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In Dallas, supporters of Pete Buttigieg (D) learn that the former South Bend, Ind., mayor quit the presidential race. Story, A6

Biden builds on momentum

Super Tuesday may start to solve Democrats' 'insane Rubik's cube'

BY DAN BALZ

The Democratic presidential campaign has produced as many questions as answers in the first four contests of the year. On Tuesday, things will begin to change, as the candidates enter what could be the decisive, if not conclusive, month in the battle for their party's nomination.

What has been a state-by-state battle over the past month will suddenly explode into a

nationalized contest on Tuesday, with establishment Democrats worried about the strength of Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) but not settled on the strongest alternative.

Former vice president Joe Biden, with his blowout victory Saturday in South Carolina, made a strong case that he should be that person, but Super Tuesday voters will barely have time to digest those results before they, and the candidates, SEE ELECTION ON A6

Big S.C. victory drives push for unity; Buttigieg drops out

BY ROBERT COSTA

Former vice president Joe Biden moved aggressively Sunday to capitalize on his dramatic South Carolina victory, welcoming a round of key endorsements and insisting in television interviews that he alone can unite his anxious party and stave off the ascent of Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.).

Biden's newfound confidence came as like-minded contenders confronted pleas to

drop out and back him ahead of this week's primary elections — and as Democratic operatives deliberated over the timing and nature of those decisions.

A significant boost for Biden came Sunday evening, when former South Bend, Ind., mayor Pete Buttigieg — one of his rivals for moderate votes — ended his campaign with a speech that, while not an endorsement, echoed Biden's arguments for consolidating behind SEE CAMPAIGN ON A4

Virus spread for weeks in Wash. state, study says

ANALYSIS IMPLIES 'SUBSTANTIAL OUTBREAK'

Genetic test shows long period of stealth transmission

BY JOEL ACHENBACH, KATIE METTLER, LENA H. SUN AND BEN GUARINO

The coronavirus has been circulating undetected and has possibly infected scores of people over the past six weeks in Washington state, according to a genetic analysis of virus samples that has sobering implications for the entire country amid heightening anxiety about the likely spread of the disease.

The researchers conducted genetic sequencing of two virus samples. One is from a patient who traveled from China to Snohomish County in mid-January and was the first person diagnosed with the disease in the United States. The other came from a recently diagnosed patient in the same county, a high school student with no travel-related or other known

exposure to the coronavirus. The two samples look almost identical genetically, said Trevor Bedford, a computational biologist at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle who announced the results of the research on Twitter late Saturday night.

"This strongly suggests that there has been cryptic transmission in Washington State for the past 6 weeks," Bedford wrote. "I believe we're facing an already substantial outbreak in Washington State that was not detected until now due to narrow case definition requiring direct travel to China."

Officials in Seattle and King County on Sunday announced that four more people have tested positive for the coronavirus, including the second person in the state to die of the virus. That brings the outbreak in Washington SEE VIRUS ON A11

Unease in Ala. points to containment plan issues

BY TODD C. FRANKEL

ANNISTON, ALA. — Not long before local leaders decided, in the words of one of them, that federal health officials "didn't know what they were doing" with their plan to quarantine novel coronavirus patients in town, a doctor here set out in a biohazard suit to stage a one-man protest along the highway with a sign. "The virus has arrived. Are you ready?" it asked.

The town didn't think it was. Residents already were unnerved by strange stories posted on Facebook and shared via text messages about helicopters secretly flying in sick patients, that the virus was grown in a Chinese lab, that someone — either the media or the government — was lying to them

about what was really going on.

The quarantine plan hastily hatched by the Department of Health and Human Services was soon scrapped by President Trump, who faced intense pushback from Alabama's congressional delegation, led by Republican Rep. Mike D. Rogers. Americans evacuated after falling ill aboard the Diamond Princess cruise ship in Japan would not be coming to Anniston, a city of 22,000 people SEE ALABAMA ON A12

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'Jefferson's town' is steadily reexamining his place in it

As Charlottesville skips slave owner's birthday, a reckoning continues

BY MICHAEL E. MILLER

CHARLOTTESVILLE — His name still adorns much of the city, from the public library to a private winery. And from the foot of a mountain dedicated to him, his statue still gazes out over the university he founded.

But lately, in ways both small and seismic, Thomas Jefferson's town has started to feel like it belongs to someone else.

For the first time since World War II, Charlottesville won't honor the Founding Father's birthday this spring. Instead, on Tuesday, the city will celebrate the demise of the institution with which Jefferson increasingly has become associated: slavery.

Liberation and Freedom Day, as the new holiday is known, will commemorate when Union troops arrived here on March 3, 1865, and freed the enslaved people who made up a majority of Charlottesville's residents.

"This marks a wholesale shift in our understanding of the community's history," said Jalane Schmidt, a professor at the University of Virginia who helped organize SEE CHARLOTTESVILLE ON A20

Afghan leader questions U.S.-Taliban peace deal

BY SUSANNAH GEORGE AND DAN LAMOTHE

KABUL — The Afghan government objected Sunday to parts of the historic peace deal between the United States and the Taliban, showing the difficulties that lie ahead for the country as the 18-year conflict enters a new phase.

Afghan President Ashraf Ghani, speaking at a news conference less than 24 hours after the agreement was signed, questioned several elements of the deal, including the timeline for a controversial prisoner exchange and the conditions surrounding the start of talks between the Taliban and his government.

The U.S.-Taliban deal, the result of talks from which the Afghan government was excluded, charts



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A street vendor sells bread in an alley of the Charahi Qambar refugee camp in Kabul, a day after the peace deal was reached.

a path for the full withdrawal of all U.S. troops from the country it invaded after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. It stipulates that talks between the Taliban and Ghani's government must begin by March 10 — at which point the sides must have completed a prisoner exchange.

The Taliban has long demanded the release of 5,000 of its fighters held by the Afghan government. But officials in Kabul see the prisoners as a key piece of leverage to be used during their talks with the militants.

"Freeing Taliban prisoners is not [under] the authority of America but the authority of the Afghan government," Ghani told reporters in Kabul on Sunday. "There has been no commitment SEE AFGHANISTAN ON A17

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Bloomberg, Warren pitch data-driven plans to fight virus

Candidates seek to show themselves campaigning on science, competence

BY ANNIE LINSKEY

Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) and former New York mayor Mike Bloomberg have long treated each other as foils. But the looming coronavirus health crisis has revealed a core similarity between the senator and the billionaire: Both are using this moment to paint themselves as highly competent technocrats who would use data to guide policy. Over the weekend, both candidates seized on the virus to draw a sharp contrast with President Trump, excoriating the administration's response to the epidemic and highlighting what they would do differently. These pitches come just days before Super Tuesday, which will be a major test for both campaigns. Warren hasn't won many delegates in the Democratic nominating process and is hoping to show her candidacy is still viable. Bloomberg, meanwhile, will be on the ballot for the first time after spending nearly a billion dollars on his campaign. Both will begin feeling significant pressure to exit the race if they can't do well this week. Bloomberg's coronavirus response came in the form of a taped

three-minute address aired on two networks Sunday night, thanks to a \$1.5 million ad buy. In the spot, released Saturday, he laid out how he would combat the virus as president. "At times like this, it is the job of the president to reassure the public that he or she is taking all the necessary steps to protect the health and well-being of every citizen," Bloomberg said. "The public wants to know their leader is trained, informed and respected. When a problem arises, they want someone in charge who can marshal facts and expertise to confront the problem," he said. Bloomberg also referred to his past accomplishments, noting that he became mayor of New York just months after the 9/11 terrorist attacks. It was evidence, he said, that he knows how to lead during a crisis. And he reminded viewers of his connection to the Bloomberg School of Public Health at Johns Hopkins University, an institution that was named for him after he gave a \$289 million donation in 2001. Bloomberg's plan to address the virus includes inviting doctors who've been pushed out of government back to their old jobs, undoing the Trump administration's cuts to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and additional federal funds to prepare hospitals to treat epidemics. Warren's comments on the issue came Saturday, when she veered from her stump speech to focus on her proposals.



Former New York mayor Mike Bloomberg waits near Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) to cross the Edmund Pettus Bridge, commemorating the anniversary of Bloody Sunday in Selma, Ala., on March 1.

"This is a time for honest leadership that respects science, that draws on serious experts and that delivers real results," Warren told a crowd of about 2,000 people in Houston after finishing in fifth place in South Carolina. She ticked through her résumé, highlighting how at major crisis moments she has dug into data and enacted solutions, including her research into why middle-class families are going bankrupt, her

time grilling regulators when she sat on a panel overseeing how the federal bailout money was spent and her leadership of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau in the wake of the 2008 financial crisis. "This moment is a reminder of what qualities we need in a president — and what qualities are so sorely lacking in the one we have," Warren said. "I've been at the center of this kind of crisis before."

Warren released her first proposal to address the coronavirus last week and was quick to point out that she was offering a plan before any of the other candidates — and even before the White House. On Saturday, she said she will soon release more details. But she previewed her ideas, saying she wants the federal government to provide all Americans with free screening for the virus and free

vaccines if one is developed. Anyone quarantined at a medical facility should not have to pay huge medical bills, she said, though it's not clear who would foot the expense. All workers should receive paid time off if they must stay home because they are sick. And she wants the Federal Reserve to offer low-interest loans to companies that provide that benefit to workers. Warren called for a stimulus program to help keep the economy humming, even as the stock market falls and Americans are shopping less. She also used the moment to contrast her style to the other candidates, including taking a dig at Bloomberg and his TV ad. "Let's be blunt," she said. "This crisis demands more than a billionaire mayor who believes that since he's rich enough to buy network airtime to pretend he's the president, that entitles him to be president." She also turned on former vice president Joe Biden, who prevailed overwhelmingly in the South Carolina primary Saturday, saying the "crisis demands more than a former vice president so eager to cut deals with Mitch McConnell and the Republicans that he'll trade good ideas for bad ones." And she referred to Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.), saying "this crisis demands more than a senator who has good ideas, but whose 30-year track record shows he consistently calls for things he fails to get done and consistently opposes things he nevertheless fails to stop."

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Biden gets Tuesday lift from key Democrats

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him. Several influential Democrats from Super Tuesday states also gave Biden a lift on Sunday as they announced their support, including former senator Barbara Boxer of California. In Virginia, Rep. Jennifer Wexton — who won her suburban district in 2018, turning the seat blue for the first time in 38 years — endorsed Biden, calling him a "steady, empathetic leader." Wexton's nod came after other prominent Virginia Democrats such as Sen. Tim Kaine, former governor Terry McAuliffe and Rep. Robert C. "Bobby" Scott endorsed Biden — a reflection of the urgency in the party's establishment to counter Sanders, a self-described democratic socialist. Biden's efforts are rooted in his campaign's belief that he needs to use the burst of momentum and attention from South Carolina to rally Democrats to his side before Tuesday's elections, when 14 states and one territory will vote to award 34 percent of the convention delegates. Biden has lagged behind rivals in organizing and fundraising for months. Biden attempted to make up for past deficiencies with a round-robin set of television appearances in which he contrasted his centrist approach with Sanders's pitch for a federal overhaul, which centers on a move toward a single-payer health-care system. "People aren't looking for a revolution," Biden said on CNN's "State of the Union." "They're looking for results." On NBC's "Meet the Press," the former vice president boasted of the gains already seen by his campaign, which has struggled since its start to keep pace with better-financed candidates. "A lot of supporters stepped up the last 24 hours; we raised over \$5 million," Biden said. While Saturday's South Carolina's primary was a thunderclap — Biden decisively won the contest, in which African American voters had a significant say for the first time this election season — it provided an affirmation of his candidacy rather than a guarantee of coming success. Sanders is polling strongly in many Super Tuesday battlegrounds, and former New York mayor Mike Bloomberg has spent hundreds of millions of dollars on advertising in those states. "This race is a long way from being over and is as competitive as ever," said Shelia A. Huggins, a member of the Democratic National Committee from North Carolina, which votes on Tuesday. "Joe is still in the game. But Democratic voters here and everywhere are more strategic than decided at this point. Everyone wants to beat [President] Trump. What they're debating is just how much change they want to see." Sens. Elizabeth Warren (Mass.)



Former vice president Joe Biden is welcomed by Rep. Terri A. Sewell (D-Ala.) at a church in Selma, Ala., during a commemoration of the 55th anniversary of Bloody Sunday.

and Amy Klobuchar (Minn.) and Rep. Tulsi Gabbard of Hawaii remained in the Democratic race on Sunday night. But throughout the day, there was pressure on Buttigieg and Klobuchar, in particular, to consider ending their bids after they struggled in South Carolina and the Nevada caucuses to expand their appeal among minority voters. Liberal investor Tom Steyer dropped out late Saturday. Those conversations — a flurry of phone calls and meetings — rippled with political calculations as top Democrats mapped out the brutal stretch ahead. For many Biden allies, Bloomberg — the billionaire centrist whose name will appear on ballots for the first time Tuesday — remains the biggest headache, and they are hopeful that he may soon decide to bow out. On Sunday, they passed around a clip from MSNBC in which David Plouffe, Barack Obama's 2008 campaign manager, said, "The reality is Bloomberg needed Biden to lose South Carolina to have any chance." "Bloomberg is the one in focus because he has the resources to go on indefinitely and compete and divide the center-left vote with Biden," said David Axelrod, a senior adviser in the Obama White House. Although Biden's campaign would welcome a narrowed field, several allies are also informally telling allies of Klobuchar and Warren to consider staying in the race until Tuesday night, to deny Sanders a major delegate haul in the Super Tuesday states of Minnesota and Massachusetts, ac-

cording to three people briefed on the talks who spoke on the condition of anonymity to speak frankly. In the arcane process that Democrats use to pick nominees, delegates are awarded proportionally to any candidate who hits a threshold of 15 percent of the vote. Those rules put a premium on candidates who have broad support to win statewide, which determines a portion of the delegates, and also win individual congressional or state Senate districts, which account for the rest. And the setup benefits campaigns that can pinpoint the areas where they can either win a few extra delegates — or potentially deny an opponent from doing so. Fourteen states and one U.S. territory will hold nominating contests on Tuesday, to award about one-third of the 1,991 delegates needed to clinch the nomination. Tuesday's states also include Arkansas, Maine, Utah, Oklahoma and Colorado. After winning 60 percent of the African American vote in South Carolina, Biden's Super Tuesday outlook is best in states where those voters represent a high percentage of the Democratic electorate, such as Alabama. "Once things start settling, you'll see that Joe Biden will overwhelmingly take more delegates," Frank Love, the Arkansas state House minority leader, predicted Sunday, as Biden's wife, Jill, campaigned in North Little Rock. The core reason, he added, was that Biden was the partner of "the greatest president of our generation" and is ready to defeat Trump

and pick up that Obama legacy. Sanders's campaign aides say that he is ready to make gains with younger, more liberal African American voters in states such as North Carolina and have argued that South Carolina is older and more moderate than most of the states voting on Tuesday. "Wait until you see what happens in other states," said Sanders deputy campaign manager Ari Rabin-Havt. "Transmuting a population, one state's population to every state in the country, is a mistake." Bloomberg has attempted to make inroads with African American voters but has encountered continued problems over his past support of stop-and-frisk, a police strategy that opponents say is a form of racial profiling. Before announcing his candidacy, he apologized for defending the practice. As Bloomberg spoke Sunday in Selma, Ala., at Brown Chapel AME Church, about 10 people stood and silently turned their backs to him. The incident caused a stir in the church, but Bloomberg continued his remarks without interruption. Others continued to listen, some cheering and applauding. Biden and Sanders are now running near polar opposite campaigns. The once-ailing Biden operation is trying to ride the wave of momentum and attention as he reminds voters of his work alongside Obama and warns them of the perils of backing Sanders. "I have gotten major, major things done. I'm able to cross the aisle and get things done. And so I think it's about who can not only

win, bring along a Senate and keep a House, the House of Representatives, but who can then get something done," Biden said on CNN. Sanders, meanwhile, is roaring before thousands at rallies and is counting on his grass-roots organizing in states such as California and Texas, which he has been building since his insurgent 2016 campaign. Sanders raised \$46.5 million in February, his presidential campaign said Sunday, a huge sum that could help sustain him in a lengthy battle for the nomination. The senator from Vermont won nominating contests in Nevada and New Hampshire last month before placing a distant second in South Carolina. Sanders, who has criticized Biden for his past backing of military intervention in Iraq and his support of free trade, attacked Biden on Sunday as an ally of the wealthy and centrist Democratic establishment that he is trying to overhaul. Speaking at a rally in San Jose on Sunday, Sanders said: "At a time when the American people are sick and tired of endless wars, of the terrible death rate we have seen from these wars, the trillions of dollars we have spent on these wars, please do not forget Joe Biden voted for the war in Iraq." "We've got to be honest," Sanders told the crowd. "Which campaign can beat Trump?" His supporters chanted "Bernie! Bernie!" Most national Democrats treaded carefully as they approached the candidates and senior aides to griddling campaigns, knowing that the decision

to drop out is deeply personal as well as political. With Obama on the sidelines and former nominee Hillary Clinton also quiet, there was also open debate about who, if anyone, had enough political capital to force an exit. Warren, for her part, showed no signs of relenting. Her campaign announced that she raised \$29.3 million last month, more than doubling her January haul thanks to a boost from her well-reviewed debate turn in Nevada — and the campaign increased its advertising spending in Super Tuesday states to \$2.4 million. A pro-Warren super PAC is also spending millions. Klobuchar's aides and confidants said she was campaigning hard ahead of Super Tuesday and felt good about her chances in her home state. "I want to go everywhere," Klobuchar told a Utah television station on Sunday. Buttigieg on Sunday met with former president Jimmy Carter near Carter's home in Plains, Ga. Carter told reporters, "He doesn't know what he's going to do after South Carolina." Buttigieg replied, "Every day, we'll do the math." Hours later, Buttigieg dropped out before a rapturous crowd in South Bend that chanted "2024! 2024!" "The truth is that the path has narrowed to a close for our candidacy, if not for our cause," he said. robert.cost@washpost.com

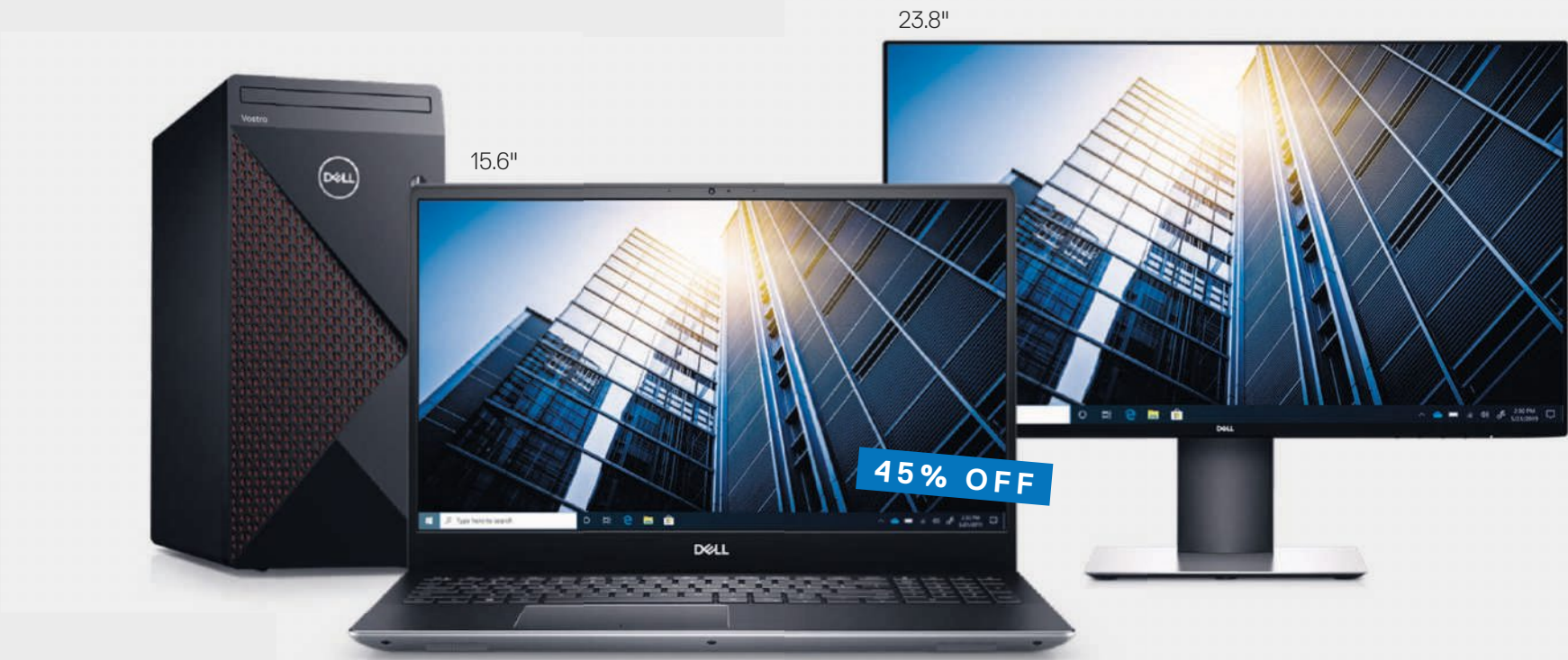
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Pete Buttigieg ends his history-making presidential bid

First openly gay hopeful rose to top-tier contender but saw prospects fade

BY CHELSEA JANES AND AMY B WANG

Pete Buttigieg, the 38-year-old former mayor of South Bend, Ind., who saw a meteoric rise from virtual unknown to top-tier contender and became the first openly gay candidate to make a high-profile presidential run, ended his campaign Sunday as he confronted the reality that his prospects of victory had all but collapsed.

Buttigieg's decision came shortly before Super Tuesday, the biggest primary day of the year, at a time when the Democratic race shows signs of becoming a race between Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) and former vice president Joe Biden, with Biden occupying a centrist position that Buttigieg had hoped to make his own.

Buttigieg struggled to win support from black voters, a key pillar of the Democratic coalition and a vulnerability that was emphasized Saturday in South Carolina, where he finished fourth.

The normally stoic Buttigieg appeared to be steadying himself throughout his farewell remarks in his hometown of South Bend, bringing to an end what was for a time an electrifying candidacy. "After a year of going everywhere, meeting everyone, defying every expectation, seeking every vote, the truth is that the path has narrowed to a close for our candidacy, if not for our cause," Buttigieg said.

He also referred to the pioneering nature of his run, saying, "We sent a message to every kid out there wondering if whatever



An event for former South Bend, Ind., mayor Pete Buttigieg is dismantled in Dallas on Sunday after he ended his presidential campaign.

marks them out as different means they are somehow destined to be less than. [They saw] that someone who once felt that exact same way can become a leading American presidential candidate — with his husband at his side."

Buttigieg's departure may help add some clarity to a Democratic presidential field that at one point included more than two dozen candidates, including an array of senators and governors, but has dwindled to just a handful.

At first it seemed Buttigieg

might be one of the survivors, as he won the Iowa caucuses and came in second in New Hampshire. But despite attracting enormous attention, significant support and often enthusiastic crowds, Buttigieg was not polling well in the upcoming primary states and never found a way to reverse the antipathy he generated in the black community.

An aide to Buttigieg's campaign said Buttigieg and his advisers looked at their models after South Carolina results came in, and they discovered their path had nar-

rowed.

"Essentially the reason he is suspending his campaign is the reason he started the campaign: His goal is to defeat the president and bring a new kind of politics to our country," a Buttigieg aide said. "He thought his candidacy would be best vehicle to do that. And when it became clear his candidacy was not the most viable vehicle to do that, he stepped aside to make sure [Democrats] could still achieve those things."

Buttigieg called Biden shortly

after news of his departure broke, according to two Biden aides who said the candidates exchanged voice mails but had yet to connect.

Buttigieg's exit leaves several unanswered questions, chief among them whether he will endorse Biden or any of the other remaining contenders, and whether his staffers will shift over to another campaign. It also leaves unanswered the question of Buttigieg's own future.

Buttigieg made history by becoming the first openly gay candidate to earn delegates for the presidential nomination in a major political party. He also broke barriers by making his marriage to his husband, Chasten, a major part of his campaign.

Chasten normally joins his husband onstage after rallies, but Saturday night, the Buttigiegs lingered in a noticeably longer hug than usual — a rare sign of the emotional toll the campaign was taking on Pete Buttigieg, who knew then the end was near.

Chasten was also the first onstage at Buttigieg's South Bend event Sunday, and he delivered an emotional introduction in which he told the crowd his husband had helped him believe in himself again, and that he urged him to run for president because "I knew there were other kids in this country who needed to believe in themselves, too."

Yet Buttigieg did not make the trailblazing nature of his campaign central to his pitch, and it often got lost in the realities of day-to-day campaigning. Not until Buttigieg won the Iowa caucuses did interviewers begin asking him more directly about America's readiness for a gay president and what his candidacy might mean to gay Americans.

Nevertheless, with an aggressive, no-holds-barred media expo-

sure strategy, Buttigieg managed to rise in the public consciousness over 2019 and soon began raising more money and polling higher than many of his opponents who were governors or sitting members of Congress. Buttigieg's obvious intelligence and eloquence excited many Democratic voters looking for a powerful counter-force to President Trump.

He promised to usher in "generational change" to the White House and deliberately avoided releasing detailed plans at first, though he spoke of big ideas like abolishing the electoral college and restructuring the Supreme Court.

Along the way, his use of South Bend as the backbone of his experience was both a boon to his candidacy and also a threat to undo his campaign at times. After a white police officer shot a black South Bend resident in June, Buttigieg was widely criticized for his handling of the matter — as well as his general relationship with the South Bend Police Department and the city's minority residents. The shooting set off weeks of protests, briefly taking Buttigieg off the campaign trail.

Still, his profile continued to rise, and by last fall, Buttigieg had shifted to a more moderate lane as he tried to seize a middle ground between Biden and Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.).

"The way we think this shapes up is, if you want the most ideological, far-out candidate possible, you've got your answer. You want the most Washington candidate possible, you've got your answer," Buttigieg said in November. "Everybody else, I think, can come our way. I think that's almost everybody."

The crowd interrupted him with a new chant: "2024! 2024!"

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For Sanders's rivals, little time left to blunt his ascent

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are plunged into the biggest and most important day of the Democratic nominating campaign.

By the time the votes from Tuesday's contests are counted, and all the delegates allocated, at least two things should become clearer. One is whether Sanders has emerged with an insurmountable lead in the delegate race. The other, if Sanders's delegate lead is not so big, is whether Biden or someone else might be positioned to overtake him.

Sanders heads toward Super Tuesday's contests in an enviable position. But given growing resistance to his candidacy among establishment Democrats, he needs a strong performance Tuesday to put a lock on becoming the delegate leader heading to the national convention in Milwaukee in July.

"Bernie is the clear front-runner, but he's got to get a lead, and a substantial lead, to consolidate his position," said Tad Devine, who worked for Sanders's campaign in 2016 and who advised Andrew Yang this year.

No day on this year's primary-caucus calendar sets up any better for Sanders than this year's Super Tuesday. One reason is his perceived strength in California, where 415 delegates will be distributed. Other factors include the higher percentage of Latino voters in some of the Super Tuesday states, particularly Texas with its 228 delegates. Beyond that, primaries in the future are mostly closed, denying Sanders the votes of independents, one of his best constituencies.

Campaign strategists can't say just how well Sanders will be positioned after Super Tuesday. There are simply too many variables — too many candidates, too much fluidity and too many combinations about possible outcomes. Campaigns have been modeling the states and constantly tweaking internal projections. As one strategist put it: "It's an insane Rubik's cube."

Campaign advisers to both Biden and former New York mayor Mike Bloomberg say they will be best positioned to become the principal alternative to Sanders after Super Tuesday. Both could benefit from the surprise decision Sunday by former South Bend, Ind., mayor Pete Buttigieg to quit the race.

Sens. Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.) and Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) appear to have even higher hurdles than the others to score well Tuesday. Warren has turned to a super PAC for advertising help after decrying the use of such

groups throughout her campaign. Warren's super PAC spending, roughly \$15 million, is of concern to the Sanders campaign because of her potential to attract voters who otherwise might support him.

Bloomberg is counting on the massive amount of advertising he has done to help boost his chances. According to Advertising Analytics, as of the beginning of last week, he had spent about \$160 million on television ads in the Super Tuesday states and was at that point scheduled to spend about \$35 million more in the final week. But he has been slowed by a poor debate performance in Nevada and attacks on his record since then.

Contrast that with Biden, who at the beginning of last week had spent nothing on television ads in the Super Tuesday states and, according to his campaign, will invest about \$2 million in radio and TV ahead of Tuesday's voting. Instead, Biden is counting heavily on a boost from South Carolina and support from African American votes there and elsewhere.

Sanders, according to the Advertising Analytics figures, will come in around \$14 million to \$15 million in TV, and his campaign has targeted the money to have the maximum impact on competitive districts. But he has organizations that appear to eclipse those of any of the other candidates, and his team has sought to use rallies in states with early voting to encourage supporters to go directly to the polls to bank votes ahead of Tuesday.

Super Tuesday has been a fixture of Democratic nominating contests since 1988, the brainchild of southern Democrats seeking greater influence with the hope that it would boost moderate candidates. That didn't work out as they had hoped, but the concept of a big day of primaries in early March stuck.

By 2008, Super Tuesday had grown to more than 20 states, including California, Illinois, New York and New Jersey. It became known as "Super Duper Tuesday" or "Tsunami Tuesday." That year saw Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton battle for an advantage, and one victory of the Obama campaign was to shift the media's focus from who was winning big states to the trench warfare of delegate accumulation.

This year, almost the entire focus of Super Tuesday will be on delegates. The landscape this year is smaller than in 2008, but it still sprawls across 14 states with votes also in American Samoa and among Democrats abroad. The 14 states include 164 congressio-



Sen. Bernie Sanders and his wife, Jane, leave a campaign rally in San Jose on Sunday, California, whose primary is Tuesday, is a delegate-rich prize for a presidential hopeful.

nal or state Senate districts that will award the majority of delegates. In all, 1,357 pledged delegates — 34 percent of the total for the year — will be awarded.

Two factors make this year's event different from those in the past. One is that Super Tuesday falls just three days after the South Carolina primary, rather than 10 days as it was in 2008. That gives candidates little time for serious campaigning in most of the states and raises the question of how much impact Biden's victory in South Carolina will have on voters elsewhere. The other difference is that the field of candidates competing Tuesday is larger than on previous Super Tuesdays, even with Buttigieg's withdrawal.

Estimates of delegate totals and of Sanders's possible margins vary significantly. At the high end, say strategists inside the campaigns as well as outside analysts, Sanders could emerge from Tuesday's contests leading his closest competitor by 300 to as high as 400 delegates. That would put him firmly in command of the race though still might leave him short of a majority going into the convention.

At the lower end of estimates, the consensus is that Sanders's delegate margin could be in the range of 200 or 250. That would still give Sanders the advantage but could be a more manageable margin to overcome for one of the other candidates, but only if the field quickly shrinks after Tuesday.

One non-campaign analysis calculates that Sanders could win between 600 and 700 delegates on Tuesday with the next-highest candidate in the range of 300 to 500. Sanders could emerge with a 2-to-1 lead over his closest challenger, but still well below 50 per-

cent overall. But these are merely possible scenarios, not predictions, and were all based on information before South Carolina voted.

Faiz Shakir, Sanders's campaign manager, sought to play down suggestions that Sanders will come out of Super Tuesday with a lead of more than 300, saying of the lower-end projections: "If you gave it to me, I'd take it." He said Super Tuesday could provide additional momentum that would put Sanders in a stronger position for contests later in March and in April.

Sanders has long criticized the Democratic National Committee for what he saw as the establishment helping Clinton and hindering him in the 2016 campaign. Today, ironically, he stands to benefit, potentially significantly, from the rules that determine the distribution of delegates.

Nevada's Feb. 22 caucuses offer an example of how Sanders is benefiting. Sanders got about one-third of the raw vote in Nevada. After realignment, the process by which people whose candidate has not hit the 15 percent threshold move to support another candidate, his county convention delegate number hit about 47 percent. Ultimately, he was awarded 24 of the 36 delegates to the national convention, which means from one-third of the initial raw vote, he was able to pick up two-thirds of the national convention delegates.

The caucuses provide an extreme case of this kind of allocation, but the overall rules could work similarly in Sanders's favor by giving him a share of the delegates disproportionate to his raw vote percentages. So far, the highest percentage of the vote he has received in any contest was in

Nevada. In Iowa and New Hampshire, he got about a quarter of the popular vote. But he is benefiting from the fact that no other candidate has consistently broken through the 15 percent threshold statewide and in congressional districts.

"There is a lot of difference between 34 percent of the delegates versus 47 percent of the delegates," said Daron Shaw, a professor of government at the University of Texas at Austin. "If he's in the low 30s, I think it's a different story."

Heading into Tuesday, the fractured opposition gives Sanders a potentially significant advantage. The senator from Vermont is the only candidate who is broadly viable across all the states and districts, meaning he is likely to break the threshold in almost every congressional or state Senate district. The other candidates are in a more tenuous position, hovering in polls somewhere just below or just above the 15 percent threshold that determines viability for delegates.

No one can predict with any certainty how any of the others will do in the district-by-district competition, but their individual and collective results will shape both their and Sanders's delegate hauls.

The rules stipulate that any candidate who gets 15 percent or more in a district, or statewide, receives a delegate. If Sanders and only one other candidate hit 15 percent or more and the others fall below that, they would split the delegates, although not necessarily evenly. But if four candidates hit the threshold in a district with four delegates, everyone gets one delegate, meaning even if Sanders is the leader, his total would be held down.

Buttigieg's withdrawal now makes it possible that Biden and Bloomberg, and possibly Warren, will hit the 15 percent threshold in more districts than they would have with him as an active candidate. Buttigieg will still be on the ballots Tuesday, and in states with early voting, some people have probably voted for him.

"If Bernie ends up in a situation where he can run up a large enough margin where there is only one other candidate hitting that threshold, that's a big victory for him," said Ace Smith, a California-based strategist who was a senior adviser in the presidential campaign of Sen. Kamala D. Harris (D-Calif.). "If he has two or three people, that's not so good because it will profoundly affect the delegates."

At this point, campaigns are focused on districts more than states, hoping to maximize their delegate counts by putting higher priority on districts whose demographics appear more favorable — for Biden, that means districts with higher concentrations of African Americans — or that have substantially more delegates to award than average. All the campaigns are focused as well on districts with an odd rather than even number of delegates to award.

One big advantage for Sanders is the role California will play on Tuesday. He lost the state to Clinton in 2016, but he currently is the leader in the polls there and, according to Democrats not associated with campaigns, has a deeper organization than any other candidate.

California offers early voting and vote-by-mail to everyone and, as of Thursday, nearly 3 million people had returned their ballots. More early ballots are being returned, according to Paul Mitchell, a California strategist who tracks the numbers. But percentages tell the other part of the story, which is that Republicans are returning their ballots more rapidly than are Democrats.

Two Democrats said that on the basis of their analysis and reporting, more people than ever are waiting possibly until Election Day to return those ballots and hoping they have a better sense of the shape of the race by then.

Republicans are behaving as they have in past elections, turning in ballots at the same rate, but Democrats are lagging. "Anybody who's waiting is not for Bernie Sanders, and they're trying desperately to make their vote count," said Gale Kaufman, a Sacramento-based strategist.

The other reality about Super Tuesday is that the results will not be known immediately. Counting in California will continue into the following week, and with so many candidates on the edge of viability, the final numbers could look different than they appear on the day after voting.

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Surging in California, Sanders looks to run up the score

Years of organizing in delegate-rich state could give him decisive win

BY SCOTT WILSON

SAN JOSE — Tampa Way here in east San Jose was concrete-solid Hillary Clinton country four years ago.

But Ivan Aguilar, 27, is trying to change that. The political science student took a months-long sabbatical to work the streets for Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.). On a recent warm Sunday, he knocked on doors of homes filled with families who commute an hour or so to five-figure jobs in Silicon Valley.

“When it comes to this kind of canvassing, it’s a numbers game,” Aguilar said, a list of registered Democrats in hand, along with placards and door hangers in English and Spanish. “You knock on 50 doors, and maybe you get 10 to 20 conversations. But a few can really matter.”

Aguilar’s organizing is part of a concerted, years-long effort by Sanders to gin up a decisive victory in California’s presidential primary. The state’s usually beside-the-point voters could play a key role in the Democratic nominating process this year. There are 415 delegates at stake here Tuesday, the largest haul on a day when 14 other states and territories will also go to the polls. Sanders is hoping that a big victory could help him run up a sizable delegate lead against his rivals.

The campaign has a state organization far larger than those of his opponents — 22 offices and more than 100 paid staffers. And it has been targeting Latinos, Asian Americans and young voters, key demographics in the Democratic electorate.

“The Sanders people looked at the primary with a long view and not just as a momentum play,” said Steven Maviglio, a Democratic political consultant who is not working for any candidate and said he has yet to decide whom he will choose in the primary.

“They actually invested in



Supporters of Sen. Bernie Sanders pack a San Jose rally Sunday. One poll has him leading in California with 35 percent support among likely Democratic voters, more than doubling his closest rivals.

door-knocking, which if you notice some analysts talking about how to win California, they have really discounted that ground activity,” he said. “But this seems to have worked, and it appears to have poked awake the sleeping giant of the Latino vote.”

A Suffolk University/USA Today poll showed Sanders with a double-digit lead. He was at 35 percent among likely Democratic primary voters, well ahead of former New York mayor Mike Bloomberg at 16 percent, former vice president Joe Biden at 14 percent and Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) at 12 percent. The percentages matter because a candidate who fails to win 15 percent of the vote statewide receives no delegates.

A candidate must also reach the 15 percent threshold in a congressional district to win district delegates, which account for two-thirds of those allocated. Hitting that mark could be especially challenging this year because the Democratic field is unusually large.

It is harder to measure how Sanders is doing district by district, how well his democratic

socialist message is playing in parts of Silicon Valley or wealthy, tax-averse Southern California counties. It’s hard, too, to know whether he’ll be able to turn out the broad, new coalition, something he has struggled to do in some early states.

Officials say they’re confident. “The campaign really prioritized California in a way that we hadn’t before,” said Rafael Nívar, the Sanders campaign’s state director. “Most people looked at the first four states. I looked at it as five states, and so California had a prioritization from the start.”

One key rival for Sanders is Warren, who is hovering around the 15 percent vote threshold, according to some recent polls. Her campaign has about half as many staff members on the ground as Sanders.

“California’s a progressive state, and Elizabeth Warren is a progressive candidate,” said Kevin Liao, the campaign’s state spokesman. “She’s a good fit for the values of the state.”

Julían Castro, a former Obama Cabinet member who dropped out of the Democratic primary race earlier this year, recently

appeared at a Warren event in San Francisco that drew about 150 staff members, volunteers and others.

It seems part of an effort to cut into Sanders’s lead among Latinos, especially older ones less liberal on issues of ethnic identity and more suspect of Sanders’s Medicare-for-all proposal. Several polls show Sanders drawing nearly half the state’s Latino support.

Warren plans to speak Monday, on the eve of the primary, in East Los Angeles to an audience of Latino building services workers.

Some of his better-funded rivals have also looked hopefully toward television. California is a place where intensive advertising usually proves essential in winning statewide races. But those rich enough to afford big buys in multiple markets are then often resented, especially the self-financed candidates.

In 1994, then-Rep. Michael Huffington spent more than \$40 million of his family’s oil fortune in an unsuccessful bid to beat Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.). Sixteen years later, Meg

Whitman, the billionaire former eBay chief executive, invested \$144 million of her own money in losing to Jerry Brown.

This year, two billionaires in the presidential race have been dominating the air. Bloomberg and investor Tom Steyer, who dropped out after a poor performance Saturday in the South Carolina primary, have been ubiquitous in recent weeks on California television, popular YouTube channels and other media. Warren plans a homestretch run of radio advertising, in part to save her resources for later.

But it’s not clear whether endorsements or heavy spending will dent Sanders’s lead, nor whether Biden’s surge in South Carolina will itself alter the trajectory of California.

Biden has spent little time in the state, traveling here more for fundraising than for organizing.

In east Santa Clara County and farther north, up through Alameda County, home of Oakland, Democrats outnumber Republicans by more than 5 to 1. The East Bay is highly diverse ethnically, and the Sanders team is looking for every one of those votes.

A recent day started for the campaign staff with Spanish-language outreach, door to door, then moved to a Black Forum on Economic Justice in a cathedral on the edge of Berkeley where the city’s former mayor Gus Newport represented the Sanders campaign before an almost entirely African American audience of about 150.

About 6 percent of the electorate is African American, a demographic Biden has targeted, especially in his successful campaign effort in South Carolina.

His campaign did not send a representative to the forum.

“I know this is the time when we start to see these campaigns and candidates pandering for African American votes,” said the forum’s co-host Patricia Brooks, a digital strategy consultant, looking out over the pews. “I see a lot of heads nodding out there. I mean, where do they go after they win?”

The day ended with a celebration at Sanders’s downtown Oakland headquarters, where about 60 or so Iranian Americans gathered to endorse the campaign.

Both Alameda and Santa Clara County went for Clinton four years ago, and Aguilar is door-knocking to find out how Sanders might take her place this time.

His pitch in Spanish is basic. Start with the day of the vote, ask whether they have heard of Sanders, then come with the substance: Medicare-for-all, an end to college debt, a push for more affordable housing, tax reform to close the gap between those with and the many without.

These are California issues, as well as the nation’s. He doesn’t mention other candidates.

“More than anything, it’s the issue of income inequality that resonates most,” Aguilar said. “It’s more like an umbrella term that covers health insurance, the rich paying too little in taxes. Income inequality captures all of it, and it’s the one thing people really want to talk about.”

Aguilar leaves bilingual door hangers at the first few homes, where nobody was there. “Nuestro Futuro,” the brochure reads, facing out with a photo of the smiling senator.

At 1924 Tampa Way, Francisco Escorcía opens the grated front door. He is registered to vote, and when Aguilar starts talking about college affordability, Escorcía, who builds gas stations for a living, lights up. He has three children — ages 7, 14 and 21 — and school costs are a major worry.

Escorcía is 47, at the very upper edge of the typical young Latino Sanders supporter. He chose Clinton last time, but he says, “I really do like what you are saying now.”

Aguilar marks him down as a strong likely supporter.

A few houses down, Gonzalo Burgara, who is 46 and works in construction, listens to Aguilar’s pitch. He is not a citizen, only a resident, and cannot vote. But his 18-year-old son can, and Aguilar offers to drive him to the voter registration center once he gets home.

Burgara agrees to send along his son. Ten minutes later, as Aguilar passes Burgara’s green work truck, he sees that the newly acquired “Bernie” sticker is already on the bumper.

“That’s what I like to see,” Aguilar said.

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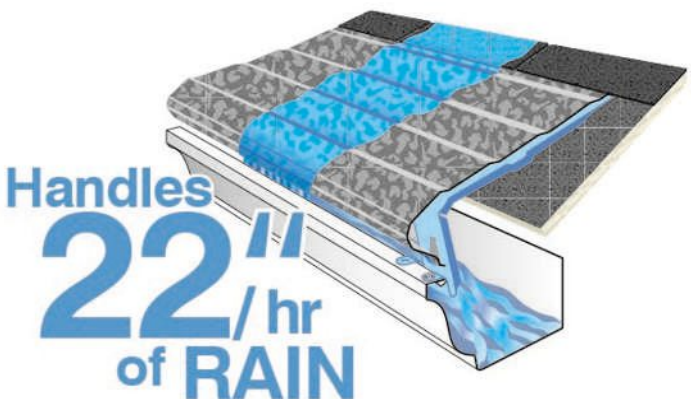
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THE WORLD

Blanket arrests await Hong Kong’s coronavirus protesters

As anti-government sentiment grows over authorities’ handling of the epidemic, tactics used by police to quell demonstrations are setting up a new flash point

BY SHIBANI MAHTANI

HONG KONG — Lining up his camera’s viewfinder as he documented a protest related to the coronavirus outbreak, Oscar Chan noticed a police officer pointing a canister right back at him. The pepper spray blasted the student journalist in the face as he clicked the shutter.

Three officers surrounded him as he tried to wash his eye, Chan said, as their colleague demanded his arrest. They affixed plastic cuffs so tightly they left scratches and bruises before charging him with theft for possessing a transit card that provides discounts for the elderly.

“They kept calling me a ‘black journalist,’” said Chan, 24, a term that implied he was posing as a reporter. The officer who had sprayed him berated him with homophobic slurs and threatened to rape him, he said.

After widespread unrest in 2019, dissent in Hong Kong is evolving in the coronavirus era. With the risk of infection deterring large-scale rallies, at least temporarily, protests now involve localized, spontaneous flare-ups or strikes.

But a lack of faith in authorities’ response to the epidemic has deepened anti-government sentiment; leader Carrie Lam’s satisfaction rating is at a record low, according to the Hong Kong Public Opinion Research Institute.

At the Feb. 8 protest Chan documented, some were commemorating a student’s death following a police operation, while others were protesting government plans to establish quarantine facilities for coronavirus patients in their neighborhood. Slogans of “five demands, not one less” — the refrain of Hong Kong’s democracy movement — mixed with calls for a “revolution against the virus.”

Confronted with this form of unrest, Hong Kong’s police, now clad in surgical masks, are deploying the same response: mass arrests. Of the more than 7,300 people arrested since June, one-tenth were detained this year, despite the smaller scale and frequency of protests. Among them are student journalists, civil rights observers, elected officials and medics.

On Friday, police arrested Jimmy Lai, a media tycoon known for his criticism of the Chinese government, on charges of unlawful assembly related to a protest in August. And on Saturday, violent protests flared again, the most serious clashes between police and protesters in weeks, leading to the arrest of 121 people.



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OSCAR CHAN

Police say they are empowered to apprehend any person if there’s reason to believe they have committed a crime. In a statement to the legislature last week, police added that officers will “always strive to protect the privacy and rights of detained persons.” The force did not respond to questions from The Washington Post about mass arrests and treatment of detainees.

The wave of arrests during a public health crisis is compounding mistrust between Hong Kong residents and the city’s leaders, who are not directly elected and are widely per-

ceived as serving the interests of the Chinese Communist Party before the Hong Kong people. As prosecutors prepare to bring hundreds to trial on riot charges stemming from the pro-democracy rebellion, the tactics are setting up a new flash point.

Arrests “are what Beijing and the Hong Kong government thinks may work, [and so] they keep on this hard-line approach,” said Eric Cheung, a legal scholar at the University of Hong Kong. “The assessment is that, in the end, there would only be a limited number of people who are prepared to risk their liberty and life to fight and

ABOVE: Members of community groups protest before Hong Kong Financial Secretary Paul Chan delivers the annual budget at the legislative council on Thursday. After widespread unrest in 2019, dissent in Hong Kong is evolving in the coronavirus era. RIGHT: A Hong Kong police officer prepares to pepper spray student journalist Oscar Chan, who was covering protests in Hong Kong’s Tseung Kwan O district on Feb. 8. Police charged Chan with theft for possessing a transit card that provides discounts for the elderly.

protest.”

“They may be right in that sense,” he added, “but it doesn’t address the root problems — and so one day, there will be another round.”

On Feb. 8, protests flared in several districts as residents fearful of coronavirus infection pushed back against officials’ plans to set up quarantine facilities. Tactics demonstrators honed last year — road barricades, molotov cocktails, vandalism — were now employed toward a different goal.

In a statement on Twitter, police said protesters in the Tseung Kwan O neighborhood had “blocked roads with barricades, damaged traffic lights, dug up bricks on the sidewalk and threw them on the thoroughfare.” Police arrested 119 people, including Chan, another reporter and five lower-level elected officials. “We appeal to members of the public not to break the law,” police said.

Ben Chung, head of the local district council, and other elected officials arrived at an apart-

ment block that night after hearing from an anxious resident whose daughter had been arrested.

“It is my duty to be at the scene. District councilors are responsible for their district, and we were there to see if the police were carrying out their duties properly,” Chung said.

Within an hour, police were rounding up everyone present. Chung and his colleagues were detained, he said, along with others, including a social worker and a tourist from mainland China. They were kept overnight on charges of participating in an unlawful assembly and released on bail.

“As elected officials, we were simply trying to liaise with the public and the police, and to minimize confrontation and clashes, but it seems the police don’t understand that,” he said.

Before the coronavirus outbreak, Chinese leaders urged Hong Kong to crack down on the pro-democracy protests, branding them a threat to the “one country, two systems” frame-

DIGEST

IRAQ Premier-designate withdraws from post

Iraq’s prime minister-designate announced his withdrawal from the post Sunday after failing to secure parliamentary support for his cabinet selection, prolonging the political deadlock in the country as it confronts economic, health and security challenges.

In an address to the nation explaining his decision to withdraw, Mohammed Allawi accused some political parties of negotiating “purely for narrow interests.” He said they “were not serious about implementing reforms that they promised to the people” and accused them of placing obstacles in the way of an independent government.

Allawi’s withdrawal a month after he was selected for the post plunges the country into more uncertainty at a critical time amid sustained anti-government demonstrations and the constant threat of being ensnared by festering U.S.-Iran tensions.

Shortly after he spoke, two mortar shells landed in Baghdad’s Green Zone, where the U.S. Embassy and government offices are located, two security officials said. No injuries were reported.

Iraq on Sunday marked five months since a popular uprising against the country’s political class erupted in Baghdad and southern provinces.

Allawi twice failed to secure a quorum for parliament to meet to

vote on his cabinet selection. With his withdrawal, President Barham Salih has 15 days to appoint a replacement.

— Associated Press

MEXICO Gang critic LeBarón flees threat for U.S.

A prominent member of a community of U.S.-Mexican dual citizens living in northern Mexico that was shattered by the November massacre of three women and six children has fled to the United States after an apparent threat on his life.

Julían LeBarón, who has long been outspoken in denouncing rampant criminal activity in the area and local authorities’ complicity with gangs, expressed frustration with continued insecurity in his corner of a country that suffered 35,588 murders in 2019.

“I think that it’s reaching a breaking point. I mean, people are just sick to death of the criminals,” he said by phone from Phoenix.

LeBarón said he believes the threat was related to his refusal to keep silent and suggested that the final straw may have been a recent verbal dust-up with local police.

On Feb. 17, he said, there was a shootout in Casas Grandes, in Chihuahua state, where he has a home, followed by a couple of apparent grenade detonations and then more gunfire. The next day, he called police to ask about it, and an officer said they didn’t know that anything at all had



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A woman wails Sunday as law enforcement officials in Cape Town, South Africa, disperse a group of migrants who had occupied a historic church and a square. They were demanding to be moved to another country, saying they felt unsafe because of xenophobic attacks.

happened. They argued, and the officer hung up on him.

That night, LeBarón said, he received a call at home from a friendly source saying they had information that La Linea, a gang that acts as enforcers for the Juarez cartel, wanted to kill him and that he needed to get to a safe place.

LeBarón’s extended community

of mostly bilingual American Mexicans have lived in northern Mexico for decades and consider themselves Mormons, though they are not affiliated with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Dozens of suspects have been identified, and several were arrested in the killings of the nine members of the Mormon

community in November.

— Associated Press

Argentine leader proposes legalizing elective abortions: Argentine President Alberto Fernández announced that he will send congress a proposal to legalize voluntary abortion — an initiative that was rejected two years ago. Argentine law permits

work that gives the territory partial autonomy. In February, Beijing replaced its top official in Hong Kong with a hard-liner known for suppressing Christian churches in Zhejiang province.

Lawyers and legal scholars say Hong Kong’s police, in seeking to bolster weak cases in court, are resorting to extrajudicial evidence-gathering tactics.

Joe Chan, a barrister who is among a group of pro-bono lawyers representing arrested protesters, said clients have complained that police forced them to hand over phone passcodes — a process that requires a court warrant under Hong Kong law.

Clients, he said, have been asked by police to pose for evidentiary photos while wearing full-face respirators, helmets and masks, even if those items did not belong to them — potentially to implicate a person as having participated in a protest.

“There is no legal basis for the police to ask them to do such things,” Chan said. “We have complained in open court [about this practice] a few times.”

Others complain, too, that police have widened their dragnet to arrest not only violent protesters but human rights observers, journalists, medics and others, in contravention of international standards. Last month, 24 human rights organizations including Amnesty International wrote to Lam, imploring authorities to cease investigations into human rights observers arrested in recent months.

“Obviously, they’ve changed their strategy,” Icarus Wong, founder of Civil Rights Observer, said of the police, who detained three of his monitors Jan. 1. “They’ve made it very clear that they don’t consider anyone who is at a protest to be innocent of wrongdoing.”

Other protesters and civil observers said the strategy of mass arrests had made them less willing to take to the streets.

“It is like a yellow card in a football match,” said Chung, the district councilor. “It almost feels like these arrests are preemptive, to make you behave yourself and stop you from coming out again.”

Chan, the student journalist, has grown tired of documenting clashes and is seeking other ways to support pro-democracy causes.

“Even if I want to reject the idea, and pretend that I am not scared after my arrest, the simple truth is that [the police strategy] really works,” he said.

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abortions in cases of rape or when a mother’s life is at risk. But even many women in those conditions find it difficult to obtain abortions. A measure to legalize elective abortions cleared the lower house of congress in 2018 but failed in the Senate.

5 Rohingya reported killed in army-insurgent clash: At least five ethnic Rohingya were killed, including a child, and several were injured after troops clashed with insurgents in Myanmar’s conflict-torn western state of Rakhine, a lawmaker and two residents said. The fighting broke out after Arakan Army rebels attacked a military convoy passing the temple town of Mrauk U, a regional member of parliament and a spokesman for the armed group said. The details of the attack could not be independently verified. More than 730,000 Rohingya were forced to flee Rakhine for Bangladesh after a military crackdown in 2017.

Center-right president takes office in Uruguay: A right-of-center president has taken office in Uruguay, promising to crack down on crime and tighten government finances after a 15-year string of left-leaning governments. Luis Lacalle Pou, son of a former president, narrowly won election in November in his second try for the office. The 46-year-old will have to depend on an ideologically diverse four-party coalition to get his programs through congress.

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THE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK



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A ‘new normal’ in Kirkland, Wash., as cases spread

Residents are avoiding contact and stockpiling food and supplies

BY MARIA SACCHETTI AND ASHLEY NGUYEN

KIRKLAND, WASH. — One church canceled Communion on Sunday and banned handshakes and hugs. More than two dozen firefighters, and some police officers, are under quarantine. The hospital urged visitors to stay home. And Lake Washington Institute of Technology said it is shutting down for two days to disinfect the campus.

This outdoorsy city of 90,000 just northeast of Seattle, known for its piney woods, water sports and a Google campus with a meandering bike path running through it, has become the epicenter of the U.S. response to the deadly coronavirus as it begins to spread along the West Coast. A 50-year-old man who died at a hospital here became the first U.S. death linked to the virus, and many others have been exposed to it, turning Kirkland into a test case to see how quickly authorities can contain the illness and the fear that accompanies it.

Authorities reported a second death Sunday, a man in his 70s who died at the same hospital the day before.

“We are gathered together today amidst news that can make us anxious or fearful. I’m sure all of our hearts are thinking about that word, ‘coronavirus,’” senior pastor Scott Scruggs, wearing a blue checked shirt, jeans and sneakers, said from a stage with a live band during services inside Northshore Community Church on Sunday. The crowd was thinner than usual, and Scruggs said church members were wiping door handles, discouraging touching, and urging sniffily people to watch the services from home online. “We’re doing what we can and we want to invite you to do the same.”

Officials in Seattle and King County confirmed four new cases of coronavirus-related illnesses on Sunday, bringing the state total to 13.

City officials said that 25 firefighters and two police officers who were exposed to the virus at the LifeCare Center of Kirkland have shown no symptoms but are under close watch, while a county health department official said there were more than 50 residents and staff at the center who were reportedly ill with symptoms. Authorities also are worried that others — including 17 nursing students and four faculty and staff members from Lake Washington Institute of Technology — were exposed to the virus at the nursing home last week dur-



TOP: Musicians perform at Northshore Community Church, which encouraged sick parishioners to watch services from home via a live stream. **MIDDLE:** Kingsley Northcott was one of many shopping for nonperishable foods at Costco on Sunday. **ABOVE:** Media members assemble outside Life Care Center, where dozens of residents and staff were reportedly showing symptoms of the coronavirus.

ing a visit.

Leslie Shattuck, a college spokeswoman, said she did not know if the students and faculty had been quarantined, noting that they were awaiting instructions from public health officials.

The public college decided to close its 7,000-student campus in Kirkland through Tuesday to disinfect the school out of “an abundance of caution,” Shattuck said. The school also canceled a staff training session on diversity and an open house scheduled for this

week.

“The health and safety of our students, faculty and staff are top of mind as we work our way through this emergency,” university president Amy Morrison said in a statement.

With a quarter of the city’s 100 firefighters under quarantine, Kirkland city officials scrambled to prepare amid a host of unknowns. It remains unclear how many residents have been exposed to the virus, though its spread seems inevitable.

On Sunday, local police and fire chiefs hunkered in a basement control center amid blinking television screens and made sure that the fire department would remain fully staffed and that backup would be available from neighboring towns in case of a fire — just one firefighter remained under quarantine at Fire Station 21 while the others from the station were quarantined in their homes.

Officials also urged residents to wash their hands and stockpile enough food for several days, as

they would in case of an earthquake.

Mayor Penny Sweet, who prepared homemade peanut brittle and toffee to deliver to quarantined firefighters and police officers, said the city is following the advice of public health officials and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. She said the city is working to limit exposure and that she hopes the spread will be contained.

“We’re being extraordinarily cautious, but at this point in time, we are not canceling a lot of things. At the same time, if things go nuts . . . we have to be flexible,” Sweet said. “For the most part, things are fairly calm. Grocery stores have been busy. People are stocking up in case it gets worse, which is wise. I’m very confident that we’re doing everything that we can.”

Lines formed at shopping centers across the city as residents bought paper towels, disinfecting wipes and hand sanitizer amid reports of the virus spreading through parts of California, Oregon and Washington state. Some people rushed to big-box stores to stock up on medication, jars of pasta sauce and cleaning supplies. Instead of shaking hands, people waved at one another, attempting to stand a respectful six feet apart — CDC’s suggested distance to avoid possible transmission.

The Costco in Kirkland opens at 10 a.m. on Sundays, but a line began forming at the door a half-hour early.

Julie Larralde, 60, wore a mask as she stood in line. She lives close by and has been stocking up on food during the past few weeks.

“I worry more about the panic,” she said. “If we didn’t panic, I wouldn’t be here this morning. This would not be what I would do normally.”

Wentao Chen, 49, lives in nearby Bellevue. He came to Costco early to beat the crowd.

“I want to get in and out quick,” he said. “I heard that the line might be long.”

While Chen is worried about his parents and sister, who live in China, he says there’s not much he can do. Before his wife flew their children to Northern California in early February, she asked him to buy masks there. He couldn’t find any at stores nearby, so he eventually bought some online.

Others here say people are overreacting, and they went about the mundane tasks of a late-winter weekend. They pumped gas, walked their dogs and jogged amid the blossoming cherry trees, determined to enjoy the sun-splashed day ahead of a rainy forecast.

Kelley Voss, 29, and Bryce Woodland, 30, who were heading to breakfast in downtown Kirkland on Sunday, said they were not worried about coronavirus.

“I guess we haven’t been that

concerned because there haven’t been that many cases among people who are healthy and young,” Voss said. “It hasn’t been worse than the flu, really. Of course, I have concern for people who aren’t young and healthy.”

At the Fred Meyer, a sprawling store where shoppers can buy engagement rings, clothing and groceries, shoppers perused flowers and Easter candy while Girl Scouts hawked cookies at the entrance.

One couple stared at the empty shelves where the anti-bacterial wipes and lotions normally sit. Their two sons, ages 10 and 8, decided to stay home because they said they were afraid of catching the virus.

“There’s nothing left,” said Erika Vences, 27, a house cleaner from Mexico, standing with her partner, Manuel Cruz, 42, a construction worker. They said they are trying to ward off the virus here while fielding phone calls from worried relatives back home in Aguascalientes. “We’re trying to keep the house even cleaner than usual.”

The lobby and cafeteria were empty at a local health center on Sunday morning, though a couple of men walked past a sign on a large easel that said: “To help ensure the health and safety of our patients, staff and community, we are discouraging visitors from coming to the EvergreenHealth Kirkland Campus.”

One man shrugged and said he was going to visit his father, who just had surgery. An elderly man in a baseball cap waved and walked in, saying, “I don’t care.”

City Manager Kurt Triplett said come Monday, Kirkland residents will see some new signs encouraging elbow bumps or waves.

“We all need to adjust to this as the new normal,” Triplett said. “We may be seeing the end of the handshake.”

But others said the spread of coronavirus, like the flu, is inevitable. A school nurse said it will be difficult to stop small children from coughing on one another. At City Hall, some people touched one another or shook hands.

At Northshore Community Church, parishioners couldn’t stop themselves from hugging a man who recently returned after brain surgery.

As King County Sheriff’s Deputy David Easterly supervised traffic in the church’s parking lot, he said he felt lucky to be in a country where the response to the disease has been swift and transparent. He lives near the Mill Creek area, where a high school student fell ill last week, but he said the virus felt “well-contained so far.”

“I don’t go around licking door-knobs and such,” he said with a laugh. “I’m not really worried.”

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Research could mean virus has eluded containment efforts

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ton state to 13 cases. Of the four new cases, the three surviving patients range in age from their 70s to 90s, have underlying health conditions and are in critical condition, health officials said. The first coronavirus death in the United States was announced Saturday.

Health officials in Washington state and across the nation said they expect that numbers will continue to rise in the wake of the decision by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention last week to widen testing guidelines. Over the weekend, new cases were reported in Americans who had recently traveled to South Korea and Italy, including one person in Rhode Island, the state's first case.

The health department in Santa Clara County, Calif., in the heart of Silicon Valley, announced three new coronavirus cases Sunday evening, bringing to seven the total number of cases there. The announcement gave few details about the cases. Late Sunday, the office of Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis announced two "presumptively positive" cases of the coronavirus, in Manatee and Hillsborough counties, and declared a public health emergency.

California and Oregon, like Washington, have reported coronavirus infections in people who did not travel to regions hit hard by the outbreak or have contact with people known to be infected. The United States has dozens of other confirmed infections, the majority of them people who were among the passengers on the cruise ship Diamond Princess.

The international picture has continued to worsen, with spikes in cases in South Korea, Iran and Italy in recent days. Worldwide, almost 90,000 people have been infected with the coronavirus, and 3,000 have died.

The research reported by Bedford is preliminary, and further analysis could alter the conclusion. Bedford said it is possible but very unlikely that the genetic similarity of the two virus samples could be a coincidence and reflect two distinct introductions of the virus into Snohomish County by infected



In Kirkland, Wash., where health officials reported a possible coronavirus outbreak at a long-term residential care facility, Police Chief Cherie Harris monitors the emergency response Sunday.

travelers, rather than sustained person-to-person spread within the community.

The CDC has been in touch with Bedford, and although agency experts note that his hypothesis has validity, scientists need more data, according to a Department of Health and Human Services official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to talk candidly. "It is far from definitive," the official said. The particular strain found in these two samples is widespread in China and elsewhere. It's possible that someone else introduced the virus into the community "that we didn't pick up," the official said.

But this research could be evidence that the highly contagious virus has eluded efforts to contain it through travel bans, quarantines and other interventions. The virus may have been spreading in parts of Washington state among people who didn't realize they were infected by it — they may have thought they had a cold or the flu.

On Saturday, state and King County health officials reported a possible coronavirus outbreak at the Life Care Center in Kirkland, Wash., a long-term residential fa-

cility where more than 50 residents and staff are reportedly ill with symptoms associated with the novel virus. At least two of King County's six confirmed cases are connected to the Life Care facility: a health-care worker in her 40s and a resident in her 70s.

A statement released by the nursing home said that the residents typically exhibit cold and flu-like symptoms at this time of year and that they may be sent to a hospital for covid-19 testing. "All visits to the facility from families, volunteers or vendors are not allowed," the statement said.

If the number of confirmed cases climbs dramatically in the next few days, it could reflect expanded detection efforts rather than a sudden increase in the rate at which the virus is spreading.

"Once we start testing more broadly this week, we are almost certain to learn that there has been community transmission for a while in many places," said Andy Pavia, chief of the Division of Pediatric Infectious Diseases at the University of Utah health system. He called the Washington state research on the genetics of the virus

"very important."

Until a few days ago, the CDC had specific, narrow criteria for who should be tested for possible coronavirus infection — and most tests had to be sent to Atlanta because of faulty tests sent out to state labs. The focus was on people who had been to China or been in contact with someone who had traveled there. As a result, people with respiratory infections and fevers were not being widely tested for coronavirus. Last week, the CDC altered the criteria to expand testing.

Clinicians always have discretion to request testing, the CDC has said. A top CDC official said last week that no such requests for testing have been turned down.

Even so, a 56-year-old woman in Chevy Chase, Md., who recently returned from Northern Italy, where the virus has spread dramatically, and who has suffered from a cough and flu-like symptoms for 10 days, told The Washington Post that she could not get a coronavirus test at a hospital because she was not hospitalized or severely ill.

"It's almost impossible to get a damn test," she said. The woman, a

consultant who spoke on the condition of anonymity for fear of on-line harassment, said she normally commutes by Metro to downtown Washington to work but has self-quarantined since returning from Italy. Had she not chosen to do so, she said, "I could have been passing this all over D.C."

A 30-year-old man who flew from virus-stricken Japan into Newark airport on Tuesday said he checked into NYU Langone's emergency department in Cobble Hill, Brooklyn, with a 102-degree fever and cough. But because he did not meet the criteria as set at that time by the CDC — he lacked chest pains or shortness of breath — he was not tested for covid-19.

The man, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because he did not want to be associated with the outbreak, told The Washington Post he would be self-quarantined in his Brooklyn apartment for the next two weeks.

"My thought process was: Whatever I had, now it's starting to get worse, so I better go to the hospital." He wrote about his experience on the social media site Reddit.

After he arrived at the hospital, he was tested for flu strains and dozens of other microbes, all of which came back negative. A chest X-ray also returned negative. On Thursday he was informed that the CDC had not approved his case for testing because his symptoms were too mild.

He was sharing his story because he "wanted people to realize that there are probably more people like me." His flight from Japan into Newark on Tuesday was full, he said.

"At no point am I saying 'I have coronavirus.' I'm just saying I have symptoms that are like it, and no one is testing me," he said.

"All NYU Langone Health facilities follow the testing guidelines and infection prevention protocols issued by the CDC and state and city Departments of Health," Lisa Greiner, a spokeswoman for NYU Langone, said in a statement. "As the situation concerning COVID-19 remains fluid, we are continually aligning our testing protocols to ensure the safety and welfare of our patients and staff."

This weekend marked a clear turning point in the coronavirus crisis in the United States, with the first reported death and additional cases of community spread. As of Sunday afternoon, the CDC listed nine cases in the United States of person-to-person spread.

Although the World Health Organization has declined to describe covid-19 as pandemic, it has spread to every continent but Antarctica, and there is widespread agreement among infectious disease experts that a significant fraction of the human population could become exposed to it in the coming year or two.

Vice President Pence on Sunday offered assurances that the administration has a handle on the crisis and that the threat to most Americans is low. He said that the Trump administration is leading an aggressive, whole-of-government response to the coronavirus and pointed to the president's order to restrict travel from China as key to keeping Americans safe.

"I think it's all a reflection of the fact that early on in this crisis, in January, the president took the unprecedented step of suspending all travel from China and establishing a quarantining effect," Pence said on CNN's "State of the Union."

On the same show, former vice president Joe Biden criticized the administration's response so far, saying there should have been more protective gear and test kits available sooner. "We knew this was coming. Back as far as January. They didn't even begin to prepare the testing kits. This is something that's elementary," he said.

HHS Secretary Alex Azar declined to comment on how many cases the United States may be facing. "We cannot make predictions as to how many cases we'll have, but we will have more, and we will have more community cases," he said on CBS's "Face the Nation."

"It's simply just a matter of math."

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Recession fears grow as investors gauge virus’s long-term effect on market

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Paul Shank lost about \$20,000 last week after coronavirus fears caused the biggest weekly decline for U.S. stocks since the financial crisis. His wife Susan asked him multiple times a day whether it was wise to keep any of their money in equities.

“To watch 10 percent of your stock portfolio disappear in a week is pretty scary,” said Shank, a retiree in Albuquerque. “To us, it’s a lot of money.”

The last time Americans saw such sweeping and shockingly fast market losses was during the financial crisis, and those memories are still fresh in many people’s minds. Last week, the Dow Jones industrial average plunged 12.4 percent, or 3,583 points, as investors’ fears and uncertainty about the potential economic fallout from the coronavirus built to a crescendo.

There’s growing concern that the steep market losses and mounting death toll will trigger broader alarm, prompting American consumers to rein in their spending beyond just canceling vacations and cruises. For a decade, consumer spending propped up not just the U.S. economy but the global economy, keeping factories around the world humming and giving U.S. business owners optimism.

But the momentum of fear is a powerful force — in the markets and the broader economy. About half of Americans have money invested in the stock market, often in a retirement plan that baby boomers are tapping, and even

those without market exposure are often influenced by big drops.

Coronavirus has caused significant supply chain disruptions of toys, medical equipment, auto parts and smartphones from China, none of which will be easy to smooth out, even if the virus ebbs within a month or two. The twin blows to consumer confidence and supply chains have significantly raised the chance of a recession, according to economists.

“The odds of a recession are roughly a coin toss, and that’s exceptionally high,” said Edward Al-Hussainy, an analyst at Columbia Threadneedle Investments. “Conferences are getting canceled. Corporations are asking people to work from home. Schools are getting closed. That is a massive hit to demand.”

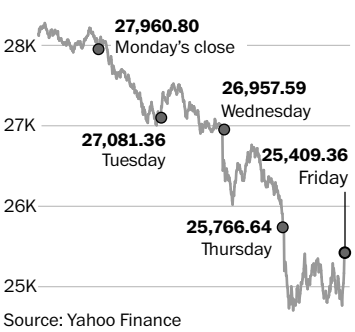
In discussions with a dozen families and financial advisers across the country, nearly all said that nerves were high, but most of the fear is concentrated in the markets.

Calls to the Schwab Intelligent Portfolios service team were up all week, spiking more than 115 percent on Thursday and Friday compared to a typical day. Schwab declined to say how many investors were selling stocks.

Some financial advisers said their clients were inquiring about whether they should think about buying stocks, which were widely viewed as overpriced at the start of 2020. More often, callers were looking for reassurance.

After many dinner table discussions, the Shanks are staying in the market for now. The couple has a modest amount of their portfolio in stocks, with the rest in

Dow Jones industrial average last week



bonds and other lower-risk investments. But, like many Americans, they are watching the situation closely.

“It’s just a scary time. At some point it will scare me enough that I’ll pull out,” Shank said.

Financial adviser Jamie Cox of Richmond was flooded with calls and said nearly everyone had the same question: Is this a repeat of the financial crisis?

It’s a delicate question to answer. One likely scenario is that the coronavirus will be a short-lived crisis that has a health impact similar to the flu, and an economic impact that slows growth for the first half of the year and then causes a big rebound in the latter half.

“History has to provide some guidance,” said Bernard Baumohl, chief global economist at the Economic Outlook Group. “We’ve gone through influenzal and other diseases that involved thousands of people in the United States. They have never reached a level of magnitude where it precipitated a recession.”

J.P. Morgan has been telling clients growth will slow to 1.25 per-

cent in the first half of 2020, but most of the depressed sales will be made up later on. Cox has a similar view.

“I’m telling people that this is not anywhere close to being indicative of a 2008 scenario. This is a demand-and-supply shock that is very temporary in a very strong economy,” said Cox, a financial adviser at the Harris Financial Group.

But there is a chance that the coronavirus spirals into something more sinister and long-lasting. The coronavirus, which first emerged in China, has spread to 60 countries at a rapid clip. With many parts of China, South Korea, Japan and Italy at a virtual standstill, the public-health crisis is increasingly hurting the global economy, which could make it harder to recover.

That’s why experts such as economist Sung Won Sohn of SS Economics say the chance of a recession is growing.

Like many in the financial industry, Al-Hussainy is watching consumer confidence, which is key to figuring out whether fear and uncertainty will lead to an economic downturn. The widely watched University of Michigan Survey of Consumers released Friday showed that many Americans still feel positively about the economy, but nearly 20 percent of those surveyed last Monday and Tuesday mentioned concerns about the coronavirus and the steep drop in the stock market.

“The virus is in the U.S. now. What happens to the number of cases and fatalities from here is likely to drive sentiment as Main Street grapples with what it all

means,” said Peter Atwater, president of Financial Insights.

Consumer confidence has wavered in past stock market declines, such as the end of 2018 when the market fell nearly 20 percent. But confidence rebounded quickly as the market climbed again. Beyond stocks, another key driver of sentiment — and spending — is how secure people feel in their jobs. So far, job growth remains strong, but many are watching the travel and restaurant industries for signs of furloughs and layoffs.

The fear of infection is already spurring some families to make tough choices. Geraldine Caul has been trying to cancel a Royal Caribbean cruise for her and three family members this spring to Spain, France and Italy. A Royal Caribbean staff member told her she would lose half her money if she canceled and insisted there “could be a cure by the end of the month.”

The family is concerned about the spread of coronavirus in Italy. But they’re also worried about possibly being quarantined on their return and losing a month’s pay. Caul’s brother-in-law works for a major hotel chain.

“They’ve been told a minimum of four weeks quarantine when they come back and no pay,” said Caul, a retiree in Davenport, outside Orlando.

Professional money managers said they have felt like psychologists in recent days. They constantly stress to clients to get a good financial plan — often a mix of stock and bond investments and some emergency savings — and to stick with it, whether the

market goes up or down. But investors still have innate human instincts to flee trouble, especially with markets swooning so sharply over the past week.

“Mike Tyson had a good quote, ‘Everyone has a plan until they get punched in the mouth,’” said Robert DeHollander, a financial planner in Greenville, S.C., who lost count of how many calls he has been getting from clients. “You can talk about risk tolerance all day long, but you don’t really know how you feel about it until moments like this.”

Sixty-nine percent of Americans surveyed by Morning Consult last week said they were concerned about the impact of the coronavirus on the economy — up from 55 percent who said the same in a survey conducted Feb. 7-9.

“These things start getting you nervous, and I’m not usually a nervous guy,” said Gary Firestone, 74, of Fort Myers, Fla.

Firestone, who ran his own ad agency for four decades and still retains a few clients, said he was nervous enough, after seeing the markets tumble, that he called his financial advisers to ask whether it was time to get out of any investments. He can still recall the sting of the financial crisis, especially its approximately 30 percent hit to his investments that took a long time to recover. He’s got more at stake, as he’s closer to retirement.

“You see less of a distance you have for potential returns. Can I afford to lose that now when I don’t have that many years to catch up? That’s what brings on the fear,” he said.

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In an Ala. community, a contagion of mistrust

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in north-central Alabama, after all. They would remain in the same Texas and California sites where they were taken after leaving the cruise ship.

What happened here over the past week illustrates how poor planning by federal health officials and a rumor mill fueled by social media, polarized politics and a lack of clear communication can undermine public confidence in the response to the novel coronavirus, which causes the disease named covid-19. The rapidly spreading virus has rattled economies worldwide in recent weeks and killed more than 2,900 people, mostly in China.

The panic and problems that burned through Anniston also provided a preview of what could unfold in other communities, as the spread of the virus is considered by health experts to be inevitable.

“Their little plan sketched out in D.C. was not thought out,” said Michael Barton, director of the emergency management agency in Calhoun County, where Anniston is the county seat.

As local officials learned more, Barton added, “We knew then —”

“We were in trouble,” said Tim Hodges, chairman of the Calhoun County Commission.

In Anniston, local leaders were stunned to discover serious problems with the federal government’s plan for dealing with patients infected with the virus — starting with how the patients would get to Alabama, according to interviews with county and city officials, along with business leaders who dealt with the federal response.

“I was shocked,” Anniston Mayor Jack Draper said. “I was shocked by the lack of planning. I was shocked by the manner in which it was presented to us.”

Two HHS officials — Darcie Johnston, director of intergovernmental affairs, and Kevin Yeskey, principal deputy assistant secretary for preparedness and response — said in a Feb. 23 meeting with local officials that the patients would be flown from California to the Fort McClellan Army Airfield in Anniston, according to multiple local officials.

The airfield was closed when the Army base was shuttered in 1999. Local officials said they told the HHS officials at the meeting that the runway was in bad shape.

“The more we talked,” Hodges said, “the more holes we found.”

The HHS plan also called for housing coronavirus patients at the Center for Domestic Preparedness, a Federal Emergency Man-



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ABOVE: A dormitory in Anniston, Ala., where the federal government had planned to house quarantined passengers evacuated from a cruise ship. BELOW: Michael Barton, Calhoun County emergency management director, criticized the plan as “not thought out.”

agement Agency facility on the old Army base and one of several redevelopment projects at the sprawling outpost.

A shortage of details

The center has several brick dormitory buildings — behind tall black fencing — where federal officials planned for the patients to live. Federal officials even picked out the building they wanted to use for the first arrivals: Dorm No. 28, local officials said. A team of federal health workers would care for the patients and U.S. marshals would keep them from leaving the quarantine, local officials said they were told.

The dorms normally house emergency responders from around the country.

But the center doesn’t have any special capabilities for handling infectious diseases, local officials said. The center is used for training. It has isolation hospital rooms — in a former Army hospital building — but they are mostly just props, with fake equipment and light switches that exist only as paint on walls.

Meanwhile, federal officials never contacted the city’s hospital, Regional Medical Center, about handling covid-19 patients, said Louis Bass, the hospital’s chief executive.

Yet HHS officials said in a statement released to the public on Feb. 22 that patients who become seriously ill would be sent to “pre-identified hospitals for medical care.”

“We were surprised,” Bass said. The hospital does have eight negative-pressure isolation rooms, but patients with serious complications would need to be sent to a larger institution, such as Emory University Hospital in Atlanta, 90 miles away, Bass said.

Emory University Hospital did



not respond to a question about whether it was told about the HHS plan.

A federal contract for a local ambulance service was secured at the last moment, after HHS had already issued a statement about its plan for Anniston. Details on how to handle other tasks — including patients’ laundry and food — seemed unfinished.

The preparations for bringing patients to Anniston were handled partly by Caliburn International, a government contractor that previously provided emergency medical services to federal agencies, according to interviews and documents reviewed by The Washington Post.

Trump’s former chief of staff John F. Kelly joined the firm based in Reston, Va., as a board member last year. Caliburn is the parent company of Comprehensive Health Services, which has come under scrutiny for its operation of medical services at a detention site for migrant children.

A Caliburn spokeswoman referred questions about the Anniston operations to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,

which did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

HHS, through its Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, responded to The Post’s questions about its Anniston operations with a statement noting the office’s staff members “have a long-standing relationship” with the disaster preparedness center and were familiar with its capabilities. The statement also said the federal agency “was considering the facility as a contingency location” and decided during discussions with local officials that “the site would not actually be needed.”

It was Trump who finally canceled the planned quarantine in Anniston on Feb. 23, according to tweets from Rogers and Sen. Richard C. Shelby (R-Ala.) that referred to their conversations with the president.

Rumors abound

The news arrived as people attended an emergency meeting of the Calhoun County Commission. Cheers broke out.

“I guess in our culture today a tweet is considered official,” Bar-

ton said.

Anniston has plenty of experience dealing with unwelcome threats — and learning to live with them.

It was for years home to the nation’s chemical weapons stockpile, including sarin and mustard gas. Later, it was the location of a chemical weapons incinerator, where those munitions were carefully destroyed.

The city also deals with the toxic legacy of a former Monsanto plant that for decades polluted the soil and water with PCBs, which were banned in the 1970s amid health concerns. The pollution resulted in a \$700 million settlement for 20,000 residents in 2003.

But the novel coronavirus posed a different kind of challenge.

Fear that the HHS plan was flawed gave new energy to already circulating rumors and wild theories about the virus.

Residents didn’t know whom to believe. Trump had said without evidence that CNN and MSNBC were exaggerating the threat. Rush Limbaugh was on the radio saying it was no worse than the regular flu. Facebook posts claimed the outbreak had been foreshadowed by a 1981 Dean Koontz book. And the idea the virus could have been created in a Chinese biochemical lab was floated widely, including by Sen. Tom Cotton (R-Ark.).

The whirlwind caught the attention of Michael Kline, a urologist in Anniston.

“I don’t think anyone knows what’s going on,” he said.

So on the weekend of Feb. 22-23, Kline dressed up in a blue biohazard suit with his “the virus has arrived” sign. He stood along the highway and waved to passing vehicles. He wanted to drum up opposition to allowing infected pa-

tients in Anniston. But even though the plan was abandoned, Kline said he still wasn’t certain patients weren’t being housed at the old Army base.

Rumors of black helicopters ferrying infected patients to the training center at night were rampant. The local Home Depot sold out of painting and sanding face masks. Hodges, the commissioner, said he heard often from worried residents. But helicopters were common in the area because of a nearby Army depot and National Guard training center. Only now they were nefarious. Other people talked about mysterious vans driving along county roads.

Hodges and Draper held emergency news conferences and meetings to try to lessen the panic. But those meetings also allowed for additional rumors to flourish during public comment periods. A commission meeting included one resident tying the coronavirus to a 1992 U.N. document about climate change.

“That’s how long this has been going on,” he said.

Glen Ray, president of the local NAACP chapter, talked about the virus at a Sunday service at Rising Star United Methodist Church on Feb. 23 to try to calm people’s worries. But he was also dismayed that one of the county commissioners wore a red “Make America Great Again” hat to an emergency meeting about the virus.

“It’s not about Donald Trump,” Ray said later. “A virus is not going to just jump on a Democrat. So at times like this, we need to be coming together. No time for politics.”

Anniston’s flirtation with the dreaded virus did have one positive effect, officials said. It made them realize they needed to prepare — that the virus could come without warning and that they shouldn’t rely on outsiders alone for expertise.

Barton, the emergency management director, helped create a county infectious disease task force. It has already had its first meeting. The focus is not solely on the coronavirus. It will handle the flu and whatever other viruses pop up in the future.

The public’s interest in the virus hasn’t faded, either.

Barton gave a talk Thursday to a lunchtime meeting of a civic organization, the Exchange Club. It had been planned months ago, but he decided to talk about the aborted plan to bring infected patients to town.

People peppered Barton with questions about why federal health officials had ever considered the disaster training facility and how much emergency food they should keep at home. They wanted to know how to avoid getting sick.

Barton suggested hand-washing and keeping a safe distance from sick people.

As he talked, a woman reached into her purse, squeezed some alcohol sanitizer on her hands and passed the bottle around the table.

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THE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Though the pressure is off, S. Korea school closures have lost their novelty

BY MIN JOO KIM
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SEOUL — Eight-year-old Yoo Ju-chan likes the coronavirus a lot. The start of his school semester got delayed by a week, and his after-hours cram school canceled classes, too.

“It’s so much more fun to stay at home,” he said. “There’s no question.”

Sure, Ju-chan’s evening school has piled on extra homework to make up for the classes he is missing, and he has been stuck indoors since the government’s decision last Sunday — even the playground near his family’s apartment is empty.

But he’s not complaining. “Even with that homework, my playtime more than doubled,” he said. “Now I have about seven hours of playtime. I frolic with my dog at home. I play video games. I hang out with my parents more.”

On Thursday, Japan went even further than South Korea, closing schools nationwide through March because of the fast-spreading coronavirus, a significant measure meant to limit the infection’s spread at what the government considers a critical time.

Taking into account both countries, that’s nearly 20 million children whose education is being disrupted to curb the spread of a virus that mainly kills elderly people.

Here in Seoul, there are distinctly mixed feelings about the government’s move.

South Korea has perhaps the most high-pressure and competitive education system in the world, and many children spend several hours every evening at cram schools known as hagwon, trying to gain a crucial advantage over their peers.

Hwang Hyun-bi, 12, usually spends three hours at her hagwon every evening after school — studying math, science, English and Chinese.

The hagwon has doubled or even tripled her homework to make up for the class cancellations, and she says she doesn’t really have any more free time. “But I did have some fun at home,” she said. “I watched ‘The Incredibles’ with my sister.”

Nevertheless, Hyun-bi can’t wait for the virus threat to ease. Last month marked the final weeks of her time in elementary school: Children weren’t allowed in classrooms unless they were wearing masks, and parents weren’t allowed to attend the graduation ceremony.

“I really don’t like having to wear a mask during class,” she said. “It makes it hard for me to breathe.”

She had to cancel plans to celebrate her graduation with friends in Seoul’s trendy Hongdae neighborhood, and when she went for orientation at her new middle school, “everyone was wearing a mask, so I couldn’t see the faces of my new friends.”

Her 6-year-old sister, Si-yeon,



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ABOVE: Quarantine officials disinfect a classroom at an elementary school in Suwon, South Korea. LEFT: Hwang Hyun-bi, 12, spends much of her time at home from school studying.



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doesn’t have homework to make up for her canceled hagwon classes. She has been spending her free time coloring, drawing and painting — her dream is to become an artist — as well as reading books. But she doesn’t like the virus, either.

“I like playing outside,” she said. “The last time I went out biking was two weeks ago, and I love biking. Also, I couldn’t go to my kindergarten this month. I wanted to go to my kindergarten and meet my friends.”

The girls’ mother, Lee Eun-jin, says she and the other moms in the neighborhood are worried about the “education gap” caused by the virus.

They live in Mok-dong, an affluent Seoul neighborhood known as a “special education district” because of its abundance of hagwon and good public schools. Here, parents spend an average of \$1,000 a month on

after-school classes for their children.

On an online forum for Mok-dong mothers, Lee says people are discussing how to make up for canceled hagwon classes and looking for private home tutors. But she says she’d be more worried if her children were in high school and preparing for exams.

“It’s a happy nuisance, I would say. I like spending more time with my girls at home,” Lee said. “But taking care of them for 24 hours, no school, no kindergarten, is a different story. If this was an actual vacation, we would have planned outings, but we are just stuck indoors in this awkward limbo.”

Despite the government’s “strong” advice to close down, two-thirds of the 25,000 hagwon in the South Korean capital have stayed open, Cho Hee-yeon, Seoul’s education chief, said Thursday.

“I understand that parents are making the best effort to support their children’s studies, and have difficulty finding a place to entrust their children in these urgent situations,” Cho said in a statement. “But now is the time for our country to act together to overcome the crisis.”

Choi Bo-na, a 29-year-old teacher, says her school decided only last week that it would close, and she thinks it might have to reopen for high school students preparing for the college entrance exam. “For them, studying is an urgent priority,” she said. “Virus excuses won’t make up for failing the crucial college entrance exam.”

Choi is also considering video-taping or live-streaming her reading and essay-writing class.

Four-year-old Sun Yul normally lives with his father and grandmother in Paju near the border with North Korea. But with kindergarten there canceled, he spent this week with his mother in her apartment in Seoul’s Itae-won district. He’s having a great time, he says, because he can watch YouTube videos at home.

His mom, Son Seung-hee, quickly chimed in.

“Well, you know, moms are in this emergency situation right now. Following nursery closures, I have to plan how my baby will spend his 24 hours,” she said. “A

baking session in the morning, drawing together, playing in the kitchen in the afternoon, and then the remaining time, I have no choice but to let the kid watch YouTube.”

On Wednesday, Yul and his mom had a big piece of white paper rolled out on the floor and were creating a “treasure map” with paintbrushes and crayons.

“Yul has a lot of free time and wants to play,” Son said. “The sky outside is very blue. But we can’t go anywhere.”

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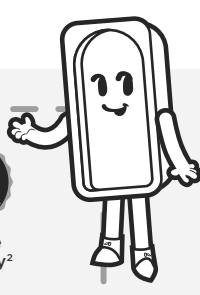
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3. **Patrícia Campos Mello (Brazil):** Politicians join in online sexual harassment to undermine journalist’s integrity.
4. **Roohollah Zam (Iran):** Trial underway for anti-government journalist held in undisclosed location.
5. **Agnès Ndirubusa and the team at Iwacu (Burundi):** Court delivers prison sentence and fines for Burundi’s only imprisoned journalists.
6. **Azimjon Askarov (Kyrgyzstan):** Kyrgyz court hears final appeal of journalist’s life sentence.
7. **Jamal Khashoggi (Saudi Arabia):** U.S. executive branch idles while calls persist for Khashoggi’s justice.
8. **Pham Doan Trang (Vietnam):** Journalist in hiding to evade arrest continues reporting.
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Turkey wages offensive aimed at reversing Syrian gains as conflict escalates

BY LIZ SLY

BEIRUT — Turkey shot down two warplanes and inflicted heavy losses on ground forces in north-western Syria on Sunday as the two countries edged closer to an all-out war.

The operation came in retaliation for an airstrike blamed on the Syrian government that killed 36 Turkish soldiers on Thursday, Turkey’s Defense Ministry said. It followed weeks of Turkish threats to attack Syrian forces if they continued to advance toward the Turkish border, risking a new wave of refugees.

Armed Turkish drones struck military airports and loyalist bases deep in Syrian government-held territory as Turkish troops and allied rebels pushed forward to drive Syrian troops out of towns and villages they had recaptured from opposition forces in recent weeks.

Russia, Syria’s most important ally, refrained from intervening on its behalf for the first time since the Idlib fighting first erupted last year, suggesting an unwillingness by Moscow to allow the spiraling confrontation between Turkey and Syria to jeopardize its relationship with Ankara or to escalate into a wider conflict with an important NATO member.

The situation on the ground was fluid, and the progress of the Turkish-backed offensive was difficult to assess. But it appeared the Turkish intervention had succeeded in halting, and in some places reversing, weeks of Syrian government advances into the last enclave of rebel-held territory that have sent nearly a million people fleeing toward Turkey for safety.

The United Nations has called the exodus the largest single displacement and one of the biggest humanitarian catastrophes of the nine-year Syrian war.

It also underscored the potential for the battle over this last sliver of rebel-held territory to spill beyond Syria. The United States, an important Turkish ally that maintains troops in eastern Syria, and Iran, which has contributed militias to the Syrian government’s war effort, are both invested in the outcome.

An Iranian news outlet reported that 21 Iranians had been



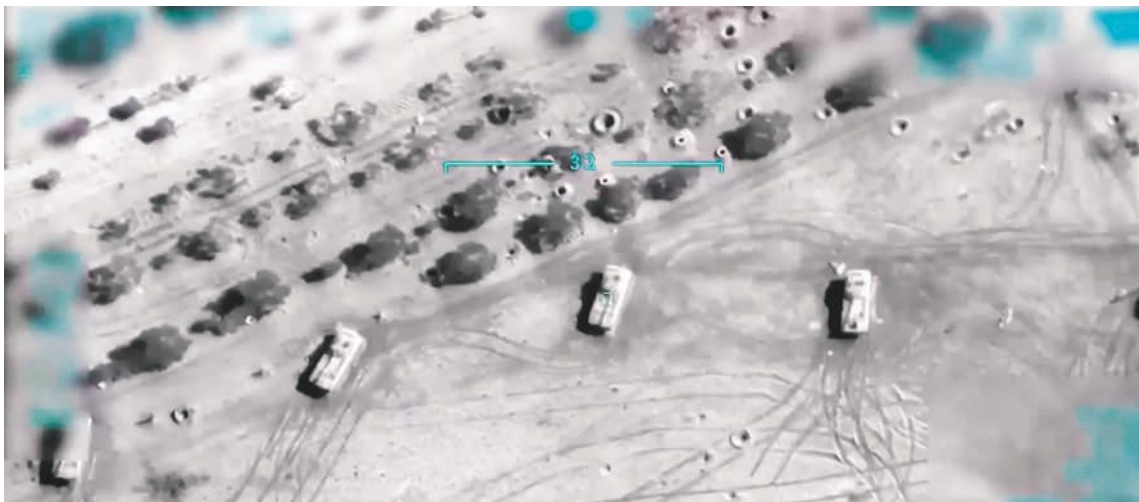
ABOVE: An honor guard Saturday carries the casket of Muhammed Ali Ozer, one of the 36 Turkish soldiers killed Thursday in an airstrike blamed on Syria. BELOW: Video from Turkey on Sunday shows retaliatory operations on positions in Syrian government-held territory.

killed in Turkish attacks, and the Iranian-allied Lebanese militia Hezbollah buried five fighters in Beirut on Sunday, among eight killed in the battles.

Turkey’s Defense Ministry said warplanes had shot down two Syrian Su-24 fighter jets because they posed a threat to Turkey’s forces in the area. The Syrian pilots ejected and parachuted to safety behind government lines, the official Syrian news agency said.

Syria said it had downed three Turkish drones and warned that any aircraft flying over the area would be treated as hostile and shot down. “Turkish hostile acts will not succeed in saving terrorists from the strikes of the Syrian Arab Army,” SANA, the state news agency, quoted an unnamed military official as saying.

But Turkey appeared to have gained the upper hand in a battle that had seemed to be going



Syria’s way.

Turkish Defense Minister Hulusi Akar said Turkey has killed 2,200 Syrian troops and destroyed large amounts of heavy weaponry, including 103 tanks,

six air defense systems and 72 Howitzers and rocket launchers, since the fighting ticked up in recent days. Turkey said it had killed three senior Syrian generals in drone strikes.

Turkey has been escalating military operations against Syria since the 36 troops were killed. Officials formally announced the launch of Operation Spring Shield on Sunday.

The Turkish figures could not be independently verified. Danny Makki, a Syrian analyst who works in London and Damascus, said the operation appeared to have taken a heavy toll on the Syrian army, which relied on Russian air support and Iranian-backed militias for the progress it had made in recent weeks. He estimated that hundreds of Syrian troops have been killed in recent days.

“You’ve got Turkish troops pounding Syrian forces, inflicting mass casualties and taking out huge chunks of armor,” he said. “This is going to limit Syrian capabilities in Idlib and paralyze Syrian forces along the front lines.”

Loyalist Syrians are growing resentful over Russia’s failure to come to the army’s rescue as its losses mount, Makki said. Almost no Russian warplanes have been seen over the area since the Turkish troops were killed Thursday.

“Over the past few days, Russia has done nothing in the face of an offensive that is rapidly destroying the capabilities of the Syrian army,” Makki said. Although it is not in Russia’s interest to see the Syrian army it has supported for years eroded by Turkey’s superior military, he said, “Russia’s central interests in Syria have been secured, whether political or economic, so Russia has nothing to gain by entering into an awkward and bloody confrontation with Turkey, which is a member of NATO.”

The sharp escalation followed weeks of building tension, during which Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan threatened repeatedly to launch a military operation if the Syrian government did not pull all of its troops back from the territory they had taken by the end of February. The airstrike Thursday seemed to have hardened his resolve.

Turkey acted over the weekend to fulfill another recent threat, opening its borders for refugees and migrants who want to travel to Europe and triggering a flood of thousands toward its border with Greece. Greece closed all border crossings with Turkey on Sunday, trapping many hundreds in a no man’s land between the two countries.

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CAPITAL BUSINESS

PLNT Burger builds on success of Beyond Meat

Entrepreneur Goldman, D.C. chef Mendelsohn respond to ‘ecoanxiety’

BY THOMAS HEATH

Washington entrepreneur Seth Goldman took on the beverage industry with Honest Tea, a low-sugar drink he created out of his home in 1998. Honest Tea put him on the food map, was purchased by Coca-Cola and made the Chevy Chase, Md., resident a millionaire.

Then he helped shake up the beef industry with Beyond Meat, the plant-based meat substitute that has upended taste buds and Americans’ food habits.

Beyond Meat’s success has made Goldman a food mogul. His family owns more than 1 million shares of the company, which as of Friday’s stock market close is worth about \$100 million.

Now he is taking on the food service industry.

Goldman has teamed up with Washington restaurateur Spike Mendelsohn and others to launch a quick-serve concept at a Whole Foods Market in Maryland that offers food that is free of animal products. (Whole Foods is owned by Amazon, whose founder and chief executive Jeff Bezos also owns The Washington Post.)

The start-up, known as PLNT Burger, “is a bit of a blend of Honest Tea and Beyond Meat,” Goldman said. “We are incorporating organic ingredients, such as our mushrooms and drinks, along with Beyond Meat, into our recipes.”

The menu includes the Crispy Chik N’ Funguy sandwich, “made from the fruiting body of an organic oyster mushroom.” The sandwich was inspired by a visit to a mushroom farm, where Goldman noticed that parts of the mushroom were being thrown away.

“Instead of waste, we are turn-

ing it into food that people can consume,” he said.

Goldman is the lead investor in PLNT Burger along with his wife, Julie Farkas, and son Jonah Goldman. They have created a holding company called Eat the Change that will produce a broad line of similar, plant-based food that they hope to sell across the country.

PLNT Burger opened its first location at the Whole Foods in downtown Silver Spring in August. Goldman said the restaurant has been successful enough that he and his partners are planning to open more locations.

On a good day, “we are making as much as the previous concept was making in a week,” said Goldman, who kept the menu items below \$10 to reach a wide audience. “We have our sights set on at least four more locations around Washington this year.”

Sales of plant-based foods have surged as more Americans move to reduce their meat intake on health and environmental grounds. Piper Sandler reported plant-based meat could be a \$6 billion to \$8 billion market by 2025, while Goldman Sachs estimates the plant-based category will grow to \$15 billion in the United States and \$47 billion globally by 2029.

Driving Goldman’s business plan, in part, is an American Psychological Association study that cited a condition known as “ecoanxiety.”

“People are scared and unsure whether their choices are contributing to climate change,” he said. Beyond Meat and PLNT Burger are businesses designed to assuage that guilt by having minimal impact on the environment while also serving popular products.

“The climate crisis has broken through to people’s consciousness,” he said. “It is no longer a problem we will have to worry about 10 years from now, or when our kids grow up. This is more than ‘good business.’ It is urgently needed business.”

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A staff member displays a Beyond Meat plant-based burger during the VeggieWorld fair in Beijing in November.

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Giant and Safeway grocery store workers protest in front of a Safeway in Southwest Washington over union contract negotiations on Feb. 19. Thousands of employees of stores in the region could go on strike if workers vote to authorize such action.

Safeway workers edge toward pension-tied strike

BY AARON GREGG
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The union representing more than 10,000 Safeway grocery store workers is moving closer to a strike that could disrupt operations at 116 D.C.-area locations, union representatives said Friday, as a disagreement with the company’s private-equity-owned management over pensions remains unresolved.

United Food and Commercial Workers Local 400, which represents workers at Safeway and Giant stores in Washington, Maryland and Virginia, has been negotiating with Albertsons, a management company owned by the private equity firm Cerberus Capital Management, since September. A temporary extension has been in place since the contract expired in October. A meeting between union and company representatives Friday did not resolve the dispute, and negotiations were expected to resume Monday, the union said.

To trigger a strike, a majority of Local 400 members would have to reject the company’s offer, and then two-thirds would have to vote to strike. The vote is scheduled for Thursday, and a strike could begin the next day.

The pension dispute at Safeway is in many ways a microcosm of the broader retail industry, where automation, outsourcing and thinning profit margins have weakened the hand of organized labor. Pensions have been phased out across the business world as financial managers favor employee-managed 401(k) plans that entail fewer long-term liabilities for managers.

Union’s dispute with management could affect D.C.-area operations

Grocery stores face additional competition as gas stations, drugstores and delivery services enter the market. Amazon recently opened its first no-cashier Amazon Go grocery store, marking the latest major foray into the industry by the online giant, which bought Whole Foods Market for \$13.7 billion in 2017. (Amazon founder and chief executive Jeff Bezos also owns The Washington Post.)

European discounters Aldi and Lidl also have expanded rapidly in the United States, increasing pressure on traditional supermarket chains.

Private equity firms and hedge funds have been buying up grocery chains since the mid-2000s, when a strong economy and low interest rates made leveraged buyouts attractive. They often used large chunks of debt to finance the deals, putting pressure on grocers as increased competition was cutting into sales.

Local 400 officials say Cerberus, which bought Safeway in 2015, is offloading its financial responsibilities to take the company public.

“Since Cerberus has taken over Safeway, thousands of jobs have been lost at these stores,” said Jonathan Williams, communications director for the local.

“We think that has everything

to do with the company’s brutal efforts to reduce its costs as it pursues this [initial public offering],” Williams said. “That’s why when you walk into Safeway these days you see emptier shelves, you see poorer customer service, and that’s the fault of the owner.”

Christine Wilcox, group vice president for communications at Albertsons, said any job losses at Safeway are because of “business decisions” to close underperforming stores to invest in new ones.

“It’s completely inaccurate to say that the reduction in the number of employees in Safeway’s eastern division is related to anything other than business decisions to close underperforming locations,” Wilcox said. “Doing so has allowed us to invest in remodels and new stores in the Washington, D.C., area.”

Such arrangements often have resulted in tremendous job losses followed by bankruptcy: At least nine private-equity-owned grocery chains have filed for bankruptcy since 2015, including A&P, Tops Markets and Southeastern Grocers. Fairway Market and Earth Fare filed for bankruptcy last month.

Albertsons and the union are at odds over whether the company should be required to fully support about 50,000 retirees and employees who draw or plan to draw their benefits from the fund. The fund took a hit after the 2008 financial crisis and is short \$1.7 billion. It is expected to become insolvent next year.

Union representatives say the contract requires Safeway to in-

crease its contributions to the pension plan when and if it is depleted to ensure its retirees receive the same level of benefits they’ve been getting. The company disagrees.

“We’re just not even in agreement about the basic facts,” Williams said. “Our demand is that they fulfill their obligation to our pension, which means fully funding it to ensure the benefits continue.”

Wilcox said Safeway has been “thoughtful and reasonable” throughout its negotiations with the union and hopes to arrive at an agreement soon.

An Albertsons representative said earlier to the New York Post that the company would keep contributing to the pension at its current rate but would not cover the additional unfunded amount of the pension plan. Fully funding the pension plan “is neither required by law nor by any agreement we have with the union,” the representative said.

A copy of the union’s collective-bargaining agreement reviewed by The Post includes a provision that “if and when the [pension fund] becomes insolvent and benefits are reduced . . . a benefit will be effective . . . that is equal to the amount of the benefit that would have been provided by the [pension] absent any reduction.”

The agreement also states that “when the benefit protection provision is effective the cost of this new benefit will be incorporated into the Mid-Atlantic Fund hourly contribution rate.”

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Capital One Financial	Richard Scott Blackley	Chief financial officer	Feb. 21	Sold	14,817	102.51	39,504
	Kleber Santos	Officer	Feb. 20	Sold	2,206	101.25	22,304
Danaher Fortive	William H. King	Officer	Feb. 20	Sold	26,370	160.06 to 161.14	19,878
	James A. Lico	Chief executive	Feb. 19	Sold	125,000	76.94 to 77.90	414,040
	Charles E. McLaughlin	Chief financial officer	Feb. 21	Sold	14,224	76.07	48,426
	Christopher M. Mulhall	Officer	Feb. 24 to Feb. 26	Sold	957	70.96 to 73.77	13,180
	Stacey A. Walker	Officer	Feb. 24, Feb. 25	Sold	3,567	72.88 to 73.77	23,960
Gladstone Commercial	Robert G. Cutlip	President	Feb. 21	Bought	500	21.44	51,600
	Michael J. Sodo	Chief financial officer	Feb. 20	Bought	1,000	21.18	6,000
Graham Holdings	Jacob Maas	Officer	Feb. 27	Bought	210	473.01	1,236
	Jack A. Markell	Director	Feb. 27	Bought	55	470	55
Liquidity Services	William P. Angrick III	Chief executive	Feb. 21 to Feb. 25	Bought	58,358	4.52 to 4.87	5,374,864
	John Daunt	Officer	Feb. 19	Bought	5,000	4.62	54,192
	Edward J. Kolodzieski	Director	Feb. 18	Bought	5,000	4.52	58,871
	Eric Risser	Officer	Feb. 20	Sold	500	10.84	32,468
	Judith L. Bjornas	Chief financial officer	Feb. 21	Sold	15,000	87.49 to 88.42	8,145
MacroGenics ManTech International Northrop Grumman	Mark A. Caylor	Officer	Feb. 25	Sold	4,805	361.07	17,791
	Sheila C. Cheston	General counsel	Feb. 18 to Feb. 20	Sold	10,144	365.28 to 367.26	31,346
NVR	Lesley A. Kalan	Officer	Feb. 19, Feb. 20	Sold	1,588	365.28 to 373.22	10,770
	Janis G. Pamiljans	Officer	Feb. 18 to Feb. 20	Sold	5,849	365.28 to 367.26	14,047
	David T. Perry	Officer	Feb. 20	Sold	2,606	365.28	15,172
	Mary D. Petryszyn	Officer	Feb. 18	Sold	1,200	370.95	7,507
	Eugene James Bredow	Officer	Feb. 20	Sold	1,000	4,030	979
Sandy Spring Bancorp Strategic Education Walker & Dunlop	Jeffrey D. Martchek	Officer	Feb. 20, Feb. 21	Sold	1,000	4,018.17 to 4,036.98	5,484
	Paul C. Saville	Chief executive	Feb. 18 to Feb. 21	Sold	10,444	3,976.02 to 4,026.22	120,550
	Aaron Michael Kaslow	General counsel	Feb. 26	Bought	1,000	33.91	9,078
	Andrew E. Watt	Chief operating officer	Feb. 24	Sold	1,316	161.04	13,848
	Dana L. Schmaltz	Director	Feb. 25	Bought	1,000	69.25	54,633

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Afghan government objects to deal’s prisoner exchange

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for the release of 5,000 prisoners.” He said the prisoner swap could be discussed during talks with the Taliban, but could not be a precondition.

The text of the U.S.-Taliban deal released by the State Department states that the exchange of 5,000 Taliban prisoners for 1,000 people held by the Taliban will occur “by March 10, 2020, the first day of intra-Afghan negotiations.”

The agreement has been a critical foreign policy goal for President Trump, who campaigned on ending the war. But it came under renewed criticism from his fellow Republicans back home.

Rep. Liz Cheney (R-Wyo.), chairwoman of the House Republican Conference, said the deal included concessions “that could threaten the security of the United States.”

“Releasing thousands of Taliban fighters, lifting sanctions on international terrorists, and agreeing to withdraw all U.S. forces in exchange for promises from the Taliban, with no disclosed mechanism to verify Taliban compliance, would be reminiscent of the worst aspects of the Obama Iran nuclear deal,” she said in a statement Saturday.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo defended the deal Sunday.

“No one is under any illusion that this will be straightforward,” he told CBS News’s “Face the Nation.” “We have built an important base where we can begin to bring American soldiers home, reduce the risk of the loss of life of any American in Afghanistan, and hopefully set the conditions so the Afghan people can build out a peaceful resolution to their now, what for them, is a 40-year struggle.”

Asked about the Afghan government’s refusal to commit to releasing 5,000 prisoners before talks with the Taliban, Pompeo said “we will work with all relevant parties . . . to create confidence-building measures amongst all of the parties.”

Asked if releasing 5,000 Taliban fighters would jeopardize the prospects for peace, he said there have been prisoner exchanges in the past.

“We have managed to figure our path forward,” he said. “We’ll



An armed guard sits at the entrance of a shopping mall in central Kabul. Outside the palace walls in Kabul, Afghans expressed apprehension and elation about the U.S.-Taliban peace agreement.

know who these people are.”

Outside the palace walls in Kabul, Afghans expressed apprehension and elation.

“I’m not optimistic,” said Qasima Khuram, a 22-year-old student working in a cafe in the Afghan capital. Khuram, who said she has dreams of being a business owner after completing her master’s degree, said she was most concerned about women’s rights if the Taliban assumes a formal role in any future Afghan government.

“We know their background, we know their history,” she said. “So looking back at this, we know what they would do in the future.”

Across the street, a 57-year-old man selling almonds said he would have danced when the peace deal was signed — “if I knew how to dance.”

“This government guides peo-



A boy stands near his home in the Charahi Qambar refugee camp in Kabul after the United States and the Taliban struck a peace deal.

ple to hell,” said the man, who declined to give his name for fear of reprisals. He lived through Taliban rule in Kabul, he said, and never witnessed the levels of corruption, petty theft and crime he has seen under the current administration.

“Hearing about the peace deal, it energized me,” he said.

What the peace deal signed in Doha on Saturday did not mention is the future of the period of reduced violence that preceded the deal’s signing. Following the signing ceremony, Taliban spokesman Suhail Shaheen said the week-long period of reduced violence has “ended.”

Ghani said the reduction in violence would extend and eventually transform into a cease-fire.

The top U.S. commander in Afghanistan “has made it clear to the Taliban that this is part of the

[peace] deal,” Ghani said. “If they back away from it, then [the Taliban are] openly violating the condition set for them.”

Gen. Austin “Scott” Miller, responding to a question from The Washington Post, said “the expectation is Taliban violence continues to stay down and does not go back up.”

Pompeo said the Taliban has made “a detailed set of commitments . . . about the levels of violence that can occur, the nature of what’s got to take place.”

“We’ve asked everyone there to reduce the levels of violence,” he said.

Massoud Andarabi, Afghanistan’s acting interior minister, said the reduction of violence has mostly held.

But Andarabi said that he has received four reports of the Taliban abducting Afghan police officers within the past two days. A U.S. official, speaking on the condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue, said he believes the new kidnappings are intended to bolster Taliban leverage in the upcoming prisoner exchange.

“Prisoners are going to matter going forward, and how those cards are played is going to matter,” the official said.

A deepening political crisis in Kabul also has the potential to complicate the next steps. Ghani’s main rival, Abdullah Abdullah, called the deal signing an “historic event” and expressed hope for “an inclusive, national and countrywide delegation to take part” in talks with the Taliban.

Abdullah, who lost the 2019 presidential election, recently declared the result invalid and has threatened to set up a parallel government. If these divisions persist, they could undermine Ghani’s ability to form a representative team to negotiate with the Taliban.

In the year leading up to the signing of the peace deal, the conflict here intensified, resulting in record-high civilian casualties. The conflict has cost more than \$2 trillion and killed tens of thousands since 2001.

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The court’s integrity on trial

Precedent should win in the upcoming abortion case.

THE SUPREME Court hears one of its most important oral arguments of the current term on Wednesday, and much more is at stake than policy on the perennially divisive issue — abortion rights — at the heart of the litigation. The court’s integrity itself will be on trial. All Americans, and certainly all nine justices, should favor a ruling consistent with precedent — and the vital principle that constitutional rights do not vary according to which party gets to nominate members of the court.

In 2016, the Supreme Court struck down a Texas law that required doctors who perform abortions at outpatient clinics to have “active admitting privileges” at a hospital no more than 30 miles away. The unstated but clearly intended effect of the statute was to impose a condition clinics could not meet, thereby shutting them down. By a vote of 5 to 3, the justices ruled that the law’s ostensible medical rationale was hollow and that it created an “undue burden” on women’s right to choose an abortion, contrary to precedent.

Nevertheless, in January 2019 the New Orleans-

based U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit, dominated by Republican appointees, finalized a ruling upholding a Louisiana law nearly identical to the recently rejected Texas one. The 5th Circuit justified its defiance of the Supreme Court by noting operational differences between the two states’ medical systems; but the main difference between 2016 and 2018 was the election of Donald Trump as president and his empowerment to appoint justices who oppose *Roe v. Wade*.

Now you can see why the technical legal issues in the case, complex and weighty as they are, pale in comparison to the real question: whether the Supreme Court will reverse a freshly minted pro-choice precedent after the justice who cast a fifth and deciding vote for it in 2016, Anthony M. Kennedy, retired in 2018 — and Brett M. Kavanaugh replaced him. The good news, so far, is that the chief justice, John G. Roberts Jr., has acted as if what matters most is the rule of law. In February 2019, he joined the court’s more liberal justices to block implementation

of the 5th Circuit decision pending the decision of the cases that will be argued March 4.

There is some question as to how Chief Justice Roberts and Justice Kavanaugh, who dissented from the chief justice’s stay order a year ago, may rule now — when faced with the temptation to deal a body blow to *Roe v. Wade*, as the party that elevated them to the bench so fervently wishes. The correct response is clear, however, as the chief justice implied by voting for the stay and as two of his colleagues would also agree if the words of their dissenting opinions from the court’s 2016 ruling against Texas mean anything. “Unless the Court abides by one set of rules to adjudicate constitutional rights, it will continue reducing constitutional law to policy-driven value judgments until the last shreds of its legitimacy disappear,” Justice Clarence Thomas wrote. To which Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr. added: A “patent refusal to apply well-established law in a neutral way is indefensible and will undermine public confidence in the Court as a fair and neutral arbiter.”

A bad U.S. option in Africa

The Pentagon is considering a troop pullout at the wrong moment.

TERRORIST violence is escalating across a broad swath of West Africa. In parts of Mali, Niger and Burkina Faso, al-Qaeda and the Islamic State have joined forces to mount assaults on army bases and impose control over large rural areas. According to the United Nations, terrorist attacks in the three countries were five times greater in 2019 than in 2016, and caused more than 4,000 deaths. The Pentagon’s Africa Command reported last month that it had been pushed onto the defensive, while France — the leading Western power in the region — has dispatched more troops and asked its European allies for help.

Amid all this, Defense Secretary Mark T. Esper is reportedly weighing a drastic change in U.S. deployments. No, not reinforcements, such as the thousands of troops who have recently been dispatched to the Middle East. Instead, Mr. Esper is reportedly considering a major reduction of the U.S. presence, including the closing of a recently completed \$110 million drone base. It’s a senseless option that would damage important U.S. alliances, open new opportunities in Africa for China and allow the strengthening of jihadist movements that still aspire to launch attacks against the United States.

Mr. Esper’s considerations are part of a broader review of U.S. military deployments, including elsewhere in Africa. One aim is to realign U.S. resources to focus more on threats from big powers, especially Russia and China, in keeping with the national security strategy formulated by the Trump administration. That is reasonable. But West Africa, where some 1,400 U.S. personnel are deployed at the puny annual cost of \$45 million — .005 percent of the Pentagon budget — is the wrong place to start.

It’s not only that the United States would be pulling out just at the moment when jihadists are surging. By doing so, it would disable the French and other international forces that are carrying most of the burden. France has had about 4,500 troops in Mali since 2013



and now is sending 600 more. But they depend heavily on U.S.-supplied intelligence, aerial refueling and other logistical support. The French say they are working to fill the gaps in their own capabilities but are unlikely to do so soon; French President Emmanuel Macron has called the U.S. support “irreplaceable.”

As a result, a U.S. drawdown could leave West African countries without effective international support against the terrorists. Five countries — Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger, Chad and Mauritania — are working to build a counterterrorism force of 5,000

troops, with U.S. aid. But they are not yet able to contain al-Qaeda and the Islamic State on their own.

Mr. Esper’s mooted African pullout has drawn bipartisan opposition on Capitol Hill, and we understand that some senior officials elsewhere in the Trump administration are questioning it. But the Pentagon chief reports to a president who is evidently eager to boast about bringing American soldiers home from “endless wars” during his reelection campaign. If such short-term political calculations win out, it will be at the expense of long-term U.S. security interests.

An open door to snoop

By granting ICE agents access to drivers’ photos, Maryland forces immigrants into the shadows.

MARYLAND HAS been known for a century and half as the Free State. That nickname has taken on sinister connotations with the disclosure that federal deportation agents have run roughshod in recent years through the state’s driver’s license database with no prior approval, no notification and no intermediary: Free to snoop. Free to disregard privacy. And free to track undocumented immigrants even if they’ve lived here for years without running afoul of the law.

An eye-opening report by The Post’s Drew Harwell and Erin Cox revealed that Maryland, apparently alone among states, has granted unfettered access to its database of driver’s license photos for agents from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to run searches using facial recognition technology. That’s troubling on several levels.

It’s useful to remember the reason Maryland decided to grant driver’s licenses to unauthorized immigrants in the first place: public safety.

The legislation enacted in 2013 reflected a recognition that tens of thousands of unauthorized immigrants, many of whom had led settled lives in

Maryland for years, needed to drive (and in many cases were already driving, albeit without a valid license). Given that need, lawmakers sensibly decided it was better they be required to take a driver safety test and be licensed and insured. Allowing those migrants special licenses — some 275,000 have been issued in the past seven years — ensured minimum safety standards, while simultaneously extending migrants the economic lifeline that driving often confers.

Yet by granting ICE agents round-the-clock access to run facial recognition searches in its database of drivers’ photos, Maryland subverts the legislation’s purpose; it ensures that many undocumented immigrants will no longer seek licenses. If Maryland wanted to force migrants back into the shadows, this is an effective way to do just that.

Although ICE agents have accessed the database dozens of times and were enabled to run searches on millions of Marylanders’ driver’s license photos, no state official seems to know the reasons for the searches or who may have been identified. For its part, ICE says the searches were mainly meant to target child exploitation and cybercrime, not used

“routinely” for civil immigration enforcement. But who knows?

In other states, ICE has been required to ask state officials when it wanted to run searches in similar databases of driver’s license photos. Maryland alone has maintained an open-door policy, apparently dating back nearly a decade, to an era when facial recognition software was far less potent.

Gov. Larry Hogan, a Republican, is wary of provoking the Trump administration by limiting access to driving records, as New York state recently did. The administration retaliated by banning New Yorkers from applying for Trusted Traveler programs, including Global Entry.

Maryland lawmakers must therefore proceed, marrying principle with common sense. Lawmakers in Annapolis are advancing bills to limit federal access to state databases. Those measures will work if they align Maryland’s procedures with those of other states. States should cooperate with federal law enforcement in investigating serious criminals; it’s another matter to grant federal agencies carte blanche access to records without regard to privacy or policy priorities.

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Mr. Trump’s coronavirus response

Regarding the Feb. 28 editorial “Mixed messages on coronavirus”:

The Trump administration has exposed Americans to the coronavirus through carelessness and negligence. Against the protests of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in January, the administration ordered Americans with coronavirus to fly on the same plane with uninfected people. These Americans were flown to March Air Reserve Base in California, where Health and Human Services had ordered more than a dozen of its federal employees to meet and interact with these coronavirus patients. These federal employees — who were given no appropriate protective equipment or special health training — raised concern that this was dangerous to do. And, while in California, these unprotected feds moved freely about the military base where the quarantined coronavirus patients were kept. These feds stayed in local hotels, and then they boarded planes to fly back to the cities from where they came to return to work. None of these feds was tested for the coronavirus, and they were told to keep quiet. And now we see the coronavirus has infected someone in California not far from March Air Base.

Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, was told he is not allowed to appear on weekend television shows to answer questions. The White House intends to control all information releases about the coronavirus.

These actions taken by the White House and HHS have put Americans at risk. Is past performance an indicator of future performance? I hope not.

Tom Bickerton, Vienna

Acting White House chief of staff Mick Mulvaney accused the media of exaggerating the seriousness of the coronavirus outbreak, arguing “it’s not the same as the Ebola crisis.” Unfortunately, he’s right. In any serious U.S. public-health risk assessment, coronavirus is not the same as Ebola. It’s much, much worse.

Ebola devastated West Africa in 2014 and 2015, but it never spread to the rest of the world. During the entire epidemic, a total of three people became infected with Ebola outside of West Africa. All three were health-care workers caring for critically ill Ebola patients. Of the 7 billion people who were not Ebola intensive-care unit nurses and did not go to West Africa, not one contracted Ebola. Contrast that with today. Covid-19 has already spread to 40 countries. It has killed thousands. The numbers rise every day.

Though we don’t yet know how much it will impact the United States, coronavirus is clearly a much greater threat to this country than Ebola was five years ago. This should be easy to understand for anyone with some basic science knowledge and an interest in facts. Unfortunately, President Trump and his chief of staff appear to have neither.

Ian Warrington, Washington

I recently returned to the United States after spending five weeks in Asia (China, Cambodia, Thailand and Korea) and, a couple of days later, presented with the coronavirus symptoms. I scheduled an appointment with my doctor and was diagnosed with a sinus infection. When I did not get better after a week, I requested testing for coronavirus (my colleagues insisted) and was told by my doctor and the infectious disease specialist that the facility does not have the test and that they don’t have a protocol for patients with the virus.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention administers the testing but, at that point, would only test people who were in direct contact with someone with confirmed coronavirus. How would I know that with any certainty? I was in busy airports with thousands of people and on airplanes for 30 hours.

I was told to wait and call again if I still don’t feel well. I can’t help but wonder how misreported and misrepresented the coronavirus cases are in this country. The president noted how “tremendously” prepared we were, which is a lie. If 100 people with symptoms called the same facility in Northern Virginia last week, they would have been told to stay home, wait and use a nasal spray and a cough syrup twice a day.

Boryana Boncheva, South Riding, Va.

Stop killing mountain goats

Some additional points to the Feb. 25 National Digest item “Grand Teton suspends aerial hunting of goats”: The only reason the National Park Service is killing the mountain goats from helicopters in Grand Teton National Park is to please trophy hunters. American trophy hunters prefer the larger horns of bighorn sheep over mountain goats, and when animals step outside our small national parks, they can be shot by trophy hunters. Mountain goats are not an introduced species to the Wyoming mountains. People saw them back in the 1800s. There is no evidence of any disease transmission between mountain goats and bighorn sheep.

Fred Domer, Annandale

Maryland is helping ICE

Regarding the Feb. 27 front-page article “ICE given free rein on Md. driver’s license data”:

Do I have this right? In 2013, defying federal guidelines, Maryland became the first state on the East Coast to issue driver’s licenses to undocumented immigrants. Now, a few years later, Maryland is the *only* state that permits Immigration and Customs Enforcement to conduct warrantless scans of the license database and hunt down undocumented immigrants. And ICE conducts its hunt with photo-matching technology that can’t be trusted to distinguish a dog from a cat.

Did ICE exploit some loophole left by well-meaning but careless Maryland legislators? Or did the Hogan administration quietly green-light ICE’s photo-matching subterfuge?

Lynn Marble, Rockville

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A DJ who opened ears to all kinds of music

I was sorry to read about the Jan. 30 death of Joshua Brooks, the engaging DJ on WHFS radio [“DJ gave D.C. respite from Top 40 with Spiritus Cheese trio,” obituaries, Feb. 27]. My friends and I enjoyed his inspiring playlists for the many years he was on the station. Brooks, along with the many other DJs on WHFS, opened our ears to rock, jazz, folk and alt country, keeping us up to date on the exciting music scene.

After I read the obituary for Brooks, I reread the 2009 obituary of Don Dillard of WDON radio in Wheaton. He was the soundtrack of my years in Belt Junior High School, playing great rock-and-roll such as Del Shannon, James Brown, the Beatles, the Rolling Stones and the Drifters. It brought to mind the “Bama” of WPFW, who, along with the many volunteers at that

station, turned me on to many blues artists. They still keep me up to date with the jazz world. Now we also have WOWD in Takoma Park playing the tunes. And there’s the great soul AM station WOL and the alternative WHMC.

Anyway, thanks to the Brooks obituary, I was reminded of how I received my music education.

Paul Lojewski, Berlin, Md.



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JACKSON DIEHL

The poisoner in the Kremlin

Vladimir Putin has arguably paid a substantial if not sufficient price for two of the three prongs of his malign foreign interventions. He incurred economic sanctions for his cyberattacks on Western democracies, including meddling in the 2016 U.S. election, and his military adventures in Ukraine and Syria have cost him more sanctions, as well as Russian lives and treasure.

Curiously, though, Putin has suffered little pain for the most sinister of his international operations: the murders of defecting spies and other exiled opponents. By some counts, more than a dozen people have been assassinated by Kremlin agents since 2004, while a number of others barely survived attacks.

Two of those actual or attempted murders, of former spies Alexander Litvinenko and Sergei Skripal, took place in Britain, where they appropriately provoked controversies and the expulsion of scores of Russian diplomats from London and other Western capitals. But a more typical case is the murder last August in Berlin of an exiled Chechen militant. Though authorities captured the hit man and have positively identified him as a Russian agent, the only consequence imposed by the German government so far has been the expulsion of two diplomats.

Even a couple of other hits in Britain, and perhaps one or two in the United States, have failed to provoke much reaction. That's partly because of their craft: While some assassinations have been by shooting (as in Berlin) or even car bomb, the majority have relied on the use of exotic poisons, a Russian technique that dates back to the Cold War. The KGB tried to kill writer Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn with ricin; more recently, its successor agency, the FSB, and the military GRU have been caught using dioxin, gelsemium, cadmium, polonium and the nerve agents sarin and Novichok.

In some instances, the nature of the poison has never been determined, allowing Moscow to cast doubt on whether the untimely death of a dissident was its work. In that respect, no case is more intriguing — or, perhaps, more pressing — than that of the activist Vladimir Kara-Murza, a former top aide to slain opposition leader Boris Nemtsov. Kara-Murza, who contributes opinion columns to The Post, is a permanent U.S. resident who divides his time between Moscow and the Virginia suburbs of Washington, where his family lives.

He has been poisoned twice while in Moscow, in May 2015 and in February 2017. In both cases, he suffered multiple organ failures and only barely survived. Each time Russian doctors said he suffered from “acute poisoning by an unidentified substance.” Yet in neither case was that poison identified, nor were there any consequences for those who carried out the attacks.

That wasn't for lack of trying. Following the 2017 poisoning, Kara-Murza's wife, Evgenia, hand-carried a sample of his blood to Washington, where she was greeted at the airport by FBI agents. The FBI took custody of the blood sample and conducted tests. According to Vladimir Kara-Murza, an FBI agent met him in late 2017 and reported that some indications of poisoning had been found in his blood, and that the full results would be delivered soon.

Then came a curious delay: A few weeks later, Kara-Murza says, the FBI agent called him to say that “there were some inconsistencies between the different tests, and that the results would be delayed.” Then, silence. The agency did not respond to Kara-Murza's subsequent requests for the results, or letters from multiple members of Congress asking for them. In July 2018, Kara-Murza filed appeals under the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act. Again, no answer.

The dissident wonders whether the bureau's failure to report has something to do with a meeting between senior Russian and U.S. intelligence officials in Washington in January 2018. Kara-Murza says the FBI agent had told him a report on his poisoning would be given to the visiting directors of the FSB and GRU.

Or maybe the FBI's silence is the result of mundane bureaucratic delays. Either way, U.S. officials are sitting on test results that may show how the Putin regime twice tried to kill a peaceful opponent whose close ties to the United States, and columns for The Post, are reminiscent of Jamal Khashoggi, the murdered Saudi journalist.

Last week, lawyers working pro bono for Kara-Murza filed a lawsuit in a U.S. district court in Washington seeking the release of the test records. The activist himself was back in Moscow for commemorations of the fifth anniversary of Nemtsov's murder. The test results, he emailed me, could be “a small measure of protection against repeated attacks on my life.”

Granted, the Trump administration is not much for defending dissidents, or holding Putin to account. But this doesn't seem like much to ask.

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U.S. negotiator Zalmay Khalilzad and his Taliban counterpart, Abdul Ghani Baradar, shake hands on Saturday.

A chance to bring our troops home from Afghanistan for good

BY MARK ESPER

On Sept. 11, 2001, as many of us remember too well, al-Qaeda perpetrated its murderous attacks against the United States that resulted in the tragic loss of life in New York, Washington and an empty field in Pennsylvania. Soon after, the U.S. military deployed to Afghanistan to defeat these terrorists and remove the safe haven that the Taliban offered them. For more than 18 years, America has been protected.

But this success has come at a high price. Nearly 3,000 U.S. and allied troops have been killed in action, thousands more have been wounded, and we have spent more than \$1 trillion to keep us safe and help the people of Afghanistan. The U.S. military and our allies have performed remarkably; progress has been made. And while the conflict is still not over, our Afghan partners have rightly taken the lead and borne the brunt of the fight in recent years.

The best guarantee of America's continued safety, however, is not continuing along this path. Peace will not come through military means; rather, safety and security for the United States, our allies and Afghanistan will be won when all Afghans lay down their arms, sit beside one another and decide their future together. A political solution is the best way forward.

We are now in the early days of such an opportunity. On Saturday, we achieved a promising milestone to bring the war in Afghanistan to a responsible end with the signing of an agreement between the United States and the Taliban. It is a road map to peace, security and stability that, while fraught with many imperfections and uncertainties, is supported by the Afghan government and our NATO allies.

Thanks to President Trump's leadership, it is the best chance we have ever had to end this conflict, to ensure Afghanistan never again becomes a safe haven for terrorists who want to attack America, and to bring our troops home.

Over the past week, we observed a significant reduction in violence in Afghanistan. This set the stage to approve a conditions-based agreement comprised of four main parts: guarantees and mechanisms by the Taliban that will ensure Afghanistan will never be used by terrorists to launch attacks against the United States and its allies; a timeline for the withdrawal of U.S. and allied forces that commences in the next two weeks; the start of intra-Afghan negotiations within 10 days; and, the pursuit of a permanent and comprehensive cease-fire. Throughout this process, as I announced Saturday in Kabul alongside President Ashraf Ghani, the United States will continue its financial and military support to the Afghan government and its security forces. There are other details to the plan's implementation, and the administration looks forward to briefing them to Congress in the coming days.

As this is a conditions-based agreement, if we assess that the Taliban is honoring the terms of the deal, the United States will reduce its military presence to 8,600 troops within a matter of months. This drawdown will be part of a NATO-approved plan for commensurate reductions by other troop-contributing nations. If progress on the political front between the Taliban and the current Afghan government continues, then the United States and its partners will further reduce our presence toward a goal of zero in 2021. If progress stalls, then our drawdown likely will be suspended, as well. At no time will we relinquish the right of

self-defense.

While we look forward with cautious optimism, we are prepared for every outcome. Should the Taliban renege on its obligations, it will bear full responsibility for forfeiting a chance for peace, economic opportunity and a role in deciding the future of the country. Given this possibility, we will retain the necessary capabilities to respond with decisive military force to protect our service members, support the Afghan security forces or restart offensive operations.

Ultimately, the success of this agreement will be up to the Afghan people. They have suffered too much for too long; they are a proud people who deserve better. That said, no one has any illusions that the road ahead will be easy. Afghanistan remains a complex country in a challenging region, and there are still many — including people from outside nations — who want the conflict to continue indefinitely for a variety of nefarious reasons. As I told our troops on Saturday: Remain vigilant; we still have a long and difficult mission ahead of us.

Thanks to the bravery, skill and commitment of U.S. service members and their allies, we are now at a point where a stable, secure and unified Afghanistan could become a reality. The almost 800,000 U.S. troops who have deployed there over the past 18 years should take pride in knowing their efforts kept America safe. And the more than 2,400 heroes who never made it home did not die in vain. Because of their sacrifice, America has not faced a terrorist attack from Afghanistan since 9/11. This agreement is now the best chance we have to ensuring it never does again, while safely bringing our troops home.

The writer is U.S. defense secretary.

ROBERT J. SAMUELSON

The coronavirus gores Trump's bull market

We all knew that the stock market boom would one day come to an end, but who imagined that the instrument of its demise would be a runaway global virus? The market had been setting new highs as recently as Feb. 12 and appeared little concerned with the coronavirus, whose effects seemed mainly confined to China. Since then, it's been downhill. The Wilshire 5000 Index suffered a seven-day decline of 13 percent, reflecting a paper loss of \$4.6 trillion.

The main cause of the decline is renewed uncertainty. Traders and investors don't know — and can't know — how the spread of the coronavirus will alter the real economy of production and profits. The virus has already emerged in other countries, most notably South Korea and Italy, and there is a smattering of cases in the United States. There will be more, warns the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Inevitably, all of this has raised questions about how the economy and presidential election will be affected. Broadly speaking, the possibilities are clear. Under an optimistic scenario, the virus-related fears will be seen to be exaggerated. Stock prices stabilize or even recover. The threat to President Trump's reelection fades. Indeed, he is praised for not contributing to a rising hysteria.

The more pessimistic narrative assumes that the number of global virus cases continues to rise, creating a vicious cycle. Worried consumers and businesses cut their spending. Profits fall. This depresses stock prices more. In reaction, both individuals and firms postpone further pur-

chases — everything from vacations to business investment. Trump is exasperated. His frustrations give way to hostile outbursts that are criticized for compounding confusion and fear.

What's worth remembering is that, even before the coronavirus, the U.S. economy was widely believed to be slowing down. In 2019, gross domestic product grew 2.3 percent. For 2020, Moody's Analytics projects 1.7 percent growth, though its forecast does not include a recession.

"Despite a plethora of geopolitical risks threatening the global economy," Moody's says in its latest forecast, "there are reasons to be optimistic that the U.S. economy could surprise on the upside. The biggest source of optimism is the U.S. consumer," who continues to spend strongly. Unemployment is low, and confidence has been high, at least until now.

But suppose that consumers, who represent about 70 percent of the economy, become more anxious and cautious. Instead of propping up the economy through strong purchases, they do the opposite: They spend less.

Similarly, many financial commentators have long considered stocks overpriced. One widely cited indicator of stock prices is the so-called P/E ratio, which compares stock prices (the "P") with the underlying earnings or profits (the "E"). Since 1936, the P/E for the Standard & Poor's 500 stocks has averaged about 17, according to Howard Silverblatt, a senior analyst at S&P Dow Jones Indices. At the end of 2019, the P/E was 23. If all of that reflected overvaluation, the gap implies that stocks are overpriced by about 35 percent.

There are two aspects to the crisis, distinct but also related. One is suppressing the virus outbreak. This is mainly a public-health problem. The most important thing the administration can do is to support the health-care professionals in the United States and around the world who are charged with getting the coronavirus under control.

Political interference with that process will almost certainly backfire by corroding public confidence and abetting confusion. Some of Trump's public comments have not been helpful because they suggest that the president is not entirely in agreement with some of his medical advisers.

The second problem is related. It is to prevent a public health crisis from becoming simultaneously a financial crisis. Investors had been calling for an interest-rate cut, and there is speculation that the Federal Reserve may soon grant them their wish. Just what this would accomplish is unclear. In 2019, the Fed cut rates three times. They now stand between 1.5 percent and 1.75 percent. Would cutting them another quarter or half of a percentage point change the behavior of consumers and companies?

No doubt the president is unhappy with the dramatic decline in the stock market. He has clearly indicated that he expected to make the market's spectacular gains a major theme in his bid for reelection.

This will be harder now, maybe impossible. But if Trump responds by searching for scapegoats or blaming his economic and health advisers, he will make a bad situation worse — for him, the country and (possibly) the world.

E.J. DIONNE JR.

Super Tuesday's viral politics

Former vice president Joe Biden's sweeping victory in South Carolina turned him into the only viable alternative to Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders for the Democratic presidential nomination, but there may also be a more subtle force at work in the primaries of Super Tuesday: the coronavirus and the fears it has inspired.

If a majority of Democrats was intent on the question of who can beat President Trump even before the virus's outbreak, Trump's partisan, divisive and fact-denying response to the crisis underscored just how dangerous it would be to keep him in office for four more years.

This could push primary voters even harder to consider the question of whom they trust most to wield power in the Oval Office.

Former New York mayor Mike Bloomberg tried to capitalize on this feeling with an ad in which he talked about the threat of the virus in a setting that made it look as though he was already president. But Biden hopes that he will be the main beneficiary of the public's uneasiness because it will reinforce his underlying appeal to the value of experience, the virtues of safety and the need to restore stability in governance.

Yet Biden has just days to convert his South Carolina landslide into delegates in the 14 states at stake on Tuesday. And early voting will complicate his task.

Democrats who made their choices before South Carolina did so before the contours of the Biden-Sanders confrontation were defined. This means that former South Bend, Ind., mayor Pete Buttigieg, who put out word Sunday that he's leaving the race, as well as Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar and Bloomberg already have votes that might otherwise have shifted to Biden. Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren also has her share of early votes, although a significant number of her voters might have gone to Sanders rather than Biden.

There is also the tricky math of Democratic Party rules, which could swing scores (and perhaps hundreds) of delegates in California. It awards 144 of its delegates on the basis of the statewide vote and 271 by congressional district. A candidate who receives 15 percent of the votes statewide wins a share of those at-large delegates. A candidate who falls under 15 percent gets none. If only Sanders passes the threshold, he wins all 144 of those statewide delegates.

Polls suggest that Sanders is poised to win a substantial California victory. Biden has hopes now that his South Carolina success may allow him to get over the threshold, which he desperately needs to do. But holding off a Sanders runaway in the biggest state may require at least one more candidate to hit the threshold, too. It's not clear if any of them can, although the surveys suggest that Warren may be in the best position to do so.

Then there is the Bloomberg Effect. Bloomberg, who has spent hundreds of millions of dollars across Super Tuesday states, could help halt a Sanders delegate pileup by hitting the threshold in states such as Texas, Virginia, Arkansas, Oklahoma and perhaps Tennessee. But Bloomberg's presence could also stop Biden from winning outright in those states.

A recent Public Policy Polling survey in Texas pointed to Biden's Bloomberg problem. It offered respondents two scenarios: one with Bloomberg in the race and one without him. With Bloomberg in, Biden was neck-and-neck with Sanders. Without Bloomberg, it showed Biden winning Texas rather handily. But in real life, Bloomberg is on the ballot, and more recent polls suggest Sanders had opened a lead.

Last, Biden will be rooting for Klobuchar to win her home state of Minnesota and Warren to win in Massachusetts. Sanders is strong in both states.

What Biden does have is momentum and endorsements. Without a lot of cash, he is counting on Sen. Tim Kaine (D-Va.) and former governor Terry McAuliffe to push his message across in Virginia. Biden hopes for the same in California from Sen. Dianne Feinstein, former senator Barbara Boxer, former CIA director Leon Panetta and Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti. Sanders will say it's all a sign of "the Establishment" ganging up on him. It's a risk Biden is more than happy to take.

But the main effect of South Carolina may be on Biden himself. After a series of primary and caucus losses, the former vice president was looking beleaguered and tired, reinforcing fears among Democrats about his own "electability." His victory speech on Saturday — focused, moving and strategic — began to ease those doubts.

Biden has a long way to go, and Sanders will always enjoy a big enthusiasm edge. But Biden now has at least some evidence for his case that he is not only the nominee most likely to beat Trump, but also, in an anxious moment, the most plausible president.

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Charlottesville’s new holiday divides its residents again

CHARLOTTESVILLE FROM ABOVE

ganize the events, which, despite the name, stretch all week. “To take Thomas Jefferson’s birthday off the calendar and add this is a big deal.”

The switch is the latest sign of a city struggling to come to grips with its past. The reckoning began with the legal fight over Charlottesville’s Confederate monuments, which inspired white supremacists to stage the deadly 2017 Unite the Right rally. But the debate has moved far beyond it — to the consternation of some long-time residents.

“I have a problem expunging Thomas Jefferson from our history,” said Charles L. Weber Jr., a local attorney and one of a dozen plaintiffs in a lawsuit to keep the city’s Confederate statues. “Expunging him is not the right answer, just like taking the statues down is not the right answer.”

Across the country, especially in the South, communities are arguing over how to tell more inclusive and accurate histories.

Nowhere has this clash been more fraught than in Charlottesville, where parks have been renamed, then renamed again, streets have been re-christened, and stickers bearing white supremacist slogans go up as quickly as activists can remove them.

Yet the Confederate monuments that drew neo-Nazis to town remain standing. After a judge ruled last year that the statues should remain, protesters have covered them in graffiti and attacked them with hammers. The monuments’ defenders began literally defending them with late-night patrols. And someone even put up a hidden camera and tripwire to catch vandals in the act.

The latest assault on the city’s contested historical terrain came last month, when a man stole a slave auction marker from the sidewalk because he felt it was insulting to the slaves it was supposed to honor.

After confessing to a local news website, the 74-year-old amateur historian and activist was arrested on two felony counts and now faces up to 30 years in prison.

Like the statues and the decision to skip Jefferson’s birthday, the saga of the stolen plaque has again split the town. But it has also spurred the city to finally look into upgrading a memorial that most agree was inadequate. And it has drawn attention to the plight of the enslaved on the eve of Liberation and Freedom Day.

The event could mark a turning point for the town, which is part hip university tech hub and part Old South. For some, including many African American residents, the question is how far a city built by slaves, filled with Confederate statues and host to white supremacist rallies, is now ready to go to make things right.

“White Charlottesville’s wants to claim the label of progressive and moving forward and awake,” said Don Gathers, a local deacon and activist, “but it’s still very much sleepwalking through what’s going on.”

‘Where do you stop?’

On the evening before the Unite the Right rally, dozens of white supremacists lit tiki torches and marched across U-Va.’s campus shouting racist slogans before reaching their target.

Jefferson’s statue.

“That was no accident,” Schmidt said of the marchers’ attempt to claim — or reclaim — Jefferson as one of their own. “The local Klan chapter’s inaugural cross burning was at Monticello at Jefferson’s tomb.”

The city had once been ranked the happiest in the country — a title linked to the legacy of its most famous inhabitant.

“To the residents of Charlottesville, it is a fitting coincidence that Thomas Jefferson, principal drafter of the Declaration of Independence that installed ‘Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness’ as three inalienable rights, lived only seven miles away,” began a 2014 article praising its hiking and restaurants without ever mentioning its Confederate monuments.

A year later, when white supremacist Dylann Roof murdered nine African Americans inside a church in Charleston, S.C., Confederate statues across the South suddenly became unavoidable.

Days after the massacre, the statue of Gen. Robert E. Lee in downtown Charlottesville was tagged with “Black Lives Matter” graffiti. A local high school student launched a petition to get rid of the monument.

The city council authorized a commission to study the idea. After the commission recommended removing or re-contextualizing the statue — along with a nearby bronze of another Confederate general, Thomas “Stonewall” Jackson — the council eventually voted to take down both monu-



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ments.

Weber and 10 others filed suit in March 2017, claiming the statues weren’t racist but were war memorials, protected by state law. In July, around 50 members of the Ku Klux Klan surrounded the Jackson statue shouting “white power” and waving Confederate flags.

“Then August 12 happened,” Gathers said.

In Charlottesville’s shorthand of sorrow, the date has come to stand in for the carnage that occurred.

The events of Aug. 11 and 12 also shone a spotlight on Jefferson, whose legacy was already being revisited amid more scholarship and public discussion about the fact that he didn’t just own hundreds of slaves. He fathered six children by one of them, Sally Hemings, starting when she was a teenager.

“This is very much known as Jefferson’s town,” Gathers said. “But Jefferson himself was a slave owner, a racist and a rapist. So why glorify him?”

Last summer, the city council voted to drop Jefferson’s April 13 birthday from the holiday calendar and replace it with Liberation and Freedom Day.

Opponents of the move called city leaders “carpet baggers” on social media and urged a boycott of the town.

Matthew Amiss, 61, whose 94-year-old mother is a plaintiff in the statue lawsuit, said he understood celebrating the arrival of Union troops, but axing Jefferson’s birthday goes too far.

“Unless you just showed up last week, somewhere in your family history is probably someone who owned slaves,” he said. “So do we tear your house down, too? Where do you stop?”

Weber, one of the other plaintiffs, said abolishing Jefferson’s birthday was part of a bigger project to “rewrite our history.”

Like the Confederate monuments, however, a purely heroic version of Jefferson isn’t historically accurate, Schmidt said. It’s propaganda.

“Who the heck do you think built the University of Virginia?” agreed Charlottesville resident Cauline Yates. “The slaves did. My ancestors did. . . I’m almost positive that Jefferson ne’er lifted a brick.”



In April — a few days before Jefferson’s birthday — Yates and other descendants of the enslaved laborers who built the university will attend a private ceremony to unveil a memorial in their ancestors’ honor.

Among them will be DeTeasa Gathers, Don Gathers’s wife. The memorial, which is the size of the university’s rotunda, will be a welcome change in a town where black history is largely out of sight, she said.

“When you look at the monuments, signs, memorials, everything that represents the blacks of the city, they are on the ground, you can’t read them,” she said.

When DeTeasa Gathers first heard that a small plaque in the sidewalk marking the site of slave auctions had gone missing, she worried that a white supremacist had once again erased her community’s history.

But then she heard who’d taken it, and why.

“I got tickled,” she said with a laugh.

‘They’ll never find it’

Richard H. Allan III is white, but no white supremacist.

“Freeman,” as he likes to be called, sports a boyish grin and a long white ponytail sometimes

TOP: DeTeasa and Don Gathers stand in front of the statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee in Charlottesville’s Emancipation Park. In April, DeTeasa Gathers will join other descendants of slaves who built the University of Virginia as it unveils a memorial in their honor. ABOVE: Activist Richard H. Allan III pried up a plaque marking a slave auction site in Court Square. He confessed to the crime but refuses to tell police where he stashed the plaque, which he called insulting to slaves and their descendants. BELOW: Richard Parks, a Charlottesville artist and friend of Allan, places a paper version of the plaque in Court Square. It reads “Human Auction Block” instead of “Slave Auction Block.” Before Allan removed the plaque, Parks had been changing the wording with chalk.

capped by a beret. His emails describe him as an “iconologist” — or someone who studies symbols — like Professor Robert Langdon from Dan Brown’s novels.

In an interview a few days after his confession but before his arrest, Allan told The Washington Post he felt the plaque was insulting to slaves and their descendants.

“How would you feel if they put a plaque in the ground to you so people could stand on it with their dirty shoes?” he said, adding that he was trying to atone for his own ancestors owning slaves.

Allan said he became aware of the plaque in 2014 when he read a letter to the editor in the local newspaper from Eugene Williams, a civil rights leader who, along with his wife and other black parents, sued in 1955 to desegregate the city’s schools. Williams criticized the marker.

Allan said he complained to city council members in 2014, then again in November after the commission recommended replacing the plaque with something more substantial.

When nothing happened, he went downtown on the morning of Feb. 6 and pried up the plaque with a knife and small crowbar

before disposing of it in a location he refuses to reveal to police.

“They’ll never find it unless they put the screws to me like in the Inquisition,” he said.

He confessed, he said, because he worried police would think his friend Richard Parks had done it.

For months, Parks had been using chalk to alter the plaque and placing flowers and signs next to it to draw attention. Five days after the plaque went missing, the 68-year-old filled the hole with a replacement he made reading “Human Auction Site” instead of “Slave Auction Site.”

Charlottesville Police Chief RaShall Brackney, who is African American, has expressed her annoyance at Allan and Parks, saying their “stunts” say more about their white privilege than the inadequacy of the plaque.

But others have praised Allan. “White people are asked all the time to dismantle racism,” said DeTeasa Gathers. “Well, he did.”

“That little plaque was so inappropriate,” said Yates, chuckling over “the irony that it took a white man to dig it up.”

Williams also approved. Asked whether Allan should have waited, the 94-year-old scoffed.

“How long should he wait?” he said. “I’ve been waiting my whole life for the city, the country to realize that slavery has been the foundation for its economic progress.”

Allan, who declined to speak for this article but previously told The Post he viewed prison as “reparations,” has a preliminary hearing on March 12 that Williams plans to attend.

Meanwhile, the city council has begun considering what to put in place of the plaque. One idea, Schmidt said, is for a statue inscribed with a letter from an enslaved woman pleading for her family not to be torn apart.

On Sunday, Liberation and Freedom week began with a vigil at the site where the plaque once lay. Schmidt previously suggested she would play a 1949 recording of a local centenarian who was once enslaved.

“My name is Fountain Hughes,” it begins. “I was born in Charlottesville, Virginia. My grandfather belonged to Thomas Jefferson.”

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JOHN KELLY'S WASHINGTON
As five Eagle Scouts are celebrated, a 90-year-old receives special Scouting recognition. **B3**



THE DISTRICT
Lime and Bird will have to leave the city after losing appeals to continue their e-scooter operations. **B3**



OBITUARIES
Lego minifigures creator Jens Nygaard Knudsen brought a human element to plastic playscapes. **B7**

D.C. lawmaker proposes free public transit for residents

BY JUSTIN GEORGE

The District could become the next U.S. city to make transit free under a proposal by a D.C. Council member that would give each resident \$100 a month to use for public transportation.

Council member Charles Allen (D-Ward 6) said the plan would boost the region's economy by helping businesses retain employees and recruit new customers who have been turned away by the city's parking costs and traffic congestion.

EXTRA TAX REVENUE WOULD FUND PROGRAM Allen's plan calls for \$100 a month in SmarTrip credits

Free transit also would remove one of the top obstacles to jobs for many low-income residents, and it would keep the city affordable and accessible to families of color who are being priced out, Allen said.

He said his plan would provide Metro with new fare revenue to keep the region's preeminent

transit system vibrant, and it would specifically target the beleaguered Metrobus system for improvements, creating a cash fund of about \$10 million to boost service in some of the city's neediest, transit-deprived corners.

The money to residents would be paid in the form of \$100 in monthly SmarTrip card credits.

If it all sounds too pie-in-the-sky, Allen said it shouldn't. He said the proposal would not require any cuts to city services or emergency savings. At an estimated cost of \$54 million to \$151 million a year, depending on factors that include usage and negotiated discounts, the program would be paid for with tax revenue above what the government budgets to spend annually.

Allen said tax revenue has consistently overshot projections the past five years, and that city officials expect that to continue.

"I think we need to put it right back into residents' hand," Allen said. "We are not raising taxes to do this."

The legislation, which Allen plans to announce later this week, is being co-introduced by seven council members, including Chairman Phil Mendelson (D); Robert C. White Jr. (D-At Large), chair of the Metro oversight committee; and Mary M. Cheh (D-Ward 3), chair of the panel's transportation committee.

The idea of making public transit free dates back decades, but it

never really took off in large cities until recently. In the 1970s, Denver and Trenton, N.J., experimented with free rides during off-peak hours, and while the program increased ridership, it created too many problems and both cities discontinued their pilot programs after a year, according to a 2002 study by the National Center for Transportation Research at the University of South Florida.

In 1989, Austin offered free transit across its system for one

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Getting into the swing of a new month



MARVIN JOSEPH/THE WASHINGTON POST

Lysander Guldbrandtsen enjoys a sun-drenched afternoon on a giant swing at the Wharf in Southwest Washington. Temperatures hit 50 degrees in the Washington area Sunday and are expected to top out in the low 60s on Monday. For a full report, see **Weather, B8**.

Dominion's influence persists in Richmond

Va. Democrats push for environmental change with mixed results

BY GREGORY S. SCHNEIDER

RICHMOND — It was an odd line of questioning. As a freshman delegate presented a bill aimed at holding down consumer electricity rates, a bipartisan pair of senators quizzed him on where he got the idea and why he was sponsoring it.

"I know the legislators that work in electrical-related issues," said Sen. Thomas K. Norment Jr. (R-James City), "and just was kind of curious."

In other words, Del. Suhas Subramanyam (D-Loudoun) was not part of the usual club. Lawmaking that affects electric utilities in Virginia — especially the biggest one, Dominion Energy — has long been an exclusive arena of big dollars, connected lobbyists and predictable outcomes. Democrats ran last year on a crusade to shatter that tradition.

With majorities in both chambers now, they're achieving mixed results. Lawmakers are on the verge of enacting sweeping environmental bills that commit the state for the first time to eliminating fossil-fuel-based energy. In a switch, the bills originated from the work of a group of energy technology companies and environmentalists, instead of from Dominion and its army of lobbyists.

But the giant utility has negotiated details of the bills. And separate efforts to break Dominion's monopoly on most of the Virginia market and to restore fuller state oversight of consumer electricity rates have largely failed.

"Dominion was a big issue last fall . . . and here we are just a few months later, and Dominion is going to end up in an even stronger position," said Jesse Dickerman, a spokesman for Direct Energy, which backed legislation.

SEE ENERGY ON **B5**

GMU, U-Md. follow higher-ed trend

BY LAUREN LUMPKIN

A boxy white robot wheeled itself in front of a crowd at George Mason University, where hundreds had gathered to welcome the school's new president: an engineering dean from California.

The autonomous delivery robots, designed by a San Francisco company called Starship Technologies, roam through the Fairfax,

Choice of engineers as new presidents reflects area's economic demand

Va., campus in the same way squirrels scamper across the grounds at other universities. The robots roll through pathways and across sidewalks. On a recent

afternoon, a pizza restaurant worker deposited a box of food into the robot's hood before sending the machine to meet its hungry recipient.

The shiny robot's arrival at the celebration for incoming president Gregory Washington offered a glimpse into the university's future — and into the science- and technology-focused landscape of higher education in the region.

In the span of two weeks, two of the largest schools in the Washington region — George Mason and the University of Maryland at College Park — named engineering deans to lead their campuses. Before being chosen for the top job at GMU, Washington led the engineering school at the University of California at Irvine. And the new president at U-Md., Darryll J. Pines, has been at the helm of the engineering school there since 2009.

"It's not a coincidence. It's happening by design," Washington said in an interview. "People are

recognizing that individuals with an understanding of science and technology are critical to this region's long-term success."

The decision to tap engineers for top campus roles underscores a trend that has been unfolding for about a decade, said John L. Anderson, president of the National Academy of Engineering, an organization for engineers. Universities have spent the past several years broadening their engineering curriculums to emphasize skills outside of the discipline, including communication

SEE UNIVERSITIES ON **B4**

Lawyer alleges lack of transparency

Complaint seeks access to financial records of specialty bar association

BY FREDRICK KUNKLE

A Charles County Circuit Court judge has been asked to appoint a trustee to oversee a specialty bar association, whose leadership has included members of the county state's attorney's office, after a lawyer filed a complaint alleging a lack of transparency and financial mismanagement of the organization.

Court papers filed Tuesday by Makeba Gibbs say her requests to

review the treasurer's reports, bank records and other documents of the Salome A. Howard Bar Association, which raises money for college scholarships, have been rebuffed for the past two years.

Charles County State's Attorney Anthony B. Covington served as the organization's past president and Karen R. Piper Mitchell, who is a deputy state's attorney in his office, is listed as the bar association's treasurer and former president.

Covington did not respond to calls or requests for comment left at his office. Piper Mitchell, reached by telephone at her office, declined to comment.

In an interview at her law office Friday, Gibbs said her concerns

increased after the organization handed out \$1,500 scholarships to perhaps four students a year and canceled this year's annual black-tie fundraising gala.

Gibbs said Covington and Piper Mitchell have been uncooperative in providing an accounting and at times combative during recent meetings of the organization. She said unanswered questions about the leadership's transparency, including a failure to collect dues and account for the proceeds from previous galas, led her to seek court action.

"I feel I was being bullied. And I wasn't getting anywhere," said Gibbs, a former public defender who first expressed her concerns in a Jan. 16 Facebook post after a

SEE COMPLAINT ON **B3**

Shattering glass and shattering norms

Regional Memo

ROBERT MCCARTNEY

When Virginia's first female speaker of the House of Delegates asks the chamber's first female clerk to read an amendment or call the roll for a vote, she says "please."

The man who previously served as speaker, arguably the second-most powerful state office after governor, didn't use the pleasantries for such requests.

Speaker Eileen Filler-Corn's routine is one small sign of what legislators and other observers say is a more inclusive, consensus-oriented style that she and other newly ascendant women in the General Assembly

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Virginia House Speaker Eileen Filler-Corn applauds as she and Dels. Charniele L. Herring, left, and Jennifer Carroll Foy promote the ERA measure at a Jan. 27 news conference at the Capitol.

At issue in Virginia: How to best identify reading difficulties among children



PALS or RAN is the better way to identify reading difficulties seems technical and obscure. But parents such as Walker with a child falling behind find the numbers galling. Arlington County school officials have, for instance, discovered in seven elementary schools that 15 percent to 21 percent of students — much like Walker's son — passed the PALS but failed the RAN, a signed of undetected problems.

The delay is likely to bring even more heated discussion in Virginia, part of a national trend. The reading wars — the 1980s conflict over teaching that subject — appear to be back.

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90-year-old joins five Eagle Scouts for long-overdue recognition



John Kelly's Washington

On Saturday afternoon, five teenage Boy Scouts from Troop 29 in Mitchellville waited to become that most all-American of figures: Eagle Scouts. People couldn't stop buzzing about a sixth Scout, one much older than the rest — and one about to get a big surprise. “He still doesn't know,” said **Juan Flora** as family and friends began taking their seats at Largo Community Church. Juan is the son of 90-year-old **Herman Flora**. Herman was there to watch his grandson, Juan's son **Justice Flora**, become an Eagle Scout. As parents fussed with their sons' neckerchiefs and straightened badge-heavy sashes, Scoutmaster **Ben Taylor** went over the time-honored choreography for the soon-to-be-Eagles: **Enrique Evans**, 18; **Johnathan Batts**, 16; brothers **Jalen Mack**, 17, and **Nicholas Mack**, 16; and Justice, 17. Herman took a seat near the front. Guest speaker **Gregory Robinson**, program director for NASA's James Webb space telescope, talked about how when he was growing up in segregated Danville, Va., the public high school had three curricular tracks: academic, vocational and general. Black students like him were shunted into the vocational and general tracks. Rather than accepting

that, Robinson just started taking a seat in advanced math classes. Don't let anyone turn you around from your dreams, Robinson counseled. “America has many good things to offer you,” he said. It was the last day of Black History Month, and Robinson's speech resonated with Troop 29, all of whose members are African American. Taylor walked to the microphone for the part of the ceremony that was inscrutably labeled in the program “Special Presentations.” Taylor sketched a quick history of Scouting and about the obstacles black Boy Scouts once faced. In parts of the country, especially the Deep South, Scout troops were segregated, the result of local custom. There was a particular impediment to boys who wanted to reach the pinnacle of Scouting, as these five young men had done. Eagle Scout status required the swimming merit badge, and that badge could be earned only in a regulation-sized swimming pool. In many Southern cities, those pools were off-limits to African Americans. Herman turned to his family. “That sounds like my story,” he said. It was. Taylor introduced Herman, and as the crowd rose to its feet and applauded, Justice led his grandfather to the podium. Herman joined the Boy Scouts in Norfolk in 1943. At the time, there was no pool in the area that



Herman Flora, 90, and his grandson Justice Flora, 17, at Largo Community Church in Mitchellville on Saturday. Herman could not become an Eagle Scout because of segregated swimming pools.

allowed blacks to swim. There was the river, but that didn't meet the merit badge requirements. He earned other badges, but the swimming badge eluded him. Even so, he stuck with Scouting. In 1944, Scouts of the Tidewater Council were asked whether they would head to Virginia's Eastern Shore to pick vegetables. The Caribbean workers that normally performed those jobs couldn't come that year. Herman went, bonding with the other Scouts. Some talked about going to college, something he had never considered. He later learned that some black Scouts were using the pool at the Norfolk Navy base for their swimming test, but by that time, he had lied about his age and enlisted in the Army. He was 16. In the Army, Herman kept remembering what some of those Boy Scouts had said: College was the place for them. After the Army, he went to Howard University and earned a business degree. He embarked on a successful career in Washington real estate. “Scouting did so much for me,” he said. “It ignited me.” Troop 29 has turned into something of an Eagle Scout incubator under Scoutmaster Taylor. Saturday's ceremony raised to 15 the number of Eagle Scouts who have been promoted in the past three years.

Among them, the five latest Eagle Scouts earned 142 merit badges. Their Eagle Scout projects were impressive: Enrique conducted a seminar on financial management for graduating high school seniors. Justice collected 1,000 pairs of shoes to send to a school in Sierra Leone. Johnathan designed and constructed bike racks for the Largo/Kettering/Perrywood Community Center. Nicholas managed a fire safety seminar with the help of the Silver Hill Volunteer Fire Department. Jalen put together a scholarship workshop, informing middle schoolers of college funding opportunities. And they did a lot of camping and a lot of hiking — swimming, too. Justice earned his swimming merit badge at the Henson Scouting Reservation on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Justice presented his grandfather with a shadow box filled with pieces of his Scouting past, including a hat and fabric patches from the 1940s, his membership cards and a black-and-white photo of him in his uniform. The Tidewater Council also sent a letter thanking him for his devotion to Scouting. “He could have been bitter,” Taylor told me later. But Herman wasn't. He never stopped believing in the Boy Scouts. “It is what made me what I am,” Herman said. *john.kelly@washpost.com* *Twitter: @johnkelly*

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THE DISTRICT

Lime, Bird scooter firms must leave D.C. after losing appeals

Companies must end service by April after city cuts number of operators

BY LORI ARATANI

The scooter companies Lime and Bird will have to leave the District come April 1 after losing their appeals to continue operating in the city. The District Department of Transportation announced in December that it had selected four of the eight companies that had been operating in the city to continue providing service under its revised e-scooter program. Jump, Lyft, Skip and Spin won bids to deploy a combined total of up to 10,000 scooters in the city. Lime and Bird appealed the decision, as did three other companies — Helbiz, Wheels and Clevr Mobility — that had hoped to operate in the District. Neither Bolt nor Razor, which had been operating in the city, choose to appeal the decision. Bolt stopped operating at the end of December, when its permit expired, and Razor will cease operations at the end of March. “Having fewer companies enables us to more effectively manage the program and create an easier user experience for people who are hoping to access these,” DDOT Director Jeff Marootian said in explaining the decision. “We're obviously disappointed by the ruling and are actively exploring ways to continue serving District residents in 2020,” a Lime spokesman said. “We're proud of



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A Bird e-scooter is parked along K Street NW on Jan. 3. Bird and Lime will have to leave the District by April 1 after losing appeals to continue providing service under the city's revised e-scooter program.

our partnership we've enjoyed with the District, the community organizations we support, and our performance as the longest-serving operator in the city.” Since their arrival in 2017, scooters have become a popular option for those looking for an easy way to move around the District, which was one of the first U.S. cities to allow the services to operate. And while the two-wheeled vehicles have their share of detractors, there is no sign they are going away. In October, the city announced plans to reduce the number of scooter operators in the District to

four. Four slots were also set aside for e-bike operators. Thirteen scooter companies and five e-bike companies applied, according to DDOT. An interagency committee evaluated the applications on a 198-point scale and selected the top point-earners — Jump, Lyft, Skip and Spin. The selection of Skip raised some eyebrows after one of its scooters caught fire last summer. The company suspended operations for six weeks and acknowledged that past safety lapses had contributed to the scooter fire downtown and another at its warehouse involving batteries.

The city allowed the company to resume operating in August, saying it had demonstrated that it was taking “clear steps” to ensure it was following best safety practices. Under the new rules, the four companies can apply to expand their fleets on a semiannual basis. DDOT says it will grant expansions after evaluating a company's performance. For example, a company that starts with 2,500 scooters in April could potentially have 5,000 in service. If all four companies were to be approved for the maximum expansion, there could be 20,000 scooters operating in

the city. As part of their agreement to operate in the District, the companies must allow DDOT to install GPS trackers on a random sample of devices for research purposes and also must report within 24 hours any issue that could affect public safety. That includes criminal activity, traffic crashes and fires involving their devices. The scooter companies also will be required to provide scooters in all eight wards of the city and will be limited to a maximum of 1,000 vehicles in the central business district. The 2020 permit increases to 20 the minimum number of vehicles that must be deployed in each ward by 6 a.m. daily and establishes “equity” zones, primarily east of the Anacostia River, where companies will be required to deploy at least 400 vehicles for use during the morning rush hour. As part of the effort to better manage complaints of scooters cluttering sidewalks, DDOT officials announced last month that they are installing 100 off-side-walk parking corrals for e-scooters and bicycles. The corrals will be placed in the area between stop signs and the start of parking zones to ensure that illegally parked cars do not block the visibility of crosswalks and intersections. The corrals were first piloted in business-improvement districts and commercial areas where there were large numbers of dockless vehicles. The new locations will be placed in residential areas where sidewalks are narrower and more likely to be blocked when dockless scooters or bikes are left on them. *lori.aratani@washpost.com*

Lawyer asks judge to appoint a trustee to oversee bar association

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special meeting of the bar organization in Waldorf. Minutes of a Jan. 15 special meeting obtained by The Washington Post identify the group's current president as André C. Bruce, an assistant state's attorney in Covington's office. In a brief interview, Bruce said Friday that he was not the organization's president and declined to comment further. Calls to other members of the organization were not returned. The specialty bar, which was founded as a nonprofit organization in 2010, is named after the late civil rights activist Salome Ann Freeman Howard, a teacher who participated in sit-ins and persisted in fighting segregation

in Charles County even after opponents burned a cross on her lawn. Gibbs was one of the specialty bar's founders. It was modeled after other specialty bar associations, such as the J. Franklin Bourne Bar Association, whose approximately 400 members work to advance the legal careers of African Americans. The Charles County specialty bar has perhaps 30 members, Gibbs said. Since 2012, the organization, also known as SAHBA, has held an annual Black Tie Scholarship Affair to raise money for students attending the College of Southern Maryland. The event, usually held in April, features live music, dancing, an open bar and silent auctions, with tickets running at \$65 a head. In 2017, the group raffled

off more than \$5,000 worth of gift baskets, according to its Facebook page. One sponsor — lobbying firm G.S. Proctor & Associates — chipped in at least \$10,000, Gibbs said. But the leadership failed to provide a detailed accounting of the proceeds after the galas, despite repeated inquiries from Gibbs beginning as early as 2017, she said. The minutes from the organization's meeting on Jan. 15 in Waldorf say Piper Mitchell “reluctantly turned over” a treasurer's report saying the organization had \$98,000 in an account used for scholarships and \$141 in an auxiliary account. The sheet of paper did not contain much more information than that, Gibbs said. Gibbs said the treasurer also

gave her a CD-ROM with what she described as vaguely worded expense reports that show about \$35,786 in spending outlays for items such as flowers, raffle items and entertainment for the gala. Several entries do not show who made the contributions. According to the minutes, the organization's bylaws require bank statements and other records be produced on demand to members. Piper Mitchell declined to do so, told members they would have to schedule an appointment to review the documents and expressed concern about turning over bank statements, the minutes say. Notations on the minutes indicate they were taken by the organization's secretary, Tonia Y. Belton-Gofreed. Belton-Gofreed,

who is an associate county attorney in Prince George's County, said she couldn't comment because legal action is pending. Now in private practice, Gibbs is running to become a Charles County Circuit Court judge. She dismissed the idea that her effort to find out what is going on with the bar association is designed to boost her candidacy. “It's attention I really don't need,” Gibbs said. Her complaint asks a judge to grant access to the bar association's financial records, appoint a temporary trustee and bar current leadership from managing the organization's affairs until everything is sorted out. “To me there needs to be a complete reboot,” she said. *fredrick.kunkle@washpost.com*

LOCAL DIGEST

THE DISTRICT

Two killed, including teen, in shootings

A shooting in the Shaw neighborhood of Northwest Washington left one teenager dead and another in a hospital, police said. It was one of two fatal shootings within an hour in the District on Sunday afternoon. The incident occurred at the intersection of Sixth and S streets NW about 2:45 p.m. Sunday, said police spokeswoman Brianna Jordan. Both victims were taken to a hospital, where one later died. The other suffered injuries that were not life-threatening, police said. The victims were not immediately identified. D.C. Police Chief Peter Newsham said they appear to be “in their young teens.” They were out with a larger group of teenagers, who were being questioned. Police were looking for suspects. The slaying was the second fatal shooting of the afternoon. In the first, the victim was shot just after 2 p.m. in the 4900 block of Nash Street NE, Jordan said. The site is near the Deanwood Recreation Center, and east of the Deanwood Metrorail station. — *Rebecca Tan and Martin Weil*

MARYLAND

Student at rec center collapses and dies

A student at Towson University in Baltimore County died Friday after collapsing while playing recreational basketball, the university said. The student was identified as Oluwadamilare “Michael” Oyinloye, a sophomore. He collapsed at Burdick Hall, a recreation center, and was taken to a hospital emergency room, where he died, the university said. No cause was given. The Baltimore Sun reported that Oyinloye, 19, was studying information systems. — *Martin Weil*

VIRGINIA

Police: Pedestrian dies in Lorton hit-and-run

A pedestrian was killed Saturday in Fairfax County in a hit-and-run, county police said. The crash occurred at Old Colchester Road near Gunston Road in the Lorton area, according to police. The pedestrian died at a hospital. He was identified by police as Joseph Lanza, 28, of Lorton. — *Martin Weil*

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DC-4 (Sat.):	2-0-2-0	
DC-4 (Sun.):	6-2-3-9	
DC-5 (Sat.):	7-6-1-8-5	
DC-5 (Sun.):	2-3-5-9-1	
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Mid-Day Pick 4:	6-1-5-2	
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Pick 3 (Sun.):	4-0-0	
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Pick-3 (Sun.):	8-4-5
Pick-4 (Sat.):	3-0-4-7
Pick-4 (Sun.):	0-2-9-8
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Engineers bring passion for solving problems to new roles

UNIVERSITIES FROM B1

and leadership.

“People thought of engineers as the pocket-protector people who couldn’t be social,” said Craig H. Benson, dean of the University of Virginia’s engineering school. “That’s really changed.”

More than 14 percent of presidents at doctorate-granting universities, such as U-Md. and George Mason, have engineering degrees, according to the most recent data from the American Council on Education, a higher-education association.

The appointments at George Mason and U-Md. came weeks after Lance Collins, the dean of Cornell University’s engineering school, was selected by Virginia Tech to serve as the inaugural vice president and executive director of its Innovation Campus. The Northern Virginia graduate campus will educate students destined for jobs at the new Amazon headquarters in Arlington and at other local tech companies, Collins said.

And in January, Howard University announced it would use a \$10 million gift, the largest in its roughly 150-year history, to expand a science and technology scholars program that was started to increase the presence of minorities in those fields.

As the number of tech jobs in the Washington region continues to grow, government leaders and university officials have announced plans to train a high-tech workforce. Virginia Gov.

Ralph Northam (D) recently disclosed plans to help public universities produce 31,000 more degrees in computer science and related fields during the next two decades to help meet growing demand as the state prepares for Amazon.

“I do think this is an indication of the importance of engineering in the region,” Collins said about the recent appointments at George Mason and U-Md. “All these schools are recognizing a national trend.”

U-Va.’s Benson pointed to Fortune 100 companies — including Apple, General Motors and Microsoft — that are led by people with engineering degrees.

“They tend to be trained as engineers, so they’re very much problem-oriented,” Benson said.

Pines, the newly chosen U-Md. president, said that philosophy is reflected in his work and that of Mason’s Washington.

“We have both spent decades training a generation of engineers,” Pines said in a statement. “We challenge them to be passionate about problem-solving and ready to work as a team — important traits we must bring to our new roles.”

Pines will ascend to the top job at U-Md. after controversy beset the campus during the past two years. After the deaths of two students in 2018 — football player Jordan McNair, who suffered heat stroke during a team workout, and freshman Olivia Shea Paregol, who died amid an adenovirus outbreak — school leaders



Gregory Washington was named George Mason University’s new president. The former engineering dean at the University of California at Irvine is among the engineers tapped to lead a D.C.-area campus.

have struggled to earn back the community’s trust, students said.

More recently, faculty in the Anthropology Department complained of a mold infestation that some professors said sparked health problems. But Paul Shackel, who chairs the department, said he is generally optimistic about Pines’s selection.

“He’s been on campus for a long time, and he knows a lot of the issues on campus. He’s also

very aware of what we’ve been going through here in anthropology with the mold situation,” Shackel said. “Even though he’s from engineering, I think, on the whole, we feel like we will get support.”

Washington’s appointment garnered excitement outside the world of engineering. Keith Renshaw, who chairs the Psychology Department at GMU, said he was excited to have a president who

has experience as a faculty member. Linda Apple Monson, director of the School of Music, said she asked Washington how he felt about the arts programs on campus and “his response engendered a real support.”

Connor Nelson, a GMU student studying government and international politics, said he does not think Washington’s leadership will “degrade any of the social sciences.”

“My hope is that, maybe, Washington brings more school spirit,” Nelson said. “I want a leader who considers that an important element of the school.”

Jendaya Williamson, a sophomore psychology student, said she has high hopes for Washington.

“He’s our first black president, which is cool,” she said. People of color constitute about half of the student body at George Mason.

All three of the recently appointed campus leaders — Collins, Pines and Washington — are black.

But just 8 percent of college and university presidents are African American, a figure that has grown by only 3 percentage points since 1986, data from the American Council on Education show.

“There are only a handful of African Americans that have reached this level. It’s a tight network,” Collins said. “I believe that a diverse workforce is the most productive and creative. It’s been a centerpiece of my work at Cornell, as one of the most diverse engineering colleges around.”

The incoming leaders said they also hope to forge a sense of camaraderie among the biggest institutions in the regions.

“Our friendship extends beyond these positions, and so we will find ways to collaborate and work together to benefit not just our institutions, but to benefit the region,” Washington said.

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Seven D.C. Council members to co-introduce legislation for free public transit

TRANSIT FROM B1

year. Ridership grew, but so did vandalism and onboard disturbances involving youth; the city also experienced overcrowded buses, additional costs to run extra buses, increased vehicle maintenance needs and complaints from longtime riders about an influx of homeless people taking up seats.

The nearly two-decade-old study said such programs would work on smaller scales, and have in college and ski towns, as well as in transit programs that target specific populations like commuters, students and the elderly.

Several big cities, including Baltimore and Denver, have made parts of their public transportation systems free. But shifting priorities toward fighting climate change, economic and racial inequity and traffic congestion have several urban cities to revisit the idea of free transit for all.

Kansas City, Mo., became the first large city to do so in January. The Kansas City Area Transportation Authority created “Zero Fare KC,” an initiative that costs about \$9 million but is expected to generate nearly double that amount in regional economic benefits, according to a study the agency and the University of Missouri Kansas

City released last week.

“For those living paycheck to paycheck, as most Americans are, even an additional \$50 per month of income can make the difference in deciding which bills to pay,” the study said.

Olympia, Wash., also made its system, Intercity Transit, free this year. A Boston council woman is pushing to make the city fare-free, while nearby Lawrence, Mass., is paying \$225,000 over two years to waive fares on three major bus routes. Lawrence, like the District, does not control its main transit system, which is why Allen proposes \$100 SmarTrip card credits every month rather than free boarding.

“We don’t control the ability to go fare-free,” Allen said, noting that Metro serves Maryland and Virginia as well. “We have to be creative in our solutions, and we have to lead.”

The District already provides all students between the ages of 5 and 21 free unlimited transit rides, subsidizing a “Kids Ride Free” program that paid for more than 60,000 SmarTrip cards, distributed through D.C. schools, in the past school year. This year, the program will cost the District about \$22 million, with each card running about \$367 each, Allen’s office said.



A train at the Gallery Place-Chinatown Metro station. Surveys find more than 370,000 bus and rail trips a year start in the District.

This year, Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) launched a \$1 million research pilot that will distribute free and partly subsidized SmarTrip cards among 2,500 low-income public-transit users to help their job prospects and determine how much free fares could affect quality of life.

A study Bowser’s administration released last week on the city’s nightlife industry found a lack of affordable transportation and parking are two of the biggest hindrances for both late-night service workers and businesses that employ them.

Helping lower-income resi-

dents is just one reason cities seem more inclined to provide free public transportation, said Art Guzzetti, vice president of public policy and mobility at the American Public Transportation Association.

In Columbia, S.C., officials are offering free rides to the polls. In Seattle, hockey tickets to a new arena under construction could come with a free transit ride to limit traffic downtown, he said.

“I think the trend is that the roadway network isn’t working, and cities are seeing that,” Guzzetti said. “The solution to a city that’s vibrant, a city that’s viable

and a city that has more efficiency is not to build more road lanes.”

In 2018, Allen championed the District’s 2018 decision to decriminalize Metro fare evasion, and he has defended it since, saying those who skip fares largely do so because they cannot afford to pay. His two-part transportation proposal is targeted at bringing equity to District wards that are transit deserts, lacking in both Metro access and incomes sufficient to pay fares. Wards 5, 7 and 8 have median household incomes under \$86,000, significantly lower than other wards, and are also among the furthest from the city’s job centers, Allen’s office said.

With rising operating costs, Metro has proposed increasing Metrorail fares next year while it tries to hold the line on bus fares. But the transit agency is proposing to cut or reduce service on dozens of routes, and Allen said he wants to end a cycle of declining ridership and fewer routes by creating a dedicated \$10 million Metrobus fund to improve routes, frequency and shelters in the District that serve primarily low-income residents.

The \$100 monthly SmarTrip credits, meanwhile, would help stop declining ridership, he said. Any unused money would not accumulate, a cost-control mechanism to make sure money isn’t wasted.

“The program only costs as

much as residents use it,” Allen wrote in the proposal. “If a resident only uses \$30 of the \$100 monthly balance, at the start of a new month, the cost would only be \$30 to restore the balance to \$100. For someone who did not use any of the balance, it would cost the District \$0.”

D.C. residents who receive a federal employment commuting subsidy would not be eligible. The benefit would work on Metro, the D.C. Circulator and other regional transit lines where SmarTrip cards are used.

Estimates of what the program could cost are complicated, based on several calculations that take in a variety of factors, according to Allen’s office. Students already have free transit service, and not all adults in the District regularly use transit.

According to the latest Census Bureau estimates, about 130,000 D.C. commuters 16 and older use public transportation. Metro passenger surveys taken in 2016 and 2018 estimate that more than 370,000 bus and rail trips originate in the District each weekday.

Subtracting those already covered by the Kids Ride Free program and federal workers already receiving a commuter subsidy, Allen’s office believes the program would need to pay fares for about 118,000 D.C. residents.

The bill allows the mayor to negotiate fare payments to Metro, and Allen’s office said he expects the cost to come in closer to his low-end estimate than \$151 million, which takes into account if every eligible resident used the entire benefit — which isn’t realistic.

The money would come from revenue the District has generated that has exceeded its own service needs each quarter over the past five years thanks to the city’s explosive growth and rising property values.

City revenue this past quarter was up \$79.8 million, Allen said. Between the 2015 and 2019 fiscal years, Allen’s office said, revenue increased by \$738 million. The District’s financial estimates project revenue increasing by at least \$331 million each year from fiscal 2021 to fiscal 2023, Allen said.

The city has used the extra money to pay cash for capital projects and for a special housing trust fund that provides gap financing for affordable and low-income housing projects. That would not change, Allen said, as his program would use just a portion of the extra money.

Nonprofit providers who help lower-income residents said the transit subsidy is badly needed.

“We think this initiative could be a game changer for the entire city and for people we serve in particular,” said Nechama Masliansky, senior advocacy adviser at So Others Might Eat. “[Metro’s] the lifeblood of the city and the lifeblood of the [regional] economy. Helping people get to food and their jobs, helping people take their kids to school, going to job training, getting to places of worship — it’s essential.”

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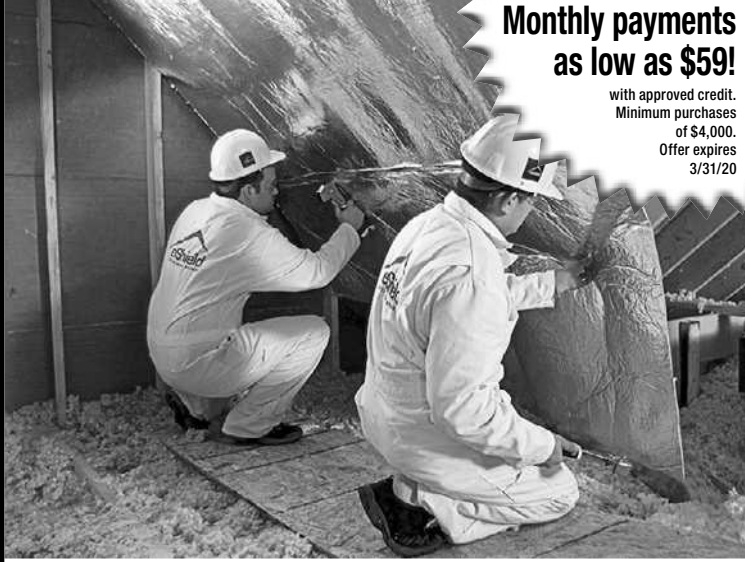
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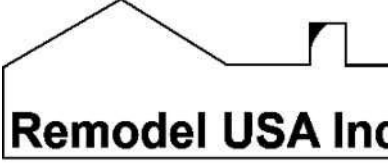
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REGIONAL MEMO

Va.’s Year of the Woman yields historic legislation

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have brought to the legislature. But don’t mistake a courteous habit for any lack of effectiveness. In the session scheduled to end Saturday, Filler-Corn (D-Fairfax) and her sister lawmakers have helped drive passage of the most ambitious, far-reaching package of liberal legislation of any session in memory. In many ways, 2020 has been the Year of the Woman in Richmond. The legislature approved the federal Equal Rights Amendment. It rolled back restrictions on abortion. It passed bills to combat sex discrimination and harassment in the workplace, to protect pregnant women and newborns, and to require schools to provide tampons or pads for menstruating girls. The tidal wave of progressive measures includes legislation on other topics as well. With Democrats controlling both the House and Senate for the first time in a generation, there have been enough groundbreaking bills to proclaim 2020 the year of gun control, of transportation, of immigrants’ rights or labor. The session also saw major advances in the role of African Americans in the legislature. Still, the dramatic increase in the number of women in authority, as well as a new focus

on issues of importance to women, has been striking. This year’s General Assembly has a record 41 female legislators — 30 delegates and 11 senators. Filler-Corn and House Clerk Suzette Denslow aren’t the only two breaking the glass ceiling. House Majority Leader Charniele L. Herring (D-Alexandria) and Senate President Pro Tempore L. Louise Lucas (D-Portsmouth) are the first females and first African Americans to hold their positions. Women chair seven of 14 committees in the House and four out of 11 in the Senate. Sen. Janet D. Howell (D-Fairfax) leads her chamber’s most powerful committee, the appropriations and finance panel. Legislators and analysts of both sexes said the expanded female presence affected the kinds of bills that were proposed and passed, as well as transforming the picture that the General Assembly presented to the public. At the start of the session, the House revised language in its rules to refer to people in the feminine gender — “she” instead of “he,” and “her” instead of “him.” “Because we have increased numbers of female lawmakers, we have been getting a lot of family-oriented bills, bills that would support women in the workforce, and they’re getting through,” said

Sen. Barbara A. Favola (D-Arlington). She noted that passage of a bill to increase the minimum wage would have a disproportionate impact on women, because it’s estimated that more than two-thirds of minimum-wage workers are female. Del. Kenneth R. Plum (D-Fairfax) said of the new gender diversity: “On equal rights, it brings a perspective that men can’t speak for.” Plum, who has served 40 years in the legislature, added, “In my experience, I can’t remember a time when so much consequential legislation passed.” Del. Danica A. Roem (D-Prince William) described the benefit of testifying before a five-person subcommittee that included four women, when she advocated for bills to ensure students who owe school lunch debt would still get full, hot meals. “It was so refreshing to present those in front of women who just get it,” Roem said. “When you’ve got a lot of moms running the show in Richmond, it’s not that hard to explain [the need].” Longtime Richmond political observer Bob Holsworth noted that Sen. Jennifer L. McLellan (D-Richmond) sponsored a bill to bar health insurers from requiring prior authorization before transferring a newborn experiencing a life-threatening

emergency condition from one hospital to another. “What man would have thought of this one?” Holsworth said. Filler-Corn and others said there’s been much discussion of the change in having a woman presiding over the House for the first time, and interacting with the first female clerk. “I’ve heard from countless people, looking up on the dais, it looks and feels so different,” Filler-Corn said. She said she doesn’t think about it every day, but is aware of the need to set a good example as the first woman in the job. “On one hand, it’s kind of shocking that it’s taken 400 years,” Filler-Corn said. “It’s certainly a huge responsibility in the sense that you’re really setting the stage for many young women and girls moving forward.” Filler-Corn, elected to the legislature in 2010, served less time as a lawmaker than previous speakers before winning the top job. But she had experience in politics and administration, having served as director of intergovernmental affairs for two past Democratic governors: Mark Warner and Tim Kaine. At the start of the session, House Minority Leader Todd Gilbert (Shenandoah) and other Republicans appeared to try to



Sen. Mamie E. Locke, left, confers with House Speaker Eileen Filler-Corn, right, and House Clerk Suzette Denslow during a joint session of the House and Senate Rules Committees in January.

intimidate her with numerous complaints and parliamentary objections. They abandoned that effort when it didn’t faze the Democrat. “I think they realized I wasn’t flappable,” Filler-Corn said. “They realized that, based on my reactions and moving forward, that I was a quick study, and Suzette and I were on top of things.” Gilbert’s office did not respond to emails requesting comment. “What I really like about Eileen and Charniele and the committee chairs is a far more inclusive approach,” Del. Vivian E. Watts (D-Fairfax) said. “Women tend to be peer-oriented consensus builders. Men tend to have more of the World War II-style, pyramid authority structure.” But Filler-Corn has not hesitated to impose her will. She steamrolled Republicans when she didn’t want to prolong debate. She sided with African Americans and the progressive wing of her caucus, reversing the Democrats’ previous position, by effectively killing a House proposal for a constitutional amendment to create a bipartisan redistricting committee. While she and others made history this year, one glass ceiling remains intact. Virginia is one of 20 states, including Maryland, that have never had a female governor. robert.mccartney@washpost.com

Va. Democrats push environmental change — but still in concert with Dominion

ENERGY FROM BI

lation to open part of the market to competition. While groups advocating gun control made headlines with big donations in last year’s legislative elections, environmental and anti-Dominion interests actually gave more money, according to the nonpartisan Virginia Public Access Project. Many Democrats, meanwhile, ran on a pledge to reject all Dominion donations. But a proposal to prohibit such contributions failed early in this year’s General Assembly session. A Virginia version of a Green New Deal, with aggressive environmental goals, also failed. Instead, Democrats and a handful of Republicans have coalesced around the omnibus environmental bills that have passed both the Senate and the House of Delegates and are headed for a conference committee. Supporters argue that the legislation is so far-reaching, it could only have been achieved with Dominion’s cooperation. Few lawmakers have expertise in the complicated topic, and this year’s session has been nearly overwhelmed with a record number of bills. Even some hard-line environmentalists have come to value a pragmatic approach. “If you want to keep the conversation going, you can’t do it with a dead bill,” said Del. Danica A. Roem (D-Prince William), who co-sponsored the Green New Deal but is

tentatively supporting the omnibus. The ambitious package, known as the Virginia Clean Economy Act, originated last year when members of the Advanced Energy Economy industry group began contacting legislators. AEE is supported by companies that have a stake in new energy technologies — Lockheed Martin, Microsoft, Apple and Ingersoll Rand, along with dozens of smaller businesses. The group reached out to industry associations and environmental groups and, in consultation with several lawmakers, proposed a complex bill that would recast the state’s energy future. Different versions have passed the House and Senate, but in essence, the legislation would: •Mandate that 100 percent of electricity in Dominion’s service area comes from renewable sources by 2045, and by 2050 for Appalachian Power, which serves the far Southwest. The House and Senate are haggling over those dates. •Set deadlines for closing coal- and gas-fired power plants. •Enter the state into a carbon cap-and-trade market called the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. •Require Dominion to develop 5,200 megawatts of offshore wind capacity by 2034. •Set mandatory yearly targets for increasing energy efficiency. •Require the utilities to accept more rooftop solar and other renewable energy generated by

other producers, though still only a fraction of the amount reserved for Dominion. Some of those items are already in place informally. Dominion says it plans to be carbon-free by 2050, in line with aspirational targets set by Gov. Ralph Northam (D) last year. The company also helped set dates for phasing out old power plants. In addition, Dominion has a massive wind energy project underway off the coast at Virginia Beach. The legislation specifies that the new wind energy has to be utility-owned, protecting Dominion’s investment. “There’s every potential for a really groundbreaking piece of clean-energy legislation,” said Dominion Senior Vice President William Murray. He defended the utility’s role in the process, pointing out that the company has to balance clean-energy goals with the need to keep rates stable and service flowing. “I’ve never heard anybody advocate for power outages, not once,” Murray said. While many lawmakers support the goals, some note that the framework preserves Dominion’s ability to pass costs along to consumers. As a state-regulated monopoly, Dominion has a guaranteed rate of return on capital projects; it makes money on a gas pipeline or offshore wind farm no matter the cost. Historically, the utility’s rates were reviewed by the State Corporation Commission. If commissioners found customers were overcharged, they could order

refunds. The General Assembly whittled away most of that ability over the past decade, freezing base rates and ordering the commission to find big investments such as offshore wind to be “in the public interest.” Many environmental groups support those steps as necessary to get the state weaned from carbon-based fuels. But consumer advocates worry the trade-off will be higher bills for consumers. “It is irresponsible to build an environmental movement on the backs of ratepayers just to enrich a few,” said Del. Sam Rasoul (D-Roanoke), the leading advocate of the Green New Deal, which he said would have done more to protect low-income consumers. The corporation commission last week estimated that the omnibus energy bill could increase the average customer’s monthly electricity costs by almost 24 percent. Bill supporters said the estimate failed to consider how the legislation would reduce energy use and did not address the cost of doing nothing. “Given how far behind Virginia is on addressing climate change, . . . this bill will be the largest leap forward [the state] has ever made,” said Sen. Jennifer L. McClellan (D-Richmond), who sponsored her chamber’s version of the measure. But concern about cost cuts across party lines. A bipartisan bill to restore the SCC’s authority

to review Dominion’s rates and issue refunds passed the House in February — rare success for something opposed by the utility. Now, its prospects are dim. A Senate committee delayed bringing the bill up for a vote. After behind-the-scenes pressure, a hearing is scheduled for Monday. Sen. Richard L. Saslaw (D-Fairfax), the committee chairman, said he is skeptical of the bill, but he wants “to hear both sides.” His committee has killed other bills aimed at loosening Dominion’s grip, including two House-passed proposals that were supported by a coalition of major retailers and would have opened up the renewable energy market to competition from outside providers. Saslaw said allowing big retailers to buy electricity elsewhere would leave a smaller pool of customers for Dominion as it made the expensive transition to renewables. Some lawmakers expressed frustration with the idea that Dominion needs to be protected from changes in the market or regulatory climate. “Either way, they’re going to get paid,” said Del. Jerrauld C. “Jay” Jones (D-Norfolk), who co-sponsored the bill to restore the SCC’s oversight authority. “Dominion is going to be fine.” A dust-up in the Senate last week demonstrated the utility’s pervasive influence. Sen. A. Benton Chafin Jr. (R-Russell) complained that the omnibus energy bill fast-tracks the retirement of a

relatively new plant in southwest Virginia that has been burning piles of coal left over from a century of mining. Known as “gobs,” the piles cause runoff that pollutes waterways, and Chafin cited statistics about how effective the plant has been at cleaning them up. Saslaw countered that Dominion had endorsed the plant’s early closing date. Chafin then held up a fact sheet that seemed to have a Dominion logo on it. Why, then, would Dominion “have provided to this senator these talking pieces,” Chafin said, “and spent numerous hours helping prepare” an amendment to change the date? With the utility appearing to work both sides of the issue, the Senate voted to delay the plant’s closing. Murray, the Dominion executive, said later that the utility had never favored an earlier closing for the plant, blaming the date on a “quirk” in the complicated legislation. “In our view, that’s not good public policy,” he said. One other bill opposed by Dominion is clinging to life. Subramanyam’s measure, which would let the state regulate how the utility charges customers for the cost of retiring old plants, is awaiting a vote on the Senate floor. The fact that his bill seemed to catch senators off guard in the committee showed one thing, Subramanyam said: “This is a new General Assembly.” gregory.schneider@washpost.com

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Near troubled waters, a suburban cul-de-sac now sits emptied of homes

BY SCOTT DANCE

BALTIMORE — The advertisement wooed buyers to Woodlawn Estates, a new Baltimore County subdivision, where \$10,800 bought a three-bedroom rancher on a large, landscaped suburban lot.

The lots, the brief ad in a 1954 edition of the Baltimore Sun also noted, were “approximately 400 feet above sea level.”

If only that could have protected Lenore Court from the floods that would come half a century later.

What became one of Baltimore’s early beltway communities is now among those confronting a grave decision in the face of climate change and the increasingly intense storms pounding the region: whether to give up on their homes.

Faced with repeated floods of a stream that one researcher called a warning sign for others in urban watersheds, residents finally asked the county to buy them out so they could move on. In early February, the county finished leveling the six homes.

“Nothing was going to get any better,” said Phyllis Vaughn, who lived on Lenore Court for 21 years.

More than 50 properties across the state have been acquired and demolished through a Federal Emergency Management Agency grant program over the past decade, according to state officials. FEMA has paid \$14 million for those efforts, including nearly \$1 million on Lenore Court, in hopes of preventing catastrophic losses in future natural disasters in Maryland.

A 2018 federal law allows FEMA to set aside money each year to buy and demolish properties in harm’s way, or to lift them



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Phyllis Vaughn, 70, who lived on Lenore Court for 21 years, stands at the former site of her home in Baltimore County, one of six demolished after flood-weary residents requested that the county buy them out. “Nothing was going to get any better,” Vaughn said.

up above potential floodwaters. The amount of money is 6 percent of the agency’s spending on disaster assistance in the previous year.

As sea levels rise and rainstorms intensify, the government is preparing for more such choices in the future.

“There’s no simple answers to this, but in Maryland we’re being pushed to come up with answers a lot sooner than other communities are,” said Nicholas Redding, executive director of Preservation Maryland.

Vaughn, 70, said she was drawn to Lenore Court because it was a tranquil spot, yet close to everything. She and her husband would occasionally sit outside their back door, looking out on the woods and a bubbling brook.

But the stream wasn’t so calm one afternoon in July 2004.

About five inches of rain fell within two hours across the area, and as it surged down branches of what is known as the Dead Run, the waters rose quickly into the homes. It seemed as though it had only been raining for 10 minutes when there was suddenly six inches of water in Vaughn’s house, she said.

More recently, floodwaters have become persistent. The water rose into backyards during the same storm that devastated Ellicott City in July 2016. Vaughn remembers another storm threatening her home in 2017, because it was the same day she buried her mother.

“Every time it would storm in the summer, we’d say, ‘Oh, God, here we go again,’” Vaughn said.

By May 2018, the residents were ready to give up. The same storm that wrecked Ellicott City



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Yellow patches show where six homes once stood on Lenore Court in the Woodlawn Estates area of Baltimore County. When the county purchased the homes at the owners’ request after repeated flooding, the Federal Emergency Management Agency covered 75 percent of the fair market value.

for the second time in two years also deluged Lenore Court. By then, the neighbors knew what to expect, and began fleeing their homes and moving their cars uphill as the waters rose.

Not long after, the neighbors gathered in Vaughn’s living room for a meeting with county officials, asking to sell the homes. They met little resistance. Just a few months later, the county won a FEMA grant covering 75 percent of the fair market value of the homes on Lenore Court, plus the demolition costs, said David Fidler, a spokesman for the county public works department. FEMA paid \$958,500 of a nearly \$1.3 million expense, records show. The county covered the rest.

It wasn’t the first time the county bought out flood-weary residents. It happened as early as the 1970s, Fidler said, including after Hurricane Agnes set high-water marks across the region in 1972. More recently, the county bought out some homeowners around Herring Run in Towson who have faced recurrent flooding and overloaded stormwater culverts, though others still are seeking relief.

“In a lot of cases, it’s the only thing you can do,” Fidler said.

But Lenore Court was especially vulnerable. The stream that made its backyards so peaceful most of the time also happens to be one of the most flood-prone in the region, and by extension, possibly in the country, according to Andrew Miller, who has studied the waterway for more than a decade as a professor of geography and environmental systems at the University of Maryland Baltimore County.

Like with many other urban streams, the drainage area for the network of brooks known as Dead Run is highly developed, covered mostly by acres of build-

ings, asphalt and concrete. Much if not most of that landscape predates practices known as stormwater management that seek to slow down runoff, redirect it and absorb it into the land, Miller said.

The watershed for one branch of the Dead Run, which converges with another directly behind Lenore Court, is two-thirds covered by pavement, while other sections are nearly half covered by impervious surfaces. Miller called the Dead Run “a canary in a coal mine” for urban streams facing increased development and the threat of stronger storms.

He said deluges on par with the one that hit Lenore Court in 2004 flow down the Dead Run every decade or two, according to a stream gauge in Leakin Park, near where the stream converges with the Gwynns Falls, which empties into the Patapsco River’s Middle Branch between Wheelabrator’s Baltimore trash incinerator and Interstate 95. But the tables hydrologists use to compare floods suggest that five inches of rain should fall in one spot within two hours only once every 300 or 400 years.

As researchers seek to better understand the frequency and severity of flooding, Miller and colleagues haven’t proved that rainfall intensity has surged in the watershed. But because pavement cover hasn’t changed much in decades, there are only so many variables to explain why the floods are happening.

“The frequency is much higher than we would have guessed,” he said. “I look at big floods as being sort of normal around here.”

Either way, there is no simple solution, Miller said. It would mean tearing out the oceans of asphalt around Security Square Mall and the office parks along Lord Baltimore Drive or that

carry motorists along Interstates 695 and 70, which meet at a massive interchange less than a mile from Lenore Court.

Preservation Maryland’s Redding said decisions to adapt to flooding and sea level rise can be difficult and confusing. Demolition might seem simplest in places like Lenore Court, but in Ellicott City, the option is fraught.

As many as 10 historic buildings were set to be razed under a plan Howard County adopted in the wake of the 2018 flood, but amid concern over the future of the old mill town, voters ousted former County Executive Allan Kittleman. Calvin Ball, Kittleman’s successor, now plans to tear down only four structures, along with plans to direct stormwater into new retention ponds and build a massive tunnel under Main Street.

As more federal money becomes available for prevention of losses to flooding and other disasters, state officials say they are open to ideas of how to spend it. The Maryland Emergency Management Agency, consulting with other state and local agencies, weighs factors including cost-effectiveness and community support when ranking projects, said JaLeesa Tate, a hazard mitigation officer for MEMA. The goal, she said, is to reduce threats to Marylanders and their property.

Sometimes, that risk is just too much to bear. For Vaughn, the sound of rain was a trigger that sent her anxiously looking out the back windows at the coursing stream.

But she moved away from Lenore Court in November 2018, to a bigger house on a corner that’s a six-minute drive from Lenore Court. Now, she said, she feels relief.

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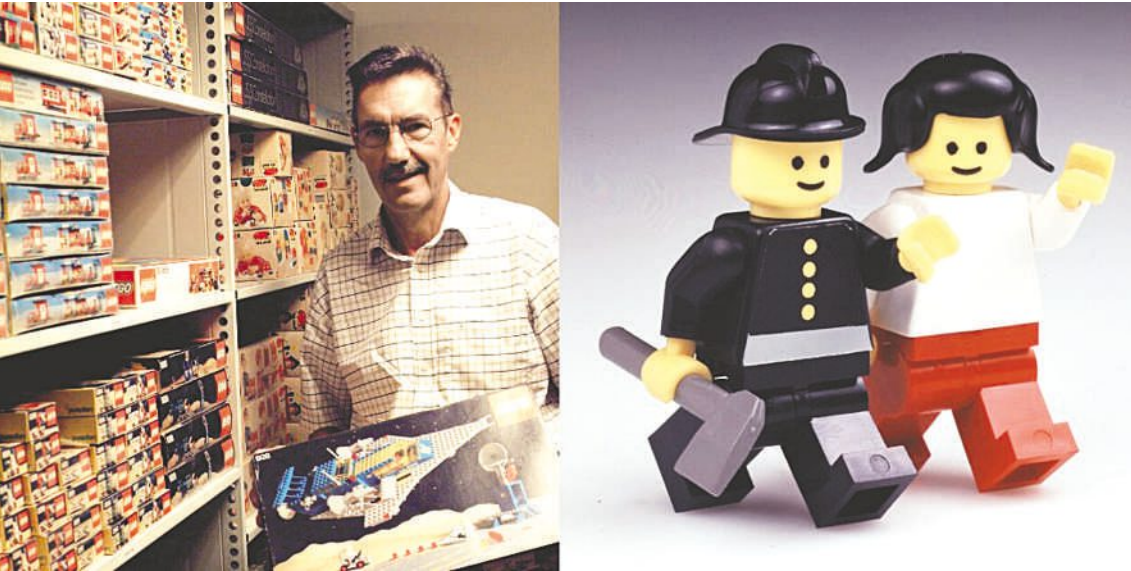
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OBITUARIES

JENS NYGAARD KNUDSEN, 78

Designer conceived Lego minifigures



LEGO GROUP

Mr. Knudsen's minifigures became giants of the toy world and grew to include thousands of characters.

BY EMILY LANGER

Their numbers have reached 7.8 billion if not more, roughly the population of the Earth. Their ranks include police officers and firefighters, pirates and knights, astronauts and elephant keepers.

Their physical dexterity is limited, their facial features rather plain. But for more than 40 years, standing only four Lego blocks tall, they have been giants of the toy world and the object of untold hours of enjoyment for generations of children and collectors.

They are Lego minifigures, and their creator, the Danish Lego designer Jens Nygaard Knudsen, has died at 78. The Lego Group announced his death, describing him in a statement as “a true visionary whose ideas brought joy and inspiration to millions of builders around the world.”

The Lego company was founded in 1932 by Ole Kirk Kristiansen, a master carpenter, in the central Danish town of Billund, where he made stepladders, ironing boards, stools and wooden toys. It was christened Lego two years later, according to a company history — a name that combined the Danish words “leg godt,” meaning “play well.”

Over the decades, the company honed modern techniques of manufacturing plastic toys, patenting its signature stud-and-tube locking system for its building bricks in 1958. But until Mr. Knudsen's innovations in the 1970s, Lego lacked a human or even humanoid element to enliven its playscapes.

“There was something missing from the houses, cars, planes and fantasy world these children spent hours playing with,” Sarah Herman wrote in her book “A Million Little Bricks: The Unofficial Illustrated History of the LEGO Phenomenon.” Mr. Knudsen's minifigures, she wrote, went “on to define and drive” the Lego system “more than any other part since the launch of the new Lego brick in 1958.”

In 1974, the company introduced human figures best remembered for their appearance in the popular “Family” set, which included a mother and a father, a grandmother and two children, all with round yellow heads. The characters proved popular with young Lego enthusiasts but were too large to be

comfortably employed in the small-scale Lego world.

Mr. Knudsen, who had joined Lego in 1968 and ultimately became the company's chief designer, was tasked with overseeing the development of a new line of miniature figures. The project took him and the company through dozens of iterations, including the faceless “Extra,” which had stiff arms and no means of ambulation.

It was a start, but Mr. Knudsen wanted a character with greater capacity for play. Introduced in 1978, the blocky minifigure had movable arms and legs, C-shaped hands to grip other Lego elements, and basic if sometimes inscrutable facial features.

“As a child, when you’re creating and building an imaginative world from Lego, being able to play with real people in that world is part of the pleasure. . . . They have so much spirit.”

Sarah Herman, author of “A Million Little Bricks”

With its head made from yellow plastic, the minifigure had “no obvious ethnicity,” according to the company's description. (Future characters featured natural skin tones.) Minifigures were people in the most rudimentary form, allowing seemingly infinite possibilities for children to imagine the lives behind them.

“As a child, when you’re creating and building an imaginative world from Lego, being able to play with real people in that world is part of the pleasure and fascination and gives character and life to whatever you’ve created,” Herman said in an interview. “They have so much spirit.”

Early minifigures included a police officer, a firefighter, a doctor, a gas station attendant, a knight and an astronaut. The line proved so popular that it grew over the years to include 8,000 characters, among them figures from the Star Wars and Harry

Potter franchises. Lego-loving children who grow into Lego-loving adults have been known to place bride-and-groom minifigures atop wedding cakes.

Mr. Knudsen also was credited with designing Lego sets including the “Castle” theme, which Herman described as “one of the first to take Lego building to another time period.”

“The addition of these knights and guards,” she observed, “with their helmets, horses, and weaponry, transported the castle model from historical relic to a living, breathing battlement.”

Other sets that Mr. Knudsen helped design included the “Space” theme, introduced in 1978 — an undertaking Mr. Knudsen said sapped him of 14 months of work hours in a single year. Another popular set was the “Pirates” theme, which required a new look for the minifigures previously known for their anodyne expressions.

“It was necessary to alter the minifigure's expression in order to develop credible pirates,” Mr. Knudsen said, according to the company. “A real pirate captain must have a patch on his eye, a peg leg and a hook!”

Little information was available about Mr. Knudsen's early life. He designed cars, fire stations and a police heliport for Lego, according to Herman's book, before his work on minifigures. He retired in 2000.

The Lego Group was not able to immediately confirm details of Mr. Knudsen's death. A colleague, Lego designer Niels Milan Pedersen, told Agence France-Presse that he died Feb. 19 at a hospice center in Hvide Sande, Denmark, and that he had amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

Survivors, according to the AFP report, include his wife, Marianne Nygaard Knudsen.

Some children who grew up playing with Legos retained such an affection for their toys that they became collectors. Many more became parents of children who delighted in the stubby bricks and minifigures, leaving a trail of them across the house, with others still to turn up under car seats and in coat pockets.

“I am convinced,” Mr. Knudsen told Herman, “that the minifigure will live as long as children play with Lego.”

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DEATH NOTICE

FLOYD

STEPHANIE J. FLOYD Entered into eternal rest on Tuesday, February 18, 2020. She is survived by her three children, Marcus Jackson, Lisa Jeffrey and Preston Jackson; 12 grandchildren; one great grandchild; and a host of other relatives and friends. Mrs. Floyd may be viewed at Stewart Funeral Home, 4001 Benning Rd., Ne on Wednesday, March 4 from 10 a.m. until service at 11 a.m. Interment is private.

HOLLAND

WARREN WILBERT HOLLAND (Age 76)

Left us on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at his residence in Takoma Park, Maryland. Viewing on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, 9:30 a.m. Service to follow at 10:30 a.m. at JB Jenkins Funeral Home, 7474 Landover Road, Hyattsville, Maryland. Interment at Fort Lincoln Cemetery, Brentwood, Maryland.

ISACK

ARTHUR ISACK

On Friday, February 28, 2020, Arthur G. Isack, of Washington, DC. Beloved husband of Harriet Isack; devoted father of Suzanne Scherr (Mitchell) and Michael Isack; cherished grandfather of Madeline and Isabelle Scherr. Funeral services will be held on Monday, March 2, 2020 at 10 a.m. at Adas Israel Congregation, 2850 Quebec St. NW, Washington, DC 20008. Interment to follow at Judean Memorial Gardens, Olney, MD. Family will be observing Shiva at the residence of Harriet Isack starting Monday, March 2, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. through Thursday, March 5, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. Contributions may be made to the ALS Association. Arrangements by Hines-Rinaldi Funeral Home, LLC under the Jewish Funeral Practices Committee of Greater Washington.

JONES

CASSANDRA D. JONES

On Saturday, February 22, 2020. Survived by siblings, Anita, Jvetta and Morgan, other relatives and friends. Visitation Tuesday, March 3, 10 a.m. until service 11 a.m. at Evangel Assembly of God, 5600 Branch Ave., Temple Hills, MD. Interment Resurrection Cemetery.

MITCHELL

CHARLES S. MITCHELL (Age 77)

Of Falls Church, VA, passed away on February 25, 2020, at Virginia Hospital Center, Arlington, VA. Born in NYC, Chuck was raised in New Haven, CT and had lived in Virginia since 1971. Chuck served in the Army including a tour in South Vietnam. He was an Attorney for the Navy, a law firm, and his own practice for 44 years and retired in 2012. He graduated Syracuse University in 1965 with a BS, and then went on to Boston University where he received his Law Degree in 1968.

Chuck is survived by his wife, Sandy (Neuss) Mitchell of 52 years; his children Brent Mitchell and Jenny Hopp, and Jonathan and Nicki Halterman-Mitchell; three grandchildren, Noah and Isaac Halterman-Mitchell, and Jacob “Jake” Mitchell; and a sister Emily Thacker

There will be a memorial service and lunch at 11 a.m., Wednesday, March 4 at Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation in Reston, VA. A full obituary may be viewed at: www.flynfuneral.com

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DEATH NOTICE



MARY ALICE JORDAN

Of Chevy Chase, Maryland, passed away peacefully on February 26, 2020. Mary Alice was born on April 21, 1934 in Springfield, Illinois.

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DEATH NOTICE

NEEL



WILLIAM CHARLES NEEL RADM USN (Ret.)

William Charles Neel—known professionally and personally as “Bill”—passed away peacefully on February 26, 2020, surrounded by beloved family. He was a native of Rochester, New York, born October 13, 1930 as the sixth child of Robert and Anna D. Neel. This birth date was auspicious as the US Navy celebrates October 13, as its founding day. Bill loved the Navy. He gave his life to Navy service, sacrificing everything for his true love—the Navy. Working for Evaluation Research Corporation and later Advance Inc., Bill continued resolving Navy issues as a contractor, but active duty remained his true calling. As a seminal member of Admiral Hyman Rickover's Nuclear Navy, Bill found his life partner while on assignment to the Idaho Naval prototype reactor, and his nuclear engineering work forged some of the Navy's toughest engineering assignments and commands. Naval service took him to Flag rank, Rear Admiral (RADW). He relished command and the sea—the operational environment. When threatened with the bureaucracy of Washington, and a future of tours through what was then known as the paper palace, he retired in 1984. Rear Admiral Neel was married to the former Colleen Stibal of Roberts, Idaho who preceded him in death. Bill is survived by Tom and Mark Neel, Tom's wife, Mary Ann Clark, Mark's wife, Lora, and his grandchildren, Daniel and Benjamin Neel. Relatives and friends may call at Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home, 9902 Braddock Rd., Fairfax, VA on Sunday, March 8, 2020 from 3 to 6 p.m. Funeral service at Ft. Myer Old Post Chapel with interment in Arlington National Cemetery will be at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family recommends donations in Bill's name to the Wounded Warrior project, The American Brain Foundation, and the Naval Institute. www.fairfaxmemorialfuneralhome.com



DEATH NOTICE

STUART



LAVINIA ASH STUART (Age 91)

On Tuesday, February 25, 2020 of Bethesda, MD. Born June 11, 1928 in Deltaville, VA to the late Marie B. and James H. Ash. Beloved wife of the late Donald Goodman Stuart, Sr; devoted mother of Donald G. Stuart, Jr. (wife, Ginger Gilchrist), James W. Stuart, Esq. and Susan A. Stuart, MD (husband, C. Joseph Botticelli, Jr.) cherished grandmother of Jacqui Gilchrist, PhD, Gina and Nicholas Botticelli; loving sister of James O. “Sonny” Ash and the late Lois Marie Carr. Family will receive friends at PUMPHREY'S BETHESDA-CHEVY CHASE FUNERAL HOME, 7557 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, MD on Monday, March 2 from 5 to 8 p.m. Funeral Service will be held at Westmoreland Congregational UCC, 1 Westmoreland Circle, Bethesda, MD 20816 on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. Interment will be held at the Mount Hope Cemetery, Glenview, VA on Wednesday at 1 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association National Capital Area, 8180 Greenboro Dr. #400, McLean, VA 22102 or the Westmoreland Church at the above address. Please view and sign the family guestbook at: www.PumphreyFuneralHome.com

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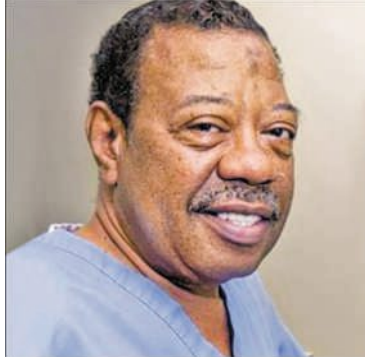
LOUIE



HENRY OWEN LOUIE

Of Potomac, Maryland, died peacefully at home on February 18, 2020 at age 94. Born on May 20, 1925, in Akron, Ohio, to John and Ong Shee Louie, Mr. Louie, the second of eleven children, spent his childhood in his family's ancestral village in China before returning to the United States in 1939 to live with his family in Easton Maryland, where his father had established a successful laundry business. Mr. Louie married his wife of 66 years, Gloria Lee Louie, in Philadelphia in 1953. That same year, Mr. Louie embarked on a thirty-three year career as a Chinese language expert for the United States Central Intelligence Agency. Mr. Louie's distinguished service to the government included a six year overseas posting in Taiwan, and culminated in his appointment as chief of the China Political/Military Program of the Foreign Broadcast Information Service. Together Mr. and Mrs. Louie raised a family of six children. In retirement Mr. Louie stayed active for many years by playing tennis and enjoying the company and companionship of his family and a large circle of friends. Mr. Louie is pre-deceased by his daughter, Margaret (Dennis Lynch), and is survived by his wife, Gloria, daughters, Janet Spann (Robert), Elizabeth Terry (Kenneth), Linda Kanz (Michael), and Barbara, son, Henry John (James Gray), brothers, Thomas and James, sister, Pauline Khu (Eric), eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. A funeral mass for Mr. Louie will be held at 10 a.m. on March 6, 2020 at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church, 9200 Kentsdale Drive, Potomac, MD 20854, immediately followed by an interment of Mr. Louie's ashes at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery, 13801 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20906. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation in Mr. Louie's name to the Holy Redeemer Chinese Catholic Church, 915 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

STEVENS



JAMES B. STEVENS, JR., DDS, “J.B.”

Passed away unexpectedly in his home in Mitchellville, Maryland on February 23, 2020, at the age of 74. J.B. is survived by his mother, Aretha Holmes Fields, his wife of nearly 50 years, Betty Nash Stevens, daughter, Kortney Marie (Jermiah) Hammonds, granddaughter, Autumn Marie of Maryland, half-brother, Etheridge Williams, and long-time companion, Revella Baker. He is preceded in death by his father, James Benjamin Stevens, Sr. A celebration of life and repast for J.B. will be held on Saturday, April 18 from 12 to 3 p.m. at the West Bowie Village Hall, 13711 Annapolis Road, Bowie, Maryland.

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SY SPERLING, 78

‘Hair Club for Men’ founder, client

BY TERRY SPENCER

Sy Sperling, the founder of the Hair Club for Men who became well known for TV commercials where he proclaimed, “I’m not only the Hair Club president, but I’m also a client,” died Feb. 19 in Boca Raton, Fla. He was 78.

A spokeswoman, Terri Lynn, confirmed the death but did not cite a specific cause.

In the late 1960s, Mr. Sperling was a balding New York City swimming pool salesman who was growing frustrated with toupees. “If you’re dating and going to be having special moments, how do you explain, ‘I got to take my hair off now?’” he said.

Using a weaving technique he learned from his hairstylist, Mr. Sperling took on \$10,000 in credit card debt to open his own salon on Madison Avenue and developed a system where a nylon mesh cap was glued to the scalp. The client's remaining hair would grow through it, then hair of a matching color, purchased from women who cut their hair, was woven into the mesh. The clients would then come in several times a year for adjustments.



HAIR CLUB

Sy Sperling's “Hair Club for Men” ads were spoofed on SNL.

Business took off but by the late 1970s had stagnated. Word of mouth was unreliable because many clients weren't eager to tell their friends they were using a hair-replacement system.

Mr. Sperling began advertising on television and in 1982 went national with commercials running 400 times a day on late-night TV. They became so ubiquitous they were spoofed on “The To-

night Show” and “Saturday Night Live.”

The ads featured before and after photographs of men who used the system, ending with Sperling himself who would proclaim in his slightly stilted and stiff manner, “I’m not only the Hair Club president, but I’m also a client.” He then held up a photo of himself without his hair. The commercials cost him \$12 million annually but were generating 10,000 calls a month.

By 1998, Hair Club for Men had 85 franchises. Men paid between \$2,000 and \$3,500 for the system and then \$65 for maintenance appointments. Revenue reached \$100 million annually.

Mr. Sperling later dropped “For Men” from the company name, as the clientele expanded to include women who lost hair naturally and from cancer treatments. He also started Hair Club for Kids, which provided free hair to children treated for cancer.

Mr. Sperling sold the business to a group of investors in 2000 for \$45 million.

Survivors include his wife, Susan; two children; and a sister.

—Associated Press

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Mild but a bit windy



Lots of sunshine early before clouds thicken in the afternoon. Quite mild but breezy, with temperatures topping out in the low 60s and gusty winds out of the southwest at 10 to 20 mph. Isolated showers late in the evening will become more widespread overnight. Mild with low temperatures in the mid-40s.

Today
Mostly cloudy



62° 47°
FEELS*: 59°
CHNCE PRECIP: 25%
WIND: SSW 8-16 mph
HUMIDITY: Moderate

Tuesday
Cloudy, showers, mild



63° 47°
FEELS: 60°
P: 55%
W: S 7-14 mph
H: Moderate

Wednesday
Partly sunny



63° 41°
FEELS: 62°
P: 10%
W: WSW 8-16 mph
H: Low

Thursday
Partly sunny



56° 40°
FEELS: 58°
P: 0%
W: ESE 6-12 mph
H: Moderate

Friday
Mostly cloudy



54° 36°
FEELS: 49°
P: 20%
W: WNW 8-16 mph
H: Moderate

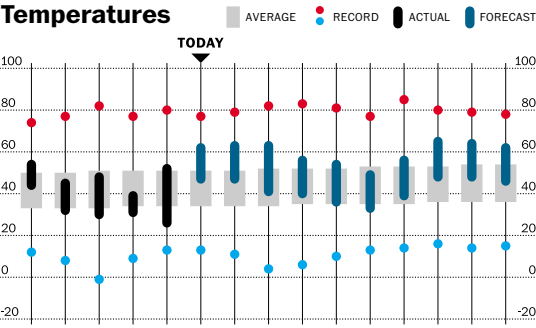
Saturday
Sunny, windy



49° 33°
FEELS: 41°
P: 0%
W: NW 15-25 mph
H: Low

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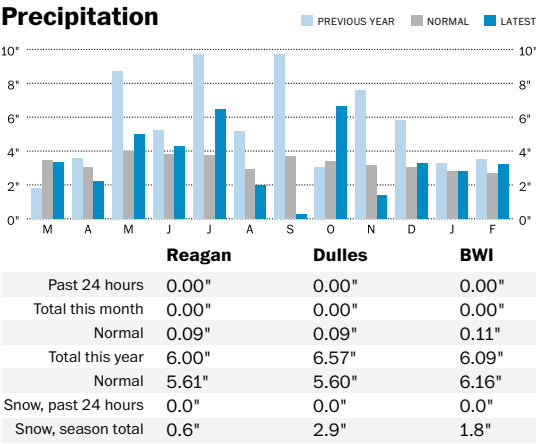
Temperatures



	Reagan	Dulles	BWI
High	52° 3:15 p.m.	52° 3:47 p.m.	50° 3:00 p.m.
Low	26° 7:01 a.m.	21° 6:44 a.m.	20° 7:00 a.m.
Normal	51°/34°	50°/29°	49°/29°
Record high	80° 2017	77° 1972	80° 1972
Record low	13° 1884	11° 1980	11° 1980

Difference from 30-yr. avg. (Reagan): this month: -3.2° yr. to date: +5.5°

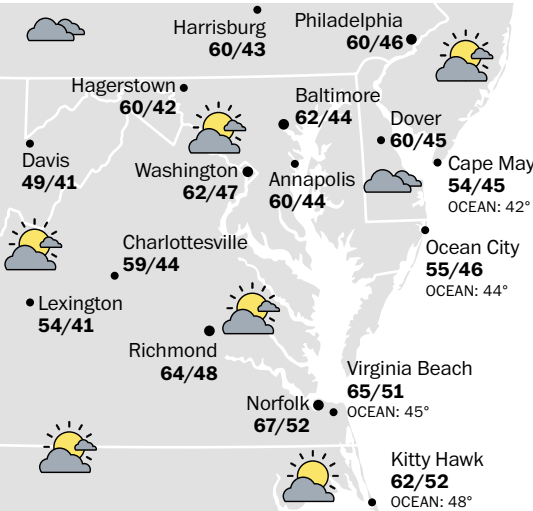
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	Reagan	Dulles	BWI
Past 24 hours	0.00"	0.00"	0.00"
Total this month	0.00"	0.00"	0.00"
Normal	0.09"	0.09"	0.11"
Total this year	6.00"	6.57"	6.09"
Normal	5.61"	5.60"	6.16"
Snow, past 24 hours	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"
Snow, season total	0.6"	2.9"	1.8"

Moon Phases	Solar system
Mar 2 First Quarter	Sun Rise 6:39 a.m. Set 6:02 p.m.
Mar 9 Full	Moon Rise 10:55 a.m. Set 12:45 a.m.
Mar 16 Last Quarter	Mars Rise 3:29 a.m. Set 9:46 p.m.
Mar 24 New	Jupiter Rise 4:03 a.m. Set 1:38 p.m.
	Saturn Rise 4:34 a.m. Set 2:20 p.m.

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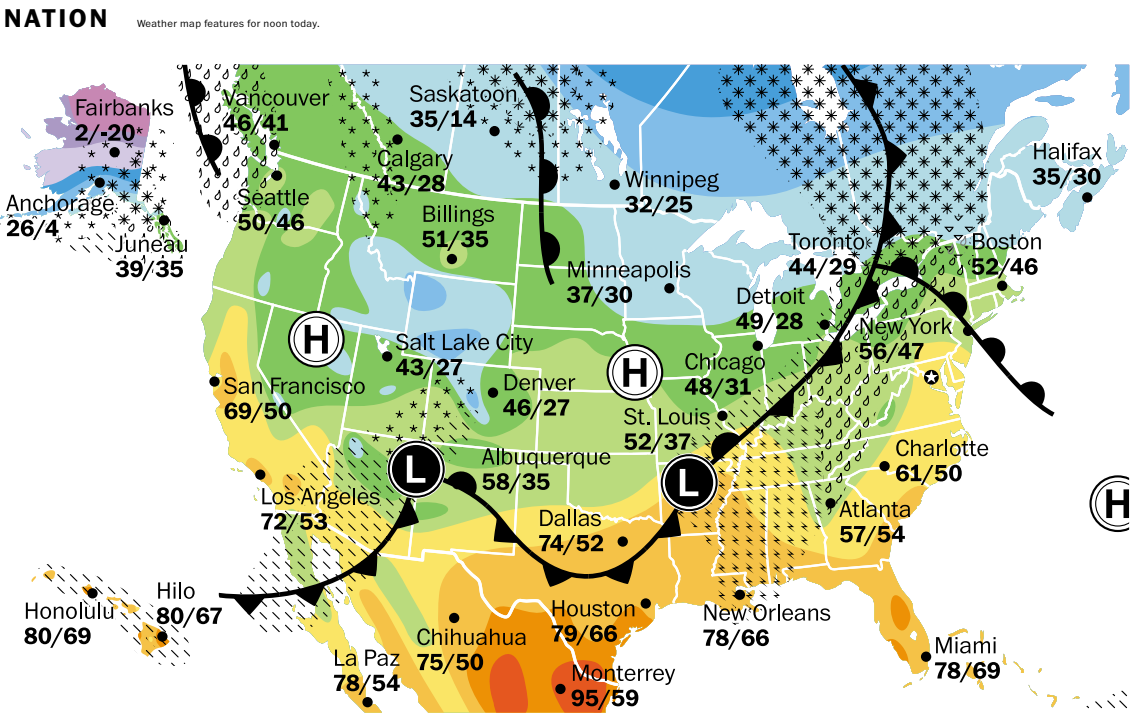
Blue Ridge: Today, cloudy, afternoon rain, drizzle. High 42-46. Wind southwest 8-16 mph. Tonight, cloudy, evening shower. Low 35-39. Wind west-southwest 6-12 mph. Tuesday, mostly cloudy, showers. High 47-51. Wind west-southwest 7-14 mph.

Atlantic beaches: Today, mostly cloudy. High 55-67. Wind south-southwest 10-20 mph. Tonight, cloudy, evening shower. Low 45-52. Wind south-southwest 7-14 mph. Tuesday, cloudy, spotty showers. High 55-65. Wind south-southwest 6-12 mph.

Waterways: *Upper Potomac River:* Today, turning cloudy, afternoon shower. Wind southwest 7-14 knots. Waves 1-2 feet. • *Lower Potomac and Chesapeake Bay:* Today, turning cloudy. Wind south-southwest 7-14 knots. Waves 1-2 feet on the Potomac and 2-3 feet on the Chesapeake Bay. • *River Stages:* The stage at Little Falls will be 3.8 feet today, falling to 3.7 feet on Tuesday. Flood stage at Little Falls is 10 feet.

Today's tides	(High tides in Bold)
Washington	12:53 a.m. 7:15 a.m. 12:57 p.m. 8:16 p.m.
Annapolis	4:09 a.m. 10:48 a.m. 5:14 p.m. 10:25 p.m.
Ocean City	12:22 a.m. 6:49 a.m. 12:42 p.m. 6:53 p.m.
Norfolk	2:10 a.m. 8:40 a.m. 2:33 p.m. 8:40 p.m.
Point Lookout	6:33 a.m. 1:39 p.m. 6:43 p.m. none

NATION



NATIONAL	Today	Tomorrow	Des Moines	47/34/pc	55/35/pc	Oklahoma City	59/39/c	64/44/c
Albany, NY	51/39/r	52/38/sh	Detroit	49/28/r	47/33/pc	Omaha	50/33/pc	59/36/s
Albuquerque	58/35/pc	60/35/c	El Paso	68/47/c	52/41/r	Orlando	79/60/s	84/64/s
Anchorage	26/4/sf	13/1/pc	Fairbanks, AK	2/-20/sn	-3/-22/c	Philadelphia	60/46/c	61/46/sh
Atlanta	57/54/sh	67/55/sh	Fargo, ND	34/27/s	37/21/c	Phoenix	65/48/sh	72/49/s
Austin	79/62/c	74/55/sh	Hartford, CT	53/41/c	59/42/c	Pittsburgh	51/41/r	53/36/r
Baltimore	62/44/c	62/45/sh	Honolulu	80/69/sh	82/70/pc	Portland, ME	43/38/c	53/39/c
Billings, MT	51/35/pc	57/36/s	Houston	79/66/c	78/66/r	Portland, OR	51/45/c	56/44/sh
Birmingham	63/58/t	69/53/t	Indianapolis	52/35/r	53/34/pc	Providence, RI	52/44/c	59/43/c
Bismarck, ND	44/29/s	43/27/sn	Jackson, MS	74/63/t	73/57/r	Raleigh, NC	65/53/pc	67/51/sh
Boise	48/34/c	55/36/pc	Jacksonville, FL	76/60/s	80/62/pc	Reno, NV	47/26/s	57/29/c
Boston	52/46/c	59/45/c	Kansas City, MO	52/36/pc	63/40/s	Richmond	64/48/pc	65/46/sh
Buffalo	48/33/r	48/33/c	Las Vegas	65/48/pc	71/49/s	Sacramento	71/43/s	74/42/s
Burlington, VT	43/35/r	44/33/c	Little Rock	72/53/t	65/50/r	St. Louis	52/37/pc	61/40/s
Charleston, SC	70/58/s	73/60/c	Los Angeles	72/53/pc	77/51/s	St. Thomas, VI	82/74/sh	84/74/sh
Charleston, WV	53/47/r	60/40/r	Louisville	60/49/r	62/41/r	Salt Lake City	43/27/s	47/32/pc
Charlotte	61/50/r	68/53/r	Memphis	69/57/t	65/51/r	San Diego	64/50/pc	69/50/s
Cheyenne, WY	43/26/pc	49/27/s	Miami	78/69/pc	83/72/pc	San Francisco	69/50/s	68/48/s
Chicago	48/31/pc	51/33/pc	Milwaukee	44/30/pc	47/32/c	San Juan, PR	82/73/sh	83/74/sh
Cincinnati	53/43/r	57/37/c	Minneapolis	37/30/s	42/25/c	Seattle	50/46/r	53/42/c
Cleveland	50/35/r	51/35/c	Nashville	63/55/t	66/44/r	Spokane, WA	48/37/pc	53/38/c
Dallas	74/52/sh	64/52/r	New Orleans	78/66/t	79/68/t	Syracuse	52/33/r	48/35/r
Denver	46/27/c	54/29/s	New York City	56/47/c	59/46/sh	Tampa	76/63/s	79/67/s
			Norfolk	67/52/pc	65/51/sh	Wichita	56/34/c	64/38/s



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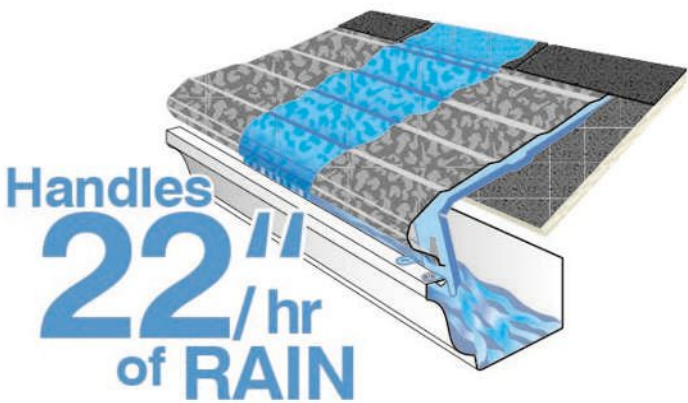


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MOVIES

How Anya Taylor-Joy tapped her horror movie past and love of Jane Austen for the title role in “Emma.” **c2**



THEATER REVIEW

Fine acting lifts playwright Dani Stoller’s “Easy Women Smoking Loose Cigarettes” at Signature Theatre. **c3**



BOOK WORLD

Joshua Hammer’s “The Falcon Thief” is a lively true story of a merciless robber of avian treasures. **c4**

CAROLYN HAX

How can a parent help a teen daughter in a bad romance? Listen quietly, question strategically. **c8**

Pandemic of lies calls for a truth sandwich



Margaret Sullivan

Among the many outlandish statements President Trump has made since taking office, one in particular stands out for me. Speaking in

Kansas City, Mo., in the summer of 2018, he urged the attendees of the VFW annual convention to ignore the journalism of the mainstream media.

“Just stick with us, don’t believe the crap you see from these people, the fake news,” he said. “What you’re seeing and what you’re reading is not what’s happening.”

In other words, if you didn’t hear from me or my minions, it isn’t true.

Chico Marx memorably expressed a similar idea in the 1933 comedy “Duck Soup”: “Who ya gonna believe — me or your own eyes?”

It’s a dumbfounding notion, especially given Trump’s proven propensity for lies and falsehoods. But now as a deadly disease, the coronavirus, threatens to turn into a full-blown pandemic, it’s not simply bizarre in a way that can be easily shrugged off. It’s not just Trump being Trump.

And it’s definitely not funny. It’s dangerous.

Trump and his chosen spokespeople are attempting to dramatically play down the seriousness of the coronavirus and to blame the legitimate news media for doing their jobs of informing the public.

In reporting what Trump has to say, the news media has a

SEE SULLIVAN ON C4

OPERA REVIEW

WNO’s ‘Don Giovanni’ is a timely monster

BY MATTHEW GUERRIERI

When will Mozart’s “Don Giovanni” stop being topical? 2065, maybe — matching the list of the Don’s sexual conquests his long-suffering valet, Leporello, has dutifully catalogued?

For over 230 years, the libertine has been pursued to hell by his victims: Donna Anna, goading her fiancé, Don Ottavio, to revenge after Giovanni assaults her and kills her father, the Commendatore; Donna Elvira, seduced and spurned but still carrying a torch; the peasant girl Zerlina, cornered by the Don’s power on the eve of her wedding to Masetto. And yet, Giovanni returns, perpetually resurrected, perpetually relevant. Washington National Opera’s credible and cogent new production, which opened Saturday at the Kennedy Center, doesn’t have to work very hard to make him feel familiar.

The WNO last mounted “Giovanni” in 2012, in a high-concept, ornate staging; this version was comparatively streamlined. Erhard Rom’s minimalist sets — abstract enough to do double duty for “Samson and Delilah,” opening Sunday — became screens for S. Katy Tucker’s stylized projections.

The characters roamed in period costumes, many recycled from the late Jean-Pierre Ponnelle’s designs, first seen at WNO in the 1980s (with new additions by Lynly A. Saunders). Director E. Loren Meeker’s main conceptual notion was a silent cohort of white-clad women, the Don’s past conquests haunting the stage, shifting the

SEE WNO ON C3

Mike Bloomberg deploys his billions to make a point. It shows what kind of president he would be.

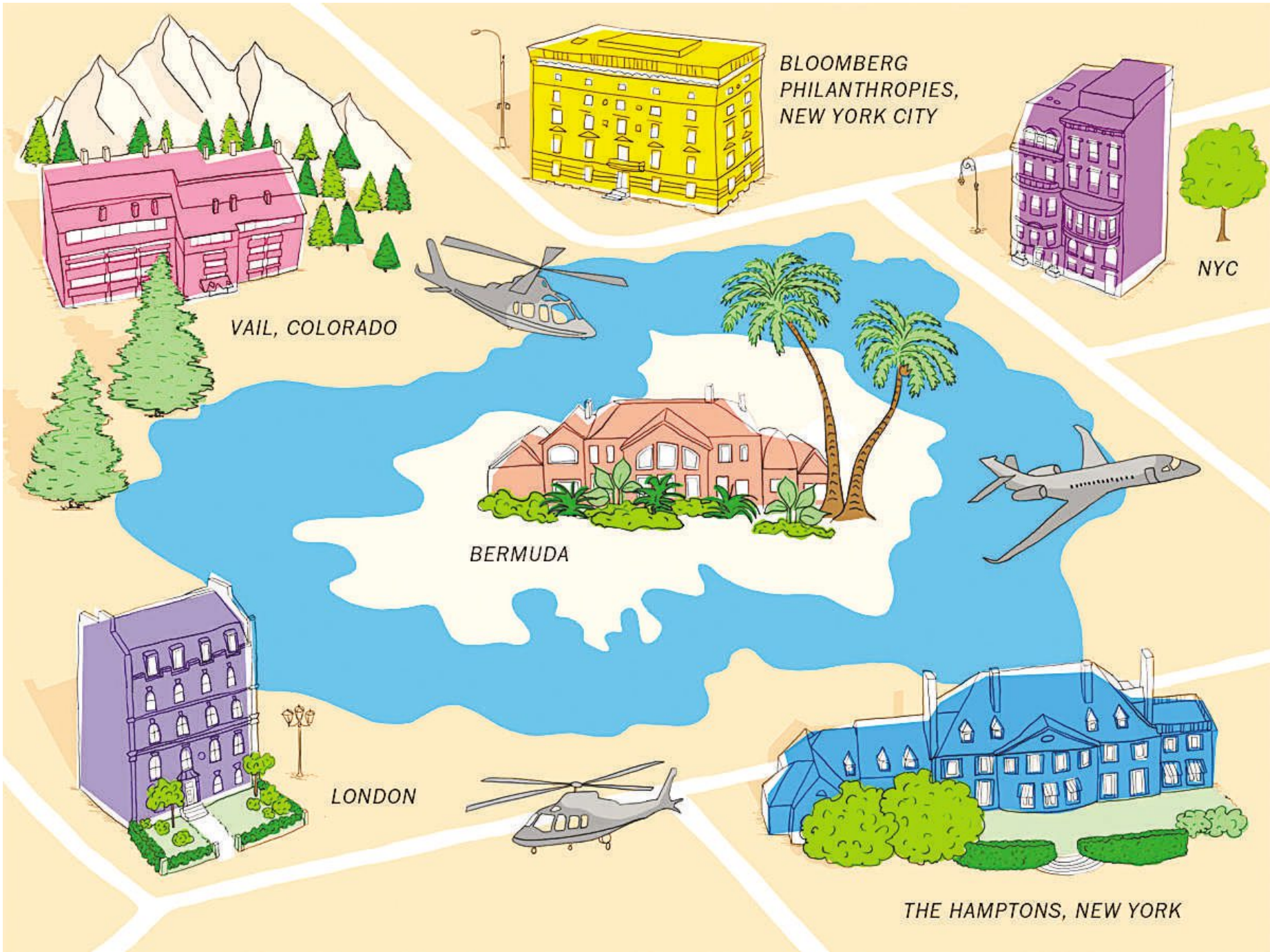


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Follow the money

BY SARAH ELLISON
AND ROXANNE ROBERTS

NEW YORK — When Mike Bloomberg ran the city of New York, he ate hot dogs on the street, was a regular at Knicks games and rode the subway, as a relatable mayor should.

But his billionaire lifestyle lifted off at helipads around the city, and he sometimes used one on the East River at 34th Street, where Bloomberg piloted his own helicopter out of Manhattan during hours the city declared off-limits.

Irrked by the din of the helicopter engine and the odor of its fuel, a disgruntled neighbor recorded Bloomberg’s comings and goings in 2012 and gave the video to a local ABC news station.

The New York press corps pounced. When asked about the illicit weekend travel, Bloomberg said he would no longer use that particular



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Mike Bloomberg before a campaign event in Virginia. To many, the billionaire entering the race is either the ultimate expression of the American Dream or just one symbol of a corrupt system.

helipad, but his irritation was clear: “Don’t know why it’s such a big deal,” he told reporters. “If that’s the news that’s fit to print in this day and age, it’s a sad day.”

Bloomberg’s wealth is the defining feature of his presidential bid, a massive asset and political target. He had an estimated net worth of \$60.5 billion as of Jan. 29, according to Forbes, making him the ninth-richest person in the world and the wealthiest by far to seek the Oval Office. He’s richer than the poorest 125 million Americans combined, a fact Bernie Sanders calls “wrong” and “immoral.”

If the 2020 election is a referendum on how Americans feel about money, Bloomberg is either the ultimate expression of the American Dream or one symbol of a corrupt system. In either case, the way he spends his money is one clue as to

SEE BLOOMBERG ON C2

PARIS FASHION WEEK

Virgil Abloh, on the edge but not leading

BY ROBIN GIVHAN

PARIS — The designer Virgil Abloh stands at the edge of a precipice. He is precariously perched atop a segment of the fashion industry where someone like him is a rare sight: a black man with a megaphone and everyone’s attention.

Abloh is the man behind the Off-White label. He also is the designer of Louis Vuitton’s menswear. But Off-White is his baby; it’s the project that propelled him to this peak. It’s how he made his name as a new kind of designer — one who is not tethered to clothing as his sole creative medium. Abloh is a disc jockey, consultant

and industrial designer. He is a promiscuous collaborator. He has conjured up products with everyone from Ikea and Nike to Evian. Fashion, for Abloh, is not a destination. It is more of a means to an end, with that finale being a charismatic, divine expression of creativity — and a satisfyingly lucrative payday. The eyes of the fashion industry are upon him.

Until suddenly, they are not. Until suddenly, the people come, but in the back of their minds they’re wondering why they made such an effort. This happens in fashion, with brands that ride in on a tide of zeitgeisty buzz: Zac Posen, Hood by Air, Kanye. It happens a lot to designers of

color, but maybe that’s simply because there aren’t that many of them that ever breathe fashion’s rarefied air, and so when it happens to a couple of them it feels as though it happens almost all the time.

Abloh is on that edge. This ebb and flow isn’t a measure of commercial success — though it often is. People buy what they want to buy regardless of what some gatekeepers in a glass tower say. It’s more a reflection of the industry’s willingness to invest in a narrative about technical skill and originality — based more on a whim than evidence. It’s fashion putting truth

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In his Off-White fall-winter 2020-2021 collection, Virgil Abloh gives something that’s already been done a shout-out.

Mike Bloomberg’s \$2 billion question: Why not me?

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the kind of president he would be.

“I can’t speak for all billion-aires,” he said during a recent debate. “All I know is, I’ve been very lucky, made a lot of money, and I’m giving it all away to make this country better.”

He’s gifted \$10 billion to vari-ous philanthropic causes. Apart from that, he’s poured more than \$500 million into the presidential race this year. Campaign advisers say Bloomberg will spend “what-ever it takes” to defeat President Trump — whoever is the Demo-cratic nominee. At his current spend rate, that could cost him \$2 billion or more.

But he hasn’t given it *all* away.

Over the past 30 years, he’s acquired lavish homes, private jets and a modern-art collection — the life of the One Percent of the One Percent. But the money itself was never the point, according to interviews with Bloomberg’s friends and biographers. They say he uses his fortune to shape the world to his vision.

Rewind the clock to 1981. That year Bloomberg was forced out of his job as a millionaire partner at the Wall Street firm Salomon Brothers. It was a blow, but soft-ened by a \$10 million severance package. On his last day of work, he gave his wife of five years a sable jacket.

“I was worried that Sue might be ashamed of my new, less visi-ble status and concerned I couldn’t support the family,” he wrote in his 1997 autobiography “Bloomberg by Bloomberg.” “A sable jacket seemed to say, ‘No sweat. We can still eat. We’re still players.’”

But in the political realm, his assets were sometimes a liability — and a blind spot. As mayor, he spent many weekends golfing in Bermuda and refused to release his schedule to the media while he was there.

During a devastating blizzard in 2010, his administration’s slow response crippled many snow-bound New Yorkers. Bloomberg, who rushed back from the island for the storm, initially dismissed the impact on residents. “The city is going fine,” he told reporters. To prove his point: “Broadway shows were full last night.”

Bloomberg was 39 years old when he used \$4 million of his severance to create the Bloomberg Terminal, a device that gave financial institutions instantaneous analytics. “Nobody in 40 years has come up with anything comparable to what Mike has,” says David Ruben-stein, a fellow billionaire and phil-anthropist.

According to Forbes, Bloomberg currently owns a staggering 88 percent of the privately held business, which had an estimated annual revenue of \$10 billion in 2018.

He was and remains an un-

abashed capitalist, proud of what he built and the country that allowed it to happen. Like most self-made men, he attributes it all to hard work.

The life story the campaign tells about Bloomberg is of a childhood spent in a working-class suburb of Boston, and an education at Johns Hopkins Uni-versity and Harvard Business School funded by student loans, followed by 15 years on Wall Street. All that all before he had his entrepreneurial idea.

It took Bloomberg, who de-clined to comment for this story, five years after he founded his own company to make his first major purchase, spending \$3.5 million on a townhouse at 17 East 79th Street, steps from Central Park. It was a statement to the world that he’d made it, and it remains his primary residence. The property is now worth at least 10 times the purchase price.

The five-story Beaux-Arts lime-stone property started with 7,500 square feet. But Bloomberg pur-chased five of the six apartments in the building next door. He knocked down walls to accommo-date his frequent dinner parties, where he presides as an elegant host while serving fried chicken and coleslaw. (“Pretentious in their unpretentiousness,” de-scribed New York magazine in 2005.)

“One of his friends said that he saw money as a ticket to the rest of the world. Not so much things he could buy, but as a source of power.”

Eleanor Randolph, author

Local reporters knew Bloomberg and his longtime partner, Diana Taylor, were A-list clients of decor-a-tor Jamie Drake. (The then-mayor chose Drake to redo Gracie Man-sion, although he never moved in.) But when the designer posted Bloomberg’s Manhattan and Lon-don antique-filled townhouses on his website without identifying the owner, the media got their first look: Old Masters paintings, a \$1 million Georgian Chippendale couch, an antique snooker table, and the faux-leopard upholstery. It was opulent, tasteful and a little over the top.

“Michael wants to live large, like a 19th century railroad bar-on,” then-editor of Vanity Fair, Graydon Carter, told the New York Times in 2001. “He sees himself as very much like the Carnegies or Mellons.” And New York A-listers saw him that way, too. Bloomberg was respected and embraced by the moneyed society of New York — unlike

Trump, who was dismissed as a nouveau riche tabloid mainstay.

In 2006, Bloomberg chose to locate his primary foundation, Bloomberg Philanthropies, around the corner from his home in two combined buildings worth an estimated \$86 million, accord-ing to property records. There’s a condo on Park Avenue, three properties in Upstate New York and a condo in Vail, according to financial disclosures he filed as mayor. His Ballyshear Estate, a 1913 oceanside mansion in South-ampton, sits on 35 acres with a garden designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, who also created Central Park.

At least half of the properties aren’t for his personal use and are primarily for his family members, including his two daughters, Emma and Georgina, and his grandchildren, according to his campaign.

Overseas, the self-professed Anglophile has two homes in London, where he stays when visiting Bloomberg LP’s sizable office in the city: a three-story Victorian on Cadogan Square and a townhouse in Chelsea where author George Eliot once lived. The Cadogan Square property features sweeping staircases, marble columns and paintings by American artists such as Jasper Johns and Andy Warhol. Bloomberg, who calls London his second home, has an active social life in the city and is chairman of the board of trustees for the Ser-pentine Galleries.

Then there’s the controversial home in Bermuda. He purchased a modest seaside estate in 1998 and replaced it with a \$10 million, 6,000-square-foot retreat, with neighbors such as the late busi-nessman Ross Perot and Silvio Berlusconi, the former prime minister of Italy. Bermuda is his favorite place to play golf, which he took up later in life and has obsessively attempted to conquer.

He also owns private jets — notably a Dassault Falcon 900B — and an Agusta SPA A1095 helicop-ter handpicked by Bloomberg.

“One of his friends said that he saw money as a ticket to the rest of the world,” says Eleanor Ran-dolph, author of “The Many Lives of Michael Bloomberg.” “Not so much things he could buy, but as a source of power.”

Philanthropy and public service are my two great loves after my daughters and my company,” he wrote in 1997, a year after he wrote his first multimillion-dollar check to Johns Hopkins University. “There are few people as lucky as I have been. Depending on your per-spective, I deserve it or I don’t. No matter which, I have it.”

As a trustee of the university, Bloomberg became taken with the idea of using wealth to save lives. He’s given a total of \$3.3 bil-lion to his alma mater, the largest single recipient of his philanthro-



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Nervous about the Democratic field and a Trump reelection, Mike Bloomberg entered the 2020 race late.

py.

“I never have met anyone in any profession that got the idea so quickly,” said Al Sommer, then-dean of the university’s School of Public Health. Bloomberg is now one of the most generous philan-thropists in America, promoting gun safety, environmental protec-tion, education, women’s rights and health care.

But Bloomberg has said he believes private philanthropy can do only so much. In 2001, when he was 59 years old, he decided to run for mayor.

During that first campaign, re-porters questioned the billionaire about why he hadn’t released his tax returns. Bloomberg chafed at the request, as if his considerable wealth could not be compared to that of the other candidates. “They don’t make anything,” he shot back. “They get paid exactly what they — ” and then he stopped himself. “Forget about it. Next question.”

(The question of his tax returns has come up again in his presi-dential bid; he’s promised to re-lease them within weeks.)

As a lifelong Democrat who registered as a Republican to run for mayor, he spent a record \$74 million to win the office in 2001, and even more — \$85 mil-lion — in 2005 for a second term. He won in a landslide over his Democratic opponent, whose campaign spent only \$9.5 mil-lion, according to campaign fi-nance records.

The financial crisis of 2008 gave the billionaire a compelling reason to lobby for another four years, which required the city to change its term-limit laws. By the end of the campaign, he had spent \$109 million of his own money. The tab for his three may-oral campaigns was the most any individual personally spent to

win elected office.

But he was also giving away billions, some of it anonymously. Bloomberg focused on the city’s infrastructure, public art projects and public health. He banned smoking in New York City bars, unpopular when it happened un-till it was roundly embraced.

Between 2001 and 2010, he donated nearly \$200 million to the Carnegie Corporation, which in turn funded small programs around the city.

“Anyone who received those grants knew they came from Bloomberg,” said Joyce Purnick, author of “Mike Bloomberg: Mon-ey, Power, Politics.” Critics ac-cused him of using the philan-thropy for his own political ambi-tions — at that point, a third term as mayor.

After leaving office in 2013, there was talk he might settle into a life of philanthropy, entertain-ing and golf. Instead, he went back to his company, ousted the chief executive and took control again.

“The alternative, in my case, is staying home and talking to Di-ana about feelings,” he joked at a panel discussion in 2014. “If that doesn’t get you back to work, I don’t know what would.”

For a few years, he kept busy with his business and philanthro-py, then was increasingly drawn into politics. He considered but rejected entering the 2016 presi-dential race, despite entreaties by fellow billionaires such as Rupert Murdoch. But, horrified by the election of Trump, he gave more than \$100 million to congressio-nal candidates in the 2018 mid-terms. When the president pulled the United States out of the Paris climate agreement, Bloomberg pledged to cover the U.S. contri-bution, which amounted to \$4.5 billion in 2018 and \$5.5 mil-

lion in 2019.

In early 2019, Bloomberg launched Hawkfish, a digital vot-er identification and messaging company that he planned to give to whoever became the 2020 Democratic nominee for presi-dent. At the time, he was comfort-able with the field, and he accept-ed former vice president Joe Biden as the likely front-runner and even mentioned advisers for his campaign, suggestions that were ignored. But Biden’s lacklus-ter first debate and his poor fund-raising worried him, as did Sen. Elizabeth Warren’s position on Medicare-for-all. He worried that the large Democratic field wasn’t embracing policies strategically and that Trump would beat them in key battleground states.

“That alarmed him, and that’s when he decided to enter the race,” said a Bloomberg adviser.

His race is a lot like his life: sweeping, well-funded, luxurious compared with every other Demo-cratic rival. Entry-level staffers for his campaign are paid \$72,000 a year, with three catered meals every day, reports the New York Times. The campaign has issued Apple laptops and new iPhones for the thousands of people hired to work in 125 offices around the country. Even his rallies are ex-tra-vagant: open bars, groaning buffets and lots of free swag.

Whatever it takes to beat Trump.

“It grates on him that a man not nearly as wealthy, not nearly as smart and not nearly as philan-thropic became president of the United States,” explained another friend. “He thinks he’s better than Trump in all those categories — so why shouldn’t he be president?”

That, of course, is the \$2 billion question.

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In a screwball retelling of ‘Emma,’ a horror star is the ideal titular heroine

BY SONIA RAO

As a suspected witch in Puritan New England, Anya Taylor-Joy holds her tears back out of indig-nation. As an abducted teenager, she allows them to silently stream down her face as she stares at her captor. As a devious high schooler perfecting a fake sob, she mimics the experience of choking.

The 23-year-old actress makes a point of differentiating her cry-ing technique in every film. Each character she embodies is an entirely different human being, she recently explained to The Washington Post, and if she ever sees “a flash of Anya, that upsets me because . . . I want them to stand alone.”

As Emma Woodhouse, the meddling Jane Austen heroine, Taylor-Joy weeps out of selfish-ness before she breaks down due to true heartbreak. Released Fri-day, “Emma” is the directorial debut of photographer Autumn de Wilde, who puts her own spin on the oft-adapted novel by in-jecting it with the DNA of a screwball comedy. As such, crying isn’t all Taylor-Joy, an indie dar-ling for her work in horror-thrill-ers such as “The Witch” and “Thoroughbreds,” was tasked with switching up. Her latest project called for a sense of hu-mor she has rarely had the oppor-tunity to exhibit at this level.

That’s just how her career turned out, Taylor-Joy said, as she never set out to make her name in a specific genre but instead chooses projects for challenging stories and characters. Growing up in England, she was keenly aware of “Emma.” She first read the novel at 11 years old, again at 15, and once more before shoot-ing the film, when “there were elements of Emma’s theatricality

that really jumped out at me.”

“There are little paragraphs that are like, ‘With her hair ragged and the maid sent away, Emma sat down to be miserable,’ ” Taylor-Joy recalled, to near per-fection. “I just loved that. This woman is living in her own film, and everything is dramatic and opulent. . . . When I agreed to take the role, I said, ‘I only want to do it if I can stay true to Austen.’ She’d written a character that no one but herself would quite like.”

Like much of Austen’s work, “Emma” satirizes upper-class so-ciety, centering on a “handsome, clever and rich” 20-year-old who has vowed to never marry and instead lives alone with her hypo-chondriac father (Bill Nighy). She spends her time matchmaking — though her neighbor and close confidant George Knightley (Johnny Flynn) would probably refer to it as interfering. Such as in the case of her fawning com-panion Harriet Smith (Mia Goth) and the local vicar Philip Elton (Josh O’Connor), Emma’s efforts to set up her friends and acquain-tances are generally well inten-tioned but often misguided.

In preparing her pitch, de Wil-de thought to present producers with her dream cast to capture “some very specific ideas for how I saw the characters.” As an estab-lished rock photographer who has toured with musicians such as Beck, Death Cab for Cutie and the White Stripes, she found her-self drawing similarities between the frenetic, contained setting of Emma’s small town and, unex-pectedly, that of a tour bus.

“Everyone’s young and full of passion, and mistakes are made,” she said. “Things are glorious, and there’s a lot of drama. . . . I know it sounds weird to use the



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Anya Taylor-Joy brings the right amount of vulnerability to a complex and beloved Austen character.

word, but a real rock star also presents themselves as foolish and untethered, and then the king of the world, and then ex-hausted and overwhelmed and fragile. . . . I wanted to bring that through the actors and their per-formances.”

Unconcerned as to how her version of Emma would compare to those past — most famously, a charming Gwyneth Paltrow in the 1996 adaptation — de Wilde focused on presenting a “compli-cated heroine,” or one who would be unlikely at times. She needed a rock star actress who could “handle the untying of Emma,” who could go from pompous to vulnerable and back again. Taylor-Joy had displayed a com-plexity of emotion in her horror work, transforming from seem-ing victims into twisted antihe-roles.

“That was remarkable to me,” de Wilde said. “It also proved to me that she was a ‘story first’ actor, not a ‘pretty first’ actor. She

obviously has this stunning beau-ty, but I could really tell that she abandoned all thoughts of how she looked to really grasp hold of a character.”

Emma’s eventual love interest, Mr. Knightley, captures audienc-es’ hearts right away. De Wilde fashioned him an introductory scene that has already elicited gasps, drawing upon the provoca-tive spirit of Austen’s own story-telling. We see Mr. Knightley’s bare buttocks as the man helping him change into Alexandra Byrne’s couture designs flits about, draping garment after gar-ment onto the gentleman. “I thought a very poetic, almost painterly beginning to him as a human would make you go, ‘This is the man I’m supposed to love,’” de Wilde said of the scene. “I’ve been watching women undress in order to achieve that, or some-times for less admirable reasons, my whole life.”

Emma, on the other hand, is endeared to audiences through



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her flaws. De Wilde has heard from young women who relate to Emma’s “dark side,” who them-selves have done something hor-rible and then immediately re-gretted it. That’s what gives the character depth and makes her so rewarding to work with, the di-rector continued. Emma is “not 100 percent a bully, but she some-times bullies.”

Never is that relatability more crushing than when Emma runs her mouth in the story’s infamous picnic scene, insulting Miss Bates (Miranda Hart), a talkative ac-quaintance of lesser means, by remarking upon her tendency to drone on. Miss Bates flees, and Emma, immediately overcome with shame, is left to contend with what she has done. After Mr. Knightley chastises her, she de-scends into tears.

While aspects of Emma reso-nate with Taylor-Joy, she doesn’t approach projects looking for similarities. Emma’s tears — which serve a more redemptive

purpose than those of Taylor-Joy’s other characters — were shaped by a lesson the actress learned shooting a crying scene for the psychological horror film “Split,” during which director M. Night Shyamalan “completely changed” her acting style.

“I did the scene and Night very sweetly came up to me and said, ‘Anya, that was beautiful, but I’ve seen you cry like this. Don’t be selfish, give the character her own tears,’ ” Taylor-Joy recalled. “That had a profound effect on me. . . . I’m sure people do it differently and every way is valid, but I can’t cry as a character because of something that’s hap-pened to me. I have to cry from a place of empathy.”

In building her cast, de Wilde worked to ensure everyone would be comfortable enough around one another to build the “library of passive aggressive behavior” that exists in Emma’s world. She credits the final product to the actors’ “abandonment of vanity,” especially Taylor-Joy’s.

“This story is called ‘Emma,’ ” de Wilde said. “But if Anya Taylor-Joy hadn’t been such an ensemble actor, this movie would never have worked. Although she’s the most important character, she understood that Emma’s nothing without these beautiful little characters that Jane Austen cre-ated.”

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Helena Andrews-Dyer and Emily Heil have moved on to new assignments at The Post. A search is underway for a new Reliable Source columnist. The column will return.

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Virgil Abloh’s fall-winter 2020-2021 collection featured big tulle ballgowns juxtaposed with technical sportswear and street gear — and it lacked the designer’s usual vision.



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Abloh’s new collection fails to stick the landing

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to the “Project Runway” cliché about fortunes shifting in a day. Fashion isn’t fickle; fashion simply puts an inordinate amount of stock in fables.

Abloh is an intellectual grazer. He’s constantly snacking on inspiration, offbeat ideas, iconic creative gestures from historic brands. The fall-winter 2020-2021 collection he put on the runway Thursday evening at Fashion Week was a mix of Abloh

and Nike and Arc’teryx — along with references to the Dutch label Viktor & Rolf and its use of massive silhouettes and Tom Ford’s version of Gucci. Indeed, Abloh sent down a white knit dress with Swiss cheese cutouts and a gold belt that was a direct homage to Ford’s slinky white jersey evening gown with strategic peeks of skin, which was, itself, an homage to the work of Halston. It was even worn by the same model, Carolyn Murphy, who should really bottle whatever she’s drinking because she does not appear to have aged

at all in the course of more than two decades.

Abloh likes big tulle ballgowns juxtaposed with technical sportswear and street gear. So he offers half a fussy party dress over camouflage trousers, or a cropped windcoat over a giant wedge of tulle. He likes Hadids, of which there were three on the runway: Gigi, Bella and mama Yolanda. Sometimes, instead of spindly heels, models wore Off-White for Nike sneakers with their dangling references to anti-theft devices. That was the coolest thing on a

runway, which was essentially a large sports arena lit by lurid red lights and studded with the sawed halves of cars standing upright like industrial age Stonehenge.

Fashion is all about borrowing, referencing and reinventing. But really good fashion does so in a way that improves upon a preexisting idea by tweaking it to make it utterly, perfectly right for a new time. Truly marvelous fashion transforms something familiar into a revelation. Abloh doesn’t reveal something anew; he gives

something that’s already been done a shout-out.

At the end of his show, metallic confetti rained down on the cars. It wasn’t clear why. But blizzards of confetti have been part of the finale at other designers’ runway shows. Abloh is part of the rental economy in which nothing is owned and everything is shared. Everything is borrowed. No one has a stake in anything. Nothing sticks.

Abloh is a designer for our time. Until suddenly, he is not.

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THEATER REVIEW

‘Easy Women’: First-rate acting but too many startling swerves

BY CELIA WREN

Triscuits help fuel the spirituality of Marian, the flaky matriarch in “Easy Women Smoking Loose Cigarettes.” At one point in this tonally jolting play, now receiving its world premiere from Signature Theatre, the character watches a video by a goddess-movement shaman. It’s night, and Marian is seeking calm in a household filled with needy, and even desperate, loved ones. “We are working to lean in to our Shakti,” the video intones. Watching raptly, Marian consumes wine, ice cream and Triscuits by turns.

Would that this dramedy, by local playwright Dani Stoller, could multitask as fluently. A tale of a family grappling with crises and mistakes, “Easy Women” offers some real poignancy, as well as moments of delectable humor scattered amid more obvious yuks. Its narrative whirs along with well-made-play efficiency, reflecting creditably on Stoller, better known as an actress. And director Stevie Zimmerman’s

sold-out production showcases terrific performances, such as Susan Rome’s droll, vivid Marian.

But “Easy Women” encompasses a story of sex addiction and a broken marriage, and Stoller and Zimmerman have not succeeded in making this dark material seem part of a continuum with the frothier content. When the play veers between comedy and seriousness, the effect is jarring. Moreover, in an ill-conceived choice, semi-humorousness infuses a key scene involving a seduction so aggressive, and so lopsided in its power dynamic, that it is almost an assault.

These flaws are not attributable to the acting. The performers, all boasting first-rate dramatic and comic timing, have no trouble switching styles. Rome works mostly in comic mode as the fussy motormouth Marian, who at one point cajoles her entire household, male and female, to participate in a ritual exploration of the Sacred Yoni.

The story of Marian’s sex-addict daughter Lee lurches between hu-



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Shanara Gabrielle, left, and Susan Rome excel as mother-daughter duo Lee and Marian in “Easy Women Smoking Loose Cigarettes.”

mor and intensity, but that’s not the fault of Shanara Gabrielle, who excels at both and plausibly tempers spikiness with vulnerability. Reeling from her problems, Lee seeks refuge at Mom’s, where she encounters the pregnant Kitty (an ebullient Jordan Slattery), niece to Marian’s husband Rich-

ard (John Leslie Wolfe, amusingly mellow). Also on hand is the Princeton-bound Bobby (John Austin, hilariously tightly wound), who has fled his own family’s troubles.

The supporting characters contribute funny moments and valuable warmth. After Kitty

complains that her baby bump makes it hard to shave her legs, Bobby helps out. She sits on a table, with a lollipop in her mouth, while he gently wields the razor. (Meghan Raham designed the Florida-townhouse set, and Debra Kim Sivigny the personality-appropriate costumes.)

In a more startling swerve away from comedy, Lee at one point exclaims, “I don’t know what to do with all of this pain.” You often don’t perceive that anguish, due to the punchline aesthetic — Triscuit references and all — that extends around her.

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Easy Women Smoking Loose Cigarettes by Dani Stoller. Directed by Stevie Zimmerman; lighting design, Andrew Cissna; sound, Kenny Neal; intimacy coordinator, Casey Kaleba. 110 minutes. This show is sold out; returned tickets could create availability. Through March 29 at Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave., Arlington. 703-820-9771. sigtheatre.org.

Mozart gets a #MeToo moment from WNO

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center of gravity toward a female vantage. There were flashes of wit (Elvira entering with a train of literal baggage was a nice touch). But the overall strategy was lean, eschewing grandeur, setting up the singers to succeed and then getting out of their way.

And the singing and acting were, on the whole, very good. As Donna Anna, Vanessa Vasquez deployed a crystalline or steely bite as the situation demanded, with finely drawn phrasing: refined wrath. Keri Alkema’s Donna Elvira took longer to warm up, but once there, put out rich sound edged with satin, a slight haze of fantasy. Vanessa Becerra was a bright, pert Zerlina; sometimes, pushing out volume, her intonation would drift sharp, but, when centered, her singing had an appealing effervescence.

Alek Shrader, as Ottavio, seemed to be in suboptimal voice, shifting from easiness to tight effort in higher range, backing off his top notes. Norman Garrett’s Masetto had fine-grained, dynamic tone and restrained power. Peter Volpe was appropriately stern and stentorian as the Commendatore. And the opera’s main odd couple was estimable. As the Don, Ryan McKinny unspooled smooth, stylish sound, a forceful snarl lurking beneath a suave veneer. And Kyle Ketelsen was a scene- and show-stealing Leporello: a gleaming, dynamic baritone, a dexterous command of the language and some punctilious comedic timing.

Timing was an issue for WNO principal conductor Evan Rogister; though the orchestra made balanced, polished sound, coordination between players and singers was often approximate. But the cleanly drawn, direct sense of storytelling, more efficient than opulent, compensated. Ketelsen’s comic skills, especially, often pushed the show’s knife-edge balance of horror and farce in the latter direction, but lurking tension propelled the show like a coiled spring.

Publicity and program notes explicitly referenced #MeToo and related movements. (“He’s spent his life betraying women,” the posters read. “Now time’s up.”) But it was damning enough indictment that Meeker didn’t need to underline the parallels. This production’s particular strength was revealing the Don’s unrepentant amorality as only the most obvious pathology. Ottavio’s self-centered impatience, Masetto’s jealousy and Leporello’s cynicism also victimize the women; nevertheless, as in reality, it remains women’s work to navigate, mitigate, placate. That the story feels true to human nature testifies to Mozart and Lorenzo da Ponte’s incisiveness. That a straightforward interpretation is, in 2020, effortlessly timely? That’s on us.

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Washington National Opera’s “Don Giovanni,” with a running time of approximately three hours, will be performed intermittently through March 22 at the Kennedy Center’s Opera House.

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SHOW NAME	DATES & TIMES	DESCRIPTION	DETAILS	PRICE	ADDITIONAL
MUSIC - ORCHESTRAL					
 The Apollo Orchestra With Peter Orth, piano	Thursday, March 5 at 6:00pm	The Apollo Orchestra welcomes world-renowned pianist Peter Orth in an evening of works by Beethoven and Respighi.	The Kennedy Center Terrace Theater 2700 F Street NW Washington, DC 20566 www.apolloorchestra.com	Free	Free tickets will be distributed beginning at 5pm in the States Gallery, two per person
DANCE					
 The Kennedy Center "DEMO" by Damian Woetzel: NOW 2020	Tonight at 8	Damian Woetzel, former NYC Ballet Principal dancer turned director, choreographer, and producer—and now president of The Juilliard School—continues to bring together today's most creative voices in dance and music. For this <i>DEMO</i> performance, artists Robert Fairchild, Lauren Lovette, Roman Mejia, Melissa Toogood, Dario Ntarelli, Lil Buck, Jon Boogz, Brooklyn Rider, and Alberta Khoury join forces in an exciting program of new collaborations!	Kennedy Center Eisenhower Theater kennedy-center.org or call (202) 467-4600	Tickets available at the Box Office	
 The Kennedy Center "Fruits borne out of rust" by Tabaimo and Maki Morishita	Tomorrow at 7:30	Conceived and directed by internationally renowned Japanese visual artist Tabaimo in collaboration with award-winning choreographer Maki Morishita, this whimsical, mischievous multimedia work is performed by a solo female dancer and two on-stage musicians to an original score by Yusuke Awazu and Keisuke Tanaka.	Kennedy Center Terrace Theater kennedy-center.org or call (202) 467-4600	Tickets available at the Box Office	

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Breeders (FX at 10) Martin Freeman stars as Paul, a caring father who is discovering he’s not the man he thought he was and navigating everyday struggles of parenting, work and his relationship.

The Bachelor (ABC at 8) Peter must whittle down his choices to two final women. Hannah Ann and Victoria wonder why Madison is a no-show at the rose ceremony. A women’s tell-all follows.

Better Call Saul (AMC at 9) Kim’s confidence is tested when she’s faced with a legal problem that only she can solve. Mike continues to spiral out of control. Jimmy’s business enters new, unknown territory.

Black Lightning (CW at 9) The Pierce family prepares for war after learning that Gravedigger and the Markovians are coming to attack Freeland.

The Good Doctor (ABC at 10) Doctors Claire Browne and Neil Melendez cautiously navigate their feelings for each other as colleagues. A patient with a years-long mysterious illness has never been able to be diagnosed, causing physician Shaun Murphy and the team to take some big risks.

Manifest (NBC at 10) Ben tries to

connect with Olive, who is in low spirits in the wake of a tragedy. Saanvi shares a medical discovery that could change everyone’s lives. Michaela questions Jared’s loyalty.

LATE NIGHT

Daily Show/Noah (Comedy Central at 11) Nina Dobrev.

Tonight Show/Fallon (NBC at 11:34) Rachel Maddow, Pamela Adlon, Joji.

Late Show/Colbert (CBS at 11:35) Ty Burrell, John Heilemann, James Taylor.

Late Late Show/Corden (CBS at 12:37) Mark Wahlberg, Iliza Shlesinger, Rob Haze.

Late Night/Meyers (NBC at 12:37) Winston Duke, Surfaces, Glen Sobel.

A Little Late/Lilly Singh (NBC at 1:40) Taran Killam.

— Nina Zafar

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BROADCAST CHANNELS										
3/2/20	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
4.1 WRC (NBC)	◆News	◆Hollywood	The Voice				(10:01) ◆Manifest	News	◆J. Fallon	
4.2 WRC (IND)	The Munsters	The Munsters	Frasier	Frasier	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	The Nanny	The Nanny	
5.1 WTTG (Fox)	Fox 5	◆TMZ	◆9-1-1: Lone Star			(9:01) ◆Prodigal Son	Fox 5 News at 10		News	The Final
7.1 WJLA (ABC)	◆Wheel	◆J'pardy!	◆The Bachelor				◆The Good Doctor		News	◆J. Kimmel
9.1 WUSA (CBS)	Q&A	◆ET	◆Neighbor	◆Bob-Abishola	◆All Rise		◆Bull		9 News	◆Colbert
14.1 WFDC (UNI)	La Rosa de Guadalupe		Ringo		Amor eterno				Noticias	◆Noticiero
20.1 WDCA (MNTV)	◆Family Feud	◆Family Feud	Fox 5 News	◆Family Feud	Fox 5 News	◆Extra	Big Bang	Big Bang	◆Law & Order: SVU	
22.1 WMPT (PBS)	Connect.	Collect	Suze Orman's Ultimate Retirement Guide				Food Fix With Mark Hyman, MD			
26.4 WETA (PBS)	PBS NewsHour		Doo Wop to Pop Rock: My Music Celebrates 20 Years				Change Your Brain, Heal Your Mind			
32.1 WHUT (PBS)	DW News	◆MotorWk	Sesame Street: 50 Years & Still Sunny!			Mumford & Sons-Live From South Africa		Democracy Now!		
50.1 WDCW (CW)	◆black-ish	◆black-ish	◆All American		◆Black Lightning		Friends	◆Seinfeld	Mike & Molly	Two Men
66.1 WPXW (ION)	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds	
CABLE CHANNELS										
A&E	Live PD	Live PD	Live PD	Live PD	Live Rescue				Live PD	Live PD
AMC	(6:00) Movie: Hacksaw Ridge		★★★ (2016)		Better Call Saul		(10:15) Dispatches From Elsewhere		Call Saul	
Animal Planet	Alaska- Last Frontier		Alaska- Last Frontier		Alaska- Last Frontier		Bush People	Bush People		
BET	(6:00) Movie: Diary of a Mad		Black Woman ★★ (2005)		Movie: Tyler Perry's Temptation: Confessions of a Marriage Counselor ★ (2013)					
Bravo	Below Deck Sailing Yacht		Below Deck Sailing Yacht		Below Deck		Spy Games	Watch	Below Deck	
Cartoon Network	Gumball	Gumball	Home Movies		Amer. Dad	Rick, Morty	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy
CNN	Erin Burnett OutFront		Anderson Cooper 360		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	CNN Tonight		
Comedy Central	The Office		The Office		The Office		The Office	The Office	Daily	Lights Out
Discovery	Street Outlaws: Full		Street Outlaws		Fastest Cars					
Disney	Raven	(7:35) Bunk'd	Fam Jam	Gabby Duran	Sydney-Max	Roll With It	Coop & Cami	Sydney-Max	Bunk'd	Gabby Duran
E!	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Room	Frasers	Nightly
ESPN	College Basketball: NC State at Duke (Live)				College Basketball: Texas Tech at Baylor (Live)				SportsCenter (Live)	
ESPN2	Women's College Basketball: Bulls at Huskies				All-Star Football Challenge				2019 World Series of Poker	
Food Network	Kids Baking Championship		Kids Baking		Kids Baking		Kids Baking	Chopped Sweets		
Fox News	The Story With Martha		Tucker Carlson Tonight		Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News at Night	
Freeform	(6:00) Movie: Guardians of the Galaxy			Movie: Back to the Future ★★★ (1985)			The 700 Club			
FX	Transformers	Movie: Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle ★★★ (2017)			Breeders		(11:14) Breeders			
Hallmark	(6:00) Love at First Glance		Movie: A Novel Romance (2015)		Movie: The Birthday Wish (2017)					
Hallmark M&M	Flower Shop Mysteries				Aurora Teagarden Mysteries				Murder, She Wrote	
HBO	(6:05) Movie: Gangs of New York				★★★ (2002)		The New Pope	(10:01) McMillion\$	The New Pope	
HGTV	Home Town		Home Town		Home Town		Home Town	Home Town		
History	American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		(10:03) Pawn Stars	(11:05) Pawn Stars		
Lifetime	Grey's Anatomy		Movie: A Walk to Remember ★★ (2002)		(10:03) Movie: Easy A		★★★ (2010)			
MASN	MLB Preseason Baseball: Tampa Bay Rays at Baltimore Orioles				Jay Wright		Dooley	Hustle	Athletics	
MSNBC	Hardball Matthews		All In With Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow Show		The Last Word		The 11th Hour	
MTV	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridic.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.
Nat'l Geographic	Brain Games		Brain Games: Bonus		Brain Games		(10:03) Brain Games		(11:03) Brain Games	
NBC SportsNet WA	NBA G League Basketball: Blue Coats at Go-Go				Offseason		DC Sports	Dell Int.	Chasing	Redskins
Nickelodeon	Movie: Alvin and the Chipmunks ★★ (2007)				Friends		Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
PARMT	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops
Syfy	Movie: R.I.P.D. ★ (2013)				Movie: Underworld: Blood Wars ★★ (2016)				Futurama	Futurama
TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Conan	Seinfeld
TCM	(6:00) Movie: I Want You		Movie: Laura ★★ (1944)		(9:45) Movie: The Ghost and Mrs. Muir		★★★ (1947)		My Fair Lady	
TLC	Say Yes to the Dress		90 Day Fiancé: Before the 90 Days				90 Day Fiancé		sMothered	
TNT	(6:00) Movie: Maleficent		Movie: Beauty and the Beast ★★ (2017)				The Curious Case of Benjamin Button			
Travel	Unexplained: C		Beyond the Unknown				Beyond the Unknown		Beyond the Unknown	
TruTV	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers
TV Land	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Raymond	Everybody Loves Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	King	King
TV One	Fam. Matters	Fam. Matters	Fatal Attraction		Fatal Attraction		Fatal Attraction		Fatal Attraction	
USA Network	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	WWE Monday Night RAW (Live)				Briarpatch			
VH1	Love & Hip Hop		Love & Hip Hop		Love & Hip Hop Miami		Love & Hip Hop		Love & Hip Hop Miami	
WNC8	Voice Your Future Town Hall		Govt. Matters		ABC 7 News	Sports	ABC News	WJLA 24/7 News at 10	Govt. Matters	SportsTalk
WGN	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing

LEGEND: Bold indicates new or live programs ◆High Definition Movie Ratings (from TMS) ★★★★★ Excellent ★★★ Good ★★ Fair ★ Poor No stars: not rated

MARGARET SULLIVAN

As Trump peddles coronavirus falsehoods, journalists must stay vigilant

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huge responsibility not to repeat and amplify his misleading spin — a spin that may serve his political interests but is not in the public interest.

It’s not always easy, though, for mainstream journalists to put his claims in the proper context.

After all, it had always been normal to let a president have his say — to let his statements turn the news while letting the fact checks follow.

That has changed somewhat during the lie-ridden Trump administration, but not nearly enough. The reflexive media urge, deep in our DNA, is still to quote the president without offering an immediate challenge.

That’s why we continue to see headlines and chyrons that parrot his words directly, no matter how misleading: That the virus will disappear, that it’s not inevitable that the disease will spread, that a vaccine is coming along “rapidly,” that the

United States is “very, very ready” to deal with whatever happens.

When journalists do push back with fact checks or with dissenting sources from the worlds of science and medicine, Trump and the administration attack the messengers. Sometimes that takes the form of disparaging tweets such as one from Wednesday in which he charged cable networks MSNBC and CNN of “panicking markets” and in which he bragged “USA in great shape!”

His most dependable allies are right there with him — accusing the mainstream news media of using virus coverage to try to take down the president.

Their logic seems to be that the drastic stock market declines in recent days are the result of media overkill, not legitimate business concerns. “What I might do to calm the markets is turn the television off for 24 hours,” was acting White House chief of staff Mick Mulvaney’s advice Friday to the audience at the Conservative

Political Action Conference.

Some months ago, I wrote about the linguist George Lakoff’s prescription for handling the president’s false statements and lies, an approach that’s become known as the “truth sandwich.”

In reporting what Trump has to say, the news media has a huge responsibility not to repeat and amplify his misleading spin.

Rather than lead with the falsehood and then try to debunk it, Lakoff — an expert on how propaganda works — suggested flipping that formula: Lead with the truth, air the falsehood, and then follow with the fact check.

Avoid giving prominence to lies, he advises. Don’t put them in headlines, leads or tweets. It is that very amplification that gives them power, even if they are proclaimed false in the next beat.

Of course, that recommendation runs in direct opposition to how news usually works. Traditionally, we have emphasized the words of top officials, and only then tempered them with fact checks.

Too often, Lakoff told me, the media “has become complicit with Trump by allowing itself to be used as an amplifier for his falsehoods and frames.” And that’s true even when journalists make lists of lies. It’s the repetition and the prominence that does the harm.

Trump’s tendency to spin out assertions untethered from reality becomes a recipe for disaster when combined with his disdain for scientists, medical experts, intelligence officials, journalists and others who deal in fact-based reality. Add in the dangers of a



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President Trump and members of the coronavirus task force during a news conference at the White House last week.

disease rapidly approaching pandemic proportions, and it becomes more important than ever to emphasize truthful information over false spin.

I’m convinced that we in the media, with all our obvious faults, have learned *some* things

about covering Trump over the past four years. Now would be an excellent time to put it into practice.

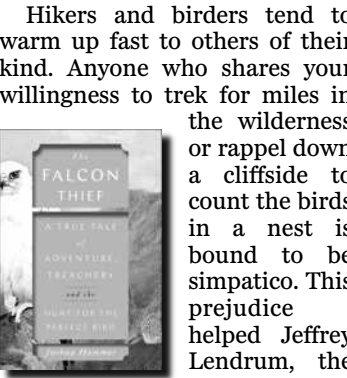
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BOOK WORLD

In riveting true story, a notorious thief of rare bird eggs is finally apprehended

BY DENNIS DRABELLE



THE FALCON THIEF
A True Tale of Adventure, Treachery, and the Perfect Bird
By Joshua Hammer
Simon & Schuster. 336 pp. \$26

As a boy in Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe), the charming and athletic Lendrum’s keen interest in birds and his

readiness to volunteer on their behalf made him a favorite at clubs devoted to matters avian. Behind his winning facade, however, lurked a poor student who failed at almost everything he tried — except stealing eggs and chicks from nests, a skill taught to him by his father.

Young Lendrum’s prowess earned him a raffish preeminence among his peers. One of his boyhood friends recalled climbing a tree to filch sparrow hawk eggs only to find a nest with two things in it, a common chicken egg and a message left by the competitive Lendrum: “Too late, sucker.”

Lendrum fell under suspicion when, time after time, he would report having seen a clutch of eggs only to have another birder check his work and find an empty nest. In 1983, a police raid on the family home uncovered a cabinet full of eggs, many of them from endangered species. Lendrum’s father claimed that he and the lad were legitimate birders and this was “just a schoolboy collection.” The cops were having none of it. Father and son were convicted on

multiple counts of theft and illegal possession, fined the equivalent of \$2,500 each, and given suspended jail sentences.

While pretending to be a changed man, Lendrum turned his specialty into a commercial enterprise. Delivered to the right parties, stolen bird eggs or chicks can bring handsome sums, all the handsomer for species protected by international law. In some cases, the eggs are valued for themselves, as objects of striking beauty — although because it’s illegal to possess them without a permit, they must be kept hidden in drawers or attics.

In other cases, live eggs or chicks are sold to recipients who hope to raise rare birds in captivity. As the mainstays of a sport going back to at least 700 B.C., falcons fall into the latter category. Falcon thievery became the adult Lendrum’s crime of choice, the United Arab Emirates a major source of his frequent-flyer miles.

The tricky chore of smuggling contraband across international borders became even dicier after 9/11, and the methods Lendrum devised called for all the chutz-



CORDULA KRÄMER

Joshua Hammer, author of “The Falcon Thief.”

pah he possessed. Once, for example, while transporting falcon chicks, Hammer explains, Lendrum removed the birds from his bag at the airport, “to avoid the baggage scan machine, where their bones would be visible. Instead he put them carefully in the pockets of his fleece, and walked them through the metal detector.” Ducking into a bathroom, Lendrum put the chicks back in his rucksack and boarded his flight. He stored the bag in the

overhead compartment, listened for the birds’ cheeps when they got hungry, and took the rucksack into the nearest toilet, where he fed his charges “a blend of minced calf liver and raw egg yolk.” Lendrum was apparently motivated as much by the thrills he felt as by the money he made. “He likes to beat the system,” one of his friends observed. “That’s been his thing since he was a kid.”

For all of Lendrum’s bravado, now and then he got caught, sometimes by chance. One time, he was nabbed because he went into an airport shower room; stayed 20 minutes, trying the patience of a janitor who wanted to get in and mop the place up; and emerged without leaving a single drop of water behind. The suspicious janitor pointed him out to security officers, who apprehended Lendrum, who had eggs hidden in the clothes he’d changed into. But only Lendrum knows how many times he got away with the same sort of thing, and as portrayed by Hammer, he seems larcenous to the bone.

He finally met his match in Andy McWilliam, a British cop

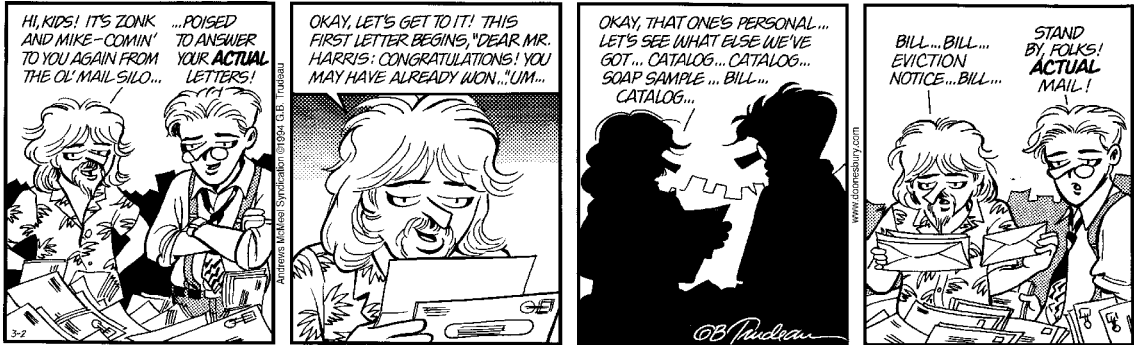
who was getting bored with police work until he realized that his hobby of birdwatching made him a natural at catching egg thieves. What he learned of culprits like Lendrum “reinforced McWilliam’s view that egg collecting was an act of pure selfishness, an attack on the sanctity of the wild.”

How McWilliam finally nailed his man should be left for Hammer — best known for his book “The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu” — to tell, which he does in high style. When it was all over, McWilliam was a star among policemen, and the British authorities were taking illegal traffic in endangered species more seriously than ever. As for Lendrum, now in his late 50s, he is serving time but scheduled to be released next year. Will he finally have straightened himself out, or will he go back to what he does best: attacking the sanctity of the wild?

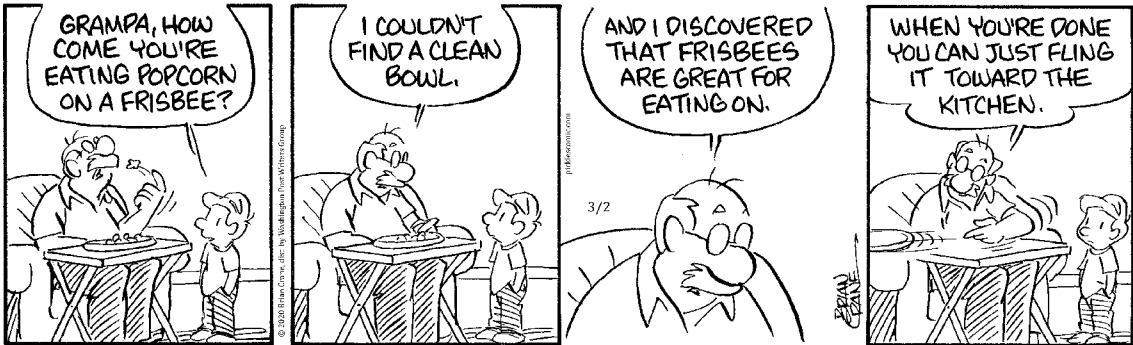
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CLASSIC DOONESBURY



PICKLES



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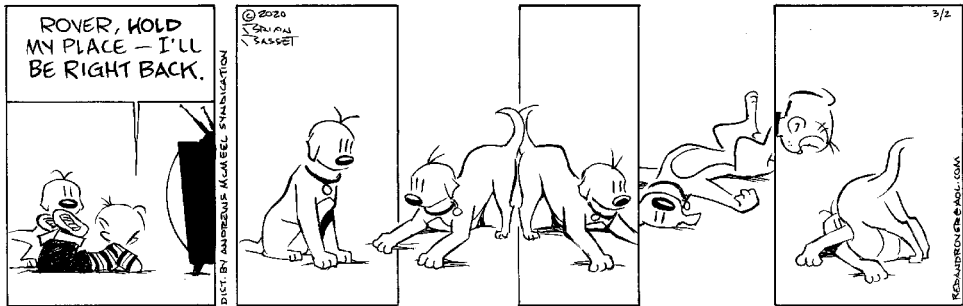
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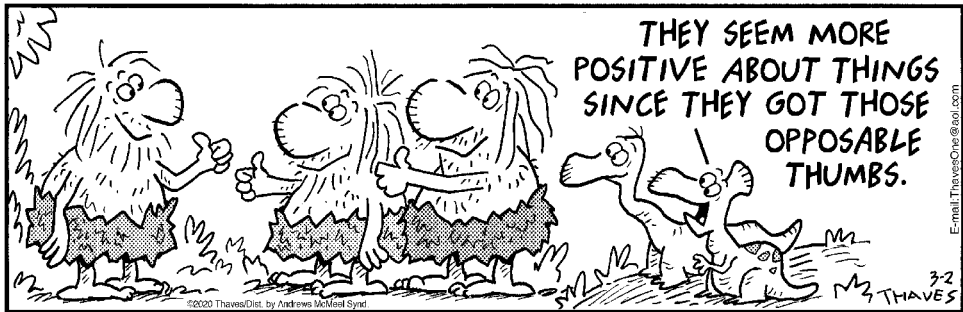
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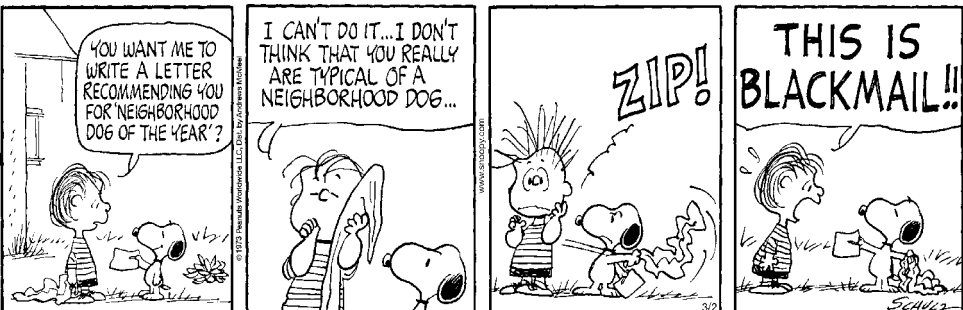
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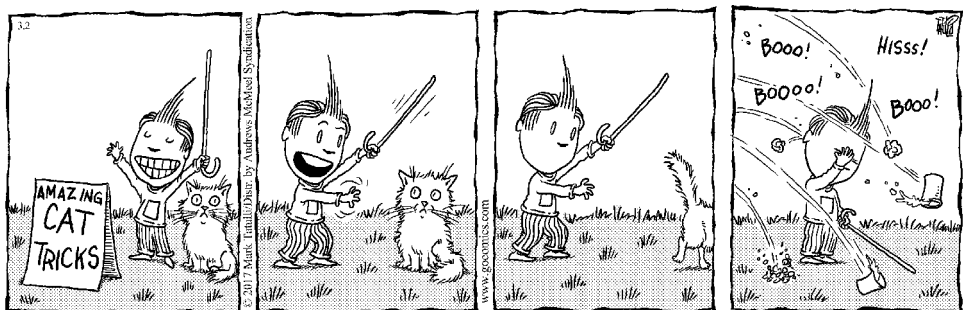
CLASSIC PEANUTS



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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

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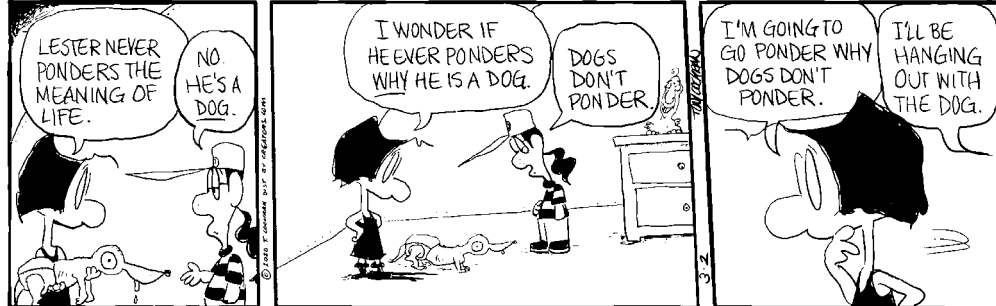
How to play
Complete the crossword puzzle
by looking at the clues and
unscrambling the answers. When
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the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

BONUS

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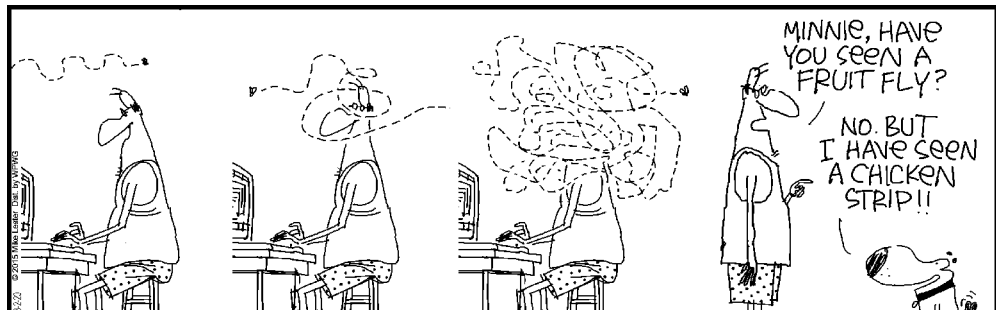
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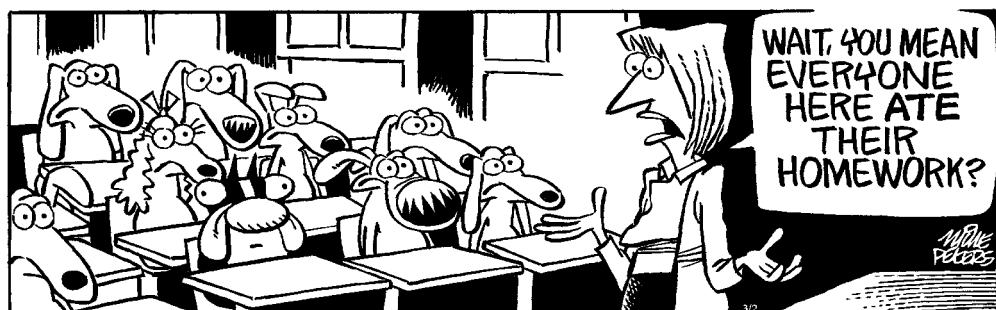
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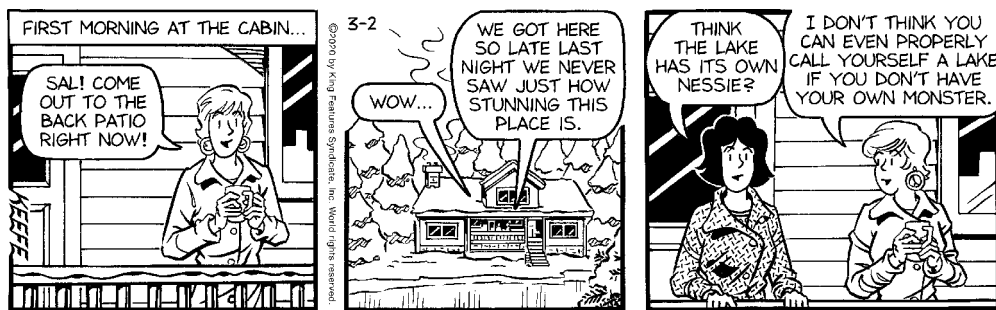
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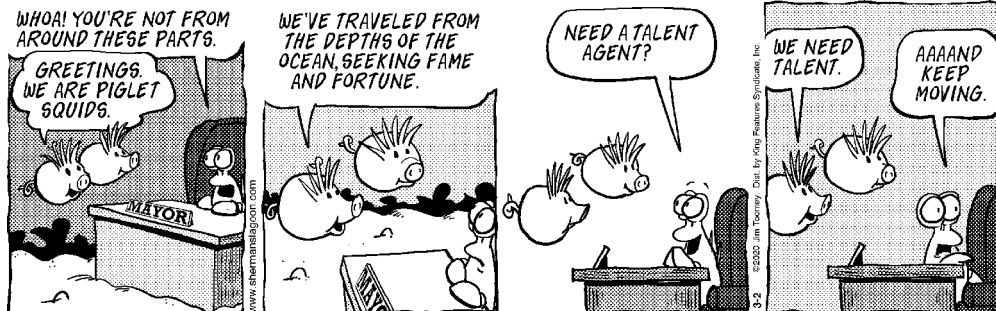
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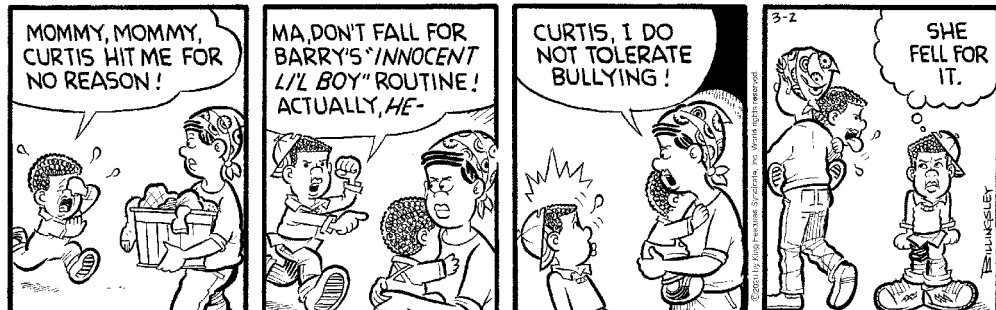
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SHERMAN'S LAGOON



CURTIS



BREWSTER ROCKIT: SPACE GUY!



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ZITS

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BIRTHDAY | MARCH 2

This year, you often experience tension when making significant decisions. You can change your mind if necessary; this may produce less nervous energy. If you are single, a loved one could march into your life and help create more diversity and excitement in your days. If you are attached, the two of you decide to grow a component of your bond that suits you more. Understanding, travel and commitment all could be involved. Gemini helps you laugh and gain a new perspective.

DILBERT

SCOTT ADAMS

JUDGE PARKER

FRANCESCO MARCIULIANO & MIKE MANLEY

FRAZZ

JEFF MALLETT

CANDORVILLE

DARRIN BELL

GARFIELD

JIM DAVIS

BARNEY AND CLYDE

WEINGARTENS & CLARK

DUSTIN

STEVE KELLEY & JEFF PARKER

THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

STAN LEE & ALEX SAVIUK

PRICKLY CITY

SCOTT STANTIS

LOOSE PARTS

DAVE BLAZEK

NON SEQUITUR

WILEY

BABY BLUES

RICK KIRKMAN & JERRY SCOTT

BIG NATE

LINCOLN PEIRCE

ON THE FASTTRACK

BILL HOLBROOK

BEETLE BAILEY

MORT, BRIAN & GREG WALKER

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

STEPHAN PASTIS

ARIES

(MARCH 21-APRIL 19).

Your perceptions could be right-on. Confusion seems to be stimulated, as others might not understand where you are coming from and the implications. Honor your sixth sense, which helps point you in the correct direction.

TAURUS

(APRIL 20-MAY 20).

You might want to claim your power and allow others to understand how your ideas come forth. Be careful about being possessive, which is a pattern you tumble into more often than you realize.

GEMINI

(MAY 21-JUNE 20).

You tend to be as direct and forthright as possible. Sometimes people misread your approach and don't understand how your wit and humor play into the moment. Tap into your imagination to find answers.

CANCER

(JUNE 21-JULY 22).

Your feelings run high, causing a wave of moods from others just by your sheer presence. Your intuition could help you zero in on what others refuse to see and/or discuss.

LEO

(JULY 23-AUG. 22).

You naturally beam in what you want. Your sunny side emerges in a discussion with friends. Their perspective, as well as yours, could change radically as a result. Focus on what you want and make it so.

VIRGO

(AUG. 23-SEPT. 22).

You beam and draw many people to your point of view. You present your perspective in a light and clear way. The difference between how you see what is happening and what is truly happening could provoke a laugh or two.

LIBRA

(SEPT. 23-OCT. 22).

Read between the lines. Intellectual responses and ideas keep you on the same page as an associate. You see different ways of clearing out a problem, but you also are willing to accommodate another person and follow his or her lead.

SCORPIO

(OCT. 23-NOV. 21).

One-on-one relating causes you to take a second look at a situation that keeps popping up. You want to handle this issue before moving on to other matters. Otherwise, you could become scattered.

SAGITTARIUS

(NOV. 22-DEC. 21).

Welcome the ability to defer to a close friend or loved one. You could be amused by what you are hearing. Not everyone is as confident in their decisions as you are.

CAPRICORN

(DEC. 22-JAN. 19).

Pace yourself, and know that you produce better results when you do. Ask for feedback to help test or expand your perspective. A discussion could be vibrant but somewhat tiresome. You want to move on to other topics.

AQUARIUS

(JAN. 20-FEB. 18).

Your playfulness reveals many people's true colors. Great ideas often come from discussions rooted in experience. Allow your playfulness to open up a difficult conversation.

PISCES

(FEB. 19-MARCH 20).

You are coming from a point of security, and you wonder what is preventing you from taking a major step. Rather than overthink this issue, just take that step. Trust that you will like the results.

PREVIOUS SUDOKU SOLUTION

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PREVIOUS SCRABBLEGRAMS SOLUTION

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RACK 4 = 62

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CHIP SAYS
The legal voting age in the United States is 18 years old. But in some states, 17-year-olds can vote in primary elections if they turn 18 by the general election in November.



TODAY
Clouds rule the skies, scattered showers may pop up later in the day, and highs could hit the middle 60s.

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It has been unusually warm recently. Take our quiz on other places that had a warm winter.

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK



Hollingsworth



Lurie



Hunter



Kieffer



Noll

MONDAY, MARCH 2

Washington's **Raegan Hollingsworth** (2011).
Singer Chris Martin (1977).
Actor Desi Arnaz (1917).
Author Theodor Seuss Geisel (1904).

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

North Potomac's **Dalya Lurie** (2010).
Columbia's **Chase Hunter** (2008).
Singer Camila Cabello (1997).
The Redskins' Morgan Moses (1991).
TV chef Buddy Valastro (1977).

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

Basketball player Draymond Green (1990).
Actress Catherine O'Hara (1954).
Tennis player Margaret Osborne duPont (1918).

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

Falls Church's **Julia Kieffer** (2014).
Actress Eva Mendes (1974).
Magician Penn Jillette (1955).
Biologist Lynn Margulis (1938).

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

Actress Mykal-Michelle Harris (2012).
Basketball player Shaquille O'Neal (1972).
Actor Rob Reiner (1947).
Historian Olive Dickason (1920).

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

Actress Jenna Fischer (1974).
Comedian Wanda Sykes (1964).
Ballerina Janet Collins (1917).
Artist Piet Mondrian (1872).

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

The Redskins' Greg Stroman (1996).
The Nationals' Jake Noll (1994).
Actor James Van Der Beek (1977).

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ELECTION 2020

HOW PARTIES PICK THEIR NOMINEES

BY CHRISTINA BARRON

In a presidential election year, Tuesdays are very important. The biggest is the first Tuesday in November, or Election Day. On that day, as you probably know, Americans vote for a president usually from the major-party candidates. But first, through June, voters will help political parties pick their nominees. Mostly that happens on Tuesdays, and that process happens in a lot of states this Tuesday. It's known as Super Tuesday, and we thought it would be a good point to kick off KidsPost's look at the 2020 presidential election.

Who can be elected president?

There are a few rules mentioned in the Constitution. A person must be at least 35 years old, a U.S. resident for at least 14 years and a "natural-born" U.S. citizen. The term "natural born" is a little fuzzy, but generally it means a citizen from birth, including people born in other countries who have a U.S. citizen parent.

Who is running in 2020?

The two main political parties, the Democratic Party and the Republican Party, will nominate one person for president. In the Democratic Party, there are six candidates. The Republican Party has two. There are minor-party candidates and independents, too, but the major parties generally dominate the election process.

Who elects the president?

When the Constitution was written, generally only white men who owned property could vote. Today, citizens who are age 18 and older can vote in the presidential election. Many of them don't vote, however. In 2016, only 61.6 percent of eligible voters cast ballots, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. That's a lot lower than countries such

as Australia, Sweden and Germany.

How do voters pick a candidate?

Most voters have issues that are important to them. The issues might include health care, education, the economy, immigration, climate change or gun control. The candidates usually campaign for months, making speeches, buying ads, taking part in debates and hosting community rallies. They also post their views on these topics on campaign websites. Journalists research the candidates' proposals and examine their backgrounds to give voters additional information.

How does the voting process work?

There are two methods: state primaries and caucuses. Most states have primaries. In a primary, voters select one candidate on a ballot. Each state political party makes its own rules for getting on the ballot, so voters in different states may have different choices. Candidates earn delegates to a party's national convention based on how many votes they get.

In traditional caucuses, voters who are registered with a political party

DEMOCRATS



Joe Biden
Former vice president



Mike Bloomberg
Former mayor, New York City



Tulsi Gabbard
U.S. representative, Hawaii



Amy Klobuchar
U.S. senator, Minnesota



Bernie Sanders
U.S. senator, Vermont



Elizabeth Warren
U.S. senator, Massachusetts

REPUBLICANS



Donald Trump
President



Bill Weld
Former governor, Massachusetts



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meet in schools or community centers to talk (and sometimes argue) about the candidates. They form groups at these meetings based on which candidate they support. Candidates with a certain percentage of supporters earn delegates. This year, the Iowa Democratic Party allowed voters to participate online, but this process had technical glitches that delayed the results by weeks.

When will the parties choose their nominees?

State parties will send delegates to national conventions, where they will nominate one person for the Democratic Party and one person for the Republican Party. Democrats will

meet for this purpose in mid-July; Republicans in late August. The nominees will also announce, if they haven't already, who will run with them as vice president.

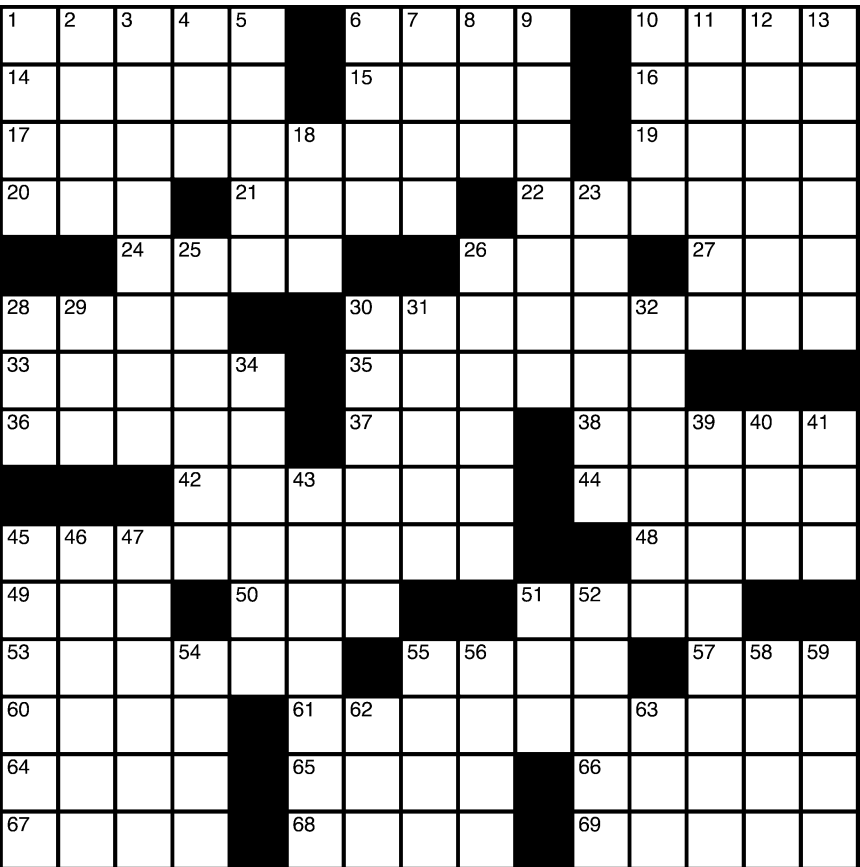
By late August, many voters will focus on just the two people chosen by the major parties. A choice of two may seem easy, but it's an important decision. And even though kids can't vote, it doesn't mean you can't be part of the process. Learn about the candidates. (Email us at kidspost@washpost.com with your ideas for election-related stories.) Also, talk to classmates, teachers and family members. You might get adults thinking that the next generation of voters already has voices that need to be heard.

LA TIMES CROSSWORD

By Paul Coulter

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- Flynn of "Captain Blood"
- Extremely lame, in modern slang
- Hunky-__: fine
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- Dada co-founder
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- Business manager skilled at reducing expenses
- Shortest-named Great Lake



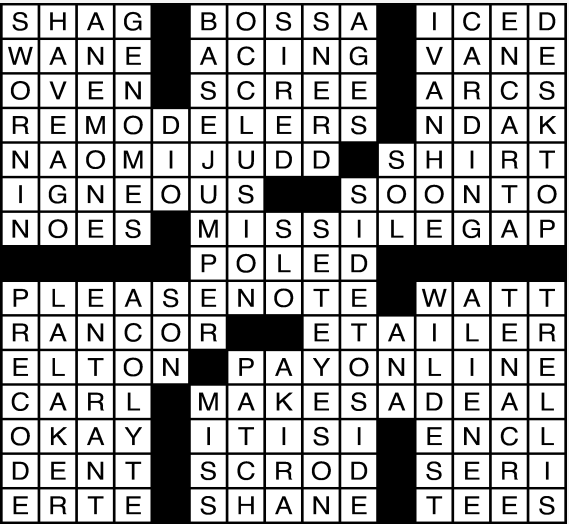
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- "... __ he drove out of sight": Moore
- Tree that rhymes with a month
- Deserve
- Pivot around
- "Help!"-ful soap pad brand
- Not in the house
- Ancient Andean
- Aquanaut's base
- Texas city in a cowboy song
- Estimated: Abbr.

SATURDAY'S LA TIMES SOLUTION



NICK GALIFIANAKIS FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

A daughter caught in a bad romance



Carolyn Hax

Adapted from an online discussion.

Dear Carolyn: My daughter, 17, has a boyfriend in her class. They've been together for about a year. He is a very nice kid,

and I think in some ways they are good for each other. Yet my daughter, who is a very feeling and open person, tells me daily about all their relationship issues: miscommunications, her feelings of rejection when he pulls away from her, her feelings of guilt when she pulls away from him, personality clashes between him and her girlfriends ... the list goes on.

She also talks about all the work she does to stay with him even when it's hard. She seems to feel there is something inherently noble or virtuous in staying in a difficult relationship.

If they were much older and married or had kids, I would agree with that, but I don't see much value in a teenage relationship that isn't lots of fun. She often asks me to listen or advise about her relationship. I don't want to belittle her or the relationship. How do I advise?

— Listener

Listener: You've got all the right

ideas, it sounds like, and just need to air them strategically: "You seem to feel there is something inherently noble or virtuous in staying in a difficult relationship. Fair?" Then listen.

You can also ask: "What if you're just not well suited to each other? Can't a really great person still not be great for you?"

Your job is mostly to listen, but it's okay to nudge her understanding along with open-ended questions. High school relationships can be so emotionally instructive that it's best not to impose yourself too strongly on their inner workings. Again — listen, ask deeper-thought-prompting questions when she gives you room to, set good examples at home and let her figure herself out.

A relationship that's dangerously unhealthy, though, warrants more forceful involvement.

Hi, Carolyn: I'm scared to tell my mother I want to start therapy. I worked with a therapist briefly when I was 15 (I'm 18 now and still living at home) because my depression spiraled to the point where I was suicidal. I stopped for a number of reasons, not the least of which was that my mother tended to use it as a weapon against me — say, when I couldn't even get out

of bed, making snappish remarks about how my therapist would want me to try harder to do housework. I quit therapy, slowly got worse and genuinely did not think I would survive. But I did! And I'm going to college in the fall!

I'm in a much better place now, but I want to thrive, not just get by. You've advised people to let their loved ones help them with calls/appointments/etc., but I'm terrified of repeating what happened when I was 15. Thoughts?

— Secretive

Secretive: Good for you for getting yourself to this point.

Is there a friend who can help you make calls? Favorite teacher? Aunt or uncle? Identifying your "people" is a big part of staying healthy. You can also, presumably, just call your old therapist for advice. That puts the bar much lower for a first step.

So does college, generally — get a jump on it now, and see what your school offers. Take care.

Write to Carolyn Hax at tellme@washpost.com. Get her column delivered to your inbox each morning at wapo.st/haxpost.

Join the discussion live at noon Fridays at live.washingtonpost.com

“He’s a tough SOB between the lines. He’s got some street smarts in him. But he’s got this air of dignity and elegance to him that’s hard to put your finger on — but it matters. You can’t fake it.”

Mike Rizzo, Nationals general manager, on Howie Kendrick’s influence in the clubhouse



JOHN MCDONNELL/THE WASHINGTON POST

Nationals slugger Howie Kendrick hit .344 with 17 home runs in the regular season last year and was named the MVP of the NL Championship Series.

Kendrick leads, Nats follow

Teammates say veteran’s leadership is a key reason Washington is the defending champion



Barry Svrluga

your stat sites. Howie Kendrick is walking into the clubhouse. And that mere act and fact — Howie Kendrick being present — means something for the Nationals.

Unless I’m reaching.
“You’re not reaching,” Max Scherzer

WEST PALM BEACH, FLA. — For just a few minutes, as we try to project how the Washington Nationals assembled here in the cool of March will perform over the swelter of a summer, put down your calculators and log off

said. “It’s a real thing.”

“Weren’t you here last year?” Adam Eaton asked. “It’s the whole reason we won.”

That’s not to say Kendrick is the whole reason the Nationals are defending champions — though his 10th-inning grand slam dispatched the Los Angeles Dodgers in the division series and his seventh-inning opposite-field shot put the Nationals ahead in Game 7 of the World Series. There’s no exaggerating: Those two swings changed both the trajectory of a franchise and the feel for a sport in the nation’s capital.

“Those at-bats, I’ll always remember

them,” Kendrick said. “Two of the biggest moments of my career — period.”

Try getting an argument in the District. You won’t.

But here’s the thing: Take those swings away. Turn them into strikeouts. And the Nationals would still believe Kendrick’s presence matters.

“Howie embodies so much of what made our team successful last year,” closer Sean Doolittle said.

Part of what makes baseball fun is that so much of it can be quantified. Take the numbers, and spend hours splicing and dicing them. The quantifiables the

SEE SVRLUGA ON D4

Prospects separated — and linked — by move

BY SAM FORTIER

WEST PALM BEACH, FLA. — The two pitchers weren’t household names. They weren’t major leaguers. They weren’t even early-round draft picks when the Washington Nationals selected them in 2016.

Yet for a few days at the beginning of the offseason, in the afterglow of the franchise’s first World Series, a subsection of the team’s fan base focused on two names: Ben Braymer and Sterling Sharp.

The attention picked up in late November when the Nationals added Braymer, a

left-handed starter, to their 40-man roster. They did it to protect him from the Rule 5 draft, a process through which teams can select players from other organizations’ minor league systems. Fans grumbled when they did not protect Sharp, a popular right-handed starter known for his outgoing personality on social media.

Three weeks later, the Miami Marlins picked Sharp third overall. The event few fans ever seem to care about became a relative thing. The frustration arrived in dozens of tweets.

“This is a shame.”

“Big mistake.”

“I’d love to hear the [front office’s] logic on this.”

Now Sharp and Braymer are forever linked. They aren’t in reality — the 40-man roster move was not a one-or-the-other decision — but public perception has tied them together that way. It was a surprising twist for two players who were first grouped together four years ago, when they attended the same pre-draft workout at the Nationals Youth Baseball

SEE NATIONALS ON D4

Shorthanded Hoyas’ slide continues

XAVIER 66,
GEORGETOWN 63

BY AVA WALLACE

Georgetown had a few chances Sunday to turn the tide in its 66-63 loss to Xavier and salvage what minuscule shot it still had of making the NCAA tournament. But none was as good as the one that came with 17 seconds to play.

Timothy Ighoeffe’s game-tying putback of an off-balance jumper by Jagan Mosely encapsulated everything admirable about the

Hoyas as they have navigated the home stretch of this season without their two best players. Mosely, who didn’t come off the floor Sunday at Capital One Arena, found an inch of space to get off a shot. Ighoeffe, the Hoyas’ third-string center who had made his share of freshman mistakes, was finally in the right place at the right time. He grabbed his fifth offensive rebound and bounced right back up to tie the score at 63.

What happened next represented everything that has been frustrating about the woefully undermanned Hoyas lately as they have struggled on defense and

with taking advantage of key moments.

Mosely stuck with a hard-driving Naji Marshall past half court but gave him just an arm’s worth of space at the top of the key, and the Xavier forward pulled up and hit a three-pointer with 4.5 seconds to play. The Musketeers elected not to foul on Georgetown’s next possession out of a timeout, but graduate transfer guard Terrell Allen’s desperation three-pointer clanked off the

SEE GEORGETOWN ON D5

Georgetown at Creighton
Wednesday, 8 p.m., MASN2



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Timothy Ighoeffe, center, scored the tying basket with 17 seconds left, but host Georgetown still suffered its fourth straight defeat.

Ovechkin leads way in chippy road win

CAPITALS 4,
WILD 3

Star scores twice in first, and Washington holds on

BY SAMANTHA PELL

ST. PAUL, MINN. — It began as a physical, chippy, back-and-forth affair Sunday night at Xcel Energy Center. With the Minnesota Wild desperately clawing for a playoff spot and the Washington Capitals still trying to piece their game back together after a slump, the teams were charged from the drop of the puck.

An electric first period yielded five goals, plenty more scoring opportunities and a fight, and the intensity only increased from there. Ultimately, the Capitals came out with a 4-3 victory for their third win in four games, and they exited with chants of “Ovi!” ringing in their ears from the scattered splashes of red in the crowd.

With two first-period goals on his way to a three-point night, Capitals captain Alex Ovechkin led the way. It was his seventh game with at least three points this season, and he recorded his first assist since Jan. 29. He has 45 goals in 64 games after notching his 12th multigoal game of the season. And in his past five games at Minnesota, he has 15 points

SEE CAPITALS ON D3

Flyers at Capitals

Wednesday, 7 p.m., NBCSN

Beal’s latest scoring spree is good for a team record

WIZARDS 124,
WARRIORS 110

BY CANDACE BUCKNER

SAN FRANCISCO — Over this prolific stretch spanning his past 18 games, Bradley Beal hasn’t often coasted through the fourth quarter. He has been busy scoring to keep the Washington Wizards competitive. In his quest to generate wins by making bucket after bucket, Beal has clocked in for long and sometimes frustrating nights.

Beal logged minutes in the fourth quarter again Sunday night, but it felt different. The Wizards blew out the Golden State Warriors, 124-110, and made his offensive effort worthwhile.

Beal scored a game-high 34 points, a franchise-record 18th consecutive game in which he has finished with at least 25. He moved ahead of Walt Bellamy, who had owned the previous mark for 58 years. As Beal played the role of scorer-in-chief and led the Wizards’ stunning display of outside shooting, Washington

SEE WIZARDS ON D3

Wizards at Kings

Tomorrow, 10 p.m., NBCSN

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

The Maryland women win their 14th straight game and earn the top seed in the Big Ten tournament. D4

GOLF

Sungjae Im, 21, secures his first PGA Tour victory with a final-round 66 at the Honda Classic. D5

PRO FOOTBALL

The DC Defenders suffer their second loss in a row, this one a 25-0 setback against Tampa Bay. D6

In professional sports, there is one constant: The postseason is always expanding

Couch Slouch

NORMAN CHAD

The NFL and Major League Baseball — two of our floundering nation's most successful, long-standing entertainment entities — each recently decided that it wants to add two more teams to an always-expanding postseason. Why would they mess with success? Because they can and they will — and because there's TV gold in them thar playoff hills. Naturally, everyone is complaining about diluting the quality of the postseason field blah blah blah and how unnecessary it is to add bad teams to the playoffs blah blah blah.

My response? Blah blah blah back atcha. Playoff expansion is as certain as death and antitrust exemptions.

In U.S. professional sports history, no league has ever said, "Starting next year, we will decrease the number of teams

making the playoffs." It would be like 7-Eleven reducing the size of a Big Gulp.

Besides, while many people give lip service to preserving the sanctity of the regular season, most of them want to see their team with a shot at the playoffs and everyone prefers watching the postseason to the regular season.

"Win or go home" is a lot sexier than "Win and catch the 9:40 flight for the weekend Tampa Bay series."

Anyway, let's quickly review our major sports' postseason numbers, at the moment:

MLB, with 10 teams out of 30, and the NFL, with 12 teams out of 32, are the stingiest in terms of allowing you in the playoffs; both want to go to 14. In the NBA, 16 of 30 teams make the postseason, and in the NHL, it's 16 of 31.

(We are omitting Major League Soccer from this discussion for a couple of reasons. MLS has the highest percentage of teams make the playoffs — 14 of 26 — and the

league also appears to be endlessly expanding, maybe to as many as 90 teams by 2030. One day, there might be more MLS clubs in Los Angeles than there are Jersey Mike's.)

For being the most popular game in town, the NFL, remarkably, has the shortest postseason — four weekends of games. One more playoff team per conference adds two games to the postseason's opening weekend, then everything else would be the same.

I always thought it was inevitable that the NFL would eliminate the first-round byes altogether — from a marketing and viewing standpoint, it makes no sense to sideline your marquee names and best teams for the opening weekend of a rather brief postseason.

Meanwhile, MLB not only is thinking of adding two playoff teams per league, but then it takes a turn into Funky Town: The team with the best record in each league gets a first-round bye; each league's other six playoff teams meet in best-

of-three series, with the other two division winners *getting to pick their opponents* in a televised seeding extravaganza.*

* I use the term "extravaganza" loosely here. My first reaction was, "Huh?" My second reaction was, "Hmm."

My third reaction was, "Ooh la la!"

I like replacing the one-and-done wild-card games with these opening best-of-three series, in which every Game 2 and Game 3 is an elimination contest.

Moreover, I love this crazy-at-a-glance gimmick of having the best teams pick their poison. This adds a layer of strategy in determining your fate and adds an undeniable layer of motivation for the chosen opponent.

"What, you picked us as your first victim? No respect! We are FIRED UP!"

Come on, folks, grab on to the future before it leaves the train station.

Regular season games are a road to nowhere; postseason games are a path to history. Why *not* add to the playoff guest list? As Caligula once shouted, "The more, the merrier!"

Yes, this rewards mediocrity. But with the end of American exceptionalism in sight, this is the right plan at the right time. Will more .500 teams make the playoffs? Of course. Then again, these days .500-caliber politicians win elections, .500-caliber fast-food joints do brisk business and .500-caliber fiances become husbands.

How do you think I've made the matrimonial postseason three times?

Md.)

A. In a rather transparent attempt to distance himself from me, Isaiah will not sit down, does not drink beer, refuses to watch bowling on TV and never writes anything other than his signature on a credit-card charge he might not pay.

Q. Why does the excruciatingly useless and needless NFL scouting combine still exist? (Bret McRae; Boise, Idaho)

A. The stopwatch lobby remains a potent, influential force.

Q. With no trial in sight, is there any chance that Robert Kraft could bring in the NFL replay team to speed up the already year-long legal proceedings in his Florida solicitation case? (Mike Soper; Washington, D.C.)

A. Pay the man, Shirley.

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DIGEST

AUTO RACING

In Fontana, Bowman bests Busch brothers

Alex Bowman raced to his second career NASCAR Cup Series victory Sunday, holding off Kyle and Kurt Busch to win at Auto Club Speedway in Fontana, Calif.

Bowman led 110 laps and kept his Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet in front after the final pit stops for a comfortable win in a fairly uneventful race featuring only one caution outside of the stage breaks.

Defending champion Kyle Busch was 8.9 seconds behind in second place in his Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota. Kurt Busch was third, and Bowman's teammate Chase Elliott came in fourth.

Six-time Fontana champion Jimmie Johnson finished seventh in his final race as a full-time driver at the NASCAR track closest to his hometown of El Cajon, Calif.

WINTER SPORTS

Francesco Friedrich became the world champion pilot in four-man bobsledding for the third consecutive time, holding off fellow Germans Johannes Lochner and Nico Walther in Altenberg, Germany.

Friedrich's team finished four runs over two days in 3 minutes 36.09 seconds. Lochner's team was 0.05 seconds back, and Walther's was 0.23 seconds out of the top spot. . . .

Russian world champion Roman Repilov held off Italy's Dominik Fischnaller to win the World Cup men's overall luge title in Königssee, Germany, and the U.S. team won silver in the season-ending team relay.

Repilov was third in the final men's race, good enough to secure his second World Cup overall title. Russia's Semen Pavlichenko won the race, edging Austria's Jonas Mueller.

The Americans were second in the final team relay, with Tucker West, Summer Britcher and the doubles team of Chris Mazdzer and Jayson Terdiman finishing behind Germany. . . .

In La Thuile, Italy, Federica Brignone won the Alpine combined World Cup title without clicking into her skis. And the Italian might win the overall and giant slalom globes without any more racing.

Heavy snowfall caused the cancellation of the Alpine combined race, reducing the number of races left in the season to seven — in Sweden and Italy. But the International Ski Federation said it was unclear whether those races could go on

amid health concerns regarding the spread of the coronavirus.

Brignone leads the overall World Cup standings with 1,378 points. She is 153 ahead of American Mikaela Shiffrin, whose return to racing remains unclear following the death of her father, Jeff. . . .

In Hinterstoder, Austria, Alexis Pinturault dominated the last men's World Cup Alpine combined race of the season to win his fourth career discipline title in style.

The Frenchman positioned himself for the triumph by finishing second in a shortened super-G portion. Pinturault comfortably wrapped up the victory in the concluding slalom. He won by 0.99 seconds over Mauro Caviezel of Switzerland.

MISC.

If Shaun White returns to the Olympics, it will be in 2022, not this year.

The three-time snowboarding champion said he is taking skateboarding off his plate and won't try to qualify for that sport's Olympic debut in Tokyo.

"The decision became less about going for skate and more about: 'Am I willing to walk away from snow?' " the 33-year-old said. "It just was going in that direction, and I didn't feel comfortable with it. And I can't wholeheartedly choose this path with what I've got going on snow." . . .

Birhanu Legese of Ethiopia won the Tokyo Marathon, which was scaled back as part of Japan's efforts to combat the spread of the coronavirus.

Legese crossed the finish line in 2:04:15 — 34 seconds ahead of Belgium's Bashir Abdi. The race, expected to have 38,000 participants, was limited to just over 200 elite runners. . . .

Former USA Track & Field president Bill Roe died Saturday. He was 69. Roe was president for two terms from 2000 to 2008, and he was a founding member of USATF's board of directors. . . .

Sakoyisa Makata scored in extra time as South Africa rallied to defeat Fiji, 29-24, in the final of the Los Angeles leg of the Rugby Sevens World Series in Carson, Calif. The United States defeated Ireland, 24-19, in the fifth-place match. . . .

The No. 8 Virginia men's lacrosse team got three goals apiece from Payton Cormier and Michael Kraus during a 15-5 win over Air Force at Klöckner Stadium in Charlottesville. Jeff Conner added a goal and four assists for the Cavaliers (4-1). The Falcons fell to 3-3.

— From news services and staff reports

REAL MADRID 2, BARCELONA 0

BY STEVEN GOFF

Under any circumstances, Real Madrid vs. Barcelona is a global extravaganza.

La Liga's twice-annual showdown between world-famous sports brands brings live TV coverage in some 180 countries and revives a seething rivalry that transcends soccer and delves into ties to the Spanish monarchy and Catalan autonomy.

Consider that foundation, laid 118 years ago, then toss in the animosity, the history and the glittering assembly of soccer gods. Then peek at the standings, where, for the first time in three years, Real Madrid and Barcelona are sprinting side by side to the finish line.

The first clash, in December in Barcelona, ended without a goal, and after 45 scoreless minutes Sunday in the capital city of Madrid, Real flipped both the match and the title race with a 2-0 victory.

El Clásico, indeed.

In the 26th of 38 rounds on a revered circuit, a Brazilian teenager and a reserve with family roots in the Caribbean helped Real turn a two-point deficit in the standings into a one-point lead.

The result ended Barcelona's stranglehold on the rivalry of late: seven consecutive meetings without a defeat — one short of the longest run by either club — and four straight triumphs at Real's Bernabéu cauldron.

"It was important to win today," Real Coach Zinedine Zidane said. "It's El Clásico. It's three points. We're back in first place. But you know we have a long way to go. It was important for our morale."

How competitive are these fabled organizations? Real now leads the all-time league series 73-72-35. In all competitions, the record is square: 96 victories apiece and 52 draws.

Since 2007-08, Barcelona has finished first or second every season except one and raised the trophy four of the previous five years.

Real has finished third the previous two campaigns and won the championship once over seven years — both humiliating facts.



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Mariano Díaz, bottom center, is engulfed after scoring Real Madrid's second goal against Barcelona.

In 2017-18 and 2018-19, Barcelona ran away from Atlético Madrid in claiming the crown. Before that, however, the race between Barcelona and Real over three years was decided by a combined six points.

The pressure Sunday was on Zidane and Real, which ached to end the drought in the rivalry and sought to rebound from a 2-1 defeat to Manchester City on Wednesday in the first leg of a UEFA Champions League round-of-16 encounter.

Real had sputtered of late, winning one of its previous five matches across all competitions and getting dumped from the domestic cup competition, known as Copa del Rey, in the quarterfinals by visiting Real Sociedad, 4-3.

Barcelona squandered fine chances in the first half: an unimaginative bid by Argentine superstar Lionel Messi, a clear 12-yarder by France's Antoine Griezemann and a left-side rush by Brazil's Arthur.

For the first time in 45 years, Barcelona went scoreless in both meetings with Real.

After intermission, Real was on the prowl. Barcelona's Marc-Andre ter Stegen made a gem of a save on Francisco "Isco" Alarcón's curling effort, and teammate Gerard Pique cleared the ball off the goal line.

All was flowing in Real's favor, and in the 71st, the deserved breakthrough arrived.

Vinicius Junior, a 19-year-old Brazilian attacker in his second season at Real, gathered Toni Kroos's pass on the left side. With an angled run, he accelerated toward the target.

He targeted the far corner, but Pique's sliding deflection redirected the ball toward the near corner, too abrupt for ter Stegen to intervene.

Vinicius's only other goal this season came in September.

"I have been working really hard, and I knew the time would come," he said. "It's not an own goal from Pique! I am claiming this one for myself"

Four minutes later, Messi eyed a pathway to freedom through the center of Real's resistance. But Marcelo and Raphael Varane constricted the space and poked

the ball from danger before the wee Argentine could pull the trigger.

Messi — the league's leading scorer with 18 goals and the greatest scorer in El Clásico history — was allowed few opportunities to work his magic. And when they did surface, he was not in precision mode.

Anxiety hung in the air until stoppage time.

Seconds after stepping onto the field for his first league appearance of the season, Mariano Díaz, a reserve attacker with maternal roots in the Dominican Republic, roared past Samuel Umtiti on the right side.

At the end of his rapid approach, Díaz slipped as he skipped an awkward, angled shot past ter Stegen.

"We came in with a lot expectation, a lot of hope, that we could distance ourselves from Madrid," ter Stegen said. "There is still a lot of [matches] left; this is just one game."

One game, indeed, but like few others in the world.

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ROUNDUP

Martínez tears his right ACL

Atlanta United striker Josef Martínez will undergo surgery after tearing the ACL in his right knee during the season-opening match Saturday at expansion Nashville. . . .

Carlos Vela scored on a beautiful chip shot shortly before halftime, and Los Angeles FC beat visiting Inter Miami, 1-0, on Sunday in the inaugural game for owner David Beckham's MLS

expansion team. . . .

Jordan Morris scored two second-half goals, the second in the third minute of stoppage time, and the Seattle Sounders opened their MLS Cup defense with a 2-1 win over visiting Chicago. . . .

Lucas Zelarayan scored in the 56th minute to lift the Columbus Crew to a 1-0 season-opening win over visiting New York City FC. . . .

Kyle Duncan and Kaku scored early goals,

and the New York Red Bulls beat FC Cincinnati, 3-2, in their MLS opener in Harrison, N.J. . . .

Kevin Molino scored two goals, and visiting Minnesota United beat the Portland Timbers, 3-1, in the teams' opener.

City wins title

For the third consecutive season, Manchester City won the League Cup championship, defeating Aston Villa, 2-1, at Wembley

Stadium on first-half goals from Sergio Agüero and Rodri. . . .

In Premier League action, Manchester United tied Everton, 1-1, and Wolverhampton beat Tottenham, 3-2.

Atlético draws

Atlético Madrid's struggles away from home continued with a 1-1 draw at last-place Espanyol, its fourth consecutive winless match as a visitor in the Spanish league.

Atalanta rolls

In Italian Serie A play, Atalanta's traveling fans had their temperatures checked before Atalanta routed Lecce, 7-2. Duván Zapata scored a hat trick for the visitors.

Despite the biggest clusters of coronavirus infections being in the Lombardy region, where Atalanta is based, fans were allowed to travel to the match in the south.

The biggest fixture lost from the Serie A

program because of the virus outbreak was Juventus's home game against Inter Milan in Turin — a match known as the Derby d'Italia, or Italy's derby.

Lille triumphs

Benjamin André headed home the winner as Lille won, 1-0, at Nantes to boost its bid for third place in the French league and a Champions League qualifying berth next season.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

MLB SPRING TRAINING

1 p.m. Tampa Bay vs. Baltimore » MASN, WJZ (105.7 FM)

1 p.m. Minnesota vs. St. Louis » MLB Network

3 p.m. Los Angeles Angels vs. Chicago Cubs (split squad) » ESPN

9 p.m. Chicago Cubs (split squad) vs. Oakland » MLB Network

PRO BASKETBALL

7 p.m. NBA G League: Delaware at Capital City » NBC Sports Washington

7:30 p.m. NBA: Milwaukee at Miami » NBA TV

NHL

7:30 p.m. Colorado at Detroit » NHL Network

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

7 p.m. North Carolina State at Duke » ESPN

9 p.m. Texas Tech at Baylor » ESPN

9 p.m. Alabama State at Texas Southern » ESPNU

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

7 p.m. South Florida at Connecticut » ESPN2

7 p.m. Wichita State at Central Florida » CBS Sports Network

TENNIS

5 a.m. WTA: Lyon Open, early rounds » Tennis Channel

11 a.m. WTA: Lyon Open and Monterrey Open, early rounds » Tennis Channel

3 p.m. WTA: Monterrey Open, early rounds » Tennis Channel

8 p.m. WTA: Monterrey Open, early rounds » Tennis Channel

NHL ROUNDUP

Philadelphia stays hot, sweeps past New York

FLYERS 5, RANGERS 3

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Carter Hart and a potent power play kept the Philadelphia Flyers climbing in the playoff race.

Hart made 23 saves, and the surging Flyers extended their winning streak to a season-high six games with a 5-3 victory over the New York Rangers on Sunday at Madison Square Garden.

Matt Niskanen, Sean Couturier and Travis Konecny each scored power-play goals. Michael Raffl scored shorthanded and Derek Grant also tallied for the Flyers, who swept a home-and-home series against the Rangers after winning, 5-2, on Friday night.

“We knew they were going to come out hard and try and respond here to the game on Friday,” Hart said. “We just had to stick to our plan, stick to the way we play and just compete.”

The Flyers’ run combined with the Pittsburgh Penguins’ six-game slide has moved Philadelphia into second place in the Metropolitan Division.

“Metro is a tough division,” Flyers forward Kevin Hayes said. “And four points on the weekend against a division rival is huge.”

Henrik Lundqvist made his first start since Feb. 3 and made 21 saves for New York.

“It’s pretty tough,” Lundqvist said. “I hadn’t played in a long time. Some sloppy penalties cost us. And their power play is really good. They had so many odd-man rushes.”

Lundqvist’s appearance was the 886th of his NHL career, tying him with Hall of Famer Tony Esposito for eighth all time.

Mika Zibanejad scored two power-play goals and Pavel Buchnevich also tallied on the man advantage for the Rangers. Zibanejad has a career-high 32 goals on the season.

The Rangers’ offense got off to a slow start in their first full game since forward Chris Kreider broke his foot while blocking a shot in the first period of Friday’s loss in Philadelphia. Kreider had just

signed a seven-year contract reportedly worth \$45 million Monday.

The Flyers dominated the first period with two power-play goals and added a shorthanded one late.

New York’s Artemi Panarin extended his point streak to 13 games, which is a career high and the longest active streak in the NHL. He is the first Ranger with 90 or more points in a season since Jaromir Jagr had 90 in 2006-07.

• **DEVILS 3, DUCKS 0:** Pavel Zacha scored two power-play goals, Cory Schneider made 34 saves for his first shutout in more than a year, and New Jersey won in Anaheim, Calif.

Nico Hischier had a goal, Nikita Gusev had an assist to extend his point streak to six games, and the Devils extended their streak of games earning a point to six. New Jersey is 4-0-2 in that span.

Schneider’s shutout was the 26th of his career. John Gibson made 31 saves for Anaheim.

• **FLAMES 3, PANTHERS 0:** Cam Talbot made 38 saves, Johnny Gaudreau had a goal and an assist, and Calgary won in Sunrise, Fla.

TJ Brodie and Milan Lucic also scored for the Flames, and Mark Giordano had three assists.

Sam Montembeault stopped 25 shots for Florida, which has lost a franchise-record seven straight home games. The Panthers are 5-11-2 since the all-star break.

Flames center Elias Lindholm recorded his 200th career assist on the goal by Gaudreau.

• **BLUE JACKETS 5, CANUCKS 3:** Zach Werenski and Emil Bemstrom scored on power plays during a four-goal third period that led the Blue Jackets past Vancouver in Columbus, Ohio.

Riley Nash and Gustav Nyquist also scored in the third period for Columbus, which won for just the second time in 11 games and moved three points ahead of Carolina for the second Eastern Conference wild card.

Werenski, Nash and Kevin Stenlund each had a goal and an assist, and Ryan Murray had two assists in his return after missing 34 games to injury.

Bo Horvat, Elias Pettersson and J.T. Miller scored for the Canucks.

CAPITALS FROM D1

(nine goals, six assists).

“I just think the guys get emotional here because a lot of [the Capitals’ players] are from here and you can feel it in the locker room,” Ovechkin said. “Everybody gets excited.”

After a scoreless second period, Tom Wilson’s snipe 40 seconds into the third gave the Capitals a 4-2 edge. He has 21 goals on the season, including four in his past six games, and he is one away from tying his career high, set last season. Evgeny Kuznetsov (two assists) made a smart play on the wall and dished the puck to Ovechkin, who set up Wilson for the quick score.

“It’s a great play from ‘O.’ I think it shows what type of teammate he is,” Wilson said. “He has the puck right in the slot, chance for a hat trick, and he dishes it off.”

Zach Parise’s power-play goal in front at 12:53 got Minnesota back within one — defenseman Michal Kempny was called for the interference penalty that provided the man advantage — but the Wild could not find the equalizer.

Sunday’s victory was crucial for Washington (40-19-6) after it was blanked, 3-0, at Winnipeg on Thursday. The Capitals (86 points), who snapped a four-game road losing streak, have a three-point cushion over the Philadelphia Flyers in the Metropolitan Division ahead of their clash Wednesday at Capital One Arena.

“I just liked the physicality. I liked the compete,” Coach Todd Reirden said. “I liked our guys sticking together in scrums, and I liked that stuff of our game in terms of building our group.”

With key games looming and playoff seedings in the balance, the Capitals got off to a spirited start — but only after the Wild struck first. Minnesota’s Ryan Donato slipped behind Washington’s defense and accepted a stretch pass. He lost control of the puck on his initial run at Capitals goaltender Braden Holtby, but he managed to corral it behind the net and bank it off Holtby’s skate and into the net at 3:01.

“Yeah, it was a hard one,” said Holtby, who was solid again with 37 saves. “They worked hard. Really hard. . . . It’s a good challenge. Good, hard-fought game. We’ll take the two points, but they don’t



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Capitals star Alex Ovechkin, left, had his seventh game of the season with at least three points Sunday.

CAPITALS’ NEXT THREE

vs. Philadelphia Flyers

Wednesday 7 NBCSN

at New York Rangers

Thursday 7 NBCSW

at Pittsburgh Penguins

Saturday 1 NBCSW

Radio: WJFK (106.7 FM), WFED (1500 AM)

come easy.”

It didn’t take long for the Capitals to respond. Ovechkin’s first goal came at 7:21 from his “office” in the left faceoff circle on a five-on-three power play. The Capitals had failed to generate many chances before Ovechkin’s snipe whizzed past Wild goaltender Alex Stalock (26 saves), but his goal was enough to start Washington’s push.

About three minutes later, the Capitals took control with two goals in 31 seconds. Richard Panik scored off the rush at 10:28, his eighth goal of the season. Then, off a tic-tac-toe pass from Ilya Kovalchuk to Kuznetsov to Ovechkin, the captain scored again at 10:59. That gave the Capitals three

goals in 3:38 and provided Kovalchuk’s first point with the team.

“I wasn’t sure how it was going to go,” Reirden said of playing the three Russian forwards together for a handful of shifts. “I’ve done some research on this one. They haven’t played a lot together with the national team or anything, so that is something I wanted to see a little bit and we will see moving forward — just some different combinations that I think can keep the opposition on their heels.”

Ovechkin has 703 career goals and is six away from passing Mike Gartner for seventh on the NHL’s all-time list. His two tallies also pushed him past Jaromir Jagr (355) for the third-most goals on the road (356). Only Wayne Gretzky (402) and Steve Yzerman (362) had more.

The Wild cut Washington’s lead to 3-2 on a power-play goal from Kevin Fiala at 13:13 of the first, and the game turned chippy in the period’s final moments. After Kovalchuk felt as if he was being clipped in the crease, he took a few swings at the Wild’s Matt Dumba. Capitals defenseman Brenden Dillon came to Kovalchuk’s aid and dropped the gloves with Ryan Hartman. It was Dillon’s first fight with the Capitals; his tussle with

Capitals 4, Wild 3

WASHINGTON 3 0 1 - 4
MINNESOTA 2 0 1 - 3

FIRST PERIOD

Scoring: 1, Minnesota, Donato 14 (Suter), 3:01. 2, Washington, Ovechkin 44 (Backstrom, Carlson), 7:21 (pp). 3, Washington, Panik 8 (Hagelin), 10:28. 4, Washington, Ovechkin 45 (Kovalchuk, Kuznetsov), 10:59. 5, Minnesota, Fiala 20 (Hunt, Spurgeon), 13:13 (pp).

THIRD PERIOD

Scoring: 6, Washington, Wilson 21 (Ovechkin, Kuznetsov), 0:40. 7, Minnesota, Parise 23 (Fiala), 12:53 (pp).

SHOTS ON GOAL

WASHINGTON 11 9 10 - 30
MINNESOTA 15 8 17 - 40
Power-play opportunities: Washington 1 of 2; Minnesota 2 of 4. Goalsies: Washington, Holtby 24-13-5 (40 shots-37 saves). Minnesota, Stalock 18-10-4 (30-26). A: 17,388 (18,064). T: 2:32.

Pittsburgh’s Evgeni Malkin last month only earned him a double minor for roughing.

Kovalchuk was tagged with a double minor, giving Minnesota a power play that bled into the second period, but the Capitals kept the Wild at bay and eventually headed home 1-1 on their brief road trip.

“You can drop all the plays you want and show all the video you want,” Reirden said, “but when guys care for each other and they want to take care of their teammate, that is when you got something that you can build on. So that was a real positive for me tonight.”

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Beal’s milestone stretch continues with a road win

WIZARDS FROM D1

(22-37) built a 21-point lead in the second half and didn’t need him to carry the burden in the game’s final minutes.

“It was God playing,” Beal said, in awe of his sizzling outside shooting; he made 10 of 24 from the field but 7 of 9 from three-point range. “I don’t know who that guy was tonight.”

Beal, who also had eight assists in his 35 minutes, made five threes in the first quarter. Davis Bertans went 8 for 10 from beyond the arc overall and finished with 29 points off the bench. The Wizards shot 20 for 30 from three-point range, and Beal and Bertans became the first teammates in franchise history to make at least seven threes in the same game, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

“They didn’t pay that much attention to me on defense,” Bertans said. “Brad was hurting them, and we were hurting them in different ways. I guess in the second half, they had to change something and started helping off of me.”

During Beal’s milestone 18-game stretch, blowouts have been uncommon. The Wizards have gone 9-9, and before Sunday they had won only four of those games by 10 points or more. Some of his greatest offensive displays have come in deflating losses.

“He can score,” Wizards Coach Scott Brooks said. “If he really wanted to score 40 every night, he’s going to have a good opportunity to do that. But he wants to get our team better.”

Beal has averaged 36.4 points in the 18-game stretch, and he appeared to be on pace for more than that when he scored 22 of the team’s 35 points in the first quarter. He eclipsed Bellamy with 44 seconds remaining in the first half with a three-pointer that boosted his total to 27 points and gave the Wizards an eight-point lead.

As in most of the games during the stretch, Washington required Beal’s herculean efforts early on just to beat back its opponent, which in this case was the NBA’s worst team.

Golden State, playing without its three stars, found just as many holes in the Wizards’ defense. The Warriors thrived in



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Bradley Beal scored 34 points, his 18th consecutive game with at least 25, a Wizards franchise record.

WIZARDS’ NEXT THREE

at Sacramento Kings

Tomorrow 10 NBCSW

at Portland Trail Blazers

Wednesday 10 NBCSW

vs. Atlanta Hawks

Friday 7 NBCSW

Radio: WFED (1500 AM)

Wizards 124, Warriors 110

Washington 35 28 31 30 - 124
Golden State 28 29 19 34 - 110

WASHINGTON MIN FG FT O-T A PF PTS
Bonga 21:27 2-4 0-0 0-1 1 4 6
Hachimura 29:47 4-8 6-7 1-8 1 15
Bryant 15:23 5-6 1-1 1-2 0 12
Beal 35:09 10-24 7-8 1-2 8 1 34
Napier 25:12 3-5 2-2 0-3 5 1 9
Bertans 30:20 9-14 3-3 1-4 0 2 29
Mulder 21:42 2-5 2-2 0-3 0 3 6
Smith 20:36 3-9 0-0 0-4 5 1 6
Brown Jr. 16:38 0-4 2-2 1-5 2 2 2
Wagner 10:56 0-0 0-0 0-1 2 3 0
Pascheniks 10:38 1-1 1-2 0-1 0 2 3
Payton II 2:12 1-2 0-0 0-0 0 2
TOTALS 240 40-82 24-27 5-34 24 120

Percentages: FG, 48.8, FT, 88.9. 3-Point Goals: 20-30, .667 (Bertans 8-10, Beal 7-9, Bonga 2-3, Bryant 1-1, Napier 1-1, Hachimura 1-2, Brown Jr. 0-1, Payton II 0-1, Robinson 0-2). Team Rebounds: 7. Team Turnovers: None. Blocked Shots: 5 (Bryant 2, Bertans, Bonga, Smith). Turnovers: 13 (Bertans 2, Napier 2, Smith 2, Beal, Bonga, Brown Jr., Bryant, Hachimura, Robinson, Wagner). Steals: 10 (Beal 5, Napier 3, Brown Jr., Bryant). Technical Fouls: None.

GOLDEN STATE MIN FG FT O-T A PF PTS
Chriss 30:13 6-8 0-0 2-13 2 3 12
Toscano-Anderson 28:38 1-6 0-0 2-5 4 1 2
son 19:15 4-12 0-0 6-10 0 5 8
Bender 34:12 4-11 0-0 0-6 2 1 10
Lee 35:22 9-19 8-11 1-6 2 3 27
Wiggins 33:22 7-14 2-3 5-7 6 1 17
Mulder 31:11 6-10 2-3 0-2 1 5 17
Poole 27:47 5-9 5-7 2-3 7 2 17
TOTALS 240 42-89 17-24 18-52 25 24 110

Percentages: FG, 47.2, FT, 70.8. 3-Point Goals: 9-28, .321 (Mulder 3-7, Poole 2-5, Lee 2-4, Paschall 1-2, Wiggins 1-5, Toscano-Anderson 0-2, Bender 0-3). Team Rebounds: 6. Team Turnovers: 1. Blocked Shots: 7 (Chriss 2, Wiggins 2, Lee, Mulder, Toscano-Anderson). Turnovers: 21 (Chriss 5, Poole 4, Wiggins 4, Toscano-Anderson 3, Bender 2, Paschall 2, Lee). Steals: 7 (Lee 2, Toscano-Anderson 2, Wiggins 2, Mulder). Technical Fouls: None. A: 18,064 (18,064).

said. “In this league, you can have a game here, a game there, but in order to be special you have to play with that consistent play, and Brad does. He comes in and brings it.”

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NBA ROUNDUP

James, Lakers weather Williamson’s big night

LAKERS 122, PELICANS 114

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LeBron James had 34 points, 13 assists and 12 rebounds, and the Los Angeles Lakers overcame Anthony Davis’ absence and Zion Williamson’s highest-scoring game to beat the Pelicans, 122-114, on Sunday night in New Orleans.

Williamson finished with 35 points, but his largely productive and highlight-filled night was marred somewhat by six turnovers.

Kyle Kuzma scored 20, including a three-pointer that put the Lakers up 113-109 with 3:40 to go. The Lakers gradually pulled away after that, aided by James’s three with 2:27 left.

Davis, who spent the first seven of his eight seasons with New Orleans, sat out with a sore right knee, one night after playing in the Lakers’ 105-88 loss at Memphis. His injury did not appear too serious; he was on the bench in street clothes and routinely reacted to the action on the court by springing out of his seat and standing on the sideline.

Kentavious Caldwell-Pope scored 13 and JaVale McGee asserted himself inside with six blocked shots and eight points, including a layup in the final minute that made it 120-112.

Lonzo Ball had 19 points, nine assists and nine rebounds for New Orleans.

• **BUCKS 93, HORNETS 85:** Giannis Antetokounmpo had 41 points, 20 rebounds and six assists, and visiting Milwaukee beat Charlotte for its sixth straight win.

Brook Lopez added 16 points and seven rebounds for the Bucks, who have won 20 of their past 22 games and improved to an NBA-best 52-8.

Antetokounmpo scored in almost every way imaginable — on pick and rolls, on fast-break dunks, on fadeaway jumpers and from the foul line.

“He puts the work in every single day, multiple times a day, and it’s great to see him go into a game and execute those shots,” Lopez

said of last year’s league MVP. “It looks so good, so natural.”

The Bucks led by two entering the fourth quarter after turning the ball over 15 times in the first three quarters. Charlotte hung tough until the final two minutes, when Antetokounmpo took over.

Antetokounmpo’s 20 rebounds were one shy of his career high. The Bucks outrebounded the Hornets 61-47.

Devonte’ Graham had 17 points and Willy Hernangomez added 10 points and 13 rebounds to lead the Hornets, who were coming off a victory at defending champion Toronto on Thursday night.

• **CLIPPERS 136, 76ERS 130:** Kawhi Leonard scored 30 points, Paul George added 24, and Los Angeles extended its winning streak to four by beating visiting Philadelphia.

Reserves Montrezl Harrell and Lou Williams also had 24 points. The Clippers — who shot 59.2 percent from the field — trailed by two at halftime but took control in the third quarter, outscoring the 76ers 38-24.

Shake Milton led Philadelphia with 39 points, including seven three-pointers. The first-year guard had 26 points in the first half, which tied a team season high.

• **NUGGETS 133, RAPTORS 118:** Nikola Jokic had 23 points, 18 rebounds and 11 assists for his 12th triple-double of the season to lead host Denver past shorthanded Toronto.

Toronto, which lost its third straight, played without Serge Ibaka and Fred VanVleet for a second straight game but got a career night from OG Anunoby, who finished with 32 points on 12-for-16 shooting.

• **MAVERICKS 111, TIMBERWOLVES 91:** Kristaps Porzingis had a season-high 38 points and grabbed 13 rebounds, Seth Curry scored 27, and Dallas rolled in Minneapolis despite Luka Doncic sitting out with a thumb sprain.

• **KINGS 106, PISTONS 100:** De’Aaron Fox scored 11 of his 23 points in the fourth quarter, and Sacramento rallied from 17 down to beat visiting Detroit for its fourth win in five games since the all-star break.

Nationals’ roster move split pair’s path to majors

NATIONALS FROM D1

Academy before Braymer was taken in the 18th round and Sharp in the 22nd.

“I didn’t look at it as he got added and didn’t make room for me,” said Sharp, who texted Braymer when Braymer was added to the roster. “That was one of his biggest highlights in baseball, so I congratulated him. That doesn’t mess my stuff up.”

Braymer is less active online and hadn’t seen as much of the reaction, but he wasn’t surprised Nationals fans were attached to Sharp. He knew the Detroit-area native was vocal about supporting his local community, and he understood firsthand how charismatic Sharp could be. They often unintentionally mirrored one another while ascending the minor league system and leaned on each other to celebrate successes and to weather rough stretches.

“Both of us being low-round picks and beating the odds and rising through the ranks together was fun,” said Braymer, who later fired off a congratulatory text of his own. He was disappointed at his friend’s departure but understood the “awesome” opportunity with Miami.

This year, the Marlins must fast-track Sharp to the majors and give him a chance to stick. The Rule 5 draft stipulates he must remain on Miami’s 26-man roster all season or be offered back to Washington for \$50,000. This process leapfrogs Sharp over the hurdles that remain for Braymer: the Nationals’ veteran rotation, deep fifth-starter competition and pitchers recently drafted with high picks, such as Jackson Rutledge, Tim Cate and Mason Denaburg.

Better than a roster spot, Sharp has upward mobility. The Marlins



As Ben Braymer, above, works his way to the Nationals, Sterling Sharp is likely to be with the Marlins.

finished 57-105 last season with the majors’ 20th-worst team ERA (4.74). Manager Don Mattingly admitted it would be difficult for Sharp to remain a starter out of camp — “it’s really tough to get [a Rule 5 pitcher] into your rotation”

— but he left the option open long term.

Early in the season, Mattingly wants to use Sharp as “a different look” for opponents accustomed to the fireballing relievers who are so prevalent in the modern

game. Sharp relies on his change-up, his best pitch, to induce groundballs. If he can maintain success there and continue developing his slider, he could become one of the pieces the Marlins are looking for in their spring train-

ing clubhouse crowded with young players.

“It was a little bit disappointing,” Sharp said of not being protected by the Nationals. But he smiled and added, “I’m here with this opportunity and trying to make the most of it.”

How Sharp performs this season does not put pressure on Braymer. The Nationals are slow-playing the left-hander and expect him to start the season in the minors. He struggled last season when he was promoted to Class AAA Fresno — the Pacific Coast League is notoriously difficult for pitchers — but settled down in his final four starts.

This spring, he has made a good first impression on Manager Dave Martinez. He possesses traits Martinez values — aggressiveness, smarts in sequencing and location — and has showed them despite somewhat rocky results. The manager wants Braymer to keep developing his change-up and stay stretched out wherever he starts the regular season. If need be, Martinez envisions him as a potential left-handed option in the bullpen.

“He’s one of those young kids who we see a bright future for here,” Martinez said. “He’s going to get a look.”

From here, the two prospects’ paths might finally diverge. Sharp will be in the majors as Braymer continues working to get there. But through this process, despite the divisive reactions, they mirrored one another one last time. Each of them received a call that they had just made the largest stride yet toward what they had been chasing for years. They weren’t together anymore, but they were doing the same thing, celebrating their next best chance to make the dream come true.

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BARRY SVRLUGA

Kendrick’s mere presence has powerful impact on Nats’ clubhouse

SVRLUGA FROM D1

36-year-old Kendrick brought last year were impressive: a .344 average and .966 on-base-plus-slugging percentage, which ranked sixth in the National League among players with at least 350 plate appearances. Throw in 17 homers and the signature moments of the postseason, and this could be a discussion about maintaining baseball skills at an advanced age.

“I’m not an everyday guy anymore, and I’m not afraid to say that,” Kendrick said. “I’m not afraid to tell anybody that. If I play every day, I’ll break down.”

But there’s more to what Kendrick brings than his willingness to accept — and thrive in — a limited role. It gets at the areas of baseball that can’t be quantified, which just happen to be the areas at which the Nats feel they excelled last season. He fosters chemistry. He provides leadership.

Put your finger on what those qualities mean in baseball. There is no ball to share as there is in basketball. There are no coordinated movements to the level of a football offensive line. And yet people in the Nats’

clubhouse will tell you Kendrick is essential long before he picks up a bat or glove.

“Just watch him run his sprints in spring training,” Eaton said. “When you get 10, 12 years in, sometimes it’s like, ‘Spring training, we’ll just go through the motions.’ Not the case.”

His rookie year was 2006. He has played in 1,596 regular season games and 50 more in the playoffs. Among his teammates, only Ryan Zimmerman has been in the majors longer and played more. He was the MVP of the National League Championship Series. And yet here’s his philosophy:

“You can’t tell guys to do something that you don’t do,” Kendrick said.

So he doesn’t. But that doesn’t mean he doesn’t ask things of people. He can. And he will.

“He’ll call anybody out,” Eaton said. “It doesn’t matter if it’s Zim or me or one of the young guys. Some people, I think, on the outside would see it as not the greatest, because he’s always kind of chirping at people. But he keeps everyone attentive to what they’re doing. And he does it as well as anybody, so you can’t ever call him out.”

Some of this is natural and

comes with all the games played and games watched, with all the stories collected and told years later. Kendrick might not say anything when he walks in the clubhouse. Somehow you know he’s there.

“He’s got a panache about him,” said Mike Rizzo, the general manager who traded for him in 2017, signed him to a two-year deal in 2018, then brought him back after October’s heroics. “He’s got an elegance about him. He’s a tough SOB between the lines. He’s got some street smarts in him. But he’s got this air of dignity and elegance to him that’s hard to put your finger on — but it matters. You can’t fake it.”

To hear Kendrick tell it, all that is learned behavior. He began his career with the Los Angeles Angels, and he watched how Torii Hunter, Albert Pujols and Vladimir Guerrero set examples for teammates. After the 2014 season, he was traded to the Dodgers, with whom he re-signed a year later. At that point, he started to transition to a platoon role — against his will. He not only didn’t lead. He nearly crumbled.

“I was about ready to be done with baseball,” Kendrick said. “I

wasn’t really having a great time. . . . It was draining mentally. When you have a mental drain on you in this game, it gets tough.”

After the 2016 season, he was dealt to the Philadelphia Phillies. By that point, he was 32 — a veteran. The Phillies had a bunch of younger players. His role transitioned — not as much on the field but in the clubhouse.

“It was a new side of baseball for me,” Kendrick said. “It kind of opened my eyes to, like, ‘Man, I’ve been around long enough. I probably have a little more to give than just playing the game.’ ”

Now he is giving it to the Nationals. Kendrick is quick to point out that he is not the clubhouse’s sole policeman, and his teammates — so many of them veterans themselves — agree that leadership is a shared responsibility for this club. But there’s a reason Rizzo says two things: Kendrick’s ruptured Achilles’ tendon in 2018 was the most significant factor in derailing that season because Kendrick was away from the team; and whenever Kendrick retires from playing, he can have some sort of job in baseball operations with Rizzo’s team.

“He knows how to handle all

situations,” Scherzer said. “He knows how to relate to young guys and be an assertive veteran. He’s been one of my favorite teammates to play with because he’s so personable.”

Part of Kendrick’s job, as he approaches his 15th major league season, is to honestly assess how he’s feeling and let Manager Dave Martinez know when he should take the day off — which is often. But even on those days when he’s sitting back waiting for a pinch-hit at-bat, his eyes will be watching, and his mouth will be chirping. More than anyone, Kendrick keeps the Nationals in line. Find an analytic that pins down that value.

“There’s no statistic for that,” Eaton said. “The twirlybirds upstairs can’t say why that’s good or how that affects the team. But it affects the clubhouse mentality. If you don’t have somebody who’s doing that, the whole clubhouse can go in different directions.”

Instead, this clubhouse goes in a single direction: the one Howie Kendrick points it in.

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SPRING TRAINING NOTES

DeGrom breezes through his first outing

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New York Mets ace Jacob deGrom took on two nemeses in his first outing of spring training — a bout of nerves and the Washington Nationals.

The two-time reigning National League Cy Young winner got the best of both Sunday.

“Anytime I take the mound, I’m nervous,” deGrom said after throwing three scoreless innings in a 3-1 win in Port St. Lucie, Fla.

“It felt good to get out there in a real game feel, people in the stands, another team. [The jitters] go away when I start warming up.”

DeGrom cruised on just 33 pitches, striking out two and allowing one hit. He breezed through an easy first against Trea Turner, Ryan Zimmerman and Starlin Castro, getting three outs on seven pitches — all strikes.

•**YANKEES:** New York star Aaron Judge is scheduled to have additional tests Monday as the team tries to pinpoint the cause of soreness in his right shoulder.

Judge underwent an MRI exam Saturday, which was negative. The right fielder has been receiving treatment in Tampa.

•**RED SOX:** It was just a batting practice session, but for Chris Sale, it was progress.

Even after finishing with a fast-ball that a Class AAA prospect who batted .204 last year managed to hit over the fence, Sale and Boston were pleased.

“I thought he looked good,” pitching coach Dave Bush said. “It was an important step in progression through the spring. It was a full pregame routine with long toss and time in the bullpen and then 15 pitches on the mound.”

The previous time Sale faced hitters was Aug. 13. The left-hander was put on the injured list after that with elbow inflammation. He will start this season on the IL after reporting to camp with pneumonia, setting him back by about two weeks.

•**RANGERS:** Texas newcomer Corey Kluber faced hitters for the first time since a line drive broke his pitching arm last season with Cleveland, working three innings and allowing two runs on two hits and two walks and striking our four in a 8-6 win over the Dodgers.

“The way I would judge a spring training start is how well I’m able to execute pitches, get the ball where I want, avoid hard contact, which I think I did pretty well for the most part aside from the home run,” Kluber said.

•**ASTROS:** Sidelined since having Tommy John surgery in November 2018, Lance McCullers started a spring training game against St. Louis and faced three batters. He retired leadoff man Kolten Wong on a soft comeback-er, gave up a double to Paul DeJong and fanned Paul Goldschmidt with an 84-mph curve.

“Out of the 16 pitches I threw, really only maybe one or two that I didn’t execute the way I was hoping to pre-pitch,” McCullers said. “Really happy with just the way I felt overall and just being out there with the guys.”

NATIONAL COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Red Storm blows out No. 10 Bluejays

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Greg Williams Jr. drained his seventh three-pointer from right in front of the St. John’s bench, springing delirious teammates onto the court as he bounded into their arms during a timeout.

With an out-of-character shooting display from all over the gym, the Red Storm handed No. 10 Creighton a thorough beating that was hard to see coming.

Williams, a sophomore guard, scored a career-high 21 points as St. John’s slowed down the streaking Bluejays in a 91-71 rout Sunday in New York that marked its most lopsided win over a top-10 opponent in 28 years.

“St. John’s was terrific,” Creighton Coach Greg McDermott said. “When you get outscored by 30 on the three-point line in somebody else’s building, it’s hard to win.”

Rasheem Dunn had 19 points and a career-high 10 assists for the Red Storm (15-14, 4-12 Big East), which stopped a three-game skid.

One of the worst three-point shooting teams in the country, St. John’s went a season-best 14 for 22 (64 percent) from long range.

Damien Jefferson equaled a career best with 20 points for the Bluejays (22-7, 11-5), who had won

ST. JOHN’S 91, CREIGHTON 71

five straight and nine of 10.

•**OHIO STATE 77, MICHIGAN 63:** Duane Washington Jr. tied his career high with 20 points as the No. 23 Buckeyes defeated the No. 19 Wolverines in Columbus, Ohio.

CJ Walker added 15 points for Ohio State (20-9, 10-8 Big Ten). Franz Wagner scored 18 points and grabbed 10 rebounds for Michigan (19-10, 9-9).

•**STANFORD 72, COLORADO 64:** Bryce Wills scored 19 points, including a key layup in the final minute, to help the Cardinal knock off the No. 21 Buffaloes in Stanford, Calif.

Oscar da Silva chipped in 16 points for Stanford (20-9, 10-7 Pac-12). Tyler Bey scored 17 points for Colorado (21-9, 10-7).

•**HOUSTON 68, CINCINNATI 55:** Marcus Sasser scored 21 points and Nate Hinton had 16 as the No. 25 Cougars beat the visiting Bearcats.

Houston (22-7, 12-4) moved into a tie atop the American Athletic Conference with Tulsa, one game ahead of Cincinnati (18-10, 11-5).

Gamecocks win 23rd straight

Mikiah Herbert Harrigan scored 20 points to lead the No. 1 South Carolina women to their program-record 23rd consecutive win and a 16-0 SEC season with a 60-52 victory over No. 12 Texas A&M in Columbia, S.C.

The Gamecocks (29-1) were ahead 34-28 early in the third quarter before going on a 14-3 surge to take control. Texas A&M (22-7, 10-6) lost its second straight.

•**OREGON 92, WASHINGTON 56:** Ruthy Hebard scored 24 points, and Satou Sabally added 20 to lead the No. 3 Ducks (28-2, 17-1 Pac-12) in a rout of the Huskies (13-16, 5-13) in Eugene, Ore.

•**STANFORD 55, ARIZONA STATE 44:** Francesca Belibi had 18 points and nine rebounds to boost the No. 4 Cardinal (25-5, 14-4 Pac-12) past the No. 24 Sun Devils (20-10, 10-8) in Tempe, Ariz.

•**UCLA 77, UTAH 54:** Japreece Dean had 16 points and eight assists to spark the No. 9 Bruins (25-4, 14-4 Pac-12) past the Utes (13-16, 6-12) in Los Angeles.

•**MISSISSIPPI STATE 84, MISSISSIPPI 59:** Freshman Aliyah Matharu (McNamara) scored 24 points as the No. 10 Bulldogs (25-5, 13-3 SEC) cruised past the Rebels (7-22, 0-16) in Oxford, Miss.

AREA COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

FROM NEWS SERVICES AND STAFF REPORTS

Taylor Mikesell scored 22 points as the No. 7 Maryland women routed Minnesota, 99-44, on Sunday in Minneapolis to claim a share of the Big Ten title.

The Terrapins (25-4, 16-2), who have won the Big Ten championship five times in their six seasons in the conference, shared the crown with No. 14 Northwestern but secured the No. 1 seed in the conference tournament.

Ashley Owusu had 17 points, Kaila Charles added 15 and Stephanie Jones and Shakira Austin each pitched in 13 for the Terps, who finished the regular season on a 14-game winning streak. After a double bye, they will open the Big Ten tournament against No. 8 seed Michigan State or No. 9 seed Purdue in the quarterfinals at noon Friday in Indianapolis.

The Terps had a 54-16 edge in points in the paint Sunday as they posted their most lopsided win in Big Ten play. Maryland also had 24 steals and forced 35 turnovers, both season highs.

“We recruit very talented players who can put the ball in the basket,” Coach Brenda Frese said, “[but] this is just a special team

MARYLAND 99, MINNESOTA 44

defensively.”

Sara Scalia had 10 points for the Golden Gophers (15-14, 5-13), who suffered their most lopsided loss in nearly 34 years.

•**NORTH CAROLINA STATE 75, VIRGINIA 64:** Kayla Jones scored 16 points as the No. 8 Wolfpack made its first 13 three-point attempts during a win over the Cavaliers in Charlottesville.

North Carolina State (25-4, 14-4 ACC) was 12 for 12 from beyond the arc as it took a 46-32 halftime lead.

Amandine Toi led the Cavaliers (13-16, 8-10) with 13 points. Virginia, the No. 9 seed in the conference tournament, will face No. 8 seed Syracuse in the second round at 2 p.m. Thursday in Greensboro, N.C.

•**LOUISVILLE 70, VIRGINIA TECH 53:** Jazmine Jones scored 18 points to lead the No. 5 Cardinals (27-3, 16-2 ACC) to a win over the visiting Hokies.

Virginia Tech (21-8, 11-7) didn’t score for the first 5:40. An 8-0 run let the Hokies cut their deficit to 26-18, but they got no closer.

Elizabeth Kitley led the Hokies with 17 points. Virginia Tech is the No. 5 seed in the ACC tournament; it will face No. 12 seed North Carolina or No. 13 seed Wake Forest in the second round at 11 a.m. Thursday.

•**CREIGHTON 95, GEORGETOWN 78:** In Omaha, Jaylyn Agnew had 43 points to set Creighton’s single-game record as the Bluejays (19-10, 11-7 Big East) routed the Hoyas.

Taylor Barnes had 24 points for Georgetown (5-24, 2-16). The Big East tournament begins Friday in Chicago, and the Hoyas will be the No. 9 or No. 10 seed after finishing tied with Xavier. The Hoyas will face No. 7 seed Villanova or No. 8 seed Providence; the matchups will be announced Monday.

Virginia Tech men fall again

Jordan Nwora had 20 points as the No. 11 Louisville men grabbed sole possession of first place in the ACC with a 68-52 victory over visiting Virginia Tech.

The Cardinals (24-6, 15-4) took a half-game lead over No. 6 Florida State. Jalen Cone scored 15 points for the Hokies (15-14, 6-12), who lost their fourth in a row and their ninth in 10 games.



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Guard Devin Dinkins was all smiles after No. 6 Gonzaga overcame No. 11 Wilson at Smith Center.

D.C. STATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION CLASS AA BOYS’ BASKETBALL FINAL

Eagles rise to occasion against Tigers

BY MICHAEL ERRIGO

Midway through the second quarter of the D.C. State Athletic Association Class AA boys’ basketball championship game, with their team leading Gonzaga by five points, Wilson students who packed into the upper levels of George Washington’s Smith Center struck up a chant. “Overrated!” they yelled. “Overrated!”

No. 6 Gonzaga carries the reputation of a Washington Catholic Athletic Conference power. And brackets such as this are filled with programs trying to prove what those students were selling. Each opponent wants to show that the Eagles’ ranking and stature are nonsense. Phony. Underserved.

On Sunday, it was No. 11 Wilson hoping to make that statement. The Tigers, playing in their third consecutive DCSAA championship game, had knocked off Gonzaga before. They toppled the Eagles in the 2018 semifinals and beat the WCAC’s Archbishop

GONZAGA 55,
WILSON 49

Carroll on Friday to earn a spot in this game.

But Gonzaga was ready for everything the upset-minded Tigers threw at it Sunday, earning a defiant 55-49 victory.

“These D.C. teams always have more energy,” Eagles senior Chuck Harris said. “Their fan bases, too, as we saw today. We know they want it bad, and we know we’re the team to beat.”

The crowd — loud and proud for both sides all night — played a larger role in the fourth quarter as Gonzaga tried to hold on to its lead. The Wilson students treated Gonzaga to one taunt after another, and the Eagles players ate it up. Senior forward Terrance Williams, after converting a big and-one with four minutes remaining, raised his arms high to ask them for more.

Later, with a few seconds remaining and a Gonzaga victory

imminent, a fan threw a beer can onto the floor. More debris was aimed at the Gonzaga bench during the handshake line.

“It just made me play harder,” Williams said. “In my four years, that’s the first time a student section has ever thrown anything at me. And it was crazy. But it gave me momentum to keep going, keep making them mad.”

Williams finished with 19 points and 14 rebounds. After a close second half, the Eagles (25-10) took control by holding Wilson (24-5) to four points in the third quarter. In the fourth, every Tigers run was answered by a big basket from Williams or Harris.

This is the second DCSAA title for Gonzaga, which also won in 2017. Harris, Williams and forward Myles Stute were freshmen on that team. Sunday’s victory gave them another title to book-end impactful careers.

“This group has been special,” Coach Steve Turner said. “I’m just so proud. They’ve really cemented their legacy on Eye Street.”

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St. John’s guard Azzi Fudd had 17 points, six rebounds and five assists in a win over Sidwell Friends.

D.C. STATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION CLASS AA GIRLS’ BASKETBALL FINAL

Fudd leads Cadets to fifth straight title

BY KYLE MELNICK

In the final seconds of the first quarter Sunday afternoon, St. John’s guard Azzi Fudd dribbled a foot past the midcourt logo at George Washington’s Smith Center and pulled up to shoot.

When Fudd returned to the court in January — nine months after she tore her right ACL and medial collateral ligament — she admitted she was sometimes hesitant to take open shots. But those fears have evaporated. After picking up her dribble, Fudd took that deep shot and drained it as the buzzer sounded.

Those are the kinds of dazzling shots Fudd made the past two years to twice earn All-Met Player of the Year honors. She just recently started connecting on them routinely again, and on Sunday, the junior led the No. 12 Cadets to a 54-44 win over No. 10 Sidwell Friends in the D.C. State Athletic Association Class AA girls’ basketball championship game.

“It just feels smoother,” said Fudd, who finished with a game-

ST. JOHN’S 54,
SIDWELL FRIENDS 44

high 17 points, six rebounds and five assists. “I’ve never been worried about my knees, but I just feel a little bit more like my old self every game I come back.”

St. John’s (22-9) has won five straight DCSAA titles and six in seven years. After failing to win the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference for the first time in three years, St. John’s entered the DCSAA tournament with extra drive. The Cadets’ experience was too much for a young squad from Sidwell Friends (28-6).

St. John’s endured an inconsistent start, but as Fudd continued to regain her health and played more minutes, the Cadets improved. St. John’s Coach Jonathan Scribner saw his squad mesh for the first time in wins over Bishop O’Connell and Bishop McNamara in mid-February.

“It’s easy to lose at WCAC and just kind of be deflated for this,”

Scribner said. “You always want to win your last game. That’s everybody’s goal, isn’t it?”

Fudd accepted the game’s MVP award, and as she walked back to the locker room, families stopped her to take pictures with their children.

Tim Fudd, Azzi’s father and an assistant coach for St. John’s, remembers when his daughter could hardly bend her right knee after surgery last spring. But even then, she went to the gym, stood still near the basket and shot with her parents rebounding. While his daughter hasn’t regained her explosiveness, Tim Fudd believes she’s a better shooter.

Azzi Fudd said she feels 85 percent healthy and expects to be at full health next season. Fully healthy or not, Fudd reinforced she’s one of the area’s best players.

“She smiles; she’s having a good time out there,” Scribnersaid. “She wants to be out there. She’s the most unselfish player I’ve ever seen, with every reason to be selfish.”

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D.C. STATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION CLASS A BOYS’ BASKETBALL FINAL

Shaky early, Panthers complete climb back to top

KIPP 65,
MODEL 32

BY TRAMEL RAGGS

Moments after dismantling Model School, 65-32, in the D.C. State Athletic Association Class A boys’ basketball championship game, KIPP senior guard Larry Manning took five wobbly steps

up a ladder as he prepared to clip his piece of the net at Smith Center.

Despite taking the same five-step journey after last year’s title game, Manning appeared nervous and uncomfortable, which prompted his teammates to tease him.

“I’m not trying to fall, man; this ladder doesn’t feel safe,” Manning said.

To which one of his teammates

replied: “We knew we were going to be here all year long. You should’ve been practicing.”

With eight players returning from last season, including junior standouts Saveon Jackson and Rasheed Dupree, it was indeed always expected that KIPP (31-4) would find its way back to the top. The team confronted those expectations with enthusiasm and delivered.

“Following last season’s cham-

pionship, we immediately started looking forward to this season and had that championship-or-bust mind-set,” Coach Chris Miller said. “We never wanted to shy away from the conversation of going back-to-back. This was always the only acceptable outcome.”

After a tough start to the season in which the Panthers went 6-4, KIPP closed the year on a 25-game winning streak. The players cited a 68-67 win against Coolidge on

Jan. 11 — part of the Uptown Hoopfest — as the turning point.

“We lost to some really good teams on the road and at tournaments early on in the year while we were still getting our timing right,” Jackson said. “But the game against Coolidge was when it all started clicking and I knew we couldn’t be stopped.”

On Sunday, KIPP received strong performances up and down the roster. DeQuan Williams and Jackson combined for 35 points, while Dupree was the team’s conductor, finishing with 14 points, five assists and four steals.

“We have a team full of guys that can score double digits, so defens-

es can’t focus on anybody,” said Dupree, who was named the game’s MVP.

By winning their second straight DCSAA Class A title, the Panthers are eligible to compete in Class AA next season.

“We’ve felt like we have been one of the city’s best for a while now, so having the opportunity to play up next year is big,” Dupree said. “I can’t wait for people to doubt us like they did the first year, so we can have the laugh when we prove them wrong again.”

In the Class A girls’ championship game Sunday, Anacostia beat Ballou, 59-35.

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Hoyas’ skid reaches four with a home loss to Xavier

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basket where the rim meets the backboard.

“We didn’t get some key stops, especially down the stretch,” Hoyas Coach Patrick Ewing said. “We didn’t come up with key rebounds, especially down the stretch. So that hurt.”

Equally painful for Georgetown (15-14, 5-11 Big East) is that the Hoyas, on a four-game losing streak, now face the final two games of the regular season knowing that nothing but an incredible run in the conference tournament is likely to put them back in the NCAA tournament conversation. They visit No. 10 Creighton (22-7, 11-5) on Wednesday and host No. 12 Villanova (22-7, 11-5) on Saturday.

The Hoyas’ final leg of the regular season has brought no reprieve from the injury bug. Sophomore guard Mac McClung missed another game with a foot injury; he sat on the bench wearing a walking boot on his right foot. Beyond a brief appearance in a loss to Providence on Feb. 19, he hasn’t played since Jan. 28. Senior center Omer Yurtseven remained sidelined with an ankle injury, and a new player joined their ranks Sunday: Freshman center Malcolm Wilson sported a walking boot on his left foot. Ewing said the big man cracked a bone in his leg in practice Saturday but will not need surgery.

EwingsaidMcClunghasn’t had surgery. Beyond that, he had no timetable for McClung’s or Yurtseven’s return.

“There’s no target date [for Yurtseven],” Ewing said. “Whenever they tell me that he’s ready,



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Junior guard Jahvon Blair made 4 of 11 three-point attempts on his way to a team-high 18 points during Georgetown’s loss Sunday.

that’s when he’s going to step out there. I can’t worry about if he’s coming back or if Mac’s coming back. . . . All I can worry about is who’s ready. That’s who I coach.”

The players Ewing did have available Sunday kept Xavier (19-10, 8-8) within arm’s reach throughout the second half after

trailing by 11 in the first. Neither team shot well for the bulk of the game — at one point early in the second half, both teams had more turnovers than field goals — but Georgetown had a few runs after halftime that kept Xavier from pulling away.

Junior guard Jahvon Blair led

the Hoyas with 18 points, including four three-pointers, and junior wing Jamorko Pickett had 12 points but added six turnovers. Mosely contributed 11 points and seven assists.

Musketeers Coach Travis Steele heaped praise on Georgetown and Ewing, but Xavier was its own worst enemy for much of Sunday’s game. The visitors overcame 23 turnovers to eke out a win.

“It wasn’t aesthetically very pleasing,” Steele said.

Tyrique Jones made up for many of Xavier’s mistakes. The senior forward muscled his way to 18 points, 16 of which came in the second half, and 13 rebounds. He provided the answer to many of the mini-streaks Georgetown rattled off after halftime with dunks or fast-break layups, besting the tired Hoyas in the paint. Marshall added a game-high 20 points to go with 10 rebounds.

Steele kept his rotation tight, using just seven players, but in 28 minutes of playing time Jones gave Xavier something the Hoyas just don’t have at this point: a player who can give his team a second wind.

After the loss, Ewing chuckled at the usual round of questions about whether he frets over how worn down his team must be. Mosely logged another 40-minute game (his sixth of the season), Blair played all but 39 seconds, and Pickett was on the court for 35 minutes.

“You can’t worry about it. There are things you can worry about,” Ewing said, pausing to laugh. “That’s one of the things you can’t. These are the guys that we have.”

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GOLF ROUNDUP

Im wins Honda, then reflects on South Korean homeland

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Moments after getting his first career PGA Tour win, Sungjae Im took a moment to reflect on what it means.

Not for himself — for his homeland.

The 21-year-old South Korean started fast and finished stronger Sunday, winning the Honda Classic in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., by one shot over Mackenzie Hughes and two over Tommy Fleetwood for his first victory in 50 tries on tour. His thoughts were not on the trophy or the \$1.26 million winner’s prize but rather the coronavirus and how nearly 4,000 cases have been confirmed by Korean officials.

“Over in Korea right now, I know a lot of people are dealing with the coronavirus,” Im said. “And it’s kind of a huge deal with everybody. But I’m just glad as a Korean player that I can deliver some good news to the countrymen back home . . . to do something for the country and make everybody proud.”

Im shot a 4-under-par 66, finishing at 6 under to match the second-highest winning score since the Honda moved to PGA National in 2007. The tour’s rookie of the year last season became the seventh player from South Korea to win on tour and the Honda’s 10th international champion in the past 16 seasons.

Im birdied four of his first five holes, then birdied two of the final four to finish off the victory.

Hughes, a Canadian who

made the cut on the number Friday, shot his second consecutive 66. Playing alongside Im, he missed a birdie putt at the par-5 finishing hole that would have gotten him into a tie for the top spot.

Fleetwood (71) was alone in third and is still seeking his first PGA Tour win.

•**PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS:** Bernhard Langer closed with an 8-under 65 to turn a four-shot deficit into a two-shot win at the Cologuard Classic in Tucson.

Langer made nine birdies in 17 holes to seize control at Tucson National, finishing two shots ahead of Woody Austin.

Langer won for the 41st time on the 50-and-older circuit. Hale Irwin holds the record with 45 victories.

The 62-year-old German has gone 14 consecutive seasons with at least one victory. Langer finished at 18-under 201 and moved to the top of the Charles Schwab Cup standings.

Brett Quigley began the final round with a three-shot lead and was still in the mix until a double bogey on the par-5 12th hole. He closed with a 73 and tied for third with Rod Pampling.

•**EUROPEAN TOUR:** Sami Valimaki of Finland defeated South African Brandon Stone on the third hole of a playoff to win the Oman Open in Muscat for his first career tour victory.

Valimaki and Stone finished at 13-under 275 after both shot 2-under 70s in the final round on a gusty day.

Awful offense on the road dooms the Defenders for the second week in a row

VIPERS 25, DEFENDERS 0

BY JAKE RUSSELL

For the second straight week, the DC Defenders were dominated from start to finish by a previously winless opponent. They showed few signs of life offensively and lost, 25-0, to the Tampa Bay Vipers on Sunday in Tampa.

The Defenders (2-2) failed to

respond to an embarrassing 39-9 loss at Los Angeles last week and managed to play as poorly against the Vipers (1-3), who became the last XFL team to earn its first win.

Tampa Bay defensive coordinator Jerry Glanville, the former head coach of the Houston Oilers and Atlanta Falcons, suffocated the Defenders' offense all night. DC gained 107 total yards and only six first downs. The Vipers gained 477 total yards and 29 first downs, and they ran 80 offensive plays to DC's 39.

"We have to get back to D.C. and fix this together," Defenders Coach Pep Hamilton said. "We haven't played well on the road the past couple weeks. It's really just a situation where I have to evaluate what we're doing when we play outside of D.C. There's no excuse for it. We have to play better football."

Tampa Bay set the tone early with its rushing attack, gaining 89 yards on the ground in the first quarter on its way to rushing for 266 yards overall. The Vipers

scored touchdowns on their first two possessions, an eight-yard rush by Jacques Patrick with 8:35 left in the first quarter and a 13-yard pass from Taylor Cornelius to tight end DeAndre Goolsby with 13:36 left in the second.

DC boasted one of the league's most prolific offenses in its first two games of the season — both wins at Audi Field — but it has been dangerously inept on the road.

After he threw four interceptions last week against Los Ange-

les, Defenders quarterback Cardale Jones had another forgettable performance against Tampa Bay, completing 9 of 22 passes for 72 yards and one interception. For the second straight week, he was replaced by backup Tyree Jackson in the fourth quarter.

DC's running game also continued to struggle. Donnel Pumphrey and Nick Brossette combined for 46 yards on 13 carries.

"This one sucks because it's more [about] missed opportunities than what your opponent was

doing," Jones said. "But they still stayed true to themselves."

Defenders safety Rahim Moore recorded his second interception of the season late in the third quarter, but the momentum was short-lived when Jones was picked off by Vipers cornerback Tarvarus McFadden three plays later. That led to a 17-yard touchdown run by Cornelius, giving the Vipers a 22-0 lead. Cornelius finished 24 for 31 for 211 yards and rushed four times for 36 yards.

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NBA				
ATLANTIC	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto.....	42	18	.700	—
Boston.....	41	18	.695	½
Philadelphia.....	37	24	.607	5½
Brooklyn.....	26	34	.441	15½
New York.....	18	42	.300	24

SOUTHEAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami.....	38	22	.633	—
Orlando.....	27	33	.450	11
Washington.....	22	37	.373	15½
Charlotte.....	21	39	.350	17
Atlanta.....	19	43	.306	20

CENTRAL	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana.....	32	24	.569	—
Chicago.....	20	40	.333	12
Detroit.....	20	42	.323	13
Cleveland.....	17	43	.283	15

SOUTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston.....	39	20	.661	—
Dallas.....	27	34	.441	3
Memphis.....	29	31	.483	10½
New Orleans.....	26	34	.433	13½
San Antonio.....	25	33	.431	13½

NORTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver.....	41	19	.683	—
Utah.....	37	22	.627	3½
Oklahoma City.....	37	23	.617	4
Portland.....	26	35	.426	15½
Minnesota.....	17	42	.288	23½

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MONDAY'S GAMES

Houston at New York, 7
Portland at Orlando, 7
Utah at Cleveland, 7
Memphis at Atlanta, 7:30
Milwaukee at Miami, 7:30
Dallas at Chicago, 8
Indiana at San Antonio, 8:30

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Washington at Sacramento, 10
San Antonio at Charlotte, 7
Brooklyn at Boston, 7:30
L.A. Clippers at Oklahoma City, 8
Minnesota at New Orleans, 8
Golden State at Denver, 9
Toronto at Phoenix, 9
Philadelphia at L.A. Lakers, 10

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Washington at Portland, 10
Boston at Cleveland, 7
Indiana at Milwaukee, 7
Oklahoma City at Detroit, 7
Memphis at Brooklyn, 7:30
Orlando at Miami, 7:30
Utah at New York, 7:30
Chicago at Minnesota, 8
New Orleans at Dallas, 9:30

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Denver at Charlotte, 7
L.A. Clippers at Houston, 8
Philadelphia at Sacramento, 10
Toronto at Golden State, 10:30

Bucks 93, Hornets 85

MILWAUKEE	26	19	25	23	—	93
CHARLOTTE	20	23	25	17	—	85

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CHARLOTTE: Bridges 3-13 0-0 7, Washington 5-14 1-1 12, Biyombo 2-8 4-4 8, Graham 7-13 0-1 17, Rozier 6-18 1-1 13, Hernanomez 4-9 2-10, McDaniels 1-2 0-0 2, Ca.Martin 2-6 0-0 5, Co.Martin 4-8 1-11. Totals 34-96 9-10 85.
Three-point Goals: Milwaukee 7-31 (Matthews 2-7, Brown 1-2, Connaughton 1-4, G.Antetokounmpo 1-4, Hill 1-4, B.Lopez 1-5, DiVincenzo 0-3, Charlotte 8-35 (Graham 3-8, Co.Martin 2-5, Ca.Martin 1-2, Bridges 1-7, Washington 1-8, Rozier 0-3). Fouled Out: None. Rebounds: Milwaukee 61 (G.Antetokounmpo 20), Charlotte 47 (Hernanomez 12). Assists: Milwaukee 20 (G.Antetokounmpo 6), Charlotte 22 (Hernanomez, Rozier 4). Total Fouls: Milwaukee 11, Charlotte 18. A: 19,149 (19,077).

Mavericks 111,					
Timberwolves 91					
DALLAS	28	35	18	30	— 111
MINNESOTA	24	20	21	26	— 91

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Clippers 136, 76ers 130

PHILADELPHIA	39	33	24	34	— 130
L.A. CLIPPERS	34	36	38	28	— 136

PHILADELPHIA: Harris 11-21 0-1 25. Robinson III 1-3 0-0

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Three-point Goals: Philadelphia 21-43 (Milton 7-9, Scott 3-4, Burks 3-7, Harris 3-7, Korkmaz 2-6, Thybille 1-3, Horford 1-4), L.A. Clippers 13-24 (George 4-8, Williams 3-4, Leonard 2-5, Green 1-2, Beverley 0-2). Fouled Out: Philadelphia 2 (Horford 0), L.A. Clippers 37 (Harrell 9). Assists: Philadelphia 27 (Horford 6), L.A. Clippers 25 (Williams 8). Total Fouls: Philadelphia 28, L.A. Clippers 17. A: 19,068 (18,997).
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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NCAA men

EAST

South Florida 64, Temple 58
St. John's 91, Creighton 71
Towson 75, Northeastern 72
Xavier 66, Georgetown 63

SOUTH

FIU 67, Charlotte 52
Louisville 68, Virginia Tech 52
Old Dominion 85, FAU 80, OT

MIDWEST

Illinois 67, Indiana 66
Northwestern 81, Nebraska 76, OT
Ohio State 77, Michigan 63

Wisconsin 71, Minnesota 69
SOUTHWEST
Houston 68, Cincinnati 55
UTEP 75, Southern Miss. 56
Wichita State 66, SMU 62
WEST
Stanford 100, UCLA 64

Ojaiako 1-20-0 2, Alleyne 4-7-0 12, Bede 1-20-0 2, Radford 3-5-2 2 8, Wilkins 0-10-0, Cone 5-12-0 15, Nolley 2-9-2 3, McMahoon 2-3, Nwora 2-8, Oddo 1-1, Sutton 1-2, D.Johnson 4-6-8, Williams 2-5-0 0 4, Perry 0-1-2 2 2, Slazinski 0-1-0 0 0, Nickelberry 0-1 0-0 0, Oddo 1-1 0-0 3. Totals 19-50 4-6 52.
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LOUISVILLE (24-6)

Nwora 8-16 2-3 20, Sutton 3-5 1-1 8, Enoch 2-8 4-6 8, Kimble 2-5 1-3 5, McMahon 4-6 0-0 10, D.Johnson 4-7-0 8, Williams 2-5-0 0 4, Perry 0-1-2 2 2, Slazinski 0-1-0 0 0, Nickelberry 0-1 0-0 0, Oddo 1-1 0-0 3. **Totals 26-56 10-15 68.**

Half-time: 27-27 **Three-point goals:** Virginia Tech 10-30

PACIFIC	W	L	Pct	GB
Lakers.....	46	13	.780	—
L.A. Clippers.....	41	19	.683	5½
Sacramento.....	26	34	.433	20½
Phoenix.....	24	37	.393	23
Golden State.....	13	48	.213	34

y-Clinched playoff spot

Xavier 66, Georgetown 63

XAVIER (19-10)

Carter 3-7-0-17, Freemantle 2-7-2-2-6, Jones 8-14-2-418,
Marshall 7-17-2-220, Scruggs 2-5-2-8, Goodin 0-10-0-0,
Tandy 2-7-1-2-7. **Totals 24-58 9-13 66.**

GEORGETOWN (15-14)

Pickett 4-11-1-12, Wahab 3-4-1-1-7, Allen 2-8-2-2-7,
Plas 15-4-1-18, 140-cvly 0-3-2-11. Info: 1-800-451-1111

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NCAA women

EAST

Boston College 88, Syracuse 81

Rutgers 78, Iowa 74, OT

Seton Hall 66, Butler 53

St. John's 74, Xavier 37

Villanova 74, Providence 63

SOUTH

Alabama 73, Missouri 61

Duke 73, North Carolina 54
Georgia 65, Florida 59
Georgia Tech 56, Clemson 44
James Madison 69, Delaware 64
Louisville 70, Virginia Tech 53
Miami 73, Pittsburgh 54
Mississippi State 84, Mississippi 59
N.C. State 75, Virginia 64
Notre Dame 70, Florida State 67
South Carolina 60, Texas A&M 52
Tennessee 56, Auburn 55

Vanderbilt 70, Kentucky 64

MIDWEST

Creighton 95, Georgetown 78

Indiana 78, Michigan 60

Marquette 90, DePaul 83

Maryland 99, Minnesota 44

Michigan State 99, Penn State 80

Missouri State 69, Bradley 66

SOUTHWEST

Arkansas 75, LSU 71

Texas Tech 87, TCU 83

WEST

California 55, Arizona 54
Oregon 92, Washington 56
Oregon State 73, Washington State 58
Southern Cal 66, Colorado 55
Stanford 55, Arizona State 44

UCLA 77, Utah 54

No. 7 Maryland 99, Minnesota 44

MARYLAND	20	15	29	16	— 99
MINNESOTA	14	14	16	0	— 44

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No. 5 Louisville 70, Virginia Tech 53					
VIRGINIA TECH	8	16	8	21	— 53
LOUISVILLE	19	18	16	17	— 70
VIRGINIA TECH (21-8)					

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No. 8 N.C. State 75, Virginia 64					
N.C. STATE	19	27	15	14	— 75
VIRGINIA	21	11	13	19	— 64
N.C. STATE (25-4)					

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HOCKEY

NHL						
ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF GA
Boston.....	66	41	19	15	94	218 167
Tampa Bay.....	65	41	19	5	87	230 183
Toronto.....	66	35	23	8	78	233 218
Florida.....	66	33	26	7	73	224 224
Montreal.....	67	30	28	9	69	203 207
Buffalo.....	65	29	28	8	66	188 205
Ottawa.....	63	31	12	58	178	224
Detroit.....	67	15	47	5	35	135 255
METROPOLITAN	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF GA
Washington.....	65	40	19	6	86	226 199
Philadelphia.....	65	38	20	7	83	220 190

Pittsburgh.....	64	37	21	6	80	204	178
N.Y. Islanders.....	64	35	21	8	78	181	175
Columbus.....	67	32	21	14	78	175	179
Carolina.....	64	35	24	5	75	207	183
N.Y. Rangers.....	65	35	26	4	74	217	203
New Jersey.....	65	26	27	12	64	177	216



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840 Trustees Sale - DC	840 Trustees Sale - DC
Samuel I. White, P.C. 6100 EXECUTIVE BLVD. SUITE 400 ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20852 SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE RESIDENTIAL DWELLING KNOWN AS: 4366 VARNUM PLACE, NE, WASHINGTON, DC 20017	

By virtue of Deed of Trust recorded in the land records of the District of Columbia recorded on March 5, 2009, as Instrument Number 2009022045 , and in accordance Judgment filed on October 31, 2018 in Case 2017 CA 004642 R(RP) and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer to sell at public auction, within the office of HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC., 5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015-2034, on

March 31, 2020 at 3:00 PM

the land and premises situated in the District of Columbia and more particularly described in the above referenced Deed of Trust and as of the date hereof designated on the Records of the Assessor of the District of Columbia for assessment purposes as

4366 Varnum Place, NE, Washington, DC 20017

(Lot 106, Square 3810).

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 (5.375% 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. 54044

	
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840 Trustees Sale - DC	840 Trustees Sale - DC
Samuel I. White, P.C. 6100 EXECUTIVE BLVD. SUITE 400 ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20852 SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE RESIDENTIAL DWELLING KNOWN AS: 1117 10TH STREET, NW, UNIT 905 WASHINGTON, DC 20001	

By virtue of Deed of Trust recorded in the land records of the District of Columbia recorded on June 5, 2006, as Instrument Number 2006073416 , and in accordance Judgment filed on November 22, 2019 in Case 2019 CA 002150 R(RP) and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer to sell at public auction, within the office of HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC., 5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015-2034, on

March 31, 2020 at 3:00 PM

the land and premises situated in the District of Columbia and more particularly described in the above referenced Deed of Trust and as of the date hereof designated on the Records of the Assessor of the District of Columbia for assessment purposes as

1117 10th Street, NW, Unit 905 Washington, DC 20001

LOT 69 AND SQUARE 2130.

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 (4% 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. 62828

	
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840 Trustees Sale - DC	840 Trustees Sale - DC
3435 SUMMIT COURT NE, WASHINGTON, DC 20018 In execution of the Superior Court for the District of Columbia's Decree of Sale in Case #2016 CA 007355 R (RP), the undersigned Substitute Trustee(s) will offer for sale the property known as 3435 SUMMIT COURT NE, WASHINGTON, DC 20018 at public auction within the offices of, HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC., 5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015 202-463-4567 On MARCH 17, 2020 AT 11:00 A.M., the land and premises situated in the District of Columbia, and designated as and being Lot 2353 in Square 4325 and more particularly described in the Deed of Trust recorded in the Land Records of the District of Columbia, on FEBRUARY 22, 2007 as Instrument Number 2007024227.	

The property will be sold by Trustee's Deed "as is" without any covenant, expressed or implied, in Fee Simple, subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the Deed of Trust referenced above, and subject to ratification by the Court

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of the lesser of \$11,000.00 or 10% of the sale price will be required at time of sale in certified funds CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. The deposit required to bid at the auction is waived for the Noteholder and any of its successors or assigns. The Noteholder may bid up to the credit and may submit a written bid to the Trustee which shall be announced at sale. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash within 60 days of final ratification of the sale by the Court.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE: If purchaser fails to settle within the aforesaid SIXTY (60) days of the ratification, the purchaser agrees to pay the Substitute Trustees' reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the Court, plus all costs incurred, if the Substitute Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed with the Court in connection with such motion and any Show Cause Order issued by the Court and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper or Order by certified mail and regular mail sent to the address provided by the purchaser and as recorded on the documents executed by the purchaser at the time of the sale. Service shall be deemed effective upon the purchaser 3 days after postmarked by the United States Post Office. It is expressly agreed by the purchaser that actual receipt of the certified mail is not required for service to be effective. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement the deposit shall be forfeited to the Substitute Trustees and all expenses of this sale (including attorney fees and full commission on the gross sales price of the sale) shall be charged against and paid from the forfeited deposit. In the event of resale the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property regardless of any improvements made to the real property. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. In the event that the settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for the costs of all transfer taxes, documentary stamps and all other costs incident to settlement. Purchaser shall be responsible for physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss from the date of sale forward. The sale is subject to post sale audit by the Mortgage holder to determine whether the borrower filed bankruptcy, entered into any repayment/forbearance agreement, reinstated or paid off prior to the sale. In any such event the Purchaser agrees that upon notification by the Substitute Trustees of such event the sale is null and void and of no legal effect and the deposit returned without interest.

Substitute Trustee's File No.567985

	
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840 Trustees Sale - DC	840 Trustees Sale - DC
4241 Fort Dupont Terrace SE, Washington, DC 20020 In execution of the Superior Court for the District of Columbia's Decree of Sale in 2017 CA 008249 R(RP), the undersigned Trustee(s) will offer for sale the property known as 4241 Fort Dupont Terrace SE, Washington, DC 20020 at public auction within the offices of, HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC., 5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015 202-463-4567 On March 31, 2020 At 1:00 PM, the land and premises situated in the District of Columbia, and designated as and being Lot 56 in Square 5368, and more particularly described in the Deed of Trust recorded in the Land Records of the District of Columbia, on January 28, 2003, as Instrument Number 2003012897.	

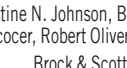
The property will be sold by Trustee's Deed "as is" without any covenant, expressed or implied, in Fee Simple, subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the Deed of Trust referenced above, and subject to ratification by the Court

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$11,600.00 will be required at time of sale in cash or certified funds. The deposit required to bid at the auction is waived for the Noteholder and any of its successors or assigns. The Noteholder may bid up to the amount owed on the Note plus all costs and expenses of sale on credit and may submit a written bid to the Trustee which shall be announced at sale. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash within 60 days of final ratification of the sale by the Court.

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If purchaser fails to settle within the aforesaid sixty(60) days of the ratification, the purchaser agrees to pay the Trustees' reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the Court, plus all costs incurred, if the Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed with the Court in connection with such motion and any Show Cause Order issued by the Court and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper or Order by certified mail and regular mail sent to the address provided by the purchaser and as recorded on the documents executed by the purchaser at the time of the sale. Service shall be deemed effective upon the purchaser 3 days after postmarked by the United States Post Office. It is expressly agreed by the purchaser that actual receipt of the certified mail is not required for service to be effective. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement the deposit shall be forfeited to the Trustees and all expenses of this sale (including attorney fees and full commission on the gross sales price of the sale) shall be charged against and paid from the forfeited deposit. In the event of resale the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property regardless of any improvements made to the real property. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Trustees. In the event that the settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for the costs of all transfer taxes, documentary stamps and all other costs incident to settlement. Purchaser shall be responsible for physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss from the date of sale forward. The sale is subject to post sale audit by the Mortgage holder to determine whether the borrower filed bankruptcy, entered into any repayment/forbearance agreement, reinstated or paid off prior to the sale. In any such event the Purchaser agrees that upon notification by the Trustees of such event the sale is null and void and of no legal effect and the deposit returned without interest.

Substitute Trustee's File Number 19-15828

	
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840 Trustees Sale - DC	840 Trustees Sale - DC
1124 8TH STREET NE, WASHINGTON, DC 20002 In execution of the Superior Court for the District of Columbia's Decree of Sale in Case #2019 CA 006379 R (RP), the undersigned Substitute Trustee(s) will offer for sale the property known as 1124 8TH STREET NE, WASHINGTON, DC 20002 at public auction within the offices of, HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC., 5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015 202-463-4567 On MARCH 17, 2020 AT 11:00 A.M., the land and premises situated in the District of Columbia, and designated as and being Lot 0058 in Square 0886 and more particularly described in the Deed of Trust recorded in the Land Records of the District of Columbia, on NOVEMBER 4, 2002 as Instrument Number 2002127741.	

The property will be sold by Trustee's Deed "as is" without any covenant, expressed or implied, in Fee Simple, subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the Deed of Trust referenced above, and subject to ratification by the Court

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of the lesser of \$10,000.00 or 10% of the sale price will be required at time of sale in certified funds CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. The deposit required to bid at the auction is waived for the Noteholder and any of its successors or assigns. The Noteholder may bid up to the credit and may submit a written bid to the Trustee which shall be announced at sale. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash within 45 days of final ratification of the sale by the Court.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE: If purchaser fails to settle within the aforesaid FORTY-FIVE (45) days of the ratification, the purchaser agrees to pay the Substitute Trustees' reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the Court, plus all costs incurred, if the Substitute Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed with the Court in connection with such motion and any Show Cause Order issued by the Court and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper or Order by certified mail and regular mail sent to the address provided by the purchaser and as recorded on the documents executed by the purchaser at the time of the sale. Service shall be deemed effective upon the purchaser 3 days after postmarked by the United States Post Office. It is expressly agreed by the purchaser that actual receipt of the certified mail is not required for service to be effective. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement the deposit shall be forfeited to the Substitute Trustees and all expenses of this sale (including attorney fees and full commission on the gross sales price of the sale) shall be charged against and paid from the forfeited deposit. In the event of resale the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property regardless of any improvements made to the real property. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. In the event that the settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for the costs of all transfer taxes, documentary stamps and all other costs incident to settlement. Purchaser shall be responsible for physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss from the date of sale forward. The sale is subject to post sale audit by the Mortgage holder to determine whether the borrower filed bankruptcy, entered into any repayment/forbearance agreement, reinstated or paid off prior to the sale. In any such event the Purchaser agrees that upon notification by the Substitute Trustees of such event the sale is null and void and of no legal effect and the deposit returned without interest.

Substitute Trustee's File No.588972

	
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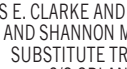
840 Trustees Sale - DC	840 Trustees Sale - DC
3601 WISCONSIN AVENUE NW UNIT 411 & PARKING SPACE UNIT 3, WASHINGTON, DC 20016 In execution of the Superior Court for the District of Columbia's Decree of Sale in Case #2018 CA 004708 R (RP), the undersigned Substitute Trustee(s) will offer for sale the property known as 3601 WISCONSIN AVENUE NW UNIT 411 & PARKING SPACE UNIT 3, WASHINGTON, DC 20016 at public auction within the offices of, HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC., 5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015 202-463-4567 On MARCH 17, 2020 AT 11:00 A.M., the land and premises situated in the District of Columbia, and designated as and being Lot 2043 & 2090 in Square 1908 and more particularly described in the Deed of Trust recorded in the Land Records of the District of Columbia, on JUNE 2, 2005 as Instrument Number 2005075575.	

The property will be sold by Trustee's Deed "as is" without any covenant, expressed or implied, in Fee Simple, subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the Deed of Trust referenced above, and subject to ratification by the Court

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of the lesser of \$8,500.00 or 10% of the sale price will be required at time of sale in certified funds CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. The deposit required to bid at the auction is waived for the Noteholder and any of its successors or assigns. The Noteholder may bid up to the credit and may submit a written bid to the Trustee which shall be announced at sale. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash within 60 days of final ratification of the sale by the Court.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE: If purchaser fails to settle within the aforesaid SIXTY (60) days of the ratification, the purchaser agrees to pay the Substitute Trustees' reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the Court, plus all costs incurred, if the Substitute Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed with the Court in connection with such motion and any Show Cause Order issued by the Court and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper or Order by certified mail and regular mail sent to the address provided by the purchaser and as recorded on the documents executed by the purchaser at the time of the sale. Service shall be deemed effective upon the purchaser 3 days after postmarked by the United States Post Office. It is expressly agreed by the purchaser that actual receipt of the certified mail is not required for service to be effective. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement the deposit shall be forfeited to the Substitute Trustees and all expenses of this sale (including attorney fees and full commission on the gross sales price of the sale) shall be charged against and paid from the forfeited deposit. In the event of resale the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property regardless of any improvements made to the real property. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. In the event that the settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for the costs of all transfer taxes, documentary stamps and all other costs incident to settlement. Purchaser shall be responsible for physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss from the date of sale forward. The sale is subject to post sale audit by the Mortgage holder to determine whether the borrower filed bankruptcy, entered into any repayment/forbearance agreement, reinstated or paid off prior to the sale. In any such event the Purchaser agrees that upon notification by the Substitute Trustees of such event the sale is null and void and of no legal effect and the deposit returned without interest.

Substitute Trustee's File No.583356

	
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Samuel I. White, P.C. 6100 EXECUTIVE BLVD. SUITE 400 ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20852 SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE RESIDENTIAL DWELLING KNOWN AS 538 INGRAHAM STREET NE, WASHINGTON, DC 20011	

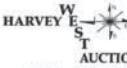
By virtue of Deed of Trust recorded in the land records of the District of Columbia recorded on February 22, 2011, as Instrument Number 2011021798, and in accordance Judgment filed on February 5, 2020 in case 2015 CA 007849 R(RP) and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer to sell at public auction, within the office of

HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC. 5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 440 Washington, DC 20015-2034, on March 17, 2020 at 3:00 PM

the land and premises situated in the District of Columbia and more particularly described in the above referenced Deed of Trust and as of the date hereof designated on the Records of the Assessor of the District of Columbia for assessment purposes as 538 Ingraham Street NE, Washington, DC 20011, (LOT 72 AND SQUARE 3751).

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 (3.875% 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. Trustees File No. 21145

	
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608 GALVESTON PLACE SE, WASHINGTON, DC 20032 In execution of the Superior Court for the District of Columbia's Decree of Sale in Case #2015 CA 002197 R (RP), the undersigned Substitute Trustee(s) will offer for sale the property known as 608 GALVESTON PLACE SE, WASHINGTON, DC 20032 at public auction within the offices of, HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC., 5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015 202-463-4567 On MARCH 17, 2020 AT 11:00 A.M., the land and premises situated in the District of Columbia, and designated as and being Lot 0011 in Square 6212 and more particularly described in the Deed of Trust recorded in the Land Records of the District of Columbia, on DECEMBER 18, 2006 as Instrument Number 2006170548.	

The property will be sold by Trustee's Deed "as is" without any covenant, expressed or implied, in Fee Simple, subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the Deed of Trust referenced above, and subject to ratification by the Court

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of the lesser of \$11,000.00 or 10% of the sale price will be required at time of sale in certified funds CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. The deposit required to bid at the auction is waived for the Noteholder and any of its successors or assigns. The Noteholder may bid up to the credit and may submit a written bid to the Trustee which shall be announced at sale. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash within 30 days of final ratification of the sale by the Court.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE: If purchaser fails to settle within the aforesaid THIRTY (30) days of the ratification, the purchaser agrees to pay the Substitute Trustees' reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the Court, plus all costs incurred, if the Substitute Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed with the Court in connection with such motion and any Show Cause Order issued by the Court and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper or Order by certified mail and regular mail sent to the address provided by the purchaser and as recorded on the documents executed by the purchaser at the time of the sale. Service shall be deemed effective upon the purchaser 3 days after postmarked by the United States Post Office. It is expressly agreed by the purchaser that actual receipt of the certified mail is not required for service to be effective. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement the deposit shall be forfeited to the Substitute Trustees and all expenses of this sale (including attorney fees and full commission on the gross sales price of the sale) shall be charged against and paid from the forfeited deposit. In the event of resale the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property regardless of any improvements made to the real property. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. In the event that the settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for the costs of all transfer taxes, documentary stamps and all other costs incident to settlement. Purchaser shall be responsible for physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss from the date of sale forward. The sale is subject to post sale audit by the Mortgage holder to determine whether the borrower filed bankruptcy, entered into any repayment/forbearance agreement, reinstated or paid off prior to the sale. In any such event the Purchaser agrees that upon notification by the Substitute Trustees of such event the sale is null and void and of no legal effect and the deposit returned without interest.

Substitute Trustee's File No.514212

	
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618 I STREET NE, WASHINGTON, DC 20002

In execution of the Superior Court for the District of Columbia's Decree of Sale in Case #2018 CA 003062 R (RP), the undersigned Substitute Trustee(s) will offer for sale the property known as 618 I STREET NE, WASHINGTON, DC 20002 at public auction within the offices of, HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC., 5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015 202-463-4567 On **MARCH 17, 2020 AT 11:00 A.M.**, the land and premises situated in the District of Columbia, and designated as and being Lot 0827 in Square 0857 and more particularly described in the Deed of Trust recorded in the Land Records of the District of Columbia, on AUGUST 29, 2006 as Instrument Number 20060117949.

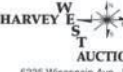
The property will be sold by Trustee's Deed 'as is' without any covenant, expressed or implied, in Fee Simple, subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the Deed of Trust referenced above, and subject to ratification by the Court

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of the lesser of \$10,000.00 or 10% of the sale price will be required at time of sale in certified funds CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. The deposit required to bid at the auction is waived for the Noteholder and any of its successors or assigns. The Noteholder may bid up to the credit and may submit a written bid to the Trustee which shall be announced at sale. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash within 30 days of final ratification of the sale by the Court.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE: If purchaser fails to settle within the aforesaid THIRTY (30) days of the ratification, the purchaser agrees to pay the Substitute Trustees' reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the Court, plus all costs incurred, if the Substitute Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed with the Court in connection with such motion and any Show Cause Order issued by the Court and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper or Order by certified mail and regular mail sent to the address provided by the purchaser and as recorded on the documents executed by the purchaser at the time of the sale. Service shall be deemed effective upon the purchaser 3 days after postmarked by the United States Post Office. It is expressly agreed by the purchaser that actual receipt of the certified mail is not required for service to be effective. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement the deposit shall be forfeited to the Substitute Trustees and all expenses of this sale (including attorney fees and full commission on the gross sales price of the sale) shall be charged against and paid from the forfeited deposit. In the event of resale the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property regardless of any improvements made to the real property. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. In the event that the settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for the costs of all transfer taxes, documentary stamps and all other costs incident to settlement. Purchaser shall be responsible for physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss from the date of sale forward. The sale is subject to post sale audit by the Mortgage holder to determine whether the borrower filed bankruptcy, entered into any repayment/forbearance agreement, reinstated or paid off prior to the sale. In any such event the Purchaser agrees that upon notification by the Substitute Trustees of such event the sale is null and void and of no legal effect and the deposit returned without interest.

Substitute Trustees' File No.582955

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4008 14TH STREET NORTHWEST, WASHINGTON, DC 20011

In execution of the Superior Court for the District of Columbia's Decree of Sale in Case #2013 CA 007122 R (RP), the undersigned Substitute Trustee(s) will offer for sale the property known as 4008 14TH STREET NORTHWEST, WASHINGTON, DC 20011 at public auction within the offices of, HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC., 5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015 202-463-4567 On **MARCH 17, 2020 AT 11:00 A.M.**, the land and premises situated in the District of Columbia, and designated as and being Lot 0007 in Square 2694 and more particularly described in the Deed of Trust recorded in the Land Records of the District of Columbia, on MAY 10, 2006 as Instrument Number 2006061629.

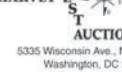
The property will be sold by Trustee's Deed 'as is' without any covenant, expressed or implied, in Fee Simple, subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the Deed of Trust referenced above, and subject to ratification by the Court

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of the lesser of \$13,000.00 or 10% of the sale price will be required at time of sale in certified funds CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. The deposit required to bid at the auction is waived for the Noteholder and any of its successors or assigns. The Noteholder may bid up to the credit and may submit a written bid to the Trustee which shall be announced at sale. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash within 45 days of final ratification of the sale by the Court.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE: If purchaser fails to settle within the aforesaid FORTY-FIVE (45) days of the ratification, the purchaser agrees to pay the Substitute Trustees' reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the Court, plus all costs incurred, if the Substitute Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed with the Court in connection with such motion and any Show Cause Order issued by the Court and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper or Order by certified mail and regular mail sent to the address provided by the purchaser and as recorded on the documents executed by the purchaser at the time of the sale. Service shall be deemed effective upon the purchaser 3 days after postmarked by the United States Post Office. It is expressly agreed by the purchaser that actual receipt of the certified mail is not required for service to be effective. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement the deposit shall be forfeited to the Substitute Trustees and all expenses of this sale (including attorney fees and full commission on the gross sales price of the sale) shall be charged against and paid from the forfeited deposit. In the event of resale the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property regardless of any improvements made to the real property. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. In the event that the settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for the costs of all transfer taxes, documentary stamps and all other costs incident to settlement. Purchaser shall be responsible for physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss from the date of sale forward. The sale is subject to post sale audit by the Mortgage holder to determine whether the borrower filed bankruptcy, entered into any repayment/forbearance agreement, reinstated or paid off prior to the sale. In any such event the Purchaser agrees that upon notification by the Substitute Trustees of such event the sale is null and void and of no legal effect and the deposit returned without interest.

Substitute Trustees' File No.563186

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506 BRANDYWINE STREET SE, WASHINGTON, DC 20032

In execution of the Superior Court for the District of Columbia's Decree of Sale in Case #2019 CA 005399 R (RP), the undersigned Substitute Trustee(s) will offer for sale the property known as 506 BRANDYWINE STREET SE, WASHINGTON, DC 20032 at public auction within the offices of, HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC., 5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015 202-463-4567 On **MARCH 17, 2020 AT 11:00 A.M.**, the land and premises situated in the District of Columbia, and designated as and being Lot 0002 in Square 6166 and more particularly described in the Deed of Trust recorded in the Land Records of the District of Columbia, on APRIL 24, 2015 as Instrument Number 2015039176.

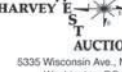
The property will be sold by Trustee's Deed 'as is' without any covenant, expressed or implied, in Fee Simple, subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the Deed of Trust referenced above, and subject to ratification by the Court

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of the lesser of \$11,000.00 or 10% of the sale price will be required at time of sale in certified funds CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. The deposit required to bid at the auction is waived for the Noteholder and any of its successors or assigns. The Noteholder may bid up to the credit and may submit a written bid to the Trustee which shall be announced at sale. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash within 45 days of final ratification of the sale by the Court.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE: If purchaser fails to settle within the aforesaid FORTY-FIVE (45) days of the ratification, the purchaser agrees to pay the Substitute Trustees' reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the Court, plus all costs incurred, if the Substitute Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed with the Court in connection with such motion and any Show Cause Order issued by the Court and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper or Order by certified mail and regular mail sent to the address provided by the purchaser and as recorded on the documents executed by the purchaser at the time of the sale. Service shall be deemed effective upon the purchaser 3 days after postmarked by the United States Post Office. It is expressly agreed by the purchaser that actual receipt of the certified mail is not required for service to be effective. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement the deposit shall be forfeited to the Substitute Trustees and all expenses of this sale (including attorney fees and full commission on the gross sales price of the sale) shall be charged against and paid from the forfeited deposit. In the event of resale the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property regardless of any improvements made to the real property. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. In the event that the settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for the costs of all transfer taxes, documentary stamps and all other costs incident to settlement. Purchaser shall be responsible for physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss from the date of sale forward. The sale is subject to post sale audit by the Mortgage holder to determine whether the borrower filed bankruptcy, entered into any repayment/forbearance agreement, reinstated or paid off prior to the sale. In any such event the Purchaser agrees that upon notification by the Substitute Trustees of such event the sale is null and void and of no legal effect and the deposit returned without interest.

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1230 HOLBROOK TERRACE NE #6-02,
WASHINGTON, DC 20002

In execution of the Superior Court for the District of Columbia's Decree of Sale in Case #2018 CA 004594 R (RP), the undersigned Substitute Trustee(s) will offer for sale the property known as 1230 HOLBROOK TERRACE NE #6-02, WASHINGTON, DC 20002 at public auction within the offices of, HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC., 5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015 202-463-4567 On **MARCH 17, 2020 AT 11:00 A.M.**, the land and premises situated in the District of Columbia, and designated as and being Lot 2020 in Square 4055 and more particularly described in the Deed of Trust recorded in the Land Records of the District of Columbia, on SEPTEMBER 6, 2007 as Instrument Number 2007116477.

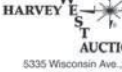
The property will be sold by Trustee's Deed 'as is' without any covenant, expressed or implied, in Fee Simple, subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the Deed of Trust referenced above, and subject to ratification by the Court

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of the lesser of \$10,000.00 or 10% of the sale price will be required at time of sale in certified funds CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. The deposit required to bid at the auction is waived for the Noteholder and any of its successors or assigns. The Noteholder may bid up to the credit and may submit a written bid to the Trustee which shall be announced at sale. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash within 60 days of final ratification of the sale by the Court.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE: If purchaser fails to settle within the aforesaid SIXTY (60) days of the ratification, the purchaser agrees to pay the Substitute Trustees' reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the Court, plus all costs incurred, if the Substitute Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed with the Court in connection with such motion and any Show Cause Order issued by the Court and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper or Order by certified mail and regular mail sent to the address provided by the purchaser and as recorded on the documents executed by the purchaser at the time of the sale. Service shall be deemed effective upon the purchaser 3 days after postmarked by the United States Post Office. It is expressly agreed by the purchaser that actual receipt of the certified mail is not required for service to be effective. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement the deposit shall be forfeited to the Substitute Trustee and all expenses of this sale (including attorney fees and full commission on the gross sales price of the sale) shall be charged against and paid from the forfeited deposit. In the event of resale the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property regardless of any improvements made to the real property. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustee. In the event that the settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for the costs of all transfer taxes, documentary stamps and all other costs incident to settlement. Purchaser shall be responsible for physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss from the date of sale forward. The sale is subject to post sale audit by the Mortgage holder to determine whether the borrower filed bankruptcy, entered into any repayment/forbearance agreement, reinstated or paid off prior to the sale. In any such event the Purchaser agrees that upon notification by the Substitute Trustee of such event the sale is null and void and of no legal effect and the deposit returned without interest.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF
VALUABLE RESIDENTIAL DWELLING KNOWN AS:
841 51ST STREET, SE, WASHINGTON, DC 20019

By virtue of Deed of Trust recorded in the land records of the District of Columbia recorded on April 11, 2017, as Instrument Number 2017040103, and in accordance Judgment filed on September 27, 2019 in case 2018 CA 002825 (R/P) and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer to sell at public auction, within the office of HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC., 5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 440, Washington, DC, 20015-2034, on

March 31, 2020 at 3:00 PM

the land and premises situated in the District of Columbia and more particularly described in the above referenced Deed of Trust and as of the date hereof designated on the Records of the Assessor of the District of Columbia for assessment purposes as

841 51st Street, SE, Washington, DC 20019

Lot 0018, Square 5340 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 (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. 60988

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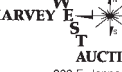
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Trustee's File No. 60988

Substitute Trustees' File No.589347

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

14611 Bubbling Spring Rd, Boyds, MD 20841

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 14611 Bubbling Spring Rd, Boyds, MD 20841. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated February 15, 2006, and recorded in Liber 32128 at Page 700 among the land records of the **County of Montgomery**, in the original principal amount of \$664,000.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the **COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY**, at 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, on **March 11, 2020 at 1:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID #06-03395957

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within **TEN DAYS** after the final ratification of the sale. Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 15-254774.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

19609 Enterprise Way, Montgomery Village, MD 20886

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 19609 Enterprise Way, Montgomery Village, MD 20886. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated March 19, 2009, and recorded in Liber 37012 at Page 342 among the land records of the **County of Montgomery**, in the original principal amount of \$227,730.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the **COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY**, at 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, on **March 11, 2020 at 1:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

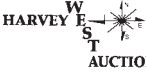
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Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within **TEN DAYS** after the final ratification of the sale. Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 19-284243.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY KNOWN AS:
5800 Carlyle Street, Cheverly aka Landover, Maryland 20785

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to Vicki L. Parry, Trustee(s), dated October 31, 2007, and recorded among the Land Records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND** in Liber 29161, Follo 384, the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustee(s), by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee(s) will offer for sale at public auction at the **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE** LOCATED AT 14735 MAIN ST, DUVAL WING ENTRANCE, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772, on:

MARCH 12, 2020 at 11:30AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

LOT 13 in Block 51 in the subdivision known as and called "SECTION 8, CHEVERLY," as per plat recorded in Plat Book BB 14 at Plat 70, among the Land Records of Prince George's County, Maryland.

The improvements thereon being known as **5800 Carlyle Street.**

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$30,500.00 payable in a certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 6.74% on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court of Prince George's County, Maryland. If the property is not sold at the time of sale, the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense, of the defaulting purchaser. All other public charges and private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, taxes if any, to be adjusted to date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps and transfer taxes and all other costs incident to the settlement shall be borne by the purchaser. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments will be adjusted to date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustees whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, may be announced at the time and date of sale. File No. (16-01695 FC01)

Robert E. Frazier, Gene Jung, Laura D. Harris, Thomas W. Hodge, Thomas J. Garner, Robert M. Oliveri, David M. Williams and Keith M. Yacko,
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY KNOWN AS:
2445 Balloys Pond Road, Accokeek, Maryland 20607

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to Lawyers Title Realty Services, Inc, Trustee(s), dated September 5, 2013, and recorded among the Land Records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND** in Liber 35236, Follo 188, the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustee(s), by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee(s) will offer for sale at public auction at the **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE** LOCATED AT 14735 MAIN ST, DUVAL WING ENTRANCE, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772, on:

March 10, 2020 at 11:30AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

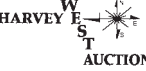
BEING known and designated as Lot 15, Block C, The Preserve at Piscataway, Balloys Village, as shown on plat recorded in Plat Book 216 Page 76 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, Maryland.

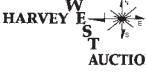
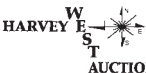
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TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$43,500.00 payable in a certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 5.5% on unpaid purchase money from date

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BROCK & SCOTT, PLLC 484 VIKING DRIVE, SUITE 203 VIRGINIA BEACH, VA 23452 SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY KNOWN AS: 1103 Dartford Lane, Bowie, Maryland 20721 Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to Town And Country Credit Corp. (Trustees), dated February 2, 2002, and recorded among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 24676, Folio 507, the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustee(s), by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee(s) will offer for sale at public auction at the PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT 14735 MAIN ST, DUVAL WING ENTRANCE, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20722, on: March 10, 2020 at 11:30AM ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and described as follows: LOT 9 IN BLOCK "A," AS SHOWN ON A PLAT OF SUBDIVISION ENTITLED "PLAT ONE, SECTION II, GROUNDHURST, AS PER PLAT RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND, IN PLAT BOOK 151, AT PLAT PAGE 4. The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110. TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$40,500.00 payable in a certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 6.75% on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser. All other public charges and private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, taxes if any, to be adjusted to date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps and transfer taxes and all other costs incident to the settlement shall be borne by the purchaser. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments will be adjusted to date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey marketable title or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustee(s) whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustee(s). The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, may be announced at the time and date of sale. File No. (19-08196 FCO1) Thomas W. Hodge, Brennan Ferguson, Christine N. Johnson, Jeana McMurray, Robert A. Oliveri, Melissa Alcocer, Substitute Trustees Mid-Atlantic Auctioneers, LLC 305 West Chesapeake Ave., Ste. 105 Towson, MD 21204 www.mid-atlanticauctioneers.com 410.825.2900 February 24, March 2, 9, 202012299904	BROCK & SCOTT, PLLC 484 VIKING DRIVE, SUITE 203 VIRGINIA BEACH, VA 23452 SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY KNOWN AS: 15017 Nighthawk Lane, Bowie, Maryland 20716 Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to Wayne Lee, Trustee(s), dated March 23, 2005, and recorded among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 11972, Folio 170, the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustee(s), by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee(s) will offer for sale at public auction at the PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT 14735 MAIN ST, DUVAL WING ENTRANCE, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20722, on: March 10, 2020 at 11:30AM ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and described as follows: Lot numbered Forty Nine (49) in Block numbered Six (6) in the subdivision known as "Northview at Lake Village, Section 22" as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 108, among the Land Records of Prince George's County, Maryland, being in the 7th Election District. The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110. TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$27,000.00 payable in a certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 3.125% on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser. All other public charges and private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, taxes if any, to be adjusted to date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps and transfer taxes and all other costs incident to the settlement shall be borne by the purchaser. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments will be adjusted to date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey marketable title or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustee(s) whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustee(s). The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, may be announced at the time and date of sale. File No. (19-02440 FCO1) Thomas W. Hodge, Gene Jung, Robert M. Oliveri, Christine Johnson, Melissa Alcocer, Jeana McMurray, Brennan Ferguson, and Jessica Elliott, Substitute Trustees Mid-Atlantic Auctioneers, LLC 305 West Chesapeake Ave., Ste. 105 Towson, MD 21204 www.mid-atlanticauctioneers.com 410.825.2900 February 24, March 2, 9, 202012299905

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BROCK & SCOTT, PLLC 484 VIKING DRIVE, SUITE 203 VIRGINIA BEACH, VA 23452 SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY KNOWN AS: 1715 Felwood Street, Fort Washington, Maryland 20744 Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to Craig A. Parker or Diane S. Rosenberg, Trustee(s), dated June 26, 2002, and recorded among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 14613, Folio 373, the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustee(s), by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee(s) will offer for sale at public auction at the PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT 14735 MAIN ST, DUVAL WING ENTRANCE, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20722, on: March 3, 2020 at 11:30AM ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and described as follows: LOT 29, BLOCK A, AS SHOWN ON A PLAT ENTITLED "PLAT ONE, PALMER ONE, SECTION II, GROUNDHURST, AS PER PLAT RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND IN PLAT BOOK NLP 192, PLAT NO. 46. Said property is subject to a 120 day US Government Right of Redemption. The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110. TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$25,000.00 payable in a certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 8% on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser. All other public charges and private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, taxes if any, to be adjusted to date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps and transfer taxes and all other costs incident to the settlement shall be borne by the purchaser. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments will be adjusted to date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey marketable title or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustee(s) whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustee(s). The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, may be announced at the time and date of sale. File No. (19-11423 FCO1) Thomas W. Hodge, Gene Jung, Robert M. Oliveri, Christine Johnson, Melissa Alcocer, Jeana McMurray, Brennan Ferguson, and Jessica Elliott, Substitute Trustees Mid-Atlantic Auctioneers, LLC 305 West Chesapeake Ave., Ste. 105 Towson, MD 21204 www.mid-atlanticauctioneers.com 410.825.2900 February 17, 24, March 2, 202012297496	BROCK & SCOTT, PLLC 484 VIKING DRIVE, SUITE 203 VIRGINIA BEACH, VA 23452 SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY KNOWN AS: 5818 Kentucky Avenue, District Heights, Maryland 20747 Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to Robert M. Tysdal, Trustee(s), dated March 23, 2005, and recorded among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 26309, Folio 226, the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustee(s), by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee(s) will offer for sale at public auction at the PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT 14735 MAIN ST, DUVAL WING ENTRANCE, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20722, on: March 10, 2020 at 11:30AM ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and described as follows: Lot numbered Eleven (11) in the subdivision known as "W.A. HITT'S FIRST ADDITION TO PARKLAND" as per plat thereof recorded among the Land Records of Prince George's County, Maryland in Plat Book SDH 4, Plat No. 1. The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110. TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$23,000.00 payable in a certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 2% on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser. All other public charges and private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, taxes if any, to be adjusted to date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps and transfer taxes and all other costs incident to the settlement shall be borne by the purchaser. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments will be adjusted to date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey marketable title or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustee(s) whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustee(s). The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, may be announced at the time and date of sale. File No. (15-02282 FCO1) Keith M. Yacko, Robert E. Frazier, Thomas J. Garner, Jason L. Hamlin, Gene Jung, Glen H. Tsching, Substitute Trustees Mid-Atlantic Auctioneers, LLC 305 West Chesapeake Ave., Ste. 105 Towson, MD 21204 www.mid-atlanticauctioneers.com 410.825.2900 February 24, March 2, 9, 202012299617

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ORLANDS PC 1602 VILLAGE MARKET BLVD. SE, SUITE 310 LEESBURG, VA 20175 703-777-7101 SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY 6806 Zook Place Riverdale, MD 20737 Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from JAMES A. ONWUKA , dated March 31, 2006 and recorded in Liber 24818 , folio 430 among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.CAEF17-22396; Tax ID No.20-2236735) 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 20722, on MARCH 18, 2020 at 10:00 AM 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. Terms of Sale: A deposit \$50,000.00 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. PURCHASER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO AN IRS RIGHT OF REDEMPTION. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 587242) JAMES E. CLARKE, HUGH J. GREEN, CHRISTINE M. DREXEL, BRIAN THOMAS, SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES  AUTIONEERS, LLC 300 E. Joppa Road Hampden Plaza - Suite 1103 Baltimore, MD 21206 410-768-9797 www.hwestauctions.com MARCH 2, 9, 16, 202012299285	ORLANDS PC 1602 VILLAGE MARKET BLVD. SE, SUITE 310 LEESBURG, VA 20175 703-777-7101 SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY 9315 4th Street Lanham, MD 20706 Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from GEORGE N. TITA, dated April 17, 2007 and recorded in Liber 27791 , folio 345 among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.CAEF19-19495; Tax ID No.20-2227247) 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 20722, on MARCH 4, 2020 at 10:00 AM 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. Terms of Sale: A deposit \$34,400.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 587651) JAMES E. CLARKE, HUGH J. GREEN, CHRISTINE M. DREXEL, BRIAN THOMAS, SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES  AUTIONEERS, LLC 300 E. 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ORLANDS PC 1602 VILLAGE MARKET BLVD. SE, SUITE 310 LEESBURG, VA 20175 703-777-7101 SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY 15405 Clayburn Drive Laurel, MD 20707 Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from GREGORY M. PARKS, dated November 1, 2013 and recorded in Liber 35846 , folio 564 among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.CAEF19-19431 ; Tax ID No.10-1101765) 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 20722, on MARCH 18, 2020 at 10:00 AM 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. Terms of Sale: A deposit \$11,200.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 588818) JAMES E. CLARKE, HUGH J. GREEN, CHRISTINE M. DREXEL, BRIAN THOMAS, SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES  AUTIONEERS, LLC 300 E. Joppa Road Hampden Plaza - Suite 1103 Baltimore, MD 21206 410-768-9797 www.hwestauctions.com MARCH 2, 9, 16, 202012299253	ORLANDS PC 1602 VILLAGE MARKET BLVD. SE, SUITE 310 LEESBURG, VA 20175 703-777-7101 SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY 10218 Arethusa Lane Upper Marlboro, MD 20772 Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from IRIS F. SPRIGGS, dated June 8, 2006 and recorded in Liber 25292 , folio 308 among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.CAEF19-31950; Tax ID No.15-1762574) 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 20722, on MARCH 18, 2020 at 10:00 AM 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. Terms of Sale: A deposit \$49,100.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 589157) JAMES E. CLARKE, CHRISTINE M. DREXEL, BRIAN THOMAS, JASON MURPHY, SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES  AUTIONEERS, LLC 300 E. 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851 Prince Georges County	851 Prince Georges County
GREENSPOON MARDER, LLP 201 International Circle, Suite 230 Hunt Valley, MD 21030 SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS 910 ROLLINS AVENUE CAPITOL HEIGHTS, MD 20743 MARCH 19, 2020 AT 10:00 AM By virtue of a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from JOANN W. GARVEY, dated JANUARY 3, 2008 and recorded in the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, Maryland, at Liber 29707, Folio 428, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction located at the PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT THE FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN STREET, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20722. All that FEE SIMPLE lot of ground and the improvements thereon, situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY and being more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Purchaser must obtain possession and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of the auction forward. The property will be sold in an "as is" condition, without express or implied warranty as to the nature and description of the improvements as contained herein, and subject to conditions restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, but omitting any covenant or restriction based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, if any, and with no warranty of any kind. TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$34,000.00 by certified check or cashier's check will be required of the purchaser, if other than the note holder, at time and place of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, Maryland, interest to be paid at the rate of 5% on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TWENTY (20) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser. All other public charges and private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, taxes, if any, to be adjusted to date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps and transfer taxes and all other costs incident to the settlement shall be borne by the purchaser. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments due pursuant to Md. Real Property Article 11-110 and those that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Purchaser must obtain possession and assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or the Substitute Trustee is unable to convey good and marketable title, or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit. The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustee whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement. Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against Substitute Trustee. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, may be announced at the time and date of sale. (File #58342.0079 / CAEF19-33522) Eric D. Vandelinde, Substitute Trustee  AUTIONEERS, LLC 300 E. Joppa Road Hampden Plaza - Suite 1103 Baltimore, MD 21206 410-768-9797 www.hwestauctions.com MARCH 2, 9, 16, 202012299229	ORLANDS PC 1602 VILLAGE MARKET BLVD. SE, SUITE 310 LEESBURG, VA 20175 703-777-7101 SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY 7260 Mahogany Drive #5 Landover, MD 20785 Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from JESSICA IVY MYLES , dated May 31, 2013 and recorded in Liber 34853, folio 440 among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.CAEF15-00137; Tax ID No.13-2845170) 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 20722, on MARCH 18, 2020 at 10:00 AM 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. Terms of Sale: A deposit \$6,100.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 552840) JAMES E. CLARKE, RENEE DYSON, BRIAN THOMAS, SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES  AUTIONEERS, LLC 300 E. 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Columbia, Maryland 21046
8679 Greenbelt Road, Unit 202
GREENBELT, MARYLAND 20770

LOCATED IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

Under and by virtue of the power and authority conferred on Chelsea Woods Courts Condominium by the Maryland Contract Lien Act, Annotated Code of Maryland, Real Property Section 14-201 et seq., for enforcement of condominium liens and as set forth in the Declaration and Bylaws of Chelsea Woods Courts Condominium whereby Chelsea Woods Courts Condominium has caused liens to be filed among the Land Records of Prince George's County, Maryland, and recorded in Book 40779 at Page 595, and in Book 41138 at Page 88; the undersigned, for the purpose of foreclosure and at the request of the party secured thereby, will offer for sale at public auction pursuant to CASE No. CAEF19-04053 in the front of the CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY LOCATED AT 14735 MAIN STREET, UPPER MARLBORO, MARYLAND 20772.

MARCH 19, 2020 AT 9:45 AM

MINIUM KNOWN AS "CHELSEA WOODS COURTS CONDOMINIUM", ESTABLISHED BY A MASTER DEED FOR SAID CONDOMINIUM DATED DECEMBER 7, 1973, AND RECORDED IN LIBER 4311, FOLIO 671, TOGETHER WITH BY-LAWS ANNEXED THERETO, AND AS SHOWN ON A CONDOMINIUM PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK WWW 86, AS PLAT 93 THROUGH 100, BOTH INCLUSIVE, AND WWW 88, AS PLATS 1 THROUGH 3, BOTH INCLUSIVE; AS MODIFIED AND AMENDED BY AMENDMENT TO MASTER DEED DATED AUGUST 23, 1974, AND RECORDED SEPTEMBER 3, 1974, IN LIBER 4408, FOLIO 951, AND BY PLATS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK WWW 90, AS PLAT 18 THROUGH 29, BOTH INCLUSIVE, AND AS FURTHER AMENDED BY SECOND AMENDED MASTER DEED DATED AUGUST 1, 1975, AND RECORDED AUGUST 21, 1975, IN LIBER 4520, FOLIO 577, AND BY PLATS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK CCC 93, AS PLATS 4 THROUGH 7, BOTH INCLUSIVE. ALL AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY, MARYLAND.

TOGETHER WITH THE UNDIVIDED PERCENTAGE INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS OF SAID CONDOMINIUM APPURTENANT THERETO, ALL AS SET OUT IN MASTER DEED AND AMENDMENTS TO MASTER DEED.

PROPERTY ADDRESS:8679 GREENBELT ROAD, #202, GREENBELT, MD 20770

TAX ID # 21-2430080

The property will be sold in "AS IS" condition, without warranty, either expressed or implied with respect to the nature and description of the improvements contained therein; and subject to all other encumbrances, deeds of trust, mortgages, covenants, conditions, liens, taxes, restrictions, easements, housing and/or zoning violations, rights of way, and agreements of record affecting same, if any, INCLUDING DECLARATION AND BYLAWS OF CHELSEA WOODS COURTS CONDOMINIUM.

Terms of Sale: A cash deposit by cash or certified check or check acceptable to the Trustees in the amount of \$10,000.00 will be required by the purchaser at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price, together with interest at the rate of six percent (6%) from the date of sale to date of settlement, shall be paid in cash at settlement, which settlement shall be held within ten (10) days after final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court unless said period is extended by the Trustees, their successors or assigns, in their sole discretion for good cause shown, time being of the essence. Otherwise the deposit herewith required shall be forfeited and the property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser. The defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property and in the event settlement is delayed for any reason, there shall be no abatement of interest. Cost of all documentary stamps and transfer taxes shall be borne by the purchaser. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Adjustment of all taxes, public charges, and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of the sale and thereafter be assumed by the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, state and local transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by purchaser. Purchaser must obtain possession and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of the auction forward. If the Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Trustees.

CRAIG B. ZALLER and/or TIMOTHY S. CAREY
and/or SAMI L. ALSAWAF
TRUSTEES



MARCH 2, 9, 16, 2020 12298528

ORLANDS PC
1602 VILLAGE MARKET BLVD. SE, SUITE 310
LEESBURG, VA 20175
703-777-7101
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
8501 Boundary Lane
Brandywine, MD 20613

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from KIRK L. KEYS, dated May 25, 2007 and recorded in Liber 28241 , folio 364, MODIFIED AT BOOK 39396 PAGE 345 among the Land Records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD**, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.CAEF19-00030; Tax ID No.11-2844801) 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 11, 2020 at 10:00 AM

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.

Terms of Sale: A deposit \$50,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 576962)

JAMES E. CLARKE,
HUGH J. GREEN,
CHRISTINE M. DREXEL,
BRIAN THOMAS,
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES



FEBRUARY 24, MARCH 2, 9, 2020 12298323

851 Prince Georges County **851 Prince Georges County**
GREENSPORN MARDER, LLP
201 International Circle, Suite 230
Hunt Valley, MD 21030
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
9619 MIDLAND TURN
UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772
MARCH 12, 2020 AT 10:00 AM

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from ALICE FAYE WARREN AKA ALICE F. WARREN, dated MARCH 18, 2008 and recorded in the Land Records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, Maryland**, at Liber 29594, Folio 093, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction located at the PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT THE FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN STREET, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772. All that FEE SIMPLE lot of ground and the improvements thereon, situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY and being more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Purchaser must obtain possession and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of the auction forward.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition, without express or implied warranty as to the nature and description of the improvements as contained herein, and subject to conditions restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, but omitting any covenant or restriction based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$30,000.00 by certified check or cashier's check will be required of the purchaser, if other than the note holder, at time and place of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, Maryland, interest to be paid at the rate of 5% on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TWENTY (20) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser. All other public charges and private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, taxes, if any, to be adjusted to date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps and transfer taxes and all other costs incident to the settlement shall be borne by the purchaser. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments due pursuant to Md. Real Property Article 11-110 and those that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Purchaser must obtain possession and assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or the Substitute Trustee is unable to convey good and marketable title, or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit. The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustee whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement. Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against Substitute Trustee. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, may be announced at the time and date of sale. (File #58342.0058 / CAEF16-10668)



FEBRUARY 24, MARCH 2, 9, 2020 12299315

ORLANDS PC
1602 VILLAGE MARKET BLVD. SE, SUITE 310
LEESBURG, VA 20175
703-777-7101
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
10102 Quinlin Court
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from SIMONE RICHARDSON AND GREGORY RICHARDSON, dated June 28, 2013 and recorded in Liber 35118 , folio 549 among the Land Records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD**, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.CAEF19-36561; Tax ID No.15-3711462) 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 18, 2020 at 10:00 AM

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.

Terms of Sale: A deposit \$37,100.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 548910)

JAMES E. CLARKE,
CHRISTINE M. DREXEL,
BRIAN THOMAS,
JASON MURPHY,
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES



MARCH 2, 9, 16, 2020 12299288

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE
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KNOWN AS
713 Braeburn Drive
Fort Washington, MD 20744

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from JOHN THOMAS BOYD dated July 22, 2011 and recorded in Liber 33152 , folio 521 among the Land Records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD**, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.CAEF19-05352; Tax ID No.05-0350728) 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 4, 2020 at 10:00 AM

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.

Terms of Sale: A deposit \$21,500.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 586042)

JAMES E. CLARKE,
HUGH J. GREEN,
CHRISTINE M. DREXEL,
BRIAN THOMAS,
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES



FEBRUARY 17, 24, MARCH 2, 2020 12297442

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Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from MARIE DIOGENE, dated August 14, 2007 and recorded in Liber 28704, folio 565 among the Land Records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD**, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.CAEF19-08661; Tax ID No.17-1942762) 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 11, 2020 at 10:00 AM

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.

Terms of Sale: A deposit \$16,600.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 586498)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
5813 MARYHURST DRIVE
HYATTSVILLE, MD 20782
MARCH 5, 2020 AT 10:00 AM

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from HARVEY EDWIN BELL, dated APRIL 6, 2006 and recorded in the Land Records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, Maryland**, at Liber 25086, Folio 556, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction located at the PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT THE FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN STREET, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772. All that FEE SIMPLE lot of ground and the improvements thereon, situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY and being more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Purchaser must obtain possession and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of the auction forward.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition, without express or implied warranty as to the nature and description of the improvements as contained herein, and subject to conditions restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, but omitting any covenant or restriction based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$35,000.00 by certified check or cashier's check will be required of the purchaser, if other than the note holder, at time and place of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, Maryland, interest to be paid at the rate of 5% on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TWENTY (20) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser. All other public charges and private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, taxes, if any, to be adjusted to date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps and transfer taxes and all other costs incident to the settlement shall be borne by the purchaser. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments due pursuant to Md. Real Property Article 11-110 and those that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Purchaser must obtain possession and assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or the Substitute Trustee is unable to convey good and marketable title, or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit. The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustee whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement. Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against Substitute Trustee. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, may be announced at the time and date of sale. (File #44210.0210 / CAEF19-27546)



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Accokeek, MD 20607

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from LAWRENCE CHRISTOPHER DURDEN JR. AND SHARON RENEE DURDEN, dated March 19, 2018 and recorded in Liber 40712 , folio 92 among the Land Records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD**, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.CAEF19-35171; Tax ID No.05-0380113) 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 4, 2020 at 10:00 AM

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The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit \$46,800.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 589483)

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CAPITOL HEIGHTS, MD 20743

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from ESTER M. KERR AND RONALD JEFFERY KERR, dated August 27, 2007 and recorded in Liber 28602 , folio 210 among the Land Records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD**, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.CAEF19-08699; Tax ID No.18-2001501) 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 11, 2020 at 10:00 AM

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The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit \$27,500.00 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

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OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

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LAUREL, MD 20707

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from FRED A. ADDO, dated April 9, 2014 and recorded in Liber 35918, folio 393 among the Land Records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD**, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.CAEF19-35202 ; Tax ID No.10-1032741) 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 4, 2020 at 10:00 AM

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Terms of Sale: A deposit \$27,300.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 590581)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

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BRANDYWINE, MD 20613

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from LAKESHA HOPE-PRITCHETT AND DEXTER PRITCHETT AKKA DEXTER E. PRITCHETT, dated July 24, 2009 and recorded in Liber 30862, folio 279 MODIFIED IN LIBER 40190 FOLIO 210 among the Land Records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD**, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.CAEF19-14681 ; Tax ID No.11-3831245) 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

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Terms of Sale: A deposit \$45,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 574136)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE
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1802 METZEROTT ROAD #505
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Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from ELISE RUTH PERRY, dated August 28, 1993 and recorded in Liber 9006 , folio 177 among the Land Records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD**, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.CAEF19-35205 ; Tax ID No.17-1947043) 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 4, 2020 at 10:00 AM

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Terms of Sale: A deposit \$5,000.00 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. PURCHASER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO AN IRS RIGHT OF REDEMPTION. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 580561)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY KNOWN AS:

205 Turndown Rd, Glen Burnie, Maryland 21061

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to John Burson, Trustees), dated April 25, 2007, and recorded among the Land Records of **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND** in Liber 19055, Folio 259, with a modification of the deed of trust recorded on May 16, 2017 in Liber 30934, Folio 426, the holder of the said Deed of Trust, and as the undersigned Substitute Trustee(s), by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee(s) will offer for sale at public auction at THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 8 CHURCH CIR, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401, on

March 17, 2020 at 10:00AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS Lot No. 41, as shown on the Plat of "Allwood" which Plat is recorded among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, Maryland in Plat Book 40, folio 19.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 1-1-10.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$26,000.00 payable in a certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 3.875% on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense, of the purchaser. All other public charges and private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, taxes if any, to be adjusted to date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps and transfer taxes and all other costs incident to the settlement shall be borne by the purchaser. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments will be adjusted to date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustees whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, may be announced at the time and date of sale. File No. (19-13928 FC01)

Thomas W. Hodge, Brennan Ferguson, Christine N. Johnson,
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Substitute Trustees
Plaintiffs

Veris
Samir Mansour
Marie Mansour
Defendants

Notice is hereby issued this Monday, February 24, 2020 that the sale of the property in the proceedings mentioned, made and reported by Veris, Samir Mansour, Marie Mansour, Defendants, shall be held on the 25th day of March, 2020 next, at the Court House for Prince Georges County, Maryland, at 11:00 a.m. The report states that the amount of sale of the property at 7604 MCNAMARA DRIVE, GLEN BURNIE, MD 21061 to be \$156,000.00.

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VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY KNOWN AS:

241 Carroll Rd, Glen Burnie, Maryland 21060

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to Leslie J. Keidel, Trustee(s), dated February 8, 2012, and recorded among the Land Records of **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND** in Liber 24327, Folio 10, and as the undersigned Substitute Trustee(s), by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee(s) will offer for sale at public auction at THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 8 CHURCH CIR, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401, on

March 17, 2020 at 10:00AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

Being known and designated as Lot No. 54, Block O, as shown on a Plat entitled, "Glen Ridge Section Revised" which Plat is recorded among the land records of Anne Arundel County in Plat Book No. 23, Folio 29.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 1-1-10.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$16,000.00 payable in a certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 4.625% on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense, of the purchaser. All other public charges and private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, taxes if any, to be adjusted to date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps and transfer taxes and all other costs incident to the settlement shall be borne by the purchaser. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments will be adjusted to date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustees whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, may be announced at the time and date of sale. File No. 19-13083 FC01

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY KNOWN AS:

602 Bracey Drive, Glen Burnie, Maryland 21060

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to Benjamin Winn, Jr. Esquire, Trustee(s), dated March 31, 2017, and recorded among the Land Records of **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND** in Liber 30779, Folio 202, the holder of the said Deed of Trust, and as the undersigned Substitute Trustee(s), by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee(s) will offer for sale at public auction at THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 8 CHURCH CIR, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401, on

March 10, 2020 at 10:00AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS Lot No. 1, as shown on a Plat entitled, "TANAYARD SPRING AND LANE" which Plat is recorded among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, Maryland in Plat Book 35, Page 21, Plat 17297. Subject to an annual deferred water and sewer charge payable in the month of January in each year and every year in the amount of \$635.00, for a period of Thirty-Three (33) years.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 1-1-10.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$41,500.00 payable in a certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 4.125% on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense, of the purchaser. All other public charges and private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, taxes if any, to be adjusted to date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps and transfer taxes and all other costs incident to the settlement shall be borne by the purchaser. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments will be adjusted to date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustees whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, may be announced at the time and date of sale. File No. (19-21401 FC01)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY KNOWN AS:

3268 Rolling Road, Edgewater, Maryland 21037

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to Leo W. Dunn II, Trustee(s), dated November 24, 2015, and recorded among the Land Records of **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND** in Liber 29090, Folio 076, the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustee(s) to execute the power of sale contained in the said Deed of Trust, and as the undersigned Substitute Trustee(s), by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee(s) will offer for sale at public auction at THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 8 CHURCH CIR, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401, on

March 17, 2020 at 10:00AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

OF THE PART OF LANDS OF THE FIRST ELECTION DISTRICT OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

RUNNING FROM A STONE MONUMENT, CORNER OF THE LAND CONVEYED JULY 8, 1939 BY POWELL VICKERS, UNMARRIED TO WALTER H. DUNLOP, PHOEDUS IN LIBER 2004, FOLIO 123 IN THE LAND RECORDS OF THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND WHICH MONUMENT WAS AGREED UPON BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE LANDS OF THE FIRST ELECTION DISTRICT OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND TO BE A CONVEYANCE FROM JAMES E. STEUART AND WALTER H. DUNLOP, UNMARRIED TO LILIAN H. DUNLOP, DATED 1939, THE PROPERTY LIES AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

THENCE BINDING ON ROLLING ROAD SOUTH 36 DEGREES 40' 23" WEST 64' FEET TO A STAKE; THENCE LEAVING ROLLING ROAD AND BINDING ON LANDS OF THE SHANTON NORTH 54 DEGREES 12' 30" WEST 100' FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 3.00 ACRES OF LAND MORE OR LESS.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 1-1-10.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$41,000.00 payable in a certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 3.75% on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense, of the defaulting purchaser. All other public charges and private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, taxes if any, to be adjusted to date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps and transfer taxes and all other costs incident to the settlement shall be borne by the purchaser. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments will be adjusted to date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustees whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, may be announced at the time and date of sale. File No. (19-12212 FC01)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY KNOWN AS:

5100 Nelson Point Road, Indian Head, Maryland 20640

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to First Equity Title Corporation, Trustee(s), dated November 11, 2008, and recorded among the Land Records of **CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND** in Liber 30852, Folio 123, the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustee(s), by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee(s) will offer for sale at public auction at the CHARLES COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 200 CHARLES STREET IN THE BREEZEWAY BETWEEN CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT COURTS, LA PLATA, MD 20646, on

March 3, 2020 at 2:15PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in CHARLES COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pipe set at the southwest corner of the Christopher Bowie property, recorded in Liber 1744, upon 259' said iron pipe also being 30 feet East of the centerline of Nelson Point Road, thence with said Bowie property, North 74 deg. 00 min. 00 sec. East, 436.82 feet to an iron pipe 269' the following 2 courses: South 12 deg. 00 min. 00 sec. East, 189.75 feet to an iron pipe found South 74 deg. 00 min. 00 sec. West, 368.16 feet to an iron pipe set, 30 feet East of the centerline of Nelson Point Road, thence with the easterly line of Nelson Point Road, North 32 deg. 46 min. 14 sec. West, 197.81 feet to the point of beginning, containing 76,230 square feet of 17,500 acres.

Said property is subject to a 120 day US Government Right of Redemption.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 1-1-10.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$29,500.00 payable in a certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 2% on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense, of the defaulting purchaser. All other public charges and private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, taxes if any, to be adjusted to date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps and transfer taxes and all other costs incident to the settlement shall be borne by the purchaser. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments will be adjusted to date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustees whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, may be announced at the time and date of sale. File No. 19-12664 FC01

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