spend more just to keep people afloat, doling out small-business support, rental assistance and help with utility bills.

Price joined more than 400 fellow mayors late last month including many Republicans in signing a U.S. Conference of Mayors letter that called on Congress to quickly pass Biden's coronavirus relief plan. She said she had spoken with both of Texas's senators - Republicans Ted Cruz and John Cornyn - and made the same case.

"We're not asking the Democrats or the Republicans to put money into city coffers," she said. "We're asking them to put it into the community to help people get back on their feet."

The National Governors Association has not released a letter similar to the one endorsed by the mayors. But the group did call for \$500 billion in relief for



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the rift, inviting a bipartisan group of mayors and governors to the White House to discuss the specifics of the bill.

"You folks are all on the front lines and dealing with the crisis since day one," he told the group, which included the Republican governors of Maryland and Arkansas, as well as Republican mayors.

Miami Mayor Francis Suarez (R) later told reporters from the podium in the White House briefing room that he had spoken with Biden and Vice President Harris more in the first several weeks of their administration "than I had spoken to the prior administration in the entirety."

Biden said he brought the group to the White House to ask "what do they think they need most.'

To many mayors and governors, it's a long list.

"I don't know of any city that hasn't been affected negatively," Oklahoma City Mayor David Holt (R) said. "Some may be worse off than others. But we have all had to make cuts."

The impact has not been as severe as some economists initially projected, however. When the pandemic first struck American shores and much of the U.S. economy shut down last spring, the prognosis for states and cities looked dire. Analysts warned that cities - some of which had still not fully recovered from the Great Recession more than a decade ago - could be forced into bankruptcy.

But some of the worst consequences have already been blunted by previous rounds of federal aid, as well as by the nature of the economic recovery, with high-income individuals - who contribute much of the state and local tax base - bouncing back relatively quickly, even as poorer families languish.

When 10 Republican senators visited the White House this month to lay out their slimmeddown \$618 billion counterproposal to the president's plan, Mitt Romney (Utah) came brandishing details from a J.P. Morgan analysis showing that most states had seen only modest revenue declines.

Romney later told reporters

fore the pandemic. To compensate, he said, the city has had to leave jobs unfilled and cut funding for parks and recreation, even as the overall needs of citizens and businesses have grown.

"We don't do much fluff here," he said. "So whatever we've had to cut, residents have experienced it."

Republican lawmakers in Washington have dismissed aid to cities as a bailout for governments that have long spent beyond their means.

But Holt called that "a red herring." Most state and city governments – unlike the federal government — have to balance their budgets, just as a business would.

But unlike businesses large and small that have received grants or loans to make up for the damage done by the coronavirus, cities have been left out.

"In a sense, we're the only employer that hasn't been able to make an application to anyone to save our jobs and save our services," said Holt, who noted that the city government is one of his metro area's biggest employers. "Support for cities and states is way overdue."

There has been some relief. The Cares Act, signed into law by President Donald Trump last March, included \$150 billion for states and for the nation's 38 largest cities. But money had to

states last spring. And individual Republican governors have spoken up to back Biden's relief plan, which can be enacted without GOP support. That includes moderates such as Maryland's Larry Hogan, as well as Trumpaligned conservatives such as West Virginia's Jim Justice, who has urged Congress to "go big."

Suarez, the Miami mayor, has pushed the same message and has put pressure on Florida's two Republican senators, Marco Rubio and Rick Scott, to follow through.

The Republican recently cowrote an op-ed with St. Petersburg Mayor Rick Kriseman, a Democrat, in which they addressed the senators directly and enumerated the problems facing their cities, including unemployment, bankrupt business and lines at food pantries that look like "gridlocked freeways."

"Florida's cities are in agony and are crying out for help," they wrote. "This is not sustainable."

In an interview, Suarez said both senators have been receptive to his message in private, though they also expressed concerns about the price tag concerns that Suarez said he could understand, to a point.

"Under normal circumstances, this kind of government spending would be completely unacceptable," he said. "But this is a crisis."

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Philadelphia soured on a start-up it trusted with vaccines

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cial from the city resigned. Allegations of incompetence and angry calls for racial equity erupted, aimed not only at the start-up but at the health department and the mayor, who had implicitly endorsed the operation by showing up on the first day shots were administered in early January.

"It was botched, completely botched," said City Council member Cindy Bass (D), who chaired a Feb. 5 hearing questioning the health department's decision to entrust 6 percent of its vaccine supply to an organization run by recent college graduates who had little medical training.

The evolving crisis highlights the challenges facing cities and states, each charged with creating its own vaccine delivery system and facing criticism for confusing registration requirements, hourslong waits and failure to administer vaccine doses in high enough numbers to communities of color.

Philadelphia has stood out as one of a handful of cities receiving doses directly from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and for its willingness to create unconventional partnerships - inthis case, pairing Silicon Valleystyle strategies with its public health program.

Days before the relationship collapsed, James Garrow, the public health department's communications director, described the leeway the health department had given Philly Fighting Covid: "It's their clinic. They run it as they see fit. We are there to keep an eye on our vaccine to make sure it's used properly.

In an email to The Washington Post two days before the arrangement fractured, Philly Fighting Covid's founder and CEO, Andrei Doroshin, 22, pledged that prereg-istration data collected on 100,000 Philadelphia residents would not be sold.

"Anyone who pre-commits on our platforms and had entered their personal information into our systems can feel confident that their data is private, safe and will not be sold to a third-party company," Doroshin wrote.

Becoming a for-profit entity was necessary to expand, Doroshin told The Post, explaining that he took advice from healthcare lawyers.

"Creating new sites is very expensive," he said. "It cannot just be funded by donations."

In a statement that has since been removed from the start-up's website, Doroshin says that instead of defending against "Philly's dirty power politics," his organization should be busy "vaccinating thousands of people."

tern," Bass said in an interview. "It's a form of disenfranchisement, and it's not just from guys that stormed the Capitol. It's from the government itself." Early in the pandemic, the

public health nationwide – and

now the coronavirus vaccine roll-

government failures, when you're

African American, you see a pat-

"When you look at those past

out.

health department sought to ensure coronavirus testing reached underserved and hard-hit populations by forging relationships with organizations presenting innovative approaches and with roots in communities of color and neighborhoods where many residents do not speak English. Once the vaccine became available, the department built on those relationships to administer shots. Philly Fighting Covid, which Doroshin launched as a nonprofit last spring to make face shields using 3-D printing, had already evolved once to provide free testing centers, which were used by more than 15,000 people. The group won a \$194,000 contract with the city for testing.

the health department to focus resources on members of highrisk groups who may not have cars or proper documentation, said Johnson, who was also collaborating with the Black Doctors Consortium.

Johnson said she had seen the benefits of working with outside groups. Philly Fighting Covid and other grass-roots partnerships reminded her of the early days of the HIV/AIDS crisis, when citizens founded their own response organizations, many of which gained national prominence.

If Philly Fighting Covid expanded, Johnson said, the health department would probably "go along for the ride."

almost 1,500 a day.

coronavirus vaccine at the start-up's mass vaccination site in the Pennsylvania Convention Center. Pre-med student Ethan Loofbourrow

pre-writes the date on vaccination record cards. Behavioral specialist Clarissa Cooper-Nowell, 62, prepares to receive the vaccine.

"We're treating it like a factory, with quality control and safety checks," Doroshin said after the first two days of vaccinations, explaining that he had his eyes on a stadium where he believed they could vaccinate "20,000 a day without breaking a sweat."

Buoyed by their early success, Doroshin said he was looking into taking the show on the road perhaps to another major city, such as Los Angeles or D.C., or to a purpose-built site, possibly with the help of out-of-work concert roadies.

The opportunity to innovate –

through, some apparently unaware they had skipped ahead.

Doroshin said at the time that Philly Fighting Covid was tightening access and remained "committed to making this process as equitable and accessible as possible."

Garrow acknowledged that officials were concerned but said that the problem also exists in pharmacies and that sticking too rigidly to priority groups can slow the process or leave vaccine doses unused.

"We know that if someone is hellbent on jumping the line and don't care that they are, there's not much we can do about it," Garrow questions and used pre-filled syringes to give the injections.

People moved in a clockwise direction – by design, according to Osipowicz, the group's chief science officer. The circular movement reflects what behavioral scientists have identified as the natural herding behavior of human beings, he said.

Each step had been mapped out to the second, said chief operating officer Jesse McGrath, who designed the system and believes it remains superior to almost any in the country.

Once vaccinated, for example, dozens of people waited on chairs several feet apart to be monitored for side effects, with emergency medical staff on hand in case anyone needed to go to a hospital. That allowed a far more efficient flow of people than in pharmacies and small clinics, where limited space for observation restricts the number of shots that can be given.

And if there was any doubt this was set up by young people, the newly vaccinated left by way of a selfie station. ("My first!" exclaimed one judge, as he snapped a celebratory shot.)

The clinics attracted immediate attention.

Milano, the site manager, received an email from a member of a professional organization for roadies, who erect and dismantle small cities every day to put on festivals around the world.

"We are logistics geniuses," read the email, from a representative for the bands Mumford & Sons and the 1975. "The work you are doing mirrors what we do on the road, and the arenas and stadiums across the country are our offices. It just seems like the perfect match to get out-of-work roadies involved somehow."

The nine-month-old start-up was also coming under scrutiny.

Asked about the business model in the days before the breakup, Doroshin described Philly Fighting Covid as a "company," then as a "501" or nonprofit.

In a Jan. 23 email, Doroshin wrote that "Philly Fighting Covid switched to for-profit LLC status in early December." The new company, Vax Populi, would eventually bill insurance companies for vaccine administration, Doroshin said, although recipients would not incur out-of-pocket costs.

At the time, the Philly Fighting Covid website described it as "a 501(c) 4 not-for-profit organization."

A day later, Doroshin wrote again, this time offering "an explanation and an apology" and saying the company was "transitioning" to for-profit status and would update the public once the process was complete.







But soon after ties were severed, another controversy erupted. While some providers nationally were winning praise for finding inventive ways to administer soon-to-expire doses, Doroshin took things a step further: After a participating nurse tweeted that Doroshin "took home a ziplock bag-full of vaccines," the CEO acknowledged on air that he had administered leftover doses to four friends.

The fallout has been rapid. The acting deputy health commissioner, Caroline C. Johnson, an infectious-disease expert with extensive immunization experience, resigned over communications with Philly Fighting Covid and another testing partner, the Black Doctors Covid-19 Consortium. Those communications appeared to give the groups a head start in winning the city's burgeoning vaccine business. The city's inspector general launched an investigation, promising a public report. And some state legislators called for the city's health commissioner, Thomas A. Farley, to step down.

Farley declined to comment, citing the inspector general's ongoing investigation.

On Feb. 5, the city council grilled Farley for three hours, calling on him to explain the relationship with Philly Fighting Covid. Farley, who described the partnership as a "mistake," faced broader questions about why Black residents have been underrepresented among the rolls of vaccine recipients - especially in a city in which people of color are the majority.

Farley acknowledged that "the people who force their way to the front of the line . . . often are people who are White." While Farley did not have data to show that was the case at the Philly Fighting Covid clinics, sign-up links had been shared, allowing some people to jump ahead of their priority status.

Witnesses at the city council hearing evoked the Tuskegee Study, in which Black men with syphilis were deprived of treatment without their knowledge, and the response to Hurricane Katrina. The meeting vaulted into the charged territory of race, laying bare the historical and contemporary grievances that plague

Well before vaccines were available, Doroshin said he and his team started figuring out how to get shots to recipients with as little human contact as possible.

"We had six months' lead time," said Doroshin, who said he and two friends plowed about \$300,000 of their own money into Philly Fighting Covid. He declined to describe how he acquired the funds, apart from saying on different occasions that he has worked since he was 14 and that he has profited from "cryptocurrency."

"It wasn't that [the health department was] partnering with us to build a solution," said Karol Osipowicz, a cognitive neuroscientist and Doroshin's mentor first at Drexel University and then at Philly Fighting Covid, where he served as chief science officer. "We gave it to them."

"They trusted us," said Victoria Milano, 23, site manager at the vaccination clinic.

Just before Christmas, as coronavirus cases surged and hospitals were tied up vaccinating their front-line workers, Philly Fighting Covid and health department officials had a meeting.

In mid-January, as Philly Fighting Covid was winning accolades for its first clinics, Johnson, then acting deputy health commissioner, recalled her reaction to the group's the-sky's-the-limit proposals.

"We are always suspicious, but we didn't have much to lose," she said, describing how she was providing some medical oversight and committed a staff member to watch over the vaccine. "It wasn't our good name that would go up in flames."

By lowering barriers to access, Philly Fighting Covid would allow

Johnson said she believed the group would apply for city funding and start billing insurers.

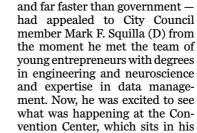
"We are silent on that," she said, referring to billing.

According to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the payment rate to administer single-dose vaccines is \$28.39. For multiple doses, the initial rate is \$16.94, with \$28.39 for the final shot.

Following her resignation, Johnson did not respond to requests for comment.

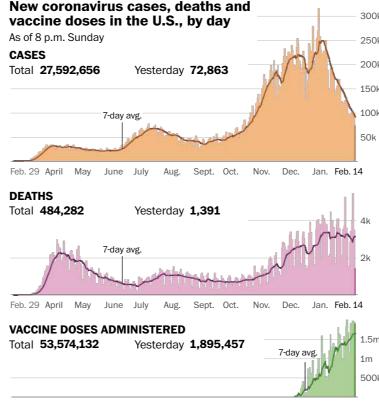
The health department did not sign a contract for vaccinations with Philly Fighting Covid as it had done for testing. Instead, as is the case with more than 100 nonprofit and for-profit vaccine providers in the city, the group had to meet requirements set out by the CDC.

On five days in January, Philly Fighting Covid transformed the yawning hall of the Pennsylvania Convention Center – better known as the backdrop for the city's famous flower show - into an immunization assembly line, delivering about 140 shots an hour,



district. "You go in. Boom! Boom! Boom! And you're done," he said, even as he anticipated some criticism of the swashbuckling approach. "Are people going to push back? Say there's something we didn't do right?" he said before the controversy blew up. "I'm sure that's going to be the case. But we can't wait until it's perfect."

Things didn't go perfectly. Internet connectivity wasn't reliable at the start, resulting in the loss of data on the race and ethnicity of some vaccine recipients. The signup link intended largely for health-care workers who don't work in hospitals - many of whom are people of color - wasshared more widely so that real estate developers and financiers were among the people speeding





What's more, the "boom, boom, boom" approach wasn't for everybody in this multiracial city, according to Ala Stanford, a surgeon who founded the Black Doctors Consortium, which is increasing the number of vaccinations it provides in partnership with the health department. The community-based campaign draws on principles Stanford developed driving door to door and church to church to deliver coronavirus tests to underserved neighborhoods.

"We don't rush them," Stanford said in a January interview.

Stanford, who has a private practice in the Philadelphia suburbs, said clinicians make themselves available to answer questions, especially in communities with a historic distrust of public health measures.

"Grandma needs you to take time," she said. "Someone needs to look after kids while we take care of mom.

Across the country, public health departments are struggling to overcome vaccine hesitancy and increase access to clinics in communities of color. Recently released CDC data shows that in the first month of vaccinations, just 5.4 percent of the 13 million people vaccinated were Black, although Black people account for about 16 percent of health-care workers. But the data is limited, with information on race and ethnicity missing in about half of the cases.

In Philadelphia, which is more than 40 percent Black, African Americans account for about 18 percent of the people vaccinated so far, according to health department data

Stanford said that to reach hesitant people, she relies heavily on word of mouth and trust born out of personal connections, rather than what she referred to as Philly Fighting Covid's "tech aspect."

For the men and women who came to the convention center, getting a vaccine required an electronic appointment and about half an hour of free time. After they passed through security and checked in, it took a matter of minutes to be waved through to one of eight private vaccination pods, where nurses, each with an assistant, asked brief screening

"The reality is that I, like many of us, am learning as I go," he wrote. "The learning curve is maybe a bit steeper for a young guy like me."

On Jan. 25, after the Philadelphia Inquirer raised concerns with Farley, the health department sent out a statement, terminating the partnership with Philly Fighting Covid "effective immediately." While the department works with many for-profits including pharmacies and hospitals - to provide doses of the vaccine, Garrow wrote that Philly Fighting Covid had altered its status without telling city authorities

"As part of this change, PFC updated its data policy in a way that could allow the organization to sell data collected through PFC's preregistration site," the statement said, also criticizing the group for abruptly stopping its testing program.

Doroshin said in a statement that the data policy contained "problematic" language, and "as soon as we became aware of it, we removed it."

The bigger problem was that the partnership with Philly Fighting Covid had been based on trust, Garrow said, faulting the group for its lack of transparency.

Doroshin remained bullish on the methodology, even on the day the health department cut ties.

"This is what other efforts look like if you need a comparison to our operation," he wrote in a text to The Post, attaching an article about a state-run vaccine rollout in neighboring Delaware where residents complained of "nightmarish" waits.

On that point, the health department agrees.

"Philly Fighting Covid demonstrated they can get people through a site and get them vaccine," Garrow said. "Most people who came through came away super impressed."

Now, Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney (D) is seeking to regain residents' trust by overseeing the opening of a new mass vaccination clinic at the same site. This time, it's run by the health department.

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Kurdish militants accused of killing 13 Turkish citizens

Bodies are reportedly discovered during a military operation in Iraq

BY KAREEM FAHIM

ISTANBUL - Turkey said Sunday that 13 Turkish hostages, including soldiers and police officers, held by a Kurdish militant group had been found executed in a cave in northern Iraq.

The bodies were found during a Turkish military operation against the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, that began last week, according to a Defense Ministry statement. The ministry did not say exactly when the bodies were discovered or whether the executions had occurred during a rescue attempt. All but one of the victims was killed with a bullet to the head, the ministry said.

Many of the hostages had been kidnapped in Turkey in the summer or spring of 2015, after the breakdown of a cease-fire between the government and the PKK, which has fought a decades-long insurgency against Turkey, according to a statement by the governor of Turkey's Malatya province that was carried by the state-run Anadolu news agency. It was the worst loss suffered by Turkey's security services since last Feb-



A Turkish military vehicle patrols in Syria, where Turkey has carried out operations against the group it says executed 13 of its citizens.

ruary, when 36 Turkish troops were killed in a suspected airstrike in Syria's Idlib province. A statement Sunday by the

PKK did not deny that the group was holding Turkish prisoners but blamed the deaths on Turkey, saying its attack on a prisoner camp resulted in clashes that killed captives who belonged to Turkey's intelligence service, along with soldiers and

police officers.

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's government has carried out large-scale military opera-

tions against the PKK in Iraq and Syria over the past few years that it says are aimed at protecting Turkey from crossborder attacks. They included a major incursion into northern Syria in 2019 that targeted Kurdish-Syrian fighters who were allied with the United States.

The latest Turkish operation, which began Wednesday, has focused on a region north of the Iraqi city of Dahuk. The Defense Ministry said three Turkish soldiers have died and dozens of Kurdish fighters were killed or captured during the campaign.

The military campaigns have coincided with a crackdown on pro-Kurdish voices inside Turkey, including on media outlets and politicians whom the government has accused of supporting the PKK, which Turkey and the United States have designated a terrorist group. Human rights groups have accused the Turkish government of using its fight against the PKK to silence dissenters, including members of a pro-Kurdish opposition party.

Fahrettin Altun, a spokesman for Erdogan, said in a statement on Twitter that Turkey would "continue its fight against terrorism with unwavering determination" and would "take necessary steps against individuals and groups glorifying and encouraging terrorism at home and abroad.

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Spokeswoman: Prince Harry and Meghan are expecting their second baby

BY JENNIFER HASSAN AND KARLA ADAM

LONDON - Prince Harry and Meghan, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, are expecting their second baby, a spokeswoman for the couple confirmed Sunday, saying they were "overjoyed at the news."

The couple, who married in a lavish ceremony at Windsor Castle in May 2018, have a son, Archie Harrison Mountbatten-Windsor, born May 2019.

"We can confirm that Archie is going to be a big brother," a spokeswoman said as well-wishers flocked to social media to offer the family their congratulations.

A spokeswoman for Queen Elizabeth said that "Her Majesty, Duke of Edinburgh, Prince of Wales and entire family are delighted and wish them well."

Harry, 36, and Meghan, 39, caused a sensation in Britain last year when they stepped down as senior royals. Harry remains sixth in line to the throne - after Charles, the Prince of Wales; Prince William, Charles's first son; and George, Charlotte and

Louis, William's children. The baby will be eighth.

Harry and Meghan dropped their HRH titles in 2020 but are still the Duke and Duchess of Sussex. After stepping down as senior royals, they traveled to Vancouver Island in British Columbia before settling in Meghan's native Southern California.

Their second child will not be born a prince or princess, as he or she will be too far down the line of succession to assume the title automatically. Meghan and Harry opted not to seek a royal title for Archie when he was born.

In an opinion piece for the New York Times in November, Meghan revealed that she had suffered a miscarriage in July and called for people on social media to be kinder to one another. The piece came after years of the couple being targeted by the relentless British tabloids.

"I knew, as I clutched my firstborn child, that I was losing my second," she wrote. She described the "almost unbearable grief" that comes with losing a child. She urged people to try to find more time to ask others if they are okay. Harry and Meghan's Valen-

tine's Day announcement came 37 years and a day after Charles and Princess Diana announced her pregnancy with Harry. "The Romantic princess chose St. Valentine's eve to break her marvelous news," the Daily Express reported at the time.

The Sussexes released a photo of themselves smiling at each other while Meghan has a hand on her bump.

Misan Harriman, the photographer, tweeted: "Meg, I was there at your wedding to witness this love story begin, and my friend, I am honoured to capture it grow.

"Congratulations to The Duke and Duchess of Sussex on this joyous news!"

Last week, Meghan won a High Court privacy case against the Mail on Sunday tabloid – a major victory for the duchess. A judge ruled that the tabloid had invaded her privacy when it published parts of a letter she wrote to her estranged father.

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In Mexico, a rift over freedom of information

As the president seeks to dismantle the country's national transparency watchdog, a generation of reformers sees democracy at stake

BY MARY BETH SHERIDAN

MEXICO CITY - One scandal featured the president's wife and a \$7 million mansion built by a top government contractor. Another involved the misuse of federal AIDS funds to buy Cartier pens and women's underwear. Then there was the "Master Fraud," in which \$400 million flowed between 11 government agencies, eight universities and dozens of phony companies with half disappearing.

Each of the cases was exposed thanks to Mexico's freedom of information system, often ranked among the world's most effective. Created in 2002, it has allowed journalists and researchers to wrest documents from a government long known for opacity.

The system has been "one of the most important democratic advances in Mexico" since the end of one-party rule in 2000, said Roberto Rock, a journalist who lobbied for its creation.

Now, President Andrés Manuel López Obrador wants to rein in the National Institute for Access to Information, or INAI, the independent body that runs the system. He says it's expensive and has failed to end corruption.

The effort has revealed a deep ening split in Mexico over the very nature of its democracy. To a generation of reformers, the freedom of information system represented a milestone in Mexico's transformation from an authoritarian state. The institute was one of multiple independent agencies formed to organize elections, investigate human rights abuses and otherwise serve as checks on the powerful presidency. They became "the protective layers of our democracy," wrote Enrique Campos Suárez, a columnist for El Economista newspaper.

López Obrador, a populist with leftist roots, maintains that the transition to democracy has largely been a sham - benefiting a self-serving elite while neglecting the poor.

"All these administrative structures were created to simulate a fight against corruption, to simulate transparency, to simulate that there wouldn't be impunity," he told reporters. "It was all a farce.'

The transparency law resembles the U.S. Freedom of Informa-



president's birthday party.

The institute "advanced the idea that information didn't belong to bureaucrats but to the public," said Rossana Fuentes-Berain, another figure in the civil society campaign to create the system. Since it got off the ground, the number of information requests has exploded, from about 50,000 to more than 230,000 a year.

Reporters have used the transparency system to uncover some of Mexico's biggest scandals of the past two decades. In 2014, journalist Carmen Aristegui and her colleagues dug up documents showing that President Enrique Peña Nieto and his wife were using a marble-floored, \$7 million mansion built by a contractor close to the government. The president's approval ratings tumbled. (He said his wife, a telenovela star, was buying the property in installments. But he apologized for the appearance of a conflict of interest.) Three years later, journalists exposed the "Master Fraud" swindle, in which government money sloshed through universities and into fake companies, only to disappear. A former cabinet minister, Rosario Robles, is now in jail on corruption charges. (She says she's innocent.) In addition to helping expose corruption, the freedom of information system has allowed researchers to plumb the depths of Mexico's human rights crisis. In 2014, reporter Alejandra Guillén became "obsessed" with



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TOP: President Andrés Manuel López Obrador says the National Institute for Access to Information has failed to end corruption. ABOVE: Journalists using the system found in 2014 that President Enrique Peña Nieto, here with Princess Letizia of Spain, was using a \$7 million mansion built by a contractor close to the government.

The institute

the mass graves being unearthed in her home state of Jalisco. Many of the unmarked sites were filled with the remains of people who had disappeared during the drug war.

year-old, argues that Mexico no longer needs a transparency institute. He holds a 7 a.m. news conference nearly every weekday, a talk fest that often lasts two hours.

"If we have permanent communication, and guarantee the right to information, things work out," he told reporters last month. "Therefore, I'd say, we don't need this apparatus that costs so much." The hundreds of millions of dollars budgeted for the INAI and other independent agencies, he said, would be better spent on education, health or social programs

López Obrador and his supporters have long argued that the institute provides the illusion of transparency to a political system dominated by unscrupulous officials and their wealthy allies in private business. "Notwithstanding its admirable institutional design of transparency, Mexico remains one of the most corrupt countries in the world,' the academic Irma Eréndira Sandoval Ballesteros wrote in the 2018 book "Troubling Transpar-

political party, which controls the National Congress.

But columnist Jorge Zepeda Patterson said López Obrador's goal isn't so much accumulating power as it is fortifying a presidency weakened in recent years by decentralization.

"He's trying to give the Mexi-can government more capacity to intervene in reality, to modify the well-entrenched practices that favor the privileged," he said. "Right or wrong, that's his logic."

The freedom of information system might have been hurt by the very hopes it generated for profound change. While Mexico developed a democratic voting system and a freer press, it still hasn't reformed a justice system rooted in the authoritarian era. The police and courts remain corrupt and ineffective. Only a tiny percentage of crimes result in jail sentences.

There is more transparency, but we don't have a functional mechanism to prompt investigation and criminal prosecution and punishment of the corrupt," said the political analyst Luis Carlos Ugalde. Journalists expose graft, he said, but in many cases "nothing happens" to the perpetrators. That can lead to a sense that the system isn't producing results.

Ironically, the independent institutions López Obrador criticizes helped propel him to the presidency. One of them, the National Electoral Institute, established in 1990, cleaned up the system of rampant fraud that had kept opposition candidates from winning office. Meanwhile, journalists using freedom of information requests made citizens more aware of corruption. López Obrador rode a wave of disgust with graft to an overwhelming victory in 2018.

Critics note that López Obrador's government has not always distinguished itself in transparency. In 2019, his first full year in office, there were 46 percent more appeals to the INAI by citizens who had been denied information by bureaucrats than in the previous year.

López Obrador has proposed a leaner, faster freedom of information system in which he says the government would respond to requests within 72 hours. Whether he can succeed in dismantling the current structure is

tion Act. But Mexico's system typically moves faster, with authorities generally required to respond to requests within 30 days. And it is administered by an institute that can overrule the government when it denies information.

It's been a game-changer in a country where authorities long withheld basic information such as homicide figures, earthquake casualties and the central bank's reserves. Suddenly citizens could find out the number of government employees, their salaries even the guest list for a Mexican

"advanced the idea that information didn't belong to bureaucrats but to the public."

Rossana Fuentes-Berain,

a central figure in Mexico's civil society campaign to create a freedom of information system

Guillén peppered local and national government offices with nearly 200 requests for information on such pits. Working with the investigative site Quinto Ele-mento Lab, she documented nearly 2,000 clandestine graves - more than the federal government's total. Without Mexico's freedom of information system, she said, "we couldn't have done much of the investigation."

López Obrador, a folksy 67-

ency." She's now López Obrador's minister of public administration. The president has proposed moving the freedom of information system into her ministry.

Critics maintain that the attacks on the INAI and the other independent agencies show the authoritarian tendencies of a president who frequently berates the press and the opposition, and rules unquestioned over his own unclear.

The freedom of information system was enshrined in the constitution in 2013 as an autonomous body. To amend the constitution, López Obrador would have to battle the opposition not only in the National Congress, but in every state legislature.

Rock said the president had the political conviction to push for the change. "But he also has the political savvy to realize it could wind up as a disaster for him and his party," he said.

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RUSSIA Navalny backers join in 'flashlight' protests

Supporters of imprisoned Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny came out to residential courtyards and shined their cellphone flashlights Sunday in a display of unity, despite efforts by Russian authorities to extinguish the illuminated protests

Navalny's team sent photos of small groups with lit-up cellphones in cities from Siberia to the Moscow region. It was unclear how many people participated overall.

No arrests were immediately reported.

When Navalny's team first urged people to take part in the cellphone protests, many responded with jokes and skepticism. After two weekends of nationwide demonstrations, the new protest format looked to some like a retreat.

Yet Russian officials spent days trying to blacken the protests. Officials accused Navalny's allies of acting on NATO's instructions. Kremlinbacked television channels warned that flashlight rallies were part of major uprisings around the world. State news agencies cited unnamed sources as saying that a terrorist group was plotting attacks during unapproved mass protests.



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A landslide caused by an earthquake covers a road Sunday in Fukushima, Japan. The 7.3-magnitude quake is believed to be an aftershock of the 2011 disaster that triggered a tsunami, Kyodo News reported.

The suppression attempts represent a change of tactics for Russian authorities, who used to ignore Navalny.

"Navalny went from a person whose name is not allowed to be mentioned to the main subject of discussion" on state TV, said

Maria Pevchikh, head of investigations at Navalny's Anti-Corruption Foundation.

Pevchikh credited Navalny's latest exposé for the sudden surge in attention. His foundation's two-hour video alleging that a lavish palace on the Black Sea was built for President Vladimir Putin through corruption has been watched more than 111 million times on YouTube since Jan. 19. The video went up two days after Navalny was arrested upon returning to Russia from

Germany, where he spent five months recovering from a nerveagent poisoning that he blames on the Kremlin. The Russian government denies involvement. – Associated Press

Japan approves its first

coronavirus vaccine for use: Japan has formally approved its first coronavirus vaccine and said it would start nationwide inoculations within days, but the campaign would still be months behind the United States and many other countries. Japan's Health Ministry said it had approved the vaccine codeveloped and supplied by Pfizer and partner BioNTech. About 20,000 front-line medical workers at hospitals in Japan will get their first shots beginning Wednesday. About 3.7 million other medical workers will be next, followed by elderly people. By June, it is expected that all others in the country will be eligible.

Lebanon begins coronavirus inoculations: Lebanon has administered its first jabs of coronavirus vaccine, with an intensive care unit physician and a 93-year-old comedian becoming the first to receive the Pfizer-BioNTech doses. The inoculation campaign was launched a day after Lebanon received its first batch of the vaccine. Lebanon is in the midst of a surge in coronavirus cases.

It has registered almost 340.000 cases and nearly 4,000 deaths since its first confirmed case last February. After record coronavirus deaths and infections, Lebanon imposed its strictest lockdown yet in early January, with 24-hour curfews and only basic services operating. The lockdown is slowly easing.

Iran test-fires short-range

'smart' missile: Iran's army has test-fired a sophisticated shortrange missile, state media reported. The report by the Islamic Republic News Agency quoted the chief of the army's ground forces as saying that the missile's range was about 185 miles. Iran's army controls short-range missiles, although longer-range ones capable of traveling up to 1,250 miles are controlled by the paramilitary Revolutionary Guard Corps.

11 killed in rebel raids in

Congo, authorities say: Eleven people were killed in Congo when rebels attacked two military posts in the southeastern mining hub of Lubumbashi, authorities said. Security forces repelled the twin attacks by dozens of armed militants, provincial Interior Minister Moise Mpanga said in a video statement. Three soldiers, seven rebels and a 10-year-old girl died, he said.

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Italian vaccine venture raises hopes, ethical questions

BY CHICO HARLAN AND STEFANO PITRELLI

CASTEL ROMANO, ITALY — If all goes according to plan, a small biotech company outside Rome will soon be cranking out millions of coronavirus vaccine doses a month. The company has finished an initial, small-scale trial. It has financial backing from the Italian government. It has an underground production facility so new that it smells of fresh paint.

Nothing stands in ReiThera's way except the bedeviling logistics of turning science into medicine.

Some of the pitfalls of that process have already shown up in the uneven and slower than expected global vaccine rollout. Even in places like Europe that, on paper, had secured multiple doses for every person, production shortfalls — and questions about the AstraZeneca vaccine's efficacy for the elderly — have caused a panicked realization that the first wave of presumed solutions might not be enough.

But for vaccine manufacturers hoping to plug the gap, the path is at least as tricky as it was for the first-comers. Like its forerunners, ReiThera faces the challenge of quickly scaling up production. But it also faces a series of more novel obstacles, related to this particular point in the pandemic, when larger pharmaceutical companies have claimed dibs on crucial supplies and the existence of effective vaccines raises ethical questions about testing new ones.

For now, even as Italian politicians speak hopefully about having a domestically made vaccine by September, ReiThera acknowledges it is still trying to navigate long waiting lists for several basic components.

"There is a competition between the producers for the critical material," said Stefano Colloca, the company's chief technology officer.

The hurdles are big enough that some Italian scientists say it makes more sense to expand production of proven vaccines rather than investing resources to develop new ones. That idea got a highprofile boost last month when the French pharmaceutical company Sanofi, which had struggled in its own vaccine attempt, said it would instead produce 100 million doses of the vaccine made by its competitor, Pfizer.



A lab in Castel Romano, Italy, at ReiThera, a biotech company that aims to have a coronavirus vaccine ready by September. The hurdles for the firm are so big that some scientists say it makes more sense to expand production of proven vaccines rather than investing in new ones.

Other scientists, though, argue that, in the long run, it makes more sense to have many vaccines rather than many doses of a few. The variety is crucial, they say, because it's still far from clear which vaccines will respond well to new variants and which might afford longer protection or block transmission. Some vaccines might outdo others in safeguarding particular demographic groups.

"It's a real palette. You have to think about it as an artist's palette to paint this picture, and this picture is stopping the virus," said Paul Duprex, director of the Center for Vaccine Research at the University of Pittsburgh. "That is why we need to have backups of backups of backups."

The Pfizer-BioNTech and Mod-

erna vaccines, the first two approved in Europe, use a new mRNA-based technology and have proved dazzlingly effective. But that technology makes them more expensive — and more difficult to store — than vector vaccines, which include those from Astra-Zeneca, Johnson & Johnson and ReiThera.

ReiThera executives say that if their vaccine falls short of expectations, they would in theory be able to produce AstraZeneca's vaccine. But they call that a "Plan B."

"We are still thinking that ours could be better," Colloca said.

The company has a long list of issues to sort out first, however. It says it needs to hire and train 40 more people — a35 percent expansion of its workforce. In November, it bought a 500-gallon vessel known as a bioreactor, which enables the chemical process for vaccine-making. But Colloca said there is now a months-long wait for even the single-use bags, which hold a starter kit of vaccine liquid, that are inserted into the vessel. Colloca said. "I can imagine. But I don't know. They were not prepared to scale up. Most of the challenge is in scaling up."

Italy's government recently threw its support behind Rei-Thera's venture, injecting 81 million euros into the company. Domenico Arcuri, who is both the commissioner leading Italy's coronavirus response and the CEO of the Italian government investment arm, called ReiThera an "integral part of the Italian vaccination strategy and campaign."

In a written statement to The Washington Post, Arcuri said he hoped doses could be available to the public "by the summer."

In addition to supplying Italy -

which is now getting doses from Pfizer, Moderna and AstraZeneca — ReiThera says it has also received inquiries from countries in South America and Eastern Europe. In those regions, a European-made vaccine would represent an alternative to options from Russia and China, which have targeted poorer countries, in part as a way to win influence and goodwill.

If there is enough interest from abroad, ReiThera says, it plans to collaborate with a Belgium-based commercial facility, Univercells, to expand production.

ReiThera's vaccine candidate is one of 63 around the world in the midst of clinical trials, according to the World Health Organization.



Before the pandemic, ReiThera was what Colloca called a "solid small company." It was just a few years old, but its top scientists had years of experience making vaccines against emerging diseases, typically using modified adenoviruses from great apes.

The company said the results of its Phase 1 trial, completed this month, were encouraging: The vaccine appeared safe for both young and old, and it stimulated antibodies in more than 90 percent of volunteers.

Still, scientists caution that there are many kinds of antibodies, some that might powerfully fight the coronavirus and others that might not, and a Phase 1 trial does not provide enough information.

In normal situations, a company would eventually subject its candidate to a large-scale trial in which some volunteers would receive the vaccine and others would be given a placebo. But many medical experts say it is becoming murky whether a company can ethically inject people, especially the elderly, with nothing more than saline when efficacious vaccines are already available.

Antonella Folgori, ReiThera's CEO, said there's no doubt that placebo trials are the best way to test a vaccine, but she's not sure ReiThera will be able to conduct one. She said she has obsessively been joining webinars, talking to others in the field, looking for signals on what governments are thinking. So far, Europe's medical body has offered no rules.

There are conceivable alternatives, including the possibility of giving ReiThera's vaccine to all volunteers, then comparing their antibody response to responses triggered by other, proven vaccines. But that comparison cannot be done based on the current level of scientific knowledge; more research must be done to determine which kind of immune response correlates with protection. That could be at least several months away, Folgori said, calling it a "fluid situation."

"There's still a chance that it doesn't work out as we hope," Colloca said. But, he said, "you cannot start this project if you're not an optimist."

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Stefano Colloca, technology chief at ReiTheira in Castel Romano on Feb. 4. ReiThera is growing its production and filling area. "We have some stockpiled," Colloca said. "But not enough."

ReiThera is even concerned about obtaining glass vials. Fearing a shortage, the company has searched for alternatives and is considering using a medical-grade pouch similar to an IV bag.

Then there's the matter of ramping up production — and the possibility that manufacturing hiccups could cause shortfalls and delivery delays, as happened with AstraZeneca. Colloca said companies like his could learn from others' struggles "only to an extent."

"It's not like AstraZeneca has said, 'Here were our problems,' "

Health authorities in Guinea declare a new Ebola epidemic

BY DANIELLE PAQUETTE

DAKAR, SENEGAL — Public health officials in Guinea declared a new epidemic of Ebola on Sunday after recording seven cases and three deaths — the first resurgence since the hemorrhagic fever devastated the West African nation and two neighbors from 2014 to 2016.

More than 11,300 people died in the last outbreak, the deadliest on record, which started in a rural Guinea village before tearing through Liberia and Sierra Leone.

Health investigators are rushing to trace and isolate suspected contacts, said Sakoba Keita, head of the National Health Security Agency. The country is building a new Ebola treatment center.

But resources are thin in Guinea, one of the world's poorest countries, which was already battling the coronavirus pandemic on top of yellow fever and measles outbreaks.

"We are facing four epidemics at the same time," Keita said.

The nation of 13 million has recorded 14,895 coronavirus infections and 84 deaths.

An Ebola vaccine rollout is expected to begin as soon as this

week in the southeast region of Nzerekore, Keita said, where the latest outbreak was detected.

Authorities blamed the spread on the Feb. 1 funeral of a nurse.

It's unclear whether Ebola caused her death, Keita said, but seven people who attended the burial later showed the telltale symptoms: diarrhea, vomiting and bleeding.

Three died: one man and two women.

"Faced with this situation and in accordance with international health regulations, the Guinean government declares an Ebola epidemic," Guinea's health ministry said in a statement Sunday.

The government urged anyone with symptoms to contact a doctor. Officials set a goal: containment in six weeks. "Together, we will win!" Remy Lamah, the health minister, said in a statement.

Ebola is spread through contact with bodily fluids. Corpses of those who died of the illness are also infectious.

The World Health Organization called for a swift response to the threat in Guinea.

"It's a huge concern to see the resurgence of Ebola in Guinea, a

country which has already suffered so much from the disease," said Matshidiso Moeti, the WHO's regional director for Africa. "However, banking on the expertise and experience built during the previous outbreak, health teams in Guinea are on the move to quickly trace the path of the virus and curb further infections."

The last outbreak began in the same region. The first case, reported in December 2013, was an 18-month-old boy in a rural village. Doctors believe he was infected by a bat.

The contagion blazed through Conakry, the capital, and into neighboring countries. Officials recorded 28,616 cases in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone before the outbreak was contained.

Also Sunday, Congo confirmed a fourth new case of Ebola in North Kivu, where a flare-up of the virus was reported on Feb. 7. (The outbreaks are not thought to be linked.)

Authorities declared the end of Congo's nearly two-year outbreak in June after more than 2,200 deaths.

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"I'm all ears. I'll try to be the person you can trust." **Selene Lam,** an 18-year-old volunteer with Teen Line, to one of the hotline's callers



TEENS FROM A1

The pandemic has punished people of all ages, overwhelming parents, isolating grandparents, shortchanging kids. But the emotional fallout for teenagers has been uniquely brutal. At just the age when they are biologically predisposed to seek independence from their families, teens have been trapped at home. Friends — who take on paramount importance during adolescence — are largely out of reach, accessible mostly by so-

At lifeline for struggling teens, peers keep those in crisis afloat

"I just want to crawl under a rock," she had said. "If I could cut off the whole world, I would." At the start of the pandemic Teen Line paused operations

ments and tattered stuffed animals, waiting to be assigned calls, texts and emails by the trained therapists who oversee the program. 100 hours of training required to field calls, role-playing scenarios with hotline staff members pretending to be teens in the midst of breakdowns and breakups. day and being surrounded by so many people. I get very easily overwhelmed." But her relief ebbed as the weeks ticked on, and her dark thoughts multi-

could answer them.

My school had recently switched online due to covid and now i'm having way more assignments and work to do and my mom signed me up for an online sat prep course that's super intense AND i;m on my schools speech and debate team and our tournament is this weekend and i'm really nervous and scared for it

Teen Line volunteer Jonathan Gelfond, 16, has seen dozens of texts like that since March. He can imagine writing a text like

cial media, which brings its own mix of satisfying and toxic elements.

A June survey by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that a staggering 26 percent of 18- to 24-year-olds reported having serious suicidal thoughts in the past 30 days, compared with 16 percent of 25to 44-year-olds and less than 4 percent of people ages 45 and older. And mental health visits to emergency rooms by 12- to 17-year-olds increased 31 percent in 2020 compared with the previous year. Other research shows teens have been getting more sleep and feeling less taxed by their formerly frenetic schedules. But the academic pressure cooker hasn't disappeared; it's moved online, where students are forced to manage much of their own time and learning, with less access to teacher assistance. Milestone moments such as graduation and homecoming have been erased. And time moves differently to teenagers; a year is not just a year to a 14-year-old, it's also one-fourteenth of their life, a quarter of their high school experience.

"So much of their social lives and social development revolves around being at school, interacting with people," says Michelle Carlson, executive director of Teen Line, a Los Angeles-based nonprofit. "There's so much social support at school that is not necessarily accessible. So they're having a hard time."

The young volunteers at Teen Line, founded in 1980 to allow teens in crisis to confide in other teens, have a unique view into how teenagers have been surviving the emotional fallout of the pandemic. During the day, those volunteers live out the highs, lows and in-betweens of their own lives in the shadow of the virus and the upheaval it's caused. At night, they field a deluge of calls, texts and emails from peers who are feeling the darkness creep in on them.

Like that 17-year-old who called in November and talked about cutting herself. Angry and confused, desperate for relief. while staff members figured out how to operate remotely. When they came back online last summer, calls flooded in. Relationship issues were still the most common complaint among teens, but the hotline has seen a marked increase in teenagers grappling with self-harm, suicidal thoughts and child abuse. They're fighting with their parents, sick of their siblings and missing once-reliable emotional outlets, such as venting to friends between classes.

America's teens were struggling before the pandemic. Suicides among young people rose 57 percent between 2007 and 2018. And the National Institutes of Health estimates that a third of all U.S. teens will experience an anxiety disorder during their youth. Many psychologists point to the rise in smartphones and social media use as a major factor contributing to teenage despair, amplifying social drama and compelling teens to constantly compare themselves to peers.

Now, as a result of the pandemic, adolescent psychologists are reporting a dramatic influx in therapy inquiries and wait lists for inpatient psychiatric wards across the country. "They're trying to navigate this huge change – a huge change in their social lives, a huge change in their home lives and a change in their academics. They're trying to understand what their futures will be like and that is throwing many teens in crisis," says Colby Tyson, associate medical director of inpatient psychiatric services at Children's National Hospital in Washington. "We are looking at a significant mental health burden. We're all trying to kind of figure out how to take care of our kids."

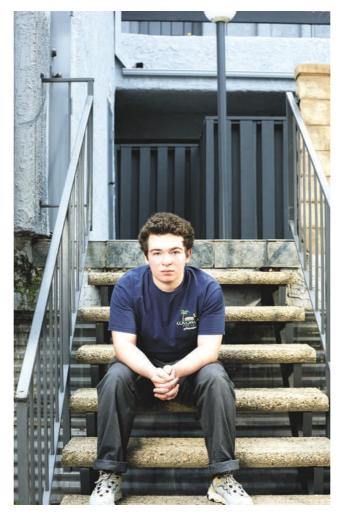
Meanwhile some of the kids have been trying to figure out how to take care of one another.

B efore the pandemic, Teen Line's volunteers would gather in a room at Cedars-Sinai Hospital for each shift. Now, they log on to Zoom from their bedrooms, surrounded by unfinished homework assignAbi Raderman, 18, started volunteering in June 2019. She had struggled with her own mental health for as long as she can remember, coping with anxiety, depression and panic attacks. None of it was easy, but it taught her a lot about the human condition. An older cousin had once volunteered with Teen Line, and to Raderman that seemed like a good way to put her hard-won knowledge to use.

"If I'm running in this world, I might as well, like, do some good with it," Raderman says from her bedroom in the Sherman Oaks neighborhood of Los Angeles. She raced through the more than When her training was complete, Raderman, who hopes to become a clinical psychologist some day, volunteered for as many Teen Line shifts as she could get.

"It's so empowering after every shift to know that for that night I was there for someone," she says. "I helped someone who didn't feel heard to be heard."

When the coronavirus first arrived, last March, quarantining at home had been a boon for Raderman, an introvert who craves alone time. "I always have, like, a little trouble with the physical aspect of school," she says. "Just, like, going every



Selene Lam, top, and Jonathan Gelfond, above, are Teen Line volunteers. Lam is waiting on college acceptances, and Gelfond hopes to attend school in person next year. plied.

"I spent most of that time in my room completely isolated from everyone and everything," she says. When she wasn't doing virtual school she spent endless hours scrolling through her phone, disconnected from her friends and extended family. "I was really struggling, and I wasn't able to get the type of treatment I needed because everything was locked down. So things kept getting worse."

In early April, Raderman was referred to an inpatient psychiatric facility for anxiety and depression, but she had to wait three weeks for a bed. Her five weeks of treatment were a godsend, she says. It gave her a break from social media and a supportive environment "where I felt safe to work through things."

The time at the facility helped put Raderman in a good enough place to enjoy her summer and enter her senior year feeling optimistic. But Raderman knows the shadows lurk — for her, and for the young people who make anonymous calls to Teen Line.

That Friday night in November, Raderman's first call was from a 17-year-old who had just caught his girlfriend cheating. He was calling from outside her house.

Raderman hadn't dealt with a situation quite like this before, but after talking for 10 minutes she was able to persuade the caller to drive home and calm down before confronting his girlfriend.

She heard his engine shut off, then the line went dead.

Most of the teens who called or texted were communicating the same message, in one way or another:

I feel so alone.

The pandemic had stolen so much, including the thing they wanted most: time with one another.

n the first Tuesday in December, the texts to Teen Line stacked up faster than the six volunteers on duty that himself in a moment of panic.

Navigating school while schools navigate the pandemic has been stressful. To Gelfond, who goes to class online for the first half of each day and then does hours of homework in the afternoons and evenings, it's felt as if the workload has increased while support has bottomed out. "The whole routine that we were used to - going to in-person class, having the chance to talk to your teacher after class - that whole system has been completely changed," he says.

School systems are reporting alarming numbers of students falling behind. And between February and June of 2020 the share of U.S. youths who were neither in school nor employed more than doubled, according to the Pew Research Center. They are disconnected from fundamental structures of society, a fissure that can have long-term emotional and economic ramifications.

But even the teens who are still enrolled, logged on from home, are feeling disconnected.

"I have had kids begging and wishing to go back to school, which is not typical," says Tyson, of Children's National Hospital. Teenagers crave structure and socialization, she says; schools offer both. And they can be refuges for LGBTQ kids who don't have family support and for kids whose home lives are marked by abuse.

Gelfond, the Teen Line volunteer, knows how lucky he is. His parents both have jobs. He gets along with his older brother, who should be off at college but is studying at home. Still, pandemic life has been rough. Gelfond is a procrastinator, a tendency that virtual school has exacerbated.

"Being at a computer for four hours a day, then taking a break and then going to do homework on a computer for another three to four hours has been really difficult," he says. "I'm not as organized doing it from home."

Life's normal hardships, only made more difficult by the pan-

demic. Gelfond's 90-year-old grandmother was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in September. The family couldn't be with her when she entered hospice care after Thanksgiving. "It was hard not to be able to give my grandfather a hug when he needed it most," Gelfond said, a day after his grandmother's funeral.

"You can't be there in the same ways that you were in the past," he says. "It's difficult, having those restrictions that limit our ability to support one another."

nother incoming text: Well, before the whole quarantine happened I was doing really good and I was happy and thriving. After about 5 months I was friend dumped by my 2 best friends and I've felt more sad and idk maybe a little depressed. I just need to talk to someone because lately I've been feeling more alone than usual.

Friend drama has always been the bane of teen and tween girl existence. Social media allowed the drama to play out publicly, with pictures. Then the pandemic exiled almost all of teenage social life to that online fishbowl.

Lily Kramon, 16, just sighs when she starts to think about it. Kramon, a high school sophomore, has been volunteering at Teen Line since last February. She's been on Instagram since seventh grade, Snapchat since eighth. Like many teens, she knows social media is a doubleedged sword — one that seemed to become both more indispensable and more injurious during the pandemic.

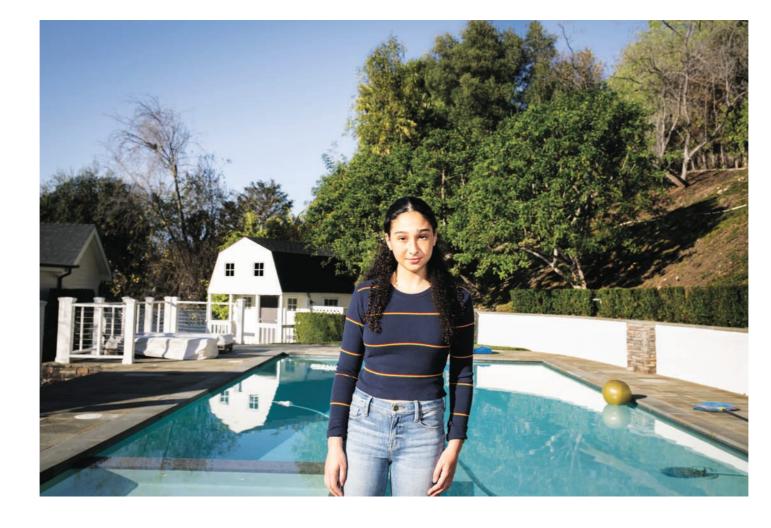
Even before coronavirus, the apps could cause her angst. "It's so easy to start just, like, over-analyzing your friend group. Like, 'Is that person really my friend?" she says. "And social media is now a way for you to see when your friends are hanging out without you."

Kramon is a gregarious, social-butterfly type — "very much a hugger," she says. She's been disappointed by some friends' lack of effort to connect during the pandemic, and wrecked by photographic evidence that other friends have gotten together without inviting her. Because of the pandemic, in-person meetups are more exclusive these days, and that only makes an invite more coveted.

That hasn't been enough to drive Kramon away from her phone. Sometimes she's on two screens at once — learning virtually and scrolling simultaneously.

"When you get bored, like, it's so easy just to go on your phone," she says. "There's nobody there to tell you not to."

Quitting social media doesn't feel like a viable option: Some of her friends communicate exclu-



who I follow. And it becomes a huge thing about confidence," she says. "It's a little bit of a competition. While I'm on social media it's like, let me look at Charli D'Amelio. And then I'm like 'Oh, my God, look at her body.'"

Psychologists have noted a rise in eating disorders among teenagers over the course of the pandemic. At Children's Hospital, in Washington, doctors are normally treating five or six eating-disorder patients on any given day. But for the past six months they've been seeing twice that number, many of them in much worse shape, having lost up to 40 pounds by the time they are admitted.

Therapists suspect the jump is due in part to the increased exposure to filtered, Photoshopped pictures of people on social media and the decreased exposure to real human bodies as they actually appear. The pandemic didn't create this source of anxiety in teens, but it might be making it more relentless.

"When you're in school it's a different kind of attitude," says Kramon, "because you really see the truth of everyone's different bodies and are more accepting of each other."

Volunteering for Teen Line has helped Kramon stay hopeful while she waits for vaccines to accelerate a return to normal life. Some of the calls have been hard. Late last year she talked to a boy who in the past year had an aunt and uncle die in a car accident, a cousin commit suicide, a grandmother die of covid-19, and both parents become severely ill with the illness. half-hour and told Kramon at the end that he felt a little better for having told his story.

That's one thing Kramon appreciates, even on the most painful calls. Every time she talks to a caller the connection feels real, even if it's with someone she'll never speak to again. There's no

posing or putting up a front. Those moments, at least, are unfiltered.

•• T ⁹ m having trouble trusting people," a 16-yearold caller said on a Friday night in December. She'd been in conflict with her par-



ents, who thought she was lying about a boy she had been dating. Under pressure, some of the teen's friends had given up her secrets.

"Now I don't even know who to talk to."

"I'm all ears," said Selene Lam. "I'll try to be the person you can trust."

Lam, 18, sat in her bedroom, wire-framed glasses on, sweatshirt hood pulled up around her head, bed unmade. The specifics of this call were unique, but the theme was a common refrain. Families — ugh.

"If you're spending every day in the house with your family, it's kind of hard not to be driven crazy by your parents," says Lam, a senior at a Los Angeles charter school. "So a lot of teens have called and texted about family intruding on their personal space."

Unlike some of the kids she talks to at Teen Line, Lam feels like the pandemic has improved her relationships with her family, especially her mom. "We didn't have, like, the strongest connection before the pandemic just because we've both been so busy with our own stuff," Lam says. But over the last nine months, "I got to spend more time with her."

School, too, has felt easier as a result of the pandemic. Lam says she's always been academically driven, but has been able to let up on herself a bit this year. And to Lam, being out of Lately, Lam has begun putting Post-it notes on the wall above her desk. Some of them contain chemical formulas she's memorizing for AP chemistry. ("Sulfuric Acid, H2SO4.") The rest are lists of things Lam is grateful for. "Spotify wraps." "Oat milk." "Mom folding clothes."

Lam immigrated to the U.S. from Hong Kong at age 14, and spent her first few years here trying to memorize Taylor Swift songs, lose her accent and assimilate. The time away from school has given her an opportunity to think more about who she wants to be, not just who she's supposed to be.

Recently, Spotify showed Lam a list of her 100 mostplayed songs of the year. They were all in English. "I realized I don't have any of my Chinese songs that I grew up on," she says. So she started adding some of her old Cantonese favorites back to the mix.

The pandemic hasn't been universally bad for teens. Therapists who work with adolescents say that for many of their clients, the shutdowns, especially early last spring, felt like a release valve to their pressure-packed lives. For teenagers predisposed to depression and anxiety, "a lot of alone time with your depressive thoughts is not great," says Nicole McGarry, a Northern Virginia therapist who works with a lot of young people. At the same time, she says, "Some of my clients had a really profound experience of solitude. It was sort of like they were on detox."

Lam has had a better time than many others. But her time as a volunteer for Teen Line has given her a glimpse of how hard the pandemic has hit some of her peers.

"I've gotten more anxiety this year because everything is crazy," Lam's Friday-night caller told her. "I cry every day because life sucks right now."

The caller couldn't see it, but Lam nodded slightly while she listened. They talked for almost 30 minutes before Lam pointed the caller to websites where she could find information on healthy coping mechanisms, such as deep breathing and journaling, and organizations that could help her find a therapist.

"I really hope that you can do what's best for you," Lam said before they hung up. "And I hope you have a good night."

Hope is important, and the Teen Line volunteers are trying to keep a firm grip on it. Lam is hoping for a slew of college acceptances come spring. Raderman is hoping to get her driver's license soon. Gelfond is hoping his senior year of high

sively through the apps. They don't even bother with texting anymore. More than ever, the little screen is where things are happening. But it's also a black hole. The constant scrolling has made Kramon more insecure. "I find myself comparing myself to influencers and other people

"I can't understand what you're going through, but I want to," she remembers telling him. The caller talked for almost a

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Teen Line volunteers Lily Kramon, top, and Abi Raderman, above, have grappled with their own mental well-being during the pandemic as they help their peers. the typical school environment has felt freeing.

"I got more confident over the pandemic," she says. "Talking behind a screen is so much easier than talking in front of the public, speaking in front of an entire class. I'm more willing to speak out my opinions." school will take place inside a school building. Kramon is hoping to hug her friends again, before too long.

But their biggest hope, for themselves and for the kids who call in, is that some day soon they'll all feel a little less alone. *ellen.mccarthy@washpost.com*

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Microsoft's JEDI contract faces new obstacles

Pentagon may move forward without the cloud-computing deal

BY AARON GREGG

The Pentagon is preparing for the possibility that it will have to move on without the longfought JEDI cloud-computing contract, as an impending court decision threatens to leave the embattled procurement even more bogged down in litigation than it already is.

The weight of two long-running lawsuits has the Defense Department openly questioning whether JEDI will still be worth the trouble if the court seeks to depose former president Donald Trump and other former officials. The success of some of the Pentagon's other, quieter cloud initiatives is lending new weight to the idea that JEDI's one-cloud-torule-them-all strategy might not be necessary in the first place.

One senior defense official told The Washington Post that he thinks the department's enterprise cloud should draw from more than one tech company, breaking not only with past statements from the Pentagon but also with a central aspect of how JEDI was designed.

"If I were to make a decision today to create an enterprise cloud, I would totally think of having a multi-cloud approach. For reasons of diversity, avoiding lock-in," said Nic Chaillan, a former entrepreneur who is the Air Force's chief software officer.

In a statement, the Pentagon's acting chief information officer, John Sherman, said his team still wants to move forward with JEDI but is also looking for other ways to meet the military's needs. "The Department is fully committed to meeting our warfighters' urgent and unmet cloud requirements — we hope through JEDI Cloud — but other elements of DoD's Cloud Strategy requirements, such as cloud-based storage and cloud-enabled software development, are still moving forward," Sherman said.

JEDI, which stands for Joint Enterprise Defense Infrastructure, was conceived in 2017 as part of a broader set of technology investments meant to help the United States win an artificial intelligence arms race with China.

It is meant to create a cloudbased central operating system for the U.S. armed forces that will bring new technologies to the battlefield, as well as provide new ways to protect and share classified intelligence. It is worth as much as \$10 billion over 10 years. Amazon Web Services, Microsoft, Oracle and IBM submitted proposals. (Amazon founder and chief executive Jeff Bezos owns The Washington Post.)

An Amazon representative declined to comment for this story. Rick Wagner, corporate vice president in charge of Microsoft's federal business, said JEDI should move forward along with other cloud initiatives.

"We won the JEDI contract twice and think concluding the litigation and moving forward is the fastest way to get our troops the technology they deserve," Wagner said. "We're committed to building on our 40-year relationship with DoD both by working on JEDI and by working on numerous other existing partnerships through which we support every branch of the U.S. military."

Defense officials hoped to get started with JEDI in 2019 but have been repeatedly stymied by lawsuits. The Pentagon's insis-



The JEDI contract has been wrapped up in litigation for so long that the military could move on without it. JEDI was conceived in 2017 as part of a broader set of technology investments.

tence that the award be limited to one company made the project a lightning rod for bid protests from the start. Trump's actions cast doubt on the procurement at a critical moment, playing into the latest of several bid protests.

It has become increasingly obvious to many in Washington that endless litigation may have already doomed JEDI.

The first major delay came from a bid protest first filed in 2018 by database giant Oracle, which claimed that a web of unsavory relationships unfairly wired the award in Amazon's favor. Those allegations were struck down, but the lawsuit delayed the award by several months.

Then, after the Defense Department awarded JEDI to Microsoft the first time in October 2019, Amazon became the protester. It accused Trump of acting on a long-standing grudge against Amazon founder Bezos. Amazon has sought to depose Trump, former defense secretary Jim Mattis and other former officials in the lawsuit. Microsoft and the Defense Department asked to dismiss those allegations.

The Defense Department has spent millions of dollars attempting to push JEDI through its procurement pipeline. In a Nov. 18 letter to the office of Sen. Charles E. Grassley (R-Iowa), the Defense Department said JEDI had already cost taxpayers about \$5.3 million, not including attornevs' fees.

Amazon, Microsoft and the Defense Department are now waiting for Patricia Campbell-Smith, a federal judge with extensive experience in government procurement matters, to decide whether the allegations involving Trump can move forward. Oracle is still pressing its case in parallel.

The Defense Department, in a Jan. 28 memo to Congress that was distributed widely to reporters, seemed to imply that conducting depositions would hopelessly delay the project to the point that it is no longer worth pursuing.

Deposing former officials including Trump and Mattis "will be complex and elongate the timeline significantly," the Defense Department wrote. "The prospect of such a lengthy litigation process might bring the future of the JEDI Cloud procurement into question. Under this scenario, the DoD [chief information officer] would reassess the strategy going forward." has lent it to the other services for certain projects, officials say. It is also being used, in place of JEDI, by the military's Joint Artificial Intelligence Center.

It has been used to implement a system called Kubernetes, originally developed by Google, that allows AI algorithms to be "containerized," so they can be applied to military systems in an isolated format.

It has also enabled an aircraft development process known as digital twinning, in which experimental jets and missiles are designed in a virtual format before physical prototypes are created. That technique has been applied to aspects of the Boeing-developed T-7 Red Hawk training aircraft, as well as the Air Force's new ballistic missile.

The Pentagon has always said its overall approach to cloud computing should rely on more than one provider. But, in a major break from the past, at least one high-level official is openly advocating that the enterprise cloud should also tap more than one provider.

In a recent interview, Chaillan said he would like to see the Defense Department go to multiple providers not only for its broader strategy, but also for its enterprise cloud contract. That would mean starting over with something other than JEDI.

"The concern right now is that really we only have one classified top-secret cloud, and it's Amazon," Chaillan said in an interview. (Amazon is the only company certified to handle top-secret data. Microsoft is approved to work one level below that, at the "secret" level, and is seeking the necessary accreditation for topsecret.)

Echoing long-standing concerns aired by JEDI's critics, Chaillan said: "It's just never good to be in any type of monopoly situation, for whatever reason, whether it's because the companies can decide one day [they] do not want to do business with DoD anymore, or it could be for strategic reasons in terms of a foreign state potentially attacking those locations and effectively shutting off these clouds because of the lack of diversity in locations, in physical locations."

Chaillan, a senior official overseeing the Air Force's cloud technology, does not administer JEDI. He joined the Defense Department in 2018 through a program meant to bring in outside tech talent, typically for terms that last five years or less. He is referred to as the Air Force's "senior software czar" on the service's website.

He added that it made sense to

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The department argued in the same memo that it "continues to have an urgent unmet requirement" and pledged to "ensure it is met one way or another."

Some interpreted the Pentagon's statement as a sort of threat.

"The government is making a not-so-thinly-veiled threat that it may well choose to jettison all or part of the procurement if it is forced to participate in the depositions of former president Trump and other top DoD offi-

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itary agencies have pressed on with other cloud initiatives of their own.

Throughout the litigation, mil-

cials," said Franklin Turner, a

government contracts attorney

with the law firm McCarter &

English. Turner is not affiliated

Turner said the Biden adminis-

tration could add an extra wrin-

kle to JEDI's already complicated

path. Dana Deasy left the job as

the Pentagon's chief information

officer last month after shep-

herding JEDI for about two years.

He was succeeded by acting CIO

Sherman, who most recently

served as the CIO responsible for

the 17 agencies that make up the

As intelligence community

CIO, Sherman oversaw the CIA's

new cloud program, called C2E.

That contract, which procure-

ment documents describe as be-

ing worth tens of billions of dol-

lars, took a decidedly different

strategy than JEDI: It was award-

It's possible that after con-

fronting JEDI's legal woes, the

Biden administration will con-

clude JEDI is more trouble than

under a national litigation micro-

scope since Day 1, and we have a

new sheriff in town in the form of

the Biden administration," Tur-

ner said. "While it would be un-

usual, it is entirely possible that

the government decides to go

back to the drawing board on this

"This procurement has been

ed to five cloud providers.

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with the litigation.

There are 13 other large cloud initiatives operating across the Defense Department. Although none of them have the departmentwide reach that JEDI would command, some of them are taking on tasks that would have been powered by JEDI if not for a court order.

One is Cloud One, an Air Force program that uses Microsoft and Amazon products. The Air Force structure JEDI as a single-cloud solution three years ago. But the department has changed, and so has the technology.

"We think it's easier to have a single cloud, but it's not," Chaillan said. "The long-term impact of that monopoly and vendor lock-in aspect ... [means] it's going to be very difficult to move off of one cloud."

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majority of our employees in that area, was very personal for us, and it galvanized an effort that was already underway," McAleenan said.

For years leading up to El Paso, the Department of Homeland Security - created to prevent another 9/11 - had been under growing pressure to do more to address domestic extremism. Within seven weeks of the El Paso massacre. McAleenan released a plan for "countering terrorism and targeted violence" that amounted to a road map for the department's pivot from foreign threats to homegrown ones. It was the first time DHS had identified the extent of the danger posed by domestic violent extremists and white supremacists.

The plan got little attention or support from the White House, and even though DHS began speaking more directly about domestic threats, the effort made little difference on Jan. 6, when the department was one of several federal agencies caught flatfooted. Since that day's attack on the U.S. Capitol, calls have intensified for DHS to emphatically turn its attention inward and do more to protect Americans from other Americans.

The attack has left many lawmakers, and especially Democrats, insisting that domestic terrorism has eclipsed the threat from foreign actors such as the Islamic State and al-Qaeda. DHS and its agencies are responsible for securing the country's borders, ports, transportation and cyber systems, generally leaving the monitoring of extremist groups and terrorism investigations to the FBI. But DHS and its agencies have nearly eight times as many employees as the FBI, and calls for the department to play a more muscular role in combating domestic extremism have policymakers looking at new ways to enlist its resources.

The proposals have revived some of the civil liberties concerns that arose after the creation of the department as a large, internal security bureaucracy with a broad mandate. And the possibility of the department scrutinizing Americans has added to the unease because providing homeland security is less controversial when the threats are foreign.

DHS used its National Terrorism Advisorv System to warn the public about attacks by domestic groups for the first time last month, citing "a heightened threat environment across the United States" in a bulletin issued a week after President Biden's

grown extremists.

DHS's Office of Intelligence and Analysis collects information from the FBI, private contractors and state and local law enforcement agencies to organize and disseminate threat reports. Its employees and contractors generally lack the training and experience of FBI investigators, and they rely on open-source material.

The office failed to generate a specific warning about the possibility of right-wing groups storming the Capitol in an attempt to keep President Donald Trump in power.



portrayals, DHS does not have a standing contingent of armed homeland security agents with a specific mandate to stop domestic terrorism. But it has agencies and programs that could expand to devote more attention and resources to risks posed by home-



Trump was campaigning on a "law and order" message, echoed by DHS leaders, that fueled the politicization of the department's domestic role. And the scenes of CBP and ICE tactical officers in military fatigues stuffing suspects into rental vehicles in Portland quickly became a symbol of heavy-handed federal law enforcement.

In an interview, Wolf said he welcomed the bipartisan calls in the wake of Jan. 6 for a greater DHS focus on domestic extremism. "On the same token, I get frustrated because when we were in the thick of it last summer in Portland, there were no huge calls, except for vocal Republicans, saying we have to call out violence," he said. "I think there's a fine line – and we dealt with it between protected First

Amendment speech and what is considered hate and criminal activity."

inauguration.

"Ideologically-motivated violent extremists with objections to the exercise of governmental authority and the presidential transition, as well as other perceived grievances fueled by false narratives, could continue to mobilize to incite or commit violence," the warning stated.

Rep. Bennie Thompson (D-Miss.), chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, has long insisted DHS should protect Americans from the gravest dangers they face, and he said that domestic extremists and white supremacists present the most urgent, lethal threat.

"A lot of them mask themselves under some guise of being patriots or some form of citizen, but the question is, what do they advocate? It's violence. It's overthrowing legitimately elected officials," Thompson said in an interview.

"So in my mind, those types of individuals who want to exercise violence to bring change, they are domestic terrorists, and we have the obligation to identify who they are and prosecute them to the fullest extent of the law."

During a hearing Thompson held earlier this month, lawmakers of both parties spoke favorably of new legislation to specifically address domestic terrorism, as experts warned the attack on the Capitol was viewed as a "victory" for extremists and a "watershed moment for the white-supremacist movement."

Rep. Michael McCaul (R-Tex.), the committee's former chairman, joined lawmakers calling for specific federal sanctions for domestic terrorism, potentially applying the same penalties as those that exist for terrorism that originates overseas. Such legislation could include penalties for providing material support to domestic groups and laws holding technology companies responsible for violent and extremist content on their platforms.

"I think it sends a strong message about where Congress is that we're going to treat domestic terrorism on an equal plane as international terrorism," McCaul said.

Preventive work

Contrary to some television

Homeland Security Investigations, a branch of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, has about 6,000 agents nationwide who investigate drug smuggling, human trafficking and illicit goods or currency. HSI has not focused on countering domestic extremism, but it is an armed component of DHS that, in theory, could have a more hands-on role stopping homegrown terrorists and white supremacists.

DHS's most tangible institutional response is the Office for Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention, founded in 2019 to address "a growing threat from domestic actors - such as racially and ethnically motivated violent extremists, including white supremacist violent extremists, anti-government and anti-authority violent extremists, and others."

Its work is primarily preventive, not investigative, providing grants to state and local law enforcement programs and issuing threat briefings and assessments. The office remains relatively small, with a staff of about 30, but it is expected to grow in the coming years with more congressional funding.

"In the post-9/11 world, the threat was foreign terrorism," Tom Ridge, the first DHS secretary, said in an interview. "The CIA and the military were the tip of the spear, and we filled the defensive gap. But now there's another adjective in front of terrorism: domestic terrorism."

The well-known failure of law enforcement and security agencies to properly share information ahead of the 9/11 attack was a justification for the creation of DHS, Ridge noted. So an immediate challenge for DHS will be coordination among multiple federal agencies that collect and share information on domestic groups, he said.

Much of it arrives through state and local law enforcement agencies, and DHS's biggest asset, Ridge said, "is its relationships with state and local authorities."

Yet Ridge cautioned against DHS turning its attention away from foreign threats and other priorities. "What people don't understand - and people need to understand - is that DHS has so many other tasks embedded in its

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TOP: The Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol led to calls by lawmakers for federal action to prevent domestic terrorism. ABOVE: A memorial outside the El Paso Walmart in 2019 where a gunman killed 23 people in the worst attack on Hispanic Americans in modern U.S. history.

mission," he said. "It's a multitask organization, and DHS has to be careful moving in that direction because I still don't think it's their primary job."

Another risk is partisanship and the perception that DHS will be used to stigmatize or harass groups that don't support the party in power.

In September, the former head of DHS's Intelligence and Analysis Office, Brian Murphy, filed a whistleblower complaint that included allegations that senior DHS officials sought to play down warnings of the threat posed by white supremacists, while giving more prominence to left-wing antifascists and anarchists. Murphy told his supervisors it would constitute "censorship of analysis and the improper administration of an intelligence program," according to his account.

His claims remain under investigation with DHS's inspector general. Other former DHS officials, including some who are critical of Trump, insist the department did not water down the threats of right-wing and whitesupremacist groups. They point to new DHS programs and strong language in recent reports clearly identifying the threat posed by domestic extremists.

McAleenan, the former acting DHS secretary, also noted a major increase in FBI investigations of domestic extremists and white supremacists in recent years.

"What was missing was a whole-of-government approach and an emphasis from the White House that it was a priority," McAleenan said.

McAleenan had taken over DHS after Trump soured on Kirstjen Nielsen and removed her in April 2019. Nielsen directed her staff to develop plans for countering targeted violence and domestic hate groups, particularlv after the 2017 mass shooting in Las Vegas and the 2018 attack on the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh.

Then came El Paso.

"We'd been tracking domestic terrorist threats and increased threats from white supremacists, but El Paso brought it home in a visceral way," McAleenan said in an interview.

The gunman posted a missive before the Walmart rampage espousing racist theories of demographic replacement that echoed Trump's statements about an immigrant "invasion."

"El Paso made it clear we need-

"What was missing was a whole-of-government approach and an emphasis from the White House that it was a priority."

Kevin McAleenan, former acting DHS secretary, noting an increase in FBI probes of white supremacists and other domestic extremists

ed a reorientation of DHS towards the current threat, both with respect to white supremacy but also domestic extremism more broadly," said Daveed Gartenstein-Ross, a counterterrorism consultant who worked with McAleenan to come up with the road map for DHS's expanded role countering targeted violence and terrorism.

An effort by a DHS analyst in 2009 to identify white supremacists and other extremist groups as a growing threat had fallen apart amid a backlash from Republicans who viewed it in partisan terms. The chilling effect lingered for years and discouraged analysts from devoting time and resources to domestic threats that lacked a link to foreign groups.

The Strategic Framework after El Paso was a "green light" from

DHS leadership, Gartenstein-Ross said, signaling that hateful, racist and violent Americans were an urgent threat and a priority for the department.

A persistent threat

In October, DHS identified violent extremism in the United States as the leading domestic terrorism danger, noting that white supremacists were responsible for more killings in 2018 and 2019 than any other type of attacker.

"The primary terrorist threat inside the United States will stem from lone offenders and small cells of individuals," said the department's first Homeland Threat Assessment. "Some U.S.-based violent extremists have capitalized on increased social and political tensions in 2020, which will drive an elevated threat environment at least through early 2021.'

The coronavirus pandemic was making matters worse, the report noted, by creating an environment that could "accelerate some individuals' mobilization to targeted violence or radicalization to terrorism."

It was a description, in general terms, of the anger and fury that fueled the Capitol attack.

Chad Wolf, the former acting DHS secretary who published the threat assessment, said DHS had a contingent of Customs and Border Protection officers and agents on standby on the day of the Capitol riot, but they were not called on by Capitol Police. "We don't have jurisdiction for the protection of the U.S. Capitol," he said.

During last summer's street protests following the police killing of George Floyd, Wolf was criticized by Democrats and former homeland security leaders for sending DHS agents and officers to quell civil unrest and use force against sometimes violent protests targeting a federal courthouse in downtown Portland,

In a sobering moment during the House hearing this month where lawmakers discussed new domestic terrorism legislation, former DHS adviser Elizabeth Neumann warned committee members the threat would probably persist for "10 to 20 years."

Neumann, who was DHS counterterrorism adviser under Trump, helped oversee the creation of a new contingent of DHS "regional coordinators" who work with state and local officials to prevent radicalization and recruitment by hate groups.

The approach places a greater emphasis on the social and psychological factors that lead to extremist violence. DHS has a dozen regional coordinators across the country, but Neumann said the goal is to expand their presence to every U.S. state.

"What we have been seeing the last five to six years is individuals with unmet needs who quickly radicalize according to whatever ideology they stumble upon," Neumann said in an interview.

"We're dealing with a phenomenon in this country of vulnerable, disaffected individuals who are being preyed upon or seeking it out themselves. And when it comes to prevention, what we've learned is that law enforcement agencies aren't necessarily the best to do interventions," she said.

"If someone has planned an attack, that is law enforcement territory. That person is too far gone. But when a person is on that journey to radicalization, their family members and loved ones notice changes in their behavior."

Neumann predicted it will take five to 10 years to build out a more robust effort at DHS to prevent radicalization and extremism. What's challenging about the current moment, Neumann added, is the speed with which radicalization occurs, as individuals can quickly go from embracing an ideology to planning an attack.

"We have so many people talking online and using war metaphors," she said. "Are they using those terms to actually mean war? It's very hard to discern when you have so many people participating in angry rhetoric."

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Our last 'populist'

An accidental president, Truman preached a gospel of accountability.

IGHTY-EIGHT years ago, another president who was defeated for reelection refused to ease the transition of his successor. Herbert Hoover, a world figure renowned for his work combating hunger during World War I, had been brought low in the election by a worldwide Depression, and he lacked respect for the man who had defeated him, Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Twelve years later, there was a new president in office, Harry S. Truman, and he needed help. One of the people he called was Hoover. As Truman remembered it in an interview for Merle Miller's book "Plain Speaking," "Hoover was flab-bergasted. He said 'Mr. President, I don't know what to say.'

After greeting Hoover in the Oval Office, Truman recalls, "I said to him, 'Mr. President, there are a lot of hungry people in the world, and if there's anybody who knows about hungry people, it's you. Now there's plenty of food, but it's not in the right places. Now I want you to-

"Well, I looked at him. He was sitting there . . . and I saw that great big tears

were running down his cheeks. I knew what was the matter with him. It was the first time in 13 years that anybody had paid any attention to him.'

Truman offered the assignment and Hoover took it on — and later headed up a national commission on government reorganization - because both men knew what was expected of a president of the United States, and they behaved accordingly.

Truman was an accidental president, of course, elevated by FDR's death. He lacked a college degree, but like his predecessor Abraham Lincoln, he read a lot – every book in the Independence, Mo., library, by his account. These days, America's recently departed and twiceimpeached president is still sometimes labeled a "populist," but in truth, Truman was our last president to deserve that adjective in its most admirable sense. He sought to continue what he saw as the best of the New Deal while respecting the institutions of government and preaching a gospel of accountability: "The buck stops here."

As a captain of artillery in France more than a century ago, he earned a reputation for diligence, fairness and attention to the needs of those under his command.

As president, he made sure others got credit for his administration's achievements, such as the Marshall Plan. He worked to advance civil rights (ending the disgraceful segregation of the military, among other things) and weathered a series of crises, foreign and domestic, that would have challenged any president to the utmost.

Truman retired to Independence without much money, having turned down some lucrative corporate offers because he didn't think it right to trade on his status as a former president. He had a lot to say in his later years, some of it pretty salty, and he offered us all a thought that is as relevant today as ever - especially in the Senate chamber, where Truman once served. Discussing his encounters with Sen. Joseph McCarthy, and those who failed to act against him, he warned:

"Now that's where the real danger comes; it isn't only the demagogues. It's the ones who encourage them, who'll do anything in the world to win an election. They're just as bad."

A burst of free speech in China

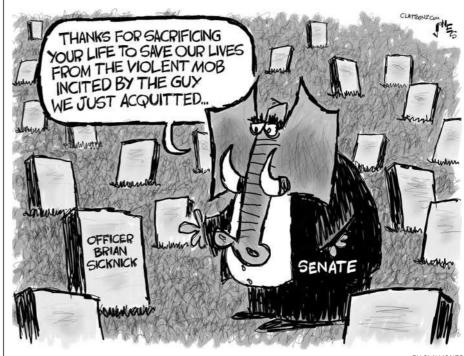
The chat app Clubhouse puts a brief fissure in the Great Firewall.

HE GREAT Firewall of China has always had cracks: virtual private networks through which savvier citizens can slip out, or new services that President Xi Jinping's government hasn't yet censored completely. But this month's explosion of activity on audio-chat app Clubhouse looked more like a fissure.

The invite-only Silicon Valley platform lasted only a few days before the authorities shut it down, and it was easy to see why. Suddenly able to access an environment that encourages not only speaking but also listening (you have to wait your turn to take the microphone), users flooded into discussion rooms that focused on topics deemed taboo in their country: the Tiananmen Square crackdown on democracy activists in 1989; the Xinjiang cultural genocide against the Uighur Muslim minority today; the silencing of a doctor who warned about the dangers of the coronavirus.

The conversations were notable not only for what was discussed but also for





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No vaccines, no open schools

Regarding the Feb. 10 Metro article "Montgomery moves ahead with March classroom reopening":

While I acknowledge the need to get kids in school, Montgomery County's plan is irresponsible and dangerous. Many members of the support staff, who will be in close interaction with students, will not be vaccinated, and the county has done very little to get them a vaccine. Furthermore, instruction will continue to be virtual for students in class and those opting out. Finally, in some schools, only 23 percent of students will be doing in-person. This is minority-rules policymaking.

If teachers and support staff cannot be vaccinated, then there should be no in-person instruction. Grow a backbone, Montgomery County, and support your teachers and support staff.

Jason Cochran, Silver Spring

Tracing the origin of the virus

Regarding the Feb. 10 news article "WHO team no closer to learning origins of novel coronavirus":

Many mistakenly believe that the scientific community is in agreement that the origin of the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus is most likely of zoonotic transfer from bats to an intermediate animal to humans. The truth of the matter is that we are lacking the background information that is critical to making this determination.

As David A. Relman was quoted as saying in the article, "If the only information... is provided by the very people who have everything to lose . . . that just doesn't come close to passing the sniff test." There continues to be a lack of transparency as to what research was going on at the Wuhan Institute of Virology, including studies funded by U.S. taxpayers through the Defense Department and the National Institutes of Health. This lack of transparency includes American scientists unwilling to thoroughly investigate or inform the public. At the very least, the public needs to know that lab research looking for the next pandemic includes passaging zoonotic viruses through multiple animal cell cultures to see whether a highly transmissible pathogenic human virus can be created.

experts from across the ideological spectrum. They are urging us not to repeat the austerity mistakes of the Great Recession a decade ago. This is a moment to go big. A bold package of aid to states, cities, towns and schools is the key to defeating this virus, vaccinating our people and jump-starting an economic recovery.

Lee Saunders, Washington The writer is president of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

They were given a chance

As the impeachment case built, fact by fact, against former president Donald Trump, the Republican sympathizers sat in frozen fear of the "Trump base" and future primary challenges. Could they not see they were being served up their last chance at a lifeboat off the Trumptanic?

Had they not thought about how history will deal with Trump's presidency? What their children and grandchildren will say as they read their family's names as cowards, or worse, in history lessons?

There is the likelihood that more information on Mr. Trump's malfeasance will surface in the months ahead. The base will begin to see over the next years how it was misled, lied to and left in the economic dust of a recovering nation under new leadership.

Democrats gave these Republicans a lifeboat to escape a sinking ship. Their refusal to accept was at their own peril. Al Van Huyck, Round Hill

Don't forget *Heller*

In her Feb. 10 letter, "Guns don't make us safer," Lisa Geller overlooked

who was doing the discussing. Hong Kongers and Taiwanese, mainland Chinese and the global diaspora all mingled. Stereotypes were disassembled in both directions: Many mainlanders heard firsthand from family members of the horrors of concentration camps in the northwest that they had thought were merely myths; those outside the country heard from the mainlanders, who showed they were far from a homogenous mass of servants to the state.

The regime could replicate Clubhouse's format if it desired. But it can't replicate the networks, whose whole point was to teach people about precisely what the government doesn't want them to learn by bringing them together with precisely those whom the government doesn't want them to reach. "Every day I see 100 different Chinas," a Canadian entrepreneur who has long lived and worked in the country told Princeton researcher Grace Tien. It is these different Chinas that Clubhouse allowed people both inside and outside the country to see,

The icon for the social media app Clubhouse.

too, rather than the single one of the government's concoction.

Of course, it's a romantic notion that ethnic tensions and nationalist animosity would evaporate if China would simply open its doors. The Clubhouse chats were only accessible to those with the ability to obtain an invitation, already likely to have some exposure to the rest of the world. Even then, they were heated as often as they were harmonious. In the United States, too, Clubhouse has come with plenty of problems, from bullying to misinformation and more.

Yet it is the freedom to clash with one another, and to figure out these problems, that distinguishes a technodemocracy from a techno-autocracy. The possibility of this freedom obviously terrifies the Chinese Communist Party, perpetually struggling to control what the Chinese people know, say and think.

Righting a wrong in Maryland

The state finally plans to compensate exonerated inmates. It's about time.

HE BURGEONING use of DNA testing in recent decades to vindicate wrongly convicted felons prompted many states to establish systems by which former inmates, if exonerated, would be compensated. Somehow, Maryland did not get the memo.

Over the past 30 years, nearly three dozen former felons were exonerated in the state, but the process by which they might appeal for state funds was so onerous that before 2018, just nine of them tried, and only three succeeded. At last, lawmakers in Annapolis are now on the brink of establishing straightforward rules that would provide payments and other assistance for exonerees. It's about time.

The legislature's belated action was prompted mainly by five exonerees who came forward three years ago to petition the state for compensation. Collectively, they had spent 120 years behind bars four for murder and one for attempted murder, and crimes for which they were wrongly convicted. They asked for \$12 million, which came to \$100,000 for each year they'd spent behind bars. They

approached the state's Board of Public Works - a body consisting of the governor, treasurer and comptroller that was authorized to make such payments but hadn't done so in 15 years.

What followed was an embarrassing round-robin of finger-pointing between Gov. Larry Hogan, a Republican, who insisted that the General Assembly needed to enact clear guidelines for compensation, and Democrats who control the legislature – and who maintained the Board of Public Works could figure it out without their help. In the end, Mr. Hogan prevailed, and lawmakers have now devised a sensible measure tying compensation to the state's annual median income multiplied by the number of years an exoneree had been incarcerated. There would be additional compensation, determined on an individual basis by an administrative judge, for housing, education and health care.

In 2019, the Board of Public Works awarded the five exonerees \$9 million; Walter Lomax received the most, just over \$3 million, after having been locked up for nearly 40 years before his release in 2006; he was formally exonerated in 2014. Mr. Lomax, who was 20 years old when he was wrongly arrested for a murder in 1967, was 72 when he began receiving compensation from the state two years ago.

That profound injustice, and the devastated life it represents, cannot be wiped away by any remuneration. Still, the state's payment marks an acknowledgment of the wrong it committed and an affirmation of its responsibility in setting the record straight with more than a nod and a note of apology. And it gives those victimized by the state's transgressions the means to start rebuilding shattered lives.

Nationwide, the cohort of convicts who have been wrongfully condemned is racially skewed: According to the Innocence Project, African Americans are seven times more likely to be exonerated than Whites. Thirty-five states have enacted laws codifying procedures for compensating former felons whose convictions were overturned. By establishing a transparent, accessible process, Maryland is at last moving to address suffering it ignored for too long.

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A moment to go big

Over the past year, public service workers have responded with fearlessness to keep their communities safe. For their sacrifice, though, so many have received pink slips instead of gratitude. And now, Charles Lane suggested cavalierly that things aren't all that bad ["States don't need a \$350 billion federal rescue," Wednesday Opinion, Feb. 10]. Tell it to the people who held the 332,000 state jobs that have evaporated since February 2020. Tell it to the millions making do without adequate highway maintenance, higher education, law enforcement and other state services. Absent federal assistance, many more jobs are threatened — the jobs of front-line heroes who have exposed themselves and their families to grave risk during this pandemic, oftentimes working without proper personal protective equipment.

The AFSCME members I talk to, having seen friends and co-workers get laid off throughout this brutal year, don't share Mr. Lane's bullishness about state finances or his preference for a "lean" solution. Neither do economists and

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what the Founders of the United States held high — that is, as stated in D.C. v. Heller, Americans have the right "to possess and carry weapons in case of confrontation."

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The best Afghanistan choice

The Feb. 10 editorial "Afghanistan's urgent challenge" noted time is running out for President Biden to make a decision regarding the May 1 deadline for withdrawing U.S. combat troops from Afghanistan. Granting unchallenged credibility to the Afghanistan Study Group, the editorial agreed that sticking to the deadline would result in "the resumption of full-scale civil war" between the Afghan government and Taliban. But the two sides are locked in a heated civil war now.

Key members of the Afghanistan Study Group were largely responsible for crafting the poor policies that resulted in two decades of failed war in Afghanistan; taking sailing lessons from the architects of the Titanic might not be wise.

The United States' best chance of success is to end the war, on schedule, putting the onus for negotiating the war's end on the people who have to live with the result: the Afghan government, people and Taliban. We have proved that 20 years of military operations cannot solve political problems or force sides to make concessions necessary for a negotiated settlement. Continuing an openended war is the worst choice the president could make.

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Is the CDC prioritizing expediency over teachers?

fter much anticipation, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Friday released a 35-page road map for returning to in-person schooling. Though there are some admirable parts of the new operational guidance, I worry that it could result in more confusion and increased distrust.

Here's what the guidance does well. Unlike the Trump administration's watered-down recommendations that were couched in language such as wearing masks "if possible," these new guidelines are clear on many points. They lay out five mitigation measures that every school should implement: masking, distancing, hand-washing, cleaning and contact tracing. The part I like the most is how the CDC has divided schools into four categories based on degree of covid-19 transmission in their surrounding communities. At low and moderate levels, full in-person learning can occur; at higher levels, hybrid or reduced attendance is recommended.

But look a little deeper and the problems begin. I was shocked that six-feet of physical distancing is not required across the board. While it is mandated at the two highest levels of transmission, at low and moderate levels, the guidance says only that physical distancing of six feet or more should be done "to the greatest extent possible."

Recall that the six-feet rule is what the CDC itself recommends as the criteria for social distancing, even outdoors. Many experts have suggested that six feet indoors is not sufficient, and the CDC's own website explains that the coronavirus can be transmitted by tiny aerosols that can infect people at a greater than six-feet distance. In addition, there are now more-transmissible variants that will make this already highly contagious virus even more so.

One has to wonder: Is this change really based on the best available science? Or is it made out of necessity, because schools don't have the space and additional staff to accommodate six feet of separation? When asked to clarify during Friday's news conference, CDC Director Rochelle Walensky essentially admitted that it's the latter, saying it wouldn't be possible for many schools to be fully open if its own recommended distancing were rigorously enforced.

Another important omission is ventilation. It is widely accepted that ventilation is key to reducing covid-19 spread. Yet the road map contains scant information about ventilation, saying only that ventilation should be improved "to the extent possible . . . by opening windows and doors."

This is simply unacceptable. The Gov-



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Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) on Feb. 11.

GEORGE F. WILL

Now begins McConnell's project to shrink Trump's influence

ne of Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell's many admirable traits is that he is uninterested in being admired. He uses his demeanor to disguise the fact that he has normal feelings and so might welcome public approbation for his decisions. He does not, however, make public decisions for the goal of pleasing the public. His 2006 nay vote was decisive in preventing Congress from sending to the states for swift ratification a popular constitutional amendment that would have overturned the Supreme Court ruling that flag burning is constitutionally protected political expression.

McConnell knew that if he voted on Saturday to convict Donald Trump, he would have been lionized, briefly, by many of his detractors, who are legion. Because he is the most consequential conservative since Ronald Reagan, his vote would have begun a process to which he is committed, that of making Trump inconsequential. But the time is not quite ripe. Like the author of Ecclesiastes, the Senate minority leader knows that to every thing there is a season.

McConnell's argument against impeaching a former president is: Impeachment is "a narrow tool for a narrow purpose" — "to protect the country from government officers." Hence Trump "is constitutionally not eligible for conviction," and convicting him might imply a Senate power, with supporters "wild falsehoods" making him "practically and morally responsible" for Jan. 6, which was "a foreseeable consequence" of "false statements, conspiracy theories and reckless hyperbole" and a "manufactured atmosphere of looming catastrophe," all "orchestrated" by Trump, who then "feign[ed]" surprise about his mob's behavior, as he "watched television happily."

McConnell knows that Trump's grip on the Republican base - its activist core, which is disproportionately important in candidate-selection primaries - remains unshaken. But not unshakable. Trump might soon have a bruising rendezvous with the prosecutors in the Southern District of New York. (While explaining his opposition to the Senate's convicting Trump, Mc-Connell pointedly noted that "impeachment was never meant to be the final forum for American justice," and that "we have a criminal justice system" and "we have civil litigation.") Trump's potential problems, legal and financial, might shrink his stature in the eyes of his still-mesmerized supporters. McConnell knows, however, that the heavy lifting involved in shrinking Trump's influence must be done by politics.

He has his eyes on the prize: 2022, perhaps the most crucial nonpresidential election year in U.S. history. It might determine whether the Republican Party can be a plausible participant in the healthy oscillations of a temperate two-party system. In Republican Senate primaries for open seats in Ohio, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Alabama and perhaps elsewhere, and against Senate incumbents, too - and in the challenge to Rep. Liz Cheney (Wyo.), third-ranking in the Republican House leadership, who voted to impeach - Trump probably will endorse acolytes. They will

mimic his sulfuric rhetoric and, if nominated, many will lose in November.

McConnell remembers, if few others do, the names of Delaware's Christine O'Donnell ("I dabbled into witchcraft," but "I'm not a witch"), Missouri's Todd Akin ("legitimate rape" does not cause pregnancy), Indiana's Richard Mourdock (a woman made pregnant by her rapist is carrying a "gift from God"), Nevada's Sharron Angle ("Second Amendment remedies" might cure Congress's shortcomings) and others who won and then squandered Republican Senate nominations in 2010 and 2012. This was before McConnell began wielding the national party's resources in defense of its interests in state parties' decisions

A McConnell vote to convict Trump on Saturday would have made it easier for the ex-president's minions to cast the coming 2022 intraparty contests as binary Trump-vs.-McConnell choices. No one's detestation of Trump matches the breadth and depth of McConnell's, which includes a professional's disdain for a dilettante. Trump enthusiasts are as hostile to McConnell as progressives are. He is equally impervious to the disapproval of both factions.

The Senate chaplain's prayer that opened the impeachment trial's first day included a familiar stanza from James Russell Lowell's 1845 poem written during heated national debates about slavery and the looming war with Mexico: "Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide, / In the strife of Truth with Falsehood, for the good or evil side." A political "moment" can, however, be a protracted process, as McConnell, who titled his 2016 memoir "The Long Game," understands. georgewill@washpost.com

MEGAN MCARDLE

Stop stressing about who. Just vaccinate quickly.

n Dec. 29, 2020, around 6:45 p.m., a nurse in Humble, Tex., slid a needle into a vial of the Moderna vaccine and administered what would be the last shot of the night at a vaccination event the county health department had organized for emergency workers and other eligible people. With the event winding down, it was unlikely anyone else would show up. In six hours, 10 precious doses of vaccine would expire.

Hassan Gokal, the medical director of the county's covid-19 response, says he was determined they would not go to waste. After offering the vaccine to everyone on site - all of whom had either already been vaccinated or declined - and to the eligible relatives of a senior colleague, he put the vaccine in his car and began driving home, making phone calls as he went. By midnight, he had dispensed nine of the 10 remaining doses to the sort of patients who need them: seniors with health problems. Caregivers for those seniors. A worker at a health clinic. A mother whose child was on a ventilator. With one dose left, and no more takers, Gokal gave the last dose to his wife, who suffers from severe respiratory disease.

In recognition of his heroic efforts to ensure that not a drop of vaccine was wasted, Gokal has been fired from his job and faces possible prosecution by the local district attorney.

This outrageous story is a particularly horrific example of a broader national problem: We are too often more obsessed with making sure that exactly the right people get vaccinated than we are about getting people vaccinated, period. And unfortunately, some of the worst offenders are the people in charge of distributing the vaccines.

We saw it manifesting even before vaccines were available, when the advisory committee at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention developed an elaborately phased system for distribution. First, health-care workers would get their shots, then other essential workers, then seniors and people with high-risk conditions, then the rest of us. As you may remember, this plan immediately came under fire because the CDC's own analysis suggested it would result in more deaths than simply vaccinating seniors first – and because one justification for choosing the higher-death plan was that essential workers are disproportionately people of color.

Everyone was so angry about the racial aspect that almost no one pointed out the plan's greatest flaw: It was a logistical nightmare that was likely to delay vaccinations as public health au-

ernment Accountability Office has reported that to prevent covid-19 transmission, more than 41 percent of school districts need to update or replace their heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems in the majority of their schools. Does this finding no longer apply, or is the CDC acknowledging that because making the change is too expensive and will take too long, schools should reopen without the needed upgrades?

I can understand the argument that in-person schooling is just too important and cannot wait for these improvements. Perfect cannot be the enemy of the good, and we have to accept some level of risk because there is such great harm to keeping kids out of school.

If that's the case, however, then vaccinating teachers becomes of the highest importance. Yet the guidelines do not require that teachers are offered vaccinations before they return to the classroom. While many states have included teachers in priority groups, others have not. If the CDC included teacher vaccinations in their guidance, it could compel recalcitrant governors to move teachers to the front of the line. Instead, the many teachers and staff who are already spending hours every day in crowded poorly ventilated spaces will be forced to continue doing so without the needed protection of the vaccine.

The lack of focus on teacher vaccination points to a broader problem: The reopening guidance does not prioritize the health of those who work in schools. Growing evidence suggests that schools don't contribute substantially to community transmission, but that doesn't mean they don't pose individual risks to teachers and staff. And while it might be that a student is safer in school than in an unmonitored child-care setting, it defies common sense to say that a teacher, especially one who is older or has underlying medical conditions, is just as safe in a packed classroom as they are doing remote instruction.

Don't get me wrong. As a physician and parent, I agree that every effort must be made to get our children back to the classroom, especially younger children and those with special needs. But the right way to do it isn't to forgo evidence-based, common-sense requirements. Doing so raises the same question that plagued the CDC under the Trump administration: Is it science or expediency that's driving its decisions? The Biden team has said they want to rebuild trust. These school reopening guidelines could do precisely the opposite.

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"no limiting principle," to "convict and disqualify [from holding public office] any private citizen."

With characteristic parsimony regarding information about his feelings, McConnell said only that were Trump still in office, he, McConnell, "would have carefully considered" arguments for conviction. McConnell's preceding words, however, indicate such a vote to convict: Trump fed his

thorities struggled to define what counted as essential work, contact those doing it, persuade those workers to take the vaccine and then verify their eligibility.

Those CDC advisers were little different from the angry readers I hear every day. All of them have a better plan to prioritize people with disabilities, or caretakers, or use antibody tests to ensure we don't vaccinate people who've already had covid-19. Whatever their merits, each of these plans would further complicate a process that is already moving too slowly.

Of course, one could ask whether it's worth taking our time to do it right. Speed is one value, but hardly the only one. There are valid arguments for trying to maximize the number of lives saved by only vaccinating those with virgin immune systems, or for repaying the courage of essential workers who have put themselves at risk for the rest of us. Those arguments might even carry the day if the United States had anything approaching the administrative capacity necessary to carry them out.

But America's fragmented public health system simply doesn't. And while speed may not be the only value we care about, the rise of more-contagious variants that may be learning to evade our immune systems means speed has to be at the top of our priority list.

Vaccination used to have two goals: protecting individuals directly by stimulating their immune systems and protecting their communities by denying the virus new hosts who will spread it. But thanks to the variants we now have a third goal: protecting the nation, and the globe, by draining the reservoirs of infection that allow the virus to evolve its way around our immune system. Of course, we'd like to reach those first two goals as quickly as possible. But the third one is why we have to move with all possible speed.

Every completed vaccination is one fewer opportunity for another variant to arise. We dare not waste even a drop of vaccine, nor let it sit in a freezer for one second longer than absolutely necessary, even if that means sometimes vaccinating people we'd have left until later in an ideal world.

Of course it's hard to watch other people who seem to be winning the vaccine lottery while we're still miserably waiting at home. But if you remember that each of them is sharing a little of their winnings with the rest of us, that misery might get a bit more bearable.

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The beginning of the end of Trumpism

on't waste time mourning the Senate's failure to convict Donald Trump for crimes so dramatically and painstakingly proven by the House impeachment managers. The cowardice of the vast majority of Republican senators was both predicted and predictable.

Instead, ponder how to build on the genuine achievements.

Led with extraordinary grace by Rep. Jamie B. Raskin (D-Md.), a diverse and able group of prosecutors laid out an indelible record not only of what happened on Jan. 6 and why, but also Trump's irresponsibility throughout his term of office: his courting of the violent far right; his celebration of violence; his habit of privileging himself and his own interests over everything and everyone else, including his unrequitedly loyal vice president.

This record matters. We often like to pretend that we can move on and forget the past. But our judgments about the past inevitably shape our future. Every political era is, in part, a reaction to the failures — perceived and real — of the previous one. The Hoover-Coolidge Republicans loomed large for two generations of Democrats. Ronald Reagan built a thriving movement by calling out what he successfully cast as the sins of liberalism.

By tying themselves to Trump with their votes, most House and Senate Republicans made themselves complicit in his behavior. And Trump will prove to be even more of an albatross than Hoover, who, after all, had a moral core.

Given the chance to cast a vote making clear that what Trump did was reprehensible, only seven Republicans in the Senate and 10 in the House took the opportunity to do so. You can tell how worried Republicans are that they are now the Trump Party by the contortions of Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, who aided Trump almost to the end. Rarely has a politician been more blatant in attempting the impossible feat of running with the foxes and hunting with the hounds.

Moments after voting to let Trump off — "on a technicality," as Democratic Rep. Joaquin Castro of Texas shrewdly observed about many GOP "not guilty" votes justified by anything and everything but the question of guilt itself — McConnell blistered the inciter in chief in a speech the impeachment managers could have written.

His words told the world who won the argument. They also underscored how wrenching it will be for Republican politicians to appease the GOP's Trump-supporting majority while pretending to be another party altogether.

The fact that only seven Senate Republicans bolted should end the absurd talk that there is a burden on President Biden to achieve a bipartisan nirvana in Washington. If most Republicans can't even admit that what Trump did is worthy of impeachment, how can anyone imagine that they would be willing and trustworthy governing partners?

The case for ending the filibuster is now overwhelming. There are not 10 Republican Senate votes to be had on anything that really matters.

All the Republicans who broke with Trump deserve honor and respect. Unfortunately, it's hard to see how this varied group could either form the core of an alternative kind of Republicanism or be consistent governing partners with Biden.

Yes, Sens. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska and Susan Collins of Maine could be Sen. Mitt Romney of Utah on a child tax credit suggests he may be trying to construct a problem-solving sort of conservatism the country needs. Maybe he'll be joined in this by Sen. Ben Sasse of Nebraska. But Sasse is even more conservative than Romney and his moral break with Trump does not portend any sort of larger rupture with party orthodoxy.

helpful on some issues. The work of

Sens. Richard Burr of North Carolina and Patrick J. Toomey of Pennsylvania are not running for reelection, and Sen. Bill Cassidy of Louisiana, whose impeachment vote may have taken the most courage of all, is under fierce attack from his Trumpist-dominated state party.

If Republicans are at sea about what to do with Trump, Democrats showed unity of purpose. Democratic senators from states that Trump carried (Joe Manchin III of West Virginia, Jon Tester of Montana and Sherrod Brown of Ohio) also deserve points for courage. But the fact that their votes were never really in doubt showed the extent to which Trump's postelection lawlessness has made him yesterday's man.

It's a sign of how far and how fast the ex-president has fallen that opponents of impeachment rationalized their votes by saying, as McConnell did, that Trump must still confront the "criminal justice system" and "civil litigation." You're in trouble when your would-be friends are saying you should be prosecuted rather than impeached.

All of which strengthens the hand of a president whose central campaign theme was a warning against the threat that Trump posed to democracy itself. A bipartisan majority of 57 senators and 232 House members has now declared that Joe Biden was right.



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'This is not a practice alert': Massive winter storm heaps snow on Moscow

Three-fourths of a normal February accumulation fell in a little over a day – a year after record-breaking warm weather

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BY ISABELLE KHURSHUDYAN IN MOSCOW

he snow started falling late Thursday, sticking to car windshields and hiding walking paths. By Fri-





day morning, apartment windows had a thick white rim at the bottom. It kept snowing. On Saturday, whole park benches were under a snow depth of 56 centimeters, or 22 inches.

By the time it was over on Sunday, parked cars were beneath heaps of snow.

Moscow is, of course, no stranger to snow squalls and drifts. Some snow was on the ground when the latest storm started. But the weekend's wintry blast was noteworthy even for the Russian capital. Around 75 percent of the average February snowfall came down in little more than a day on Saturday, according to the Russian weather service Fobos.

A year ago, as Moscow experienced its warmest winter in nearly 200 years of record keeping, Russians longed for the white covering that often makes the dark days of January and February appear brighter.

And Moscow normally doesn't miss a beat with snow. This wallop, however, was different. More than 100 flights were delayed or canceled at the city's three main airports.

"It's a real snowstorm, a snow Armageddon, a snow apocalypse. This is not a practice alert, but a combat alert," Fobos's Evgeny Tishkovets told the state-run RIA news agency before the snowfall even began.

Moscow's deputy mayor, Pyotr Biryukov, announced that about 60,000 road workers, janitors and roofers — along with 13,500 units of equipment — were tasked with removing the snow. That included snow-eaters: one-manned vehicles that shovel snow onto a conveyor belt that stretches back to a separate truck collecting it.

to a separate truck collecting it. Some residents decided to traverse downtown on skies. Dogs that waded through fluffy snow piles looked as though they were lost in a field of tall corn stalks. Businesses stayed open and fruitlessly attempted to keep their doorways clean as customers walked in with sopping boots. The real cleanup effort was

The real cleanup effort was saved for Sunday. Neighbors met outside with shovels, joining the city cleaners. More snow is expected Tuesday. *isabelle.khurshudyan@washpost.com*



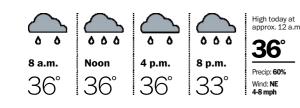


TOP: Moscow's Red Square on Saturday. More than 100 flights were delayed or canceled at the city's three main airports. "It's a real snowstorm, a snow Armageddon, a snow apocalypse." Fobos's Evgeny Tishkovets told the RIA news agency before the storm began. **ABOVE LEFT and RIGHT: Ice** on the Moscow River, and a pedestrian passes a building while workers clear snow from the roof. ABOVE: A snow frolicker peers out from a balaclava. LEFT: A boy plays in a snow pile next to Red Square.

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JOHN KELLY'S WASHINGTON If the robin is a bird of spring, why do many of them strut their stuff in winter? B3



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Carlos Menem, 90, led Argentina for a decade through a period of economic turmoil. B6

Va. Democrats to unveil school bill as political pressure mounts

BY GREGORY S. SCHNEIDER

RICHMOND — Democrats in the House of Delegates are set to unveil legislation on Monday to get students across Virginia back into public school classrooms by summer, signaling a way forward for a topic that has become increasingly politically urgent as the coronavirus pandemic drags on.

The proposal calls for school systems to devise plans for both in-person and virtual instruction during the 2021-2022 academic year that follow federal health guidelines. It includes protections for schools or teachers to insist on remote,

House measure would reopen classrooms across state by summer

online sessions in the event of an outbreak or serious health concerns.

On Friday, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention rolled out guidelines for reopening schools, and Gov. Ralph Northam (D) has called for Virginia systems to offer an in-person option by March 15.

Republican lawmakers in the General Assembly have been

pressing the issue for weeks with Democrats, who control both chambers, and reopening schools is a hot topic for GOP candidates in this year's governor's race. Earlier this month, the state Senate approved a bipartisan bill that consists of a single line calling for all school systems to offer a choice of virtual or in-person learning

But the issue has been sensitive in the House of Delegates, where Democrats have cited the concerns of teachers unions and communities of color - which have been particularly hard hit by the virus – that reopening too soon could pose health

dangers. Some school systems around the state have already begun returning students to classrooms, while others have not.

The measure being introduced Monday in a House subcommittee meeting, which The Washington Post previewed under an agreement not to publicize it in advance, was crafted with the support of House leadership and in consultation with the Northam administration.

"The Governor appreciates efforts to ensure school reopening is consistent with health guidelines, respects the constitutional authority of SEE VIRGINIA ON B3

New cases in region

Through 5 p.m. Sunday, 3,544 new coronavirus cases were reported in the District, Maryland and Virginia, bringing the total number of cases to 959.900.

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Officers' beliefs under scrutiny

ACTING CHIEF WANTS BACKGROUND CHECK

Concerns over potential ties to extremist groups

BY KEITH L. ALEXANDER AND PETER HERMANN

The acting chief of the D.C. police says he wants to have background checks conducted on all officers and employees to identify any who might align with extremist groups.

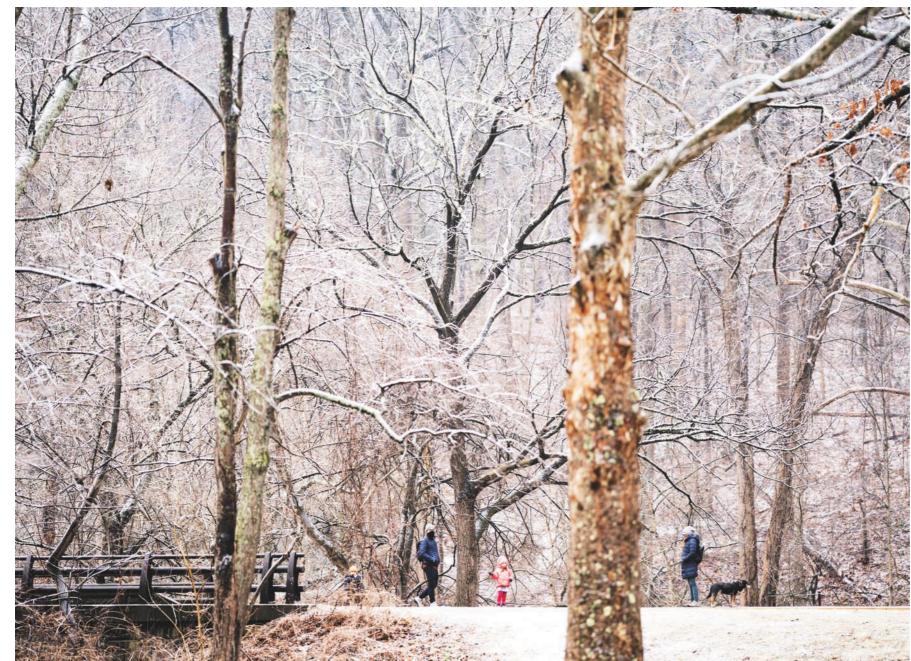
Robert J. Contee III said he is meeting with police department attorneys and is in discussions with Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) about his plan to come up with a policy on extremist groups or ideologies that the city would deem inappropriate for police department employees to take part in. He also wants to hire an outside firm to conduct such investigations later this year.

After the deadly Jan. 6 Capitol riot, police leaders are under pressure to root out those with ties to extremist groups. The Capitol mob - some of whom displayed emblems of extremist groups allegedly included off-duty law enforcement officers from outside the District.

"We have to do a top-to-bottom look for everything. MPD is a microcosm of the society that we live in. We have to identify those things and root them out immediately," Contee said.

Although the department does

Ice thaws, and hearts melt



On a dampening Valentine's Day, a family takes a walk in Rock Creek Park in D.C. Wet conditions are forecast to persist early this week, with rain expected Monday and Tuesday; a wintry mix is likely Thursday. Forecast, B8.

some have hiring safeguards in place, there is no written policy that specifically bars participation in or adopting behaviors of extremist or hate groups, Contee said. He said he wants to set out rules and make clear what behaviors could result in discipline or termination.

"It's not okay for a police officer to be a member of a Nazi group, and we don't have any policy that says we can't be a member of such," he said. "We don't have anything specific that addresses these hate groups that prohibits hiring someone if we find they have posted on social media groups involving hate speech."

Contee stressed that he is still working with city officials to determine what such an investigation will entail, especially given personal rights concerns of more than 3,700 employees. He said he also plans to contact the police union.

Contee said one way could be an SEE POLICE ON B4

Va. considers yield law for bicyclists

BY LUZ LAZO

Virginia lawmakers are considering a proposal that would allow bicyclists to yield instead of pause at stop signs in some cases without getting ticketed.

The measure before the Virginia General Assembly is in response to demands from an increasing number of bicyclists seeking protections and access to the road, particularly as their numbers rise amid the coronavirus pandemic.

Supporters say it will make roads safer for bicyclists after increases in traffic injuries and deaths, while opponents argue it makes the movements of cyclists less predictable. The bill also would require drivers to change lanes when passing a bicyclist if three feet of distance isn't possible and would allow two cyclists to stay side-by-side in a lane.

If approved, Virginia would join a handful of states that allow bicyclists to roll through stop signs.

Proposal would allow them to roll through stop signs in some situations

Idaho adopted a bike yield law in the 1980s, allowing cyclists to treat stop signs as yields and red lights as stop signs. In recent years, Colorado, Washington state and Delaware also have allowed bicyclists to yield at stop signs. D.C. considered a similar measure in 2015, but it didn't pass.

Under the Virginia proposal, bicyclists would have discretion to proceed through a four-stop intersection without coming to a stop when no other traffic has the right of way. Many bicyclists already do this because it makes cycling easier and in some cases, they say, more safe.

Because bikes are easiest to maneuver when rolling, riders are most exposed to being struck

at intersections during a full stop, said Greg Billing, executive director of the Washington Area Bicyclist Association, one of more than 20 advocacy groups supporting the Virginia proposal.

"The quickest you can get through intersections and kind of get out of harm's way, the better," Billing said. The legislation, he said, "certainly doesn't allow a person on a bike to act recklessly and to put drivers or pedestrians and people with mobility challenges in any sort of harm's way. And that behavior would still be illegal.

Opponents argue that allowing cyclists to abide by a separate set of rules makes their actions less predictable and riders less safe.

"This basically will cause a great deal of distress, put pedestrians at severe risk and also put motorists in jeopardy from bicyclists," said Neil George, a resident of Old Town Alexandria, where road conflicts have risen in recent years. "Everyone needs to SEE BICYCLISTS ON B4

If you question the Regional value of Memo government relief

in an economic ROBERT crisis, listen to **McCARTNEY** local stories of how such help enabled families to pay the landlord after the coronavirus cost them their jobs.

The accounts show why it's vital both to continue such aid until the recession is behind us and to ensure that help is available to all who need it. Otherwise, the region risks what one nonprofit executive called "a cataclysmic wave of evictions" when governments lift the moratoriums on ousting renters from their homes.

Mohammad Ahmed, 30, gave up working as an Uber driver in March for fear of infecting his wife, 3-year-old son and two elderly parents who live with him. When he couldn't pay the rent or electric bill for their two-bedroom apartment in Arlington, a local charity funded mainly by taxpayer dollars stepped in.

The nonprofit, Arlington Thrive, picked up his \$1,259 monthly rent and \$113 electric bill for three months this fall.

The case for continued relief for renters

"It really felt like a blessing," said Ahmed. "I didn't know where to go."

He's still worried about his bills and has gone deeply into debt. But he's counting on a state plan, the Virginia Rent Relief Program, to cover the rent until he can return to work

Arlington Thrive, whose budget has grown fivefold in the past year due primarily to an influx of public funds, also rescued Alicia, 39. She is a single mother of three children, ages 5 to 15. She spoke on the condition that her full name not be used because she feared publicity might prevent her from returning to a D.C. hotel-management job from which she was furloughed in March.

She contacted the nonprofit in July. Arlington Thrive paid the \$1,898 rent on her one-bedroom apartment from August through

December.

"They've been a lifesaver," said Alicia, who has applied for multiple jobs without success since being furloughed. "I suffered from severe anxiety. Imagine not knowing where you're going to find money to pay vour rent."

Like Ahmed, she has applied to the state plan for further relief.

Their experiences illustrate why it was important for the federal government to approve the Cares Act relief package in March. Mainly because of those funds, total federal and county support for Arlington Thrive rose over the past year from nearly \$1 million to \$6.5 million. Private contributions climbed, too, from about \$600,000 to over \$1 million.

Government action at the federal, state and local levels has been critical to keeping tens of thousands of families in their homes in our region even though they cannot afford the rent.

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EDUCATION

What the Ivies can learn from Arizona State: Less selectivity isn't a bad thing



Jay Mathews

colleges to admit NOT just the top 5 to 10 percent of applicants, as usually happens, but the top 25 to 30 percent, at least.

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Crow then wants to strengthen the academic muscles of that larger group with more advisers, tutors and courses that prepare students for careers in much-prized specialties that, not coincidentally, pay better.

My first reaction to the new book Crow co-wrote with historian William B. Dabars, "The Fifth Wave: The Evolution of American Higher Education," was that this was a pipe dream. I receive many requests to write about visionary proposals. My response is: Get back to me when it's working in real schools.

But as president of one of our largest and most innovative universities, Arizona State, Crow has had some remarkable results. By this fall, the pandemic should be receding. Across the nation, students will be freed from more than a year's imprisonment with their parents. Amid those happy changes, offbeat ideas like Crow's might spread.

Ivy League schools earn their prestige mostly by admitting as small a portion of applicants as possible. This year, in part because of the suspension of entrance tests like the SAT or ACT, their admission rates are likely to plummet further. Applications to Harvard are up 42 percent this season, with its acceptance rate possibly going below 4 percent.

My solution to this stingy approach is to apply standard business practices. When companies have that much unfulfilled demand, they expand. Why don't our most prestigious colleges franchise themselves? We could have Princeton in Pittsburgh, Paducah and Pismo Beach, or Yale in Yakima, Yarmouth and Yreka.

I'm joking. As Crow and Dabars explain in their book, universities need to expand in ways that enhance not just the marketing of their brands, but also their diversity, depth and innovation.

Celebrated policy wonk Oren Cass breaks high school students into approximate fifths in his 2018 book, "The Once and Future Worker: A Vision for the Renewal of Work in America." One-fifth fail to receive a diploma. Onefifth get a diploma but do not proceed to college. One-fifth enroll in college but don't graduate. One-fifth complete some level of college but take a job that doesn't require a degree. Only the remaining one-fifth realize the dream of graduating college and launching a career based on what they learned.

Crow and Dabars argue that most universities are blowing their chance to give more students the knowledge and thinking skills that lead to professional success. "Mere access to standardized forms of instruction decoupled from discovery and knowledge production will not deliver desired societal outcomes," the authors said.

"College is not for everyone," they said, "but if our nation is to remain competitive in the global knowledge economy, our society must begin in earnest to build a higher education infrastructure proportionate to the task." The authors recommend more "interaction of students with scientists and scholars working on the frontiers of discovery." They also want "opportunities for lifelong learning to more than half the population."

That risks lower graduation rates. So universities, they said, will have to assume "responsibility for the success of each student" and reconfigure "the delivery of content through adaptive learning and other technology-enabled strategies." Universities taking that approach "will likely scale up to include twice as many students as are currently enrolled, producing three to five times as many graduates, and serving more than ten times the number of engaged learners" through online and other devices.

You may be thinking: yeah, sure. But Arizona State has some interesting data. From 2002 when Crow took over — to 2019, non-White enrollment jumped 310 percent, from 11,487 to 47,104 (which is 39 percent of total students). The number of Black undergraduates went up 262 percent, the number of Hispanic undergraduates up 338 percent and the number of Asian undergraduates up 193 percent.

The school's four-year graduation rate has risen from 28.4 percent to 53.9 percent during Crow's tenure, even though the number of students has soared. The university had about 38,000 undergraduates in 2002. In 2020, it had about 102,000.

Arizona State ranks sixth among 747 universities without medical schools in total research expenditures, ahead of Caltech, Princeton and Carnegie Mellon. It offers free online courses and transferrable credits to students in nearly every country in the world. It has cut deals with companies to enhance depth and relevance of instruction or, in the case of Starbucks, to offer tuition-free enrollment for employees.

Arizona State admits anyone who meets the requirements set by its regents. Since 2007, it has cut the time it takes to decide on an applicant from two weeks to 24 hours. Once students are admitted, the university helps them find financial aid and promises they will be able to afford to attend whatever their financial situation.

Special courses for new Arizona State students are designed to enhance their learning and study skills. Mentors recruited from the junior and senior classes are ready to help. Freshmen arriving with low SAT scores and high school grade point averages can take seminars to work on critical reasoning, reading, communication, emotional intelligence, teamwork and time management. One study showed the first-semester grade point averages of at-risk students at the school increased from 2.4 to 3.3.

Once the pandemic ends, students will again be meeting with advisers both in person and online. Adaptive courseware allows them to learn at different speeds. Data shows the courseware increased success rates in math from 66 percent in 2009 to 85 percent in 2015.

Most of this information comes from Arizona State. We need to know more about how well this approach works. But something unusual is happening there and at a few other large universities with similar ambitions.

Perhaps even our most prestigious schools could welcome more freshmen and work harder to prepare each for the demands of high-level thought and research. At the moment they are spending money on elaborate procedures to make their admission rates infinitesimal, and thus guarantee high rankings. Why not devote those resources instead to making more students better? *jay.mathews@washpost.com*

Amid coronavirus pandemic, gym class is in the game

BY KELLY FIELD

It's almost time for gym class, and my fifth-grader can't find her tennis ball.

"Adrienne, did you take it?" she demands of her younger sister, who swears she didn't (although she probably did).

"How about a soccer ball?" I ask. They're practicing dribbling skills.

"No, Mom," she says firmly. "We're indoors." It has to be a tennis ball. She searches under the coffee table and behind the couch; she scours her sister's cluttered room. No tennis ball.

This is what remote physical education looks like in our house. And what it sounds like? Thundering footfalls from the bedroom above my office, as my third-grader runs through games her PE teacher is using as a warm-up.

The coronavirus pandemic and the resulting widespread





While some teachers have been asking students to send short video clips of themselves performing individual skills, like jumping rope, there are limitations and drawbacks to that approach: Some parents aren't comfortable with their children sharing videos of themselves, and some students send clips that are far too long. With dozens of students per grade, reviewing the submissions can take an instructor hours.

The alternative is to conduct assessments in live-stream classes, but that can open students up to ridicule and cyberbullying. Some districts have policies stating that students can't be required to keep their cameras on.

In such districts, it can be hard to tell whether students are participating at all. They might be doing jumping jacks, or they might be watching YouTube.

To gauge participation, many

shift to remote learning have brought major changes to physical education. Games like Turkey Ninja Warrior and water-bottle bowling and solitary pursuits in spaces as small as a studio apartment have replaced class in open fields or gyms. Rolled-up socks and laundry baskets have replaced balls and nets.

The PE instructors I spoke with said the students seem to be having fun — the ones they can see on video, at least. Privacy policies in many districts bar teachers from requiring students to keep their cameras on, and some students don't.

But it's hard to gauge whether they're getting the same benefits from online PE as they did from in-person classes. Some students lack the equipment, space or parental support to participate fully. Instructors say it's tough to teach and assess motor skills, like catching and kicking, online.

Meanwhile, public health experts say kids need exercise more than ever.

"PE is so important, because our kids are sitting from 8 to 3," said Michelle Huff, a high school PE teacher in New Jersey who has taken to posting TikTok videos inviting kids to join in on PE activities.

In a majority of districts, students are spending some or all of their school days online. They're missing out on recess and extracurricular sports, many of which have been canceled for safety reasons. Public health experts are worried about unhealthy eating, too.

Compounding these issues, many students live in crowded apartments or in neighborhoods where it's not safe to exercise outside. In some cities, parks are closed because of the pandemic.

In places where schools remained closed through 2020,

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childhood obesity rates were predicted to climb by more than 2 percent, according to estimates in a recent study by a researcher at Washington University in St. Louis.

Yet, even before the coronavirus shut down schools, fewer than half the states set any minimum amount of time that students must participate in PE, according to the Society of Health and Physical Educators (SHAPE), which represents PE and health instructors.

With much of PE now online, some kids are getting even less time in class than before. Because of the pandemic, California Gov. Gavin Newsom (D) waived the state's time requirement in March, prompting some districts to eliminate PE as a stand-alone class or make it an elective. Portland, Ore., nearly laid off its elementary adaptive PE instructors, who work with children with disabilities, before teachers defeated the move. At least two Massachusetts districts have eliminated elementary PE altogether this year, according to the president of the state's SHAPE chapter.

Advocates for physical education fear more cuts could be coming, as districts grapple with looming budget cuts stemming from the current economic downturn. And if the Great Recession is any guide, those cuts could fall hardest on high-poverty districts, where students already have less access to afterschool sports than in wealthier ones.

"It's kind of like taking a pencil away from a classroom teacher." Kyle Bragg, elementary school PE instructor in Scottsdale, Ariz.

"Not all students have the privilege of taking ballet classes or sports clubs," said Julia Stevens, the president of Oregon's SHAPE chapter.

For now, though, PE instructors are focused on finding creative ways to keep their kids engaged. They're sending kindergartners on scavenger hunts that have them running around their homes to collect items. They're challenging high-schoolers to "beat the teacher" by performing more push-ups in a minute than their instructor.



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ABOVE: Kelly Field's 11-year-old daughter, Emma, practices cupshifting from a plank position as an at-home physical education exercise. LEFT: Michelle Huff, left, a PE teacher in New Jersey, has been posting Tik Tok videos with skills challenges for her students. In this one, she and her sister, Steph Huff, also a PE teacher in New Jersey, perform a little dance.

"We're disguising fitness," said Brett Fuller, the president of SHAPE's national board of directors and a curriculum specialist for health and physical education in Milwaukee Public Schools.

Because most kids don't have a whole lot of gym gear in their homes, SHAPE's reopening guidance recommends that teachers ask students what they have on hand and provide a checklist of common household items that could be repurposed as sports equipment.

Some substitutions are simple — cut plastic gallon milk cartons for catching, or unopened canned soup for weights. Others are trickier. Kyle Bragg, an elementary school PE instructor in Scottsdale, Ariz., said he's yet to find an acceptable alternative to a jump rope; nothing rotates at the same speed. He's told kids to ask their parents to buy one, but he can't force them. So for now, he's stuck with some students jumping over pillows.

"It's kind of like taking a pencil away from a classroom teacher," he said. "It's nearly impossible to meet a jump rope standard without a jump rope."

Some districts are purchasing take-home kits containing jump ropes, balls and beanbags. But the kits can be pricey, and not all districts can afford them.

Some instructors are offering students choices: If they don't have the equipment they need for one activity — say soccer — they can try another, like running. The alternative might not target the same skills, but at least it gets them moving.

And in the midst of a pandemic that has upended nearly every aspect of education, some standards may simply need to be set aside for a bit, instructors say.

"You gotta be okay with okay," David Daum, an assistant professor of kinesiology at San Jose State University in California, said he tells teachers.

The hardest things to teach and evaluate online, instructors say, are the skills, strategies and collaboration involved in team sports. There's just no way to play soccer alone in your living room.

That's why online PE courses — which have existed at the high school and college levels since at least the late 1990s — have historically favored fitness-based instruction, like interval training, over the development of gross motor skills like kicking. Covidera classes seem to be following the same trend, said Daum, who researches online PE. instructors are asking students to answer a question in a chat box or complete an exit ticket with questions about the lesson and their own performance. Some schools with fully asynchronous PE are relying on the honor system, with students using logs to report how much exercise they get each day.

It's unclear how many students are actually doing the portions of PE that aren't livestreamed. Are busy working parents enforcing it?

Despite the challenges involved in remote learning, Fuller, SHAPE's president, sees the pandemic as an opportunity to show that PE is not only about team sports. Teachers are learning technological skills that "none of us ever dreamt they'd have," he said. And students are discovering that fitness can be fun, even without group games.

Still, many PE instructors said they're eager to return to the gym and sports fields.

"I became a PE teacher because I needed to keep moving," said Andrew VanDorick, an elementary PE teacher in Maryland. "Sitting on a couch in front of a computer may be some people's dream job, but it drives me crazy. I can't wait to be back in front of the kids."

Oh, and that missing tennis ball? Turns out it isn't essential after all. When it vanishes again, just in time for water-bottle bowling, my 11-year-old substitutes a lacrosse ball — and rolls a spare.

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That red-breasted bird of spring struts its stuff in deep winter, too



A man was found fatally stabbed Thursday. Dennis Hall, 50, of no known address, was found in the unit block of K Street NE just after 4 a.m., police said. His name had been withheld until relatives were notified. The killing remains under investigation.

LOCAL DIGEST

THE DISTRICT

- John Woodrow Cox

Ride-share driver's car stolen at knifepoint

A ride-hail driver was carjacked at knifepoint in Southwest Washington on Sunday, police said.

As he was dropping off two passengers about 1:25 p.m. in the 600 block of Sixth Place SW, one held a knife to his throat and ordered him out, police said. They then drove off in the vehicle, police said.

- Martin Weil

Weapons arrests made near White House

Two people were arrested near the White House on Saturday on weapons charges, according to the Secret Service.

They approached officers near 15th Street NW and Pennsylvania Avenue NW, the agency said. One disclosed possession of a weapon and the other disclosed that another weapon was in a nearby vehicle, the agency said.

The first was arrested in connection with possession of a BB gun and the other in connection with carrying a pistol without a license, the Secret Service said.

- Martin Weil

THE REGION Icy conditions affected roads, caused outages

The Washington region awoke Sunday to icy roads and sidewalks, and thousands of homes without power.

A car knocked down a power line in Southeast Washington, where Pepco said as many as 1,200 homes lost power. The company also responded to a few other isolated outages.

Dominion Energy reported scattered outages in Northern Virginia and more widespread service disruptions in portions of central Virginia. More than 220,000 customers lost power, but crews continued to work to



Earlier this month, **Polly** Willman of Gaithersburg spotted a single

robin perched on the railing of her Kelly's deck. Two days Washington later, she looked out to see a

veritable army of the redbreasted birds. They were alighting in the trees, marching across the grass, sunning themselves in her yard. She stopped counting at 40.

"This is February!" Polly wrote to me in an email. "With snow on the ground!"

Polly's point: What is a bird commonly associated with spring doing strutting its stuff – en masse – in winter?

The American robin is such a common species that it doesn't get the fawning press that, say, the painted bunting or rufous hummingbird does. That's too bad, said Andrew Farnsworth, senior research associate at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

"American robin is a super cool species," Farnsworth said. I called Farnsworth because I was curious about whether this whole "first robin of spring" thing was a complete sham. Poets may employ the robin as a feathered metaphor for nature's annual rebirth, but what do the birds actually do?

Do robins presage spring? "It's not wrong," said Farnsworth. "There's some validity to it. American robin is just a lot more complex than people give it credit for."

The deal is this: Robins do all sorts of things. Some migrate. Some hang out in these parts year-round.

Said Farnsworth: "Some never left. Some that come back may actually be going someplace else.

Compared with some other species, the robin is a mishmash. When you look at a map of the range of the rubythroated hummingbird, you'll see that it breeds in eastern North America and spends winters in Central America: two discrete areas joined by the path it follows during migration.

The American robin, on the other hand, blankets North America. Some breed in Canada and Alaska and winter in Mexico, but many are found year-round across the U.S.A.

"Even though you may see robins in the same place every year, throughout the year, whether that's the same bird, or even the same population, is a big question mark," Farnsworth said. "A lot of populations replace each other or leapfrog when they migrate."

It all comes down to every animal's favorite pastimes: food and sex.

"At some fundamental level, it's very much about 'Is there a sufficient resource available for a bird to subsist on year-round and produce more offspring?' Farnsworth said.

Robins are especially wellsuited to the landscapes humans create, such as the fruit- and berry-producing ornamental trees and bushes we



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We associate robins with spring, which is when this photo was taken. But there are reasons you'll see them the rest of the year, too.

plant around our houses. Birds that feel confident they can eat may decide to just stick around. But migration also has its

attractions. "There's the other side: Okay,

you are spending time where there are a lot of other individuals like you. It would be ideal if you could escape the competitive pressure," Farnsworth said.

Like flamingos and teenagers, robins gather in flocks. Sometimes the flocks are tremendous, numbering many thousands of birds.

"There's a vigilance factor for predators," Farnsworth said. 'The more of you there are, the less likely you are to get picked off. And it's more likely you or one of your cohort will see a problem if one exists.

A flock is also helpful in finding food.

"The trade-off of being in a flock is you may be in direct competition with your neighbor just like you," Farnsworth said. "There comes a point at which flocks are not so useful. During breeding season, males holding a territory don't want to be competing with some other male to create a nest. At that time of year, flocks break down."

That's why Polly saw 40 robins together in her backyard on a February day but probably won't see that in April, when it's every bird for itself.

Robins are among the many species affected by climate change. "Birds that were not formerly resident are becoming resident and are able to take advantage of food all year

round." Farnsworth said. (Another bird that has

changed its behavior based on human activity is the turkey vulture, Farnsworth said. The birds once migrated in search of food, but the suburban deer explosion - and resulting deervehicle collisions - has provided them with ample carrion.)

Common the robin may be, but, said Farnsworth: "Common birds don't always stay common. It's really important we understand as much as we can about them. And even though they are common, that doesn't mean we know everything there is to know about them. There's an opportunity for more study." So look to the skies — and to the grass.

Walk this way

Bob Perrino of Arlington emailed after reading my column last week about what runs through my head while walking my dog. Bob and a friend used to take early morning walks in D.C.

"He loved building architecture and as a Master Gardener, I loved plants," wrote Bob. "He was always gazing UP and I was gazing at the ground. We joked that a piano would never fall on our heads nor would we fall into a large pothole."

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VIRGINIA

Suspect in shooting of Reston man arrested by Newport News police

BY JESSICA CONTRERA

A suspect has been arrested in connection to last week's fatal shooting of 20-year-old Samuel Onyeuka in Reston. Jalenn Maurtiece Keene, 20, was taken into custody in Newport News, Va., and charged with second-degree murder and the use of a firearm in the commission of a felony, Fairfax County police announced Sunday.

Police said Keene, who resides in Newport News, was tracked down using surveillance footage and financial transactions after he became the primary suspect in Onyeuka's death.

The arrest came two days after police were called to the 2300 block of Branleigh Park Court gunshot wounds and was pronounced dead at the scene.

The shooter was seen leaving the area in a silver Nissan Rogue moments after the incident. which occurred near Onyeuka's home, police said. Maj. Ed O'Carroll, commander of the Fairfax County Police Department's major crimes bureau, said in a briefing Sunday that police traced the whereabouts of both the victim and the suspect to a nearby shopping center earlier in the day. Detectives also learned that both men previously attended South Lakes High School in Reston.

"The complexity of how well they know each other is still under investigation," O'Carroll said.

By combing through hours of surveillance footage, investiga-

Va. bill aims to reopen public schools

VIRGINIA FROM B1

school districts, and prioritizes the safety of students, teachers, and staff," Northam spokeswoman Alena Yarmosky said via email. She added that he stands by the March 15 date, though, which this bill would not achieve.

If passed in its current form, it would take effect June 1.

Del. Schuyler T. VanValkenburg (D-Henrico), a public school teacher, said he would offer the plan as a substitute for the Senate bill during Monday's meeting of a House education subcommittee.

"This seeks to get kids back in school in a responsible and responsive way," VanValkenburg said in an interview. The Senate bill — introduced

tem will resume in-person instruction in March, though students will have the option of virtual classes.

"I'm ready to go back," Van-Valkenburg said. "Nothing beats in-person learning."

Some of his students have clearly suffered during the online-only semester, he said, adding that he worries about the long-term effect on both their academics and their mental health

"This seeks to get kids back in school in a responsible . . . way." Del. Schuyler T. VanValkenburg (D-Henrico)

in a way that fits where they're at with the virus," VanValkenburg said.

The measure has the support of Democratic leaders.

In an emailed statement, House Speaker Eileen Filler-Corn (D-Fairfax) called it "serious legislation to get our kids back at their desks by the start of the next school year while keeping our teachers and school staff safe.'

If it gets through the committee, the bill would have to win approval of the full House and then go back to the Senate.

Republicans have accused Democrats of failing to act on an issue that is important to Virginians. House Minority Leader Todd Gilbert (R-Shenandoah) introduced a budget amendment on Friday that was similar to the Senate bill, call-

restore service Sunday.

shortly after 2 p.m. on Wednesday. Onyeuka was found with multiple – Luz Lazo

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tors followed the SUV's path to Newport News, where local law enforcement assisted with obtaining an arrest warrant for Keene. Newport News police carried out the arrest at a residence Friday evening. O'Carroll said they recovered a 9mm firearm, which is being tested to determine if it was used in the shooting.

Onyeuka's family released a statement through Saly Fayez, the director of victim services for Fairfax County police.

Onyeuka was a "beloved, kind, gentle son, brother, nephew, uncle, friend, neighbor and member of our community," Fayez said. "Our family does ask anyone with any information to please reach out to the detectives so we can bring our Sammy some justice."

Keene is being held in Newport News but will be transferred to Fairfax County custody in a few weeks.

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by Sen. Siobhan S. Dunnavant (R-Henrico) and co-sponsored by two Democrats – has no timetable, simply mandating that all schools offer both inperson and virtual instruction.

"That's a permanent education policy change," VanValkenburg said. "I don't think most Virginians want that."

As a high school government teacher in Henrico County outside Richmond, VanValkenburg spent all of the fall semester teaching online. His school sys-

But not everyone is ready to resume at the same time, he said, so his bill includes flexibility. School systems would each devise their own plans based on CDC guidance, and they would have the option to dial up or down the amount of in-person and virtual classrooms as situations change.

It would also affect summer school programs.

"It's making sure that each community can get to in-person ing for both in-person and virtual learning at all school systems.

"These kids need to be back in school," Gilbert said during House floor debate, held virtually via videoconference. "This is a lost year that we will never get back, and it cannot go on a day longer."

Democrats voted down his amendment, promising that related legislation was on the way.

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Acting D.C. police chief wants to root out extremism with background checks

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examination of employees' social media. Another method, he said, could be requiring employees to sign annual statements agreeing to not participate in such behavior or risk discipline.

The acting chief acknowledged the challenges of relying on social media alone. Many groups on Facebook are "secret," meaning they can be found only if a user is invited to join by an existing member. Others are "closed" with content accessible only after an administrator of the private group approves a request to join. While most departments say they review social media posts during an officer's hiring process, the anonymous nature of social media and online privacy protections make identifying officers who have posted extremist comments or belong to such groups difficult.

And even before any examination, police would need to decide what types of behavior linked to extremist groups would warrant targeting. Would the department, for instance, cite extremist or hate groups as defined by the FBI, the Anti-Defamation League or the Southern Poverty Law Center? How would the department determine whether an employee's philosophies were aligned with any group?

"It's in the infancy stage. I can't tell you what it's going to take to get there. But at the end of the day, we want strong policy in place that would prohibit members of being involved in any behavior associated with extreme, violent or antigovernment groups," Contee said. "I want us to be the blueprint for law enforcement going forward."

Greggory Pemberton, chairman of the D.C. police union, said he understood the need for such an investigation but said he was concerned about how it would be conducted.

"You don't have a bunch of Klansmen running around here. If we did, they would be found out pretty quickly. You can't hide those kind of things," he said.

Pemberton said he was concerned how the department would delve into employees' private lives and how officials would make judgments about what is found.

"I am concerned about personal rights and combing through people's lives. And how are they going to identify those people, and what is the process going to look like confirming what they think

they found?" Pemberton said. The union leader said Contee's "intent is coming from a good place" but added that the union needed to see more details.

Michael Edison Hayden, a senior investigative reporter for the Southern Poverty Law Center, which tracks extremist and white supremacist groups, said groups such as the Proud Boys and the Oath Keepers seek out members of law enforcement, active duty and retired, because they "know their way around firearms" and they can read police tactics and help during demonstrations or other actions.

Hayden said police agencies need to "make sure these guys are not getting into police forces to begin with," which starts with thorough background checks. He said agencies also need to employ experts who understand signs, insignia and tattoos used by extremist groups.

"We must push more aggressively, locally and federally, to give police the resources to identify who might be an extremist in the first place," Hayden said. "It doesn't have to be McCarthy-like, looking at every meme they are posting, but it has to be more rigorous." Police agencies already tread a delicate balance between protecting the free speech rights of officers and ensuring they meet general standards that call for honesty and integrity.

Chuck Wexler, who heads the D.C.-based Police Executive Research Forum, said the participation of some off-duty officers in the Capitol riot has forced departments nationwide to confront the possibility of extremists in their ranks.

"This is where this country is right now," Wexler said. "This is no longer a free-speech issue. It is an issue affecting the safety of Americans. Their right to express their First Amendment thoughts ended at the point they pushed over police officers and went into the U.S. Capitol."

Still, Wexler said, it could be difficult for police chiefs to identify groups they do not want their officers to affiliate with. "The discussion is still evolving on what exactly constitutes a domestic terrorist organization."

Last fall, the Lafayette, Ind., police department said it terminated a recruit officer who participated in a neo-Nazi Internet chat forum.

In Columbus, Ohio, the police

department has been sued four times recently by current or former Black officers alleging racism and discriminatory misconduct. The department, a spokesman said, does background checks looking for extremism in individuals who apply to become cadets, but such investigations are not done on existing officers.

In D.C., the department has seen its own challenges. Some residents have criticized officers in the department for what Black Lives Matter D.C. calls overly aggressive policing of Black and Brown people.

Last year, a 16-year police veteran filed a lawsuit in D.C. Superior Court, claiming the department retaliated against her after she raised concerns about the conduct of some supervisors, including allegations that officers had been instructed to conduct unlawful searches of groups of Black men. In a filing with the court, the city said the complaint was "without sufficient information" and therefore denied the claims.

In 2019, a 27-year veteran Black homicide detective alleged racism and ageism after he got into a violent scuffle with two White officers inside a Northwest D.C. police substation. And in 2017, a D.C. Superior Court judge dismissed a gun case against a man after defense attorneys expressed concern that the officers involved in the arrest were seen wearing a controversial Tshirt in the courthouse that depicted an image of the Grim Reaper with a pre-Christian style of cross embedded in a circle, a symbol that an advocacy group says is racist.

Contee said none of those incidents revealed evidence that the officers involved were linked to an extremist group. But he said such incidents could lead to a such perceptions among the public and among other officers.

"We need to have an initiative in place, so we can emphatically say to the community we have something in form of policy that says what is unacceptable behavior and what is something that warrants discipline or even separation from the department," Contee said. "I want the community to know this guy is going to be looking at things in this department through a different lens."

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Va. biking proposal seen as safety issue – by both supporters and opponents

BICYCLISTS FROM B1

cooperate. We have stop signs and traffic lights so everybody is safe and secure, and we all need to adhere to the rules of the road."

Del. Chris L. Hurst (D-Montgomery), the chief sponsor of the bill in the Virginia House where it passed 75 to 24 this month — said the goal is to improve safety for bicyclists and to foster more of a cycling community, particularly at a time when the coronavirus pandemic has spurred a boom in bicycling.

Hurst said data from other states that implemented a version of what's known as the "Ida-

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ho stop" law has been encouraging.

In Delaware, a recent report using Delaware State Police data found that in the 30 months after the state enacted its safety stop law, there was a 23 percent decrease in injury crashes involving bicycles at stop-sign intersections and an 11 percent decline in overall bike crashes.

"These are very common-sense measures we can take to have a very practical effect in seriously reducing the number of crashes for bicycles," Hurst said.

The House bill is headed for a vote in the Virginia Senate as early as Monday. A similar bill

failed in that chamber on Jan. 27 in a 22-to-16 vote.

Supporters say there is growing support for the bill. The cities of Richmond, Roanoke and Norfolk, which have seen significant growth in bike travel in recent years and amid the pandemic, have listed the measure as a legislative priority, officials said.

Others argue the measure could increasingly put cyclists in harm's way.

Sen. Thomas K. Norment Jr. (R-James City), who voted against the Senate bill last month, said he has had close encounters with bicyclists ignoring traffic rules at intersections along the Virginia Capital Trail connecting Richmond and Williamsburg.

"I cannot tell you how many times I have seen bikers ignore that stop sign in alarmingly close proximity to my vehicle or other vehicles because they don't want their heart rate to go down and don't want to break their stride," he said on the Senate floor.

He continued: "This is a very, very ill-advised piece of legislation. It is only going to encourage and validate the breaking of some of these Virginia motor vehicle laws that bikers are supposed to be adhering to."

Virginia State Police Capt. Ron Maxey said at a committee hearing on the ill-fated Senate bill that the agency has multiple concerns with the proposal. Often, he said, the reason for a stop sign rather than a yield sign is a lack of visibility.

"Allowing the cyclist to enter the intersection without properly stopping has the potential for deadly consequences," he said.

Sen. Scott A. Surovell (D-Fairfax), a co-sponsor of the failed Senate bill who supports the similar House measure, has questioned Virginia State Police conclusions, which he said aren't



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A bicyclist is reflected along Wilson Boulevard in Rosslyn in 2018. The number of bicyclists has grown during the pandemic.

cars should change lanes to pass safely if they can't maintain at least three feet of separation.

"It is reasonable and practical," Hurst said. "You would pass the cyclists just like you would pass a car. You would wait until it's safe to do so and then change lanes."

Advocates say it is also good safety policy to allow cyclists to ride side-by-side. It shortens the length of cycling trains, for example, so when a car does need to pass, the driver has a shorter as well as possible road rage situations," he said.

Advocates have pushed for decades to give bicyclists the legal standing to roll through stop signs. It would allow cyclists to get through a traffic stop without having to put a foot on the ground — something that already is common practice among cyclists who don't want to lose their forward momentum. Advocates note that vehicles routinely roll through stop signs without a complete

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C Courts: Closed except for adult arraignments, juvenile referrals in the District

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Traffic, parking	Rush-hour restrictions lifted. No city parking enforcement except along the D.C. Streetcar route.	No parking fees in Montgomery and Prince George's except at New Carrollton, National Harbor and the Prince George's Dept. of Corrections.	HOV restrictions lifted on Interstates 66 and 395. Meters not enforced in Arlington and Alexandria.
Trash, recycling	No collections; pickups slide one day to the end of the week.	Regular collections in Anne Arundel and Howard. No collections in Montgomery; pickups slide one day to the end of the week. No bulk collections in Prince George's; yard trim and organics collections only. Landfills open except in Anne Arundel. Montgomery County Transfer Station open.	Regular collections in Fairfax and Arlington counties. No pickups in the cities of Alexandria and Fairfax; pickups slide one day to the end of the week. Landfills open.
Liquor stores	Open at owner's discretion.	Montgomery ABC Stores open from 12 to 5 p.m.; open elsewhere at owner's discretion.	Open at owner's discretion.
Schools	Closed.	Closed.	Closed.
Libraries	Closed.	Closed.	Open in Arlington for curbside pickup only. Closed elsewhere.
Local government offices	Closed.	Closed.	Closed.

Transportation services

• Metrorail runs from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. on a modified schedule with off-peak fares; no Blue Line service. Buses replace trains between Braddock Road and Reagan National Airport on the Yellow Line. Franconia-Springfield, Van Dorn Street, Addison Road and Arlington Cemetery stations closed. Free shuttle buses provided. Metrobus is on a Saturday schedule. MetroAccess has regular service, but subscription trips are canceled. For information, go to wmata.com.

- Ride On is on a weekday schedule.
- DASH is on a Saturday schedule.
- CUE is on a modified weekday schedule.
- Fairfax Connector is on a holiday weekday schedule.
- ART is running routes 41, 42, 45, 51, 55, 77 and 87 only on a Saturday schedule.
- TheBus (Prince George's) is on a regular schedule.

• Loudoun Bus has regular services on its local bus lines, but Commuter and Metro Connection lines are not running.

• MARC is on an enhanced R schedule on all three lines, except Brunswick Line trains 872 and 877 are not running.

- VRE is not running.
- \bullet MTA Commuter Bus is running Route 201 only on a weekend/holiday schedule.

based on data.

"Having to put your foot down and start over again is harder to get across the street. It slows you down and makes you more vulnerable to getting hit," Surovell, a cyclist for more than 25 years, said Thursday before the Senate Transportation Committee. "This policy has been adopted all across the United States, and it seems to work."

Supporters touted other aspects of the bill as critical to improving safety for those traveling on two wheels. They want to put into law, for example, that

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distance. It also helps to protect children by allowing parents to ride with a child, they say, protecting a younger rider on the inside of the lane.

But critics have voiced concerns about the potential of pushing cars outside the yellow line of their lanes. Maxey said if two cyclists are riding next to one another, they could conceivably take two lanes and potentially block traffic from passing.

"Anything that would increase motorists having to make aggressive moves like that could increase the possibility of a crash, stop. Supporters say keeping forward momentum at intersections helps cyclists to avoid possible collisions with vehicles. The constant movement, they say, also helps to reduce blind-spot inci-

dents because bicycles in motion are more easily seen. "It seems a little odd to say that a stop sign is not always going to be a stop sign for cyclists. But if we want to keep them safe, we want to reduce the number of crashes we have," Hurst said. "So

it is a safety issue." luz.lazo@washpost.com

Legislators pass pandemic relief bill

BY ERIN COX AND OVETTA WIGGINS

Maryland passed a sweeping state stimulus package of roughly \$1.2 billion on Friday, including an anti-poverty measure that will send cash payments to the state's poorest residents for the next three years.

The plan also will benefit small businesses, nonprofits, food banks and the unemployed, among many others, pumping the largest infusion of state tax dollars into the battered economy since the pandemic began.

Gov. Larry Hogan (R) promised to sign the emergency legislation, which he has called his top legislative priority of the year.

On bipartisan votes in both chambers, the General Assembly swiftly enacted the coronavirus relief package offered by Hogan last month, after scaling back tax breaks for wealthier households and businesses.

"It will help Marylanders barely hanging on right now as we work to bring this global pandemic to an end," Hogan said in a statement after the bill passed.

Democrats, who hold supermajorities in both chambers, dropped an effort to include benefits for immigrants without Social Security numbers, who have weathered the pandemic without qualifying for unemployment or

federal aid checks.

Hogan said including those residents would "jeopardize" his support.

But in a joint statement on Friday afternoon, House Speaker Adrienne A. Jones (D-Baltimore County) and Senate President Bill Ferguson (D-Baltimore City) vowed to expand benefits for undocumented workers and green-card holders in separate legislation they said the General Assembly will pass this week.

"Every taxpaying Marylander deserves to access this benefit," Jones and Ferguson said of the stimulus package. "No Marylander deserves to wonder where their next meal will come from, how to buy their child's diapers, or how to pay for life saving medicine — especially when they go to work every single day."

Such a plan could provoke Hogan's veto.

The centerpiece of the plan passed Friday will immediately send checks of up to \$500 to Maryland's poorest families and \$300 to its poorest single filers. It will then augment those payments for three years with big cash refunds after people file their tax returns. Noncitizens don't qualify for those benefits under existing laws.

For a family with two children that earns \$25,000 a year, that would mean \$1,100 in additional payments each year for the next three years.

The plan expands the value of the state's Earned Income Tax Credit to the most generous in the country. Anyone who qualifies for the state's Earned Income Tax Credit will be eligible for the stimulus check and its more lucrative benefit for the next three years. Last year, 400,000 households filed for the credit, though analysts expect many more were eligible.

"This is a game-changer for people," said House Majority Leader Eric G. Luedtke (D-Montgomery).

Other parts of the package would offer up to \$9,000 in tax relief for small businesses and send \$1,000 checks to people with unemployment claims in limbo. It cuts the tax burden for middle- and lower-income people who have been on unemployment, and creates grants for an array of industries that have struggled during the pandemic.

Sen. Guy J. Guzzone (D-Howard), chairman of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, told his colleagues that the measure is "a lot more generous" than the version the Senate had passed earlier.

"This is really going to help working citizens," he said.

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Subways expose riders and workers to heavily polluted air, research finds

BY JUSTIN GEORGE

A study found that subway air is heavily polluted, exposing transit workers and riders to high concentrations of hazardous metals and harmful pollutants.

Researchers from New York University's Grossman School of Medicine say subway air could make passengers and transit workers more susceptible to longterm illnesses such as asthma, lung cancer and heart disease.

The study, funded by a National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences grant and published in the Environmental Health Perspectives journal on Wednesday, reviewed underground air at the largest transit systems in the Northeast, located in New York-New Jersey, D.C., Philadelphia and Boston. Each system showed concentrations of hazardous metals and organic toxins that ranged between two and seven times the amount in outdoor fresh air.

The study found that while the New York-New Jersey system contained more air pollutants than others, Metro's Capitol South station was among the five worst stations that researchers monitored.

Researchers said transit workers who spend most of their shifts below ground are especially susceptible to the long-term consequences of polluted air.

The findings surprised officials at the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, where some of the worst measurements were taken.

"We're obviously concerned," Executive Director Rick Cotton said. "We are totally committed to protecting the health and safety of our workers. We are totally committed to protecting the health and safety of PATH riders, and we will dig into this, come to conclusions, and if necessary, develop an appropriate action plan to address it."

Other transit agencies responded to the findings by saying projects are underway to improve underground air quality.

Metro said upgrading the filtration in all 308 of its air-conditioning systems is nearly complete. The systems trap small particles, the agency said, including the coronavirus.

"Metro regularly tests air quality in tunnels, stations and station manager kiosks, and the most recent tests conducted last fall showed air quality within OSHA Occupational Exposure Limits," Metro spokesman Ian Jannetta said in a statement. He noted that work was underway to test morestringent filtration in rail cars.

Major ventilation improvements and upgrades are underway at Back Bay Station in Boston, said Lisa Battiston, spokeswoman for the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority.

"The health and safety of riders and the workforce is a top priority for the MBTA, including issues that involve ventilation and air quality within its stations and on platform areas," Battiston said.

Similar improvements are underway at the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority, officials said.

Tim Minton, communications director for New York's Metropolitan Transportation Authority, said that NYU researchers sampled fewer than 1 percent of the sys-



A subway conductor in Manhattan on Feb. 3. Researchers from New York University reviewed the air quality underground at transit systems in D.C., New York and New Jersey, Philadelphia, and Boston.

tem's stations, adding: "We have conducted previous air quality testing on subway trains operating in our system and found no health risks. However, we will thoroughly review this study as the safety of customers and employees is always our highest priority."

The air quality study started in early 2020 just before the coronavirus pandemic. But the findings support multiple transit systems' more recent efforts to improve air quality onboard trains as part of efforts to limit the spread of viruses and other pathogens. Metro is using a \$600,000 grant from the Federal Transit Administration to test and evaluate enhanced filters in its subway cars.

The Bay Area Rapid Transit system in the San Francisco area has been trying denser filter panels to trap smaller particles as well as new disinfectant technology that uses ultraviolet light. New York's MTA is expanding new filtration systems on trains that can trap viruses and cycle air in and out of subway cars every three minutes. Researchers found that one un-

derground station platform on the

Port Authority Trans-Hudson line between New Jersey and Manhattan had up to 77 times the typical concentration of hazardous particles as aboveground city air equivalent to breathing in a forest fire or near a building demolition, the report said.

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"As riders of one of the busiest, and apparently dirtiest, metro systems in the country, New Yorkers in particular should be concerned about the toxins they are inhaling as they wait for trains to arrive," co-senior study author Terry Gordon said in a statement. At other transit system stations, researchers found at least twice as many airborne toxins in subway air as in fresh air. Iron and organic carbon made up three-fourths of the pollutants found, researchers said. Organic carbon has been linked to increased risk of asthma, lung cancer and heart disease, according to the study.

"Our findings add to evidence that subways expose millions of commuters and transit employees to air pollutants at levels known to pose serious health risks over time," David G. Luglio, the study's lead author and a doctoral student at NYU Grossman, said in a statement.

Researchers took more than 300 air samples during rush hour at nearly 70 stations.

According to the findings, the PATH-New York and New Jersey system measured particle concentrations up to 392 micrograms per cubic meter. Air at MTA stations in New York measured as high as 251 micrograms per cubic meter. Metro had the next-highest level, up to 145 micrograms per cubic meter.

Air in Boston stations measured up to 140 micrograms per cubic meter, while Philadelphia had the cleanest system, measuring up to 39 micrograms per cubic meter, researchers said.

By comparison, aboveground air in the same cities averaged 16 micrograms per cubic meter of pollutants. The Environmental Protection Agency has said daily exposure of fine particle concentrations at levels 35 micrograms per cubic meter or more pose serious health hazards, according to the study.

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Ex-Baltimore detective sentenced for lying about stealing, selling cocaine

BY JUSTIN FENTON

A former Baltimore Police detective and federal task force officer was sentenced Monday to 14 months in prison for lying to federal agents about stealing and selling cocaine more than a decade ago — a revelation that could upend a massive gang case.

Ivo Louvado's conviction stemmed from the fallout of the Gun Trace Task Force corruption investigation. Louvado was never part of the unit, but he worked in 2009 with eventual GTTF Sgt. Wayne Jenkins on a plainclothes squad that once seized more than 40 kilograms of cocaine. It was said at the time to be a record bust. that this conduct has metastasized. We're now prosecuting officers multiple steps removed from the genesis of that [GTTF] investigation."

Louvado's attorney, Brian Murphy, maintained that the incident was a one-off that had haunted his 47-year-old client for years.

"But for this conduct, which can't be excused, he was a good cop," Murphy said.

As Louvado heads to a penitentiary, federal prosecutors in the same office that brought charges against him are trying to salvage his work in a major federal gang case, where defense attorneys say the revelations about his misconduct entitle their clients to new



The Gun Trace Task Force touts a cocaine bust in 2009. Former

their investigation, until additional information came to light the next year.

"This foolish mistake on my part has forever changed my life," Louvado told the sentencing judge Monday.

Prosecutors in the Bloods case learned of direct allegations against Louvado three weeks into their trial, in 2019.

"As it was, the newly-received information about Louvado bore on the credibility of a non-witness, and was completely unrelated to the facts of the MMP investigation," Hoffman and Perry wrote.

Attorneys for several of the convicted gang members, including leader Dante Bailey, say the revelatled to a new trial based on the disclosures.

Frazier was tried and convicted separately for the abduction, robbery and killing of a man shot near the Westport light rail tracks in 2016.

"If the government has misrepresented Louvado's role in the investigation and information in the affidavits did in fact come from Louvado's personal participation, then Frazier should be able to delve into what that information was," wrote defense attorney Christopher Davis.

"And if the government is correct and Louvado made no observations, then Louvado lied as to his role in the investigation."

Investigators in the GTTF case learned that Louvado, along with two other detectives, had pilfered three kilograms from that seizure and used an informant to sell the drugs. They split the money, and Louvado used his portion, \$10,000, to buy a boat, according to gang defense attorneys who were provided information from federal prosecutors about his case. Louvado's attorney, however, maintained that he gave the money away out of guilt.

But when confronted by investigators in 2018, Louvado lied.

"The need for deterrence remains strong," Assistant U.S. Attorney Leo Wise told U.S. District Judge Catherine Blake in asking for the 14-month sentence. "This wasn't an isolated incident within the BPD.... What we have seen is trials. Those motions are pending. Prosecutors say Louvado's past

troubles shouldn't upend the massive investigation of the Murdaland Mafia Piru Bloods gang that took years and involved 100 investigators.

Louvado's conviction "provides no legal basis for disturbing the guilty verdicts returned by two separate juries after hearing from over 70 witnesses and reviewing close to 1,000 exhibits over the course of more than 7 weeks of trial," wrote Assistant U.S. Attorneys Christina A. Hoffman and Lauren E. Perry in a September court filing.

One defense attorney in a filing called the response "cavalier" and "shocking."

After the cocaine theft, Louvado went on to spend a decade as a task force officer assigned to the federal

Baltimore detective Ivo Louvado, right, stole from the haul

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and wrote search warrants in the investigation of the Murdaland Mafia Piru Bloods, who were indicted in 2016.

Prosecutors say the gang "controlled the drug trade in large swaths of Northwest Baltimore and neighboring Baltimore County and wreaked havoc in the surrounding communities," including five murders and additional attempted murders.

FBI investigators on the GTTF case learned of the 2009 allegations against Louvado and questioned him in March 2018, two days before a motions hearing in the Bloods case. The U.S. attorney's office said the timing was deliberate, to help them decide whether to call him as a witness in the Bloods case. But they did not reveal the allegations to defense attorneys.

The GTTF investigation was "highly sensitive in nature," and prosecutors said they were not apprised of anything that would cause them to have concerns about Louvado.

In his interview, Louvado was asked about money being taken during the 2009 bust, and said he had no knowledge and would've reported it if he did. The statute of limitations had passed already or Louvado to be charged with the drug theft; Wise, the GTTF prosecutor, said the agents were "looking quite genuinely for this officer to tell the truth."

Wise said Louvado's lies stymied

tions about Louvado's past misconduct "so thoroughly tainted" the case that they are entitled to a new trial and that they "probably" would each be acquitted if tried again.

There's no evidence that Louvado lied in the Bloods investigation, but the defense attorneys say he lied when he presented himself as an honest investigator, and investigative actions that rely on his credibility are now suspect.

"He concealed his prior misconduct from judicial officers and misrepresented himself as an honest investigator of drug dealers rather than as a participant in drug and other crimes," defense attorneys wrote.

Separately, attorneys for Sydni Frazier, who also was charged in the Bloods case, say he too is entiThe government said numerous other officers would have testified to the truthfulness of statements in Louvado's affidavits, and that if they were thrown out, prosecutors simply would have obtained new warrants using the same probable cause statements, sworn to by another officer.

"The government's cavalier attitude is nothing less than shocking," Davis wrote in a Jan. 24 filing.

The two other officers who stole the cocaine in 2009 with Louvado are Keith Gladstone and Victor Rivera. Gladstone has pleaded guilty to other charges related to the 2014 planting of a BB gun at a scene where Jenkins had run someone over with his car. He has not been sentenced. Rivera was sentenced to 14 months in prison last month. - Baltimore Sun

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Beloved teacher and salon owner remembered for dedication to Southeast

BY PERRY STEIN

When Helenmaire White closed her Anacostia hair salon in 2014, her children hoped she would retire. She and her husband raised five children, and they operated a bustling salon for 30 years on Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue that doubled as a friendly and spiritual gathering spot for so many Southeast Washington residents. Her son Tony White II thought it was time.

But White wasn't ready. She wanted to continue with her second job as a cosmetology teacher at Ballou STAY, an alternative school for students who struggled in mainstream classrooms to receive high school diplomas and vocational degrees. White became a mother to many young women in her classrooms, teaching some how to be mothers themselves — and, of course, she taught them how to complete her signature finger-wave hairstyle.

On Feb. 6, White died of complications from covid-19. She was 62.

"I wanted her to retire, to kick her feet up," her son said. "But she saw this as her mission. She wanted to give these girls an opportunity — to really sit in these girls' faces and really guide them through life. That was her drive."

Although officials do not believe White contracted the coronavirus in school, the Washington Teachers' Union said her death underscores what it views as the perils faced by school staff returning to classrooms. In the wake of her death, the union has filed a grievance with the city's labor board, charging safety and reporting violations at Ballou STAY.

D.C. Public Schools has said protocols were followed. White informed the school on Jan. 11 that she needed to quarantine because a personal contact had contracted the virus, potentially exposing her. Under Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines, people in contact with someone who was potentially exposed do not need to quarantine.

Spokeswoman Elizabeth Bartolomeo said the school learned on Jan. 21 that White tested positive for the virus, which then prompted Ballou STAY to inform the school community that someone in the building had tested positive. By that time, it had already been 10 days, and Bartolomeo said no one else at the school had tested positive, and no one else needed to quarantine.

The school system says it informs school communities whenever someone who had been on campus for an extended time tests positive for the virus. But the city relies on people to self-report cases to schools, and union leaders say officials should be more proactive in determining who may have tested positive.

On Tuesday, Washington Teachers' Union President Elizabeth Davis and American Federation of Teachers President Randi Weingarten wrote a letter to city leaders, calling for increased safety measures and transparency and for quicker notifications if someone in a school building contracts the virus. "Educators across our city are determined to help our students succeed and thrive. However, we remain in a global health pandemic," the letter read. "This reality was brought into stark reality with the loss of a DC teacher and WTU member, Ms. [Helenmaire] White this weekend, who taught cosmetology at Ballou STAY."

White's relatives declined to comment on the grievance. In-



FAMILY PHO

Helenmaire White ran a hair salon for 30 years in Anacostia.

stead, they talked about White's dedication to Anacostia and Southeast Washington, an oftenoverlooked corner of the city.

White was born and raised in the Barry Farm public housing community in Southeast Washington. She married Tony White, a retired police officer whom she met in Southeast as a teen, 40 years ago. In the mid-1980s, the couple wanted to open a hair salon, and Helenmaire White knew where it needed to be: Southeast Washington.

"There are so many misconceptions of the people that live in Southeast," said Tony White II. "But my mother saw value there, and she values the people who live there. And she really wanted to give back to the people that live there."

The salon, Ultimate Touch Hair Salon, was like Cheers, her son said, where everybody knew everybody and hung out. She encouraged and said prayers for everyone, transforming the salon into a spot where people went for styling and advice. Tony White II said he grew up thinking he had hundreds of aunts and cousins.

At Ballou STAY, where White worked since 2007, there were home-cooked potlucks in her classroom for Thanksgiving. Gift exchanges for Christmas. Baby showers for pregnant students. One year, students threw White a surprise birthday party.

One student said that when her water was shut off at home, White paid the bill. When the student could afford to pay her back, White refused the money.

Rhonda Davis, a current Ballou

STAY student, decided to return to school for her cosmetology license after her daughter completed White's course. Davis said White helped her daughter through a tough time, and she wanted the same for herself. White called all her students, even the adults, her babies. She encouraged them, and Davis said she loved them all like her own children. If someone was absent for two days, she would call them to make sure they were okay.

"She really started to open me back up to the world," Davis said. "I was getting back into something that I always loved to do, and she was someone who had so much passion to teach me and instruct me how to get it down. We were all her babies."

After White's death, her children were flooded with calls from people who said their mother had shaped their lives. They didn't even know most of these people.

When Tony White II visited the burial plot where his mother would be laid to rest, he asked his father if he thought she knew just how many people she touched.

"Yeah," his father replied. "Because I always told her."

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CARLOS MENEM, 90

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Flamboyant Argentine president tried to tame inflation

BY JOHN OTIS

Carlos Menem, who during 10 years as Argentina's flamboyant, scandal-ridden president engineered a stunning economic turnaround only to be blamed for an even more dramatic financial collapse after he left office, died Feb. 14 at a clinic in Buenos Aires. He was 90.

Argentine President Alberto Fernández confirmed the death in a statement. The cause was a urinary tract infection.

Mr. Menem, who had been ailing for several months, was serving as a national senator until his death.

"There are Argentines who will never forget what Menem did for this country," Argentine journalist and author Horacio Verbitsky once told The Washington Post. "And there are Argentines who will never forgive what Menem did to this country."

Amid a backdrop of hyperinflation and labor strikes, Mr. Menem, a popular provincial governor with bushy muttonchop sideburns, breezed to victory in the May 14, 1989, presidential election. Outgoing President Raúl Alfonsín handed over power five months early on July 8, 1989, to give Mr. Menem a head start in pulling the economy out of its tailspin.

"Argentina is broken, devastated, destroyed, razed. From these ruins, we will build the country we deserve." Carlos Menem, in inaugural address

"There is no other way to put it. Argentina is broken, devastated, destroyed, razed," Mr. Menem said in his inaugural address. "From these ruins, we will build the country we deserve."

Mr. Menem then surprised his followers by turning his back on the pro-labor, big-government orthodoxy of his Justicialist Party, a movement inspired by his hero, former strongman and president Juan Perón. Instead, Mr. Menem sought to deregulate the economy, open up the country to foreign investors, expand trade and pay off government

policies, which were endorsed by International Monetary the Fund and became known as "the Washington Consensus," would later take hold across much of Latin America in the 1990s.

But Mr. Menem's key move, pushed by his influential economic minister, Domingo Cavallo, was to legally peg the Argentine peso to the U.S. dollar on a 1-to-1 basis in 1991.

The "convertibility plan" aimed to stabilize prices and restore confidence in the local currency after a period when out-of-control inflation forced grocery stores to announce price changes over loudspeakers because clerks couldn't re-mark all the merchandise fast enough.

Although unemployment rose, annual inflation fell to the low single digits. With state-run banks, airlines, oil companies, railroads and utilities on the auction block, an estimated \$24 billion in foreign investment flowed into the country in the early 1990s. Between 1991 and 1997, the economy grew by 6.1 percent annually, the highest rate in South America, and Argentina was hailed as a model for the developing world.

Mr. Menem's neoliberal economic policies infuriated leftleaning Peronists, as members of the Justicialist Party are known. But Mr. Menem was more pragmatist than ideologue.

Even though he had been unjustly imprisoned by Argentina's 1976-1983 military junta, Mr. Menem sought to improve relations with an army that had staged three rebellions against his predecessor.

So, on Dec. 29, 1990, Mr. Menem issued a blanket amnesty to the leaders of the military dictatorship that waged a dirty war against leftists, union leaders and other political opponents in which between 9,000 and 30,000 people were either killed or disappeared.

Alfonsín, the former president, called it "the saddest day in Argentine history." But the amnesty brought Mr. Menem a measure of stability and allowed him to focus on the economy.

An enthusiastic free-trader, Mr. Menem helped negotiate the Southern Common Market, or Mercosur, a customs union with Uruguay, Paraguay and traditional rival Brazil. He restored full diplomatic ties with Britain, relations that had been suspendSANTIAGO LLANOUIN/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Carlos Menem waves to reporters in Santiago, Chile, in 2004. When Mr. Menem was president of Argentina in the 1990s, annual inflation fell to the low single digits but unemployment increased.

was pursuing "carnal relations" with Washington.

By then, Mr. Menem had trimmed his sideburns, ditched his loud clothes for French-cut suits, and was enjoying the perks of high office. When an Italian motorcycle company gave him a \$100,000 red Ferrari, Mr. Menem at first rejected advice to give it back, famously declaring, "The Ferrari is mine, mine, mine!" (It was later sold at public auction.)

Mr. Menem also relished his reputation as a Southern Cone Valentino. He kicked his first wife, Zulema Yoma, out of the presidential palace and later married Cecilia Bolocco, a Chilean TV celebrity and former Miss Universe who was 35 years his junior. He publicly flirted with actresses and belly dancers, performed the tango on television and mused aloud about forming a nearly all-female Cabinet.

Riding a wave of popularity and demands that he stay in office, Mr. Menem reached a deal with the opposition Radical Civic Union party in 1993 to change the Constitution to allow sitting presidents to run for one additional term. He was easily reelected in 1995.

the country's Supreme Court with allies, adopted a more authoritarian governing style and tried unsuccessfully to secure another constitutional change so he could stand for a third consecutive term.

Moreover, his management of the economy - which had been Mr. Menem's great strength was called into question amid a series of external shocks.

First came financial crises in Mexico and Russia. Then, Brazil devalued its currency in 1999, and investors in Argentina found their dollars would go further in that neighboring country. Foreign investment began to dry up, exports tumbled and Argentina's economy sank into recession.

Through it all Mr. Menem refused to scrap the peso's 1-to-1 peg with the U.S. dollar, even though the exchange rate was no longer in sync with prevailing economic conditions. The policy left his government with few tools to respond.

To goose the economy, the Menem government resorted to extensive borrowing, but that sent up domestic interest rates

death in 1974. The new junta sacked all the nation's elected governors and began rounding up Peronists, among them Mr. Menem, who spent the next five years in prison.

The experience left him "fortified in his character and determination," Eduardo Menem, Mr. Menem's brother, told the Los Angeles Times in 1991. "When I'd visit him, he would always tell me, 'When I get out of here I will become president."

After democracy was restored in 1983, Mr. Menem was reelected governor of La Rioja and won a third term in 1987. Campaigning as a successful outsider who was in touch with the neglected people of Argentina's interior, he defeated a more-establishment politician to win the Justicialist Party nomination for president in 1988.

When Mr. Menem stepped down as president, he was dogged by investigations of official misconduct and saw some of his key decisions overturned.

In 2005, Argentina's Supreme Court ruled that Mr. Menem's amnesty protecting military officials was unconstitutional. Gen. Jorge Videla and other leaders of the 1976-1983 junta were later convicted of crimes against humanity and imprisoned.

In 2013, Mr. Menem was sentenced to seven years in prison for his involvement in a scheme to smuggle Argentine weapons to Ecuador and Croatia in the early 1990s, a time when those countries were under an international arms embargo. Two years later, Mr. Menem received a fouryear sentence for embezzling public funds during his presidency. But he remained a free man because he had, by then, been elected senator of La Rioja province, a post that provided him with immunity from incarceration.

Another black mark was Mr. Menem's mishandling of a government probe into the 1994 bombing of a Jewish community center in Buenos Aires that killed 85 people and injured more than 300. It was the most deadly act of terrorism in the country's history, but the crime was never solved.

Until the end of his life, Mr. Menem provided fodder for gossip magazines. At age 73, he fathered a child with Bolocco before they divorced in 2009. A son from his first wife, Carlos

largest such default at the time

by any country in history. Amid

riots, bank failures and massive

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many analysts pinned a large

share of the blame on Mr. Men-

have been for Menem to start

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that sense he was absolutely

responsible for the crash," said

Ariel Armony, an Argentine who

serves as the University of Pitts-

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national programs and director

of the University Center for In-

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A Sunni Muslim by birth, Car-

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In what Mr. Menem described as "surgery without anesthesia," he moved swiftly to privatize state companies, roll back the power of labor unions, cut state subsidies and fire thousands of government employees.

These fiscally conservative

ed since the 1982 Falkland Islands War.

He played tennis with President George H.W. Bush, deployed troops and ships to the first Persian Gulf War, and proved such a staunch U.S. ally that one of his foreign ministers, Guido di Tella, quipped that Argentina

During his second term, Mr. Menem seemed to lose his touch. He was widely perceived as ignoring government corruption, especially malfeasance surrounding the lucrative sales of state-run companies. He packed and forced many businesses to close. All along, Wall Street investment banks and credit-rating agencies provided glowing accounts of Argentina.

Mr. Menem left office in December 1999. Two years later, Argentina defaulted on its \$155 billion public debt, the

the National University of Córdoba, joined Perón's Justicialist Party and was elected governor of La Rioja in 1973.

In 1976, military officials overthrew the government of Isabel Martínez de Perón, who had replaced her husband, Juan Perón, in the presidency after his

Menem Jr., died in a helicopter crash in 1995.

Mr. Menem made a final bid for the presidency in 2003, but with polls predicting he was headed for a crushing defeat in the presidential runoff, he withdrew from the race.

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HILTON VALENTINE, 77

Guitarist's riff anchored Animals' definitive song, 'House of the Rising Sun'

By Phil Davison

Hilton Valentine's memorable A minor arpeggio electric guitar riff on the 1964 track "The House of the Rising Sun" helped bring global fame to his English rock and rhythm-and-blues band the Animals, of which he was an original member.

Although the song, about a brothel in New Orleans, was a century-old folk-blues number previously recorded by artists including Lead Belly, Woody Guthrie, Joan Baez and Bob Dylan (who admitted he copied New York folk singer Dave Van Ronk's version), the Animals' track is widely considered definitive.

Rolling Stone magazine ranked it No. 122 among the 500 greatest songs of all time, and as a traditional folk song recorded by an electric rock band, it has been described as the first folk-rock hit.

Two years after Dylan put out an acoustic guitar version of the song on his 1962 self-titled debut album, he heard the Animals' version on his car radio, jumped out of the vehicle, banged on the hood and decided there and then to go electric, according to the Animals' drummer John Steel, who once said Dylan had told him that to his face.

"Rising Sun," which reached No. 1 in the United States and the United Kingdom, became the signature tune of the band from the coal-mining northeastern English town of Newcastle upon Tyne. Yet it was the least rock-and-roll of their many hits, which included "It's My Life" (with Mr. Valentine on electric 12-string), "Don't Let Me Be Misunderstood" (previously recorded by Nina Simone) and "We Gotta Get Out of This Place." The latter became something of an anthem among U.S. "grunts" - young conscript soldiers fighting in Vietnam - for obvious reasons.

Mr. Valentine died Jan. 29 at 77 at his home in Wallingford, Conn., according to his U.S.-based record archive company ABKCO Music & Records. It gave no cause of death.

To rock guitar lovers, Mr. Valentine was no Jimi Hendrix, Eric Clapton or Duane Allman, and he received less fan adulation than the Animals' lead singer and their jazz-inspired electric organist Alan Price, whose mesmerizing solo and coda also graced the "Rising Sun" track along with Eric Burdon's powerful, soulful vocals. But Mr. Valentine played lead and rhythm guitar, and his hard-edge riffs were a driving force in the band's success.

"It really was Hilton who made the early Animals a rock band," Burdon told the online magazine Guitar International. "Because I don't think the element of rock was in the band until we found him. In those days, Hilton wasn't just playing rock-and-roll, he looked rock-and-roll. Here was a guy with the greased mop of hair combed back, cheap leather jacket, winkle-picker shoes, black jeans and a smile on his face playing through an Echoplex, which was a secret weapon back then."

The latter was a recording studio tape-delay device - also used by guitarists such as Allman of the Allman Brothers and Joe

Walsh of the Eagles – which gave echo and added depth to guitars and other instruments.

Mr. Valentine and Steel also leaned heavily on the music and beat of Mississippi-born bluesrock singer and guitarist Bo Diddley, notably on the track "Story of Bo Diddley," which opened their 1964 debut album, "The Animals." On it, Burdon describes in tongue-in-cheek voiceover how the American rocker once came to see the still littleknown Animals at their local venue, the Club-A'Gogo in Newcastle, along with Norma-Jean Wofford, a guitarist known as the Duchess.

According to Burdon's vocals, Bo Diddley asks the Duchess, "Hey, Duch, what d'ya think of those young guys doing our material?"

"I dunno. I just came over here to see the Changing of the Guard an' all that jazz," she replies.

Hilton Stewart Paterson Valentine was born May 21, 1943, in North Shields on the river Tyne near Newcastle. Getting his first guitar at 13, he formed a musical group called the Heppers, playing the popular skiffle music of the time.

He first tried to emulate Britain's most popular musician before the Beatles, Lonnie Donegan, dubbed "the King of Skiffle." The Beatles themselves had started out as a skiffle group but, like the Liverpool "Fab Four," the Heppers turned to rock and became the Wildcats, with the young Valentine imitating Chuck Berry's "duck walk" and playing guitar while on his back on the floor.

In 1963, that brought him to the attention of Burdon, Price and



ducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1994.

Survivors include his wife, Germaine, and a daughter in London, Samantha Valentine, a former bass guitar player in the rock band Ipso Facto.

After settling in Connecticut in 1997, Mr. Valentine returned to his skiffle roots, forming the band Skiffledog, which toured the United States and released two albums. In 2011, he recorded a holiday album with Peter "Big Boy Pete" Miller, an English-born but longtime San Francisco resident, called "Merry Skifflemas!" referred to on the sleeve as a "festive blend of traditional oldies and original newbies." The same year, he released a new album titled "Skiffledog on Coburg Street" (a street in his hometown of North Shields).

His last recording and 2019 video, "River Tyne," was dedicated to the river by which he and the other Animals were born and raised.

Mr. Valentine's most famous riff, on "The House of the Rising Sun," was played on a Gretsch Tennessean guitar he had bought in Newcastle in 1962.

"It is one of the most instantly recognizable introductions to one of the most memorable pop songs of the '60s," said Scottish singersongwriter Ian MacDonald. "A seemingly simple but technically perfect execution of an ongoing arpeggio figure over a repeated chord progression in A minor, which countless budding guitarists have tried to emulate over the decades, though rarely with such accuracy and precision."

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The Animals - from left, Hilton Valentine, Chas Chandler, John Steel, Eric Burdon and Dave Rowberry - in 1965.

bass guitar player Chas Chandler, who enlisted him, along with Steel, into what was then the Alan Price Combo. Before they started recording, they changed their name to the Animals, with Mr. Valentine a founding member.

He left the band in 1966 but remained friends and linked up

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with them for regular reunion concerts over the years, recording a 1977 LP titled "Before We Were So Rudely Interrupted." In 2001, they had a two-night stint at the El Rey Theatre in Los Angeles. In 1969, Mr. Valentine had released a solo album, "All in Your Head." The original Animals were in-

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ABRAHAM J. TWERSKI, 90

Rabbi and psychiatrist treated addictions

FROM NEWS SERVICES AND STAFF REPORTS

Abraham J. Twerski, a Hasidic rabbi and psychiatrist who championed treatment for substance abuse and was the author of more than 80 books on subjects both spiritual and scientific, died Jan. 31 at a hospital in Jerusalem. He was 90.

He had covid-19, the disease caused by the novel coronavirus, his family told the Associated Press.

Dr. Twerski said he found an "exquisite harmony" between his medical and religious callings and was equally at home in the rabbinical world of Torah and Talmud study and the medical world as a practicing psychiatrist. It was a rare pairing that earned him respect in both the insular ultra-Orthodox Jewish world and wider American society.

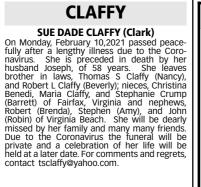
He also composed liturgical music for Jewish worship services and collaborated with cartoonist Charles Schulz, the creator of the "Peanuts" comic strip, on a series of self-help books.

For years, Dr. Twerski led the Lubavitch Center, a Hasidic congregation in Pittsburgh. He was also a founder and the longtime medical director of the Gateway Rehabilitation Center, a residential treatment facility that now has 22 locations in Pennsylvania and Ohio. Abraham Joshua Twerski was

born Oct. 6, 1930, in Milwaukee to immigrant parents from Russia. He was descended on both sides of his family from rabbis in the Hasidic tradition of Orthodox Judaism. He became an ordained rabbi at 21 and assisted his father in Milwaukee. Four brothers also became rabbis.

"I noticed that people weren't flocking to me for counseling the way they had to my father," Dr. Twerski later recalled in Pittsburgh Quarterly. "I decided that if I wanted to be the kind of rabbi my father was, I had to become a professional. So I went for broke, going to medical school to become a psychiatrist."

He attended medical school at Marquette University in Milwaukee and struggled to pay tuition. He unexpectedly received a financial gift from entertainer Danny Thomas, which allowed him to complete his medical degree in 1960 and continue with specialized training



DEATH NOTICE

COHEN



JILL KATZ YOUNG COHEN A resident of Washington DC since 1963, passed away quietly and peacefully Wednes-day morning February 10, 2021. Born and day morning February 10, 2021. Born and raised through her teenage years in New York City, Mrs. Cohen was a New York City society debutante in the winter of 1960. She graduated high school from Mount Vernon Seminary in Washington, DC and attended the American University. Mrs. Cohen's first and everlasting priorities were her beloved children, Melissa (Ted) of Bethesda, Maryland, Cameron (Mia) and Chris (Gaby) of Florida and her five grandchildren, Lily, Sloane, Andrew, Jake and Sadie. Mrs. Cohen's interests were varied and broad. An avid traveler, she visited virtually every region of the world. She was a former Ice dancer appearing in ice shows virtually every region of the world. She was a former Ice dancer appearing in ice shows in Sun Valley, Idaho and was an aficionado of world figure skating championships, attending numerous competitions across the globe over many years. She was a lover and practitioner of high fashion, appreciator of art, Broadway musicals, dancing, politics and, as well, long suffering fan of the Washington Football Team. Mrs. Cohen is survived by her three children and five grandchildrer; brother, Tony Katz (Linda) of Naples, FL; two nephews, Jordan Katz (Kristina) of Arlington Heights, Illinois, and Brandon Katz of Westchester, New York and a niece, Whitney Katz of Florida.

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GERBER

ROBERT RAY GERBER Robert R. Gerber, 88 of Falls Church, VA passed away on January 29, 2021. Services will be held at National Funeral Home. More information can be found at

can be found at www.nationalfh-mp.com

HILLIER



(Age 80) Janet Elaine Hillier of Fairfax, VA, on February 9, 2021 passed peacefully after a brief illness. She was born December 18, 1940 in Brooklyn, New York to William and Alice Hand. She is



CONSTANCE ELLEN KOSSIARAS (Age 73) On Thursday, February 11, 2021, of Rockville, MD. Born in Chica-go, IL. Devoted daughter of Wil-liam and Stella Metos. Beloved wife of Thomas Peter Kossiaras. Loving mother of Ilia (Nick) Cout-sos, Martha (Rob Spares) Kossiaras and Peter (Carrie Wilson) Kossiaras. Adoring Puona" of Connie Peter Tommy Eleni and "Nona" of Connie, Peter, Tommy, Eleni and Aris. Sister of Peter Metos. Funeral Service at Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 2815 36th St NW, Washington DC 20007, on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 11 a.m. Viewing at 10 a.m. Interment Parklawn Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Sonbia

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PROFITT

JEANETTE MARIE PROFITT On Thursday, February 11, 2021, loving Mothel and Sister, Jeanette, lost her battle with cancel and Sister, Jéanette, lóst her battle with cancer at the age of 75, and passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her immediate family. Preceded in death by her parents, Lillian and Robert Landrum, sister, Virgie Bodenstein and grandson, Jacob Profitt. She is survived by her loving daughters, Lisa Shremshock (husband Philip), and Maria Olson. She is also survived by her grandsons, Joshua and Jesse Profitt and Bryan Adcock, as well as her sister, Mildred Maurice, brother, Thomas Landrum and several nieces and nephews. The family is honoring Jeanette's wishes to be cremated and has elected not to have a service or funeral. In lieu elected not to have a service or funeral. In lieu of flowers, we ask that people please donate to the American Cancer Society

RICKEY

PHILIP A. RICKEY (Age 86)

PHILIP A. RICKEY (Age 8b) Peacefully on January 25, 2021. Born in Chica-go, II on March 20, 1934 to the late Donald Gladstone Rickey and Judith Sanderson. He was preceded in death by his wife, Diane D Rickey. After graduating from Geneva High School, he attended Lawrence College and continued his education getting his Master's degree at Harvard University. He spent four years in the Navy. After the Navy. he ioined degree at Harvard University. He spent four years in the Navy, After the Navy, he joined the CIA where he retired in 1992. Survived by children, Philip "Ben" Rickey, Paul Rickey (Janet), and Dawn Gray (Donald), four grand-children, Diane Rickey Clark, Kathryn Tinney, Kellie Hopkins, and Kyle Hopkins and six great-grandchildren. Virtual services will be recorded and available on

www.murphyfuneralhomes.com

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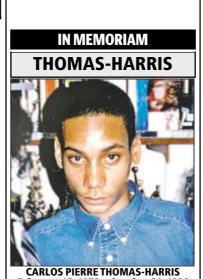
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belowed whe of the late John L. Sechnes, J., mother of Peggy Atterberry-Mosley, Robert F. Key (Edlwin), Jean Epps-Tate (Fitzalbert) and the late M. Cardell Sechrest and Tyrone Waller. She is also survived by a host of grandchildren, sisters, other relatives and friends. Friends at Thornton Functives and Thends. Friends may visit with the family Friday, February 19 at Thornton Funeral Home, 3439 Livingston Rd., Indian Head, MD from 10 a.m. until time of service 11 a.m. Interment at a later date. Livestream at

Livestream at www.thorntonfuneralhomepa.com



February 15, 1979 ~ October 24, 1996 Happy 42nd Birthday, Carlos Love, Mom, Pop, Joshua, Jalen, Grandma, Family, Friends and Grandma Holt who is in heaven with you. Grandma Thomas now has joined you.

DEATH NOTICE





Juliana Alexandra Best, 31, of Alexandria, VA, passed away on Saturday, February 6, 2021. She is survived by her mother and stepfather, Wanda and Dave Rogers of Alexandria, VA; sister and brother-in-law, Natalie and Joshua Justice of Alexandria, VA; nephews, Lucas and Landon Justice of Alexandria, VA; her love and best friend of six years, Cam McKeehan of Haymarket, VA; and Cam's family, Mark, Missy and Cooper, of Haymarket, VA. She was preceded in death by her father, Alvin Best.



DEATH NOTICE

On Thursday, February 11, 2021 Rhoda Herman of Bethesda, MD Beloved wife of the late Kenneth

Beloved wife of the late Kenneth Herman, devoted and loving mother of Nadine (Alan) Levin, Eileen (Peter) Lehrer, Dianne "Donni" Rappaport; adored grandmother of Josh (Iulianna) VerStandig, Mac VerStandig, Debora (Bryan) Laulicht, Suzanne (Paul) Dumaine, Gregory (Randi) Rappaport, and Melissa Pope; cherished great-grandmother of Adelaide VerStandig, Jamie Laulicht, Arthur Dumaine, Natalie, Gabrielle and Adam Rappaport, Jordan Jackson and Noah Pope; dear sister of the late Bea (David) Leventhal. Rhoda was also a beloved stepmother to Mitchell (Patti) Herman and Sandi (Jeff) Perkins and their families. Additionally, she will be missed by families. Additionally, she will be missed by her dear friend, Paul Schulman.

Rhoda had a special zest for life, and she knew how to live it to its fullest. She was elegant, witty, intelligent, warm, and never wavered in doing what she believed to be right. She was a proud volunteer for the Red Cross, and a longtime supporter of charities focusing on the needs of children. She had a big heart, a love of travel, a penchant for hats, an appetite for great meals (she could pick crabs with the best), and most of all, a deep love of family. Funeral services will be held privatey. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice. Ser-vices entrusted to Sagel Bloomfield Dan-zansky Goldberg Funeral Care. knew how to live it to its fullest. She was zansky Goldberg Funeral Care. www.sagelbloomfield.com

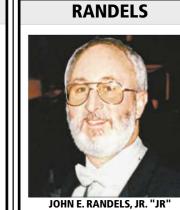
JOHNSON



PAULA ANNE JOHNSON (Age 82) Of Falls Church, VA, passed away peacefully in her sleep on February 2, 2021. A natural educator, lover of history and travel who brought passion and commitment to her roles as teacher and administrator. She was a respected contributor to education in Fairfax County for over 20 years. She and Paul fostered a deep love of and commitment to family their children. Paula was a devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, and a true friend to many, giving freely of her time and talents. Predeceased by her beloved hus-band Paul, and is survived by her four children, 18 grandchildren and seven great grandchil-dren. A graveside service will be held at Arlington National Cemetery. For further details visit www.dignitymemorial.com/obitu-aries/fairfax-va/paula-johnson-10036883. PAULA ANNE JOHNSON (Age 82)





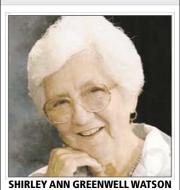


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andels passed away peacefully Sunday, ruary 7, 2021 of complications from ebruary 7 arkinson's, Born December 11, 1945, son Parkinsón's. Born December 11, 1945, son of the late J. Edward Randels and Helen Wyckoff Randels. He remained a lifelong resident of the Washington area. JR gradu-ated from Blair High School and Parsons College. After stints with MPD and U.S. Secret Service, he found his true calling as a Sales Executive for Hargrove Display Company in Landover, MD. He spent over 35 years helping scores of clients plan and execute events around the Metro area and locations across the country. His true forte though was enjoying life with his forte though was enjoying life with his friends and clients. As the producer of the National Debutante Cotillion for many friends and clients. Ás the producer of the National Debutante Cotillion for many years, he made sure all the attendees were well cared for. A long-time member of the University of Maryland Terrapin Club, he was a one-man cheerleading squad and well-known tailgate expert. On the road, he enjoyed over 50 years participating in world class motor sports events at tracks around the world, becoming a celebrity at Watkins Glen, New York. He marked his fortieth birthday by inviting 500 friends and having over 400 from all over the country show up at University of Maryland. He will be sorely missed, but greatly remembered by the many lives he touched. A post-covid memorial will be planned. Memorial donations can be made to the Terrapin Club Impact Fund to benefit scholarships for student-athletes at the University of Mary-land; contributions will be tax-deductible. Checks should be imade payable to the UMCP Foundation, 4603 Calvert Rd., Col-lege Park, MD 20740 (please note gift in memory of JOHN E. RANDELS, JR in memo section). Gifts can also be made online at giving.umd.edu for the Terrapin Club Impact Fund, account #21-22940. Share memories of JR.

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Charles County Public Schools, and worked at Shoppers Food Warehouse for Shoppers County Public Schools, and worked at Shoppers Food Warehouse for 18 years. Charles County Public Schools, and Worked at Shoppers Food Warehouse for 18 years. She enjoyed ceramics, crafts, canning and traveling anywhere; but most of all spend-ing time with her family. Shirley was a strong woman and her Catholic faith was very important to her. She had a great sense of humor and loved to laugh. She was born on April 3, 1937 to Lewis H. Greenwell, sr. and Priscilla Madolin Wathen Greenwell, in Waldorf, Maryland. She married her high school sweetheart, Edward Joseph Watson, sr. on December 3, 1955 at St. Peter's Church in Waldorf, Maryland and together they went on to have five children. They enjoyed 34 years of marriage until after a brief illness, Edward passed away in 1989. Several years later, she met William Blair at church, and they were married there until he passed away in 2008 after a lengthy illness. In addition to Edward J. Watson, Sr, Robert Wayne Watson (their son who died at birth) and William Blair, Shirley was predoceared by ber carpate Lowic and illness. In addition to Edward J. Watson, Sr., Robert Wayne Watson (their son who died at birth) and William Blair, Shirley was predeceased by her parents, Lewis and Madolin, brothers Kenneth Greenwell and Lewis H. Greenwell, Jr., sisters, Mildred C. Greenwell and Myra G. Shlagel. Shirley is survived by four children, Edward J. Watson, Jr. (Dan), Bonnie M. Watson (Jeff), Brenda A. Canter (Allan), Mark W. Watson (Donna); and her sister, Rose Langley; nine grandchildren, Mike Goldsmith, Laura Mize Goldsmith, Patrick Goldsmith, Doug Canter, Lindi Romine, April Sage, Allison Aponte, Holly Watson and Erin Watson; 14 great-grandchildren, Olivia, Michael, Isabella, Presley, Liam, Irelynn, Peyton, Jackson, Braylen, Elijah, Joshua, Ella, Leverett and Maeverly, and a host of nieces, nephews and extended family and friends. There will be a private visitation for family at Raymond's Funeral Home, LaPlata, Mary-land. Mass of Christian burial will be held on Wednesday, February 17, at 10 a.m. with internment to follow at Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton, Maryland. In lieu of flow-ers, please consider a memorial donation in Shirley's name to St. Peter's School or St. Peter's Church, 3200 St. Peter's Drive, Waldorf Maryland. St. Peter's Church, 3320 St. Peter's Drive, Waldorf, Maryland 20601. For the safety of our family and friends, there will be no repast following the funeral.

in psychiatry.

He later became a teacher and clinical psychiatrist with the University of Pittsburgh. He had a long association with Pittsburgh's St. Francis Hospital, where he treated a range of mental health issues, including addiction. He worked with an order of Catholic nuns, the Sisters of St. Francis, to create the first Gateway center for long-term residential treatment.

He chronicled the interfaith venture in one of his many books, "The Rabbi & the Nuns" (2013). He also wrote a column for the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. In a 1991 column, he estimated that he had worked with 30,000 people recovering from alcoholism.

In another column, titled "Without a Job, Who Am I?," Dr. Twerski wrote that many people equated their sense of self-worth with their jobs. The column led to his first collaboration with Schulz, a 1995 book called "When Do the Good Things Start?," featuring Schulz's "Peanuts" characters.

Through his work in mental health, Dr. Twerski broke down barriers and taboos about psychiatry and abuse within the Orthodox Jewish world. His 1996 book "The Shame Borne in Silence: Spouse Abuse in the Jewish Community' was considered a groundbreaking work.

"Some of the people read the book and told me, you saved my life," he told the Post-Gazette, "but others called me a scoundrel, how dare you besmirch your Jewish brethren?" He later said that his message became more widely received.

For the past several years, Dr. Twerski split his time between Israel and the United States.

His first wife, Golda, died in 1995. Survivors include his wife, Gail Bessler-Twerski; four children from his first marriage; two brothers; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and greatgreat-grandchildren.

In a 2006 Post-Gazette column, Dr. Twerski wrote that it was possible to lead a spiritual life "independent of religion," noting that the search for truth and purpose and the ability to make ethical choices are spiritual qualities that can lead to "being the finest human being one can be.

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survived by her husband, Pringle Pat Hillier, and her three children, Deborah Hillier, Scot Hillier (Nancy), and Brooke D. Pappagallo (Domenic).

Janet is additionally survived by her sister, Denise LaRuffa (Frank), brother, Bill Limperop-ulos (Jane), cousin, Ed Lohse, grandchildren, Ashley Rogers, Matt Hillier (Hannah), Caitlin Ogles (Jeremy), Andrew Cormode, Carly Dobyns, Elyse Dobyns and great-grandchildren, Emily Rogers, Rebecca Rogers and Timothy Matthew Hillier (expected March 2021).

Services to be held 10 a.m., Thursday Febru-ary 18, 2021 at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, 3700 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, Vir-ginia. Interment to follow at Fairfax Memorial Park, 9900 Braddock Road, Fairfax, Virginia.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Society of the Little Flower (littleflower.org), Sisters of Life (sistersoflife.org) or INOVA Fair Oaks Professional Education Programs (foundation.inova.org).

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Juliana was a very kind, compassionate, and empathic person and friend to many. She had a hilarious sense of humor and loved making people laugh. Juliana had a passion for the arts, music, writing, reading, and education.

An outdoor Memorial Service will be held April 2, 2021, at 2 p.m. at Mt. Comfort Cemetery. She will be laid to rest next to her father and grandparents.

The family is only asking for prayers at this

STUCKY



JEAN SEIBERT STUCKY

Jean Seibert Stucky died on November 7, 2020 at Walter Reed National Military Medical 2020 at waiter keed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. She was born in Berkeley, California, on February 9, 1951, the eldest daughter of Edward Raymond Seibert and Frances Selma (Berg) Seibert. Her parents moved to Washington, D.C., when she was young, and she grew up in the Maryland suburbs of the city. She attended the public schools in Oxon Hill, Maryland, and then enterged Wellesley College from the public schools in Oxon Hill, Maryland, and then entered Wellesley College, from which she graduated in 1973 with an A.B. in Economics. At Wellesley, she met her future husband, Scott W. Stucky, who was a student at Harvard Law School. They were married on 18 August 1973 at St. Barnabas Church in Temple Hills, Maryland. That fall, they moved to San Antonio, Texas, where Scott entered the Air Force as a judge advocate. She had a strong desire to study law herself, and applied to law schools while they were in San Antonio. She also continued her graduate education in economics at Trinity University in San Antonio, concentrating in University in San Antonio, conditions at filling labor and antitrust economics. In 1975, she entered Cornell Law School. Her husband was overseas in Thailand during her first year in law school, but they were reunited the next were when he was reassigned to the next year when he was reassigned to Syracuse, New York.

In 1978, she graduated from Cornell, and returned to Washington with her husband. Her first government job was with the Admin-istrative Conference of the United States, but in 1979 she joined the National Labor Relations Board as an attorney in the Division of Advice. She had a deep interest in labor law and economics. The Division of Advice, which advised the General Counsel of the Board on pandi isource of labor valorities upon Board on novel issues of labor relations, was an excellent fit for her. In 1980, she received the M.A. from Trinity with a thesis on resale price maintenance in antitrust law. She occupied increasingly responsible positions in the NLRB until 1994.

In 1994, she transferred to the Department of Energy, to occupy a new civil service position in charge of all legal issues arising in the Department's huge (nearly 100,000) contractor workforce. In this capacity, she did the work of several contract attorneys previously retained by the General Counsel previously retained by the General Counsel of the Department. Her work was of such



KEITH B. NORMAN (Age 66) Passed away at home Thursday, January 28 2021. In 2008 Keith retired from a 37-year career with The Washington Post in the Adver vising Services Department. Memorial service will be held Monday, February 15 from 1 to 3 p.m. via the Pope Funeral Home, District Heights, MD. Live stream: Popefn.com, click obituary and Keith's name and follow instruc-tione of Instruct and Instructions tions for laptop or cellphone access.

exceptional quality that she was promoted within three years of joining the Department. She quickly became the departmental expert on employee benefit issues as applied to DOE's unique workforce situation, and earned the respect of unions, contractors, and employees alike for her intelligence and hard work. In 2011, that work received well-deserved recognition when she was made deserved recognition when she was made Assistant General Counsel and advanced to the government's Senior Executive Service, the glite corps at the top of the career civil service. She continued in that capacity until her retirement in November 2018, after 40 years of government service.

In 1992, after years of effort, the Stuckys received their first child, Mary-Clare, as an infant from Korea. Three years later, their son, Joe, followed. The adoption of these son, Joe, followed. The adoption of these children made the family complete. Jean took enormous pleasure in the children as they grew up, supporting them in their acad-emic and athletic efforts from St. Columba's Nursery School in the District to the Primary Day School and the Bullis School in Maryland. This interest continued as they went on to college, The University of Alabama for Mary-Clare and Boston University for Joe. Many miles were driven to watch Joe play varsity lacrosse at BU, or, in Mary-Clare's case, to retrieve a stray kitten which she had rescued and which now is a part of the family. Jean was fortunate enough to see both children in graduate school, Mary-Clare at American and Joe at Tufts, before her illness.

For over 30 years, Jean was an active mem-ber of the Altar Guild at Washington Cathe-dral. She originally went to a training session there and was one of the few asked to remain after the session was over for consideration after the session was over for consideration for membership. Although she had no pro-fessional training in the art, she had an innate sense of line, mass, and color that made her a superb flower arranger. She took great pleasure in the fellowship of the Guild and the service to God and the Church that her abilities enabled her to give.

Jean was a lifelong supporter of Wellesley College, and was very active in alumnae activities in the 1980s and 1990s, culminating in her service as president of the Washington Wellesley Club from 1992 to 1994. She held this office when she had a baby daughter and a full-time job, truly a remarkable achieve-ment. To the end of her life, she almost never missed the reunions of her class.

She also enjoyed the social affairs of the various hereditary and patriotic societies of which her husband was a member, particularly the annual dinners of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States and the various gatherings of the District of Columbia Sons of the Revolution.

Survivors include her husband, Chief Judge Scott W. Stucky of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, of Potomac, Maryland; her children, Mary-Clare of Arling-The pranty nerror conditient, Warty-Clare of Arling-ton, Virginia, and Joe of Boston, her sister Catherine and brother-in-law Frederick Wright of Bethesda, Maryland; and niece Emma Wright of Boston. Cremation has taken place. Services will be held at a later date.

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OFFICIAL RECORD A mixed bag Wednesday Today Tuesday Thursday Friday Saturday Morning rain, Cloudy, rain Partly sunny, Partly sunny Snow, sleet, Partly sunny **Temperatures** AVERAGE 🚦 RECORD 📲 ACTUAL 📲 FORECAST Spotty pockets of drizzle linger in the breezv rain i breezv early morning, but we'll stay mostly cloudy and mostly dry for much of the daytime. Chilly and a bit raw, with highs in the upper 30s and a $\diamond \diamond \diamond$ ٥ 00 ٥ ٥ ٥ light east wind at 5 to 10 mph. Steadier rain develops after 5 p.m. and continues through the **37°**34 **36°**33 **53°**26 **38°**30 43 39 night, with lows in the mid-30s. 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(Reagan): this month: -1.2° yr. to date: +1.4' 35/32 Dover 21/19 000 • 36/33 16/11Precipitation Minneapolis Davis Cape May Juneau PREVIOUS YEAR NORMAL LATES Washington Annapolis 32/27 27/15 -2/-14 41/29 36/33 38/34 0 0 OCEAN: 38 Charlottesville Ocean City 35/29 Chicago 40/36 43/37 OCÉAN: 37° 12/10 (\mathbf{H}) Lexington 40/34 Francisco 40/32 ive St: Richmond 60/49 24/9 Virginia Beach 41/38 Los Angeles 43/42Albuquerque 45/42 Dulles BWI Reagar Norfolk 66/53 34/28 Past 24 hours 0.01" Trace 0.02" 44/42 1.70" Total this month 1.56' 1.26' Kitty Hawk 50/32Normal 1.32' 1.38' 1.43" 43/41 Total this vear 3.49 3.14' 3.85" OCÉAN: 42 Hilo Houston Honolulu Chihuahua Normal 4.13' 4.06' 4.48" 82/68 26/10 **Air Quality: Moderate** 52/41 Snow, past 24 hours 0.2" 0.2" Pollen: Low 0.2 82/69 Miami Snow. season total 4.7" 10.8" 9.2" Grass Low 85/75 Trees Weeds La Paz Low Low UV: Low •70/52 43/25 Moon Phases Solar system Mold Low 1 out of 11 Rise Set 6:59 a.m. 5:46 p.m Sun Blue Ridge: Today, cloudy, ice early, rain. High 34-38. Wind 9:14 a.m. 9:45 p.m Moon Feb 19 Feb 27 Mar 5 Mar 13 Cold From 4:54 p.m south 10-20 mph. Tonight, rain, snow, sleet. Low 32-36. 6:39 a.m. Yesterday's Nationa World * * * * /// 66 $\nabla \nabla$ First Last *** High: Titusville, FL 90 High: Nara, Mali 107 12:44 a.m Mars 10:26 a.m. Wind south 15-25 mph. Tuesday, morning showers, partly Quarter Quarter Low: Ely, MN -50° <-10 -0s 0s 10s 20s 30s 40s 50s 60s 6:24 a.m. Low: Kerbo, Russia -63 Jupiter 4:34 p.m sunny. High 36-40. Wind west 15-25 mph. Wednesday, Saturn 6:04 a.m. 4:02 p.m partly sunny. High 30-34. 85/74/t 86/75/sh -1/-18/c 3/-7/pc 11/9/sn 75/64/s 73/62/s Rio de Janeiro NATIONAL Today Tomorrow Des Moines Oklahoma City 5/–12/c WORLD Today Tomorroy Hong Kong Atlantic beaches: Today, cloudy, shower. High 40-44. Detroit 18/12/sr 21/0/sr Omaha -2/-21/0 1/-2/ 76/49/9 77/48/s 86/61/s 89/67/9 Riyadh Wind north 8-16 mph. Tonight, cloudy, rain. 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Tenant support is vital, advocates say

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Authorities have imposed temporary moratoriums that bar landlords from evicting tenants for nonpayment. An array of public and private programs has provided money to help tenants avoid falling too far behind on what they owe.

The D.C. government offers assistance via the Covid-19 Housing Assistance Program, Housing Stabilization Grants and other plans. Similar programs are available in Maryland.

Still, the need for assistance remains. The relief bill passed by Congress in December included \$25 billion in emergency rental assistance, but housing experts said that would only temporarily prop up a shaky status quo.

Meanwhile, many tenants are falling further behind on their rent, and increasing numbers are at risk of eviction when moratoriums end.

"If there does not continue to be a significant outpouring of support from the states and federal government, when the eviction moratoriums end — and they will end — there will be a cataclysmic wave of evictions," said Andrew F. Schneider, executive director of Arlington Thrive.

Said Peter Tatian, a senior fellow at the Urban Institute: "Theoretically, the assistance that the federal government is providing sort of matches up with where the rent shortfall is. The problem is the rent shortfall is a moving target ... because we have a continuing economic crisis." In the District, the total of

unpaid rent in January totaled between \$66 million and



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National Council of State Housing Agencies. It estimated that between 7,800 and 15,800 people were at risk of eviction when moratoriums end.

Figures were not available for the D.C. suburbs alone, but for Maryland as a whole, the rent shortfall ranged from \$206 million to \$381 million, and those at risk of eviction numbered between 38,000 and 71,400. In Virginia, the shortfall was between \$266 million and \$453 million, and between 42,800 and 86,500 were at risk of eviction.

"The rent shortfall is a moving target." Peter Tatian, a senior fellow at the Urban Institute

A large number of renters who are eligible for help are not getting it for bureaucratic or other reasons. Many are not aware that aid is available or are wary of seeking it because they are undocumented immigrants.

One hurdle is a provision that the federal aid approved in December is available only to those who can provide pay stubs, bank statements or other paperwork to show they meet requirements such as that their income is sufficiently low to qualify for aid.

"The federal funds come with very high standards of documentation that some tenants simply can't meet," said Marian Siegel, executive director of Housing Counseling Services.



ARLINGTON THRIVE

The nonprofit Arlington Thrive has helped renters stay afloat.

A sizable but unknown number of tenants have concluded that they will never be able to catch up on back rent and have left their homes to move in with family or friends — an action known in the industry as "self-eviction."

This phenomenon is evident in a dramatic jump in apartment vacancy rates — from below 5 percent normally to between 15 percent and 25 percent at present, according to Patrick Algyer, executive director of the Northern Virginia Apartment Association.

People "get so far behind on rent that they don't know what to do, [so] they pack up and move," Algyer said.

The high cost of housing was one of the region's principal social ailments even before the coronavirus pandemic. Now the recession has made it worse.

Governments "need to keep the eviction and utility moratoria in place until we find a way to cancel the rents or have enough money in the city to pay what's owed and keep people in their homes," said Amber W. Harding, an attorney with the Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless.

"I've been doing this work for 17 years," she added. "And this is probably the most worried I have ever been."

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A strict aunt's disciplining of her sister's 5-year-old twins may hold lessons for the whole family. cs



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Before a bridge, the same sad chorus

Racial slur confirmed stereotypes about country music, while historic coming-out defied them

BY EMILY YAHR

You won't find the full story of what happened in country music in the video posted to TMZ on Feb. 2, which showed Morgan Wallen, one of the genre's biggest stars,



Weaver's quiet rise before a public fall

BY ROXANNE ROBERTS

The puzzle that is John Weaver comes in fragmented pieces: He's described as brilliant, brooding, tragically flawed. And as a liar, cheat, predator.

The Republican political consultant lived most of his life in the background, until last month when 21 men accused him of inappropriate, unwanted sexual texts. Weaver released a statement saying he believed the messages were "consensual mutual conversations" and then came out publicly for the first time in his 61 years.

"The truth is that I'm gay," he wrote. "And that I have a wife and two kids who I love. My inability to reconcile those two truths has led to this agonizing place."

The news was a shock in elite political circles: Even those who thought they knew Weaver well were floored to discover his sexual orientation and that he had been approaching young men for years.

"You could have knocked me over with a feather - I couldn't believe it," says Fred Davis, a GOP media consultant who knows Weaver and his family. And yet, there was always something mysterious about Weaver. "He's a genius, but that genius comes with a dark cloud."

One of his secrets was the decades-long effort to hide his homosexuality, which could have been an issue in conservative circles, especially at the beginning of his career. Friends and colleagues interviewed for this article say they don't care about his sexuality, but his texts were unacceptable: unsolicited and creepy, especially SEE WEAVER ON C4

yelling the n-word outside his home. You won't find it in the carefully crafted corporate statements from radio companies and his record label and talent agency, who dropped his music, indefinitely suspended his recording contract and removed him from their rosters.

You can find it, however, in the comments on an Instagram post from a Nashville music executive describing Wallen as someone who is "maybe a little ignorant" and "lost his fight with alcohol" but "doesn't deserve this." Country stars who didn't publicly condemn his slur "liked" the post and filled the comment section with hearts.

You can also find it in the iTunes and Billboard charts, where sales of Wallen's music have soared as fans cry "cancel culture" and insist they will support him. You can find it in the reactions from Black country singers, who are deeply pained but unsurprised by Wallen's actions and the quick calls for forgiveness, as artists of color have been SEE COUNTRY ON C3

IASON KEME

TOP: Morgan Wallen was punished after a video showed him using the n-word, but he garnered support from those decrying "cancel culture." ABOVE: T.J. Osborne, seen at left with his brother John, came out as gay, receiving supportive comments from the industry.

Culture of lying made conviction impossible



The words spoken on the Senate floor over the past few days were almost innumerable. But the ones that

Margaret Sullivan

stayed with me through the second impeachment trial of Donald Trump were among the very first ones uttered.

"Democracy needs a ground to stand upon — and that ground is the truth," lead House impeachment manager Jamie Raskin said in his opening statement, quoting his father, the political activist Marcus Raskin.

This Senate trial would not be a contest among lawyers, or between political parties, said the Maryland Democrat, who led the prosecuting team trying to make the case that the 45th president had incited the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol.

No, the trial would be, and should be, "a moment of truth for America."

As it turned out, truth was perfectly well served in the trial, at least on one side. Raskin and the other House managers made an irrefutable case. It was so irrefutable that even the former president's greatest enabler, Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell, admitted what the facts were: that Trump was "practically and morally responsible" for the insurrection.

But the truth wasn't enough. It should be no surprise. After all, one of the hallmarks of the Trump administration – along with a penchant for cruelty and an endless font of self-dealing was the lying.

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Host of 'The Bachelor' to step aside after 'uninformed' interview

BY EMILY YAHR AND LISA BONOS

Less than a week after "The Bachelor" host Chris Harrison defended a contestant accused of racially insensitive social media posts, he announced that he will be "stepping aside for a period of time," including the upcoming season finale's "After the Final Rose" special.

"My ignorance did damage to my friends, colleagues and strangers alike. I have no one to blame but myself for what I said and the way I spoke," he wrote in a lengthy statement on Instagram on Saturday. "By excusing historical racism, I defended it ... I am ashamed over how uninformed I was. I was so wrong.'

On Feb. 9, Harrison sat down for an interview with "Extra" correspondent Rachel Lindsay, a former franchise star who was the first Black Bachelorette in the show's history in 2017. They started discussing the controversy surrounding current "Bachelor" Season 25 contestant Rachael Kirkconnell, whose recently unearthed social media history

revealed that she had "liked" a post with friends posing in front of a Confederate flag; shared an Instagram post containing language that echoed the QAnon extremist ideology; and attended an "Old South" antebellum-themed sorority party in college. Kirkconnell is still in the running and competing to win the affection of Matt James, who is the first Black lead of "The Bachelor."

Shortly after Harrison's interview with Lindsay aired, Kirkconnell wrote an apology on Instagram: "I didn't recognize how offensive and racist my actions were, but that doesn't excuse them. My age or when it happened does not excuse anything. They are not acceptable or okay in any sense. I was ignorant, but my ignorance was racist."

But at the time of the "Extra" interview, when Lindsay brought up the allegations about Kirkconnell, Harrison went on the defensive, saying, "The woke police is out there, and this poor girl Rachael has just been thrown to the lions." He added that he hadn't spoken to Kirkconnell about it yet SEE HARRISON ON C2



Longtime host Chris Harrison talks with Matt James, the first Black lead of "The Bachelor." Harrison's recent comments and what many considered his condescending tone sparked outrage from fans.

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but said it was "unbelievably alarming" to watch people online "tearing this girl's life apart and diving into her parents and her parents' voting record," as well as her social media posts.

"I saw a picture of her at a sorority party five years ago, and that's it. Like, boom. Like, 'Okay. Well, this girl is in this book now. And she's now in this group.' And I'm like, really?" Harrison said.

"Well, the picture was from 2018 at an Old South antebellum party. So that's not a good look," Lindsay said.

"Well, Rachel, is it a good look in 2018? Or is it not a good look in 2021?" Harrison argued. "Because there's a big difference."

"It's not a good look ever," Lindsay told him. "Because she's celebrating the Old South. If I were at that party, what would I represent?"

"I don't disagree with you. You're 100 percent right in 2021. That was not the case in 2018," Harrison said. "And again, I'm not defending Rachael. I just know that, I don't know, 50 million people did that in 2018. That was a type of party that a lot of people went to."

As Lindsay continued to explain the issue, Harrison kept urging "grace and understanding" for Kirkconnell, whom he argued was an 18-year-old college student at the time who didn't have the understanding to tell her friends: "Guys, it's not really that woke that we're here."

Harrison's comments and what many considered his condescending tone sparked outrage from fans. On her podcast "Higher Learning" with co-host Van Lathan later in the week, Lindsay said that she was "exhausted" by the diversity issues in the franchise, which she has spoken out against for years. "I can't take it anymore," she said, adding that she would stop working with the franchise once her contract is up. (She also hosts a Bachelor-sponsored podcast with former "Bach-



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Bachelor Matt James with contestant Rachael Kirkconnell, who has been accused of racially insensitive social media posts.

elorette" star Becca Kufrin.)

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The following day, Harrison issued an apology after seeing the backlash: "While I do not speak for Rachael Kirkconnell, my intentions were simply to ask for grace in offering her an opportunity to speak on her own behalf. What I now realize I have done is cause harm by wrongly speaking in a manner that perpetuates racism, and for that I am so deeply sorry." As of Saturday, he announced that he will step aside from the show



indefinitely.

"To the Black community, to the BIPOC community: I am so sorry. My words were harmful. I am listening, and I truly apologize for my ignorance and any pain it caused you," he wrote. "I am so grateful to those who have reached out to help me on my path to anti-racism."

"This historic season of 'The Bachelor' should not be marred or overshadowed by my mistakes or diminished by my actions," he added.

For years, ABC and its production company, Warner Bros., have been criticized for their lack of diversity in casting and in how contestants of color are treated on the show. In 2012, two Black men who applied for "The Bachelorette" (and were not chosen) accused the show of discriminating against people of color. Their suit was dismissed. Former Bachelorette Lindsay saw disparities between the treatment of her season finale and that of the next Bachelorette, Kufrin, who is White. "I was placed on display for three hours and labeled an angry Black female," Lindsay said, after Kufrin's 2018 finale.

This past summer, as Black Lives Matter protests erupted around the country, prompting a racial reckoning throughout American culture, the Whiteness of Bachelor shows was again put under the microscope. A Change.org petition called on ABC and Warner Bros. to cast a person of color in the lead role, hire more crew members of color and give contestants of color screen time that's comparable to that of White contestants.

Lindsay also threatened to stop working with Bachelor Nation, saving the culture surrounding the shows "perpetuates and mirrors exactly what is wrong in our society and [continues] to play into an audience that is willing to accept it, and I'm tired of it." She also suggested she was tired of feeling as though the franchise doesn't have her back. "There have been a number of times that contestants have done racist things or said it and the franchise is completely silent on it ... I'm sick of pretending that I'm fine with it."

Shortly after Lindsay's comments in June, James was announced as "The Bachelor's" first Black lead. Harrison agreed to step down only after Lindsay made public her frustrations with his initial response to the unearthing of Kirkconnell's social media posts.

In Kirkconnell's apology, she said she would do better: "I want to put my energy toward preventing people from making the same offensive mistakes that I made in the first place, and I hope I can prove this to you going forward."

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Lead House impeachment manager Jamie B. Raskin, a Maryland Democrat, closes out the prosecution's presentation Thursday.

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Big Lie pushed the GOP to find an escape hatch

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getting a full spectrum of opinion, but, really, they're getting one opinion reverberating. And it's so disconnected from reality." So disconnected from reality that when reality manages to intrude — in the form of undeniable facts, timelines, videos and presidential tweets there's nothing to do but deny it as outrageous and either look for an escape hatch or go on the attack. That happened in the trial itself, as Trump's defense lawyers channeled him with repeated false claims, including that President Biden never condemned the violence that accompanied some of the (largely peaceful) racial-justice protests last summer. And then there was this whopper offered by defense lawyer Michael van der Veen, who said the Jan. 6 insurrection was "premeditated by 'fringe left and right groups." That's nonsense, CNN's Daniel Dale wrote on Twitter: "It was an insurrection of Trump supporters, including far-right groups. Some participants have oddball political pasts, but no evidence left-fringe groups planned anything." Where does this all leave us? I'm hopeful enough to think that the sheer amount of truth that was hammered home over the days of the trial will matter. (How can anyone watch the video compilation that opened the House managers' presentation and not get it?) I'm optimistic enough to wonder whether McConnell's post-trial statements, selfserving and hypocritical as they were, might sink in with some Americans. And I'm still idealistic enough to think that the courage of the seven Republican senators who did overcome partisanship to vote their consciences could make a difference. Maybe, even though the truth didn't prevail, some of it managed to see the light of day. Enough, perhaps, to give America's democracy some ground to stand on. margaret.sullivan@washpost.com



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inaugural crowd, Trumpian falsehoods became nothing short of routine. They were generously ladled out by a president, his spokespeople and his administration — and then repeated and amplified by his many helpers in the MAGA mediasphere, led by those at Fox News.

There were tens of thousands of these falsehoods, so many that last October, shortly before the election, the indefatigable Washington Post's Fact Checker team threw up its hands.

"As President Trump entered the final stretch of the election season, he began making more than 50 false or misleading claims a day. It's only gotten worse — so much so that the Fact Checker team cannot keep up," they wrote.

This onslaught culminated in the Big Lie that undergirded the Jan. 6 insurrection: That the election was rigged — stolen, in fact. And that something had to be done about it.

It was this pervasive culture of lying that made it politically untenable for so many Republican senators, in the end, to vote their underdeveloped consciences. The muscles had atrophied, if they ever existed.

For if they voted to convict, their constituents — far from giving them credit for doing their patriotic duty — would turn on them. Perhaps viciously. Perhaps violently. And with the incitement, no doubt, of the twice-impeached president.

Days before the verdict, Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.) forecast the inevitable. He said that Trump would be acquitted on a technicality, what he called "an easy gate out": the misbegotten notion that it's unconstitutional to hold an impeachment trial after a president has left office.

"Why did so many of my colleagues need this easy escape hatch?" he asked. "They needed it because their base has been listening to what President Trump called "Trump media...'"

Merkley aptly described to MSNBC's Nicolle Wallace a media bubble of far-right radio talk shows, cable television and social media feeds:

"They may think they're

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Nashville (mostly) gets back to hemmin' and hawin'

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marginalized within the format for decades.

"The system is set up for White boys like him to succeed, and to have a platform the size and reach that he enjoys," said singersongwriter Adia Victoria. "I think of so many talented Black artists I know here in Nashville, who aren't able to get their foot in the door or aren't able to make a viable career, solely because the market is not there for them."

You have to go beyond the headlines, because even though country music prides itself on straightforward storytelling, the industry has long urged silence when it comes to anything controversial. Artists are cautioned early in their careers that if they don't want to alienate fans, they should stay quiet about hot-button issues. Most of them abide by this rule, as do the town's executives.

On Wednesday night, Wallen spoke at length for the first time about the incident, releasing a five-minute apology video to You-Tube. He said the TMZ video was taken when he was "on hour 72 of 72 of a bender," and that he had been sober for nine days and counting as he's spent time apologizing to people he let down. "This week I heard firsthand some personal stories from Black people that honestly shook me, and I know what I'm going through this week doesn't compare to some of the trials I heard about from them," he said. He also asked his fans to refrain from defending him as he works to learn from his mistakes.

Behind closed doors this week, discussions about Wallen have dominated Zoom meetings, calls and group chats as managers and publicists had urgent conversations with their singers. Industry staffers, songwriters and artists, most of whom declined to speak on the record to The Washington Post because of the sensitivity of the issue, described a "monumental day" as they watched the Wallen story unfold.

"To see it all happen, the reason it happened, I think it was a shock wave in Nashville," said Leslie Fram, CMT's senior vice president of music strategy.

There was surprise at the quick consequences for the singer — who has consistently escaped repercussions for misbehavior — and particularly the immediate removal of his music from radio. (Some saw the news and assumed it would be shrugged off.) There was also sadness over how the incident confirms stereotypes about country music being uneducated and

speak publicly.

Then another side of the country music industry revealed itself, even as Wallen headlines engulfed news coverage, when a second major story broke: T.J. Osborne, of the Grammy-nominated duo Brothers Osborne, came out as gay in a Time magazine profile. He's now the only openly gay singer signed to a major country label.

Loving, supportive comments poured forth from country stars and the industry, which was an encouraging sign to those who say that country music is more liberal than it gets credit for. It also showed that the genre employs people eager for the format to evolve — even if it has a long way to go.

"I just really hope that with those two stories on that day, we look back in 20 years . . . and say it's the day that Nashville at least began to look at itself in a way that's honest and true," said songwriter Bonnie J. Baker. She loves the genre but said she has grown increasingly disturbed by the town's unwillingness to acknowledge its flaws, suppressing anyone who doesn't fit into the White, heteronormative mold. She's married to a woman, and although she has never felt the need to hide, she has always quietly accepted that it is best not to speak up or rock the boat.

"It's the 'not wanting to rock the boat' that is the cancer that we have, and I can't live this way," Baker said. "We have to start having more courage."

S hortly after Osborne's Time profile published, country acts such as Miranda Lambert, Dan + Shay, Dierks Bentley and Little Big Town celebrated the announcement. "I want to get to the height of my career being completely who I am," Osborne told the magazine. "I mean, I am who I am, but I've kept a part of me muted, and it's been stifling."

The profile, which included supportive words from his brother and music partner, John Osborne, as well as his close friend Kacey Musgraves, moved many in the industry who saw the Wallen headlines and were relieved that they could focus on a piece of good news instead. While Osborne's personal life wasn't a secret in Nashville circles, they were thrilled that he finally felt as though he could speak about it openly, even with country music's tendency to cater to its conservative fans.

"I've had friends that have lost record deals because people found out they were gay," said singer-songwriter Cheley Tackett. "So to see T.J. be embraced

CMT radio host Cody Alan, seen in 2019, came out several years ago and always wondered whether a contemporary country singer would ever feel comfortable sharing their own story.

relieved to be able to amplify a story centered on a positive journey — and he thinks "it really is reflective of who country music is and what it's becoming."

A publicist for the Brothers Osborne did not return a request for comment, but the duo's Twitter account posted a statement the day the Time profile pubindustry, force country music to finally address its deep racial issues?

It's questionable: As soon as Wallen's music disappeared from radio playlists — an abrupt turnaround, as he was one of the most-played country artists — demned Wallen have said they don't think he should lose his career. They feel the right move is for him to take a step back and spend time educating himself about the origins of racist language and, consequently, his harmful behavior.

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At a previously scheduled Zoom conference held by Nashville Music Equality, speakers stressed that although Wallen may have gotten the headlines, his actions spoke to a much bigger problem: the creation of an environment that led him to casually toss off the slur in the first place. Ultimately, Wallen is just a snapshot of the racial issues in the genre, and it's unclear whether this lightning-rod moment can have any effect unless people – specifically, White people in the industry who tend to avoid these topics - do the work to learn from it. Sheryl Guinn, president of the Nashville chapter of the NAACP, said during the panel that she received backlash after she invited Wallen to have a conversation. as some thought she was offering forgiveness to someone who had not yet shown real remorse beyond a brief apology statement sent to TMZ.

"I do understand why some people's positions were, 'No, we don't need to talk to him about anything, he has every resource imaginable to him at his fingertips,'" she said. "I also understand that if we are not having the conversation, the people who are doing the wrong are still making justifications for doing the wrong... and there are some people who honestly don't know what the wrong is."

(In his recent apology video, Wallen said that he "accepted some invitations from some amazing Black organizations, some executives and leaders, to engage in some very real and honest conversations," and that their "kindness really inspired me to dig deeper on how to do something about this.")

The idea of "boys will be boys" has excused similar behavior by male country stars for years. Wallen had evaded scrutiny and consequences before when his actions spilled out into the public, including an arrest at Kid Rock's bar and being disinvited from (and then reinvited to) "Saturday Night Live" for violating pandemic safety measures.

"The question now is: Is there now a liability attached to someone like a Morgan Wallen?" Victoria said. "Someone who keeps screwing up, someone who keeps failing upward in spite of his behavior? I think the question here isn't 'Will it change minds?' It's 'Will he be held accountable?'"

Once again, it is an Instagram post that may be the most telling. Rakiyah Marshall, who runs a publishing and artist development company at Back Blocks Music and is in a relationship with Seth England, Wallen's record label co-founder, recently posted an Instagram photo that showed her hugging Wallen. Marshall, one of a small number of Black country music executives in Nashville, described the singer as "a little ignorant, for sure makes a lot of mistakes, may need a little extra love & care, has lost his fight with alcohol, but by no means is a racist," adding he "has a lot to learn about his missteps and it's going to take a while. He is not perfect nor does he get a pass for his reckless behavior. But he does not deserve this and I'll stand by that."

England co-signed the post in a comment, as did country stars such as Lauren Alaina and Jimmie Allen, who posted a heart emoji, while singers including Lambert and Dustin Lynch "liked" it. A similar post from Wallen's sister also earned support. But both posts led to critical comments, considering that Wallen barely had had time to absorb any of the consequences. That's because there's also a sense of inevitability for a Wallen comeback down the road. One artist manager predicted that the standing ovation the musician eventually receives will make the ovation Carrie Underwood got for returning to the spotlight after a facial injury "seem like a golf clap." "Everyone is so concerned this is permanent, but that's not really how it works here," Tackett said. "If he understands why what happened was such a bad thing, and if he shows some work on himself, then Nashville will very much forgive him. Because that's how this town is."

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John Osborne, left, and T.J. Osborne of Brothers Osborne perform in Detroit in 2019. After T.J.'s

announcement earlier this month, he is the only openly gay singer signed to a major country label.



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intolerant. Embarrassment about how this reflects on the format and the persistent lack of diversity. Fear over what other stories might be lurking out there. And, of course, skepticism over whether anything will actually change in a genre that resists change at every turn.

Local radio stations are already feeling pressure to add Wallen back into the rotation after complaints from listeners, and his record label's "indefinite suspension" remains vague.

"I just wish I believed that all actions being taken are intended to be punitive, instead of saving the involved parties from getting yelled at themselves," said one manager who works with Nashville artists, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the person was not authorized to and everyone applaud that, it's revelatory."

Popular CMT radio host Cody Alan came out several years ago and frequently hears from fans who say, "I'm gay, and it feels like there's no one like me in country music." That has broken his heart, he said, and he always wondered whether a contemporary country singer would ever feel comfortable sharing their own story.

"To see that day happen . . . for me personally, was just a beautiful yet jaw-dropping sort of moment, and one that I think I'd waited for a long, long time," Alan said.

He said there was a sharp sense of disappointment that Wallen overshadowed Osborne's historic moment in the spotlight, but at the same time, he was lished: "Words can't describe the immense amount of love we feel today," they wrote. "This world, as imperfect as it may be, is beautiful at its core and our collective open minds/hearts are what make anything possible."

he reaction to Osborne from fellow country stars was markedly different from the response to Wallen which was one of near-silence, aside from a few acts such as Maren Morris, Kelsea Ballerini and Mickey Guyton. Though not particularly surprising - country singers are advised not to criticize one another on social media - it cast doubt over a common question being raised now: Will the events, which saw an unusually forceful reaction from radio and other parts of the "It's the 'not wanting to rock the boat' that is the cancer that we have, and I can't live this way."

Bonnie J. Baker, a songwriter, on Nashville's unwillingness to confront its flaws

fans started rallying in opposition to "cancel culture," a popular conservative catchphrase that also glosses over actual issues. Some bought his music in protest. On Feb. 5, Rolling Stone reported Wallen's digital album sales rose 1,220 percent.

But even those who con-

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New Easy Rawlins book is a masterful mix of mystery and social commentary

BY MAUREEN CORRIGAN

There comes a moment in every Easy Rawlins mystery I've read where I realize I have no idea what's going on. The plot picks up speed, becoming a hectic Tilt-a-Whirl ride where dead cold-stone bodies. killers. femmes fatales, crooked cops and lost spaces in Los Angeles whiz by at top velocity. It's at this moment – when I'm most exasperated with Walter Mosley as a writer - that I'm also most admiring. Because, once again, I realize that I don't care all that much that I can't keep track of what's going on - no more than I care that I can't keep track of what's going on in "The Maltese Falcon," "The Big Sleep" or "Cotton Comes to Harlem.'

Like his influences Hammett, Chandler and Himes, Mosley wants readers to be immersed in the chaos of evil. The ability to simultaneously keep us readers in confusion and in thrall marks Mosley — winner of the National Book Foundation's 2020 Medal for Distinguished Contribution to American Letters — as a mystery master.

Since its debut in 1990, the Easy Rawlins series has charted a social history of Los Angeles, particularly focusing on shifting (or not) racial attitudes. "Devil in a Blue Dress" opened in a post-World War II Los Angeles when fate pushes Easy, an out-of-work Black Army vet, into his profession as a private investigator. The series has been advancing sporadically ever since. "Blood Grove," the 15th Easy Rawlins novel, takes place in the much mythologized summer of 1969. In the opening scene, Easy, who now owns his own detective agency, looks out his office window and watches the "longhaired hippies" next door as they tend to whatever illegal substances they're growing in their backyard nursery.

In traditional hard-boiled fashion, the novel finds Easy alone in his office when trouble walks in. The prospective client is a young White man, a traumatized Vietnam vet named Craig Kilian, with a strange story to tell. A few nights earlier, Craig was camping in a grove of blood

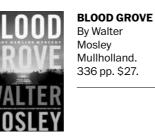
oranges in the San Fernando Valley, a place he retreats to when his nerves and nightmares get too bad. In the middle of the night, Craig heard a woman screaming and he ran to a dilapidated cabin nearby where he found a Black man wielding a knife at a White woman who was tied to a tree. Craig says he wrested the knife away and, by accident, stabbed the Black man. Then, someone came from behind and knocked Craig out cold. When Craig awoke, he was alone. He needs to know if he killed the man and if the woman is okay.

There are plenty of reasons Easy should turn down this case. Craig's memory is clearly unreliable and the racial identities of those involved are, as always, a potentially dangerously complicating factor. Nevertheless, Easy agrees to investigate for one overriding reason: He and Craig are both combat veterans. "Because of that bloody history Craig Kilian was as much my brother in blood as any black man in the U.S. I had to help him because I could see his pain in my mirror."



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Mystery writer Walter Mosley is skilled at keeping readers in confusion and in thrall.



What ensues is the aforemen-

tioned Tilt-a-Whirl of a careening plot, but throughout "Blood Grove," Mosley also summons up images of places that linger: a hole-in-the-wall bar frequented by vets called "Little Anzio," the Dragon's Eye strip club, that eerie blood orange grove, and the fantastical round tower of a house - high above Los Angeles and accessible only by funicular — where Easy lives with his daughter, Feather. The adolescent Feather is adopted, and one of the array of subplots concerns the sudden appearance of Feather's biological uncle, Milo Garnet, who is White and a hippie. At one point, Milo pontificates to Easy in an attempt to bond. But Easy schools the dreamy Milo on the enduring hard realities of race in America:

"The way I see it is that you'n me were both in a shipwreck and we got washed up on opposite shores. Not far apart, maybe only a quarter mile or so, but the waters between are shark infested.... We're both stranded but there's one big difference."

"What's that?" Milo Garnet

asked.

"I'm on a desert island, and even though it looks like you are too, really where you washed up is a peninsula....

"If I set out on my way looking for food and water, company, or just a different view, all I'll do is walk in a circle and end up back where I started — looking at you. But you take the same walk on your side, you will end up back in the bosom of America; hot dog stands, beautiful women, and enough drugs that you'll forget that shipwreck and the time it seemed like we were in the same jam."

The central mystery in "Blood Grove" — as in all the Easy Rawlins books — is as much about the brazen contradictions of American society as it is about what happened in that orange grove one night. But that mystery turns out to be pretty gripping, too.

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The fall of John Weaver, whose political career was shrouded in mystery

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a four-year exchange that started when one man was just 14 years old, the New York Times reported. Weaver offered help with their careers, then veered into explicit, suggestive comments about their bodies.

None of the men accuse Weaver of a crime; the only reported sexual encounter was consensual. But the men became increasingly uncomfortable and worried that blocking an influential Republican could negatively impact their aspirations for a job in politics.

Now there's a scramble to determine who knew what and when they knew it. A spokesman for the Lincoln Project, the group Weaver co-founded to unseat former president Donald Trump, says it was unaware of his texts until last month, when its statement denounced him as a "predator, a liar and an abuser." But multiple news outlets report some staffers may have known about the inappropriate behavior earlier. The organization announced Thursday that it was launching an independent investigation to determine Weaver's actions during his tenure. But the scandal has already compromised the moral high ground that the group touted last year.

Weaver declined to be interviewed for this article - not a surprise, really, just a month after his life imploded.

He spent four decades as a political operative without a winning presidential campaign — he got close with John McCain, had a shot with John Kasich, but ultimately fell short. The Lincoln Project was supposed to be another chance for Weaver to prove himself. Instead, that spotlight proved to be his undoing.

G rowing up in Texas, Weaver dreamed of becoming a sports columnist. It was while working for the student newspaper at Texas A&M that Weaver met professor Phil Gramm and stumbled into a profession well suited for a smart, restless young man: political consulting. It's a job with no rules, no credentials and no permanent address.

"The problem with politics is that it attracts highly passionate and often brilliant people, but it requires no degree or license," says a Republican consultant who has worked on campaigns with Weaver and who, like others interviewed for this story, spoke on the condition of anonymity to speak frankly about their former colleague. "There are no regulations. All you have to do to be a political consultant is show up at a campaign and say you are one. It's not like a real job where there's at least some modicum of vetting and background checks." Weaver, he says, always had a

dark side. "He was attracted to positive, reform-minded candidates who preached bipartisanship, but you always had a sense he had a stiletto in his boot — and would be happy to use it."

Weaver began his career with Gramm, who became a Democratic congressman, switched parties, was elected to the Senate and eventually ran for president. That led Weaver to the most significant politician in his life: McCain, who became almost a father figure.

Weaver and the senator from Arizona were joined at the hip for many, many years. As a top adviser, Weaver is credited with the "Straight Talk Express" strategy for McCain's 2000 presidential bid, a gambit that almost won the nomination. But McCain lost to George W. Bush, and Weaver was crushed he couldn't pull his friend over the finish line.

A winning presidential campaign is the Oscar of political consulting. Win and you write your own ticket: books, TV, pick of candidates. Still, despite the loss, the 2000 campaign made him a member of the political elite. "He's easily one the smartest and most creative strategic thinkers I've worked with in politics," says Davis, who worked with Weaver for McCain and Kasich.

But Weaver was also his own worst enemy. Dark — that word comes up in nearly every interview — and difficult. He could be charming and persuasive with candidates, explaining how he could help them win the office they thought they so richly deserved. But he was opinionated and arrogant, always right on any subject and dismissive of those beneath him.

A longtime rivalry with fellow Texan Karl Rove effectively shut Weaver out of the lucrative Bush political orbit. He was an adviser



decades as a GOP consultant working for high-profile candidates.

John Weaver, seen in 2006 with Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.), spent

for John Kerry's 2004 campaign and was back working for Mc-Cain's next presidential bid by 2007. But he lost an internal battle with another consultant on the campaign and was soon back on the street.

Weaver, despite commanding top-dollar consulting fees, was "always broke," according to several colleagues. He borrowed money from friends but never paid it back. (In 2013, Texas billionaire T. Boone Pickens took Weaver to court for an unpaid loan of \$125,000; Weaver said it was a misunderstanding and repaid the money.) Yes, there was a divorce from his first wife and ongoing medical bills, but his empty pockets were another mystery.

Thus commenced a series of uncomfortable partings with candidates (including Ambassador Jon Huntsman in his presidential bid and Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder) who paid Weaver large amounts of money and then alleged financial irregularities, which Weaver denied, according to a 2015 Politico profile. The major consultants can make \$1 million a year, and Weaver negotiated big bucks with little oversight. He was famous for disappearing and not returning calls. The rap is that he sought out weak candidates with deep pockets - but, then again, failed campaigns have plenty of blame to go around.

In the midst of all of this, there was no hint that Weaver was a

closeted gay man. Typically, in this world of dirty tricks and backstabbing, someone would have leaked that information. "Weaver's enemies delight in exposing that kind of stuff," says Jason Zengerle, who wrote the Politico story. The fact that they didn't suggests Weaver's sexuality really was a deeply held secret.

His health, however, was a source of frequent speculation. Weaver was beset by cancer and heart issues, but to campaign staffers those illnesses sometimes appeared to be a convenient excuse for Weaver to skip meetings and anything else he didn't feel like attending. "He was the boy who cried wolf," says one colleague.

By 2015, he was healthy enough to sign up for Kasich's presidential campaign. That job also faltered, and Weaver was looking for his next one.

It was around this time, according to the New York Times, that Weaver began texting his Twitter followers.

W eaver joined the Lincoln Project in late 2019, as one of eight Republican co-founders dedicated to the proposition that Trump was a threat to the republic. The opening salvo came in a New York Times op-ed written by Weaver, George Conway, Steve Schmidt and Rick Wilson, spoiling to take on the president and his enablers.

Weaver, says Schmidt, was asked to join because of his presi-

dential campaign experience and extensive media contacts. The board, aware of his reputation for messy finances, decided he would have no role in management or access to the money side of the organization.

To the surprise of almost everyone involved, the Lincoln Project took off. The ads attacking Trump were unsparing, and widely shared on social media. Democrats and money flooded what was suddenly an influential political action committee.

So did attacks on all the founders, veterans of Republican campaigns with plenty of enemies especially from supporters of Trump who were furious at what they considered to be the ultimate betrayal. During the summer, according to Schmidt's account, the group picked up online chatter saying Weaver was gay. Schmidt then called Weaver simply to let him know the rumor was floating around and he should be aware in case it went public. Weaver told him the rumor was not true.

Shortly after that conversation, Weaver had a heart attack — at least, that's what friends were told — and went on medical leave. He never came back.

The American Conservative broke the story about the texts last month, before the New York Times report citing 21 accusers. Schmidt says the organization learned about the accusations at that time along with the rest of the public — and immediately cut ties.

"John Weaver led a secret life that was built on a foundation of deception at every level," reads a Lincoln Project statement. "... We extend our deepest sympathies to those who were targeted by his deplorable and predatory behavior. We are disgusted and outraged that someone in a position of power and trust would use it for these means."

But the Washington Blade, the Associated Press, the 19th and New York magazine, citing unnamed sources, reported this week that some Lincoln Project leaders were aware of the rumors last year. Six former staffers demanded to be released from nondisclosure agreements to discuss Weaver, the New York Times reported.

On Thursday, the group announced it is hiring "a best-in-

class outside professional to review Mr. Weaver's tenure with the organization and to establish both accountability and best practices going forward."

Late Friday, Schmidt announced he had resigned from the board of the Lincoln Project "to make room for the appointment of a female board member" amid reports not only about Weaver but also internal chaos and infighting. In his statement, he said he had been sexually abused as a child and shared his rage at his former colleague: "I detest John Weaver in a way I can't articulate."

One baffling aspect of the story is why Weaver would risk his family and career to approach strangers on Twitter with unsolicited sexual offers. Yes, he was a closeted gay man. But using such a public forum was reckless, at best, and the success of the Lincoln Project — with the ensuing spotlight on all the founders - made the risk much greater. And as New York Magazine reported, two men allege they received suggestive texts from Weaver before Lincoln Project internships. Weaver was playing with dynamite in one hand and a match in the other.

Why was he able to go undetected for so long? His unwanted behavior took place primarily outside an established workplace, and there has been no criminal behavior charged so far. Plus, Caren Goldberg, an expert witness in workplace harassment litigation, notes, "Men who are harassed, regardless of their own sexual orientation, don't tend to report" it as often as women who are harassed do (though as a general rule, victims of harassment rarely report it).

Weaver's career as a political consultant is over, which may be the least of his concerns. But he left with one last cryptic rejoinder.

"While I am taking full responsibility for the inappropriate messages and conversations, I want to state clearly that the other smears being leveled at me by Donald Trump's enablers as a way to get back at the Lincoln Project for our principled stand for democracy are categorically false and outrageous," he wrote in his statement. "I hope that by telling this truth at long last my family and I can move forward."

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The Crew (Netflix) Kevin James stars as a NASCAR chief for the Bobby Spencer Racing team. When the owner's daughter takes over, James has to protect himself and his crew from her attempts to modernize the team.

The Bachelor (ABC at 8) Difficult decisions and hometown visits loom; off-set controversies make it even more interesting. See story, C1.

All American (CW at 8) After Spencer gets some sage advice, he and the team rally around Chris to help him with his trauma.

9-1-1 (Fox at 8) The 118 races to save the lives of workers trapped in a factory fire.

9-1-1: Lone Star (Fox at 9) Judd is shocked at the latest victim of an emergency call.

Snowpiercer (TNT at 9) As the Big Alice crew is granted shore leave on Snowpiercer, Layton and Wilford have differing opinions on the future.

Black Lightning (CW at 9) The war between the 100 and the Kobra Cartel rages on, and Lynn continues to be concerned about Jefferson.

Below Deck (Bravo at 9) Francesca finally comes to a decision regarding Elizabeth's future on deck.

The Good Doctor (ABC at 10) Lim is challenged by the unique circumstances surrounding a pregnant patient with an aggressive tumor.

PREMIERES

Aliens in Alaska (Discovery Plus) New evidence and personal testimony from local witnesses shed light on alien activity.

The Circuit (Acorn TV) This drama series follows a magistrate and court officers and lawyers on a five-day round trip to dispense iustice to the remote communities of northwestern Australia.

MOVIE

The Real Prince Philip (Acorn TV) This documentary celebrates the life and achievements of Prince Philip, emphasizing the role his military experiences played in his later achievements.

SPECIAL

American Experience: Voice of Freedom (PBS at 9) Explore the life of singer Marian Anderson. In 1939, after being barred from performing at Constitution Hall because she was Black, she triumphed at the Lincoln Memorial in what became a landmark moment in American history.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Well, we loved it before: To All the Boys trilogy comes to an uneventful close

BY SONIA RAO

What does it mean when a film's most intriguing thread is a high school jock born after Y2K insisting his disinterested girlfriend listen to the band Oasis? Maybe that the viewer choosing



high-schoolers face at this point in their lives, but that doesn't amount to engaging conflict here, thanks to a dull screenplay. Though Condor and Centineo bring their best assets to the table - sincerity and charm, respectively — the film doesn't give them much to do. (It does try to jam in a "Spectacular Now"-lite reconciliation story line between Peter and his father, which feels a bit out of the blue.) The franchise traded hands after "To All the Boys I've Loved Before," with cinematographer Michael Fimognari grabbing the directing reins from Susan Johnson for the latter two films. The tonal shift is palpable, an upbeat rom-com swapped for movies going through the motions. "P.S. I Love You" and "Always and Forever" are perfectly inoffensive Netflix rom-coms - and yes, the opposite sort exists - but, unfortunately for fans who had high hopes for them, that's all the films wind up being. Regardless of whether Lara Jean and Peter have outgrown each other, it seems their audience - and the actors, given the more dynamic roles coming their way - have outgrown them. A fitting goodbye.

to fixate on this detail isn't the intended audience. By its third installment, the once-clever To All the Boys franchise can only hope to pique the interest of bored teenagers.

This wouldn't be an unusual assessment for most of the high school rom-coms Netflix dumps onto its platform, except that 2018's "To All the Boys I've Loved Before" set the expectations for its sequels sky-high. The film became a sensation, serving as a launchpad for stars Lana Condor and especially Noah Centineo, the heartthrob who earned comparisons to a young Mark Ruffalo.

Their chemistry remains intact with "To All the Boys: Always and Forever," now streaming, the final film of the trilogy based on Jenny Han's novels. The rest falls limp. Whereas the first movie freshened up genre tropes - the plot centered on bookworm Lara Jean Covey (Condor) pretending to date sensitive lax bro Peter Kavinsky (Centineo) for mutual gain - the third feels stale.

It picks up with the three Covey daughters honoring their late mother's memory by visiting

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Noah Centineo and Lana Condor keep up the chemistry in "To All the Boys: Always and Forever," but seem to have outgrown their roles.

South Korea over spring break with their father (John Corbett) and his soon-to-be fiancee (Sarayu Blue), whose romance is one of few aspects from the second mov-

ie to remain relevant. Awaiting Lara Jean at home are the stresses of college acceptance season as well as her boyfriend, Peter, with whom she plans to attend Stanford. The catch, of course, is that she doesn't actually get in - and while on a class trip across the country, she falls deeply in love with New York University in-

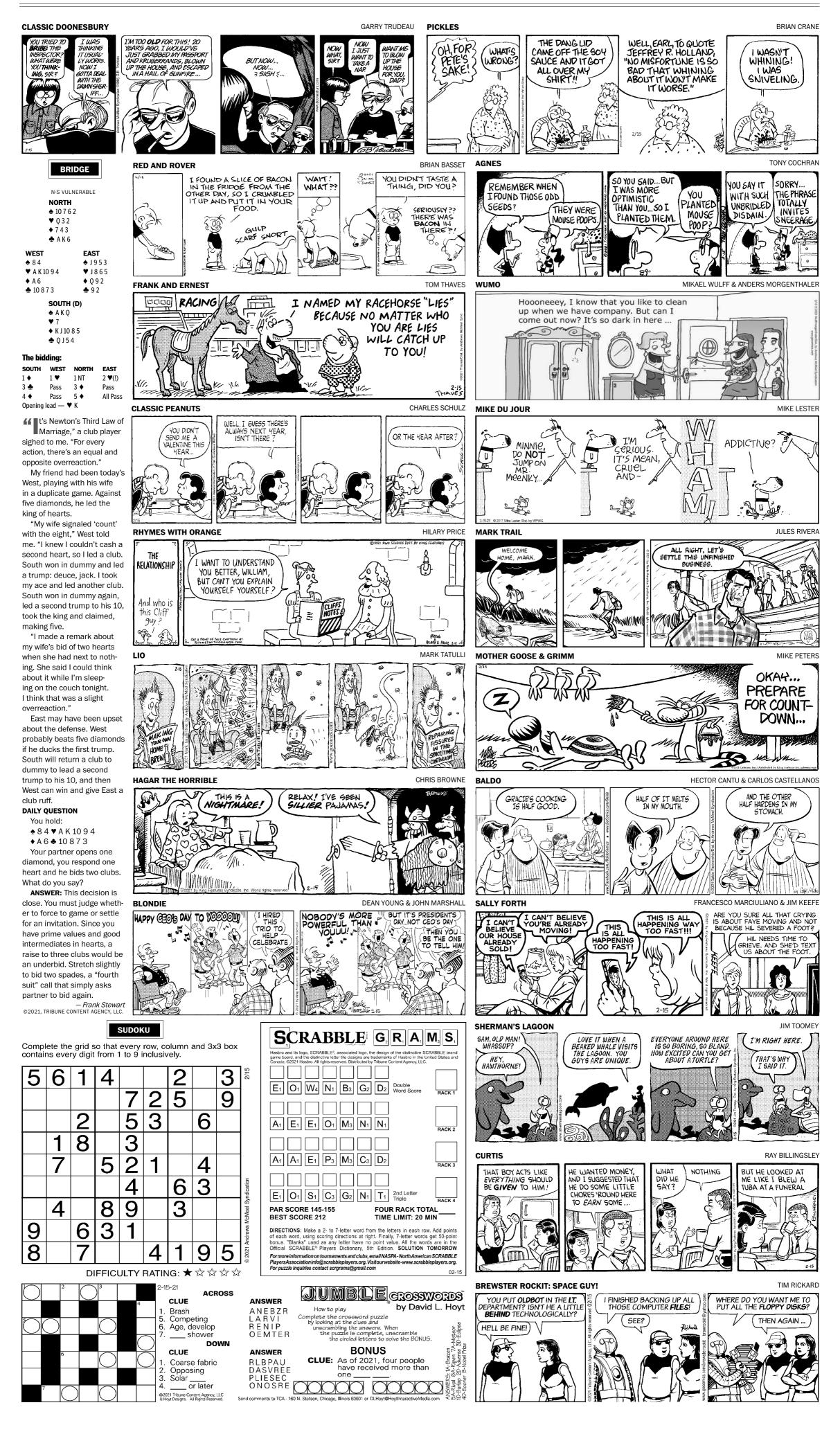
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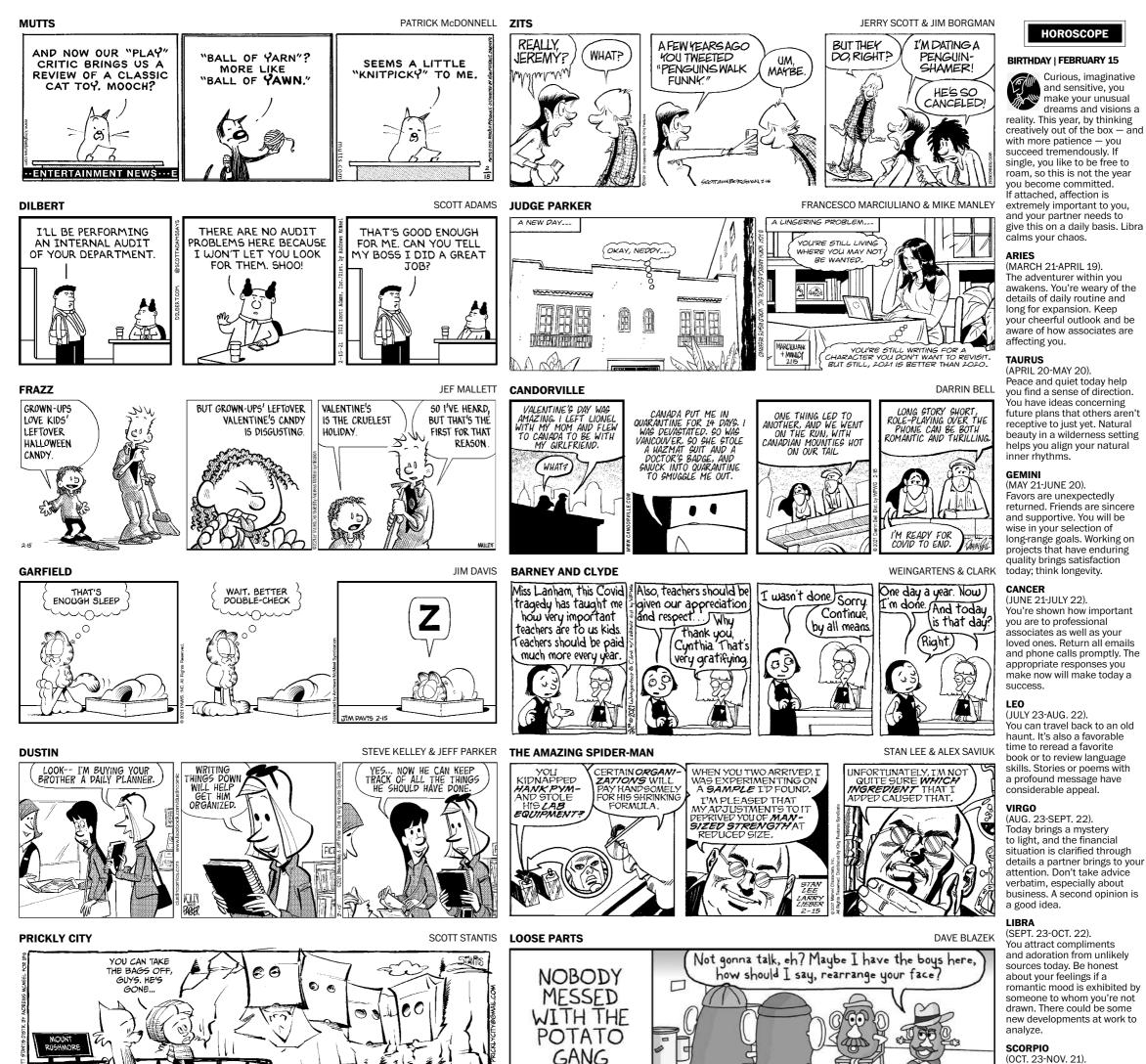
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Suffragist Susan B. Anthony (1820).

Jeweler Charles Lewis Tiffany (1812).

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Astronomer Galileo Galilei (1564).

Annandale's Maeve Bliss (2010).

Brigadier general Anna Mae Hays

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Tennis plaver Madison Kevs (1995).

Actor LeVar Burton (1957).

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Easton, Maryland's Sullivan Moore

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Silver Spring's Emmelyn Miller (2012). Actress Millie Bobby Brown (2004). Author Amy Tan (1952).

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Takoma Park's Billie Null (2013). Bethesda's Isabella Reyna (2011). Silver Spring's Tegan Royster (2010). Singer Rihanna (1988).

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Timonium. Maryland's Ryan Koropecky (2014). Vienna's Kabeer Chawla (2008).

Civil rights leader John Lewis (1940). Singer Nina Simone (1933).

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By Stella Zawistowski

NASA helicopter to take a spin on harsh, cold Mars

Scientists are Ever going to attempt Wondered? something in the next few weeks JASON BITTEL that no one has ever done. They're

going to fly a helicopter on Mars. The robotic aircraft is named Ingenuity, and its core is about the size of a softball. For the past seven months, the device has been rocketing toward the Red Planet inside a rover called Perseverance. After traveling at nearly 25,000 miles per hour, they are scheduled to touch down on Martian soil Thursday. (Get updates at mars.nasa.gov/ mars2020.)

NASA has been exploring the surface of Mars with rovers for about 25 years, says Dave Lavery, a scientist and robotics expert at NASA Headquarters in Washington. But no one has flown an aircraft on a planet other than Earth before.

"Capable as the rovers are, there's always a place that's either a little bit too far away, or across terrain that's a little bit too rugged, or on the other side of a very deep chasm," says Lavery. He manages the NASA program that focuses on exploring our solar system. "What we hope is that if Ingenuity is successful, we'll be able to explore in a whole new way."

That's a big "if," though. Only about half of Mars landings have been successful. And even if Perseverance is able to land successfully, scientists aren't certain that Ingenuity will be able to fly as expected.

The Martian atmosphere is only about 1 percent the density of what we're used to on Earth. That means that the air is really thin, and piloting the four-pound drone on the surface of Mars will be like trying to fly at about



Art renderings depict the first helicopter that will try to fly over Mars's forbidding terrain. Named Ingenuity, the mini copter is being rocketed to Mars in a rover, and they are expected to land Thursday.



100,000 feet of altitude on Earth. That's almost three times as high as airplanes usually fly.

Ingenuity will also have to survive very cold temperatures of minus-130 degrees Fahrenheit and recharge its batteries using solar panels.

Just like you probably did when you learned how to ride a bike, Ingenuity will start slowly, Lavery says. First, the scientists

will see whether Ingenuity can fly straight up and hover a few feet above the ground before touching back down safely. Next they will test its ability to take short horizontal flights. Finally, if everything else goes according to plan, Ingenuity will try to fly about the length of a football field and return to its home base on the rover.

It can take as long as 45

minutes for instructions to travel from Earth to Mars, which means the scientists won't be controlling the helicopter with a joystick. Instead everything the helicopter does will be programmed in advance by a computer.

Lavery says that in the future tiny helicopters could go out and collect samples from the planet, act as scouts for rovers or even transport equipment for astronauts. That is, assuming Ingenuity doesn't crash and burn.

'We're a little bit nervous, because we've done everything that we can to make sure that Ingenuity is ready," Lavery says. "But we still don't know everything that there is to know about Mars. And every now and then, Mars surprises us." kidspost@washpost.com

Bittel is a freelance journalist who often writes about animals. His children's book, "How to Talk to a Tiger... and Other Animals," will be

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What the whole family can learn from a strict aunt

Adapted from an online discussion.

Dear Carolyn: My husband and I live within a short drive of my family and see them often. We

have had to ask

my sister to please NOT try to

discipline my 5-year-old twins,

discipline styles differ so wildly

from ours in so many ways. She

is extremely firm with her own

the space to be kids, whereas

for our kids to make some of

When we asked her to fall

back, she agreed to do so. But

be in the same room with our

kids. She says she feels too

now, she will barely so much as

nervous about being accused of

overstepping. This is getting in

with their aunt, and it's also

relationship with her. What

starting to strain my

should we do?

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Maryland: Consider letting her

I get your concern about the

handle them the way she feels

comfortable doing so?

-Maryland

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you really think she's a terrible parent – or harming your kids vs. just being more of a disciplinarian than you are your kids will be able to handle the fact of two different sets of expectations.

very different styles, but, unless

It happens all the time regardless of family proximity and parenting style: Home has X rules, grandpa's house has Y, day care/school has Z and public places are all over the spectrum. Presumably they know library behavior and Chuck E. Cheese behavior aren't the same?

They're 5, plenty old enough to start understanding this extends to individuals, too, and adapting their behavior accordingly. You just need to be consistent in the way you address inconsistencies: "Remember, Auntie doesn't allow X." They'll manage. Readers' thoughts:

• Evaluating their behavior with as much of an objective eye as possible, could it be that giving the 5-year-olds "space to be kids" has made them difficult to be around? We have friends with kids with this parenting philosophy, and the kids have gotten to be so disruptive and unruly that it has become hard to spend time with them.

• Please remember that your sister is reacting in the only way left to her to honor your request. If she is not allowed to try to alter or curb the behavior of small children when it is annoying her, then the adult thing to do is to remove herself from their presence. Which she does. Which you are complaining about. She is respecting your wishes and now you are disappointed in her about this, too. You don't get to have it both ways.

• I agree with Carolyn as long as Sis isn't trying to discipline your kids in your home. Her home, her rules. Your home, yours.

• What you are teaching your child is that you are the only one who can have expectations of them. YOU are getting in the way. Others can discipline and/ or have expectations of your child. You cannot control every interaction they have with others. Nor should you want to. You see how it is already putting a strain on the relationship.

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MARYLAND 95, NEBRASKA 73

BY KAREEM COPELAND

Brenda Frese was a little more than 24 hours away from becoming the winningest coach in Maryland women's basketball history when a storm encased the greater D.C. area in a thick layer of ice. The ninth-ranked Terrapins already had waited nine days since they last faced another team because of a coronavirus postponement, and now a canceled flight had put another game in jeopardy.

The Big Ten matchup at Nebraska would have to be a day trip, but a scrambled schedule and frigid temperatures had no effect on the Terrapins. Frese now stands alone with 500 wins at the helm of the Maryland program, breaking a tie with Chris Weller with a 95-73 blowout of the Cornhuskers Sunday in Lincoln, Neb.

"It's been an incredible journey," Frese said. "One I'm incredibly proud of. Most importantly is just the consistency factor to be able to do this at such a high factor, day in and day out, with just such incredible student-athletes and families and staff and support staff to be able to make this happen."

Frese likes to talk about how she was unable to comprehend 500 wins when she first was hired to replace the retired Weller, who finished one short of that milestone. She simply hoped to get a second contract and even lobbied to have Weller coach a game to reach that nice, round number. Nineteen seasons later, Frese has added the 2005-06 national championship and three Final Fours to her résumé, coached 14 WNBA draft picks and put together 14 top-10 recruiting classes. She was named the national coach of the year in 2001-02, the season before then-athletic director Debbie Yow poached Frese from Minnesota.

"The overachiever trait was what I really felt," Yow told The Washington Post, "the spirit of the woman and how she speaks about winning and what can be done."

Frese has downplayed the significance of the milestone, but a

toothy grin spread ear-to-ear as her team stormed her with a group hug, bouncing around the woman who brought this group together. Assistants gave the "weare-not-worthy" bow steps away.

Frese pointed to the stands after the final buzzer, where her two older sisters were able to attend, and she had a voice mail from Weller by the time she reached the locker room. The two had spoken this past week about the upcoming moment.

"She's not one of these people who walks around with a chip on their shoulder," Weller told The

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Post. "She's just a nice person who gets things done and cares about others. They're a good example of what you want in a program.

"You've got to consider her as the total person. She's not just a coach. She's a mother. She does a remarkable job, and I'm very proud of her and the women's basketball program."

Not only did Frese improve her record at Maryland to 500-130 SEE MARYLAND ON D4

For HBCUs, real change requires more than recruits



on sports in 1936, one of the most influential thinkers who happened to graduate from a historically Black college and

Writing a column

Revin B. Blackistone mistorically Black college and university, W.E.B. Du Bois from Fisk, distilled the problem of amateur athletics, particularly as it related to "Negro" athletes, as they were called then. It was

they were called then. It was economic, he explained. "There is no difference between a professional and an

between a professional and an amateur in reality, except that a higher standard of honor is expected of one than of the other," Du Bois wrote Sept. 19, 1936, in the Pittsburgh Courier. "This the law and public opinion may easily remedy. It is to the clear interest of the Negro athletes to help abolish the distinction between Professional and Amateur in athletic competitions."

But no one changed how socalled amateur games treated Black athletes then. And no one has changed it since. It is a problem of equity and is the most critical issue facing what we call the revenue-generating



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college sports, football and basketball.

Over the past several months, however, it has been suggested that some sort of seismic shift was taking place in these games colleges play only for their own pay. A few elite teenage Black male athletes chose to play basketball or football at the HBCUs where Du Bois learned and lectured — where they often had little choice but to play for SEE **BLACKISTONE** ON **D4**

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Maryland's all-around performance has it in control all game as it tops Minnesota, 72-59. **D4**

GOLF

Daniel Berger shoots a 65 for a two-stroke victory at Pebble Beach as Jordan Spieth's woes continue. **D8**

ON THE WEB

The Daytona 500 was delayed by rain and ended too late for this edition. Please visit **POSTSPORTS.COM**. Bryan Rust scored past Capitals goalie Vitek Vanecek in the first period. Washington returned with a full lineup after three covid-related postponements.

Back and off track

BY SAMANTHA PELL

PITTSBURGH — The Washington Capitals went into PPG Paints Arena on Sunday afternoon healthy, rested and eager to get back on track after an unexpected weeklong break.

And with a full cast of skaters available for the first time in nearly four weeks, the Capitals came out with energy and set the pace early against the Pittsburgh Penguins. But the chance to break their losing streak slipped away amid multiple lulls and shaky goaltending.

The Capitals fell to the Penguins, 6-3, and have lost four straight games in regulation after a 6-0-3 start to the season.

"[We're] concerned about every game,

PENGUINS 6, CAPITALS 3

Shaky goaltending results in fourth straight loss

Capitals at Penguins Tomorrow, 7 p.m., NBCSW, NBCSN

but certainly I am not concerned about our team," defenseman John Carlson said. "I think we got pieces in there that know what to do....We are losing, and no one is accepting that, but I think our game is getting better. Feels like we are going longer stretches of going the right way." Washington will get another chance to have things go the right way against the Penguins (7-5-1) when the rivals meet again Tuesday night at PPG Paints Arena.

If Vitek Vanecek is in the net for that game, it would be his 11th straight start. After allowing four goals on 36 shots Sunday, he has given up three or more goals in nine of his past 10 starts. The Capitals have allowed three or more goals in six straight games and in all but two games this season. They have allowed 22 goals in the four-game skid.

Washington was down 4-3 entering the third period after Nicklas Backstrom's late second-period score gave the Capitals a glimmer of hope. But it could never find the equalizer, and Jake Guentzel's second-SEE CAPITALS ON D2

Defensive effort speaks for itself in Wizards' win

WIZARDS 104, CELTICS 91

BY AVA WALLACE

The Washington Wizards didn't do much physically in just their third practice of the month Saturday ahead of their matchup against the Boston Celtics. Practice time has been scarce in February, with 16 games scheduled in 27 days, so Coach Scott Brooks used the rare session to get his team in line mentally. The Wizards watched film unrushed and Rockets at Wizards Today, 7 p.m., NBCSW, NBA TV

talked through some of their immediately correctable defensive issues.

On Sunday against the Celtics, Washington's mental preparation paid dividends with a 104-91 win in which the team's defense made up for another so-so offensive outing, and the Wizards held all-star Jayson Tatum, averaging 26.6 points per game this season, to just six points.

It helped that the Wizards (7-17) had a rested Bradley Beal, a new SEE WIZARDS ON D3



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A rested Bradley Beal led five Wizards in double figures with 35 points, but communication on defense was key to Sunday's victory.

Braced for emotional return, Wall reflects on exit from D.C.

Trade to Rockets didn't break his bond to city, Beal

BY AVA WALLACE

John Wall's face pops up on the video conference, and he grins and waves, sporting a red snapback on his head and a black hoodie with his charitable foundation's logo across his chest. The virtual face time this February morning doesn't have Wall in front of a microphone addressing reporters — he is calling in from Houston as the surprise guest of honor at a tele-assembly for fifth-graders at Ketcham Elementary School in Southeast Washington.

"Who is your favorite basketball

player?" One squirming student asks during the question-and-answer portion. Wall's response — he has always admired Allen Iverson — draws nods from only the principal and a few teachers.

Ketcham's fifth-graders, most of whom are 10 or 11 years old, were infants when the Washington Wizards drafted Wall with the No. 1 overall pick in 2010. So young were they during the point guard's prime years that it isn't a stretch to imagine they will know Wall's legacy in D.C. as one based in charity as much as basketball.

SEE WALL ON D3

WINTER SPORTS **Kriechmayr triumphs** in downhill at worlds

Vincent Kriechmayr matched two legends of Alpine skiing at the world championships Sunday in Cortina d'ampezzo, Italy, by adding downhill gold to the super-G title he won three days ago.

The Austrian became only the third man to complete the socalled speed double at a worlds after Hermann Maier did it in 1999 and Bode Miller in 2005.

The race against the backdrop of snow-covered peaks in the Italian Dolomites lived up to its billing as one of the most eyecatching downhills of the season, with spectacular crashes, faltering favorites, a surprise medalist and the smallest possible winning margin.

Kriechmayr edged Andreas Sander of Germany to the gold by one-hundredth of a second, with 2017 world champion Beat Feuz of Switzerland finishing 0.18 behind for the bronze.

Sander earned the German team its third silver medal at these worlds, after second-place finishes for Romed Baumann in super-G and Kira Weidle in

women's downhill.

Baumann was in the spotlight again right after he finished Sunday's race but this time for a nasty fall, sliding skis first into the protective banners and completely disappearing beneath them.

Freed by coaches and officials, he came out with blood on his face and race suit. German ski federation sports director Wolfgang Maier said Baumann sustained a cut on his face but escaped serious injuries.

In another frightening incident, Maxence Muzaton avoided a serious crash when he caught a bump and fell headfirst after losing control over his right ski at 74.5 mph.

The Frenchman used an acrobatic recovery as he turned around and got upright while skiing backward before coming to a standstill. One of the favorites, 2014

Olympic champion Matthias Mayer of Austria, started strongly but missed a gate halfway through his run.

Defending world champion Kjetil Jansrud of Norway finished eighth.

The worlds continue Monday with the combined events for both women and men....

period goal held up as the gamewinner. Zach Aston-Reese and

Sidney Crosby scored empty-nett-

regard to the way Pittsburgh plays, they're low with chances.

They're low with opportunity," Capitals Coach Peter Laviolette

said. "You've got to fight for your

space. The push probably could

have been better in the third to do

that. I think the mind-set was right to go out there and to try

The Capitals played for the first

time in seven days after three

games were postponed because of

coronavirus issues with their opponents. Washington's game

Tuesday against the Philadelphia Flyers was postponed hours be-

fore scheduled puck drop. The

team's two-game road set against the Buffalo Sabres also was

pushed back because of covid-19

some time to rest and recover.

The break gave Washington

"We felt like we had sharp

practices," winger Jakub Vrana

said. "We did everything right at

the training. We were ready. Just

todav it wasn't there."

"We knew coming in here with

CAPITALS FROM D1

ers for the final margin.

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Kaillie Humphries wrapped up her international season by winning the inaugural women's monobob world championship in Altenberg, Germany, adding that gold medal to the one she and Lolo Jones claimed on the same track last weekend.

It was her fifth world championship, her third in as many tries since getting her release from the Canadian program and beginning to slide for the United States in 2019. Humphries's final time for four

runs over two days was 3 minutes 59.62 seconds - a half-second better than anyone else.

Germany and Canada took the next six spots behind Humphries, with the Germans grabbing silver and bronze...

Nils van der Poel of Sweden set a world record in the 10.000 meters to win his second title at the world single distances speedskating championships in Heerenveen, Netherlands.

Van der Poel's time of 12:32.95 shaved nearly a second off the record set a year ago by Graeme Fish of Canada.

Jorrit Bergsma of the Netherlands was nearly 13 seconds behind Van der Poel, and Russia's Alexander Rumvantsev finished third.

RUNNING

Beatrice Chepkoech of Kenya broke the women's world 5K record at the Monaco Run by finishing the road race in 14:43. The previous record of 14:44

was set by Sifan Hassan in 2019. Battling difficult weather along the coastline of the French

Riviera, the 29-year-old Chepkoech, who set the world record in the steeplechase in 2018, passed one kilometer in 2:57 with a 15-second lead. Meraf Bahta finished second in 15:46, with Alice Finot third in

15:52. Two-time world champion Joshua Cheptegei, 24, of Uganda won the men's race in 13:13.

BASEBALL

The New York Mets signed right-hander Tommy Hunter and left-hander Mike Montgomery to minor league contracts and invited both to big league camp.

Hunter, 34, had a 4.01 ERA in 24 games for the Philadelphia Phillies last season and is 56-45 with 22 saves and a 4.08 ERA in 472 games over his 13-year career.

Montgomery, 31, pitched in three games for the Kansas City Royals last year and is 23-34 with three saves and a 3.84 ERA in 183 games over six seasons.

Capitals fall to Penguins despite returning with a healthy lineup

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12:30 a.m. Biathlon world championships » NBC Sports Network (Tuesday)

HORSE RACING

1:30 p.m. America's Day at the Races » Fox Sports 2

Kentucky at Florida » SEC Network

BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

7 p.m. Houston (Tenn.) vs. Minnehaha Academy (Minn.) » ESPNU

WOMEN'S COLLEGE GYMNASTICS

Nebraska at Michigan » Big Ten Network 3 p.m.

NHL Pacioretty and Fleury lead Vegas to a victory

GOLDEN KNIGHTS 1, AVALANCHE 0

BY W.G. RAMIREZ

LAS VEGAS - Max Pacioretty scored early in the second period, Marc-Andre Fleury made 30 saves and the Vegas Golden Knights beat the Colorado Avalanche, 1-0, on Sunday.

Vegas, which improved to 5-1-0 since returning from a pause because of coronavirus protocols, leapfrogged St. Louis to reclaim first place in the West Division. The Golden Knights have 21 points, one more than the Blues.

Vegas was playing on the second of back-to-back days after a 3-1 win at San Jose on Saturday.

Colorado played for the first time in nearly two weeks after its



Nicklas Backstrom, left, scored in the second period and has seven goals and 11 assists this season.

American Hockey League affiliate, the Hershey Bears. Because he was away from the

reported that to the team and decided he didn't want to risk his symptoms developing into some-

The matinee kicked off with Kuznetsov scoring his second goal in five games this season on a vs. Buffalo Sabres 7 NBCSW Thursday vs. New York Rangers

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SECOND PERIOD

Scoring: 4, Capitals, Vrana 4, 3:26. 5, Penguins, Rust 5 (Guentzel, Letang), 6:44 (pp). 6, Penguins, Guentzel 5 (Rust, Ceci), 10:44. 7, Capitals, Backstrom 7 (Ovechkin, Carlson), 17:49. **Penalties:** Dowd, WSH (High Sticking), 6:17; Letang, PIT (Delay of Game), 8:25; Ruhwedel, PIT (Tripping), 13:06.

THIRD PERIOD

Scoring: 8, Penguins, Aston-Reese 2 (Jarry, Letang) 18:57 (en). 9, Penguins, Crosby 5 (Guentzel), 19:11 (en) SHOTS ON GOAL

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schedule was paused because of coronavirus protocols.

Fleury, who has allowed two or fewer goals in seven of his eight starts this season, improved to 12-5-2 lifetime against the Avalanche. He completed his second shutout of the season and the 63rd of his career, moving him within one of Henrik Lundqvist for 16th on the career list.

Colorado netminder Philipp Grubauer, who had played in nine of Colorado's first 11 games, did not appear to be affected by the team's pause. He was sharp in making 23 saves.

His only glitch came early in the second period, when Zach Whitecloud sent a long pass to Pacioretty, who gathered the puck, raced to the top of the right circle and fired a wrist shot to Grubauer's short side, just under his glove, for his seventh goal of the season.

Whitecloud has three points over his past five games and has been even or positive in the plusminus category in each of his past 11 games since Jan. 16.

"We practice things day in and day out, have systems in place that allow guys to make plays and allow for guys to know where all the teammates are on the ice at once, and a big part of that is chemistry," Whitecloud said. "I think a bigger part of that is communication. We have a group that's very familiar with each other, very comfortable with each other, and we all know what our jobs are."

That familiarity has helped the Golden Knights become a diverse bunch capable of riding out highscoring or low-scoring games they've played eight games where both sides combined for at least six goals and five more where they combined for four or fewer.

"This team is built to compete any way you want to play," Vegas Coach Peter DeBoer said. "If you want to have a physical, grind-itout, 1-0 game, we can play that game. We can also skate and score if we need to on a given night, if it's going to be a more open game."

Colorado's Brandon Saad played in his 600th career game.

The teams continue their fourgame set in Las Vegas on Tuesday before playing the third of four games at Lake Tahoe on Feb. 20 and the finale in Denver on Feb. 22. -Associated Press

Washington had its full roster available Sunday for the first time since Jan. 19, the last time the Capitals played Pittsburgh. 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 dealt with injury after injury.

Nearly four weeks later, everyone is back on the ice in some capacity. Ovechkin and Orlov were cleared Jan. 30. Kuznetsov made his return to the lineup Sunday after he missed eight games on the covid-19 list.

Samsonov was removed from the NHL's covid-19 list with Kuznetsov last Monday, but he was sent down Sunday to the team's

ice for so long after testing positive for the virus, the team wanted Samsonov to play in the AHL before returning. There is no timeline for the young Russian netminder, who was in the net Sunday against Lehigh Valley and allowed five goals on 29 shots in a 5-4 overtime loss.

Other players who returned included Justin Schultz, who missed four games after he took a puck to the face Jan. 28 against the New York Islanders. T.J. Oshie was also back in the lineup after he missed a game with an upperbody injury. Vrana, who was briefly on the covid-19 protocol list, also returned after missing one game.

Vrana confirmed after the game that he was put on the list after he "didn't feel right." He thing more.

"I [could have] potentially been positive and get somebody else sick, and then the whole team miss games," Vrana said. "I just wasn't feeling right. I think that was the right thing to do, and now I am back on track."

Washington avoided another major injury Sunday after Crosby appeared to have an ugly collision with Nic Dowd near the boards. Crosby kicked out Dowd's left leg, and the Capitals' fourth-line center was slow to get up and limped down the tunnel to the locker room. While the injury looked significant, Dowd returned to the ice about two minutes later.

Despite the rest and the returns, the Capitals couldn't muster enough offense for a comeback.

power play 5:18 into the first period. The puck redirected off John Marino's stick and past unassuming goaltender Tristan Jarry.

Bryan Rust tied the score with 9:31 left in the first period. The play turned in Pittsburgh's favor after an ill-timed turnover by Orlov.

Pittsburgh scored again 32 seconds later with Brandon Tanev's rebound goal, shortly after a faceoff win by Teddy Blueger.

"[We] will continue to work at it to be better defensively, but from the beginning of the year when we were giving up I think more numbers, more quality, more zone time, at the end of the day, the chances, they've got to continue to be worked on and be eliminated," Laviolette said.

Vrana tied the game at 2 only 3:26 into the second period with his backhand putback in front. It was Vrana's first goal in seven games and his fourth of the season. He has three points (one goal and two assists) in his past three games.

Rust scored his second goal of the game with 13:16 left in the second period on the power play to give the Penguins a 3-2 lead. Guentzel's goal at 9:16 pushed the Pittsburgh lead to two before Backstrom scored with 2:11 left in the second period. The Capitals couldn't find the tying goal in the third to at least force overtime.

Backstrom, who has 250 career goals, has seven goals and 11 assists in 13 games this season, both of which lead the Capitals.

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NBA ROUNDUP

Jackson comes through late to lift Oklahoma Čity

THUNDER 114, **BUCKS 109**

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Justin Jackson scored a seasonhigh 22 points and hit a critical three-pointer in the final minute to help the Oklahoma City Thunder overcome Giannis Antetokounmpo's triple-double and beat the visiting Milwaukee Bucks, 114-109, on Sunday night.

With Milwaukee making a late push, Jackson hit a three-pointer with 14.9 seconds remaining to put the Thunder in control for good in just his second start of the season

Al Horford had 20 points, nine assists and seven rebounds; Luguentz Dort scored 19 points; and Darius Bazley added 18 for Oklahoma City.

The Thunder won without leading scorer Shai Gilgeous-Alexander, who sat out with a sprained left knee.

The Thunder had been nearing a breakthrough. During its recent three-game road trip. Oklahoma City lost back-to-back overtime games to the Los Angeles Lakers and dropped a two-point game to the Denver Nuggets.

Antetokounmpo had 24 points, 17 rebounds and 10 assists for his fourth triple-double of the season, and Khris Middleton added 23 points for the Bucks. Milwaukee has lost three straight.

The Bucks (16-11) missed 14 of their first 15 shots to start the second quarter, and the Thunder (11-15) took advantage and led 52-41 at halftime.

Milwaukee rallied in the third quarter and took the lead late in the period. But Oklahoma City took control in the fourth. Backto-back buckets by Bazley and a three-pointer by Jackson gave the Thunder a 101-93 lead midway through the final quarter, and Oklahoma City held on.

• TRAIL BLAZERS 121, MAV-ERICKS 118: Damian Lillard hit a tiebreaking three-pointer for Portland in the final minute after a big Dallas rally, and the Trail Blazers overcame another high-scoring outing from Luka Doncic in a road victory over the Mavericks.

The young Dallas sensation scored 44 points two nights after getting a career-high 46 in a victory over New Orleans, but it wasn't enough to extend the Mavericks' four-game winning streak, tied for their longest this season.

Lillard finished with 34 points and 11 assists. He connected on the

• SPURS 122, HORNETS 110: Dejounte Murray had 26 points and 12 rebounds, and visiting San Antonio outlasted shorthanded Charlotte.

Derrick White scored 12 of his season-high 25 points in the fourth quarter, helping San Antonio to its fifth win in six games. The Spurs (16-11) also improved to 5-0 this season against Eastern Conference teams.

Terry Rozier had 33 points for the Hornets (13-15), who played without leading scorer Gordon Hayward because of a sore back and P.J. Washington, Caleb Martin and Cody Martin because of health and safety protocols. In addition, Devonte' Graham departed because of knee discomfort and did not play in the second half.

• PISTONS 123, PELICANS 112: Mason Plumlee had 17 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists for his first career triple-double, and Detroit spoiled Stan Van Gundy's return to Motown, beating New Orleans.

Van Gundy was the coach and president of basketball operations for the Pistons from 2014 to 2018. He's coaching the Pelicans now, and Detroit (8-19) became the latest team to blitz New Orleans (11-15) from three-point range.

The Pistons had six players with at least 15 points, and Detroit went 17 of 35 from beyond the arc - 13 of 21 during the final three quarters. Josh Jackson led Detroit with 21

points, and Svi Mykhailiuk added

•SUNS 109, MAGIC 90: Devin Booker scored 27 points, Mikal Bridges added 21, and Phoenix cruised to its sixth straight victory, beating Orlando at home.

The Suns have won nine of their past 10 games, and this one wasn't close. Phoenix never trailed and jumped out to a 14-2 lead after Orlando missed 12 of its first 13 shots.

It never got much better for the Magic, which had just eight players available because of injuries. Orlando has lost eight of its past 10 and fell to 10-18. The Suns improved to 17-9

• TIMBERWOLVES 116 RAPTORS 112: Karl-Anthony Towns scored seven of his 20 points late in the fourth quarter before fouling out, and Minnesota snapped a four-game losing streak with a win in Tampa.

Malik Beasley also scored 20 points and Anthony Edwards added 18 for the Timberwolves (7-20), who shot 69 percent in the second half.

Toronto (12-15) had a chance to tie the game in the closing seconds

Defensive chatter is talked up after win

WIZARDS FROM D1

starting lineup — their 17th this season - and an opponent that looked as if it limped all the way to Capital One Arena from Boston after a brutal Friday night loss to the six-win Detroit Pistons.

"We were just locked in, from the practice we had yesterday, coming in today," said Beal, who sat out Friday's loss to the New York Knicks for rest. "We knew who we were playing. We knew what was at stake. We could come out lackadaisical and be down 30 early, or we could be ready to go and battle from the jump."

Washington chose Option B and played one of its best first quarters of the season with Moritz Wagner, usually a third-string center, and Garrison Mathews starting alongside usual starters Beal, Russell Westbrook and Rui Hachimura. Thanks in part to Wagner, probably the loudest player on the roster, it was easier to hear the Wizards on defense from tip-off than it has been all season inside a largely empty Capital One Arena.

They held a 12-point lead at halftime, with Boston's offense looking anemic.

"Moe talks. He communicates. Sometimes you want him to be quiet at times, but I like that," said Brooks, who gave Wagner the start simply to give the team a different look at center. "I like the fact that he's always engaged you hear him behind. Even when he's not playing, he's still on the bench talking. I think he impacted the game that way."

Beal looked as if he had swallowed rocket fuel after three restful days and led five scorers in double figures with 35 points on 10-for-18 shooting overall. He was 11 for 11 from the foul line and added seven rebounds, five assists and two steals.

Hachimura added 15 points in what Brooks called one of his best games of the year because of his activity on defense. Westbrook had 13 points, nine rebounds and 11 assists.

Wagner had 11 points in his first start of the season and just the sixth in his two seasons with the Wizards.

After a week in which Washington players up and down the roster spoke about the need to take pride in individual defense, Wagner spoke about the role trust - in themselves and in each other played in Sunday's win.

"The start had a lot to do with it. Just not getting down in the first quarter – and I don't even mean points. I just mean mentally, like, keep trusting each other," Wagner said. "Keep being uplifted and engaged throughout the whole first half. And then, yeah,



Russell Westbrook nearly had a triple-double, but defense keyed Washington's victory Sunday.

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fense hummed anyway with some of the better ball movement deployed all season. The Wizards had 21 assists on 29 made baskets through three quarters and entered the fourth with a 22-point lead.

Boston (13-13) shot 35.6 percent overall and 25.7 percent from in transition defense. That's been an Achilles' heel for a while now. We weren't worried about hanging around, trying to get an offensive rebound. We were getting back and getting into our defensive stance. We talked about that.

We walked through it yesterday." There was no talk of cracking cans of White Claw, as Brooks joked about after Washington's stunning win against the Brooklyn Nets two weeks ago. The coach and his players were measured in their postgame video conferences with just seven victories to their name this season. More than that, the Wizards have posted back-to-back wins just once this season, Jan. 1 and 3.

They will get another chance Monday with John Wall and the Houston Rockets coming to town. "It's a big boost, 100 percent,"

Beal said of the win. "On the other side, we still didn't do a lot of things perfect. A lot of things we were messing up on the fly. But I think our effort is what saved us. . . . We kind of showed our hand of what we were capable of doing, and now, like I've been saying the last couple games, it's consistency. We've got

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BOSTON	MIN	FG	FT	0-т	A	PF	PTS
Ojeleye	30:31	1-6	0-0	0-2	0	4	3
Tatum	23:21	3-14	0-1	2-8	4	4	6
Theis	20:25	1-5	2-2	0-2	2	3	4
Brown	28:40	11-21	1-3	3-7	0	2	25
Walker	29:03	9-18	3-4	0-7	2	1	25
Nesmith	28:39	1-4	2-3	0-5	0	3	5
Thompson	18:08	1-3	0-2	3-8	0	1	2
Pritchard	17:27	2-7	0-0	1-3	2	1	4
Williams	12:03	0-1	0-0	1-2	1	3	0
Williams III	10:31	1-3	3-5	2-2	1	3	5
Edwards	5:18	1-4	1-2	0-0	0	0	4
Fall	5:18	1-1	1-2	2-4	0	2	3
Green	5:18	0-1	3-4	0-0	0	0	3
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TOTALS	240	32-90 1	L8-30	14-50	14	27	91

Percentages: FG .356, FT .600. 3-Point Goals: 9-35, .257 (Walker 4-7, Brown 2-5, Edwards 1-2, Nesmith 1-4, Ojeleye 1-6, Green 0-1, Waters 0-1, Williams 0-1, Tatum 0-2, Pritchard 0-3, Theis 0-3). Team Rebounds: 12. Team Furnovers: None. Blocked Shots: 2 (Brown, Williams III) Turnovers: 17 (Brown 5, Walker 5, Tatum 2, Williams 2, Nesmith, Theis, Williams III). **Steals:** 5 (Walker 2,

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Hachimura	22:18	5-9	5-5	1-4	1	2	15
Mathews	19:35	0-2	0-0	0-3	0	2	0
Wagner	22:20	4-7	3-4	0-4	2	3	11
Beal	33:09	10-18	11-11	0-7	5	2	35
Westbrook	29:04	6-19	1-3	2-9	11	3	13
Avdija	27:59	2-9	3-4	1-10	0	4	8
Lopez	25:32	3-6	4-4	3-4	3	1	10
Neto	24:28	1-3	2-2	1-3	1	1	4
Bertans	24:20	2-7	2-3	1-8	1	3	8
Bonga	5:18	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	3	0
Brown Jr.	5:18	0-2	0-0	0-2	0	1	0
Robinson	0:39	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
TOTALS	240	33-83	31-36	9-54	24	25	104

Percentages: FG .398, FT .861, 3-Point Goals: 7-30, .233

go-ahead three-pointer after Doncic assisted on a tying three from Dorian Finney-Smith. The Mavericks (13-15) trailed the Trail Blazers (16-10) by 13 midway through the fourth quarter.

after Beasley stepped out of bounds with 12.1 seconds left for Minnesota's eighth turnover of the fourth quarter. But Pascal Siakam missed a layup that was contested by Jaden McDaniels.

once you establish that trust, it's easier to go into the second half, keep on going like that. We've got to be sure to have that defensive intensity every game." The Wizards' defense did the

three. With Tatum wrapped up for 23 minutes, Jaylen Brown and Kemba Walker sustained the offense with 25 points apiece.

"I thought tonight we were just active," Brooks said. "We got back

to build on that. Definitely excited about getting a win against a great team, but we've got another one coming in tomorrow that we've got to get some get-back on."

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(Beal 4-9, Bertans 2-6, Avdija 1-5, Brown Jr. 0-1, Lopez 0-1, Neto 0-1, Wagner 0-1, Hachimura 0-2, Mathews 0-2, Westbrook 0-2). Team Rebounds: 9. Team Turnovers: 2. Blocked Shots: 3 (Bertans, Lopez, Wagner). Turnovers: 16 (Beal 6, Westbrook 3, Avdija 2, Lopez 2, Brown Jr., Hachimura, Wagner). Steals: 9 (Beal 2, Mathews 2, Wagner 2, Hachimura, Neto, Westbrook). Technica Fouls: Wizards, 7:36 second.

Wall wanted one last chance with Beal and Wizards but found a fit in Houston

WALL FROM D1

In many ways, Wall is okay with that. After Washington traded him for point guard Russell Westbrook in a blockbuster deal in early December, the 30-year-old wanted to invest in a new long-term project in the District. He and his foundation committed to donating \$5,000 to all Ketcham fifth-graders' higher education plans if they graduate from high school with at least a 3.0 GPA

"That's the bigger factor than basketball, to me," Wall said in a recent phone conversation before invoking a phrase his late mother would often repeat. "She would say, 'It's great to be known as a great basketball player, but it's even better to be known as a great person.'

Wall takes solace in that, believes it deeply. He still isn't sure how he will feel Monday when he returns to Capital One Arena for the first time since Dec. 3, when he visited the venue to say his goodbyes the day after the deal was done. It won't be his first game against his old team - that was in January, when Wall led the Rockets to a 107-88 win with 24 points and five assists and he and Westbrook were each assessed a technical foul after jawing at each other.

But Wall expects Monday to make him more emotional. Almost every milestone in the point guard's adult life happened while he was playing for Washington, including the births of his two sons and the death of his mother. Every time he imagined his return during the nearly two years he spent sidelined, recovering from a foot and Achilles' injury, he saw himself in a Wizards jersey.

"Don't get me wrong; it was kind of mind-blowing digesting being somewhere new. I'd only been in one place from when I was 19 to 30,"

Wall said. "I still think about that day - but, like, once the trade happened, I was [in Houston] going into training camp, preseason, I'd still be like, wow. I can't believe I'm putting my jersey on for the first time in two years, but it's a different uniform, in a different city."

A turning point

On the evening of Nov. 17, Wall, who spends his offseasons in Miami, was getting ready to return to Washington to prepare for the 2020-21 season when the texts from friends and other interested parties began rolling in. There was a tweet that said the Rockets and Wizards had discussed a trade centered on him and Westbrook. Was it real?

Wall wasn't sure, but his initial reaction was that it couldn't be.

"I'm like, there's no way I'm traded, boy!" Wall said. "I haven't played in two years! Who wants to trade for a guy that's injured?"

Wall's first call was to Wizards General Manager Tommy Sheppard, who told the point guard not to worry. But Wall felt "blindsided" by the rumors, he said.

Three days later, a person with knowledge of the situation confirmed to The Washington Post that Wall had made it clear he wanted out of Washington.

In retrospect, Wall sees the turning point in his decade-long relationship with the Wizards clearly: a 13-second video clip that hit the Internet in the early morning hours of Sept. 13 and went viral. In it, Wall was shirtless, out of sorts, at a crowded party in the middle of a pandemic and apparently flashing gang signs.

"In all reality," Wall said, "I think they probably never did get past it, but they told me they did."

Wall issued a vague apology on Twitter hours later, spoke to his teammates and Washington's



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John Wall spent the first decade of his NBA career with the Wizards. He returns to Capital One Arena as a visitor Monday.

front office and, in the following days and weeks, was told that the team had gotten over the incident. Publicly, Sheppard said the Wizards were disappointed but had to move forward.

Privately, the video enraged some within the organization, including owner Ted Leonsis, according to multiple people close to the franchise. Not only did it feel like a slap in the face - Wall had earned more than \$57 million in the nearly two seasons he spent away from an NBA court - but many within the organization recognized a pattern of behavior from their 30-year-old star.

It wasn't the first time he had been caught on tape partying when he perhaps shouldn't have been. Wall also had been caught flashing gang signs at least once before, on court during a playoff series against the Atlanta Hawks in 2015, which the league office brought to the team's attention. (At the time, Washington pushed back against the accusations.)

Even so, multiple people in the league said the Wizards were not actively looking to trade Wall in the immediate aftermath of the September incident.

But by Dec. 2, Houston and Washington had reached a deal that the Wizards felt was too good to leave on the table. In exchange for Westbrook, the Wizards sent Wall and a protected future firstround pick to Houston.

"The video in the summer kind of pushed them to a certain extent, which I understand," Wall said. "I'm not mad at it. I said my apologies. If they wanted to move going forward from that, then I would've respected it....But you're feeding me one thing, but on the other end it's totally different. That's the most hurtful thing out of all of it."

Sheppard declined to answer questions about what he shared with Wall and the timeline of trade talks in a recent phone interview.

"I wish John the best," Sheppard said. "He's a special player and is a special person to this city."

'Brother outside of basketball'

In his new city, the one Wall is still getting used to, he felt the Rockets' embrace straight away. He was reunited with close friend and college teammate DeMarcus Cousins, and even after early-season drama with James Harden, Wall felt an immediate kinship with Christian Wood and Victor Oladipo.

"I walked into the locker room to be around the guys. They all respected me," said Wall, a fivetime all-star. "They understood what my résumé said. Around the same time, I'm around a lot of guys that's hungry and have a lot to prove just like I do coming off of injury or had probably been written off and traded multiple times."

The point guard shows flashes of his pre-injury self more frequently with each passing game - something that wasn't a certainty for a player coming off of an Achilles' injury whose trademark is lightning-quick speed. Wall is averaging 19.5 points and 5.9 assists through 17 games with the Rockets and is so comfortable that he recently said he feels like he became the team's franchise player when Harden was traded to the Brooklyn Nets

It is the status he's most familiar with in an organization, the same one he occupied for nearly a decade before the Wizards shifted to build around former backcourt mate Bradley Beal.

"I'm happy that he's back. He fought hard, for [two] years, to come back," Wizards Coach Scott Brooks said in January. "I hope that he has a healthy year and finishes his career healthy. He's earned that."

Wall said he never bristled at the thought of Beal, 27, taking a larger role in the organization, though the pair occasionally clashed while Wall was in Washington and their relationship provided media fodder for years.

The point guard said their friendship has been easy to maintain since he was traded because its strongest thread always has been their off-court bond. The pair grew into adulthood together, became fathers around the same time. Beal sat in the hospital to provide Wall comfort when his mother was dying of cancer in late 2019.

'That was more than anything, that's a brother outside of basketball," Wall said. "Nobody thought we was going to shake hands before [the Wizards and the Rockets played in January]. Nobody thought we was going to shake hands and talk after - I'll take the fine with that, even though we're supposed to have covid protocols. Because that's somebody I respect on a high level. Every time that we're just playing, if I'm not playing, I'm definitely watching him play because he's a hell of a talent in this league. That's talent at the highest level, and it's kind of dope to see him get some all-star nods and get that respect he deserves. So I'm happy for everything he got."

Not being able to make his comeback with Beal by his side is one of the things that pains Wall most about the trade. He said the pair spoke about his return throughout the summer as Wall started scrimmaging more seriously, daydreaming about working together to lift the Wizards out of their recent doldrums.

"We were like, we'll run it back one more year," Wall said. "See how this goes with Brad. If it don't work, we know what's going to happen. I never got that. And that's one of the things that hurt me more than anything. That and I never got the opportunity to play in front of those fans. Even though we can't have fans there, they'd still get to see me in that uniform, in that city, in that arena.'

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

ROUNDUP

Wolverines end layoff by beating Badgers

MICHIGAN 67, WISCONSIN 59

FROM NEWS SERVICES AND STAFF REPORTS

Michigan only needed 20 minutes or so to shake off the rust from a three-week layoff.

Isaiah Livers scored 20 points, Hunter Dickinson had 11 points and 15 rebounds, and the No. 3 Wolverines rallied from a 14-point deficit to beat No. 21 Wisconsin, 67-59, on Sunday in Madison, Wis.

The Wolverines (14-1, 9-1 Big Ten) hadn't played since a 70-53 victory at Purdue on Jan. 22. Michigan announced the following day it was pausing all athletic activities after several people linked to the athletic department tested positive for a coronavirus variant that transmits at a higher rate.

"I was outside, I was doing jump-rope, I was doing everything necessary to stay in shape," Livers said. "A lot of other guys were, too. We all had a program. We all stayed true to it, and obviously [you saw] the outcome. We're getting back in our rhythm, back in that Michigan basketball rhythm."

After trailing most of the way, Michigan scored the game's final eight points. Wisconsin (15-7, 9-6) collected just six points and one basket over the final 7:45.

"We're fit to play I think any kind of style — a fast-paced game, a slow-paced game, a grind-it-out game, whatever," said Dickinson, who also had five blocks. "With our depth, I think we have the ability to do so much out there, win in so many different ways."

Michigan trailed 57-56 when Dickinson (DeMatha) got the offensive rebound off a missed three-pointer from Eli Brooks and found Livers, who sank a threepointer with 2:48 left. D'Mitrik Trice tied the game by hitting two free throws, but Michigan pulled ahead for good on Dickinson's putback with 1:46 remaining.

• DRAKE 51, LOYOLA CHI-CAGO 50 (OT): In Des Moines, Tremell Murphy scored 17 points, including the go-ahead basket in overtime, and the Bulldogs rallied past the No. 22 Ramblers.

Terrapins put it all together for needed victory

MARYLAND 72, MINNESOTA 59

BY EMILY GIAMBALVO

Maryland's potential revealed itself inside Xfinity Center on Sunday night. The Terrapins have struggled at times this season sometimes because their offense becomes stagnant and ineffective, occasionally because their defense hasn't played up to par. But early in their game against Minnesota, the Terps' best qualities converged and led to a dominant performance.

And when Minnesota charged back, trimming the Terps' lead to six points with three minutes to go, junior guard Aaron Wiggins nailed a three-pointer to help Maryland reclaim the cushion it held much of the game. Maryland went on to a 72-59 win, another crucial piece to the team's NCAA tournament résumé.

The Terrapins' defense gave the Golden Gophers trouble all night, and on the other end of the floor, Maryland (11-10, 5-9 Big Ten) produced its best shooting performance in conference play this season by making 52.9 percent of its field goal attempts.

"It was good to see a couple shots go down, to see us flying around on defense, all locked in, all on one page," said Darryl Morsell, the team's senior guard and defensive leader.

The Terps thrived with a wellbalanced attack, and four players scored in double figures. Wiggins led the group with 17 points, including 3-for-5 shooting from three-point range. Senior forward Galin Smith recorded 10 points on 4-for-4 shooting and added a career-high four assists. Smith defended well in the post, holding Minnesota center Liam Robbins to just two points. Coach Mark Turgeon called the game Smith's best performance since he transferred from Alabama in the offseason.

"He keeps getting better," Turgeon said. "He keeps getting more comfortable. We keep getting more comfortable with him, and you're seeing growth among players individually and among our team."

Minnesota (13-8, 6-8) cut the Terps' lead to nine points with about four minutes left in the game,



Galin Smith dunks in the first half of what Coach Mark Turgeon called his best game as a Terrapin.

Nebraska at Maryland

Tomorrow, 7 p.m., Big Ten Network

placing a bit of pressure on Maryland for the first time all evening. The Terps had led by 17 with 7:35 remaining, but Turgeon had to call a timeout after they had gone nearly four minutes without scoring. Following another empty possession, sophomore forward Isaiah Ihnen made a shot from deep for Minnesota, but then Wiggins sparked Maryland's response. Morsell made a jumper in the paint with 1:42 to go, restoring the double-digit margin.

The Gophers usually rely on standout guard Marcus Carr, but

he had a quiet evening, scoring only nine points on 4-for-15 shooting. When Maryland defeated Minnesota earlier this season, Carr scored 25 points while his teammates struggled. But with Morsell guarding him Sunday night, Carr produced his secondlowest output of the season.

"I'm a competitor, man," said Morsell, who also scored 13 points. "I know if he has a tough night and he can't really get going, it's going to be hard for their offense to get going. I set my goal when I stepped on the court just to try to make it as tough as possible for him."

Three Gophers finished in dou-

ble figures, but as a team, they only shot 32.2 percent from the field. Minnesota remains winless on the road this season, and the Terrapins are the only opponent that has beaten the Gophers in their home venue.

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Turgeon chose to start a fourguard lineup, with 6-foot-7 Donta Scott the only forward on the floor. That group powered Maryland to an early lead, playing with energy and stifling defense — reminiscent to how the Terps began their game at Minnesota three weeks ago. Smith, a 6-9 forward who often starts, checked into the game when Turgeon made his first substitution, and he helped the Terps maintain the strong start. A sequence early in the first half epitomized Smith's solid outing. He swatted away Jamal Mashburn Jr.'s layup and then scored with an emphatic dunk moments later.

"It's a perfect example of when they say defense leads to offense," Smith said.

The Terrapins seized control from the early possessions, leaning on a defense that forced the Gophers to miss 15 of their first 18 field goal attempts. Maryland combined that effort with solid offense. The Terps shot 58.6 percent from the field in the first half. They were selective with their shots from deep and made 5 of 8 attempts. They led by double figures less than five minutes into the game and had secured a 44-28 advantage by halftime.

Maryland's offense cooled a bit when Minnesota made adjustments in the second half, but the Terps still finished with one of their best performances of the season. They moved the ball well and hit 10 of 20 attempts from threepoint range, including four made three-pointers by junior guard Eric Ayala (12 points).

For the next three weeks, every Maryland game will carry weight in determining this team's postseason future. Players and coaches preach a narrow mind-set that tries to ignore the bigger picture. But when a team is teetering on the NCAA tournament bubble, it's impossible to overlook.

"We're all aware of the current circumstance that we're in," Morsell said the day before his team faced Minnesota. And the Terrapins' situation — with a handful of quality wins but a poor record in conference play — calls for a strong finish to the regular season.

This upcoming stretch — three games in four days, with home matchups against Nebraska on both Tuesday and Wednesday could significantly help the Terps improve their record. That requires a consistent string of performances, and Sunday's showing was the optimal first step. Maryland played well on both ends of the floor. The Terps benefited from contributions across the roster. They exuded confidence throughout the game and perhaps left the court with a bit more.

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Murphy's layup with 2:50 remaining put the Bulldogs ahead for good, 49-48, in the defensive struggle between the Missouri Valley Conference schools.

Drake (20-2, 11-2) won despite shooting 33.3 percent. Loyola (18-4, 13-2) shot 35.1 percent.

• RICHMOND 90, ST. MARY'S (MD.) 49: Blake Francis scored 17 points as the Spiders (11-4) returned from a 19-day coronavirus-related pause with a victory over the Division III Seahawks in Richmond.

South Carolina women roll

Destanni Henderson scored 19 points and Aliyah Boston added 12 points and 13 rebounds as the No. 1 South Carolina women beat LSU, 66-59, in Columbia, S.C., for their 31st straight SEC victory.

The Gamecocks (17-2, 12-0) haven't lost in league play since falling to Arkansas in the SEC tournament quarterfinals in March 2019.

Jailin Cherry had a career-high 19 points for the Tigers (8-10, 6-6). • **TEXAS A&M 80, TENNES**-

SEE 70: Destiny Pitts had a season-high 18 points, and the No. 6 Aggies (19-1, 10-1 SEC) used strong free throw shooting late to hold on against the No. 16 Lady Vols (12-5, 6-3) in College Station, Tex.

• **BAYLOR 60, TEXAS 35:** In Waco, Tex., Moon Ursin and Queen Egbo had double-doubles for the No. 7 Bears (16-2, 11-1 Big 12), who held the Longhorns (14-6, 8-5) to their second-fewest points ever in a game.

• ARIZONA 75, WASHING-TON 53: Sam Thomas scored 20 points as the No. 10 Wildcats (14-2, 12-2) continued the best start in program history with the win over the Huskies (5-11, 2-11) in Tucson.

•GEORGE WASHINGTON 56, ST. BONAVENTURE 39: Ali Brigham scored 15 points as the Colonials (6-12, 3-9 Atlantic 10) routed the Bonnies (5-11, 4-9) at Smith Center.

• NAVY 50, LOYOLA (MD.) 46: In Annapolis, the Midshipmen (4-6, 4-2 Patriot League) beat the Greyhounds (0-8, 0-8) for the second time over the weekend.

• DUQUESNE 55, GEORGE MASON 49: Rachel Balzer led the Patriots (3-16, 0-12 Atlantic 10) with 14 points in a loss to the Dukes (3-8, 2-5) at EagleBank Arena. BLACKISTONE FROM D1

much of the 20th century rather than at the predominantly White institutions where, since the 1980s, they have helped generate billions of dollars. Their decisions to go Black were touted in some corners as game changers.

I was reminded of that misnomer last week, when Howard University announced it was sidelining its men's basketball season because of the coronavirus. This had been the most anticipated season in forever for D.C.'s famous HBCU, where Du Bois spoke often and received an honorary degree. The small historic campus on a small rise in the city's most storied Black neighborhood, LeDroit Park – where Black luminaries such as Duke Ellington and Sen. Edward Brooke were born and reared, and others, such as Paul Laurence Dunbar, relocated to and lived – was again making history.

Last summer, a 6-foot-11 teenage basketball wunderkind of East African roots, Makur Maker, chose it for his collegiate basketball career rather than some predominantly White institution with a highly regarded multimillion-dollar basketball program such as Kentucky, UCLA and Memphis, all of which he was said to have spurned in favor of the Bison. Maker was so good, it was said he could go to the NBA after one vear at Howard if he chose. He was what we call a five-star recruit, the first such highly regarded basketball talent (since anyone started keeping track of such things) to go to an HBCU since segregation around White campuses started eroding – at least for Black male athletes who could attract the TV rights fees and ticket sales that made the White men who ran those sports not only winners but rich.

His decision led another highly regarded Black high school player, Mikey Williams, to congratulate Maker, to suggest he might follow Maker

to an HBCU.

That wasn't all. A star football prospect being recruited by the cream of college programs last fall said he would go to the most famous Black college team at Grambling State. And NFL Hall of Famer Deion Sanders took the head coaching job at Jackson State, where his flamboyance attracted other former NFL standouts to assist him. It landed Jackson State, where Walter Payton made his name, a few top recruits and six appearances on ESPN networks.

Many of us have long wondered about or championed, quite selfishly, the idea of the best young Black athletes migrating back to the HBCUs where their predecessors once starred, turning them into nationally relevant programs that could compete with large state and powerful private athletic programs for prestige and gobs of money. I said selfishly because many of us who advocate for such a radical change didn't ourselves choose HBCUs for college.

But it is all quite shortsighted unless HBCUs are going to treat Black athletic talent more equitably than the Marylands, Virginias, Dukes and other predominantly White institutions do.

Because the game isn't about where those particular laborers go but about whether those laborers get to share in the wealth they create — no matter where they toil.

Maker played but two games after enduring injury and the coronavirus, the university reported. The team lost both of those games and four out of the only five games it tipped off. The coronavirus caused the cancellation of its showcase game against Notre Dame, which undoubtedly promised a pretty paycheck. So Howard didn't even cash in on Maker's novelty.

More importantly, Maker and his teammates didn't cash in either, which was Du Bois's point all those years ago. Call it a myth of Black athletics.

"The excitement about Makur

Maker's decision was premature," Joseph Cooper, a University of Massachusetts Boston professor and author of the forthcoming "A Legacy of African American Resistance and Activism Through Sport," emailed me last week. "But it did plant a seed of thought in many people's minds that [historically White institutions] are not the only way to go. With players such as LaMelo Ball, Jalen Green, and others deciding to bypass the NCAA and with the Fair Play to Pay Act coming down the pipeline, I think the cracks in the system are gradually beginning to widen and eventually the system will not be sustainable unless it decides to alter its bylaws to engage in more equitable practices with the college

athletes." HBCUs certainly have returned dividends to their students. Just look over the political landscape – at Howard graduates in particular. Kamala D. Harris helped defeat the Trump ticket to become the first woman and person of color as vice president of the United States. (That can't be said enough times.) Letitia James is the New York attorney general investigating the dealings of the Trump Organization. And last week Fani T. Willis, the Fulton County district attorney, announced her office would investigate election meddling in Georgia prompted by Donald Trump's phone calls to the state's election officials after he lost his bid for reelection to president to Joe Biden.

But unless and until the college athletic economic model is changed — or HBCUs can and do create their own new model — "the amateur athlete," as Du Bois wrote, "is involved in deceit."

And the real game remains unchanged.

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Brenda Frese's 500th victory for Maryland, which came Sunday against Nebraska, made her the program's winningest coach.

Frese gets milestone win as Terps rout Nebraska

MARYLAND FROM D1

(and 557-160 overall), but her Terps dominated again in a classic Frese fashion. The Terps sprinted out of the gate and used a 12-0 run to take a 10-point lead less than four minutes into the game. Maryland led 27-16 by the end of the first quarter and scored seven baskets in transition in those first 10 minutes. The Cornhuskers were never closer than 10 the rest of the way, and the 95 points set a record for Pinnacle Bank Arena.

Ashley Owusu scored a gamehigh 25 points for Maryland (14-2, 10-1 Big Ten) to go along with seven rebounds and seven assists. Diamond Miller added 24 points, and Mimi Collins scored 19, her second most this season, and grabbed seven rebounds. Chloe Bibby finished with 16 points and knocked down four three-pointers.

Ruby Porter led Nebraska (9-9, 7-8) with 19 points, while Kate Cain and Isabelle Bourne scored 17 apiece.

"Just coming out and playing Maryland basketball," Owusu said. "We kind of had a rough day between yesterday and today. So just coming out and keeping our head high and playing Maryland basketball for 40 minutes."

Maryland originally went to Baltimore-Washington International Marshall Airport for a 2 p.m. flight Saturday, but it was delayed until 5 p.m. and eventually canceled. The team returned to campus and tried again at 6:30 a.m. Sunday. The team landed at about 10:45 a.m. Central time, went to take coronavirus tests and finally arrived at the hotel at about noon to eat. The team left the hotel at 2 p.m. without time for a shoot-around.

Frese said the Terps "didn't flinch," which also could sum up her career in College Park.

"She got that job when she was so young, and she's still so young and dynamic," ESPN analyst Holly Rowe said, "and what she's been able to build there is really spectacular. I'm excited for her.

"It's really awesome what Brenda's been able to build there and the level of consistency she's been able to achieve and being competitive in different leagues. Wherever Maryland is, they are competitive. And I think that's a true testament to Brenda."

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DEMATHA 109, PAUL VI 107 (OT)

BY MICHAEL ERRIGO

Sunday afternoon's contest between DeMatha and Paul VI began without the anticipatory buzz that often precedes the tip-off of a big game. Instead, it started with a simple inbound pass and a quick midrange jumper that careened off the rim.

This matchup between Washington Catholic Athletic Conference heavyweights often represents a celebration of D.C.-area basketball. Every year it packs gyms, seating boosters next to Division I coaches next to hoops

junkies. It is a must-see local game, one that decided last year's conference champion. But on Sunday, DeMatha

earned a thrilling 109-107 overtime victory against the Panthers in a near-empty gym in Hyattsville.

"It's definitely different in here," DeMatha guard Jordan Hawkins said afterward. "This is a PVI-DeMatha game, and there's nobody in here. Last year we had a sold-out crowd every game we played."

The back-and-forth battle, played over two 20-minute halves, was the final game of a condensed WCAC season. But it did not crown a champion; the league decided long ago it would not hold winter championships.

It was one of many concessions necessary to have some form of basketball.

In some ways, Sunday's game still felt like a celebration. It meant these two programs and the ultracompetitive league as a whole - had successfully completed a tenuous and unparalleled season at a time when many local schools were sidelined.

"The fact that we were able to play meant that [the season] could not have gone any better,' DeMatha Coach Mike Jones said. "That has nothing to do with wins and losses, just has everything to do with our guys having a chance to play."

After beginning in early January, both the Stags (11-0) and the

SCOREBOARD

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Panthers (7-4) played 11 games. Conference play wrapped up this weekend to make way for a similarly condensed fall sports season.

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"When they canceled AAU season, I was concerned they would cancel high school, too," said Paul VI guard Trevor Keels, the highest-rated local prospect in the Class of 2021. "But it worked out. I'd rather play 11 games than zero games. It is what it is. I'm happy I got to play some amount of games as a senior."

Keels was a force in his high school finale, leading all scorers with 41 points. But it was another senior - DeMatha's Hawkins - who had the game's biggest highlight. With seven seconds remaining and the Stags

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NCAA women

Boston U. 65, Army 53

trailing by three, the Connecticut commit nailed an open three-pointer to send the game into overtime.

"I didn't want it to end," Hawkins said. "Potentially my last high school game, we had to go out with a win."

finished Hawkins with 29 points for the Stags, followed by senior guard Elijah Hawkins with 22. Junior guard Rodney Rice made four straight free throws in the game's final moments to hold off the Panthers.

"We're disappointed that we weren't able to play more this winter and appreciative of what we were able to do at the same time," Paul VI Coach Glenn Farello said. "It's bittersweet."

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West Brom hampers United's title hopes

SOCCER ROUNDUP

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Manchester United damaged its title hopes after being held, 1-1, by host West Bromwich Albion in a scrappy English Premier League clash Sunday.

Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's comeback kings fell short on the road, and, having been on top of the league just 19 days ago, secondplace United now trails Manchester City by seven points. City also has a game in hand.

Mbaye Diagne got West Brom off to a dream start after just 80 seconds before United drew level through Bruno Fernandes's stunning effort. Harry Maguire had a last-gasp header superbly parried to a post by Baggies goalkeeper Sam Johnstone....

Arsenal forward Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang rediscovered his scoring prowess with his first Premier League hat trick in a 4-2 win over Leeds.

Aubameyang put the home side in front in the 13th minute at Emirates Stadium, teasing Leeds right back Luke Ayling with a series of stepovers before skipping past him and scoring at the near post.

Aubameyang's penalty in the 41st minute gave Arsenal a second, and right back Hector Bellerin scored the team's third goal just before halftime after good buildup play. Aubameyang rounded out his hat trick when midfielder Emile Smith Rowe's cross set up his captain to head home in the 47th minute...

Wolves capitalized on a disputed penalty to leapfrog Southampton to 12th in the Premier League table with a 2-1 road win.

Ruben Neves tied the game with the contested penalty kick in the 53rd minute after Rvan Bertrand was controversially punished for a handball. Pedro Neto slotted home the 66th-minute winner.

Josh Maja scored twice in his Premier League debut as Fulham won, 2-0, at Everton to end a 12match winless run.

The 22-vear-old striker, who is on loan from Bordeaux, netted in

the 48th and 65th minutes. • ITALY: Romelu Lukaku

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Collins	32	9-15	1-1	3-7	2	2	19
Benzan	31	1-6	0-0	1-4	7	1	2
Miller	29	9-12	3-5	0-2	2	3	24
Owusu	32	10-15	5-7	4-7	7	2	25
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Styles	14	0-0	0-0	0-2	0	2	0
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Cleveland at Golden State, 10

Denver at Boston, 7 San Antonio at Detroit, 7 New Orleans at Memphis, 7:30 L.A. Lakers at Minnesota, 8 Portland at Oklahoma City, 8 Toronto at Milwaukee, 8 Brooklyn at Phoenix, 10

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Chicago at Charlotte, 7 New York at Orlando, 7 Atlanta at Boston, 7:30 Houston at Philadelphia, 7:30 Denver at Washington, 8 Indiana at Minnesota, 8 San Antonio at Cleveland, 8 Detroit at Dallas, 9 Oklahoma City at Memphis, 9 Portland at New Orleans, 9 Miami at Golden State, 10 Utah at L.A. Clippers, 10

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MINNESOTA	MIN	FG	FT	0-T	A	PF	PTS
Edwards	34:56	7-15	3-4	0-7	3	1	18
Vanderbilt	23:24	4-5	4-4	1-7	2	5	12
Towns	33:27	8-11	2-4	3-11	3	6	20
Beasley	37:14	7-13	0-0	0-3	6	0	20
Rubio	29:43	6-13	0-0	0-1	5	2	16
McLaughlin	18:49	2-4	2-2	0-3	4	1	6
McDaniels	18:18	2-3	1-2	0-2	2	1	6
Reid	13:48	1-5	0-0	0-2	1	3	2
Nowell	13:41	4-6	2-3	0-0	2	5	11
Hernangomez	9:30	2-4	0-0	0-3	0	1	5
Okogie	7:07	0-3	0-0	1-1	0	1	0
TOTALS	2/10	43-82	14-19	5-40	28	26	116

Percentages: FG 524, FT .737 3-Point Goals: 16-39, 410 (Beasley 6-10, Rubio 4-8, Towns 2-3, McDaniels 1-2, Hernangomez 1-3, Nowell 1-3, Edwards 1-7, Reid 0-1, Okogie 0-2). Team Rebounds: 9. Team Turnovers: None Blocked Shots: 8 (Towns 3, Vanderbilt 2, McDaniels McLaughlin, Nowell). Turnovers: 18 (Towns 7, Beasley 3, Edwards 2, McLaughlin 2, Hernangomez, McDaniels, Okogie, Reido, Steals: 6 (McLaughlin 2, Beasley, Ed-wards, Nowell, Towns). Technical Fouls: None.

TORONTO	MIN	FG	FT	0-T	Α	PF	PTS
Powell	36:02	8-12	4-5	1-5	1	0	22
Siakam	36:43	6-19	5-5	1-8	6	4	18
Baynes	23:58	3-7	0-0	4-5	1	6	6
Lowry	40:06	6-12	10-12	0-4	4	3	24
VanVleet	37:51	8-21	2-2	0-3	6	3	22
Bembry	21:45	3-6	3-5	0-4	2	0	9
Boucher	18:17	2-6	2-2	3-4	1	3	6
Johnson	13:40	0-2	0-0	1-4	0	2	0
T.Davis	11:34	2-6	0-0	0-1	3	1	5
TOTALS	240	38-91	26-31	10-38	24	22	112

Percentages: FG. 418, FT. 839, 3-Point Goals: 10-33, 303 (VanVleet 4-12, Powell 2-3, Lowry 2-4, Siakam 1-3, T.Davis 1-4, Johnson 0-1, Baynes 0-2, Bembry 0-2, Boucher 0-2). Team Rebounds: 15. Team Turnovers: 1. Blocked Shots: 3 (Boucher, Johnson, Siakam). Turn-overs: 11 (Lowry 4, Siakam 3, Baynes, Johnson, Powell, VanVleet). Steals: 6 (Lowry 2, Siakam 2, Baynes, T.Davis). Technical Fouls: None.

Pistons 123, Pelicans 112

NEW ORLEANS	40	22	27	23 - 112
DETROIT	30	34	33	26 — 123

NEW ORLEANS: Ingram 7-19 9-10 26, Williamson 10-20 6-6 26, Adams 5-7 3-5 13, Ball 5-11 0-0 13, Bledsoe 1-9 3-56, Hernangomez 0-10-00, Alexander-Walker 3-30-0 6, Hart 4-7 0-0 8, Lewis Jr. 4-9 0-0 10, Redick 1-4 2-2 4. Totals 40-90 23-28 112.

DETROIT: Bey 6-11 0-0 16, Grant 4-15 4-4 15, Plumlee 8-12 1-2 17, Elington 2-6 0-0 6, Wright 6-7 4-4 17, J.Jackson 8-14 3-5 21, Wykhailiuk 7-11 0-0 18, Stewart 1-2 2-2 4, Smith Jr. 3-6 2-3 9. **Totals** 45-84 16-20 123.

Three-point Goals: New Orleans 9-35 (Ball 3-7, Ingram 3-10, Lewis Jr. 2-5, Bledsoe 1-9, Hart 0-2, Redick 0-2), Detroit 17-35 (Bey 4-8, Mykhailiuk 4-8, Grant 3-7, J.Jackson 2-3, Ellington 2-5, Smith Jr. 1-2). Fould Out: None, Rebounds: New Orleans 44 (Adams 12), Detroit 37 Oliverskea 30, Ascritch New Orleans 44 (Adams 12), Detroit 37 (Plumlee 10). Assists: New Orleans 23 (Ingram 7), Detroit 34 (Plumlee 10). Total Fouls: New Orleans 17, Detroit 23.

Thunder 114, Bucks 109

MILWAUKEE: G. Antetokounmpo 10-18 3-3 24, Middle ton 10-221-123, Lopez1-40-02, DiVincenzo 6-100-217, Forbes 6-17 0-0 14, Craig 0-1 0-0 0, Portis 9-14 1-1 21, Augustin 0-3 1-2 1, Connaughton 3-8 0-07. Totals 45-97

OKLAHOMA CITY: Bazley 8-13 0-0 18, Williams 4-8 2-3 10, Horford 8-16 2-2 20, Dort 6-13 4-9 19, Jackson 9-16 0-0 22, Miller 2-3 0-0 5, Roby 2-3 1-2 6, Muscala 3-7 0-0 8, Diallo 3-16 0-0 6. **Totals** 45-95 9-16 114.

Three-point Goals: Milwaukee 13-38 (DiVincenzo 5-7, Portis 2-3, Middleton 2-7, Forbes 2-8, G.Antetokoumpo 1-3, Connaughton 1-5, Augustin 0-3), Oklahoma City 15-36 (Jackson 4-4, Dort 3-8, Muscala 2-5, Bazley 2-7, 13-50 (Jackson 4-4, Jort 5-8, Muscal 2-7, Bazley 2-7), Horford 2-7, Miller 1-2, Williams 0-2). Fouled Out: None. Rebounds: Milwaukee 47 (G.Antetokoumpo 17), Okla-homa City 49 (Diallo 13). Assists: Milwaukee 24 (G.Antetokoumpo 10), Oklahoma City 32 (Horford 9). Total Fouls: Milwaukee 16, Oklahoma City 14.

TENNIS

Australian Open

At Melbourne (Australia) Park Purse: AUD32,790,000; Surface: Hardcourt outdoor

MEN'S SINGLES - FOURTH ROUND

Aslan Karatsev, Russia, def. Felix Auger-Aliassime (20), Canada, 3-6, 1-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-4; Grigor Dimitrov (18), Bulgaria, def. Dominic Thiem (3), Austria, 6-4, 6-4, 6-0, Alexander Zverev (6), Germany, def. Dusan Lajovic (23), Serbia, 6-4, 7-6 (7-5), 6-3; Novak Djökovic (1), Serbia, def. Milos Ronic (14), Canada, 7-6 (7-4), 4-6, 6-1, 6-4; Danil Medvedev (4), Russia, vs. Mackenzie McDonald, Unitad States 6-4, 6-2, 6-3 United States, 6-4, 6-2, 6-3.

WOMEN'S SINGLES - FOURTH ROUND

Hsieh Su-wei, Taiwan, def. Marketa Vondrousova (19), Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-2; Naomi Osaka (3), Japan, def. Garbine Muguruza (14), Spain, 4-6, 6-4, 7-5; Serena Williams (10), United States, def. Aryna Sabalenka (7), Belarus, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4; Simona Halep (2), Romania, def. Iga Swiatek (15), Poland, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4; Jessica Pegula, United States, vs. Elina Svitolina (5), Ukraine, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

MEN'S DOUBLES — THIRD ROUND

MEN'S DOUBLES — THIRD ROUND Nicolas Mahut and Pierre-Hugues Herbert (8), France, def. James Duckworth and Marc Polmans, Australia, 6-4, 6-3; Nikola Mektic and Mate Pavic (2), Croatia, def. John Millman, Australia, and Thiago Monteiro, Brazil, 7-6 (7-2), 6-4; Matwe Middelkoop, Netherlands, and Marcelo Arevalo-Gonzalez, El Salvador, def. Andrey Golubev and Alexander Bublik, Kazakhstan, 6-7 (7-4), 7-6 (7-3), 6-3; Philipp Oswald, Austria, and Marcus Daniell, New Zea-land, def. Nicholas Monroe and Frances Tiafoe, United States, 6-3, 7-5; Rajeev Ram, United States, and Joe Salisbury (5), Britain, vs. Michael Venus, New Zealand, and John Peers (10), Austrial, 7-6 (7-4), 7-6 (7-4). WOMEN'S DOUBLE E. — TURD POIND

WOMEN'S DOUBLES - THIRD ROUND

Shuko Aoyama and Ena Shibahara (7), Japan, def. Hayley Carter, United States, and Luisa Stefani (12), Brazil, 6-2, 6-4; Aleksandra Krunic, Serbia, and Martina Trevisan, Italy, def. Viktoria Kuzmova, Slovakia, and Anna Kalins-kaya, Russia, 6-4, 6-3; Darija Jurak, Croatia, and Nina Stojanovic, Serbia, def. Jasmine Paolini, Italy, and Aliona Bolsova Zadoinov, Spain, 1-6, 7-5, 6-3; Elise Mertens, Belgium, and Aryna Sabalenka (2), Belarus, def. Vera Zvonareva, Russia, and Laura Siegemund (16), Germany, 6-3, 6-7 (7-5), 6-2; Barbora Krejcikova and Katerina Siniakova (3), Czech Republic, def. Bernarda Pera, United States, and Rosalie van Der Hoek, Netherlands, 6-4, 6-4; Sharon Fichman, Canada, and Giuliana Olmos, Mexico, def. Heather Watson, Britain, and Leylah Annie Fernan-dez, Canada, 6-3, 6-2; Caty McNally and Coco Gauff, United States, def. Alexa Guarachi Mathison, Chile, and Desirae Krawczyk (9), United States, 7-5, 6-3. Shuko Aovama and Ena Shibahara (7), Japan, def. Havley

MIXED DOUBLES — SECOND ROUND

MIXED DOUBLES — SECOND ROUND Robert Farah, Colombia, and Nicole Melichar (2), United States, def. Fabrice Martin, France, and Caroline Dole-hide, United States, 6-4, 6-4; Rajeev Ram, United States, and Barbora Krejcikova (6), Czech Republic, def. Henri Kontinen, Finland, and Yaroslava Shvedova, Kazakh-stan, 7-6 (8-6), 7-5; Arina Rodionova and Max Purcell, Australia, def. Michael Venus, New Zealand, and Alexa Guarachi Mathison, Chile, 7-5, 6-4; Andreja Klepac, Slovenia, and Neal Skupski, Britain, def. John Peers and Belinda Woolcock, Australia, 6-2, 5-7, 12-10; Hayley Carter, United States, and Sander Gille, Belgium, def. Nikola Mektic, Croatia, and Barbora Strycova (1), Czech Republic, 6-4, 5-7, 10-4; Bruno Soares and Luisa Stefani Nikola Mektl, Croatla, and Barbora Strycova (J), Czech Republic, 6-4, 5-7, 10-4; Bruno Soares and Luisa Stefani (8), Brazil, def. Matwe Middelkoop, Netherlands, and Jelena Ostapenko, Latvia, 7-5, 6-4; Matthew Ebden and Sam Stosur, Australia, def. Alexander Bublik and Elena Rybakina, Kazakhstan, 6-1, 6-4.

Chicago at Detroit, 7:30 Nashville at Dallas, 8:30 Winnipeg at Edmonton, 9 Calgary at Vancouver, 10 Anaheim at San Jose, 10:30 New Jersey at Boston, ppd. (virus)

TUESDAY'S GAMES

N.Y. Islanders at Buffalo, 7

Ottawa at Toronto, 7

Washington at Pittsburgh, 7 N.Y. Islanders at Buffalo, 7 New Jersey at N.Y. Rangers, 7 Nashville at Dallas, 8:30 Colorado at Vegas, 10 Minnesota at Los Angeles, 10

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Florida at Carolina, 5 Ottawa at Toronto, 7 Chicago at Detroit, 7:30 Vancouver at Calgary, 10 Winnipeg at Edmonton, 10 THURSDAY'S GAMES

Buffalo at Washington, 7 N.Y. Islanders at Pittsburgh, 7 N.Y. Rangers at Philadelphia, 7 Ottawa at Toronto, 7 Nashville at Columbus, 7 New Jersey at Boston, San Jose at St. Louis, 8

Tampa Bay at Dallas, 8:30 Los Angeles at Arizona, 9 Minnesota at Anaheim, 10

Golden Knights 1, Avalanche 0

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SECOND PERIOD

Scoring: 1, Golden Knights, Pacioretty 7 (Whitecloud), 1:38.

SHOTS ON GOAL

AVALANCHE	9	11	10	_	30
GOLDEN KNIGHTS	9	9	6	-	24
Power-play opportunities:					
Knights 0 of 3. Goalies: Av					
shots-23 saves). Golden Kn	ights, Fl	eury 7-1	-0 (3	0-30	1).

Hurricanes 4, Stars 3 (SO)

Late Saturday

HURRICANES 0	2	1	1 - 4
STARS 0	1	2	0 — 3

SECOND PERIOD

Scoring: 1, Stars, Dickinson 3 (Cogliano, Comeau), 5:49. 2, Hurricanes, Martinook 1 (Gardiner, Fast), 17:29. 3, Hurricanes, Teravainen 1 (Necas, Gardiner), 19:53.

THIRD PERIOD

Scoring: 4, Hurricanes, Staal 4 (Svechnikov, Trocheck), 2:06 (pp). 5, Stars, Robertson 2 (Sekera, Hintz), 8:22. 6, Stars, Pavelski 9 (Benn, Klingberg), 19:20 (pp).

SHOOTOUT

Hurricanes 1 (Hamilton NG, Trocheck G), Stars 0 (Robertson NG, Pavelski NG, Gurianov NG).

SHOTS ON GOAL HURRICANES STARS HURRICANES 8 7 5 1 -21 STARS 12 7 10 0 -29 Power-play opportunities: Hurricanes 1 of 4/S tars 1 of 3. Goalies: Hurricanes 1 of 4/S tars 1 of 3. Goalies: Hurricanes 1 of 4/S tars 1 of 3.

Goalies: Hurricanes, Nedeljkovic 1-1-0 (29 shots-26
saves). Stars, Oettinger 2-0-3 (21-18). T: 2:43.

Canucks 3, Flames 1

Late Saturday				
FLAMES	0	1	0 —	
CANUCKS	0	1	ž –	3
SECOND PERIOD				
Scoring: 1, Canucks, Hughes (Andersson, Gaudreau), 10	s 2, 9:27.2 :42.	2, Flame	es, Bennet	t2

THIRD PERIOD

Scoring: 3, Canucks, Myers 2, 14:49. 4, Canucks, Sutter 5 (Eriksson), 18:37 (en).

SHOTS ON GOAL

FLAMES		.8	
CANUCKS Power-play opportunities:		15 of 3; Ca	11 – 46 inucks 0 of 1.
Goalies: Flames, Markstron Canucks, Demko 4-6-0 (19-	n 7-4-1 (45 shot	

Scott	31	3-6	0-1	0-11	3	4	8
Ayala	34	4-8	0-1	1-6	3	0	12
Hart	15	2-3	1-1	0-4	1	4	5
Morsell	35	6-12	1-2	1-2	3	2	13
Wiggins	39	6-13	2-2	2-5	2	1	17
Smith	21	4-4	2-2	2-5	4	2	10
Hamilton	17	2-4	2-2	0-1	0	1	7
Mona	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0
Smart	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
TOTALS	200	27-51	8-11	6-34	16	16	72
Percentages: F(5.529.FT	727 3-	Point	Goals:	10	-21.	476

FG FT O-T A PF PTS

Steals: 6 (Curry 2, Williams 2, Ihnen, Robbins)

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MARYLAND

Percentages: FG. 529, FT. 727. 3-Point Goals: 10-21, 476 (Ayala 4-5, Wiggins 3-5, Scott 2-5, Hamilton 1-3, Hart 0-1, Morsell 0-2). Team Rebounds: 4. Team Turnovers: 2. Blocked Shots: 3 (Smith 2, Morsell). Turnovers: 10 (Smith 5, Wiggins 2, Hamilton, Morsell, Scott). Steals: 1 (Wiggins).

No. 3 Michigan 67, No. 21 Wisconsin 59

Michigan (14-1) Livers 8-16 0-1 20, Dickinson 3-9 5-6 11, Brooks 2-11 5-6 9, Smith 2-5 1-1 6, Wagner 6-11 0-0 14, Brown 0-3 1-2 1, A.Davis 3-4 0-0 6, Johns 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 24-59 12-16 67.

Misconsin (15-7) Ford 5-8 2-2 15, Reuvers 1-7 0-0 3, Wahl 1-4 0-0 2, Davison 1-6 0-03, Trice 4-118-916, Jon Davis 5-81-111, Potter 4-9 0-0 9. Totals 21-54 11-12 59.

Halftime: Wisconsin 39-27. Three-point goals: Michigan 7-17 (Livers 4-7, Wagner 2-4, Smith 1-1, Dickinson 0-1, Brooks 0-2, Brown 0-2), Wisconsin 6-19 (Ford 3-5, Reuvers 1-3, Potter 1-4, Davison 1-5, Trice 0-2). Re-bounds: Michigan 32 (Dickinson 15), Wisconsin 25 (Wahl, Davison 6). Assists: Michigan 11 (Smith 6), Wisconsin 18 Wisconsin 18.

Drake 51

No. 22 Loyola of Chicago 50 (OT)

Loyola of Chicago (13-3) Uguak 5-9 0-0 11, Krutwig 4-13 3-7 11, Clemons 1-4 0-0 3, Norris 2-7 2-2 6, Williamson 4-12 0-0 10, Kennedy 3-8 1-1 7, Hall 0-2 0-00, Welch 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 20-57 6-10 50. Drake (19-2) Brodie 3-8 3-4 9, Murphy 6-9 4-6 17, Penn 4-15 2-2 10, Sturtz 0-6 0-0 0, Wilkins 4-11 1-2 11, Yesufu 2-8 0-0 4, Samake 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 19-57 10-14 51.

Halftime: Loyola of Chicago 25-22. Three-point goals Loyola of Chicago 4-19 (Williamson 2-6, Clemons 1-3, Loyola of Chicago 4-19 (Williamson 2-6, Clemons 1-3, Uguak 1-3, Hall 0-1, Welcho 0-2, Norris 0-3), Drake 3-18 (Wilkins 2-6, Murphy 1-3, Penn 0-2, Sturtz 0-2, Yesufu 0-5). Fouled out: Krutwig. Rebounds: Loyola of Chicago 41 (Krutwig 14), Drake 25 (Brodie 8). Assists: Loyola of Chicago 8 (Krutwig 3), Drake 5 (Penn 3). Total fouls: Loyola of Chicago 16, Drake 12.

James Madison 74, Hofstra 70

Hofstra (12-9) Cramer 6-9 1-1 13, Kante 3-6 2-4 8, Burgess 1-7 2-4 4, Coburn 4-12 2-4 12, Ray 8-17 5-6 25, Masic 0-4 0-0 0, Schutte 0-1 0-0 0, Green 3-5 0-0 8, Silverio 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 25-61 12-19 70.

Idiais 27-01 12-17 70. James Madison (13-5) Amadi 1-2 1-3 4, Wooden 1-4 3-4 5, Lewis 1-3 2-2 5, Morse 4-10 6-8 16, Strickland 2-7 2-2 8, Christmas 5-9 1-3 12, Edwards 5-13 5-8 15, Hodge 3-7 0-0 7, Jacobs 1-4 0-0 2, Harvey 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 23-60 20-30 74.

Hartime: James Madison 32-30 20-30 74.
Halftime: James Madison 32-22. Three-point goals: Hofstra 8-27 (Ray 4-10, Green 2-4, Coburn 2-6, Masic 0-1, Burgess 0-3, Cramer 0-3), James Madison 8-23 (Strickland 2-3, Morse 2-7, Amadi 1-1, Lewis 1-2, Christmas 1-3, Hodge 1-3, Harvey 0-1, Wooden 0-1, Edwards 0-2). Fouled out: Cramer. Rebounds: Hofstra 36 (Kante 12), James Madison 44 (Edwards 8). Assists: Hofstra 13 (Burgess 6), James Madison 10 Total fouls: Hofstra 23, James Madison 19.

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Thompson 1-27, Min

6-8 13, V.L

tern (y-7) n 2-50-0 4, Strong 4-9 2-2 13, Stucke 1-3 0-0 3, 16 3-4 16, Walters 5-12 1-2 12, Emanga 0-3 2-2 2-8 3-4 7. Totals 20-56 11-14 57. 1-13)	Akshay Scott Br Scott St Tim Wil
15-91-211, S.Uyaelunmo 3-50-16, Gibson 2-2 1s 3-71-27, Timberlake 7-166-822, Dottin 3-6 Uyaelunmo 0-22-22. Totals 23-4817-2568.	Brian Ga Brander
Towson 30-22. Three-point goals: Northeast-	Matt Jo

Halftime Halftime: Towson 30-22. Three-point goals: Northeast-ern 6-24 (Strong 3-8, Walters 1-2, Stucke 1-3, Walker 1-6, Eboigbodin 0-1, Telfort 0-1, Emanga 0-3), Towson 5-10 (Gibson 2-2, Timberlake 2-6, Dottin 1-1, Jones 0-1). **Rebounds:** Northeastern 25 (Eboigbodin, Walters 5), Towson 38 (Thompson 11). **Assists:** Northeastern 6 (Walker 3), Towson 10 (Dottin 4). **Total fouls:** North-eastern 17, Towson 16

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Kozlova	5	0-1	0-0			0	0			
Team	0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	0	0			
TOTALS	200	39-70	9-13	13-38	22	1 4	95			
Percentages: FG 55.714, FT .692. 3-Point Goals: 8-19, .421 (Bibby 4-7, Miller 3-5, Young 1-1, Benzan 0-3, Owusu 0-1, Masonius 0-2) Blocked Shots: 1 (Bibby 1) Turnovers: 8 (Collins 2, Benzan 2, Owusu 2, Bibby 1, Miller 1) Steals: 6 (Owusu 3, Benzan 2, Masonius 1).										
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Bourne Cain Haiby Porter Scoggin Coley Cravens 10 13 12 13 14 0 Cayton Brown Stewart Team TOTALS 200 31-63 7-10 8-30 21 12 73

Percentages: FG 49.206, FT .700. 3-Point Goals: 4-17, .235 (Porter 3-7, Stewart 1-2, Bourne 0-1, Haiby 0-2, Coley 0-2, Brown 0-3) Blocked Shots: 4 (Cain Z, Bourne 1, Stewart 1) Turnovers: 12 (Haiby 5, Scoggin 3, Cayton 2, Cain 1, Team 1) Steals: 3 (Cain 1, Haiby 1, Cravens 1).

GOLF

PGA Tour

PEBBLE BEACH PRO-AM At Pebble Beach (Calif.) Golf Links Purse: \$7.8 million Pebble Beach Course — Yardage: 6,958; Par: 71 Spyglass Hill Course — Yardage: 6,858; Par: 72 FINAL ROUND

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Nate Lashley (105)		65	12	68	69	-	2/4	-14
	\$228,93	0						
Jacon Day (80)		60	69	68	69	_	275	-13
Charley Hoffman (80)		69	72	68	66	_	275	-13
Max Homa (80)		60	70	68	68	_	275	-13
Charley Hoffman (80) Max Homa (80) Russell Knox (80) Cameron Tringale (80)		66	70	60	70	_	275	-12
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Jason Dufner (32)		68	71	70	72	_	281	-7
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	\$49,920)						
Akshay Bhatia,		64	73	72	73	_	282	-6
Scott Brown (26)		69	70	74	69	_	282	-6
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scored twice and took his tally to 300 career goals as Inter Milan moved to the top of Serie A with a 3-1 win over visiting Lazio.

Lukaku netted a penalty and doubled his tally at the end of the first half with the landmark goal. He also set up Lautaro Martínez for Inter's third, shortly after Gonzalo Escalante had given Lazio hope.

Inter moved a point above AC Milan, which surprisingly lost, 2-0, at Spezia on Saturday. The two teams meet in the Milan derby next Sunday....

Jordan Veretout scored twice to help host Roma beat Udinese, 3-0, and move into third in the standings. Roma leapfrogged Juventus and is six points behind AC Milan...

Luis Muriel came off the bench to score a last-gasp winner for Atalanta in a 1-0 victory at relegation-threatened Cagliari.

• SPAIN: Real Madrid continued its recent good form with a 2-0 win over Valencia, but Coach Zinedine Zidane saw his already depleted squad lose another player to injury.

Dani Carvajal apparently felt a muscle injury similar to the one that recently kept him out for seven matches, forcing the defender to exit after 28 minutes.

Karim Benzema and Toni Kroos scored first-half goals to leave Zidane's team five points behind first-place Atlético, which has two games in hand....

Alexander Isak scored a 30thminute winner as Real Sociedad prevailed, 1-0, at Getafe to move past Villarreal into fifth place.

• FRANCE: Lille stayed on top of Ligue 1 but absorbed a setback in its title fight with Paris Saint-Germain after drawing, 0-0, at home against Brest.

PSG is only one point behind Lille in the title race.

• GERMANY: In-form Eintracht Frankfurt bolstered its bid for a place in the Champions League next season by moving to third in the Bundesliga with a 2-0 win over visiting Cologne.

Goals from André Silva and Evan N'Dicka in the second half gave Frankfurt its seventh win in eight games in 2021.... Fourth-place Wolfsburg was

held, 0-0, at home by Borussia

Mönchengladbach.

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Pursuant to District of Columbia Condominium Act of 1976 Pursuant to District of Columbia Condominium Act of 1976, Section 313 (as amended) and by that certain Declaration of THE PELLEGRINO CONDOMINIUMS recorded May 30, 2006 as Instrument No. 2006070830; and the By-Laws of THE PELLEGRI-NO CONDOMINIUMS recorded May 30, 2006 as Instrument No. 2006070831, and being situated on Lot 34 in Square 5321 per Plat recorded in the Condominium Book 59, Page 7, in the Office of the Surveyor, and in accordance with Public Law 90-566 and D.C. Code 42-1903.13 (as amended), notice filed January 22, 2021, we shall sell at public auction on February 25, 2021 at 11:19 A.M., at the office of Alex Cooper, 4910 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Suite 100, Washington, DC 20016, the following premises:

5009 D Street, SE, #103, Washington, DC 20019, and parking space 22, which are Lots 2019 and 2049 in Square 5321, together with an undivided interest in the general common elements; and together with any and all interest in the limited common elements appertaining to said Condominium Unit as described in the said Declaration of THE PELLEGRINO CONDOMINIUMS as described in CONDOMINIUMS,

5009 D Street, SE, #103, Washington, DC 20019 and parking space 22 is the property conveyed to Metro DC 2 LLC by Deed recorded on 9/18/13 as Instrument No. 2013108318. TERMS OF SALE:

Pursuant to the ruling of the Court of Appeals in Liu v. US Bank, N.A., the Condominium may not waive its super priority lien. The above notice has been sent to all lienholders, and at the time of sale, the Trustee will announce whether the super-priority lien has been satisfied. If the super priority lien is satisfied, then the sale will proceed subject to all prior liens, encumbrances, and/or municipal assessments if any, including the first deed of trust. the first deed of trust.

the first deed of trust. If the super priority lien is not satisfied at that time, then pursuant to the District of Columbia Code Section 42-1903.13, the Condominium is foreclosing on six months' worth of assessments and the related fees and costs. Pursuant to the ruling of the District of Columbia, Court of Appeals in Chase Plaza Condominium Association, Inc. v. JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., the sale is NOT subject to the first deed of trust. The Condominium's lien on which the foreclosure is proceeding holds a higher priority than the lien created by the first deed of trust and if the foreclosure sale generates insufficient proceeds to satisfy any prior liens, the foreclosure sale will extinguish the lien created by the prior deeds of trust.

It is solely the purchaser's responsibility to determine the condo fees obligations, priority, significance, and effect on auction sale. The property is sold as-is as to conditions and occupancy. A deposit of \$10,000 will be required at time of sale, such deposit to be in cash or certified check. All conveyances, recordings, recordation tax, transfer tax, etc. at purchaser's cost. The balance of the purchase price, together with interest at the rate of 10% per annum from date of sale to date of receipt of the balance of che purchase price, must be paid in cash or by cashier's or certified check and II other terms to be complied with within 30 days, otherwise deposit is forfeited and the property may be re-advertised and re-sold at the discretion of the Unit Owner's Association shall convey a deed pursuant to 42 D.C. Code 1903.13 as amended, and makes no further representations or warranties as to title. The Association cannot guarantee clear title or the purchaser's ability to obtain Title insurance. For this reason, the purchaser is ability to obtain Title or any reason at the sole discretion of the Association. In the event of failure on the part of the Association to convey such deed, purchaser 's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit. deposit.

Brian R. Fellner, FLS, Attorney for THE PELLEGRINO CONDOMINIUM, 485 Ritchie Highway, #203-D, Severna Park, MD 21146 bfellner@flslawyer.com; (443) 906-0117; Serial #509930

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5005 D Street, SE, #104, Washington, DC 20019, Lot 2003 in Square 5321, together with an undivided interest in the general common elements; and together with any and all interest in the limited common elements appertaining to said Condominium Unit as described in the said Declaration of THE PELLEGRINO CONDOMINIUMS,

5005 D Street, SE, #104, Washington, DC 20019 is the property conveyed to Darryl R. Clark by Deed recorded on 5/6/15 as Instrument No. 2015044374. TERMS OF SALE:

Pursuant to the ruling of the Court of Appeals in Liu v. US Pursuant to the ruling of the Court of Appeals in Liu V. US Bank, NA., the Condominium may not waive its super priority lien. The above notice has been sent to all lienholders, and at the time of sale, the Trustee will announce whether the super-priority lien has been satisfied. If the super priority lien is satisfied, then the sale will proceed subject to all prior liens, encumbrances, and/or municipal assessments if any, including the first deed of trust.

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The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, the ability of the purchaser to obtain title insurance or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to any assessments including assessment pursuant to D.C. Code Section 42-1903.13.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$20,000.00 PAYABLE ONLY BY certified funds, shall be required at the time of sale. CASH WILL NOT BE AN ACCEPTABLE FORM OF DEPOSIT. The balance of the purchase price with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note (7.5% per annum) from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Trustees, payable in cash or certified funds within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. Adjustment of current year's real property taxes are adjusted as of the date of sale, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. All other public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges ground rent, whether incurred prior to or after the sale are to be paid by the purchaser. All costs of deed recordation including but not limited to title examination, conveyancing, city revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from date of sale. Time is of the essence for the Purchaser. If the Purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, Purchaser agrees that the property will be resold and the entire deposit retained by the Substitute Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser agrees to accept service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for all correspondence including any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into and repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to sale. In any such event or if the sale is not ratified, the purchaser's only remedy is return of the deposit without interest Trustee's File No. 24831

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KEITH M. YACKO, Substitute Trustee, et al,

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

Case No. CAEF18-34079

NOTICE

NOIICE Notice is hereby issued this 27th day of January, 2021, that the sale of the property in this case, 507 Opus Drive, Capitol Heights, MD, 20743, reported by Keith M. Yacko, Substitute Trustees, be rat-ified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the 1st day of March, 2021, provided a copy of this Notce be inserted in The Washington Post, a newspaper published in Prince George's County, Maryland, once in each of three (3) successive weeks on or before the 1st day of March, 2021.

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> 3005 Logan Street District Heights, MD 20747

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from MARVEL L. JACKSON AND LEROY P. JACKSON, dated December 23, 2005 and recorded in Liber 24277, folio 171 among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.CAEF20-01929; Tax ID No.06-0510800) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772, on

MARCH 3, 2021 at 2:30 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

same, if any and with no warranty of any kind. Terms of Sale: A deposit \$10,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. THE PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO AN IRS RIGHT OF REDEPEMTION. Terms of Sale: A deposit \$40,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ter days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for PRINCE days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the GEORGE'S COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. 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Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed after by the n laser hy the for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 19-700725) for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 18-700796) JAMES E. CLARKE, IAMES E CLARKE CHRISTINE DREXEL HUGH GREEN BRIAN THOMAS. CHRISTINE DREXEI AND BRIAN THOMAS JASON MURPHY SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES HARVEY E HARVEY E **AUCTIONEERS, LLC AUCTIONEERS, LLC** 300 E. Joppa Road Hampton Plaza - Suite 1103 Baltimore, MD 21286 410-769-9797 300 E. 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Ansell, III Bradley Harris Rosenberg & Associates, LLC 4340 East West Highway, Suite 600 execution of a Deed of Trust ecution of a Deed of Trus In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$84,075.00, with an annual inter-est rate of 7.00000% dated March 16, 2001, recorded among the land records of the Circuito Court for the County of Loudoun as Deed Book 1889, Page 2005, the undersigned appointed Sub-stitute Trustee will offer for sale at hublic aution all that property In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$296,500.00, dated June 11, 2004 recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the Spotsyl-vania County, Virginia, in Docu-ment No. LR 2004002320 and modified in Document No. LR 20100004364, at the request of the holder of the Note, the under-signed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the entrance to the Spotsylvania County Judicial Center, 9107 Judi-cial Center Lane, Spotsylvania, on March 16, 2021 at 9:00 AM the property described in said deed, located at the above address and briefly described as: In execution of a Deed of Trus In execution of a Deed of Trus in the original principal amount of \$364,000.00, with an annua interest rate of 4.75000% datec May 27, 2005, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the County of Prince William as Deed Instrument Num uite 600 eethesda, MD 20814 Court for the County of Prince William as Deed Instrument Num-ber 200505310087562, the under-signed appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction all that property located in the County of Prince William, on the Court House steps in front of Main Entrance for the Cincuit Court building for the County of Prince William located at 9311 Lee Avenue, Manassas, Virginia on March 9, 2021 at 300 PM, the property with improvements to Substitute Trustees Plaintiff(s) stitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction all that property located in the County of Loudoun, on the courthouse steps in front of the Circuit Court building for the County of Loudoun located at 18 East Market Street, Leesburg Virginia on March 2, 2021 at 10:00 AM, the property with improve-ments to wit: Tax Map No. 23/201068012 THIS COMMUNI-CATION IS FROM A DEBT COL-LECTOR. Roberta E. Jenkins 1422 Alberta Drive District Heights, MD 20747 Defendant(s) Case No. CAEF19-33513 briefly described as NOTICE property with improvements to wit: Tax Map No. 8189-54-2648 THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. Lot 39, Section III, Chancellor Park Subject to any and all covenants, conditions, restrictions, ease-ments, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust, if any, affecting the aforesaid property. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bid TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bid der's deposit of 10% of the sale price, will be required in cash certified or cashier's check. Set der's deposit of 10% of the sale price, will be required in cash, certified or cashier's check. Set-tiement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustees may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. Loan type: Conventional. Reference Number 20-288335. Certified of cashier's Check. Set-tlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustees may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. Loan type: Conventional. Reference Number 20-286475. TERMS OF SALE: CASH: A deposit of \$20,000.00 or 10% of the sales price, whichever is lower, cash or certified check will be required certified check will be required at the time of sale, but no more than \$10,000.00 of cash will be accepted, with settlement within fifteen (15) days from the date of sale. 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Case No. CAEF17-13203

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ton, DC 20019, and parking space 12 Pursuant to District of Columbia Condominium Act of 1976, Section 313 (as amended) and by that certain Declaration of THE PELLEGRINO CONDOMINUMS recorded May 30, 2006 as Instrument No. 2006070830; and the By-Laws of THE PELLEGRI-NO CONDOMINIUMS recorded May 30, 2006 as Instrument No. 2006070831, and being situated on Lot 34 in Square 5321 per Plat recorded in the Condominium Book 59, Page 7, in the Office of the Surveyor, and in accordance with Public Law 90-566 and D.C. Code 42-1903.13 (as amended), notice filed January 22, 2021, we shall sell at public auction on February 25, 2021 at 11:15 A.M., at the office of Alex Cooper, 4910 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Suite 100, Washington, DC 20016, the following premises: 5005 D Street, SE, #202, Washington, DC 20019, and parking space 12, which are Lots 2005 and 2039 in Square 5321, together with an undivided interest in the general common elements; and together with any and all interest in the limited common elements appertaining to said Condominium Unit as described in the said Declaration of THE PELLEGRINO CONDOMINIUMS as described in CONDOMINIUMS,

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Pursuant to the ruling of the Court of Appeals in Liu v. US Bank, N.A., the Condominium may not waive its super priority lien. The above notice has been sent to all lienholders, and at the time of sale, the Trustee will announce whether the super-priority lien has been satisfied. If the super priority lien is satisfied, then the sale will proceed subject to all prior liens, encumbrances, and/or municipal assessments if any, including the first deed of trust.

the first deed of trust. If the super priority lien is not satisfied at that time, then pursuant to the District of Columbia Code Section 42-1903.13, the Condominium is foreclosing on six months' worth of assessments and the related fees and costs. Pursuant to the ruling of the District of Columbia, Court of Appeals in Chase Plaza Condominium Association, Inc. v. JPMorgan Chase Bank, NA., the sale is NOT subject to the first deed of trust. The Condominium's lien on which the foreclosure is proceeding holds a higher priority than the lien created by the first deed of trust and if the foreclosure sale generates insufficient proceeds to satisfy any prior liens, the foreclosure sale will extinguish the lien created by the prior deeds of trust.

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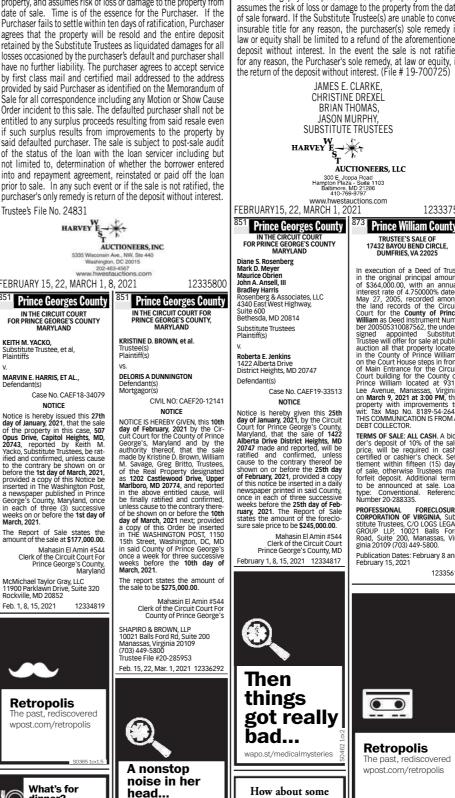
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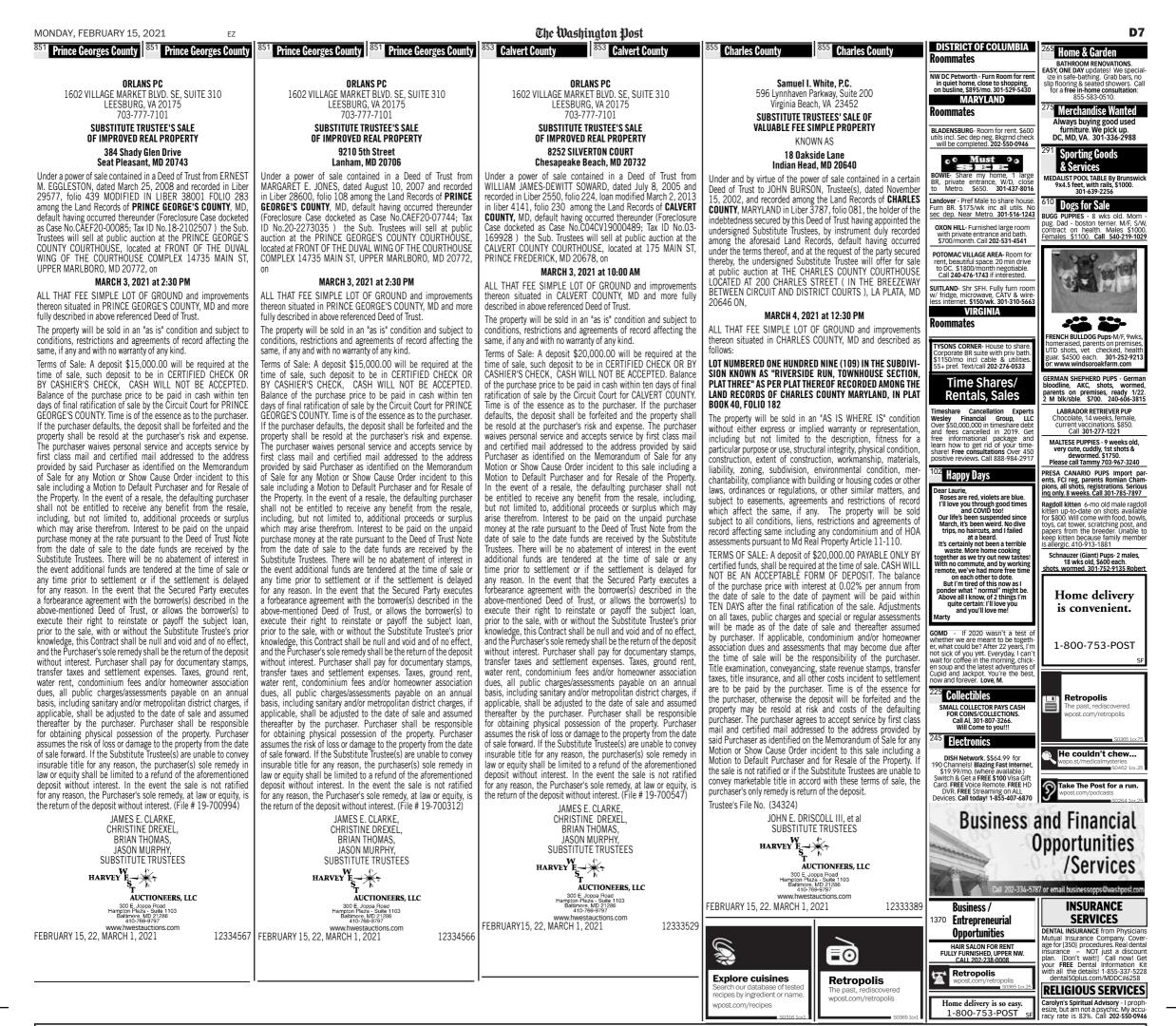
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AUSTRALIAN OPEN Williams powers into the quarterfinals

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MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA — Serena Williams tumbled to the ground, her heavily taped right ankle turning, her body contorting, her racket flying.

This was early in the second set of a competitive-as-can-be matchup in the Australian Open's fourth round against a younger version of herself — stinging serves, huge groundstroke cuts, a fierce streak and during a stretch Sunday when things seemed to be slipping away.

Williams quickly put up a hand to indicate she was okay, retied the laces of her right shoe, and, while it took her a bit to regain control, she did so, just in the nick of time. Grabbing the last two games, Williams pulled out a 6-4, 2-6, 6-4 victory over No. 7 seed Aryna Sabalenka to reach the quarterfinals at Melbourne Park.

Two years ago at this tournament, Williams was on the verge of a quarterfinal win when she hurt her ankle and ended up losing.

"Well, my first thought was, 'Not another ankle sprain in Australia.' But I knew immediately that it wasn't. Then I was more embarrassed than anything. I was like, 'Oh, my goodness.' I don't like falling,"Williams said. "But I was fine. I mean, once I realized I didn't twist my ankle, like at all, I was like, 'Okay, I'm good, let me just get up.'"

vounger days.

And she showed no signs of

trouble from the left Achilles' ten-

don that hampered her in a U.S.

Open semifinal loss in September

and forced her to withdraw from

the French Open before the sec-

"I've worked really hard on my

movement. Yeah, I like retrieving

balls. I mean, obviously I like to be

on the offense, but I can play de-

fense really well, as well," the 39-

Sabalenka – a 22-year-old from

Belarus playing in only her second

fourth-round Slam match - was

visibly and audibly frustrated. She

frequently would scream after lost

points. She spiked her racket, too.

match, the only shame was that no

fans were there to see it in person.

That's because this was Day 2 of

the five-day lockdown imposed by

the Victoria state government af-

Williams now faces No. 2-

ranked Simona Halep, a two-time

major winner who beat French

Open champion Iga Swiatek, 3-6,

6-1, 6-4. The other quarterfinal on

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emerged at a local hotel.

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ond round later that month.

year-old American said.

Williams moved closer to an eighth Australian Open championship and record-tying 24th Grand Slam singles title overall.

Her most recent came in 2017, while she was pregnant.

On a cloudy day with the temperature in the mid-60s, both Williams and Sabalenka dismissed much in the way of subtlety or nuance.

"I was okay with it, really," Williams said. "If she wants to play power, let's go."

These two hit the ball hard, over and over again at Rod Laver Arena, and Williams was barely better. She ended up with more winners (30-24) and more aces (9-4) while cranking up her best-in-thegame serve to as fast as 126 mph.

When Williams needed to volley, she did, claiming 13 of 15 points when she went to the net. More importantly, she covered the court much the way she did in her that half of the draw will be Naomi Osaka against unseeded 35-yearold Hsieh Su-wei of Taiwan.

Serena Williams recovered from a fall to claim a hard-fought 6-4, 2-6, 6-4 win over Aryna Sabalenka.

Eight-time Australian Open champion Novak Djokovic shrugged off a side muscle injury to beat Milos Raonic, 7-6 (7-4), 4-6, 6-1, 6-4, and register his 300th win in a Grand Slam match.

Top-ranked Djokovic joined Roger Federer as the only men to achieve the milestone.

He hurt a stomach muscle when he fell during his third-round win over Taylor Fritz, and there were concerns he would not recover in time to play Raonic. But he competed for almost three hours, wearing tape above his right hip, and later said if he wasn't playing a major, he'd probably already have withdrawn from the event.

His quarterfinal will be against U.S. Open finalist Alexander Zverev, who beat No. 23-seeded Dusan Lajovic, 6-4, 7-6 (7-5), 6-3.

Dominic Thiem, the third seed and last year's runner-up, struggled in a 6-4, 6-4, 6-0 loss to threetime major semifinalist Grigor Dimitrov.

Even more unexpected: Dimitrov's next opponent is Aslan Kar-

atsev, a 27-year-old Russian qualifier who is the first player since 1996 to reach the quarterfinals in his Grand Slam debut. Karatsev beat 20th-seeded Felix Auger-Aliassime, 3-6, 1-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-4.

Osaka barely advanced, saving two match points and grabbing the last four games to top Garbiñe Muguruza, 4-6, 6-4, 7-5.

The 71st-ranked Hsieh's 6-4, 6-2 victory over Marketa Vondrousova made her the oldest woman to make her major quarterfinal debut in the professional era.

In early Monday play, fourthseeded Daniil Medvedev swept past American Mackenzie Mc-Donald, 6-4, 6-2, 6-3, to reach the quarterfinals and stretch his winning streak to 18 matches.

On the women's side, Jessica Pegula reached her first Grand Slam quarterfinal with a 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 win over No. 5 Elina Svitolina.

It was the first career victory over an opponent ranked in the top 10 for Pegula, 26, whose parents own Buffalo's NFL and NHL franchises.

Pegula next plays fellow American Jennifer Brady, who notched a 6-1, 7-5 win over Donna Vekic.

Berger closes with eagle for Pebble Beach crown

BY DOUG FERGUSON

PEBBLE BEACH, CALIF. — For all the stunning views at Pebble Beach that can be so soothing, Daniel Berger couldn't escape the tension when he arrived at the final hole Sunday in the Pebble Beach Pro-Am.

He was tied for the lead, needing a birdie on the par-5 18th to win. Off to his right were out-ofbounds markers below a row of hedges, where Berger hit his drive Saturday that led to double bogey. To his left was the Pacific Ocean. "I was going to go down swing-

ing," he said.

Two of the best swings of his career, a driver into the fairway and a 3-wood from 250 yards away in the cool air at sea level, left him 30 feet and two putts away. Berger capped it off with an eagle putt for a 7-under-par 65 and a two-shot victory over Maverick McNealy.

"To step up there and hit a great drive and then one of the best 3-woods I've ever hit in my life and then to make that putt is just as good as it gets for me," Berger said.

He finished at 18-under 270 for his fourth career victory.

Berger started his final round with a 4-iron to 20 feet for an eagle on the par-5 second hole to catch Jordan Spieth in no time at all. And while the cast of contenders kept changing, Berger was never out of the mix until he had the final say with one last eagle, his fourth of the week.

He won for the second time since the PGA Tour returned to golf in June from the coronavirus pandemic, starting with a playoff victory at Colonial, where a halfdozen players had a chance to win over the final hour.

This wasn't much different.

Spieth went from leading to lagging behind. He started with a two-shot lead and was three shots behind after six holes, wasting the scoring stretch at Pebble Beach. He finished with two birdies for a 70 and tied for third with Patrick Cantlay (68), who made all his putts at Pebble on Thursday. He had 10 birdies in the opening round when he tied the course record with a 62. He made seven birdies and an eagle in two weekend rounds.

Berger saw a leader board leaving the 18th green and knew he was tied. He just figured it would be with Nate Lashley, unaware of the sad turn of events on the 16th.

Lashley, playing in the final group with Spieth, nearly holed his wedge on the 11th for a tap-in birdie that took him to 16 under and leading by one shot. He was tied with Berger with three holes to play when Lashley went long on the 16th hole. He pitched out to 12 feet, missed the par putt and then missed the next two putts from the three-foot range.

That gave him a triple bogey from which he could not recover. Lashley jammed the bottom of his putter into the green and left without speaking to the media.

McNealy, who played at Stanford and once lived in a house near the 15th green at Pebble Beach, quietly made five birdies over his last eight holes.

"I had the adrenaline pumping coming down the stretch there and feelings that I hadn't really felt on the golf course in a little while, trying to close this out and give myself a chance," McNealy said.

The last one was on 18 when his eagle putt stopped inches from the cup, giving him a 66 and a tie for the lead that didn't last long. Berger was in the group behind him, and he played the hole to perfection.

"I wanted to win the golf tournament. I didn't want to lose it on the last," Berger said. "I just wanted to go out there and try to hit the best shot that I could, and I wasn't going to be conservative on the 3-wood coming in."

The eagle putt was fast and broke both ways, and Berger only wanted a two-putt birdie with no stress. That it fell for eagle was a bonus he was all too happy to take.

Spieth finished in the top four for the second week in a row, a strong sign that his game is coming back after a drought that dates back to his 2017 British Open victory at Royal Birkdale.

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