



IMMIGRATION

U.S. turns around numbers at border

Officials now can tackle backlog

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THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Illegal immigration across the southwestern border is down so much that the Department of Homeland Security is deporting more people each month than it captures coming across, officials announced Thursday, meaning they are now able to eat into the backlog of cases that built up during last year's surge.

Over the past five months, 14,000 more people were removed or returned across the Mexican border than arrived, including 1,170 in February.

Acting Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Mark A. Morgan said the number of illegal crossings ticked up slightly in February but was still far below the heights of last year's wave.

He said the nature of the flow looks dramatically different now. Last year, smugglers were recruiting Central American families. Now they are looking at single adult Mexicans, Ecuadorians and Brazilian families.

But he said CBP is in better shape to deal with the situation, thanks to policies put into place and deals struck with Mexico and Central American countries over the past year, which give the government the chance to do something beyond releasing illegal immigrants into U.S. communities.

"We've got the tools in place now where we have the capacity to remove more people than we're actually apprehending," Mr. Morgan told reporters before announcing the February numbers.

After eight months of declines, the number of people apprehended by Border Patrol agents or encountered by officers at ports of entry ticked up from about 36,650 in January to about 37,100 in February.

Mr. Morgan said an increase from January to February is typical, though this year's is the second smallest in the

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UP CLOSE WITH PENNSYLVANIA VOTERS



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President Trump answered questions Thursday about the coronavirus, the national debt, the presidential race and other topics at a town hall in Scranton, Pennsylvania, moderated by Bret Baier and Martha MacCallum of Fox News. Story, A4.

CONGRESS

Regretful Schumer faces censure for remarks aimed at two justices

By **ALEX SWOYER**
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Senate Minority Leader Charles E. Schumer attempted a retraction of sorts Thursday, but outrage continued to mount a day after the New York Democrat appeared to threaten two Supreme Court justices by telling the Trump appointees that they would "pay a price" for any rulings restricting abortion rights.

Motions to rebuke or censure Mr. Schumer were announced in both chambers of the Capitol.

Mr. Schumer acknowledged his words crossed a line, and he blamed his

comments on his passion for protecting a woman's right to choose.

In a fiery speech before pro-choice activists and supporters on the steps of the Supreme Court building, Mr. Schumer, addressing Justices Neil M. Gorsuch and Brett M. Kavanaugh, said "you won't know what hit you" if the court upholds a Louisiana law imposing requirements on doctors performing abortions.

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BACKTRACK: Senate Minority Leader Charles E. Schumer said he "should not have used the words I used" when he said two justices would "pay a price."

PUBLIC HEALTH

Pence talks with leaders to help fight coronavirus

Congress approves \$8B; Maryland has 3 cases

By **TOM HOWELL JR.**
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Vice President Mike Pence flew to the West Coast on Thursday to pledge support to blue-state leaders on the front lines of the coronavirus fight, as Congress sent President Trump an \$8 billion package to thwart transmission and pursue a vaccine.

Mr. Pence sat down with Gov. Jay Inslee, a Democrat, as Washington state confirmed another batch of cases in the Puget Sound region, bringing its state total to 70.

"The president wanted me to be here today to make it crystal clear we're with you: We're here to help," the vice president said at the meeting in Tacoma.

"Washington state is setting a great example as states around the nation continue to experience the advent of the coronavirus in their communities," Mr. Pence added. "We're going to continue to look to the example that you've set here."

Washington state has recorded 11 of the 12 coronavirus deaths in the U.S. Many of the fatal cases are linked to a nursing facility in Kirkland, in King County.

Mr. Inslee said he realizes his state is at the "tip of the spear" in the outbreak and that Americans are watching how it responds.

The governor told residents to seriously consider avoiding or canceling large events and said he would boost workers' compensation for quarantined health care workers and first responders. He also ordered private insurers to cover the cost of testing for the

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OFF THE CUFF: Vice President Mike Pence and Washington state Gov. Jay Inslee avoided handshakes when they met Thursday.

FOREIGN POLICY

Free of strongman, Sudan looks to U.S. for financial relief

Terrorism listing blocks aid

By **TONNY ONYULO**
SPECIAL TO THE WASHINGTON TIMES

KHARTOUM, SUDAN | Youths have been gathering in parks, marketplaces and squares in this capital to demand that the interim government act quickly to halt the spiraling cost of just getting by.

The northeastern African country for decades has faced shortages of food, fuel and other essentials coupled with sharp increases in prices, sparking protests that led to the ouster of longtime ruler Omar al-Bashir in April. The protests, however, haven't helped the economy.

"People are not happy. We are suffering as a country," said Mohamed Khalid, 33, an activist who started leading protests in Khartoum before the end of Mr. Bashir's 29-year rule. "The new government needs to quickly address the economy. They need to bring down fuel prices and basic commodities."

Many say real relief starts far away — in Washington. Mr. Khalid and millions of other Sudanese say the first crucial step to a real recovery is persuading the Trump administration to remove Sudan from the dreaded list of official state sponsors of terrorism. Sudan is one of four countries so designated, along with Syria, Iran and North Korea. Four other countries — Cuba, Libya, Iraq and South Yemen — have been removed.

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LEFT OUT: Sen. Elizabeth Warren, at home with husband Bruce Mann and dog Bailey after over a year of campaigning across the country, announced Thursday that she had pulled out of the Democratic presidential race.

CAMPAIGN 2020

Warren's departure frees supporters for Biden or Sanders

No immediate endorsement

By **S.A. MILLER AND SETH McLAUGHLIN**
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

She no longer persisted.

Sen. Elizabeth Warren pulled the plug Thursday on her once-promising campaign after failing to score a single victory or even a second-place finish in the Democratic presidential race.

Her exit reduces the contest to a virtual two-candidate race between former Vice President Joseph R. Biden and Sen. Bernard Sanders of Vermont and raises questions about where her supporters will gravitate.

"I was told at the beginning of this whole undertaking that there are two lanes: a progressive lane that Bernie Sanders is the incumbent for and a moderate lane that Joe Biden is the incumbent for, and there is no room for anyone else in this," Ms. Warren told reporters outside her home

in Cambridge, Massachusetts. "I thought that wasn't right, but evidently I was wrong."

She vowed that the end of her campaign would not be the end of her "fight for the hardworking folks in this country who have gotten the short end of the stick over and over."

Ms. Warren also lamented that the nation will have to wait at least another four years before electing its first female president.

Though her far-left ideology is more closely aligned with that of Mr. Sanders, he is not the guaranteed inheritor of her voters. Her

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POLL: REPUBLICANS LEAST ALARMED BY CORONAVIRUS

Republicans and conservatives appear to be the least worried of all about the coronavirus, even as alarming news coverage amplifies public uncertainty about treatments, cures, risks and preventative behaviors.

Yes, there's a panic poll.

Here are the simple stats from a new Economist/YouGov survey: 67% of Republicans are either "not too worried" or "not worried at all" about the risk of contracting the illness, or the actual "seriousness of it."

The survey found that 59% of independents and 38% of Democrats agreed with that. Among conservatives, 68% said they were not worried, making that group and Republicans the most carefree of the 30 demographics surveyed in the poll, which was conducted March 1-3. More numbers in the Poll du Jour at column's end.

Meanwhile, yet another survey reveals a strong sentiment among Republicans toward **President Trump**. A new Rasmussen Reports survey released Thursday found that 60% of Republican voters "see the coronavirus as a scare tool to get Trump." Over one-third of all voters — 35% — agree with that. And Democrats? Two-thirds disagree, and instead insist that the coronavirus is a major threat to the nation. The survey of 1,000 likely voters was conducted March 3-4.

THAT LUXURIOUS TOUCH

While the rest of us clear grocery store shelves of hand sanitizer to foil coronavirus, the well-heeled folks are going for luxury.

"The rich are preparing for coronavirus differently: concierge doctors, yachts, chartered planes and germ-free hideaways. The rich are sparing no expense," advises **Jonah Bromwich**, a features reporter for The New York Times.

Among their favorites of the moment: Pear and bergamot-scented "rinse-free hand wash" from Byredo at \$35 for a single ounce. The company is completely sold out of it. Then there's a high-end air purifier by Molecule Air for \$799 — or a private jet flight from Florida to New York for \$20,000. "V.I.P. emergency rooms" are also in fashion — defined as well-stocked, members-only hospital facilities. Custom fitted facial masks are popular, writes Mr. Bromwich — who adds that the "germ-free panic room" is also a must-have.

"For those who really want to bunker down as global infections mount, a well-stocked home bunker represents the ultimate luxury," he noted. "It is equipped with a negative pressure system to restrict the circulation of pathogens, and is basically an isolated guest wing consisting of a bedroom and kitchen stocked with IV hydration, medicines, lab supplies, gloves, gowns, masks, oxygen and food, as well as a set of dishes and linens."

And forget the villa in Rome. Mr. Bromwich also says the rich are chartering yachts to spend germ-free, pleasant moments on the sea. "It totally makes sense. You're keeping your family contained in



Now a familiar scene: Customers consider sanitizing wipes on the shelves of a pharmacy in New York City. How worried are we?

a very small, should-be-clean environment. And going from your car to your F.B.O." — meaning fixed base operator, or private jet terminal — "to your private jet right onto the tarmac. And from there, right onto your yacht, and not having to deal with the public," **Jennifer Saia** — the president of B&B Yacht Charter in Newport, Rhode Island — told the reporter.

WALLOWING IN ADJECTIVES

When in doubt, roll out the adjectives.

After **President Trump** was acquitted Feb. 5 in the impeachment proceedings against him, his foes in the news media immediately search for a new narrative. Portraying the president as some kind of swashbuckler appears to have fit the bill.

"Since the liberal attempt to remove the president ended in failure, the media talking heads are fretting about how Trump's acquittal has created an 'emboldened' chief executive who threatens the rule of law 'like never before,'" writes **Bill D'Agostino**, an analyst for the Media Research Center, a conservative press watchdog.

Journalists often find a convenient word they like — then everyone uses it.

During the month of February, Mr. D'Agostino and his team

found 239 instances in which TV journalists alleged Mr. Trump was "emboldened" — cataloging the occurrences on MSNBC, CNN, NBC, CBS and ABC. Fox News played a minor role in the effort, using the E-word only five times.

"Many of these claims about an 'emboldened' Trump featured the kind of overblown language one might expect from an action movie trailer," Mr. D'Agostino says.

And while "emboldened" is the word of choice for the time being, the study also found that the following descriptors for Mr. Trump were also used in the coverage: Wild, unbound, dangerous, angry, unleashed, unchained and furious.

NOW THERE'S A THOUGHT

Yes, lots of pundits and strategists still claim **President Trump** and "the Russians" somehow stole the 2016 election.

But that might not be logical.

"If **Mike Bloomberg** couldn't buy 2020, how could Russia buy 2016?" asks **Mollie Hemingway**, senior editor for The Federalist.

"We had years where people were saying a couple hundred thousand dollars in barely literate Facebook ads from Russians caused Donald Trump to win. Here you had a guy spend nearly \$1 billion and he went nowhere," she tells Fox News.

WEEKEND REAL ESTATE

For sale: Historic lake lodge, built of logs and stone in 1905 on three-acre Knapp Island, Red Cedar Lake, near Birchwood, Wisconsin. Five bedrooms, two baths, great room with massive stone fireplace, original flooring, ceiling beams, built-ins, screened porch and patio; 2,323 square feet. Dense trees, sandy bottom lake; "the island is still truly a magical place and the lodge is ready for your renovations." Agents and buyers must get permission to access property. Priced at \$390,000 through C21affiliated.com; enter 104232274 in the search function.

POLL DU JOUR

- 84% of U.S. adults are not wearing a medical face mask in public out of concern for coronavirus; 90% of Republicans, 81% of independents and 85% of Democrats agree.
 - 14% are "very worried" about the coronavirus; 6% of Republicans, 12% of independents and 21% of Democrats agree.
 - 33% are "somewhat worried" about the virus; 27% of Republicans, 29% of independents and 42% of Democrats agree.
 - 35% are "not too worried"; 40% of Republicans, 37% of independents and 30% of Democrats agree.
 - 18% are "not worried at all"; 27% of Republicans, 22% of independents and 8% of Democrats agree.
- SOURCE: AN ECONOMIST/YOUGOV POLL OF 1,500 U.S. ADULTS CONDUCTED MARCH 1-3.
- Kindly follow Jennifer Harper on Twitter @HarperBulletin.



IMMIGRATION
DHS doubles guest-worker visa program

Homeland Security announced Thursday that it will boost the H-2B seasonal guest worker program this year by adding 35,000 more visas, or more than 50% higher than Congress originally set.

The department insisted it's coupling the increase with new anti-fraud measures, and also said it's setting aside 10,000 of the guest-workers for migrants from Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador, rewarding them for their help in stemming last year's illegal immigration surge.

The H-2B program is supposed to be for seasonal nonfarm workers — often winter ski resort employees, or summer landscaping workers — and companies that apply are supposed to prove that they tried to hire Americans first.

The program is capped at 66,000 visas, split between the summer and winter seasons, but Congress in each of the past few years has passed legislation giving the Homeland Security Department the power to double the size of the program.

In 2018, the department allowed 15,000 additional visas, and last year the cap was raised by 30,000. The 2020 increase is the largest yet.

— Stephen Dinan

SECRET SERVICE
Trump properties have charged \$400K

Properties owned by President Trump in New Jersey and Florida have charged the Secret Service more than \$140,000 for lodging and other rooms, according to documents released Thursday by a watchdog group.

Public Citizen said the Secret Service paid an "at cost" rate of \$396.15 for 135 nights of lodging at the president's Mar-a-Lago club in Palm Beach, Florida, in 2017 and 2018, for a total of \$53,000 at that resort.

"These bills, paid by U.S. taxpayers, contradict a statement by Trump's son Eric in an October 2019 interview, in which Eric Trump claimed that Trump's ownership of properties 'saves a fortune' for the U.S. government," the group said.

Eric Trump estimated that the government was paying about \$50 per night for the rooms.

"Trump treats the presidency as a self-enrichment scheme," said Robert Weissman, president of Public Citizen.

The documents were disclosed by the Secret Service after a three-year public records battle.

— Dave Boyer



SENATE
Romney says 'political' panel should not investigate Burisma, Hunter Biden

Sen. Mitt Romney said Thursday there is no need for a Senate panel to investigate the Ukrainian company that hired Hunter Biden, likely jeopardizing the probe.

The Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee plans to vote next week on subpoenas for witnesses related to the energy firm Burisma, a vote the Utah Republican dismissed as a waste of time and political posturing.

"There's no question that the appearance of looking into Burisma and Hunter Biden appears political," Mr. Romney told reporters Thursday. "I think people are tired of these kind of political investigations."

Sen. Mitt Romney said "I think people are tired of these kind of political investigations" like involving Burisma and Hunter Biden.

— Victor Morton

IMMIGRATION
Trump to cut funds on sanctuary cities

President Trump said Thursday his administration will begin withholding millions of dollars from sanctuary cities, citing a federal appeals court ruling last week that supported his policy.

"As per recent Federal Court ruling, the Federal Government will be withholding funds from Sanctuary Cities. They should change their status and go non-Sanctuary. Do not protect criminals!" Mr. Trump tweeted.

A three-judge panel of the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Manhattan ruled unanimously last week that the federal government has the discretion to impose conditions when distributing grant money.

The judges noted that the Supreme Court has consistently upheld the federal government's authority over states on immigration policy.

Three other federal appeals courts have ruled against the administration on the issue, making a Supreme Court ruling likelier.

— Dave Boyer

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT
World tech pact fights child exploitation

A coalition between the U.S. Justice Department, six tech companies and five countries have adopted 11 voluntary principles to prevent online child exploitation, Attorney General William Barr said Thursday.

Google, Facebook, Microsoft Twitter, Snap and Roblox said they will adopt the principles and showed their support for the measure by attending a press conference by Mr. Barr and his counterparts from other nations.

Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Britain will also join the United States in promoting the principles, which include some of the same strategies tech companies use to identify child-porn sharing on their platforms.

It is recommended that companies report efforts to groom children for sex abuse that appear on their platforms; adopt child-specific safety measures; and block live-streaming services from broadcasting sexual exploitation.

— Jeff Mordock

INVESTIGATION
Justice Department ordered to hand over unredacted Mueller report

By JEFF MORDOCK
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

A federal judge Thursday ordered the Justice Department to turn over former special counsel Robert Mueller's full unredacted report, saying he doesn't trust that Attorney General William Barr truthfully represented the report's conclusions.

U.S. District Judge Reggie Walton said the Justice Department must submit the report to him because he saw discrepancies between Mr. Barr's depiction of the special counsel's report and the publicly released version.

Judge Walton, who was appointed by President George W. Bush, said he needed to do his own "independent verification."

"The speed by which Attorney General Barr released to the public the summary of Special Counsel Mueller's principal conclusions, coupled with the fact that Attorney General Barr failed to provide a thorough representation of the findings set forth in the Mueller Report, causes the Court to question whether Attorney General Barr's intent was to create a one-sided narrative about the Mueller Report — a narrative that is clearly in some respects substantively at odds with the redacted version of the Mueller Report," Judge Walton wrote.

"These circumstances generally, and Attorney General Barr's lack of candor specifically, call into question Attorney General Barr's credibility as well as the DOJ's arguments in a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit," he added.

Judge Walton went on to say the attorney general lacked candor when it came to the Mueller report, saying he made "misleading public statements about the findings in the Mueller report."

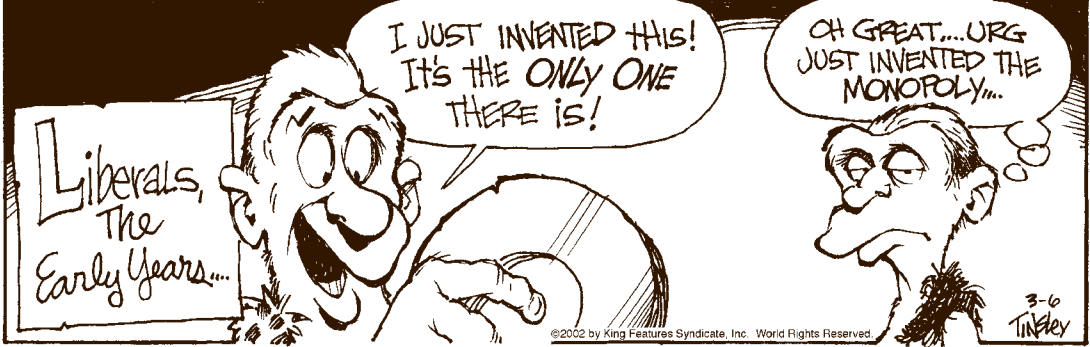
The judge's comments came in a lawsuit filed by BuzzFeed News and the Electronic Privacy Information Center, a nonprofit civil-liberties group seeking the full Mueller report.

Judge Walton's stunning rebuke is a rare move from the courts, which traditionally shy away from ascribing political motivations to the nation's top law enforcement official.

Last year, Mr. Mueller released his two-volume report into accusations both that the Trump campaign conspired with Russian efforts to interfere in the 2016 presidential election and that Mr. Trump obstructed that investigation as president.

Mr. Mueller could find no evidence that the president or any member of his campaign colluded with Russia and did not reach a conclusion on whether the president obstructed justice. Mr. Barr and Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein decided that the president had not.

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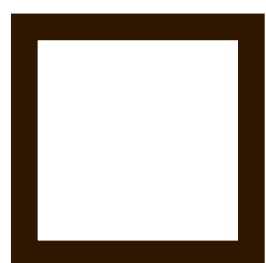
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“The fact that I am gay is just one of those things in my life in need of explicit affirmation, to remove any doubt and to finally validate who I am as a person. In many ways, I regret the time wasted in not having done so sooner.”
— former Rep. Aaron Schock, Illinois Republican and once the youngest member of Congress, at 27

WHITE HOUSE

Trump criticizes Biden, Obama for leaving U.S. in ‘mess’

Rips former VP in his hometown for NAFTA, military

By **DAVE BOYER**
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

President Trump visited Joe Biden’s birthplace in Pennsylvania on Thursday night for his first town-hall meeting of the election year and criticized the Democratic frontrunner for leaving the country in a “mess” under former President Barack Obama on everything from trade to military readiness.

Speaking to a crowd in Scranton that chanted “four more years” during commercial breaks, Mr. Trump said Mr. Biden showed poor judgment in pushing for the NAFTA trade deal while he served in the Senate, and blamed the Obama administration for failing either to engage with North Korea as it developed nuclear weapons or to defeat the Islamic State in the Middle East.

“The country was a mess,” Mr. Trump said. “The country, when I took it over, was in very bad shape. The military was depleted. We were in wars all over the place.” Mr. Trump said in a moment of introspection in which he noted that he misses some of the personal freedom he enjoyed before his inauguration.

“This is not a free life,” he said. “But I love what we’re doing because I feel that we’re accomplishing more than anybody’s ever ... I’m feeling we’re saving this country. This country was going wrong.”

The event hosted by Fox News took place in the hometown of Mr. Biden, whose family moved to Delaware when he was 10 years old. Mr. Trump won Pennsylvania by 44,000 votes in 2016 and needs to win there again, although the latest average of polls at Real Clear Politics shows him trailing both Mr. Biden and Sen. Bernard Sanders in the state by 3 percentage points.

Asked whether he prefers Mr. Biden or Mr. Sanders as his opponent in November, the president said he had been preparing for the Vermont socialist who won early primary states.

“I was all set to take on Bernie,” the president said. “Communist — I was all set. And then we have this crazy thing that happened on [Super] Tuesday, which [Mr. Biden] thought was Thursday. So all of a sudden it’s a whole different deal, two very different people. I think in a certain way, Bernie would be tougher. I think it’s going to be very hard for him to come back.”

Asked about healing political divisions in the country, Mr. Trump replied, “I really believe we’re going to win this next election, and when we do, the other side’s going to say ‘That’s it, we have to get along.’ It’s going to come together, and it’s going to be sooner than you think.”

On the same day as the town hall event, a political action committee that supports Democratic candidates aired a new ad on Fox News in Pennsylvania featuring a veteran who voted for Mr. Trump in 2016 and no longer supports

Donald Trump — hopeless optimist

President Trump returned to the scene of the crime Thursday night and reminded everyone once again how he got away with stealing the state of Pennsylvania from Democrats in the 2016 election.

“I feel that we are saving the country,” Mr. Trump told an audience gathered in Scranton, Pennsylvania, for a televised town-hall meeting conducted by Fox News.

It was one of many applause lines in a wide-ranging interview in which Mr. Trump touted the economy, defended his administration’s handling of the coronavirus threat and restated his commitment to bring troops home from foreign entanglements where America’s vital interests are not clearly evident.

Specifically, Mr. Trump trumpeted the elimination of pointless federal rules and regulations from agencies such as the Environmental Protection Agency that cripple local economies in places like Scranton. He also proudly defended the oil and gas business that has been booming in

those places.

Not only is Scranton in a state that Mr. Trump won and hopes to win again later this year, the small city is also the birthplace of former Vice President Joseph R. Biden, who hopes to challenge Mr. Trump as the Democratic nominee in November’s election.

Mr. Trump was directly asked by a member of the audience what he personally could do to make the political discourse in Washington more civil.

“I wouldn’t be sitting up here if I turned my cheek,” he responded flatly.

“We get hit so hard. We have to fight back.”

Later, Mr. Trump mentioned Mr. Biden by name and then stopped to note that he had not called him

“sleepy Joe” as he often does, because he was trying to be nice.

Asked about the \$23 trillion national debt, Mr. Trump said he does take it seriously and wants to reduce it. But he said his first order of business was rebuilding the military.

He said that when he first confronted North Korea over its nuclear ballistics ambitions, he was warned by his military leaders that the U.S. was “out of ammunition.”

But, he said, he hopes to tame the deficit going forward with a growing economy.

The president was asked about Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer’s threatening language during a speech on the front steps of the U.S. Supreme Court directed — by name — at two sitting justices nominated by Mr. Trump.

“That was a physical thing,” he said. “Real intimidation.”

Far different, he said, from when Mr. Trump criticized justices appointed by former President Barack Obama — after those justices wandered into politics and publicly

criticized Mr. Trump.

“I have to state the facts,” he said. “I’m not threatening anybody.”

Mr. Trump also expressed sympathy for Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont, the socialist opposing Mr. Biden for the Democratic presidential nomination.

If Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts had gotten out earlier than this week, Mr. Trump said, Mr. Sanders would have won more contests on Super Tuesday and might still be in the delegate lead over Mr. Biden.

“She did him no favors,” he said of Ms. Warren. “That is no friendship.”

Returning to the issue of civility in Washington, Mr. Trump said he remains hopeful. But first, he said, he has to beat the Democrats one more time.

Only then, he predicted, will Democrats surrender in peace and say: “OK, that’s it. Let’s get along.”

One thing you got to give the guy. He is one hopeless optimist.

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NUCLEAR
OPTION
BY CHARLES HURT



President Trump told Fox News Channel Town Hall panel hosts Bret Baier and Martha MacCallum that he will try to cut more spending in a second term, including entitlements such as Social Security and Medicare.

him. The American Bridge PAC is spending \$10 million on ads in swing states to dampen Mr. Trump’s appeal among white, working-class voters.

Mr. Trump said in response to a question about the national debt that he will try to cut spending more in a second term, including entitlements such as Social Security and Medicare.

“We’ll be cutting, but we’re also going to have growth like never before,” he said.

The president showed a more

reflective side while taking questions from audience members. He acknowledged that his only real conversation with Mr. Obama came in the Oval Office, on the day after he won the election in 2016 and visited the White House to talk about the transition.

“It was probably our only meeting, that was enough for me,” he said.

Mr. Trump said he did speak to Mr. Obama once more briefly, at the 2018 funeral of former President George H.W.

Bush.

“I sat next to him and I said hello. And then I said goodbye,” Mr. Trump said to laughter. “That’s about it ... I didn’t like the job that he and Biden did. I didn’t like the position they put us in. I didn’t like what he did to our military.”

He addressed the coronavirus at length, urging people not to over-react but also acknowledging the outbreak could hurt the U.S. economy in his re-election campaign year.

“Everybody has to be calm,” the president said. “We have plans for every single possibility. We hope it doesn’t last too long.”

He noted that the Dow Jones Industrial Average suffered another steep decline Thursday and said of the outbreak, “It certainly might have an impact” on the economy. But “it’s going to be fine,” Mr. Trump said.

The famously germophobic president joked about the caution against shaking hands and spreading the virus.

“If there was ever a time you could convince people not to shake hands, this could be it,” he said.

While acknowledging that it presents “a little bit of a problem” for politicians, he said it hasn’t stopped him from shaking hands with supporters. He said there’s “no nice way” to decline to shake someone’s hand as president.

“You can’t be a politician and not shake hands,” he said. “The bottom line is, I shake anybody’s hand now. They’re people that I love, that I want to take care of.”

Asked about North Korea, he said Kim Jong-un “did not want to talk to” Mr. Obama.

“Me, he wanted to talk to,” he said. “We have a very good relationship. I gave nothing. The sanctions are on. I cannot guarantee anything, but for three years we’ve spent nothing. And we’re not in a war with North Korea, which is not bad.”

Asked about a tentative peace deal with the Taliban in Afghanistan, Mr. Trump drew sustained applause when he spoke of the need to bring home U.S. troops after 19 years of war.

“We have to get our people back home, it’s not fair,” he said. “We don’t want to stay there for another 20 years.”

FIRST AMENDMENT

Seven elected officials sue California for forbidding talk about unions

By **JAMES VARNEY**
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Seven elected officials in California have sued the state for violating their First Amendment rights by forbidding any talk about public employee unions that the union could interpret as negative.

At issue is Section 3550 of the California code that states that “a public employer shall not deter or discourage” talk of unions or even offer explanations of what is required of employees in terms of union dues and the like.

Opponents call it an egregious effort to undercut the Supreme Court’s 2018 decision in Janus v. AFSCME, which allows public employees to opt out of paying union dues. Indeed, Democratic lawmakers in Sacramento set about putting union protections in place when the justices agreed to hear the Janus case, and they reaffirmed Section 3550 in 2018 when the decision was looming.

“We don’t have to speculate that this will have a chilling effect on speech because we have already seen it in complaints filed to the California Public Employment Relations Board,” said Terry Pell, an attorney with the Center for Individual Rights that filed the lawsuit on behalf of the elected officials. “The union is taking

a very broad view of what constitutes an unfair labor practice and they are using it to silence critics, to get people to shut up, essentially.”

A spokeswoman for the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), the losing side in Janus, did not respond to questions about Section 3550 and the lawsuit but said unions are thriving post-Janus in terms of money and membership.

In addition to California, pro-public union politicians in New York, Illinois, Oregon and Washington have tried to blunt the blow from Janus to unions, a hit that has been less damaging than some believed it would be two years ago, according to people across the labor spectrum.

Still, Section 3550 has forced school board members and administrators to be much more circumspect, which is why the lawsuit’s plaintiffs include school board members and a mayor, with the defendant California’s Public Employment Relations Board.

“I campaigned not as a union-buster per se, but as someone who believes unions have assumed an outsized influence in our schools and education,” said Jim Reardon, the president of the Capistrano Unified School District and a plaintiff who is running for reelection in November. “Now, if

I make those comments as president of the board or as a candidate, I could get hit with a PERB complaint, whereas an opponent who might be backed by the union could say anything they want.”

Even reading the Supreme Court’s Janus opinion at a public hearing could result in a complaint of unfair union practices, which has led many in-house counsels to caution employers not to speak about union topics at all rather than face expensive litigation, Mr. Pell said.

One of the plaintiffs in the lawsuit, known as Barke v. Banks et al., is a school board member who says he no longer feels free to inform his constituents about union negotiating positions on issues that have significant consequences for his school system’s budget, including salaries, benefits, and seniority rules.

A city council member was threatened with a Section 3550 complaint because she posted to Facebook a letter questioning union support for a candidate to city council.

The United Teachers of Los Angeles group has filed several Section 3550 complaints, Mr. Pell said. The group did not respond to requests for comment.

One of the group’s bete noires in the Los Angeles area are schools run by the Alliance College Ready Public Charter

Schools Corp. In one case attached to the lawsuit, the UTLA filed a Section 3550 complaint about an email sent to Alliance teachers and staffers before a school break, telling them they did not have to admit UTLA representatives into their homes during the vacation and urging them to read carefully anything the UTLA asked them to sign.

Another city council member posted a letter on Facebook that highlighted the union’s support for a competing council candidate, while the California School Boards Association issued a legal letter cautioning school board members to monitor their communications with employees, particularly as it related to the Janus ruling, for fear union complaints could trigger costly litigation.

Mr. Pell said that while Section 3550 was unconstitutional when the state legislature reaffirmed it in 2018, the plaintiffs waited to file suit because they wanted to see how the law played out in practice.

The measure fails to pass constitutional muster on several fronts, Mr. Pell argued. For one thing, it is one-sided, handcuffing one side on matters of public importance. Secondly, the law singles out one group of people whose speech is curtailed — public employers.

The lawsuit involves one key part of

a package of pro-labor laws California passed in response to Janus. In addition to Section 3550, California passed laws that guarantee unions access to employee orientation meetings and restrict the release of employee’s contact information to all organizations but unions.

The lawsuit is the latest event in a fight coast-to-coast between pro-union politicians and conservative or libertarian opponents. In New York, Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo made it clear he and Albany lawmakers would do everything they could to protect unions, while in Washington state, the Freedom Foundation said Democratic Gov. Jay Inslee “pushed legislation intended to undermine public employees’ First Amendment rights.”

“Gagging government employees from providing information about a public employee’s rights regarding union membership is just one of the many tactics public sector unions are using to subvert the U.S. Supreme Court’s Janus decision,” said Aaron Withe, Freedom Foundation national director.

“The extent of the government union efforts to force workers to stay in unions is staggering,” Mr. Withe added, noting his group has “60 ongoing cases against government unions and have filed 12 lawsuits in California alone.”

ACCOUNTABILITY

Audit finds Health and Human Services ignored warnings over family separations

By **STEPHEN DINAN**
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

The Trump administration's 2018 zero-tolerance border policy that led to the separation of families caught the Department of Health and Human Services by surprise, with top leaders only learning about it from the media, an internal audit revealed Thursday.

That left the department woefully unprepared to handle the thousands of children who were separated from their parents and sent to HHS for care and placement with sponsors, the department's inspector general said.

Department leaders also "disregarded specific, repeated warnings" by lower-level staffers at the Office of Refugee Resettlement who had seen an uptick for months of children who had been knowingly separated by the Department of Homeland Security and the Justice Department.

That left HHS behind the curve when the zero-tolerance policy was formally announced.

"ORR staff believed that the [Unaccompanied Alien Children] Program lacked the bed capacity to accommodate a large increase in separated children and were also concerned about the trauma such a policy would inflict on children," the audit concluded.

Those in charge of HHS's response said they didn't see any difference between children who arrived at the border and then were separated from their parents, and children who arrived without parents — the UACs, who have been a major test for immigration and health officials for most of the last decade.

But the audit said lower-level staffers knew that those who were separated at the border may need to be reunified and there weren't adequate procedures in place.

That played out over the summer of 2018, as a federal court ordered reunifications and the government scrambled to comply, having to build new tracking tools from the ground up because there was no easy way to connect parents with separated children.

Once again HHS was struggling to get in the loop, with the flurry of court rulings to the Justice and Homeland Security departments sending officials scrambling to give guidance to the contractors who ran dorms where the children were housed.

House Homeland Security Committee Chairman Bennie G. Thompson, Mississippi Democrat, said the report was the latest confirmation of "horrific" treatment of undocumented immigrants.

"Not only did the administration act with malice when it instituted its family separation policy, but DHS and HHS managed it so poorly that it led to massive

interagency communication failures and poor management decisions," he said.

Under the zero-tolerance policy, Homeland Security began to refer most adults who illegally crossed the border to the Justice Department for prosecution — even if they came with children. Since there are no family facilities in U.S. Marshals Service custody, the children were separated and turned over to HHS.

More than 2,800 children were potentially separated in the spring and summer of 2018.

Since then, 2,168 children have been reunited with their parents and another 626 who were separated have been discharged under other circumstances, such as to a sponsor here in the U.S. or sent back to Homeland Security custody if they turned 18.

Only one child from the zero-tolerance separations is still separated. The audit said the government is still trying to figure out



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the parent's wishes.

Another 1,556 children were later identified as having potentially been separated before zero-tolerance, and the government is trying to contact parents in those cases to figure out what to do, the audit said.

HHS says it now has the ability to track which children are separated from parents at the border and may need eventual reunification, as opposed to traditional UACs who arrive without a parent.

The audit called that a "significant improvement," but said because it's a manual process it's

still "vulnerable to error, raising questions about the accuracy of current data on separated children."

In its reply to the audit, HHS said it "vigorously" advocates for the welfare of the children, but said its hands are tied when it comes to "upstream immigration enforcement policy."

"In some instances, the Department of Justice (DOJ) or DHS may not communicate with HHS for law enforcement or other legitimate legal or policy reasons," wrote Lynn A. Johnson, the assistant secretary at HHS's Children and Families division.

CAMPAIGN 2020

Law professor's website tracked all of Warren's missteps

Created, maintained page for seven years

By **VALERIE RICHARDSON**
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

When tracking the reasons Sen. Elizabeth Warren's presidential bid fell short, don't forget the conservative law professor in Ithaca, New York, who wouldn't let the world forget that the Massachusetts Democrat for years had identified herself as an American Indian.

Cornell Law School professor William A. Jacobson created and maintained the Elizabeth Warren Wiki for seven years. The site documents the controversies that have dogged her political career, starting with her disputed claims of Cherokee ancestry.

"Americans will vote for many different types of characters, but the one thing that I think is devastating is when someone is viewed as inauthentic, as a faker," said Mr. Jacobson. "She was never able to shake that, and that all originated with the Native American problem."

During her bid for the Democratic presidential nomination, which ended Thursday after her poor showing on Super Tuesday, she was repeatedly challenged on her characterizations of her previous professional work and episodes from her past.

They included her legal representation of large corporations; losing her teaching job in 1971 over being pregnant; describing her father as a janitor; accusing a senior professor of sexual harassment, and being the first nursing mother to take the New Jersey bar exam.

All those incidents and more were chronicled on EWW, which isn't affiliated with Wikipedia, often after appearing in Legal Insurrection, the conservative blog founded by Mr. Jacobson in 2008. Both served as resources for news outlets seeking information on all things Warren during the Democratic primary.

He isn't politically neutral, but he said he has



Cornell Law School professor William A. Jacobson created the Elizabeth Warren Wiki page and documented her missteps.

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gone out of his way to keep EWW, available at ElizabethWarrenWiki.org, "straight, nonargumentative, everything sourced, hundreds of footnotes," using the research of others, including Cherokee genealogists, whenever possible. The site has been viewed more than 750,000 times.

"It's a somewhat unique role," Mr. Jacobson said. "I can't think of any other candidate where you've got one person documenting so thoroughly the false narrative of their life story."

Ms. Warren has apologized for identifying as American Indian during her career as a law professor, telling a tribal forum last year "I am sorry for the harm I have caused," and acknowledging that she is not an enrolled member of any tribe.

She has also explained that being American Indian

was part of her family lore growing up in Oklahoma. A DNA test released in February 2019 showed she had an Indian ancestor dating back 6 to 10 generations, a finding that wound up backfiring on her with tribes and in the court of public opinion.

Despite her apology, the issue never went away, thanks in large part to President Trump, who continued to refer to her as "Pocahontas," a label that his critics have denounced as racist.

Questions about her authenticity may have tipped the scale for leftist voters torn between Ms. Warren and Sen. Bernard Sanders, who ultimately prevailed in capturing the lion's share of the party's progressive wing.

"Whatever Bernie is, he's kind of authentic. He is who he is, and he's been that way for 50 years," Mr.

Jacobson said. "But Warren has been something of a political chameleon, and I think that getting the facts out there was extremely damaging."

Mr. Jacobson said he launched EWW after covering the 2012 Massachusetts Senate race, which saw Ms. Warren, then a Harvard Law School professor, take on Republican Sen. Scott Brown. Harvard had listed her as a Native American faculty member, a story The Boston Herald broke in April 2012.

"By May, everyone had moved on, except for us," Mr. Jacobson said. "So we continued to publish this and bring publicity to it ... We didn't discover the Cherokee problem, but we kept it alive through the fall. And then I began to do original research on her."

He drew the ire of Warren's Senate campaign, which called him a "right-wing extremist who is on the record supporting and contributing money to Scott Brown," as reported by the Herald, referring to his \$200 donation to Mr. Brown in the 2010 race.

After she won the Senate race, Mr. Jacobson said he realized "we had done so much research on this that I thought, 'I can't let this just dissipate into the wilds of the internet:'"

He launched EWW in 2013. When she entered the 2020 Democratic presidential primary, "a lot of people turned to me, because I'm the only one who's been writing about it for the most part for six years," along with Cherokee genealogists like Twila Barnes, he said.

His chronicling has met with pushback from her supporters, including one who wrote emails in 2012 to other Cornell professors "about what a horrible person I am, how I've been lying about Elizabeth Warren, damaging the school's reputation, and how I should not be allowed to be on the faculty."

He's still on the faculty, still publishing Legal Insurrection and EWW, "but it wasn't an easy road along the way."

"It's not very pleasant when every person you work with is getting emails about you from an Elizabeth Warren supporter," Mr. Jacobson said. "But I'm glad I did it. I'm glad I stuck to it."

CAMPAIGN 2020

Warren, Harris overlook the fact Gabbard is sole woman still in race

By **ALEX SWOYER**
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Sen. Elizabeth Warren and Sen. Kamala Harris, who both dropped out of the Democratic presidential race, lamented Thursday that no women remained in the race, saying Americans will have to wait four more years to change history.

There's one problem: Rep. Tulsi Gabbard of Hawaii is still running.

Not only is she running, but she also is making history as the first female combat veteran to run for president.

"There are no women currently in this race. We can have a longer discussion about it, but the reality is there is still a lot of work to be done to make it very clear that women are exceptionally qualified and capable of being the commander in chief of the United States of America," Ms. Harris told reporters.

The California Democrat ended her own campaign in early December, but Ms. Warren of Massachusetts put to rest her bid on Thursday.

Neither woman has endorsed either front-runner: the self-declared democratic socialist Sen. Bernard Sanders of Vermont or former Vice President Joseph R. Biden.

Ms. Warren was asked by a reporter what she makes of the Democratic nomination coming down to two white men and the message that sends to young women.

"All those little girls are going to have to wait four more years — that's going to be hard," she said.

The Gabbard campaign declined to comment on being overlooked by her former rivals.

Ms. Gabbard has continued her campaign despite winning just two delegates.



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Rep. Tulsi Gabbard is the last female candidate left in the Democratic presidential race with Sen. Elizabeth Warren and Sen. Kamala Harris both out.

The party's 2016 presidential nominee, Hillary Clinton, accused Ms. Gabbard of being a favorite of the Russians, who have been accused of attempting to interfere with U.S. elections.

Ms. Gabbard sued Ms. Clinton in January for the comment made in October, seeking about \$50 million in damages and accusing the former secretary of state of defamation. Ms. Clinton's spokesman called the lawsuit "ridiculous."

Neither Ms. Harris's nor Ms. Warren's office responded to a request for comment about their remarks and Ms. Gabbard's continued candidacy.



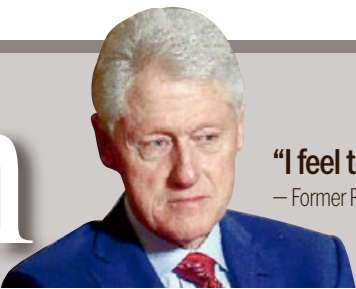
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"I feel terrible about the fact that Monica Lewinsky's life was defined by it, unfairly I think."
— Former President Bill Clinton, in Hulu's documentary series on his wife, "Hillary," looking back on his Oval Office affair with Ms. Lewinsky, who was a White House intern at the time

ECONOMY

U.S., world markets stagger as coronavirus fears return

By Stan Choe and Damian J. Troise
Associated Press

NEW YORK | Fear dominated financial markets again on Thursday, and stocks fell sharply on worries about the fast-spreading virus outbreak. It's the latest shudder in Wall Street's most volatile week in more than eight years.

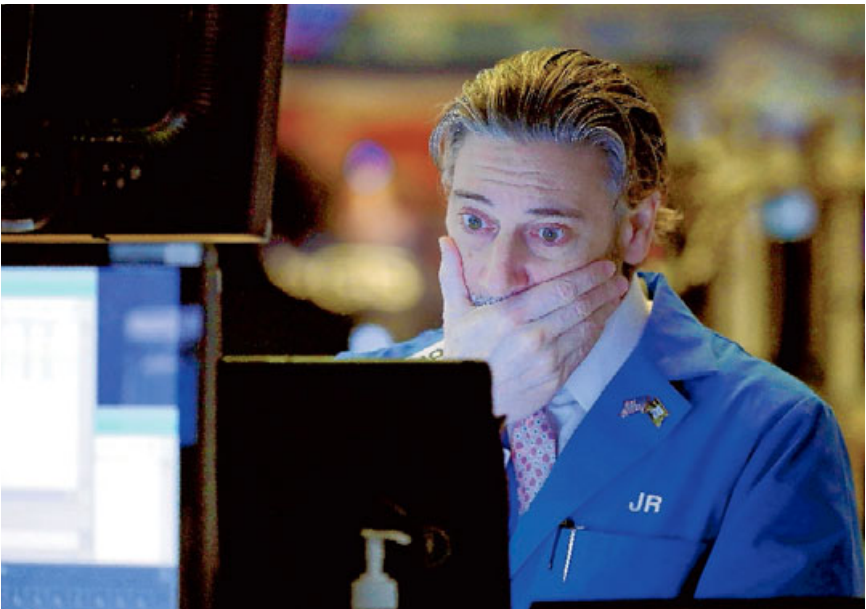
Major U.S. indexes lost roughly 3.5%, and Treasury yields touched more record lows in their latest yo-yo move. The slide nearly wiped out the surge stocks had ridden just a day earlier, which came in part on hopes that moves by the Federal Reserve and economic authorities around the world could cushion the economic fallout.

These vicious swings are likely to continue, as long as the number of new infections continues to accelerate, many analysts and professional investors say. Thursday was the fourth straight day where the S&P 500 moved at least 2%, the longest such stretch since the summer of 2011.

The growing understanding that the spread of infections — and resulting damage to the economy — may not slow anytime soon is pulling sharply on markets. That pull has taken turns this week with the increasingly worldwide push that governments and central banks are trying to give markets through spending plans and interest-rate cuts.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note went as low as 0.901% for the first time in history, according to Tradeweb. Tumbling yields have brought the average rate on a 30-year fixed mortgage to a record low of 3.29%.

"It's been a roller-coaster market in



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recent days for equity investors, and today we appear to be on the downward leg for that ride," said Terry Sandven, chief equity strategist at U.S. Bank Wealth Management. "What you need is time, and unfortunately that is still going to result in volatility."

In China, where the number of new infections has been slowing drastically, stocks trading in Shanghai have rallied nearly 12% since hitting a bottom on Feb. 3. Factories there are gradually reopening, and a return to a sense of normal life may even be on the horizon following swift and severe actions by the

government to corral the virus.

But elsewhere in the world, the mood is darker. There are about 17 times as many new infections outside China as in it, according to the World Health Organization.

In the U.S., the death toll climbed to 12 due to the virus. California declared a statewide emergency, and Southwest Airlines warned its investors that it has seen a significant decline in demand in recent days.

The S&P 500 fell 106.18, or 3.4%, to 3,023.94. It's now 10.7% below the record high it set on Feb. 19. The Dow Jones

Industrial Average slumped 969.58, or 3.6%, to 26,121.28, and the Nasdaq lost 279.49, or 3.1%, to 8,738.60.

Losses were widespread, and energy stocks in the S&P 500 dropped to their lowest level since March 2009, when they were emerging from the financial crisis.

"The Western world is now following some of China's playbook, closing schools and declaring a state of emergency for example, but there is a sense that this is too little, too late," said Chris Beauchamp, chief market analyst at IG.

Travel-related companies continued to fall sharply on worries that frightened

customers won't want to confine themselves in planes or boats with others. Royal Caribbean Cruises sank 16.3%, Carnival fell 14.1% and American Airlines Group lost 13.4%.

A growing list of companies is warning investors that the virus is hitting their sales and profits, and investors are left with a lot of uncertainty about just how much economic growth will be affected.

"We could probably drive a metaphorical truck between the upside and downside cases here," said Jason Pride, chief investment officer for private wealth at Glenmede.

This week the S&P 500 has gone from a jump of 4.6% Monday, to a loss of 2.8%, and back to a rise of 4.2%. In normal times, a move of even 1% would be notable.

Asian stock markets started Thursday off higher, riding the wave of optimism and hope that sent the S&P 500 soaring on Wednesday. U.S. congressional leaders reached a deal on an \$8.3 billion bill to battle the outbreak, which the Senate passed Thursday, and the Bank of Canada followed up on the Federal Reserve's surprise cut to interest rates the day before with its own.

Some economists expect the European Central Bank to make some kind of move in hopes of supporting markets before its meeting on March 12.

Japan's Nikkei 225 rose 1.1%, South Korea's Kospi gained 1.3% and stocks in Shanghai jumped 2%. But markets turned lower as trading moved to Europe. The French CAC 40 fell 1.9%, Germany's DAX lost 1.5% and the FTSE 100 in London dropped 1.6%.

HEALTH

Colon, rectal cancer rise among younger adults

Survey finds rates falling for older Americans

By Shen Wu Tan
The Washington Times

Colon and rectal cancers are rising among younger adults, according to a study released Thursday.

For individuals younger than 50 years, the incidence of colorectal cancer increased by about 2% each year from 2011 through 2016, researchers said in a new report published by CA: A Cancer Journal for Clinicians.

In contrast, there were rapid reported declines in incidence for those 65 years and older — down by about 3% annually during those same years and continuing a trend from the 2000s. For those aged 50 to 64 years, researchers found, the rate rose by about 1% annually.

Experts said better monitoring was a key factor in the decline among older patients, but the increase among younger adults is a puzzle.

"Incidence rates are declining in adults 65 and older largely because of the rapid uptake of CRC (colorectal cancer) screening. The reason for rising incidence in younger adults remains unknown," said Rebecca Siegel, one of the study's researchers and scientific director of surveillance research for the American Cancer Society. "The obesity epidemic is probably contributing, but doesn't seem to be the sole cause. Diet has a large influence on colorectal cancer risk and there is a lot of research going on looking at how different things we consume, including drugs like antibiotics, influence gut health, specifically their role in determining the microorganisms that make up our microbiome."

Colorectal cancer is the fourth most common cause of cancer death in both men and women in the U.S., according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The researchers said more than half of all cases and deaths are attributed to "modifiable risk factors" such as smoking, excess body weight, physical inactivity, high alcohol consumption and an unhealthy diet.

In 2018, the American Cancer Society updated its colorectal cancer screening guidelines, pushing the recommended age from 50 to 45. However, other organizations, including the U.S. Preventive

Services Task Force, still advise screening to begin at age 50 and continue until age 75.

"Screening for colorectal cancer can identify and remove polyps before they progress to cancer," said Kathy Cronin from the National Cancer Institute. "This is different than other cancer sites where screening detects early-stage cancer."

The number of people younger than 50 years who died from colorectal cancer increased by 1.3% each year from 2008 and 2017, while death rates for individuals 50 to 64 years increased by half that rate — 0.6% — each year.

Meanwhile, death rates for those 65 years and older dropped by 3% annually during the same time frame.

For the study, the researchers pulled data from the National Cancer Institute and the CDC to measure incidence and mortality trends.

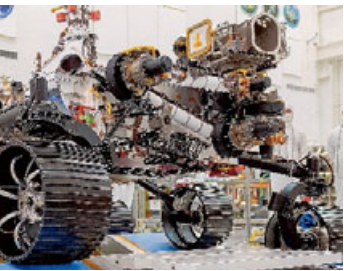
The researchers found that the colorectal cancer patient population overall was "rapidly shifting younger," noting the median age of diagnosis dropped from 72 years during the year from 1988 to 1999 to 66 years old during in 2015-2016.

"Young patients are diagnosed later and have unique challenges. For example, they are our most productive citizens and often juggling young families; they are often less financially able to cope with a cancer diagnosis, including being more likely to declare bankruptcy than older patients as a result of the diagnosis; and they are more likely to experience long-term effects of treatment, such as a second cancer," Ms. Siegel said.

This year, the researchers estimate there will be 147,950 individuals newly diagnosed with colorectal cancer in the U.S., and 53,200 deaths, including 3,650 people (7%) younger than 50 years, from the disease.

"This study makes clear that colorectal cancer is no longer a disease of old age. Be aware that screening can save lives, and if you are over 50, you should be getting screened," said Ronit Yarden, senior director of medical affairs for Colorectal Cancer Alliance. "Colorectal cancer is one of the most preventable cancers with routine screening — it's also highly treatable if detected early through screening."

PERSEVERANCE TO LAUNCH TO MARS THIS SUMMER



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NASA's next Mars rover finally has a name. Perseverance, a six-wheeled robotic explorer, will blast off this summer to collect Martian samples for eventual return to Earth. The name was suggested by Alex Mather, a Virginia seventh-grader, as part of a naming contest for U.S. schoolchildren. NASA announced it Thursday at Alex's school in Burke, Virginia. He got to read his winning essay live on NASA TV.

MICHIGAN

Auto workers union chief hit with corruption charges

By Ed White
Associated Press

DETROIT | Prosecutors on Thursday charged the former president of the United Auto Workers with corruption, contending that he plotted with others to embezzle more than \$1 million from one of the nation's most powerful unions to splurge on private villas, golf outings, boozy meals and horseback rides on beaches.



Jones

The federal government has had Gary Jones in its sights for months, after an embarrassing search of his Detroit-area home and a series of guilty pleas in a wide-ranging investigation of UAW leaders living the high life while representing blue-collar workers.

"We stand before you today because of greed — pure and simple greed. ... The charges against Gary Jones are offensive to the hard-working men and women of the UAW," said Steve D'Antuono, the head of the FBI in Detroit.

Mr. Jones was charged with conspiring to embezzle, to aid racketeering and to defraud the government. The document was titled a criminal "information," which signals that a guilty plea is likely.

Defense attorney J. Bruce Maffeo offered no comment. Mr. Jones was UAW president for about 1 1/2 years before quitting under a cloud in November.

Nine union officials and a late official's spouse have pleaded guilty since 2017. The investigation began with the discovery that Fiat Chrysler money from a Fiat Chrysler-UAW job training center had been stolen. It then expanded to a larger probe of embezzlement of union funds.

The court filing describes a scheme to pocket cash and enjoy luxuries, starting in 2010, long before the accused rose to the UAW presidency.

Mr. Jones and other officials set up accounts that were supposed to be used for legitimate conference expenses in California. Instead, according to the government, they used the money to pay for "private villas, high-end liquor and meal expenses, golfing apparel, golf clubs and greens fees."

Mr. Jones, for example, ordered more than \$13,000 worth of cigars from a shop in Arizona, according to the court document. U.S. Attorney Matthew Schneider

recited a litany of other excesses: horseback riding on the beach, sunglasses, spa treatments for spouses.

"We are not done and I can't predict when we will be done," Mr. Schneider said when asked if more people were being targeted.

The latest guilty plea occurred Monday when Edward "Nick" Robinson appeared in court. He was based at the UAW's Region 5 office near St. Louis, which was led by Mr. Jones until he became UAW president in 2018. The government said Mr. Robinson fraudulently obtained \$500,000 to \$700,000, giving at least \$60,000 to Mr. Jones.

Vance Pearson, another Jones ally from his time in St. Louis, pleaded guilty in February. He followed Mr. Jones to become head of the regional office.

The UAW expressed disgust about the allegations against Mr. Jones, who marched in Detroit's Labor Day parade last year, just days after agents seized golf clubs and more than \$30,000 from his Canton Township home.

"This is a violation of trust, a violation of the sacred management of union dues, and goes against everything we believe in as a union," the UAW said.

The union now is led by Rory Gamble, who has promised to reform the culture in the UAW's top ranks. As part of that effort, a Michigan vacation home built on union property for retired President Dennis Williams is listed for sale at \$1.3 million.

The UAW, based in Detroit, has about 400,000 members and is best known for representing workers at Fiat Chrysler, General Motors and Ford Motor.

American Scene

ALABAMA

Supreme Court halts execution of inmate in 2004 cop killings

ATMORE | The Supreme Court halted the execution Thursday of an Alabama inmate involved in the 2004 slayings of three police officers shot by another man at a suspected crack house.

Nathaniel Woods, 43, was scheduled to receive a lethal injection at the state prison in Atmore when the high court announced a stay of execution to consider his appeal.

Woods was one of two men sentenced to death in the slayings of Birmingham officers Carlos Owen, Harley A. Chisolm III and Charles R. Bennett, who were killed trying to serve a domestic assault warrant on Woods.

— Associated Press

TENNESSEE

Trump to see twister damage in visit to Nashville

NASHVILLE | President Trump will get a first-hand look at disaster areas in Tennessee on Friday, just days after tornadoes whipped across the state, leaving 24 people dead and more injured.

Mr. Trump will be joined by Gov. Bill Lee, Sen. Marsha Blackburn and other officials during his visit.

— Associated Press

NEW YORK

De Blasio, police at odds over video of black man's arrest

NEW YORK | Video of the violent arrest of a young black man sparked outrage Thursday in a city where mistrust of police remains high more than five years after Eric Garner's death from an officer's chokehold.

Fitzroy Gayle, 20, pleads for help in the video as several officers wrestle him into submission Wednesday evening on a Brooklyn sidewalk.

Police Commissioner Dermot Shea said Thursday he was ordering an internal investigation.

"This was painful to watch," Mayor Bill de Blasio tweeted. "We still need to get all the facts about this case ... but I don't like what I saw"

The city's largest police union responded, calling Mr. de Blasio's

PENNSYLVANIA

Trump-themed store thrives in Philadelphia suburb

By Mike Catalini
Associated Press

BENSALEM, PA. | A shop selling Donald Trump-themed merchandise in a suburban Philadelphia strip mall has emerged as a magnet for the president's backers and a reflection of Pennsylvania's status as a political battleground this year.

The Trump Store in Bensalem specializes in gear fit for the president's biggest fans — T-shirts promoting a border wall, hats, beanies, mugs with his cartoon face, even an inflatable inner tube with Mr. Trump's head flashing two thumbs up. On a recent weekday afternoon, it did steady business over about three hours, with two to three customers continually streaming in and out.

The town is on a political fault line, tilting slightly Democratic in recent presidential elections, though Mr. Trump improved the GOP's fortunes in 2016 over Republicans' 2012 performance. Experts are watching the region as a key to the presidential race. In fact, Mr. Trump was slated to hold a town hall in Scranton on Thursday evening, about two hours from Bensalem.

Mike Domanico, the shop's owner, is a former general contractor who got into the T-shirt business in 2017, when he noticed that the 10 or so Trump shirts he offered for sale at car shows sold out fast. Mr. Domanico, 60, himself a Trump



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backer who said he's been following him since the 1980s, opened a kiosk in a nearby mall before expanding to the store early this year.

The shop does about 350 sales a day, with the average customer spending about \$60, according to Mr. Domanico. The top sellers are two T-shirts, he said: one that has the president's signature in gold above a brick wall and says, "Border Wall Construction Co." The phrases "Build the Wall" and "Deport Them All" are printed underneath.

The other alludes to former President Barack Obama, saying, "Trump 45 Because the 44 didn't work for 8 years." The shirt has a golden gun on it, an apparent pun of .45-caliber and

.44-caliber handguns.

"People that love Trump, they really love him," Mr. Domanico said. "They want to wear the hats, the shirts, bumper stickers and mugs. They want to show their support. I think that's what it's all about."

The president's signature red caps, though, aren't in the lineup. Mr. Domanico said he wouldn't stock Make America Great Again or Keep America Great merchandise because of a trademark the Trump campaign holds on those slogans.

Political paraphernalia and candidate-specific merchandise is nothing new. The current crop of Democratic candidates offer merchandise for sale

on their websites. In 2008, a poster depicting Barack Obama and the word "HOPE" came to symbolize his presidential campaign and was highly circulated.

But Chris Borick, a political science professor and the director of Muhlenberg College's Institute of Public Opinion, notes something different about the demand for Trump gear.

"It's the president's standard approach to say stuff that's over the top. He revels in it, and I believe a number of his supporters feel the same. They're juiced to be able to actually find ways to do that. You see the flags on houses and big signs, hand-painted signs, all part of that showy image," he said. "There's not a showman better than Donald Trump and folks like to be part of the game."

The shop sits in a strip mall, about 20 miles from downtown Philadelphia, along a busy road between a Guatemalan bakery and a travel agency. Anu Mathew, who works at the agency said the shop seems to have increased foot traffic and has been good for his business as well.

Bensalem, in Bucks County, voted for the Democrat in the last two presidential elections, but both parties see the county overall as heavily in play in 2020, according to Mr. Borick.

"If you're Donald Trump and you can perform well in a place like Bucks County, you're probably going to win Pennsylvania," he said.

remarks "anti-police rhetoric."

The man in the video had fled officers who approached him and another man as they were smoking marijuana in a park around 7 p.m., police said.

— Associated Press

CALIFORNIA

Prosecutors plan to seek death penalty in synagogue shootings

SAN DIEGO | San Diego County prosecutors plan to seek the death penalty for 20-year-old former nursing student John T. Earnest, accused of carrying

out a 2019 attack on a San Diego-area synagogue that left one dead and three others wounded, including a child.

That's despite Gov. Gavin Newsom signing an executive order last year placing a moratorium on executions.

— Associated Press

FLORIDA

Black bear attacks Florida man outside home near Pensacola

GULF BREEZE | A black bear attacked a man and scratched him on the chest Wednesday outside his Florida

Panhandle home. The man was not seriously injured in the attack, which occurred near Gulf Breeze, just south of Pensacola.

Wildlife officials responded and set traps to capture the bear.

IDAHO

FBI asks Yellowstone tourists: Check photos for missing kids

BOISE | Authorities are asking Yellowstone National Park tourists to review vacation photos to see if they can spot any clues about two missing

children whose mother has been brought back to Idaho to face charges.

Lori Vallow was arrested in Hawaii last month and charged with felony child abandonment. Her 7-year-old son, Joshua Vallow, was last seen Sept. 23 and his big sister, 17-year-old Tylee Ryan, was last seen Sept. 8 — the same day the family went on a day trip through the popular park.

Police have said Ms. Vallow, 46, and her husband, Chad Daybell, have repeatedly lied about the children's whereabouts.

— Associated Press



Border Patrol agents have reported increasing seizures of illegal crossers between ports of entry, making a case for finishing President Trump's border wall to funnel migrants toward official screenings.

IMMIGRATION

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past decade. February's total was just half of what it was in February 2019, when about 76,550 unauthorized migrants were caught trying to enter.

The worst month was May, when more than 144,000 migrants were nabbed. Of those, more than 80,000 were immediately released into communities because there was no way to hold and quickly deport them under a patchwork of laws and court rulings.

Most are still in the U.S., authorities believe.

But the lower numbers at the border mean Homeland Security may finally cut into the backlog.

"For the last five months, the number of those we removed have outpaced the number we have encountered at the southwest border," Mr. Morgan said.

In January, Homeland Security ousted nearly 42,000 illegal immigrants, about 5,200 more than were nabbed at the border.

In February, at least 38,300 people were removed or returned across the border — about 1,200 more than arrived.

Mr. Morgan said President Trump deserves credit for pushing the changes that allowed the U.S. government to get a handle on the situation. The administration suspended aid payments to key Central American countries until they agreed to do more to keep their people at home and to try to stop migrants from other nations from using their territory as a crossing point.

Mr. Trump personally threatened to slap tariffs on Mexico, which brought Mexican officials running to Washington to cut a deal. They agreed to expand their own immigration enforcement efforts and to accommodate people from Central America who crossed Mexican territory en route to the U.S., whom the U.S. then pushed back across the border to wait for their immigration court dates.

That U.S. policy, officially known as the Migrant Protection Protocols but more commonly called "Remain in Mexico," has been a critical part of cutting the flow of Central Americans.

Immigrant rights activists call the Migrant Protection Protocols an abuse of human rights. They say the policy forces asylum-seekers to suffer dangerous conditions in Mexico and point to reports that have documented kidnappings and other violence perpetrated on migrants.

Homeland Security says those are generally cases in which the migrants, after being returned to Mexico, deal with smuggling cartels again for another attempt to jump the border.

Mr. Morgan said cartels have lost hundreds of millions of dollars of profit in recent months thanks to the massive drop in human smuggling across the border. Cartels charge \$3,000 to more than \$15,000 to smuggle a Central American into the U.S.

Sapped of those customers, the cartels are targeting others. In Ecuador, people are paying up to \$17,000 per person to be smuggled into the U.S.

Brazil was a major source late last year, but the U.S. government expanded its Migrant Protection

Protocols deal with Mexico to allow Brazilians to be pushed back across the border. The numbers plunged immediately, from more than 1,600 in November to 682 in February, according to Homeland Security data.

What most concerned Mr. Morgan in the February numbers was a spike in drug seizures.

He said fentanyl seizures were up 75% from January to February, cocaine was up 41%, heroin was up 11% and methamphetamine was up 30%.

Like migration, where a rise in the level of arrests is believed to mean a rise in the number of people sneaking in successfully, a rise in seizures is believed to signal a rise in the amount of drugs getting through.

Although the largest amount flows through ports of entry in vehicles or strapped to travelers' bodies, he said, Border Patrol agents have reported increasing seizures between ports.

Mr. Morgan said that is another argument for finishing the border wall. He said that can funnel activity to the ports, where each vehicle can be screened, or it can force them to try to bypass the wall with drug tunnels.

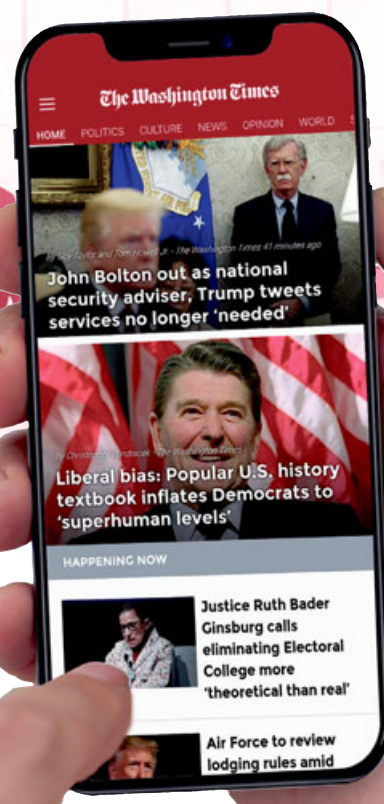
"We want to drive them to take extreme measures to force them to spend a lot of time, effort and money to come up with new ways," he said. "We want to make it hard for them."

He pointed to the discovery of a second drug tunnel along the border this year as evidence that the plan is working.

"The smugglers are getting desperate," he said.

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“I am honored and overwhelmed by President Trump’s decision to award the Medal of Freedom. I lived a military life among heroes who were and always will be my inspiration.”

— Retired Gen. Jack Keane, a Vietnam War veteran, Silver Star recipient, former Army vice chief of staff and Fox News analyst, reacting Thursday on Twitter to the news he will be receiving next week the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation’s highest civilian honor

AFGHANISTAN

Pompeo slams ICC for opening investigation against U.S. troops

By GUY TAYLOR
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo on Thursday slammed the International Criminal Court as an “unaccountable political institution masquerading as a legal body,” after the organization said its may soon open cases against American troops for alleged war crimes in Afghanistan.

The Hague-based ICC announced that it would allow prosecutors to open an investigation targeting not only current and former U.S. military, CIA and diplomatic personnel, but also the Taliban, and Afghan government forces for war crimes and crimes against humanity during the nearly two-decade long conflict.

The decision, marking the first time the court’s 18-year history that prosecutors have been authorized to investigate U.S. forces, flew in the face of longtime rejections by American officials to the court’s jurisdiction.

“The United States is not a party to the ICC,” Mr. Pompeo said in a pointed statement to reporters at the State Department. “We will take all necessary measures to protect our citizens from this renegade, unlawful so-called court.”

He said the Trump administration will fight any investigation targeting Americans.

“We’ll have some announcements, probably in a couple weeks, about the path that we’re going to take to ensure that we protect American soldiers, airmen, Marines, our intelligence lawyers, [and] the diplomats that worked for the State Department over the years — to ensure that the ICC ... doesn’t impose pressure on them.”

The ICC was conceived in part to provide a judicial avenue to weigh crimes in countries without a functioning judicial system or no real source of legal recourse. U.S. officials say that does not apply to American forces and personnel in Afghanistan, a point echoed by a number of Republican lawmakers.

“I support the administration’s efforts to defend our sovereignty and protect U.S. personnel from unjust actions by the ICC,” Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman James E. Risch, Idaho Republican, said in a statement. “We remain committed to protecting our personnel from these political efforts spearheaded by the ICC’s prosecutor.”

Thursday’s ICC decision was an about-face on its jurisdiction in the Afghanistan fight. Pretrial judges had rejected an investigation on grounds a potential lack of cooperation would make convictions unlikely.

Human rights organizations fiercely criticized that decision, saying it effectively rewarded states that refused to cooperate with The Hague-based court.

Several rights groups applauded Thursday’s ICC announcement.

“This decision vindicates the rule of law and gives hope to the thousands of victims seeking accountability when domestic courts and authorities have failed them,” Jamil Dakwar, director of the American Civil Liberties Union’s Human Rights Program, said in a statement. “While the road ahead is still long and bumpy, this decision is a significant milestone that bolsters the ICC’s independence in the face of the Trump administration’s bullying tactics.”

The ACLU currently represents Khaled El Masri, Suleiman Salim, and Mohamed Ben Soud — all of whom the rights organization claims were tortured in Afghanistan.

Mr. Pompeo sharply disagreed, calling the decision a “reminder of what happens when multilateral bodies lack oversight and responsible leadership and become, instead, a vehicle for political vendettas.”

He said the ICC move was “all the more reckless for [coming] just days after the United States signed a historic peace



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“The United States is not a party to the [International Criminal Court],” Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said Thursday.

deal on Afghanistan, which is the best chance for peace in a generation.”

ICC prosecutors have cited data that the Taliban and other insurgent groups in Afghanistan have killed more than 17,000 Afghan civilians since 2009, including some 7,000 targeted killings, and that security forces of the U.S.-backed Afghan government are accused of torturing prisoners at government detention centers.

Prosecutors have also claimed there is information that members of the U.S. military and intelligence agencies committed acts of torture and cruel treatment, including rape and sexual violence against conflict-related detainees in Afghanistan in 2003 and 2004.

— Lauren Meier contributed to this report, which is based in part on wire service reports.

RUSSIA

Man’s six-year prison sentence condemned by rights groups

Accuse Russia of religious intolerance

By CHRISTOPHER VONDRACEK
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Religious liberty groups expressed alarm Thursday that a Russian pressure campaign against the Jehovah’s Witnesses was expanding, after a member of the faith was sentenced to six years in a penal camp in the former Ukrainian region of Crimea.

Sergey Filatov, a father of four, was convicted in the Dzhankovskiy District Court of the Republic of Crimea — a federal region under the control of the Russian Federation — for so-called “extremist activities” that the spokesperson for the Christian sect’s international body termed an “injustice” being directed by Russian officials.

“We are deeply disturbed that the court sentenced Sergey to prison for six years, separating him from his wife and children,” said Jarrod Lopes, a spokesman for the faith. “This bleak development in Crimea is the latest example of Russia exporting its patently extreme religious intolerance.”

Thursday’s conviction marks the first sentencing in the annexed Ukrainian region. Russian officials have raided and prosecuted Jehovah’s Witnesses since a 2017 high court ruling found the faithful to be guilty of violating an “anti-extremist” law. But this is the first time the penalties have been carried out in the Black Sea Peninsula.

Jehovah’s Witnesses have drawn ire from Russians officials for citing their faith in refusing to perform military service, for their questioning of governmental authority and for hosting religious gatherings that do not follow the state-allied Russian Orthodox faith. Supporters contend the faithful are persecuted because of religious bigotry.

“Sergei Filatov is a prisoner of conscience, facing years in a penal colony solely for expressing his faith,” said Marie Struthers, Amnesty International’s Eastern Europe and Central Asia Director. “It is chilling to see the Russian authorities roll out their pursuit of Jehovah’s Witnesses across the border.”

Russian military forces occupied the Crimean Peninsula in February and March of 2014, shortly afterward annexing the territory from Ukraine. The seizure sparked a major campaign of sanctions by the U.S. and its European allies, but the government of Russian President Vladimir Putin has only intensified links between Crimea and the rest of Russia.

Now, Amnesty International officials contend, the “repressive legal framework” against Jehovah’s Witnesses inside Russia is being replicated in Crimea, as well.

Since 2017, Russian authorities have investigated hundreds of Jehovah’s Witnesses, freezing their local religious organization status and — often at gunpoint — raiding homes of the faithful. Mr. Filatov, church officials say, was arrested on Nov. 16, 2018, with over three dozen law enforcement officials searching his home.

Mr. Filatov, who had been living in Ukraine, had moved to the Russian-controlled enclave to care for an ill daughter, according to Crimean Solidarity, a rights group that has members in Crimea and other parts of Ukraine, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty reported Thursday.

At trial, prosecutors said Mr. Filatov “undermined the foundations of constitutional order and the security of the state.”

The international community has not ignored the crackdown. Russia has been labeled a “country of particular concern” by the U.S. State Department for its treatment of religious minorities. Earlier this year, Human Rights Watch also called on the Russian government to cease prosecution of Jehovah’s Witnesses.

Jehovah’s Witnesses have also filed many cases with the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, France.

On Capitol Hill, Rep. Joe Wilson, a South Carolina Republican who sits on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, has sponsored a bill calling for Russia — as a signatory to the Geneva Conventions — to uphold religious freedom for persons living in occupied Crimea.

So far no action has been taken on this bill.

RUSSIA

Putin, Erdogan cut cease-fire deal after conflicts

By VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV AND SUZAN FRASER
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MOSCOW | The presidents of Russia and Turkey said they reached agreement on a cease-fire that began at midnight Thursday in northwestern Syria, where escalating fighting had threatened to put forces from the two countries into direct conflict.

The deal struck by Russian President Vladimir Putin and Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan also would set up a security corridor along a key east-west highway in Idlib province.

Past efforts to calm the fighting between Russian-backed Syrian troops and rebel groups allied to Turkey have repeatedly foundered, but a string of deadly encounters in recent days has given new urgency to the crisis.

Mr. Putin voiced hope the agreement will serve as a “good basis for ending the fighting in the Idlib de-escalation zone, put an end to suffering of civilian population and contain a growing humanitarian crisis.”

The agreement appears to achieve the Kremlin’s key goal of allowing the government of Syrian President Bashar Assad to secure control over strategic highways essential for consolidating its grip on the country after a devastating nine-year war. But in a nod to Turkey’s interests, the deal also puts the brakes on Mr. Assad’s push to reclaim control over all of Idlib province, the last rebel-controlled region that borders Turkey.

Mr. Erdogan said he and Mr. Putin agreed to help refugees return to their homes. More than 900,000 people have been displaced by the fighting since Mr. Assad’s forces began an offensive in



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Russian President Vladimir Putin (right) and Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan shake hands Thursday after striking a cease-fire deal to calm the fighting between the two sides. The deal also sets up a security corridor in Syria’s Idlib province.

December backed by Russian airstrikes.

Both leaders had underlined the need for an agreement at the start of the Kremlin talks, which lasted more than six hours. One goal had been to prevent damaging their bilateral relations and blossoming trade.

Until the latest crisis, Mr. Putin and Mr. Erdogan had managed to coordinate their interests in Syria even though Moscow backed Mr. Assad while Ankara supported the government’s foes. Both Russia and Turkey wanted to avoid a showdown, but the sharply conflicting interests in Idlib province made it difficult to negotiate a mutually acceptable compromise.

The Syrian offensive in Idlib has resulted in Turkey sending in thousands of troops to hold back the Syrian army.

Clashes on the ground and in the air have left dozens dead on both sides. Russia, which has helped Mr. Assad reclaim most of the country’s territory, has signaled it won’t sit by while the better-armed Turkish forces attack his troops.

The fighting also has pushed nearly 1 million Syrian civilians toward Turkey, which already hosts more than 3.5 million Syrian refugees. Mr. Erdogan has responded by opening Turkey’s gateway to Europe in an apparent bid to pressure Europe and the U.S. to offer more support to Ankara.

Mr. Putin offered Mr. Erdogan his condolences over Turkish military losses but noted that Syrian troops also suffered heavy casualties. Turkey’s Defense Ministry announced that two more of its

soldiers were killed Thursday, raising the number slain in Syria since the start of February to 60.

“The world’s eyes are on us,” Mr. Erdogan said. “The steps we will take, the right decisions we will take here today will help ease [concerns in] the region and our countries.”

The fighting in Idlib is the most severe test of Russia-Turkey ties since Turkey’s downed a Russian warplane near the Syrian border in November 2015. Russia responded then with sweeping economic sanctions, cutting the flow of its tourists to Turkey and banning most Turkish exports — a punishment that eventually forced Mr. Erdogan to back off.

Moscow also hopes to use Ankara in its standoff with the West. Last year, Turkey became the first NATO country to take delivery of sophisticated Russian air defense missile systems, angering the Trump administration. Turkey has put its deployment on hold amid the crisis in Idlib.

The talks in Moscow marked the 10th meeting in just over a year between Mr. Putin and Mr. Erdogan, who call each other “dear friend” and have polished a fine art of bargaining.

In October, they agreed to deploy their forces across Syria’s northeastern border to fill the void left by President Trump’s abrupt withdrawal of U.S. forces. Before that, they had negotiated deals that saw opposition fighters from various areas in Syria move into Idlib, and in 2018 carved out a de-escalation zone in Idlib.

They blamed one another for the collapse of the Idlib deal, with Moscow holding Ankara responsible for letting al Qaeda-linked militants launch attacks from the area and Turkey accusing Moscow of failing to rein in Mr. Assad.

BRIEFLY THE WORLD

ISRAEL

Netanyahu again falls short as final vote tally released

JERUSALEM | Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has again fallen short of a parliamentary majority with his hard-line allies, final election results confirmed Thursday, extending the country’s year-old political deadlock and weakening the longtime leader as he prepares to go on trial for corruption charges.

The embattled Mr. Netanyahu had been looking for a decisive victory in Monday’s vote, and initial exit polls had indicated his Likud party and smaller religious and nationalist allies had captured 60 seats, just one short of a majority required to form a new government. Netanyahu triumphantly declared a “huge victory.”

But a final count announced by the

election commission determined that Mr. Netanyahu’s jubilation was premature. Likud emerged as the largest individual party, with 36 seats, ahead of 33 seats for the rival center-left Blue and White Party. With his smaller allies, Mr. Netanyahu’s right-wing bloc captured just 58 seats, well short of the 61-seat majority.

— Associated Press

PERU

Perez de Cuellar, former U.N. secretary-general, dies at 100

LIMA | Javier Perez de Cuellar, the two-term United Nations secretary-general who brokered a historic cease-fire between Iran and Iraq in 1988 and who in later life came out of retirement to help reestablish democracy in his Peruvian homeland, has died. He was 100.

His son, Francisco Perez de Cuellar, said his father died Wednesday at home of natural causes. Current U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres called the Peruvian diplomat a “personal inspiration.”

When he began his tenure in 1982,

he was a little-known compromise candidate at a time when the U.N. was held in low esteem. He was credited with reforming internal U.N. processes and well as quiet but effective diplomacy in the Middle East and elsewhere.

— Associated Press

ECONOMY

OPEC ministers seek production cuts as virus slams economy

VIENNA | The OPEC oil cartel is calling for a deep production cut to keep crude prices from falling further as disruption to global business from the coronavirus slashes demand from air travel and industry.

Oil ministers from the 14 OPEC countries decided at a meeting Thursday to push for a cut of 1.5 million barrels a day, or about 1.5% of total world supply. It remains unclear, however, whether that can stabilize a market as demand is falling sharply because of the virus outbreak’s impact on businesses around the world.

— Associated Press

UKRAINE

Lawmakers dump top prosecutor as shakeup escalates

MINSK, BELARUS | Ukrainian lawmakers voted no confidence in the country’s top prosecutor Thursday after the prime minister, foreign minister and defense minister all were replaced in a government shakeup this week.

The parliament vote took place after Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy described Prosecutor General Ruslan Ryaboshapka as ineffective. The director of Ukraine’s state investigative bureau also alleged that Mr. Ryaboshapka had blocked probes of hundreds of cases in the corruption-plagued country.

Mr. Ryaboshapka announced last year that he was reviewing earlier investigations of the founder of the Burisma natural gas company, where the son of former Vice President Joseph R. Biden served on the board for several years. Hunter Biden’s connection to Burisma came under intense scrutiny and a focus of the impeachment case against President Trump.

— Associated Press

VIRUS

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virus without co-pays and said the state will cover the costs for the uninsured.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, a Democrat, also ordered health insurers to waive cost-sharing. An estimated 2,700 people were self-quarantined in New York City, and another 1,000 were self-quarantined in Westchester County because of a cluster of cases there.

Meanwhile, Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan, a Republican, confirmed the state's first three cases Thursday evening. All three of those infected are state residents who had traveled overseas. Tennessee announced its first case.

The Trump administration is scrambling to validate test kits from the private sector and dispatch them to public health labs across the country, after stringent testing criteria and stutter-steps in getting accurate results made it difficult to root out U.S. cases.

The vice president said it will be tough to keep up with demand in the coming days.

"We don't have enough tests today to meet what we anticipate will be the demand going forward," Mr. Pence told reporters at a stop in Minnesota en route to the West Coast.

"For those who we believe have been exposed, for those who are showing symptoms, we've been able to provide the testing," he said. "But as more Americans take an interest in this or have concerns about this, we want to make sure they have access to a coronavirus test as well, and we've made real progress on that in the last several days."

The coronavirus was discovered in China's Hubei province in December. It has infected 100,000 people and killed more than 3,300 worldwide.

The World Health Organization told nations Thursday to keep fighting.

"This is not a drill. This is not the time for giving up. This is not a time for excuses. This is a time for pulling out all the stops," WHO Director-General Tedros Ghebreyesus said.

Mr. Tedros said he saw encouraging signs in South Korea, which has recorded more than 6,000 cases.

"The number of newly reported cases appears to be declining, and the cases that are being reported are being identified primarily from known clusters," he said.

Italy and Iran continued to grapple with the virus, however. Cases in each country have surged to more than 3,000, prompting authorities to close schools, cancel concerts and scrap sporting events or hold them in closed venues.

The coronavirus causes an illness called COVID-19 that is mild for many but can cause respiratory distress, organ failure and death, especially in older people or those with underlying medical conditions.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is tracking more than 200 infections in the U.S.

Nearly 50 of the cases are in patients who were repatriated from China and Japan, yet an increasing number of states are reporting cases with no known origin, heightening fears of rapid transmission from coast to coast.

Those fears prompted another sell-off Thursday on Wall Street. The Dow Jones Industrial Average plunged 970 points, or 3.5%, to 26,121, erasing most of the 1,100 points gained from Wednesday's trading.

Hoping to turn things around, the Senate approved an emergency funding bill on a 96-1 vote that sets aside billions of dollars for the pursuit of a vaccine and treatment, supports state, local and

Iran's shaky response to virus raises fears of escalating health crisis

By **LAUREN MEIER**
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Amid a global panic over coronavirus epidemic, Iran has stood out as a particularly problematic case, health experts say, and the government's shaky response is not inspiring confidence.

At least 107 people have died from the virus, with over 3,000 others infected, state media announced Thursday. Uniquely, senior members of the theocratic regime and the national legislature have been infected, and many believe the government is covering up the true death toll from the outbreak.

Sources in local health and government offices within Iran suggest that over 1,000 people have died from the disease, as footage emerges of an overflow of bodies piling up in morgues.

Most infections and deaths have been reported in the holy city of Qom, which is believed to be the epicenter of the infections in the country — but officials have yet to quarantine the area.

Despite deep clashes over Iran's nuclear and security policies, the Trump administration has offered to help Tehran manage the response to the coronavirus breakout in the country, but officials in Washington say Iranian officials have not accepted the assistance.

"We've made offers to the Islamic Republic of Iran and we make clear to others around the world and the region that assistance, humanitarian assistance to push back against the coronavirus in Iran is something that the United States of America fully supports," Secretary of State Mike Pompeo told the House



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Foreign Affairs Committee last week.

He explained that Iran's "health care infrastructure is not robust, and to date their willingness to share information about what's really going on inside of [Iran] has not been robust."

Iran's official press has mixed praise of the government's efforts with angry rebuttals of outside criticism from the U.S. and other countries. Iranian Health Minister Saeed Namaki announced Thursday that the launch of a nationwide mobilization plan that he said would include all 17,000 of the country's health centers and the 9,000 medical and clinical centers in all cities, suburban areas and villages.

The country has temporarily

shuttered schools and other education centers, and called off public gatherings such as concerts and sport events, the official IRNA news agency reported.

At least two Iranian senior government officials — including a well-known clerical aide to Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei — have died from the disease, and over 23 officials and members of parliament have contracted COVID-19, including Iran's vice president and deputy health minister.

Critics of the regime say its secretiveness and defensiveness about the virus are a danger not just to Iranians but to the region and the world.

"The regime is a global threat in handling the coronavirus issue," Alireza

Jafarzadeh, the deputy director of the Washington branch of the National Council of Resistance of Iran, a leading exile dissident group, said Thursday. He accused the Iranian government of "covering up" the extent of the disease on the country.

"That shows you how the regime, in the most horrible way, [is] handling such a very serious epidemic threatening the lives of people," he continued.

Iran has limited travel within the country in an attempt to slow the rapidly spreading disease. But as of Thursday evening, Iran's Mahan Airlines was still conducting round-trip flight service to and from several cities in China, including Shanghai and Beijing, despite global warnings to pause the routes. The Iranian outbreak is believed to have originated with an Iranian businessman who returned to Qom after a trip to China, where the epidemic first broke out.

The crisis in Iran, which has more confirmed cases of COVID-19 than any country outside of China, came in the wake of several crises that have rattled the pillars of the Iranian government, including months of protests over the faltering domestic economy, an escalating clash with the U.S. that resulted in the killing of a top Iranian general, and contested parliamentary elections in which many moderate candidates were blocked from running.

Health experts say Iran's determination to hold the nationwide vote last month despite the rising infection dangers helped send the virus crisis spiraling out of control.

Maryland has 3 virus patients

By **ALEX SWOYER**
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan announced Thursday the state has three cases of coronavirus.

The three patients contracted the illness from traveling overseas, but are said to be in "good condition."

Once back in the U.S., the people went to the hospital and were tested. Maryland's Public Health Laboratory in Baltimore confirmed the test results were positive for the virus.

"We have been actively preparing for this situation over the last several weeks across all levels of government. I encourage all Marylanders not to panic, but to take this seriously and to stay informed as we continue to provide updates," Mr. Hogan said.

He notified Vice President Mike

Pence and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention about the cases and has declared a state of emergency.

The Republican lawmaker told reporters the cases are a couple in their 70s and an individual in their 50s. The one individual, who was not identified as a man or woman, is unrelated to the couple.

"They are currently cooperating and in good condition. They are in quarantine and a thorough investigation is underway," Mr. Hogan said, noting that any recent interactions the individuals might have had with others are being evaluated.

He said the people of Maryland should stay informed but should continue to go to work.

The CDC has reported a total of 99 cases and 10 deaths in the U.S.

overseas efforts, and provides for low-interest loans to small businesses reeling from the outbreak.

The funding is about three times the \$2.5 billion that Mr. Trump proposed for fighting the virus, although the president said he would embrace the extra money.

"In situations like these, no expense should be spared to protect the American people — and in crafting this package, none was," said Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Richard C. Shelby, Alabama Republican.

Sen. Rand Paul, Kentucky Republican, voted "no" after senators rejected his bid to pay for the measure by cutting foreign aid.

Federal officials say the average

American's risk of infection remains low but that it's important to protect the elderly and people with preexisting conditions in places with local transmission.

Mr. Trump has highlighted the share who recover.

"We have thousands or hundreds of thousands of people that get better just by, you know, sitting around or even going to work. Some of them go to work," Mr. Trump told Fox News personality Sean Hannity late Wednesday.

Those comments sparked a rebuke from Utah's coronavirus task force, which posted a clip of the interview and reminded people not to go to work if they have symptoms of COVID-19.

"Even if you have very mild symptoms,

going to work sick could be dangerous to others. Let's work together to stop the spread of misinformation like what's in this video," the Utah group tweeted.

Mr. Trump fumed over the negative headlines and emphasized that he didn't tell people to head into the office.

"I NEVER said people that are feeling sick should go to work," he tweeted.

At a campaign event Thursday night in Pennsylvania, the president urged Americans to "be calm" while acknowledging that the outbreak could hurt the U.S. economy in his reelection campaign year.

"Everybody has to be calm," the president said at the televised town hall gathering in Scranton. "We have plans for every single possibility. We hope it doesn't last too long."

Dr. Anthony Fauci, director for infectious diseases at the National Institutes of Health, reiterated Thursday that "when you look at the country as a whole, the risk of getting infected is low."

Mr. Pence stopped in Minnesota to thank the 3M Co., which is manufacturing respirator masks that protect health care workers on the front lines of outbreaks.

"Your company plays such an important role," Mr. Pence told CEO Mike Roman in the Twin Cities area. "We couldn't be more grateful for the efforts of American business leaders and companies like 3M who are coming alongside and ensuring that our nation has the resources, has the support to be able to deal with the coronavirus in every respect across the country."

Back in Washington, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, California Democrat, said the virus is permeating all aspects of American life. She joked that her party will have to "elbow bump" whoever emerges from the nominating contests for president.

"We're not embracing anybody," Mrs.

Pelosi said.

The virus is hitting her home state of California especially hard with dozens of cases. Gov. Gavin Newsom, a Democrat, has declared a state of emergency. Investigators on Thursday started testing passengers of a cruise ship, the Grand Princess, which is docked off the coast of San Francisco after being recalled from a voyage to Hawaii.

One person died in Placer County, California, after taking the ship on an earlier leg to Mexico.

Officials hope to avoid the fate of the Diamond Princess, a cruise ship that docked in quarantine off Yokohama, Japan, and recorded more than 700 cases in passengers and crew. Six people died from their infections.

"That was a bad quarantine. That was not a successful quarantine," Ken Cuccinelli, acting deputy secretary at the Department of Homeland Security, told senators Thursday. "The lessons we learned there were negative lessons."

Defense Secretary Mark Esper told reporters that the Pentagon won't be caught flat-footed, either.

It is crafting a comprehensive plan to handle a potential coronavirus outbreak inside the building, which is one of the largest office complexes in the world.

Mr. Esper said the plan will include a focus on simple mitigation steps — such as disinfecting copy machines, doorknobs and other much-used surfaces — and a broader plan to ensure the Pentagon remains open for business if coronavirus cases arise.

"We're fully confident we can continue to perform the functions the Pentagon needs to perform if we have some type of outbreak in the building," he said.

● **Dave Boyer, Alex Swoyer and Ben Wolfgang contributed to this report.**

SUDAN

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Not all international economists agree, but the feeling is strong in Sudan that shedding the "state sponsor of terrorism" label will clear the way for a spate of foreign investment and allow the country to receive much-needed International Monetary Fund and World Bank support and help with its \$60 billion debt.

"There are good signs that the future is bright," said Mr. Khalid, referring to a December visitor to Washington by new Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok. "The world is now embracing our country, and we are happy that our prime minister visited Washington. We believe that they are going to remove all sanctions, and this will help improve our economy."

The U.S. lifted most economic sanctions against Sudan in 2017 but retained the state terrorism designation while the autocratic Mr. al-Bashir was in power. The popular revolt that overthrew him has accelerated lobbying efforts to get Sudan off the list.

The U.S. and Sudan agreed in December to exchange ambassadors for the first time in two decades, and European Union foreign policy chief Josep Borrell recently visited Khartoum to support removal from the U.S. terrorism list.

Al Qaeda links

The Clinton administration added Sudan to its list of state sponsors of terrorism in 1993, four years after Mr.

al-Bashir took power, citing what U.S. officials said were his extensive links to Islamist militant groups. The U.S. also imposed sanctions on Sudan for supporting terrorist groups, including al Qaeda, Hamas and Hezbollah.

Al Qaeda founder Osama bin Laden, who was responsible for the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, lived in Sudan from 1992 to 1996.

The U.S. designation of Sudan as a state sponsor of terrorism has blocked aid from a number of international institutions.

With the transitional government in place, Mr. Hamdok is taking decisive steps to renounce Mr. al-Bashir's long rule.

In a major step last month, the government agreed to hand over Mr. al-Bashir to the International Criminal Court to face charges of murder, extermination, forcible transfer, torture and rape of hundreds of thousands of people during the 2003 conflict in Darfur.

Mr. Hamdok also has agreed to pay \$30 million to the families of the 17 American sailors killed in the al Qaeda attack on the USS Cole in 2000.

Both moves are widely seen as efforts to persuade the Trump administration to remove Sudan from the list of state sponsors of terrorism.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo recently invited Lt. Gen. Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, chairman of Sudan's transitional military council, to visit Washington and highlighted efforts to remove Sudan's terrorism tag.



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Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok said he has spoken with U.S. officials about removing Sudan from the dreaded U.S. list of state sponsors of terrorism.

"We have been looking at whether to lift the designation of the state sponsor of terror on Sudan for quite some time," Mr. Pompeo told reporters last month. "One of the elements of that is there are a series of claims for victims of the Cole."

Some analysts say a U.S. delisting won't instantly solve Sudan's debt and investment problems and note that multiple steps, including a congressional review, are needed to remove a country from the list.

"The process required for delisting is widely misunderstood, the expectations for the results are exaggerated and, most

importantly, the real reforms necessary for economic recovery are grossly underappreciated," wrote Hillary Mossberg and John Prendergast of The Sentry, an investigative team that focuses on corruption in Africa.

Delisting, they wrote in late January, "will require multiple, methodical steps by both Sudan and the United States."

U.S. 'mercy'

Still, the anticipation is palpable among Khartoum residents, who insist it is time for the U.S. to lift remaining sanctions so the new government can address the moribund economy.

"It's now time for the U.S. to have mercy on us. They should appreciate what we have done as a country," said Abdi Noor, who owns an auto parts shop in Khartoum. "We ousted Bashir through protests, demanded for a civilian government, and we are instituting a series of changes. That's enough for the U.S. to believe in us and remove sanctions that might hurt us as citizens of this country."

Analysts said recent steps toward democracy and a return to full civilian rule strengthen the case that Sudan no longer belongs on the terrorism list.

"The Trump administration should now reward Sudan by lifting all economic sanctions in order not to hurt the Sudanese people," said Philip Nying'uro, a professor of international relations at the University of Nairobi. "The move would help the country open up for foreign investment and financial aid from international financial lenders such as the International Monetary Fund and

the World Bank."

However, Mr. Nying'uro said he fears the procedure for removing Sudan from the terrorism list will be long. He said Washington was keenly following events in Sudan and testing its commitment to human rights, democracy, its fight against terrorism, freedom of speech and humanitarian access before it agrees to remove the country from the list of state sponsors of terrorism.

"They will not rush to delist Sudan since Trump appears to have no interest in Africa," Mr. Nying'uro said.

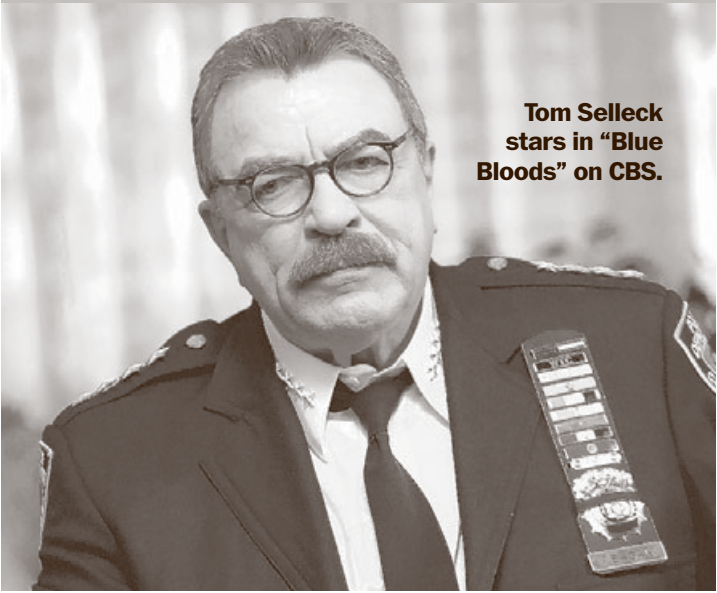
He noted that the Obama administration faced criticism for lifting economic sanctions on Myanmar too quickly in 2012. The country's military reasserted itself, and the government sanctioned a major ethnic cleansing campaign against the minority Rohingya population. Mr. Nying'uro predicts the U.S. under the Trump administration will tread cautiously this time.

"They will first monitor the situation in Sudan moving forward before they can consider removing it from the list," he said. "Therefore, Sudan should prove itself and meet the requirements."

Mr. Noor, the Khartoum auto parts seller, agreed. He said the U.S. could play a key role in Sudan's economic recovery after decades of poverty under Mr. al-Bashir's rule.

"We have a new country with new leaders. Let the West not punish us for the evil things Bashir committed during his reign," he said. "Foreigners should be encouraged to come here and invest, as this will create jobs to our people."

TV Friday



Tom Selleck stars in “Blue Bloods” on CBS.

BEST BETS

Lincoln Rhyme: Hunt for the Bone Collector / 8:00pm (4) Lincoln, Amelia (Russell Hornsby, Arielle Kebbel) and the rest of the team race to try and stave off a grisly tragedy after a politician's teenage daughter is kidnapped and held for ransom in the new episode “Original Sin.”

The Trade / 9:00pm (Showtime) Emmy winner Matthew Heineman directs this four-part docu-series as it moves into its second season, following Central Americans on an odyssey to the United States — or on their way back home from there, having been deported. The program also explores shadow industries that prey on these vulnerable individuals and families every day, particularly the smugglers and traffickers who take advantage of these helpless people, especially with law enforcement officials aggressively pursuing them at the border.

Blue Bloods / 10:00pm (13) While Frank (Tom Selleck) debates whether to protect his old friend Chuck Kennedy (guest star Ed Asner), whose home was recently invaded, Jamie (Will Estes) finds himself the subject of an investigation after a perp is found wearing his police vest in the new episode “Vested Interests.”

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LEGEND: (L)=Live (N)=New (ITV)=Interactive Television (PA)=Parental Advisory (Shaded)=Movies TMS MOVIE RATINGS: ★★★★★ Excellent ★★★★★ Good ★★ Fair ★ Poor No stars: not rated

SPORTS

Women's College Basketball / 11:00am (SportsNET) ACC Tournament — TBA vs Florida State. First Quarterfinal. (N)

MLB Preseason Baseball / 1:00pm (ESPN) Boston Red Sox at Atlanta Braves. (N)

Biathlon / 1:00pm (NBCSP) IBU World Cup: Men's 10km Sprint. (N Same-day Tape)

Women's College Basketball / 2:00pm (SportsNET) ACC Tournament — TBA vs Louisville. Second Quarterfinal. (N)

College Basketball / 7:00pm (ESPN2) Georgia Tech at Clemson. (N)

NBA Basketball / 7:00pm (SportsNET) Atlanta Hawks at Washington Wizards. (N)

NBA Basketball / 8:00pm (ESPN) Miami Heat at New Orleans Pelicans. (N)

College Basketball / 9:00pm (ESPN2) VCU at Davidson. (N)

NBA Basketball / 10:30pm (ESPN) Milwaukee Bucks at Los Angeles Lakers. (N)

NEWS & TALK

Today / 7:00am (4) Karlie Kloss; the NYPD Counter Terrorism Unit Director.

Good Morning America / 7:00am (7) Buddy Valastro and Duff Goldman; Noah Jupe and Millicent Simmonds; Magic Giant performs.

Rachael Ray / 10:00am (7) Tom Selleck (“Blue Bloods”); help for painful feet.

The View / 11:00am (7) Sara Haines guest co-hosts; chef Rocco DiSpirito.

The Real / 12:00pm (5) Guest co-host Finesse Mitchell (“Outmatched”).

The Ellen DeGeneres Show / 3:00pm (4) Justin Bieber; Jhené Aiko, Miguel and Future perform.

The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon / 11:34pm (7) Carrie Underwood; Diego Luna; L'Wren Scott performs.

Jimmy Kimmel Live! / 11:35pm (7) Mark Wahlberg; Storm Reid; Goody Grace; Blink182.

LOCAL	6:30 PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00
NBC 4	4 News	4 NBC News	Access Hollywood (N)	Lincoln Rhyme: Hunt for the Bone Collector “Original Sin”		Dateline NBC (N)				4 News	11:34 The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (N)	
FOX 5	5 Fox 5 News	5 Fox 5 News	5 TMZ	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N) (L)				5 Fox 5 News at 10 (N)	5 News 45 News	5 The Final 5	5 TMZ	45 Seinfeld
ABC 7	ABC World News	2 List	7 Jeopardy!	Shark Tank Sustainable teeth-cleaning products. (N)		90120/20				7 News 2 News	11:35 Jimmy Kimmel Live!	
CBS 9	CBS Evening News	9 Q&A	9 ET	MacGyver Desi infiltrates a soccer team. (N)		Hawaii Five-0 A rancher is murdered. (N)		Blue Bloods Jamie is under investigation. (N)		9 News 13 News	11:36 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (N)	
MNTV 20	25 Words	Family Feud	Family Feud	Fox 5 News	Family Feud	Fox 5 News	Extra (N)	Big Bang	Big Bang	CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami
CW 50	Two/Half Men	black-ish	black-ish	Penn & Teller: Fool Us	Whose Line	Whose Line	Whose Line	Friends	Seinfeld	Mike & Molly	Two/Half Men	Goldbergs
IND 4.2	Little House	The Munsters	The Munsters	Dirty Dancing ★★	(1987) Jennifer Grey, Patrick Swayze.			Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights ★★	(2004) Diego Luna.			The Nanny
ION 66	NCIS: LA	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles	Strike Back (N)	Strike Back	11:41 The Meg ★★	(2018)	
PBS 22	NewsHour	State Circle	Artworks (N)	Midsomer Murders	Midsomer Murders	Midsomer Murders	Midsomer Murders	Pink Floyd Live in Venice		11:45 The Family Fang ★★	(2015)	
PBS 26.4	World News	PBS NewsHour (N)	Wash	Suze Orman's Ultimate Retirement Guide				Doo Wop to Pop Rock: My Music Celebrates 20 Years				
MOVIES	7:00 PM	8:00	9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00						
AMC	6:00 Rambo: First Blood Part II ★★ (1985)	Fantastic Four ★★ (2005, Act.) Ioan Gruffudd, Jessica Alba, Chris Evans.			Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer ★★ (2007)							
Flix	5:15 The English Patient ★★ (1996, Dra.)	Little Women ★★ (1994) Winona Ryder, Gabriel Byrne.			Shakespeare in Love ★★ (1998) Joseph Fiennes.							Kings Spc
FXM	Fantastic	7:15 The Martian ★★ (2015) Matt Damon. A stranded astronaut tries to survive on Mars.			10:05 The Martian ★★ (2015) Matt Damon, Jessica Chastain, Kristen Will.							
HBO	5:45 Fast Five ★★ (2011, Act.) Vin Diesel.	The Outsider “Foxhead”			Real Time With Bill Maher (N)							
HBO2	The Outsider	7:05 Shaft ★★ (2019) Samuel L. Jackson, Jessie T. Usher.			Alita: Battle Angel ★★ (2019) Rosa Salazar, Christoph Waltz.							
IFC	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men
LMN	6:00 My Daughter Was Stolen (2018)	Wicked Revenge Singer lures away starstruck teenager. (N)			His Deadly Affair (2019) Gina Holden, Helena Mattsson.							Revenge
Max	Tag ★★ (2018) Ed Helms, Jon Hamm.	8:15 The Dead Don't Die ★★ (2019) Bill Murray. Premiere.			Strike Back (N)							
MoreMax	Something Bo	6:50 Midnight Run ★★ (1988, Com.) Robert De Niro.			The Count of Monte Cristo ★★ (2002) Jim Caviezel.							
TheMovieCh	6:15 The Company Men ★★ (2010, Dra.)	A Knight's Tale ★★ (2001) Heath Ledger, Mark Addy.			10:15 Sense and Sensibility ★★ (1995) Emma Thompson, Alan Rickman.							
Showtime	6:40 Den of Thieves ★★ (2018) Gerard Butler, Pablo Schreiber.	The Trade			Charlie Says (2018) Matt Smith, Hannah Murray. Premiere.							
Showtime2	The Trade	The Trade “104”			Homeland “Chalk One Up”							
Starz	5:50 Sideways ★★ (2004) Paul Giamatti.	Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance ★ (2012)			9:38 The Grey ★★ (2012) Liam Neeson, Frank Grillo.							
STZNC	5:27 Friends With Benefits	7:19 Snake Eyes ★ (1998) Nicolas Cage.			Role Models ★★ (2008) Paul Rudd							
Sundance	Law & Order	Law & Order Hit-and-run.			Law & Order “Sweetie”							
TurnerCM	5:30 8 1/2 ★★ (1963) Claudia Cardinale	Beach Party ★★ (1963) Bob Cummings, Dorothy Malone.			Muscle Beach Party ★★ (1964) Frankie Avalon, Don Rickles.							
NEWS & SPORTS	7:00	8:00	9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00						
CNBC	Mad Money	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed						
CNN	Situation Rm	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Cuomo Prime Time (N)	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	CNN Tonight w/ Don Lemon						
ESPN	SportsCenter	NBA Countdown (N) (L)	NBA Basketball Miami Heat at New Orleans Pelicans. (N) (L)		NBA Basketball Milwaukee Bucks at Los Angeles Lakers. (N)							
ESPN2	Daily Wager	College Basketball Georgia Tech at Clemson. (N) (L)	College Basketball VCU at Davidson. (N) (L)		SportsCenter (N) (L)	SportsCenter						
FoxNews	Bret Baier	The Story With Martha	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	Hannity (N)	The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News at Night						
MASN	ESPNEWS (N)	Orioles Classics From March 29, 2018.										
NBCSP	Ninja Warrior	Mecum	Swimming TYP Pro Series - Day 2. (N) (L)		Curling Night in America (N)							
SportsNet	Wizards Pre	NBA Basketball Atlanta Hawks at Washington Wizards. Capital One Arena.			Wizards Post.	DC Sports						
VARIETY CABLE	7:00	8:00	9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00						
A&E	5:00 Live PD “Live PD - 02.29.20”	8:07 Live PD: Rewind (N)			Live PD “Live PD - 03.06.20” (N) (L)							
Animal Pint	I Was Prey	I Was Prey “Dragged Below”			I Was Prey							
BBC	5:30 The Dead Zone ★★ (1983, Susp.)	The Shining ★★ (1980, Hor.) Jack Nicholson. A haunted hotel menaces a couple and their psychic son.										
BET	5:30 Tyler Perry's Good Deeds ★★ (2012) Tyler Perry.	White Chicks ★★ (2004, Com.) Shawn Wayans, Marion Wayans.										
Bravo	Shahs-Sunset	6:56 Shahs of Sunset	7:58 Shahs of Sunset (N)		Chrisley	Chrisley						
Cartoon Net	S. Universe	Steven Univ.	Steven Univ.	Home Movies	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	Rick, Morty	American Dad	American Dad	Family Guy	Family Guy	Batman
Comedy Ch	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	John Mulaney: New in Town				
Discovery	Gold Rush (N)	Gold Rush: Pay Dirt (N)	Gold Rush “Last Gold” (N)									
Disney	Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa ★★ (2008)	Bunk'd (N)	Gabby Duran	Raven	Fam Jam	Coop & Cami	Sydney-Max	10:55 Bunk'd	Gabby Duran	12:10 Jessie		
Disney XD	Transylvania	DuckTales	DuckTales	Player Select	Parker Plays	Ultra Legends	Ultra Legends	Ultra Legends	Ultra Legends	Ultra Legends	Ultra Legends	
DIY	Rustic Reno	Beachfront Renovation	Beachfront Renovation	Beachfront Renovation	Beachfront Renovation	Beachfront Renovation	Beachfront Renovation	Beachfront Renovation	Beachfront Renovation	Beachfront		
E!	Sex-City	Sex-City	Sex-City	Sex-City	Sex-City	Sex-City	Sex-City	Sex-City	Sex-City	Sex-City	Sex-City	
Food Net	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	
Freeform	6:00 Ace Ventura: Pet Detective ★★ (1994)	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	The 700 Club (N)	Ace Ventura	
ix	5:00 The Equalizer ★★ (2014, Act.)	Dangerous Animal	Dangerous Animal	Dangerous Animal	Dangerous Animal	Dangerous Animal	Dangerous Animal	Dangerous Animal	Dangerous Animal	Dangerous Animal	The Weekly	
FYI	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	
GAC	Flippin' RVs	Flippin' RVs	Flippin' RVs	Flippin' RVs	Flippin' RVs	Flippin' RVs	Flippin' RVs	Flippin' RVs	Flippin' RVs	Flippin' RVs	Flippin' RVs	
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Hallmark	6:00 Marrying Mr. Darcy (2018) Andy Busby.	Switched for Christmas (2017) Candace Cameron Bure.			The Story of Us (2019) Maggie Lawson, Sam Page.							
HGTV	Home Town	Home Town	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	
History Ch	Aliens	Ancient Aliens	Ancient Aliens: Declassified “Alien Evidence Unearthed” Millions wanted to enter Area 51. (N)									
Lifetime	Wife Swap	Wife Swap “Rowland/Rivera”	Supernanny “Collins Family”	9:03 Married at First Sight (N)								
MTV	5:08 Rush Hour ★★ (1998)	Rush Hour 3 ★										
Nat'l Geo	Lockup	Lockup: San Antonio	Lockup: San Antonio	Lockup: San Antonio	Lockup: San Antonio	Lockup: San Antonio	Lockup: San Antonio	Lockup: San Antonio	Lockup: San Antonio	Lockup: San Antonio	Lockup: San Antonio	
Nickelodeon	SpongeBob	The Crystal Maze (N)	Young Dylan	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	Friends	11:35 Friends	12:10 Friends
Noggin	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	Blaze	Bubble	Bubble	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig
OWN	6:00 Dr. Phil	Dr. Phil	20/20 on OWN “What If”			48 Hours: Hard Evidence	20/20 on OWN					
PARMT	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	The Hunger Games ★★	(2012, Sci-Fi.) Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson, Liam Hemsworth.							
Science	My. Beasts	Mythical Beasts	Curse of the Bermuda Triangle “Alien Mysteries” (N)			Bermuda Triangle: The New Secrets “Ghosts of the Deep”	BM Triangle					
Syfy	5:02 Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince ★★ (2009)	8:31 Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them ★★ (2016, Fan.) Eddie Redmayne.										
TBS	Family Guy	Bob's Burgers	We're the Millers ★★ (2013, Com.) Jennifer Aniston.			9:45 Vacation ★★ (2015, Com.) Ed Helms, Christina Applegate.						
TLC	Say Yes	90 Day Fiancé: Before the 90	90 Day Fiancé: Before the 90 Days (N)			90 Day	90 Day Fiancé: Before the 90	90 Day	90 Day	90 Day	90 Day	
TNT	6:00 Bones	Bones Arastoo is kidnapped.	Godzilla ★★ (2014, Sci-Fi.) Aaron Taylor-Johnson, Ken Watanabe.									
TruTV	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	The Break-Up ★★ (2006) Vince Vaughn, Jennifer Aniston.				
TVLand	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	King	King	King
TVOne	FamilyMatters	FamilyMatters	FamilyMatters	FamilyMatters	FamilyMatters	FamilyMatters	FamilyMatters	FamilyMatters	FamilyMatters	FamilyMatters	FamilyMatters	FamilyMatters
Univision	Noticiero Uni.	La Rosa de Guadalupe (N)	Ringo (N) (L)	Amor eterno (N) (L)				Noticiero Uni.	Noticiero Uni	Deportivo		
USA	Law & Order	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	John Wick ★★	(2014) Keanu Reeves, Michael Nyqvist.			Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	
VH1	Obsessed ★	MyPault's Drag Race	MyPault's Drag Race					Coming to America ★★ (1988, Com.) Eddie Murphy, Arsenio Hall.				
WGN-A	Blue Bloods	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	

TV Saturday

BEST BETS

MOVIE “Yesterday” / 8:00pm (HBO) 11:55pm (HBO) Richard Curtis (“Love Actually”) wrote the screenplay for Oscar winner Danny Boyle’s (“Slumdog Millionaire”) 2019 romantic comedy-fantasy, which stars Himesh Patel as Jack Malik, a struggling musician who is knocked unconscious by a bus during a 12-second global blackout. When he regains consciousness, he discovers that he is the only person in the world who remembers the Beatles. Spotting a dubious opportunity, Jack begins performing the band’s songs and claiming credit for them. Lily James, Ed Sheeran and Kate McKinnon also star.

MOVIE “Captive State” / 9:00pm (Showtime) Rupert Wyatt directed and co-wrote this 2019 sci-fi thriller set in 2027 Chicago, starring Ashton Sanders (“Moonlight”) as Gabriel Drummond, a young man participating in a covert resistance movement against extraterrestrials who invaded and placed much of Earth under martial law a few years earlier. John Goodman also stars as a police official who once was the partner of Gabriel’s late father, an early alien casualty. Jonathan Majors, Machine Gun Kelly, Vera Farmiga, Alan Ruck and Kevin Dunn also star.

Love Goals / 9:00pm (OWN) 12:00am (OWN) Spirit, a family and relationship thera-



Daniel Craig is the guest host of “Saturday Night Live” on NBC.

apist, counsels five celebrity couples who have reached a crossroads in their relationships in this new unscripted series. The underlying issues they face range from the stresses of fame and power, incidents of infidelity and communication problems, and overcoming life-altering trauma that occurred back in childhood. Featured couples include Benzinzo and Althea Hart (“Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta”), former NFL star and rapper Dwayne “Money” Bowe and wife Theresa; and former Salt-N-Pepa member Dee Dee “Spinderella” Roper and comic Quentin “Q” Coleman.

Saturday Night Live / 11:29pm (4) In his iconic role as James Bond, Agent 007, Daniel Craig has a license to kill, but does that extend to a comedy audience? Showing well outside his usual comfort zone, Craig — who showed moviegoers a slyly funny side of his craft in the 2019 sleeper hit “Knives Out” — fearlessly takes the stage in NBC’s fabled Studio 8H to play with this show’s seasoned sketch comedy veterans. The Weekend is tonight’s musical guest.

TV Sunday

BEST BETS

Batwoman / 8:00pm (50) In the new episode “Grinning From Ear to Ear,” while Batwoman and Luke (Ruby Rose, Camrus Johnson) pursue a villain who’s targeting social-media mavens, Sophie (Meagan Tandy) gets an unexpected visit from her mother, and Mary (Nicole Kang) invites Kate to take advantage of her medical expertise.

MOVIE “Kidnap” / 8:00pm (Lifetime) 12:01am (Lifetime) Academy Award winner Halle Berry stars in Luis Prieto’s 2017 action thriller as hard-working diner waitress and single mom Karla Dyson, who’s forced into a grim game of pursuit after her six-year-old son, Frankie (Sage Correa), is kidnapped from a local park. Filmed in Louisiana, the movie also features Chris McGinn, Lew Temple, Jason Winston, Christopher Berry and Aaron Shiver.

Bob’s Burgers / 9:00pm (5) When her sister Gayle (voice of guest star Megan Mullally) is crestfallen that only one person has registered to attend an artists’ workshop she is hosting, Linda (voice of John Roberts) decides to sign up as well to show her sibling support in the new episode “Yurty Rotten Soundclouds.” Meanwhile, Louise and Gene (voices of Kristen Schaal and Eugene Mirman) launch a covert operation to find a lost cat



Ruby Rose stars in “Batwoman” Sunday on The CW.

and collect a cash reward. H. Jon Benjamin also is heard.

NCIS: Los Angeles / 9:00pm (13) After an FBI agent is killed while trying to track down an undercover operative, Callen (Chris O’Donnell) and the NCIS team must find that still-missing agent before the criminals he was investigating discover his true identity and kill him in the new episode “Watch Over Me.” Pro wrestler turned actor Bill Goldberg returns in his recurring guest role as Department of Justice Agent Lance Hamilton, while boxing champ Evander Holyfield guest stars as NCIS Special Agent Sutherland. LL Cool J also stars.

The Outsider / 9:00pm (HBO) 11:40pm (HBO

Metro



“From guns to climate to education reform, Mike Bloomberg has a successful record of fighting for issues I care about, and he got into the race for the right reason: to defeat Donald Trump. Thanks to a great team at @Mike2020 for their work over the past 101 days. I know that we won’t give up on the fight to beat Trump until we #GetItDone.”
— D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser, reacting on Twitter to the news that former New York City Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, whom she endorsed for president in January, was dropping out of the Democratic presidential primary race; she also cheered Mr. Bloomberg’s decision to endorse former Vice President Joseph R. Biden’s candidacy

VIRGINIA

Lawmakers in mad scramble to finalize, pass top priorities

Clock ticks down on Democrat-majority session

By ALAN SUDERMAN AND SARAH RANKIN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

RICHMOND | Virginia lawmakers were in a mad scramble Thursday to pass several top priorities for the state’s new Democratic majority before the hammer falls on a historic session.

Lawmakers have a few days left to approve legislation before the session ends but are at an impasse on a number of high-profile bills, including legislation to raise the minimum wage to \$15 an hour and a bill to require universal background checks on gun purchases. Both are high priorities of the newly empowered Democrats.

Legislators also need to pass a \$135 billion, two-year state budget while resolving key differences between competing versions of bills that would legalize casino gambling and end the state’s ban on public sector collective bargaining.

Lawmakers in the House hurriedly crisscrossed the chamber floor Thursday and huddled for quiet conversations. A key energy bill listed near the top of the day’s calendar was temporarily passed by.

Leaders in both parties have urged lawmakers to work faster and have warned that the session may be forced into overtime.

“I just hope if we continue down this path that there’s not a lot of whining and moaning when we come to the realization that we are not getting out of here on Saturday,” Senate Minority Leader Tommy

Norment, District 3 Republican, said on the Senate floor this week after lawmakers spent about an hour debating just one bill. Virginia’s short legislative session typically leads to heavy last-minute workloads, but its even larger than usual this year. Democrats are in full control of state government for the first time in a generation and have a large backlog of priorities they want to address.

Some moderates in the state Senate are uneasy with the pace, which could threaten passage of some key Democratic priorities.

“In a citizen legislature, your worst fears are the unintended priorities,” said Sen. Lynwood Lewis, District 100 Democrat. “Some of this stuff, frankly, I think should have been studied.”

Several lawmakers said they are unhappy with the often secretive and hectic way laws are made in Virginia, especially in the final days. Some newer lawmakers have said they are open to changing the way the legislature operates, including extending future sessions.

“The legislative calendar was set in the 17th century, when everyone in the legislature was a plantation owner,” said Delegate Lee Carter, District 50 Democrat. “It’s absurd that it’s 2020 and we’re still on that same calendar.”

Legislators face tough choices for action this week on campaign promises.

New gun restrictions have been a top priority of Democrats this year, and Virginia has become



Senate Minority Leader Tommy Norment (left) said the last-minute legislative workload is heavier this year. He had a talk at the Capitol earlier this week with Senate Majority Leader Richard Saslaw (right).

a flashpoint in the national debate over guns and mass shootings. Several gun bills have passed, but lawmakers are at an impasse over a top piece of legislation that would mandate universal background checks on gun sales.

Democrats disagree whether the bill should include certain types of gun transfers, such as gifts. The Senate wants a more lenient version, but the House said broadening an exemption too far could negate the intent of the bill.

The more conservative Senate is also at odds with the House over how quickly to raise the minimum wage to \$15 an hour and whether poorer parts of the state should have lower minimum wages.

Rural lawmakers are arguing forcefully for different regional minimum wage increases, and black lawmakers have pushed back hard against the idea.

DISTRICT

Female veterans refurbish facility for homeless women

By SOPHIE KAPLAN
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Jamicka Edwards held back tears when she arrived Thursday to do a community service project at Calvary Women’s Services, a transitional housing provider for homeless women.

The 41-year-old Indiana native was once homeless herself.

“It is even more special to me that I am here being able to give back in this capacity because I know what it’s like for these women, Ms. Edwards said. “Some of their stories, I was there, I get it.”

The Mission Continues, an organization that matches former members of the U.S. armed services with leadership and service opportunities across the country, brought about 100 enthusiastic women veterans, including Ms. Edwards, to Calvary in Anacostia to refurbish the facility.

In addition to repainting inside and out, the veterans put in new picnic tables, added a basketball hoop, installed more planters and updated indoor meeting spaces with more furniture and storage units.

“I have had a lot of experience [doing service projects] where I had people take drills out of my hand, and vie for the hammer, or try to carry things for me, but it is a really different experience working with women,” said Mary Beth Bruggeman, a Marine Corps veteran and president of Mission Continues. “I am super excited for you to experience that today and the fact that we are serving women here at Calvary makes this extra special.”

Ms. Edwards lost everything when she divorced her husband in 2014, including her job and her home.

“My ex-husband wanted to hurt me, not physically, but he destroyed me mentally,” Ms. Edwards said. “And usually when you get divorced the woman takes everything and the husband gets nothing. Well, he took everything and left me and my kids with nothing.”

Ms. Edwards, who served in the U.S. Army, turned to veterans organizations to find resources to help get back on her feet, but she soon recognized



Veterans Jamicka Edwards (left) and Elis Salamone from The Mission Continues’ women’s leadership fellowship program repaint the outdoor space at Calvary Women’s Services on Thursday in the District.

that both she and her peers needed more.

“I realized eventually I wanted to be in a position to help people the way they helped me,” Ms. Edwards said.

She decided to apply for The Mission Continues’ women’s leadership fellowship program to gain the skills to start her own nonprofit one day similar to Calvary to help veterans transition back into civilian life.

According to the Point in Time Count, there were about 3,800 single homeless adults in the District last year, a quarter of them women, and about 1,000 homeless adults in families, with three

quarters women.

Calvary offers transitional and permanent housing, mental health services, placement programs and job- and life-skill training, and is the only homeless services provider for single women east of the Anacostia River.

Rita Hackett, 60, one of the residents at Calvary, said she thinks the work the veterans are doing is “wonderful” and thanked them from the “the bottom of her heart.”

She is truly grateful though for the sisterhood of women she lives with because “when you go through a crisis we all go through it together.”

MARYLAND

Maryland businesses hail defeat of service tax

Measure would have raised prices by 5%

By MADISON HIRNEISEN
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Maryland business groups celebrated a major victory Thursday after a House of Delegates subcommittee voted unanimously to kill a proposed new tax that would have raised prices for professional service providers including hairdressers, real estate agents, architects and lobbyists.

The bill, which sparked an intense lobbying battle, proposed slapping a new 5% sales tax on professional services, while lowering Maryland sales tax on goods from a percentage point to 5%. As the state scrambles for money funds for improving public education, an analysis estimated the new tax could generate a net \$2.9 billion per year by 2025.

However, lawmakers on a House Ways and Means subcommittee late Wednesday night decided to drop the idea after the tax bill faced powerful opposition from a number of service organizations and Republican Gov. Larry Hogan.

Harford County Association of Realtors CEO Kathy McFadden, whose members rallied in Annapolis against the new tax before Wednesday’s vote, said the state’s real estate industry already pays \$9 billion worth in taxes to the state annually.

“We’re not against any education,” Ms. McFadden said. “It’s just that, as the real estate industry, we feel we’ve paid our fair share of taxes.”

Ms. McFadden added, “Schools are very important for the housing industry because a lot of people want to be in the best schools, and in order to have the best schools, we have to have the funding for those schools.”

Business groups said the service tax vote was a test of the state’s reputation as a business-friendly state. Many say Maryland suffers in comparison to regional rivals, especially Virginia, in establishing the business and tax climate to attract companies looking to expand.

Four states — Hawaii, South Dakota, New Mexico, and West Virginia — levy a broad tax on service providers, while most states only tax specifically enumerated by law, according to the tax service Avalara.

But while many Maryland businesses are celebrating last night as a win, Mike O’Halloran, state director of the National Federation of Independent Business, the nation’s leading small business lobby, said the larger war is not over. He noted some Democrats in Annapolis are talking of a smaller, restructured tax to raise education revenues.

“While we are very pleased that the committee decided to reject expanding the sales tax to virtually every professional service in Maryland, we remain concerned the legislature is now focusing on levying that tax on small businesses in a select group of industries,” Mr. O’Halloran said in a statement. “We warned the General Assembly against exempting certain industries over others, explaining that this would be tantamount to the legislature picking winners and losers.”

Delegate Eric Luedtke, a Democrat from Montgomery County and a chief supporter of the bill, said funds generated from the services tax would have been earmarked for state education goals set by the recent Kirwan Commission. The Kirwan Commission, headed by a former chancellor of Maryland’s public university system, proposed a series of changes to better prepare Maryland students for college or the workforce.

The unanimous subcommittee rejection, Mr. Luedtke joked to The Baltimore Sun, was a case of “bipartisanship in action.”

“In a decade in the legislature, I’ve never done more important work than helping pass the [education plan] and figuring out how to fund it,” Mr. Luedtke tweeted Wednesday night after the vote. “I’m honored to have the opportunity to do this work.”

Baltimore’s Inner Harbor must shine ‘in full glory’

At the rate that fear-mongering and partisan sniping are overwhelming the facts about COVID-19, it’s reasonable to wonder whether we Americans are even considering how to replenish our happiness quotients.

So many panic buttons are being simultaneously pushed.

March Madness, with or without fans? Opening Day for baseball, with or without masks? Summer Olympics, in Tokyo or someplace else — or not at all?

And that’s merely the sports side of the entertainment-and-revenue calculus fans and organizers are weighing here and around the world.

On a more local level, the coronavirus has my family rethinking vacation. Cruises and hotel-logged options are out. Instead, we’re considering day trips to destinations along the I-95 Corridor.

First would be Baltimore, long a professional sports powerhouse — or so I thought.



DEBORAH SIMMONS
CAN WE TALK...

Baltimore is tussling with an identity crisis that covers all bases.

The city is suffering from a population decline, plagued with a violent crime problem, mired in political corruption scandals and hamstrung by poor urban planning and lacking in economic development.

Considerable improvement in the latter could indeed improve any and all of the former.

Baltimore’s twin crown jewels, Harborplace and the Inner Harbor, need polishing — and not by merely saving and cleaning up the Chesapeake Bay either.

Major retailers at Harborplace, including Gap and Gap Kids, Banana Republic and Johnston & Murphy’s, are shuttered. Some foot-traffic attractions for the Inner Harbor, such as the Women of the World Festival that was scheduled for this weekend and was expected to draw 1,000 participants, are being canceled because of coronavirus concerns, and that means loss of hotel revenue,

too.

Thank goodness the National Aquarium, one of my personal faves, is still available. The attraction is on our to-do list to visit with my 3-year-old granddaughter because the D.C. counterpart, which was smaller than Baltimore’s, closed in 2013, and aquariums are perfect family attractions regardless of what Mother Nature offers out of doors.

But tourism and shopping in Baltimore haven’t been helped by a string of local leaders who can’t seem to get out of their own way. Two mayors have been jailed because of crimes they committed, and a third allowed rioters to rip through the city after a black man died in police custody.

Current Mayor Jack Young suggested demolishing Harborplace, the privately owned shopping center that, when it opened four decades ago, established the Inner Harbor as a can’t-miss destination for tourists and local alike. Given the venue’s shuttered stores and half-empty eateries today, Mr. Young’s proposal is a reasonable one.

Harborplace and its enterprising developer,

James Rouse, were once showcased around the globe as a model for downtown revitalization.

But a lack of forward thinking by elected leaders when it comes to protecting and supporting the public and private investments around the Inner Harbor has hurt the neighborhood.

Unless Mr. Young can separate himself from a cycle of municipal ineptitude, the attractiveness of the Inner Harbor will dissipate — and Harborplace in particular will fade into irrelevance.

Blaming the coronavirus won’t be an option.

As mayor, Mr Young’s plate is full. But doing what he can to encourage out-of-towners and locals to enjoy downtown attractions like the National Aquarium, to dine and shop in Inner Harbor establishments and fill the seats in nearby Camden Yards — all of it is vital to Baltimore’s future.

To borrow a few words from Francis Scott Key, Baltimore’s harbor should shine “in full glory.”

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Biden’s win and the down-ballot implications

Redistricting will help Democrats protect their power for the next decade

By Scott Walker

Joe Biden had a big night on Super Tuesday. Credit the Democratic establishment for stepping up to rescue his campaign after his win in South Carolina.

In what was one of the most impressive 72 hours of earned media, the Biden campaign, with major help from establishment Democrats, sent a clear message to “pragmatic voters” in the primaries. Their message: Democrats can win with Joe Biden and will lose with Bernie Sanders.

First, they helped orchestrate the withdrawals of former Mayor Pete Buttigieg and Sen. Amy Klobuchar. Then, they got Democrats all over the country to raise concerns about down-ballot Democrats losing if Mr. Sanders was the nominee.

These moves, along with former Mayor Michael Bloomberg showing he could not debate his way out of a wet paper bag, helped to define the campaign as a two-person race between a traditional Democrat and a socialist who sympathizes with Communist dictators.

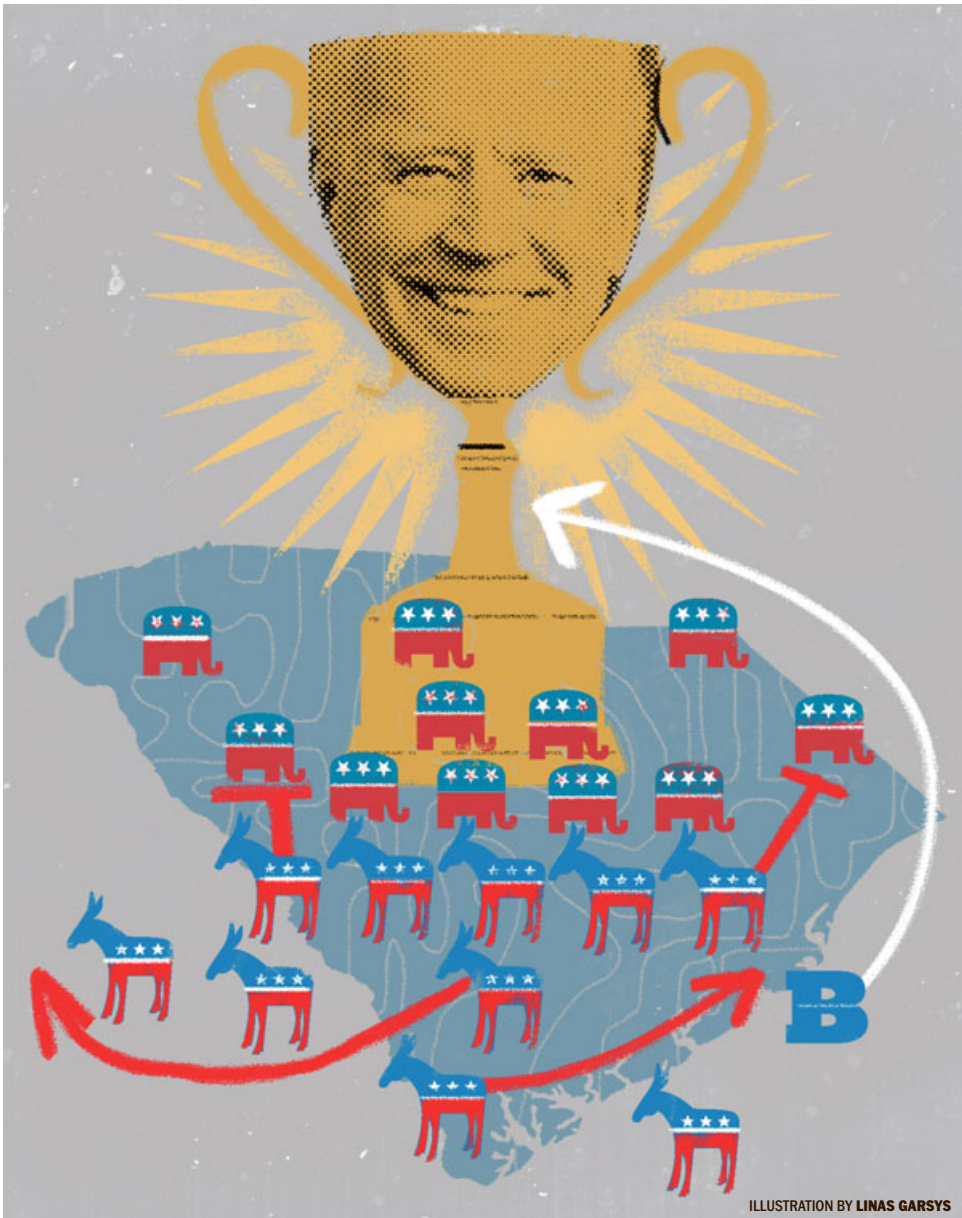
Months ago, I predicted Mr. Biden would win South Carolina. I held to that prediction even as his campaign slumped. In my mind, the high percentage of African-American voters in the primary for the Palmetto State would be the key to his victory.

After disappointing results in Iowa, New Hampshire and even Nevada, Mr. Biden’s campaign needed a boost. House Majority Whip Jim Clyburn provided that in his home state of South Carolina. His full-throated endorsement of the former vice president helped ensure a resounding victory last Saturday.

Mr. Biden’s campaign deserves some praise as well. It was no accident that Mr. Biden mentioned his plans to put the first black woman on the U.S. Supreme Court. A less obvious move came when he criticized billionaire Tom Steyer during the same debate for previously investing in private prisons. Some polls had Mr. Steyer’s massive media buy eating into Mr. Biden’s margins in South Carolina. The attack helped stop that from happening on Election Day.

Once Mr. Biden proved he could deliver in South Carolina (despite having run for president three times, he had never won a state before last Saturday), the Democratic establishment got to work.

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African-American voters again helped Mr. Biden in several Southern states, but the establishment helped put him over the top.

In places like Arkansas, former Sens. Mark Pryor and David Pryor helped send that message with their support. Mr. Biden’s win there was remarkable considering the money Mr. Bloomberg spent on television ads there and complaints by state party leaders that he hadn’t been in Arkansas.

In Minnesota, Ms. Klobuchar’s endorsement clearly helped Mr.

Biden secure the state. And a tactical error by the Sanders campaign helped Mr. Biden win Sen. Elizabeth Warren’s home state. Oddly, Mr. Sanders was in Massachusetts campaigning a week ago, presumably to beat Ms. Warren and end her campaign with hopes that the majority of her supporters would move to his campaign. Instead, they split the far, far, far left vote and Mr. Biden won the state with the more pragmatic voters.

All of this just days after many political commentators had written Joe Biden’s political obituary. If Mr. Biden wins the nomination, he has Mr. Sanders to thank.

Once the Democratic establishment realized Mr. Sanders was days away from securing the nomination, they jumped into action. They were scared. Their fear wasn’t based on pragmatism or principle. It was based on power.

The prospect of Mr. Sanders running against President Trump not only risked them losing the White House but the House – and elected positions all down the ballot.

For the first time in 20 years, state lawmakers elected during a presidential cycle will vote on boundaries for members of Congress. The redistricting process will determine the maps for the next decade. Democrats like former Obama Attorney General Eric Holder have been working for years to positively position Democrats in the redistricting process. Why? Power.

Politicians like Mr. Holder want to gerrymander Democrats into long-term control of the House of Representatives. To do that, they need control of the legislative process or at least split control that forces it to the courts they frequently control.

The Democratic establishment didn’t just engage to preserve a more electable Democrat for president. They did it to protect down-ballot candidates who will help them protect their congressional powers for the next decade.

Democratic leaders feel Mr. Sanders is another version of George McGovern. The liberal former South Dakota senator lost to President Nixon in one of the biggest blow-outs in electoral history.

Unfortunately for them, their favored candidate just announced his intentions to raise taxes on the vast majority of Americans. That puts Mr. Biden in the category of another longtime senator and former vice president — Walter Mondale. That Minnesota liberal lost to President Reagan in the largest landslide in American history.

Our country certainly doesn’t need to elect a socialist as president, but we don’t need a liberal either. We need to reelect a conservative who will keep America great.

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A peace deal that went ugly early

Taliban reneges on the peace agreement they signed, but it doesn’t mean the end of the process

By Gary Anderson

Afghanistan’s peace deal went ugly early. It took just a few days for the Taliban to renege on the peace agreement they signed on the last day of February. By the time U.S. forces appropriately retaliated with airstrikes, the Taliban had conducted 30 attacks, causing fatalities among civilians and Afghan security forces.

This was not unexpected by anyone who has watched the negotiations closely. The new developments don’t mean the end of the process, but they do give an indication of just how difficult things will be. The final withdrawal of U.S. forces is to be condition-based, and that is where the United States still has leverage. We need

By Joseph R. DeTrani

At the February 2003 second Plenary Session in Beijing of the Six Party Talks with North Korea, and the United States’ first private bilateral meeting with the North Korean delegation, Vice Foreign Minister Kim Gye Kwan, the delegation’s leader, and Ambassador Yi Gun, his deputy, told me, the new U.S. Special Envoy, that North Korea wanted the United States to accept them as a nuclear weapons state, similar to U.S. policy with a nuclear Pakistan.

They cautioned, however, that if the United States refuses to accept the North as a nuclear weapons state, then they could test nuclear weapons and possibly even sell them. Both were told that the United States would never accept North Korea as a nuclear weapons state and if they sell a nuclear weapon that’s used against the United States or an ally, we would know, with grave consequences for the North.

A similar message was conveyed to me in a Track 1.5 meeting in Kuala Lumpur in late 2016. This time, Vice Foreign Minister Han Song Ryol made it very clear that North Korea wanted the United States to treat North Korea in a manner similar to their treatment of Pakistan: Despite U.S. initial opposition, Pakistan is now accepted as a nuclear weapons state with normal relations with the United States. Mr. Han was told U.S. policy hasn’t changed: North Korea will never be accepted as a nuclear weapons state.

So, from 2003 to 2016, North Korea’s policy was consistent: The pursuit of nuclear weapons. During this 16-year period, North Korea conducted five nuclear tests and a multitude of ballistic missile launches. Partial agreements were reached, in September 2005 with the Six Party Talks, only to be discarded in 2009, when the North refused to sign a Nuclear Verification Protocol permitting monitors to visit suspect non-declared nuclear facilities and in

2012, with a Leap Day Agreement that ended soon after the North launched a rocket to put a satellite in orbit.

With the arrival of a new U.S. president in 2017, the North conducted another nuclear test (assessed to have been a thermonuclear test) and numerous ballistic missile launches, to include an Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) capable of reaching the whole of the United States.

2018 was a year of hope, with a historic summit in Singapore between President Trump and Chairman Kim Jong-un. An agreement was reached, with the United States committing to eventually normalizing relations with



the North and ending the Korean War with a Peace Treaty. The North committed to complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula and returning the remains of U.S. service members from the Korean War.

A subsequent U.S.-North Korea summit in Hanoi in February 2019 failed to move the process forward. North Korea initially proposed a halt to its plutonium activities at the Yongbyon nuclear facility in return for the lifting of sanctions. The United States countered with a proposal to lift sanctions in return for the dismantlement of the North’s nuclear and missile programs, and an end to its chemical, biological and cyber programs. Mr.

Kim did not accept this U.S. counter proposal, and the United States then cancelled a planned luncheon meeting and ended the summit.

This in effect ended negotiations with North Korea. One working-level meeting was held in Stockholm in 2019, with no positive results. The North resumed launching more than 20 short-range ballistic missiles and conducted a submarine ballistic missile launch, all in 2019. Mr. Kim’s 2020 New Year’s message was clear: North Korea would continue pursuing its nuclear and missile programs, while working to improve the economic well-being of the people.

Sanctions alone will not get North Korea to give up its nuclear weapons and facilities especially if sanction enforcement is problematic. Mr. Kim’s survival depends, in great part, on his nuclear and missile programs. However, a potential package of deliverables possibly could get Mr. Kim back to the negotiation table: The prospect of normal relations with the United States, security assurances from the United States, to include negative security assurances (no use of conventional or nuclear weapons to attack or invade the North and a commitment not to pursue regime change), the eventual lifting of sanctions, a peace treaty ending the Korean War and economic development assistance. These deliverables could be provided, in an action-for-action process, as North Korea dismantles all nuclear weapons and facilities and returns to the Nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty as a non-nuclear weapon state.

This process possibly could proceed smoothly if China is supportive, which means the United States will have to work closer with China on a strategy for the dismantlement of nuclear weapons and facilities in North Korea. More than 90 percent of North Korea’s trade is with China, and more than 90 percent of its crude oil and petroleum imports are from China. So, a China willing to use these levers can help to convince North Korea that retaining nuclear weapons is not an attainable goal.

Currently, North Korea appears confident that it will prevail and eventually be accepted as a nuclear weapons state. The challenge now is to convince North Korea that the United States and China, with the international community, will never accept North Korea as a nuclear weapons state.

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COMMENT & ANALYSIS

Joe Biden, meet John Kerry

Democrats are foolish to support the supposedly ‘electable’ candidate

In 2004, the Democrats had a presidential candidate from Vermont who had energy, activism, the support of the young and a cause — ending the Iraq war — bolstering him. But in the end, the party establishment determined that this candidate, despite his obvious appeal, was “unelectable.” Instead, they opted for a doddering, senior figure who was judged to be more palatable to Middle America.

We are now fully aware of how that feint at “electability” ended: Howard Dean was defeated by the “electable” John Kerry, who went on to lose handily to Republican incumbent George W. Bush. It turned out that voters were not exactly ecstatic for a candidate with a long history of flip-flopping on vital issues, who had marinated in the Washington swamp for decades, who had backed the Iraq war before deciding he didn’t want to fund the effort to actually win the thing, and who had only ever been elected by liberal voters in an overwhelming Democratic state.

Was George Santayana right? Is history about to repeat itself because nobody learns from the past? The parallels today to 2004 indeed

are striking: Bernie Sanders is this year’s Howard Dean, and Joe Biden this year’s John Kerry.

In a way, however, likening Mr. Biden to Mr. Kerry is unfair — to John Kerry. In 2004, Mr. Kerry was only in his early 60s and seemed in possession of his full faculties. Joe Biden is 77 and fading fast. Mr. Kerry had a combat record; he had served in Vietnam with distinction. Mr. Biden is the epitome of the “career politician” — he was so young when he was first elected to the U.S. Senate that he couldn’t be sworn in until after he had turned 30. Joe Biden has been busted for plagiarism and serial falsehoods; Mr. Kerry, for all his haughtiness, had no such black marks on his record.

Party establishments get in trouble when they coalesce around candidates based on their perceived “electability” — the notion that other people will like this guy. It didn’t just happen with John Kerry; it happened with Mitt Romney and John McCain, too. The Democrats are foolish to line up behind a plainly declining old man whose record in Washington is not particularly impressive.

Warren abandons her quixotic bid

The onetime front-runner for the Democratic nomination withdraws

Nevertheless, she persisted. Through embarrassing losses in Iowa, New Hampshire, Nevada and South Carolina, Democratic senator Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, at one time considered a front-runner for the Democratic presidential nomination, continued her by then quixotic bid. She managed to stagger to Super Tuesday, where she managed to finish no better than third place in any of the 14 contests. Indeed, Ms. Warren came in third in her home state, Massachusetts, behind both Joe Biden and Bernie Sanders.

Then, she stopped persisting. Ms Warren announced her withdrawal from the race Thursday, and not a moment too soon, as far as Bernie Sanders’ fans are considered. Ms.

Warren, with no chance at seizing the nomination at all, was looking evermore like a Ralph Nader-style spoiler, siphoning progressive votes away from Mr. Sanders and therefore helping out Mr. Biden.

Many of Ms. Warren’s supporters have blamed “sexism” for her downfall, bizarrely ignoring the fact that just four years ago, Democrats nominated another woman, Hillary Clinton, for the presidency. More likely culprits included Ms. Warren’s penchant for dishonesty (she claimed Native American ancestry for years) and her health care plan, which was deeply unpopular, as well as her promises of high taxes.

In other words: Nevertheless she persisted, promoting bad and unpopular ideas.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Glad Trump’s in charge

The coronavirus is on the march domestically and internationally as unstable markets flex wildly. As usual, the Democratic and leftist mainstream media go after President Trump.

Once and for all, the time has arrived for Sen. Chuck Schumer, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, The New York Times, The Washington Post and the CNN/MSNBC talking-head morons to stand down from their incessant attacks on the sitting president and his administration. Mr.

Trump and his people are effectively battling this disease phenomenon given the herculean challenges involved.

What these half-baked Democrats, especially Joe Biden, who opined recently he is running for the Senate instead of the presidency, would do in this period of pandemic peril scares the daylight out of me.

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Wall more important than ever

Don’t build a wall, the Democrats say. Let everybody in, they say. Seriously? Coronavirus is on the loose. Could undocumented immigrants be carriers?

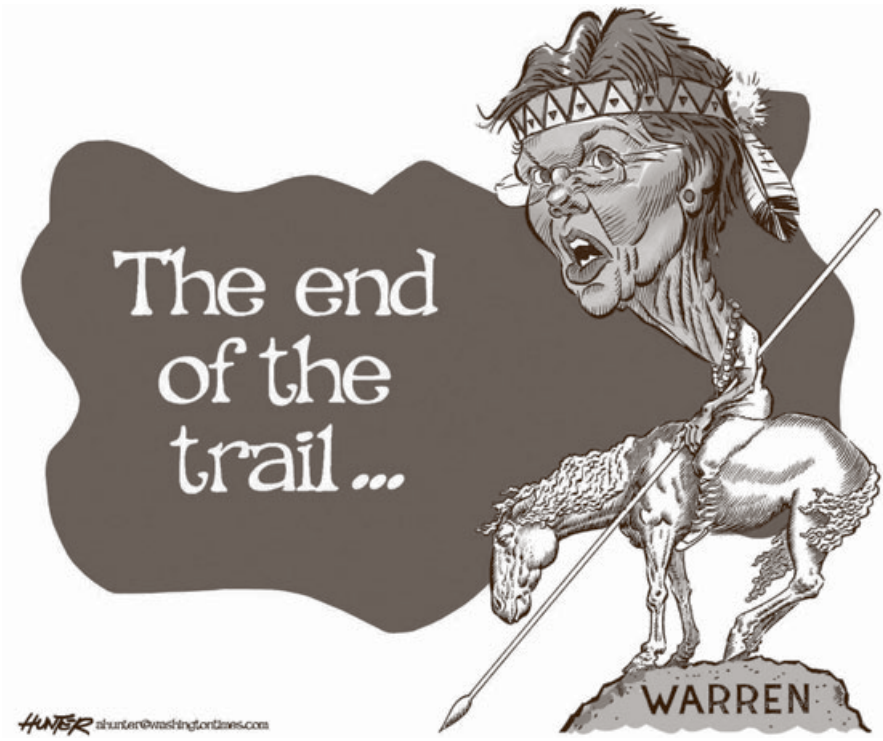
That’s what happens during a pandemic: Movement spreads the disease. The immigrants and the homeless will be carriers and among the first victims. It sort of underscores President Trump’s point in more than an existential or metaphysical sense. It’s just

common sense.

It doesn’t matter if this virus ends in a whimper. Its very occurrence makes a good point for having measures in place in case of potentially overwhelming events.

Control travel and immigration. Fortify health care.

FRED STEWART
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BOOK REVIEW

What today’s mayors are doing to revitalize their cities

THE NATION CITY: WHY MAYORS ARE NOW RUNNING THE WORLD
By Rahm Emanuel

Knopf, \$26.95, 235 pages

By John R. Coyne Jr.

Rahm Emanuel, mayor of Chicago from 2011 to 2019, is introduced in a splendid Chicago Tribune profile by Christopher Borrelli as “Chicagoan, shark, bully, pitbull, leviathan, sledgehammer, former mayor, former Democratic operative and fundraiser, former White House (Obama) chief of staff, former Hillary Clinton headache ... investment banker, father, husband, ballet dancer, Sunday morning TV talking head, and now author.”

That pretty well covers it. We might wonder what someone dubbed “Rahm the Impaler” was doing studying ballet, apparently so accomplished that he was offered a place with the Joffrey Ballet, or why he chose to attend Sarah Lawrence, where the smart girls used to go. But it would take a brave man to ask such questions.

Nor are they answered in this book, for the most part a discussion of what today’s mayors are doing to revitalize their cities, in the face of non-support from an increasingly dysfunctional federal government. What the federal government should be doing is unclear, but he does refer at one point to an LBJ program promulgated by champions of the Great Society (albeit before it all went bankrupt.)

Mr. Emanuel’s view of contemporary big-city mayors’ duties are basic: First, seeing to it that functions that keep the city running are effectively carried out — “get the garbage picked up, the snow plowed, and the potholes filled. They must balance the budget.”

But there are also bigger issues: There must be a good school system, “cultural events and venues, playgrounds, parks and other green spaces, libraries, and effective ... public transportation. There must be an appreciation of and respect for diversity. There must be room to welcome immigrants.” And finally, this rather oddly worded requirement: “There must be wisdom and forethought when it comes to the issue of climate change.”

Mayors sometimes fall short on some of these issues, he writes. “But our local governments come closer to solving them than national governments do, by a long shot.”

In all, this pretty much accounts for the subject of the book — the way in which his expressed ideas for the governance of Chicago succeeded, and how other mayors are carrying them out, both here and abroad. Among the

overseas mayors to whom he gives most space are the mayor of London, who thanks to Brexit (of which Mr. Emanuel disapproves) is facing a very cloudy future, and the former mayor of Copenhagen, one of the world’s most homogenous cities, and as such largely free of the racial concerns of American cities.

In fact, it was race that most Chicagoans believe played a major role in his decision not to run for a third time, reversing a previously announced decision. “In late 2018,” he writes, “I announced that I would not seek a third term But after twenty-four years in politics, I realized it was time to take a break.”

Also, there was a distinct chance of losing. Blacks and Hispanics had grown increasingly restless, with powerful groups like the teachers’ union convinced he was indifferent to their needs. During his race for reelection in 2015, he was forced into a run-off with Cook County board commissioner Jesus “Chuy” Garcia.

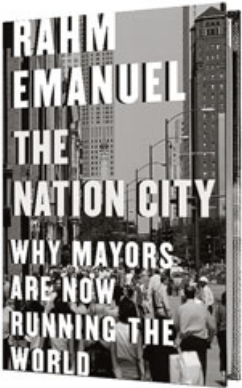
Also, in 2015, there was the police shooting of a young black man named Laquan McDonald, the city’s refusal to release a video of the shooting and a resulting federal investigation into the Chicago police department. This in turn attracted the attention of professional racialsists like Al Sharpton, who would encourage blaming the mayor for the whole sorry mess — all of which no doubt made a reelection campaign less than attractive.

Crime? The figures vary — most recently those from Chicago show overall crime down, violent crimes and shootings up. There again, the problems of a big-city mayor defending his record are apparent. There is no doubt that, as mayor, Rahm Emanuel made an already attractive city more attractive by reclaiming neglected areas and improving Chicago’s unique lakeshore and system of parks — wonderful areas, welcoming to walkers, families and tourists. (All true, but when tourists and citizens fear being attacked by muggers or worse, the welcome can wear thin.)

In all, an effective and readable treatise, albeit occasionally stilted and repetitious. But there’s also another book here, fighting to get out. In the first dozen pages, in clean, evocative prose, he tells the genuinely moving story of his family, beginning with the escape of his 10-year-old grandfather from Eastern Europe, his journey to America, ending in Chicago and the creation of a truly productive family.

In short, a heartfelt testimonial to the efficacy of the American Dream.

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It's foolish to praise sanctuary policies

There are countless cases of violent crimes that happen because local law enforcement refuses to work with ICE

By Igor C. Magalhaes

Liberal activists and open border advocates argue that sanctuary policies are good for the communities that adopt them because they make them safer by increasing trust between illegal aliens and the police.

But the victims and their families do not agree. There are countless cases of violent crimes — including rape and murder — that have happened because local law enforcement refused to work with ICE.

In January, a 92-year-old grandmother was raped and murdered in New York City by a criminal illegal alien who was released from police custody due to the city's sanctuary policy. Her granddaughter went on to say that "[t]he tragedy in all of this is the fact that this could have been avoided, had there been no sanctuary law. The tragedy is my grandmother is not ever going to be here again."

More recently, an illegal alien who has been previously deported for felony charges sexually assaulted a 3-year-old in Chicago after the city's law enforcement declined detainer requests by ICE.

To make things worse, transnational human traffickers also rely on sanctuary policies.

MS-13 cliques in the United States have turned to sex trafficking to sustain themselves and to send money back to their leadership in Central America. They use physical violence and/or the threat of violence against victims or their families to force them into commercial sex.

Between 2009 and 2015, social workers and police officers in Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C., detected at least nine child prostitution rings run by MS-13.

In 2012, the U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia prosecuted a member of

MS-13 who recruited girls as young as 14 and forced them to engage in commercial sex acts eight to 10 times a day, sometimes seven days a week.

If the goal is to provide help to trafficking victims and to apprehend traffickers, sanctuary policies are not the answer. The FBI has indicated that human traffickers often have prior criminal records and are prone to traffic again. There is already immigration relief in place for foreign victims of human trafficking in the form of U and T visas, which

impunity and violence to come to America because we are a nation of laws. By not enforcing our laws, the United States fails to be the beacon of hope and justice to the world and becomes precisely what others are fleeing from.

Accordingly, the Trump administration has rightfully sought to end sanctuary policies throughout the country. It has deployed tactical Border Patrol agents to sanctuary cities to help ICE enforce immigration laws, has sued officials and localities that have adopted

sanctuary policies, and has attempted to make it harder for these jurisdictions to receive federal grants. In his State of the Union address, President Trump also endorsed the Justice for Victims of Sanctuary Cities Act, where victims or their families can sue sanctuary jurisdictions for crimes committed by illegal aliens.

Unfortunately, activist judges have blocked many of these efforts by the administration in the courts, and it's unlikely that any legislation addressing the issue will pass the divided Congress — especially during a presidential election year.

While political bickering in D.C. prevents decisive movement against sanctuary policies, states can take the lead of Texas and ban them themselves. Texas law requires city and county officials to assist federal immigration agencies. If they do not, sanctuary cities may face a penalty of \$25,500 each day they violate the law, law enforcement agents can be charged with criminal misdemeanors for not complying and the state attorney general can file a petition to remove them from office.

Jurisdictions that do not enforce immigration laws are complicit in crimes committed by illegal aliens. No more lives need to be lost, and no one needs to be a victim of sexual abuse by individuals who should not be in the country in the first place. Banning sanctuary policies is the common sense and humane thing to do.

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allow them to get out of the shadows and get the help they need without compromising collaboration between local and federal counterparts.

On top of the clear negative effect on safety, sanctuary policies are contrary to federal law that prohibits federal, state or local government entities or officials from

withholding information regarding the citizenship or immigration status of any persons from immigration enforcement agencies.

People from all over the globe flee countries with widespread corruption,

to cause Taliban forces to cease attacks, but with a mechanism built into the process to return to the table and allow negotiations to continue. In the meantime, training of Afghan forces — particularly in the areas of logistics and aviation — should continue even if conducted in a third country. This would allow reductions in American personnel to continue in Afghanistan proper. The American message to the Taliban should be that this withdrawal

of Afghan women — particularly in education — became what the military calls an implied mission as operations continued. In an op-ed in The New York Times, a Taliban negotiator made it clear that the status of women in areas under their control would remain static under their interpretation of Islamic law — meaning second-class status.

Any final settlement between Afghans should allow those women in areas under

Taliban control who do not desire to live under their interpretation of Islamic law to move to zones of government control. The same should hold true for women in government-controlled areas who are offended by the more liberal approach to the rights of females in places like Kabul and other major urban areas. So far, the United Nations has been virtually useless in pursuing peace in Iraq, Syria and Afghanistan. Refereeing an agreement allowing women to cross boundaries voluntarily would be a good place for U.N. observers to play a positive role in the peace process. The United States should use its remaining leverage in the process to that end.

We still have leverage. A Taliban agreement to help keep out all foreign fighters — including al Qaeda and ISIS — fulfills the original end state of our 2001 intervention. Although the terms of a final settlement will be an Afghan affair, our message going forward should be; "The withdrawal isn't over until we say it's over; it's your choice."

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can be a very long process if they continue to step outside the negotiating framework.

This brings us to the status of Afghan women. Freeing women from the iron grip of Taliban mistreatment was not an initial objective in the Afghan intervention as Joe Biden has made painfully clear in his statements on the subject. If the status of women in society as a "go to war" issue, we'd be in armed conflict with half the Muslim world. Nevertheless, the improvement of the status

America's young adults get the big picture

Forget the headlines, millennials, by and large are just fine with capitalism

By Ross Marchand

Super Tuesday is in the rearview mirror, and former Vice President Joe Biden is on track to snatch the nomination from Sen. Bernie Sanders. But try as he might, "Amtrak Joe" can't seem to get millennials on board with his campaign.

In every entrance and exit poll known to man, Mr. Sanders leads handily among twenty- and thirty-somethings. Commentators have bemoaned this persistent youth support for Mr. Sanders as the death knell of moderate Democratic politics, and the start of a noisy, disruptive division within the party's ranks. But contrary to popular speculation, this is more fealty to brand loyalty than it is the ultimate triumph of socialism.

In fact, the youth are fickle on the hammer and sickle. Political prognosticators and future presidential candidates: Take note.

By now, nearly everyone has seen the headlines proclaiming that "millennial socialism" is on the rise. This received wisdom just feels right. Most of us can conjure images of latte-sipping, hipster-glasses-wearing Marxists who feel the need to deconstruct everything, including their Dr. Praeger's California veggie burgers.

Millennials are indeed hip to the "s" word, and according to the widely reported results of a 2019 YouGov/Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation survey, 70 percent of the age cohort is at least somewhat likely to vote for a socialist candidate. Compare that to 44 percent for Gen Xers and 36 percent for boomers, and the generational disconnect appears quite jarring. The poll's other findings, however, paint a completely different picture. An encouraging 50 percent of millennials have at least a somewhat favorable view of capitalism, not far removed from the 58 percent approval or 63 percent approval granted by Gen Xers and Boomers, respectively.

These seemingly irreconcilable findings are actually pretty normal. According to this 2014 Reason-Rupe survey, 56 percent of 18- to 24-year-olds and 53 percent of 25- to 34-year-olds approve of capitalism — compared to 51 percent among 45- to 54-year-olds. At the same time, 58 percent of Americans ages 18-24 back socialism,

nearly double the 30 percent approval afforded by those in the 45-54 bracket.

And when you dive into the questions in the survey, it seems many of these millennials are just superficial socialists without a thorough understanding of the ideology. When Reason-Rupe asked millennial respondents which system — capitalism or socialism — they liked better, the former edged out the latter 52 percent to 42 percent. And when the words "capitalism" and "socialism" were subbed out for "free market economy" and "govt managed economy" respectively, the pro-capitalism response jumped to a respectable 64 percent, while socialism shrank to just 32 percent. Drilling down further, there's just not much evidence to suggest that America's young adults are sold on class warfare.

When asked on a scale from 0 to 100 whether "government in Washington ought to reduce the income differences between the rich and the poor" via redistribution, Americans ages 18-29 have held remarkably steady at around 60 (moderately in favor of the proposition) over nearly 50 years. Meanwhile, the average for all Americans hovers in the mid-50s, making young Americans just slightly more woke than the typical citizen. And in 2018, just 22 percent of Americans ages 18-34 took the strongest possible position that the government should reduce income differences, compared to 21 percent of 35- to 49-year-olds and 20 percent of 50- to 64-year-olds.

Turns out, your oat-milk-sipping hipster friends have plenty of mundane, boomer-esque views about the economy once the veneer of "socialism" is stripped away. In fact, they have the very understandable, capitalistic impulse toward brand affinity. As famed political prognosticator Nate Silver points out, the support bases of Bernie Sanders and Ron Paul are very similar: young, white, male, secular and poor-ish, despite the two candidates embracing polar-opposite ideologies.

The brand appeal of two rambling old dudes with simple, consistent messages cannot be overstated, regardless of message. As a former campaign worker actively involved in the good doctor's 2012 presidential bid, I see a great deal many similarities between Dr. Paul and Sen. Sanders' campaigns. Some of "Dr. No's" most steadfast supporters paid heed to maybe one or two of Dr. Paul's cherished beliefs, but were mainly there for the ride. And I don't blame them. It was fun screaming "Ron Paul Revolution! Give us back our Constitution!" and doing battle with smug, sweater vest-clad Rick Santorum supporters.

This "thrill up the leg" — not ideological rigor — best explains why millennials and college kids are so pumped about Bernie's candidacy. Adulthood may be hard, but it doesn't take reading thick ideological tomes to recognize the many benefits of capitalism. And by all indications, America's young adults get the basic, big picture: Free markets and limited government deliver the good stuff. Boomers needn't be deluded by scary headlines proclaiming otherwise.

Ross Marchand is a Young Voices contributor.



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THOMAS D'ARCY MILLARD

BRITTANY ROCHELLE BALLARD

The object of this suit is to: OBTAIN A NAME CHANGE FOR MINOR CHILD NEVAEH LONDON BALLARD

It is ORDERED that **BRITTANY ROCHELLE BALLARD** appear at the above-named Court and protect his/her interests on or before **APRIL 16, 2020**.
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Case No: J1120961-07-00
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re
FLOWERS MOORE, DEMEIR A

The object of this suit is to: CONDUCT A HEARING TO INVOLUNTARILY TERMINATE THE PARENTAL RIGHTS

It is ORDERED that the defendant **CECIL MOORE** appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before **April 1, 2020 01:30 PM**.
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PRINCE WILLIAM JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT COURT

Case No: J1120961-09-00
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re
FLOWERS MOORE, DEMEIR A

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Case No: J1144836-04-00
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re
GARCIA RAMOS, KATHERINE E

The object of this suit is to: CONDUCT A PERMANENCY PLANNING HEARING FOR GARCIA RAMOS, KATHERINE E

It is ORDERED that **JAIME JOVEL GARCIA** appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before **April 24, 2020 10:30 AM**.
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Commonwealth of Virginia, in re
BONILLA, KEVIN SANDLER

The object of this suit is to: REGISTER CUSTODY/ OBTAIN CUSTODY OF BONILLA, KEVIN SANDLER

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Defendant

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Notice is hereby given this 3rd day of March, 2020, by the Circuit Court for Charles County, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings made and reported, will be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 26th day of March, 2020, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in **The Washington Times**, a newspaper published in Prince Georges County, Maryland, once in each of three successive weeks before the 4th day of April, 2020.

The Report of Sale states the amount of the foreclosure sale price to be \$143,800.00. The property sold herein is known as 701 Indian Head Avenue, Indian Head, MD 20640.

Sharon L. Hancock, AD
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Charles County, Maryland

Filed March 3, 2020

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March 6, 13 & 20, 2020

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY, MARYLAND

Thomas W. Hodge, et al.
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiffs,

v. **Case No. CAEF19-15758**

Fredericka A. Lloyd, et al.
Defendant(s).

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this 24th day of February, 2020, that the sale of the property in this case, 12603 King Arthur Court, Glenn Dale, Maryland 20769, reported by Thomas W. Hodge, Robert M. Oliveri, Christine Johnson, Melissa Alcocer, Jeana McMurray, Brennan Ferguson, Substitute Trustees, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the 24th day of March, 2020, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in **The Washington Times**, a newspaper published in Prince Georges County, Maryland, once in each of three (3) successive weeks on or before the 24th day of March, 2020.

The Report states the amount of sale to be \$337,500.00.

/s/Mahasin El Amin
Clerk of the Circuit Court

Filed February 24, 2020

Clerk of the Circuit Court for Prince Georges County, Maryland

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Ad No.38693
March 06,13,20, 2020

Notice After Sale: Prince George's Co.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY, MARYLAND

Thomas W. Hodge, et al.
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiffs,

v. **Case No. CAEF19-31968**

Estate of Diane Marie Adkins, et al.
Defendant(s).

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this 26th day of February, 2020, that the sale of the property in this case, 11009 Old Fort Rd, Fort Washington, Maryland 20744, reported by Brennan Ferguson, Christine N Johnson, Jeana McMurray, Robert A. Oliveri, Melissa Alcocer, Substitute Trustees, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the 26th day of March, 2020, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in **The Washington Times**, a newspaper published in Prince Georges County, Maryland, once in each of three (3) successive weeks on or before the 26th day of March, 2020.

The Report states the amount of sale to be \$290,000.00.

/s/Mahasin El Amin
Clerk of the Circuit Court

Filed February 26, 2020

Clerk of the Circuit Court for Prince Georges County, Maryland

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Ad No.38695
March 06,13,20, 2020

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND

Edward S. Cohn
Stephen N. Goldberg
Richard E. Solomon
Richard J. Rogers
Michael McKeefrey
Christianna Kersey
600 Baltimore Avenue
Suite 208
Towson, MD 21204
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiffs

v. **Case No. C-08-CV-19-001063**

Sharon Jean Garner, Personal Representative for the Estate of Jack Otto Hamilton

13952 Oaks Road Hyattsville, MD 20637
Defendant

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this 3rd day of March, 2020, by the Circuit Court for Charles County, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings made and reported, will be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 3rd day of April, 2020, provided a copy of this notice be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Charles County, once in each of three successive weeks before the 4th day of April, 2020.

The Report of Sale states the amount of the foreclosure sale price to be \$184,910.00. The property sold herein is known as 13952 Oaks Road, Hughesville, MD 20637.

Sharon L. Hancock, AD
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Charles County, Maryland

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The Washington Times

Trustee Sales: Fairfax Co.

Trustee's Sale of 8160 Gilroy Drive Lorton, Virginia 22079

In execution of a Deed of Trust dated July 25, 2005, recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court,

Legal Notices

BRIEF

FAIRFAX COUNTY NOTICE

March 24, 2020

Public hearing before the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, Virginia, to be held in the Board Auditorium of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia.

TIME SUBJECT

3:30 p.m. AF 2019-DR-004 - MANE MANOR LLC AND NORMANDY FARM LLC, Local A&F District Appl. authorized by Chapter 115 (County Code), effective June 30, 1983 to permit the creation of an agricultural and forestal district. Located generally surrounding 9640 Georgetown Pike, and at the terminus of Rossmore Ct., Great Falls, on 31.54 ac. of land zoned R-E. A&F District Advisory Committee Rec.: Not available. Planning Commission Rec.: Not available. Please call the Zoning Evaluation Division at 703-324-1290 after February 26, 2020 to obtain the recommendations. Dranesville District. Tax Map 13-1 ((1)) 39B, 40, 50B, 50C; 13-1 ((6)) E; 8-3 ((1)) 41A and 41B.

3:30 p.m. RZ 2019-LE-015 - TPC VAN DORN LC, RZ Appl. to rezone from R-1, R-3 and C-8 to C-8 to permit vehicle sales, rental and ancillary service establishment with an overall Floor Area Ratio (FAR) of 0.20. Located in the S.W. quadrant of McGuin Dr. and South Van Dorn St. on approx. 5.88 ac. of land. Comp. Plan Rec: Industrial. Lee District. Tax Map 81-2 ((2)) 2; 81-2 ((3)) 5, 5A, 5B, 6, 7 and McGuin Dr. public right-of-way to be vacated and/or abandoned. (Approval of this application may enable the vacation and/or abandonment of portions of the public rights-of-way for McGuin Dr. to proceed under Section 15.2-2272 (2) of the Code of Virginia. (Concurrent with SE 2019-LE-020).

3:30 p.m. SE 2019-LE-020 - TPC VAN DORN LC, SE Appl. under Sects. 4-804 and 9-620 of the Zoning Ordinance to permit a vehicle sales, rental and ancillary service establishment and a waiver of certain sign regulations. Located at 5636 and 5644 South Van Dorn St. and 5816, 5820, 5900 and 5906 McGuin Dr., Alexandria, 22310 on approx. 5.88 ac. of land zoned C-8. Lee District. Tax Map 81-2 ((2)) 2; 81-2 ((3)) 5, 5A, 5B, 6, 7 and McGuin Dr. public right-of-way to be vacated and/or abandoned. (Approval of this application may enable the vacation and/or abandonment of portions of the public rights-of-way for McGuin Dr. to proceed under Section 15.2-2272 (2) of the Code of Virginia. (Concurrent with RZ 2019-LE-015).

3:30 p.m. RZ 2019-SU-009 - ELM STREET COMMUNITIES, INC., RZ Appl. to rezone from I-3, AN and WS to PDH-8, AN and WS to permit residential development with an overall density of 7.88 dwelling units per acre (du/ac) including density associated with affordable housing and approval of the conceptual development plan. Located E. of Parkstone Dr. and S. of Conference Center Dr., immediately S. of 14800 and 14850 Conference Center Dr. on approx. 19.92 ac. of land. Comp. Plan Rec: Mixed Uses. Sully District. Tax Map 43-4 ((1)) 16. (Concurrent with PCA 78-S-063-09, PCA 85-S-061-06 and PCA 86-S-039).

3:30 p.m. PCA 78-S-063-09 - ELM STREET COMMUNITIES, INC., PCA Appl. to amend the proffers for RZ 78-S-063 previously approved for light intensity industrial uses to permit deletion of land area and associated modifications to proffers and site design with an overall Floor Area Ratio (FAR) of 0.435. Located E. of Parkstone Dr. and S. of Conference Center Dr., immediately S. of 14800 and 14850 Conference Center Dr. on approx. 11.07 ac. of land zoned I-3, WS and AN. Comp. Plan Rec: Mixed Uses. Sully District. Tax Map 43-4 ((1)) 16 (pt.). (Concurrent with RZ 2019-SU-009, PCA 85-S-061-06 and PCA 86-S-039).

3:30 p.m. PCA 85-S-061-06 - ELM STREET COMMUNITIES, INC., PCA Appl. to amend the proffers for RZ 85-S-061 previously approved for light intensity industrial uses to permit deletion of land area and associated modifications to proffers and site design with an overall Floor Area Ratio (FAR) of 0.435. Located E. of Parkstone Dr. and S. of Conference Center Dr., immediately S. of 14800 and 14850 Conference Center Dr. on approx. 0.53 ac. of land zoned I-3, WS and AN. Comp. Plan Rec: Mixed Uses. Sully District. Tax Map 43-4 ((1)) 16 (pt.). (Concurrent with RZ 2019-SU-009, PCA 78-S-063-09 and PCA 86-S-039).

3:30 p.m. PCA 86-S-039 - ELM STREET COMMUNITIES, INC., PCA Appl. to amend the proffers for RZ 86-S-039 previously approved for light intensity industrial uses to permit deletion of land area and associated modifications to proffers and site design with an overall Floor Area Ratio (FAR) of 0.435. Located E. of Parkstone Dr. and S. of Conference Center Dr., immediately S. of 14800 and 14850 Conference Center Dr. on approx. 6.18 ac. of land zoned I-3, WS and AN. Comp. Plan Rec: Mixed Uses. Sully District. Tax Map 43-4 ((1)) 16 (pt.). (Concurrent with RZ 2019-SU-009, PCA 78-S-063-09 and PCA 85-S-061-06).

3:30 p.m. RZ 2015-PR-014 - 1690 OLD MEADOW HOLDINGS, LLC, RZ Appl. to rezone from C-7, R-30, I-4 and H-C to PTC and H-C to permit office development with an overall Floor Area Ratio (FAR) of 5.02 and approval of the conceptual development plan. Located on the S. side of Dolley Madison Blvd. and W. side of Old Meadow Rd. on approx. 1.31 ac. of land. Comp. Plan Rec: Transit Station Mixed Use. Providence District. Tax Map 29-4 ((6)) 101B and a portion of former Dolley Madison Blvd. public right-of-way recently conveyed to Applicant. (Concurrent with SE 2015-PR-029).

3:30 p.m. SE 2015-PR-029 - 1690 OLD MEADOW HOLDINGS, LLC, SE Appl. under Sects. 6-502, 6-504 and 9-601 of the Zoning Ordinance to permit an increase in Floor Area Ratio (FAR) from 2.50 to 5.02 in the PTC zoning district. Located at 1690 Old Meadow Rd., McLean, 22102 on approx. 1.31 ac. of land zoned C-7, R-30 I-4 and H-C. Providence District. Tax Map 29-4 ((6)) 101B and a portion of former Dolley Madison Blvd. public right-of-way recently conveyed to Applicant. (Concurrent with RZ 2015-PR-014).

4:00 p.m. PCA 2002-HM-043-04/ CDPA 2002-HM-043-03 - ARROWBROOK CENTRE, LLC, PCA and CDPA Appl(s). to amend the proffers and conceptual development plan, for RZ 2002-HM-043, previously approved for mixed-use development, to permit site design modifications and revisions to proffers at a Floor Area Ratio (FAR) of 3.01(Overall Development-FAR 0.99). Located on the W. side of Centreville Rd., N. of Arrowbrook Centre Dr. and S. of Dulles Airport Access Rd., on approx. 3.37 ac. of land zoned PDC. Comp. Plan Rec: Mixed-Use. Dranesville District. Tax Map 16-3 ((20)) 5 (pt.), 7C (pt.), 4A and 16-3 ((20)) (1) D(pt.).

4:00 p.m. PCA 87-V-064-03 - MCDONALD'S USA, LLC, PCA Appl. to amend the proffers for RZ 87-V-064 previously approved for a retail shopping center to permit modifications to proffers and site design with an overall Floor Area Ratio (FAR) of .09. Located on the W. side of Richmond Hwy., N. of Armistead Rd. and S. of Lorton Rd. on approx. 39,999 sq. ft. of land zoned C-8. Comp. Plan Rec: Retail and other Commercial Uses. Mount Vernon District. Tax Map 108-3 ((1)) 25. (Concurrent with SEA 94-V-030).

4:00 p.m. SEA 94-V-030 - MCDONALD'S USA, LLC, SEA Appl. under Sects. 4-804, 9-501 and 9-502 of the Zoning Ordinance to amend SE 94-V-030 previously approved for a restaurant with drive through to permit associated modifications to site design and development conditions. Located at 9398 Richmond Hwy., Lorton, 22079 on approx. 39,999 sq. ft. of land zoned C-8. Mount Vernon District. Tax Map 108-3 ((1)) 25. (Concurrent with PCA 87-V-064-03).

4:00 p.m. PCA 84-L-083-02 - THE UNITED COMMUNITY OF MUSLIMS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, PCA Appl. to amend the proffers for RZ 84-L-083 previously approved for warehouse and storage yard to permit a place of worship and associated modifications to proffers and site design with an overall Floor Area Ratio (FAR) of 0.20. Located on the E. side of Cinder Bed Rd., approx. 370 ft. S. of the Terminus of Cinder Bed Rd. on approx. 1.14 ac. of land zoned I-5. Comp. Plan Rec: Industrial Uses up to 0.35 FAR. Lee District. Tax Map 99-2 ((1)) 20.

4:00 p.m. Public Hearing before the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, Virginia, to consider an ordinance to amend and readopt Fairfax County Code Section 7-2-13 relating to Election Precincts and Polling Places to relocate the polling places for the Lorton precinct in the Mount Vernon District and the Nottoway precinct in the Providence District.

The Virginia Code permits the governing body of each county and city to establish by ordinance as it deems necessary with one polling place for each precinct. The Board of Supervisors is authorized to change precinct boundaries and polling place locations subject to the requirements of Virginia Code Sections 24.2-307, 24.2-310 and 24.2-310.1. All registered voters who are affected by this change in their polling location will be mailed a notice in advance of the next election, which is expected to be the June 9, 2020, Party Primary Elections.

The proposed ordinance would amend and readopt Section 7-2-13 and move the polling place for the Lorton precinct from Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton, to Lorton Station Elementary School, 9298 Lewis Chapel Road, Lorton; and move the polling place for the Nottoway precinct from Hunter House at Nottoway Park, 9601 Old Courthouse Road, Vienna, to Marshall Road Elementary School, 730 Marshall Road Southwest, Vienna.

A copy of the full text of the proposed ordinance, the proposed maps and precinct descriptions, and other information related to this proposal are available for public inspection online at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board/meetings/>.

4:00 p.m. Public hearing on the Proposed Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 (Proposed Action Plan). The Proposed Action Plan identifies the proposed uses of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) funds allocated to the County which are estimated to be \$5,609,339 for CDBG, \$1,940,695 for HOME, and \$473,009 for ESG. The estimated funding levels are based on the funding levels received by the County for FY 2020. The funding levels will be adjusted to reflect the actual funding levels after receipt of notification of the actual FY 2021 grant award amounts from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Proposed Action Plan also discloses planned uses of previously allocated funds and program income expected to be available for use in FY 2021. The planned uses include an allocation of fifteen percent of the actual CDBG allocation to the Consolidated Community Funding Pool. The Proposed Action Plan also identifies various other public and private resources that are expected to be available for housing, and the goals and objectives for the current Five-Year Consolidated Plan. The public hearing will provide an opportunity for citizens to express their views on the Proposed Action Plan and on housing and community service needs in Fairfax County, as well as to provide information concerning changes in housing and community service trends since the last Board public hearing on the Consolidated Plan for FY 2020, held in March 2019.

To Obtain Copies of the Proposed Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan for FY 2021: Copies are available online at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/housing/news/2020/public-comment-on-action-plan>, at the Citizen Information Desk located on the lobby level of each Government Center, at the information desk of each Fairfax County Public Library branch, and at all Fairfax County recreation centers and neighborhood resource centers. Copies also may be obtained at the Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development, 3700 Pender Drive, Fairfax, Virginia 22030. All of the above mentioned locations are accessible to persons with disabilities.

To Submit Written Comments:

Citizens wishing to comment on the Proposed Action Plan may do so online at the above referenced site or by writing to the attention of Beverly Moses, Senior Program Manager, at the Department of Housing and Community Development, 3700 Pender Drive, Fairfax, Virginia 22030. The deadline for receipt of written comments on the Proposed Action Plan will be 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24, 2020.



For additional information on the Proposed Five-Year Consolidated Plan for FY 2016 - 2020 or the Proposed Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan for FY 2021, contact the Department of Housing and Community Development at 703 246-5170, TTY: 711.

4:30 p.m. Citizens and Businesses of Fairfax County are encouraged to present their views on issues of concern. The Board will hear public comment on any issue except issues under litigation, issues which have been scheduled for public hearing before the Board (this date and future dates), personnel matters and/or comments regarding individuals. Each speaker may have up to three minutes and a maximum of 10 speakers will be heard. Speakers may address the Board only once during a six-month period.

All persons wishing to present their views on these subjects may call the Office of the Clerk for the Board at 703-324-3151 to be placed on the Speakers List, or may appear and be heard. As required by law, copies of the full text of proposed ordinances, plans and amendments, as applicable, as well as other documents relating to the aforementioned subjects, are on file and may be examined at the Office of the Clerk for the Board of Supervisors, Suite 552 of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia.

Fairfax County is committed to nondiscrimination on the basis of disability in all county programs, services and activities and supports the Americans with Disabilities Act by making reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities. Open captioning will be provided in the Board Auditorium. For sign language interpreters or other accommodations, please call the Clerk's Office, 703-324-3151, TTY: 711 (Virginia Relay Center), as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the public hearing. Assistive listening devices are available at the meeting.



Ad Run Dates: March 6th, 2020
March 13th, 2020

AD#38554

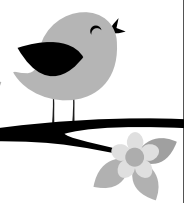
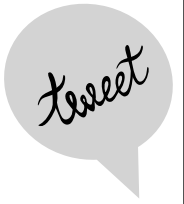
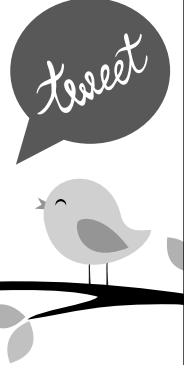
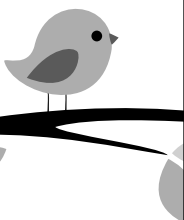
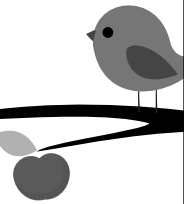
Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 64.2-609 of the Code of Virginia, notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to transfer on or about April 27, 2020 to the Executor of the Estate of Andrew G. Favret deceased, late of Frederick County, MD, all cash and securities of said decedent in the possession of the undersigned.

Northwest Federal Credit Union
By: T Allen
Estate Account Representative

March 6, 13, 20, 27, 2020
AD#38667



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the City of Fairfax at its meeting on Monday, March 23, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall Annex, Room 100, 10455 Armstrong Street, will hold a public hearing to consider the following:

Proposed amendments to the Code of the City of Fairfax, Chapter 110 (Zoning) to amend portions of articles and sections contained therein, including, but not limited to: Zoning Districts and Regulations, Decision-Making Bodies and Officials, Development Review, Enforcement and Penalties, and Definitions to include provisions for affordable dwelling units.

All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing and express their views. Staff reports will be available five (5) days prior to the meeting date in the Office of Community Development & Planning, Annex Room 207, City Hall, 10455 Armstrong Street, and on the City of Fairfax webpage at www.fairfaxva.gov. The City will make reasonable accommodations for the disabled upon request received at least five days prior to the meeting; please call 703-385-7930, (TTY 711) for assistance.

Tina Gillian, Clerk

Run Dates: March 06, 2020
March 13, 2020

AD#38661

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Notice of Hearing: Transfer of
Permanent Collection

Notice is hereby given of a public hearing in Woman's Party Corporation vs. National Woman's Party (NWP), CA 93-6051, before the Honorable Hiram E. Pugh-Lugo, Associate Judge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia, on NWP's Motion to Approve Transfer of the NWP's Permanent Collection to the Library of Congress and National Park Service. The NWP Board of Directors and all of the NWP members who voted have unanimously approved this gift as necessary to preserve the Permanent Collection and make it available to the public in perpetuity. The hearing on the NWP's motion will be held at 9:30 am on Thursday, March 19, 2020, at the Superior Court located at 500 Indiana Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. More information may be obtained by contacting Susan Carter, President, NWP, at PO Box 75478, Washington, DC 20013.

January 24, 31, 2020
February 7,14,21,28, 2020
March 6,13, 2020
Ad#36474

KIPP DC PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Brick Privacy Wall/Fencing

KIPP DC is soliciting proposals from qualified vendors for Brick Privacy Wall and Fencing Services. The RFP can be found on KIPP DC's website at www.kippdc.org/procurement. Proposals should be uploaded to the website no later than 5:00 PM ET on March 31, 2020. Questions should be addressed to jason.ray@kippdc.org

March 6, 2020 Ad#38442

D.C. BILINGUAL PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

NOTICE: FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

D.C. Bilingual Public Charter School in accordance with section 2204(c) of the District of Columbia School Reform Act of 1995 solicits proposals for vendors to provide the following services for SY19-20:

• General Contractor-Kitchen Lab Buildout (March 13th: 11:00 AM - Open site walk - RSVP required by March 12th at 5:00 pm)

Proposal Submission

A Portable Document Format (pdf) election version of your proposal must be received by the school no later than **3:00 p.m. EST on Friday March 27, 2020**. Proposals should be emailed to ids@dcbilingual.org or at **33 Riggs Rd NE, Washington, DC 20011**.

No phone call submission or late responses please. Contact bids@dcbilingual.org for a copy of the Scope of Work.

March 6, 2020 Ad#38150

CAPITAL VILLAGE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

PRE-CONSTRUCTION &
GENERAL CONTRACTING SERVICES

CAPITAL VILLAGE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL is soliciting proposals from qualified vendors for PRE-CONSTRUCTION & GENERAL CONTRACTING SERVICES for a Charter School Facilities Project. The RFP can be found on the Capital Village website at www.capitalvillageschools.org/rfps. Proposals should be uploaded to the website no later than 5:00 PM EST, on March 25, 2020. Questions can be addressed to Keina Hodge at: RFP@CapitalVillageSchools.org or (202) 505-1375.

March 6, 2020 Ad#38602

PUBLIC NOTICE

One Request for Proposals (RFP) for waste removal services at six (6) schools beginning July 1, 2020. See: <https://centercitypcs.org/contact/requests-for-proposal/>

March 6, 2020 Ad#38394

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of Contracting and Procurement

PROCUREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Government of the District of Columbia is soliciting proposals for the following:

CAPTION: Doc491551 – Digital Marketplace for Inspection Services

The District of Columbia Government, Office of Contracting and Procurement ("OCP"), on behalf of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs ("DCRA"), the ("District"), seeks a Commercial Off-the-Shelf (COTS) marketplace software platform which will provide pre-existing marketplace services using marketplace participant analytic algorithms for effective relationship modeling and predictions as well as sharing the billable marketplace transaction fees from this digital marketplace platform equally (50/50 split share) after associated credit card processing fees are deducted.

MARKET TYPE: Open

ADVERTISING/ISSUANCE DATE: March 6, 2020

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS:

SOLICITATION NUMBER: Doc491551
CLOSING DATE: April 6, 2020
CLOSING TIME: 2:00 PM EST

SOLICITATION DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE AT:

OCP WEBSITE ADDRESS: www.ocp.dc.gov

March 6, 2020 Ad#38701

PUBLIC NOTICE

One Request for Proposals (RFP) for pest control services for six (6) schools beginning July 1, 2020. See: www.centercitypcs.org

March 6, 2020 Ad#36985

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Trustee Sales:
Alexandria

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

In execution of a Deed of Trust dated December 18, 2018 in the original principal amount of \$2,100,000.00, Instrument No. 180017149 among the Land Records of the Circuit Court of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, the undersigned Successor Trustee on **March 16, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.** local time, at the front door of the Circuit Courthouse for the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 520 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314 will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder the following property, with all improvements thereon, briefly described as follows:

PARCEL I: Beginning at the intersection of the South side of King Street with the West side of Fairfax Street and running thence West on King Street 40 feet; thence South parallel with Fairfax Street 51 feet 6 inches; thence East in a direct line to Fairfax Street, and thence North on Fairfax Street 51 feet 6 inches to the beginning.

AND

PARCEL II: Outlot "A" as shown on plat attached to Deed recorded among the land records of the City of Alexandria Virginia, in Deed Book 731 at Page 284.

TOGETHER WITH all buildings, improvements, fixtures and appurtenances now or hereafter erected thereon (all of which are declared to be a part of such real estate whether physically attached thereto or not), all of the above described property, whether real or personal, being hereinafter called "Property".

Tax Map No: 075.01-08-03

302 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, Parcel I and Parcel II: Outlot "A", per Plat 731/284

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH: a deposit of 10% of the sales price, in cash or by certified check will be required at the time of sale with settlement within fifteen (15) days from the date of sale. Additional terms and conditions of sale will be announced at the sale, prior to taking bids. Sale will be "as is" without warranties of any kind. The successful bidder will be required to sign a Memorandum of Sale, available prior to sale upon request containing additional terms of sale.

If for any reason the Successor Trustee fails to complete the sale and convey title, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy is the right to the return of his deposit with interest thereon at the Virginia rate.

_____/s/ John T. Donelan
John T. Donelan, Successor Trustee

For information contact:
Successor Trustee: John T. Donelan
125 S. Royal Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
(703) 684-7555

Run Dates: February 28, 2020
March 6 and March 13, 2020

AD#38300

Show Cause Notice

VIRGINIA:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF PRINCE WILLIAM
COUNTY

IN RE: Estate of
HERMA PANTKE LEE,
Deceased.
**File No: W-17288
CM19-843**

SHOW CAUSE ORDER

IN RE: A M O U N T I N G TO THE COURT that a report of the accounts of SCOTT H. D O N O V A N, Administrator, c.t.a., of the Estate of HERMA PANTKE LEE, deceased, ad of the debts and demands against the Estate have been filed in the Clerk's office, and that six (6) months have elapsed since the qualification, and upon motion of SCOTT H. DONOVAN, Administrator, c.t.a., by Counsel;

IT IS ORDERED that the creditors of, and all others interested in, the above estate show cause, if they can, on the **13th day of March, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.**, before this Court, at its Courthouse, Prince William Circuit Court, 9311 Lee Avenue, Manassas, Virginia 20110, against the payment and delivery of the Estate of HERMA PANTKE LEE, deceased, to the creditors and legatees, in accordance with the limits and priorities as set forth § 64-2-528, with or without refunding bonds as the Court prescribes. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the foregoing portion of this Order be published once a week for two (2) successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in Prince William County, Virginia. ENTERED this: 11th day of February, 2020.

Steven D. Smith
CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
A COPY TESTE:
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Trustee Sales:
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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 4217 DIVIDED SKY COURT, WOODBRIDGE, VA 22193. In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated April 15, 2005, in the original principal amount of \$528,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Prince William County, Virginia as Instrument No. 200504290068998. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Prince William County, 9311 Lee Avenue, Manassas, Virginia on April 8, 2020, at 9:00 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT LOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, LYING AND BEING SITUATE IN THE CITY OF WOODBRIDGE AND STATE OF VIRGINIA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOT 5, PICCARD LANDING, AS THE SAME APPEARS PLATTED AND RECORDED AS INSTRUMENT NO: 200402180027635. **TERMS OF SALE:** ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwvsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 2101 Wilson Blvd., Suite 1004, Arlington, VA 22201. For more information contact: BWV Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwvsales.com. VA-347260-1.

March 6, 2020
March 25, 2020

AD#38636

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 12230 CINNAMON STREET, WOODBRIDGE, VA 22192. In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated November 2, 2006, in the original principal amount of \$323,200.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Prince William County, Virginia as Instrument No. 200611300167561. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Prince William County, 9311 Lee Avenue, Manassas, Virginia on April 1, 2020, at 9:00 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: LOT NINETY-FOUR (94), SECTION THIRTEEN-B (13-B), LAKE RIDGE, AS THE SAME APPEARS DULY DEDICATED, PLATED AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 1221, AT PAGE 78, AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA. **TERMS OF SALE:** ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwvsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 2101 Wilson Blvd., Suite 1004, Arlington, VA 22201. For more information contact: BWV Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwvsales.com. VA-343908-1.

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March 6, 2020

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Trustee Sales:
Prince William Co.

TRUSTEE'S SALE
13811 GREENWOOD DR
WOODBIDGE, VA 22193

In execution of the Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$250,381.00, dated March 24, 2016, and recorded as Instrument Number 201603240020773 of the Prince William land records, the appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction **In front of the building housing the Prince William County Circuit Court, 9311 Lee Avenue, Manassas, Virginia 20110 on April 08, 2020 at 9:30am**, the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 270, SECTION 8, DALE CITY, AS THE SAME APPEARS DULY DEDICATED, PLATTED AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 514 AT PAGE 289, AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

The property and improvements will be sold in "as is" physical condition without warranty of any kind.

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price or 10% of the original principal amount of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, by cashier's or certified check required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. Balance of the purchase price must be paid by cashier's check within 15 days from sale date. Except for Virginia Grantor tax, all settlement costs and expenses are purchaser's responsibility. Taxes are pro-rated to the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. If purchaser defaults, deposit may be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Trustee does not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed, a forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into or the loan was reinstated or paid off; in any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. This communication is from a debt collector and is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE: RAS Trustee Services, LLC,
4012 Raintree Road, Suite 100A,
Chesapeake, Virginia 23321

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

RAS Trustee Services, LLC, Substitute Trustee
c/o Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid & Crane LLC
11900 Parklawn Drive, Suite 310
Rockville, Maryland 20852
(844) 442-2150 x275
(470) 321-7112

February 28, 2020
March 6, and 13, 2020

AD#38404

TRUSTEE SALE
12859 Rannoch Forest Cir, Bristow, VA 20136
Prince William County

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$168,800.00, dated May 20, 2015 recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the Prince William County, Virginia, in Document No. 201505270040876, default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the entrance to the Circuit Court of Prince William County, 9311 Lee Avenue, Manassas, on **April 7, 2020 at 1:00 PM** the property described in said deed, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 55, Phase 4, Section 18, Braemar, with improvements thereon

Subject to any and all covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust, if any, affecting the aforesaid property.

TERMS OF SALE: CASH: A deposit of \$20,000.00 or 10% of the sales price, whichever is lower, cash or certified check will be required at the time of sale, but no more than \$10,000.00 of cash will be accepted, with settlement within fifteen (15) days from the date of sale. Sale is subject to post sale confirmation that the borrower did not file for protection under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code prior to the sale which affects the validity of the sale, as well as to post-sale confirmation of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, the sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of his deposit without interest. Additional terms may be announced at the time of sale. Pursuant to the Federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, we advise you that this firm is a debt collector attempting to collect the indebtedness referred to herein and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

SAMUEL I. WHITE, P.C., Substitute Trustee

This is a communication from a debt collector.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

SAMUEL I. WHITE, P.C. (74957)
596 Lynnhaven Parkway, Suite 200
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23452
757-457-1460 - **Call Between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or visit our website at www.siwpc.net**

March 6, 2020
March 13, 2020

AD#38633

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 7602 SOMERSET LANE, MANASSAS, VA 20111. In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated October 13, 2005, in the original principal amount of \$195,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Prince William County, Virginia as Instrument No. 2005104017643. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Prince William County, 9311 Lee Avenue, Manassas, Virginia on April 1, 2020, at 9:00 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: LOT 236, SECTION 2, STONERIDGE, AS THE SAME IS DULY DEDICATED, PLATTED AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 559, PAGE 179, AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA. **TERMS OF SALE:** ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwvsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 2101 Wilson Blvd., Suite 1004, Arlington, VA 22201. For more information contact: BWV Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwvsales.com. VA-330767-2.

February 28, 2020
March 6, 2020

AD#38347

Trustee Sales:
Prince William Co.

TRUSTEE SALE
3509 Bath Court, Woodbridge, VA 22193
Prince William County

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$60,000.00, dated March 19, 2008 recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the Prince William County, Virginia, in Document No. 200804150035075, default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the entrance to the Circuit Court of Prince William County, 9311 Lee Avenue, Manassas, on **March 24, 2020 at 1:00 PM** the property described in said deed, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 31, Section T-4, Dale City, with improvements thereon.

Subject to any and all covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust, if any, affecting the aforesaid property.

TERMS OF SALE: CASH: A deposit of \$20,000.00 or 10% of the sales price, whichever is lower, cash or certified check will be required at the time of sale, but no more than \$10,000.00 of cash will be accepted, with settlement within fifteen (15) days from the date of sale. Sale is subject to post sale confirmation that the borrower did not file for protection under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code prior to the sale which affects the validity of the sale, as well as to post-sale confirmation of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, the sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of his deposit without interest. Additional terms may be announced at the time of sale. Pursuant to the Federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, we advise you that this firm is a debt collector attempting to collect the indebtedness referred to herein and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

SAMUEL I. WHITE, P.C., Substitute Trustee

This is a communication from a debt collector.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

SAMUEL I. WHITE, P.C. (57612)
596 Lynnhaven Parkway, Suite 200
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23452
757-457-1460 - **Call Between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or visit our website at www.siwpc.net**

March 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, 2020

AD#38378

Trustee's Sale

7508 Bosbury Court, Manassas, Virginia 20111
(Parcel ID: 016625; Tax Map No.: 7797-93-0523)

Default having been made in the terms of a certain Deed of Trust dated November 19, 2015, in the original principal amount of \$175,661.00 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Prince William, Virginia as Instrument No. 201511300098282, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction on **April 7, 2020, at 2:00 p.m.**, in front of the building housing the Prince William County Circuit Court, 9311 Lee Avenue, Manassas, VA 20110, the property designated as Lot 132, Block 18, Section 2, Stoneridge, dedicated, platted and recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 559, Page 160 & Deed Book 622, Page 635. Sale is subject to all prior liens, easements, restrictions, covenants, and conditions, if any, of record, or other matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the premises. **TERMS:** CASH. A deposit of \$17,500.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required of the successful bidder at time of sale. Prior to the sale, interested bidders will be required to register with and must present a bid deposit which may be held during the sale by the trustee. The bid deposit must be certified funds and/or cash, but no more than \$9,900.00 of cash will be accepted. The successful bidder's deposit will be retained at the sale and applied to the sale price. If held by the trustee, all other bid deposits will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders. Settlement is to be made within 15 days. The successful bidder will be responsible for obtaining possession of the property, and for all costs and fees related to recording the Trustee's Deed, including the grantors tax. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Memorandum of Trustee's Sale, available for review on the Foreclosure Sales page of www.glasserlaw.com, outlining additional terms of sale and settlement. A Trustee's Deed will be prepared by the Trustee's attorney at high bidder's expense. This is a communication from a debt collector. Glasser and Glasser, P.L.L.C. on behalf of Atlantic Trustee Services, L.L.C., REO Solutions, LLC, and/or Auction.com-VA, LLC, Substitute Trustees, Crown Center

Trustee Sales: Virginia

TRUSTEE'S SALE
6833 FOX RIDGE RD
SPOTSVYLVANIA, VA 22551

In execution of the Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$408,551.00, dated April 11, 2014, and recorded as Instrument Number 201400005213 of the Spotsylvania land records, the appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction **In the front of the Circuit Court building for Spotsylvania County, 9107 Judicial Center Lane, Spotsylvania, Virginia 22553-0096 on March 24, 2020 at 10:00am**, the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address and more particularly described as follows:

ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND, LYING AND BEING IN BERKELEY MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT, SPOTSVYLVANIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA, CONTAINING 5.1113 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, DESIGNATED AS PARCEL B-1, AS SHOWN ON THAT CERTAIN PLAT OF SUBDIVISION ENTITLED "RECORD PLAT OF THE FLOYD MICHAEL DILLARD AND CAROLYN BERRY-DILLARD DIVISION", DATED JUNE 4, 1998 AND REVISED JUNE 30, 1998 AND RECORDED IN PLAT FILE 6 AT PAGE 641, IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SPOTSVYLVANIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA..

SAID PARCEL IS CONVEYED TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS OVER AND ACROSS FOX RIDGE ROAD AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF SUBDIVISION.

The property and improvements will be sold in "as is" physical condition without warranty of any kind.

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price or 10% of the original principal amount of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, by cashier's or certified check required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. Balance of the purchase price must be paid by cashier's check within 15 days from sale date. Except for Virginia Grantor tax, all settlement costs and expenses are purchaser's responsibility. Taxes are pro-rated to the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. If purchaser defaults, deposit may be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Trustee does not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed, a forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into or the loan was reinstated or paid off; in any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. This communication is from a debt collector and is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE: RAS Trustee Services, LLC, 4012 Raintree Road, Suite 100A, Chesapeake, Virginia 23321

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

RAS Trustee Services, LLC, Substitute Trustee
c/o Robertson, Anschutz, Schmidt & Crane LLC
11900 Parklawn Drive, Suite 310
Rockville, Maryland 20852
(844) 442-2150 x275
(470) 321- 7112

February 28, 2020
March 6, 2020

AD#38392

Trustee's Sale

TRUSTEE'S SALE
1 Doria Hill Drive
Stafford, VA 22554

In execution of the Deed of Trust dated February 28, 2018 and recorded on March 1, 2018 in Instrument # 180003220 of Stafford County land records, Trustee Services of Virginia, LLC, the appointed Substitute Trustee, will offer for sale at public auction **at the front of the Stafford County Circuit Courthouse, main entrance of the Judicial Center, 1300 Courthouse Road, Stafford, Virginia on March 25, 2020 at 10:00 AM** the property more particularly described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust, located at the property address listed below and briefly identified as follows:

All that certain lot or parcel of land together with improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the County of Stafford, Commonwealth of Virginia, known and designated as Lot 1, Section 2, Bells Valley, on that certain plat of subdivision made by Smith Engineering, filed for record in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Stafford County, Virginia at Instrument Number PM170000001.

Being part of the same property conveyed unto Brytmark at Moncure Valley, LLC by Deed dated January 6, 2014 and filed for record on 1/13/2014 as Instrument Number 140000677.

APN #: 30uu-2-1

Tax No.: 30UU-2-1

Property address: 1 Doria Hill Drive, Stafford, VA 22554

The property will be sold "AS IS," WITHOUT REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND AND SUBJECT TO conditions, covenants, restrictions, reservations, easements, rights of way, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust, if any, as might be listed in this notice or may be announced at the sale.

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of \$37,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is less, by cashier's or certified check required at time of sale, except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss is on the purchaser from date and time of auction. Balance of the purchase price must be paid by cashier's check within 14 days from sale date. Except for Virginia Grantor tax, all settlement costs and expenses are purchaser's responsibility. Taxes are pro-rated to the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. If purchaser defaults, deposit may be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses, and attorney's fees of both sales. If Trustee does not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a forbearance, repayment, or other agreement was entered into, the loan was reinstated or paid off, or whether the property became subject to an automatic stay under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code prior to the sale; in any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. Pursuant to the Federal Fair Debt Collections Practices Act, this law firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

(20-00819)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

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February 28, 2020
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Trustee Sales: Virginia

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 189 SPENCER TERRACE SOUTHEAST, LEESBURG, VA 20175. In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated June 3, 2005, in the original principal amount of \$387,900.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Loudoun County, Virginia as Instrument No. 20050603-0056709. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Loudoun County, 18 E. Market Street, Leesburg, Virginia on April 7, 2020, at 9:30 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: LOT TWENTY SEVEN (27), SECTION FOUR B (4B), KINCAID FOREST, AS THE SAME APPEARS DULY DEDICATED, PLATTED AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 1958, AT PAGE 674, AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF LOUDOUN COUNTY, VIRGINIA. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwvsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 2101 Wilson Blvd., Suite 1004, Arlington, VA 22201. For more information contact: BWV Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwvsales.com. VA-346256-1.

March 6, 2020
March 13, 2020

AD#38622

Auctions: Maryland

Public Notice

IT IS HEREBY GIVEN that the contents of the following rental units located at **SELF STORAGE PLUS, 851 E Gude Drive Rockville, MD 20850** will be offered at public auction for non-payment of rent via online auction on **www.StorageTreasures.com**.

Direct Link: <https://www.storage treasures.com/facilities/homepage/86057>

Terms: Cash. We reserve the right to reject all bids. Content includes household, business, and miscellaneous items. Any units purchased must be paid for and cleaned out within 72 hours.

Online bidding will begin: Tuesday 25 February 2020 at 10:00 AM
Online bidding will end: Tuesday 10 March 2020 at 10:00 AM

UNIT # NAME
0401 Jade Carcamo
1024 Brian Latham

March 6, 2020
Ad#38688

IN ORDER TO ENFORCE ITS LIEN FOR UNPAID RENT, AMERICAN SELF STORAGE WILL SELL AT A PUBLIC AUCTION ON THURSDAY, MARCH 19TH, 2020 AT 12:00 PM NOON,

FOR CASH, THE CONTENTS OF THE FOLLOWING UNITS/SPACES:

488- T. Mesfin; 512-J. Whitman; 673- B. Gales; 676- B. Fantahun; 828- A. Johnson; 837- J. Deffenbaugh; 860- T. Ford; 1205- S. Sana; 3848- E. Katende

Sale to be held at
American Self Storage
3700 Pylers Mill Road
Kensington, MD 20895
301-933-3300
3/19/2020 at 12:00 p.m.
Victor Jones

Run Date: March 6th, 2020

AD#38691

IT IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the contents of the following rental units located at **SELF STORAGE PLUS 14690 Southlawn Lane Rockville MD, 20850** Will be offered at public auction for non-payment of rent via online auction on **www.StorageTreasures.com**.

Direct Link:
<https://www.storagetreasures.com/facilities/homepage/86166>

Terms: Cash. We reserve the right to reject all bids. Content includes household, business, and miscellaneous items. Any units purchased must be paid for and cleaned out within 72 hours.

Online bidding will begin: Sunday February 23th, 2020 at 10:00 AM
Online bidding will end: Tuesday March 10th, 2020 at 10:00 AM

UNIT # NAME
2045 Chaundra Williams
2076 Irving Carranza

March 6, 2020

Ad#38243

Public Notice

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction at the location indicated:

12030 Parklawn Dr, Rockville, MD 20852 301.908.6174, March 12, 2020 at 10:30 AM

Unit Number(s): 1010, 1200, 1229, 1602, 2571, 2629

The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storagetreasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.

March 6, 2020

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Aunt determines to keep girl safe from abusive relatives

DEAR ABBY: One of my husband's sisters has eight kids, ranging from 15 months to 20 years old. She hasn't taken care of any of them for more than three years. They never saw a doctor, they didn't have food in the house, and she was abusive.

When she lost custody, the ones without dads in the picture went to live with another one of my husband's sisters. Since then, three of the children she was caring for went into foster care. My husband and I visit them regularly, but no one else in the family has seen them at all.

Two of the kids are now in our care. They have been living with us for six months. The rest of his family hasn't visited them either. I also have a 15-month-old son, who wouldn't know any of them if they did come by, because they never do.

Last month, my husband's family invited us over. I didn't want to go and didn't want my son or 6-year-old niece to go either. My husband thinks they have a "right" to see their family. I don't think they should be around family who can't be bothered to see them regularly.

I also think my niece shouldn't have to be around an aunt who abused and neglected her. She's only now starting to realize that's not normal or OK. My nephew is 15, he knows what happened wasn't right and has chosen to stay away from his aunt since moving out.

Am I wrong to keep my niece from her family? She's not old enough to decide, but I think at this point it would do more harm than good. — **CONFLICTED IN THE MIDWEST**

DEAR CONFLICTED: At this point, you are that child's responsible adult (parent). If you feel it would be detrimental for her to be forced into contact with her abuser, stand your ground.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 36-year-old female, smart, well-educated, attractive, successful, and a fantastic mom and partner. My problem is, I can't stop stalking my boyfriend's ex on social media. It seems like she can't let go. She constantly posts comments about their previous relationship, about his family and still loving them, and she's also close friends with my boyfriend's sister.

I don't know why I constantly compare myself to her. I know what I bring to the table. Why am I so threatened and concerned by this gal? She's younger than I am and posts all her feelings onto the social media world, even things about my boyfriend, some of which have included remarks about me.

Why can't I stop being so nosy? I keep telling myself the past doesn't matter, he's with me now, don't worry about her view from the sidelines, etc. But I'm beginning to feel like something is wrong with ME. Help, please. — **STALKER IN TEXAS**

DEAR STALKER: You remind me of a celebrity who can't tear herself away from the tabloids, regardless of how cruel or off-base they are. The only thing wrong with you is you are allowing your insecurity to overtake you. As you stated, your partner is with you now. If he had any interest in his ex, that wouldn't be the case. Because you can't seem to pull yourself away from the internet, consider "detoxing" by scheduling some conversations with a licensed mental health professional.

ANDREWS MCMEEL SYNDICATION

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 6).

You'll savor the long stretch of peace that comes at the top of this solar return. Serene moments will be shared with a tight group. A long-term project will end lucratively. There's a fair exchange that leads to something much more interesting for you, and as you apply your talent, business just keeps favoring you. Gemini and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 40, 2, 33 and 10.

HOLIDAY MATHIS HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21-April 19). When you're working very hard and not being compensated, it's natural to get a bit testy. It may help your attitude to consider that there may be other forms of compensation in play that cannot be tallied at this time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The right attitude for the moment — that's the trick — to match yourself to what's going on around you and then feel around for any points of advantage you might be able to lean into.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The question of doing things for love vs. money will come up. Would you still do this work if you were a multimillionaire? If not, what work would you still be willing to do?

CANCER (June 22-July 22). If you're in a rut, then it's because you settled somewhere that made sense for a moment and repeated an action until it dug a nice groove. Getting out of a rut will be a matter of leverage and different sorts of movement.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Making yourself user-friendly sounds like some sort of co-dependent tendency. But actually, anything you can do to make it easier for people to interact with you will benefit one, all and especially you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There's a feeling of nostalgia that you probably won't be able to shake, and why would you want to? "No wonder the moon in the window seems to have drifted out of a love poem that you used to know by heart." — Billy Collins

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Get the experience — the firsthand, in-person, face-to-face, sweat-on-the-pavement experience. There's no story, movie, class or book that could teach you the same thing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You need to keep some in the reserve today. Hold back because your expenditures, mostly emotionally speaking, will be a little more intense than anticipated, and it's good to have a buffer.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The difficult tasks will be all yours if you want them. Why would you? Because no one else does. The mess is everyone's to handle, though only the noblest put their hands to the task.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). What you're thinking of as an identity can also be thought of as though it were simply a choice that you repeat until it becomes synonymous and inextricably entwined with who you are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The value of intimate relationships is impossible to quantify, but if you were to try, the best measure would be through heartfelt expressions that defy the rules of reason.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Maybe everything has a shelf life. Some expiry dates are a longtime running. For instance, the humble jellyfish has been around for 500 million years. Also, the love you've got going has a pretty good chance of a long existence.

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Rating: Silver

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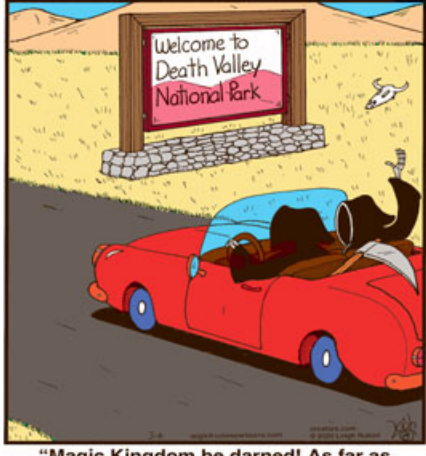
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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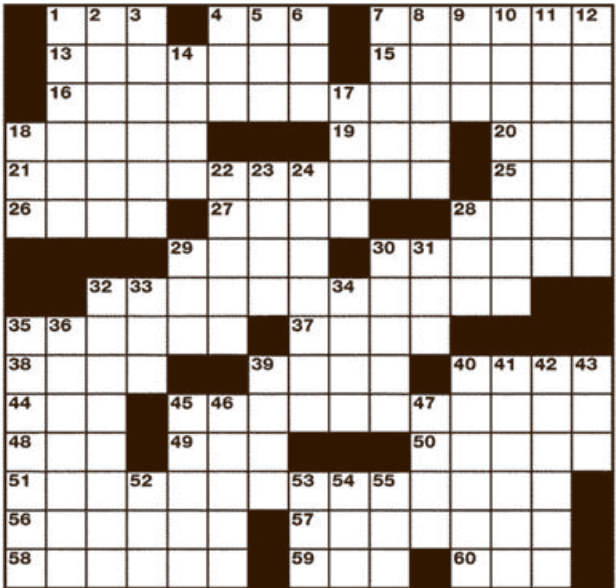
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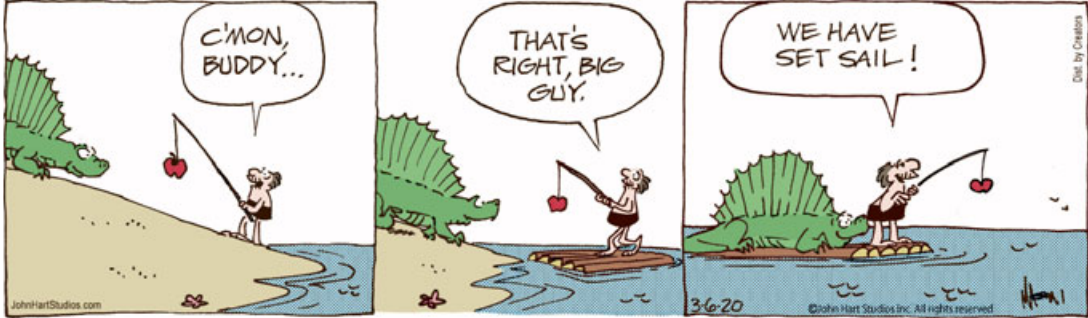
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- 41 Confirmation query
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- 53 FM frequency measure
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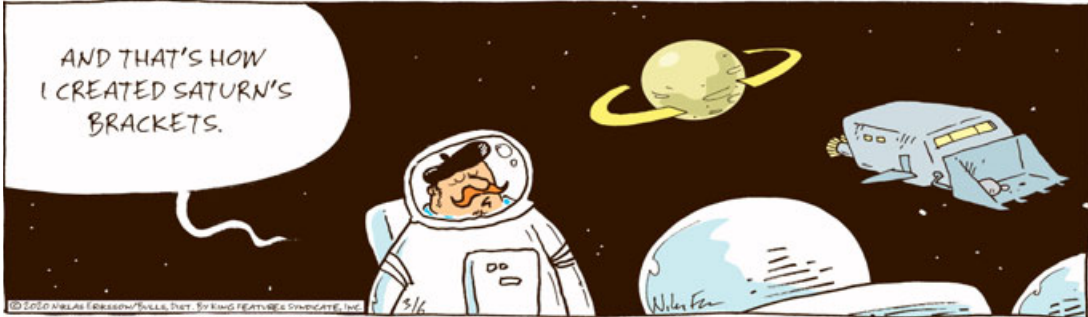
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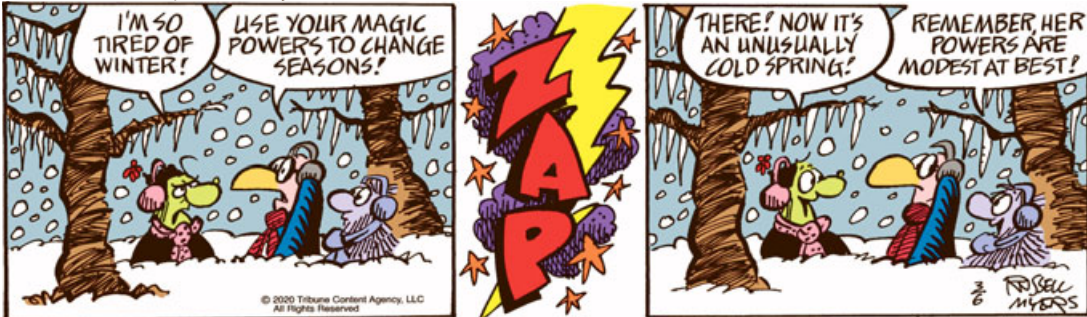
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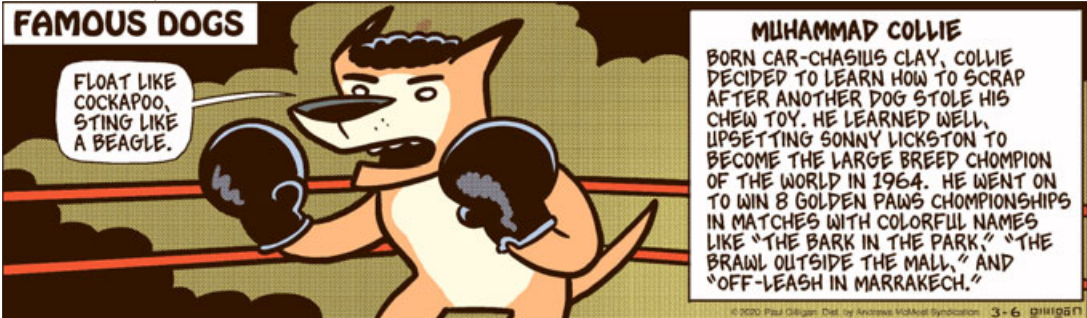
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GOLF

Every delivers again at Bay Hill, leads McIlroy by one shot

ORLANDO, FLA. | The leading two players at Bay Hill are no surprise, even if they have next to nothing in common.

Rory McIlroy, the No. 1 player in the world who hasn't finished out of the top 10 in any tournament since

September, shot a 6-under 66 on Thursday morning in the Arnold Palmer Invitational.

Matt Every, the No. 309 player in the world whose only two PGA Tour victories in 237 starts were back-to-back at Bay Hill, played in the tough afternoon wind and was one shot better with a 65.

Not only was it Every's lowest round at Bay Hill, it was 20 shots better than his last round six days ago in the Honda Classic, when he shot 85.

Every, who served a three-month suspension at the end of last year for using cannabis that he said was prescribed legally for mental health treatment, played bogey-free and put on a clinic with his irons, the strength of his game. He poured it on his back nine with birdie putts of 35, 45 and 30 feet.

NFL

Players' union sends labor proposal to members for vote

The NFL Players Association sent ballots to members Thursday for voting on the proposed collective bargaining agreement, giving the union a week to either ensure another 11 years of labor peace or send the matter back to the drawing board.

The NFLPA announced that votes would be accepted through March 12 at one minute before midnight. The more than 2,000 members will have a window of about 7½ days to examine the 439-page document and cast a yes or no vote. Ratification requires a simple majority. So if only 1,000 ballots were returned, the union would need 501 yes votes to approve.

Every player who was a dues-paying member during the 2019 season received a ballot, the NFLPA said. Votes will be confidential and received by an independent auditor. With the owners unwavering in their favor of a 17-game regular season, which would begin as soon as 2021 and no later than 2023, players focused more on safeguards for the additional wear and tear and an increased share of the revenue that would grow with the extra game.

OLYMPICS

Sports court hears appeals by 5 Russians against doping bans

LAUSANNE, SWITZERLAND | Five Russian athletes challenged their bans for taking part in a systemic doping program during a three-day hearing that ended Thursday at the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

Ivan Ukhov, who risks losing his 2012 Olympic title in high jump, is among those who appealed against bans imposed last year.

The five athletes were able to give evidence by video link, the court said.

The athletes were banned after being found to have used a cocktail of steroids and were protected from positive tests around the 2012 London Olympics and 2013 track world championships in Moscow.

NFL

Seattle stadium worker diagnosed with coronavirus

SEATTLE | Authorities say a part-time stadium employee at the 72,000-seat venue where the Seattle Seahawks play has tested positive for the coronavirus.

Chase Gallagher, a spokesman for King County, said Thursday that previously scheduled sporting events at Century Link Field will proceed. However health authorities have advised that the elderly and people with weak immune systems not attend games or matches there in the near term.

Gallagher said health officials are working with the stadium to determine potential exposures from a Feb. 22 game involving the Seattle Dragons and the Dallas Renegades of the XFL football league. Chase said that authorities determined the risk of infection for people who attended that game was low.

From wire dispatches and staff reports.

PRO CALENDAR

HOME GAMES SHADED	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	Atlanta Hawks 7 p.m. NBCW AM 1500		Miami Heat 7 p.m. NBCW AM 1500
		Pittsburgh Penguins 4 p.m. NBCW, NHLN FM 106.7	
		Inter Miami CF 3:30 p.m. WJLA 24/7	

REDSKINS

Redskins give Williams permission to seek trade

First-round draft pick desired for Pro Bowler

By MATTHEW PARAS

THE WASHINGTON TIMES

The Washington Redskins have given left tackle Trent Williams permission to seek a trade, paving the way for a split between the seven-time Pro Bowler and the franchise, according to multiple reports.

Last week, Redskins coach Ron Rivera told reporters the team was in a "good place" with Williams, who missed all of last season over a medical dispute with the team. But in order to return, Williams told Washington he wanted a new contract as his five-year, \$66 million deal has no guaranteed money left and is set to expire after the season.

Apparently unwilling to make Williams one of the league's highest-paid tackles, the Redskins will now allow Williams' agent to find interested teams to help facilitate a deal.

The Redskins explored trading Williams last year at the trade deadline, but were unable to reach an agreement with a team. For months, the New England Patriots and the Cleveland Browns were among those rumored to be interested, though neither would meet Washington's demands. Former Browns general manager John Dorsey said "it takes two to tango" regarding a Williams' trade, implying the Redskins weren't truly willing to part with Williams.

This offseason, the Redskins attempted to repair the relationship with Williams, who said in October he no longer trusted the front office. Owner Dan Snyder fired team president Bruce Allen and longtime trainer Larry Hess.

Rivera, once he was on board, tried



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The Redskins will allow the agent for offensive lineman Trent Williams to find interested teams to help facilitate a trade after being unwilling to make the seven-time Pro Bowler one of the league's highest-paid tackles.

to convince Williams to return.

Williams sat out until midseason last year, upset that, in his view, the Redskins mishandled a cancerous growth on his scalp that required surgery.

When he came back to work, the Redskins placed him on the season-ending "non-football injury list," saying he was unable to pass a physical.

Williams, though, is reportedly healthy. Recently, Williams posted video on Instagram of him training, boxing and doing football drills.

The Redskins would have a massive hole at left tackle if they trade Williams, but could use the additional draft compensation as they look to rebuild their roster under Rivera. Washington

is missing a second-round pick in this year's draft after trading away their selection when they traded up for pass-rusher Montez Sweat last year.

Rivera told NBC Washington last week that the lack of a second-round pick was a "burden," especially since it turned out to be the 34th pick in the draft.

"That's the hard part," Rivera said. "You wish you had all your picks."

The Redskins could theoretically regain a second-rounder — or higher — by trading Williams. According to ESPN, the Redskins hope to get a first-round pick in exchange for Williams.

Any team dealing for Williams will likely have to give the Pro Bowler a new contract. The Oakland Raiders, for

instance, gave Antonio Brown a new deal when they traded for the troubled receiver last summer, despite Brown having two years left on his deal with the Pittsburgh Steelers.

While Williams was angry with Washington's medical staff, he made it clear part of his holdout was related to his contract when speaking to reporters in October.

"Obviously playing with no guaranteed money, I don't think any premier player (would) want to do that, especially not in the game we play today," Williams said.

If Williams leaves, it'll mark the end of a 10-year relationship. The Redskins drafted Williams fourth overall in 2010 and he emerged as one of the league's best tackles.

HARPER

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deal from the Angels few weeks later.

The Phillies are counting on Harper to help them end an eight-year postseason drought. The six-time All-Star was a box office hit in 2019 when the Phillies had the largest increase in attendance in the majors. They drew 569,297 more fans than 2018 while the league's average attendance overall in dropped 1.7%.

But the team finished 81-81 and manager Gabe Kapler lost his job.

"We need to take that next step and we actually have to do it," Harper said. "We can't just talk about it."

Harper batted .260 with 35 homers and a career-high 114 RBI last year when he missed the first couple weeks of spring training because he was still considering where to sign in free agency. His life is less hectic now that he's settled into Philadelphia and doesn't have to think about buying a house and everything else that goes with moving. Harper and his wife, Kayla, welcomed their first child last August so he's also settled into fatherhood.

At the plate, he's in midseason form.

Harper crushed a homer way out to right field and also drove one out to

left-center on Wednesday. He's 4 for 10 with 10 RBI in five games.

"That's always a good sign and he's always done that," Girardi said of Harper's opposite-field homers. "He has power to all fields. When hitters are able to do that, they're in a good spot and the big key is we have three weeks left. We don't want our guys to get bored or peak too early so you try to manage his workload the rest of the way but he's in a good spot right now."

Girardi is most impressed with the way Harper handles his business.

"How professional he is, how hard he works and how hard he plays," Girardi said. "He has a plan every day and that's one thing that we talk to the players about, have a plan every day, what are you going to do to get better every day and that's something that comes natural for him and he understands what he needs to do and he just goes and does it."

Harper spent his first seven seasons in Washington and was the 2015 NL MVP. He went to the postseason four times, but the Nationals didn't win a series. After Harper left, the Nationals won the World Series. But Harper wasn't bitter.

"They did such a great job and I was so happy and excited for them and the players I played with," Harper said.



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The Phillies had the largest increase in attendance in the majors last season as Bryce Harper batted .260 with 35 home runs and a career-high 114 RBI.

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Toppin, Gonzaga's Killian Tillie, BYU's Yoeli Childs and Mississippi State's Reggie Perry join Smith on the list of finalists for the Malone.

The Naismith winner will be announced April 5, the day between the Final Four and the national championship game. Maryland has had only one Naismith winner in program history, Joe Smith in 1995.

Smith is also one of 20 candidates for the Wooden Award, another award for the best player in the nation.

Smith was a four-star recruit from Baltimore who headlined Maryland's loaded freshman class in 2018, which also included Eric Ayala, Aaron Wiggins and Ricky Lindo Jr. As a freshman, he teamed up down low with then-sophomore center Bruno Fernando to give the Terrapins their so-called "twin towers" in the frontcourt.

Fernando left for the NBA after the 2018-19 season. As a result, Smith has

become Maryland's de facto center playing in the middle of a four-out, one-in offense this season.

Nicknamed "Stix" for his lanky frame, Smith has become a fan favorite. In February the program held a Smith-themed game in which the first 500 fans to arrive were given athletic goggles — "Stix specs" — akin to the ones Smith himself wears.

Smith and senior guard Anthony Cowan have led No. 9 Maryland (23-7 overall, 13-6 Big Ten) to the top of the conference standings. With the college season heading to its final stages, one

pertinent question besides the Terrapins' March Madness hopes is how Smith projects as a pro.

NBA mock drafts peg the 6-foot-10, 225-pound Smith as a late first or early second-round pick.

"Teams are beginning to take Smith more seriously now that he's physically stronger, making a 3-pointer per game and averaging 2.3 blocks," Bleacher Report basketball scout Jonathan Wasserman wrote. "Even if it's tough to picture significant upside, his three-and-D potential as a big is worth coveting this late."

XFL

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has taken to calling DC's fans the "12-pack." Is that a take on the so-called 12th man? A reference to how certain alcoholic beverages are commonly sold?

"That's just something that we're having fun with," Hamilton said. "We appreciate the fans and we appreciate the energy that our fans bring on game day. I think it makes all the difference with our players. They'll tell you firsthand that the energy that we get from our fan base, it fuels them not only emotionally but it gets them fired up and excited about giving the fans more reason to celebrate."

The Defenders hosted the league's inaugural game on Feb. 8, a 31-19 win over the Seattle Dragons, and followed that up a week later with a home shutout of the New York Guardians. But then the offense went cold on the road as the Defenders lost at Los Angeles, 39-9, and

Tampa Bay, 25-0.

Quarterback Cardale Jones said losing on the road wasn't a matter of raucous fans creating a tough environment.

"I think we got the best home-field advantage and definitely the best fans overall," he said. "We just didn't execute (on the road)."

But the team is nonetheless happy to be back in the friendly confines of Audi Field. Hamilton and team president Erik A. Moses each put out a call on social media early this week, reminding fans to get loud at Sunday's game.

"We have superfans already who have dressed up and taken on different identities," Moses told The Washington Times. "We have kids and families coming to our games and making their own battle shields. We've got adults painting their faces and making costumes and doing stuff like that. The passion that we have seen of our fan base and their attachment to this team, it feels like the kind of passion you see from fans who

have been following a team for decades."

The XFL's best week for attendance was Week 3, when the four games combined for 81,942 fans thanks to home games for both Seattle and St. Louis.

Seattle is a city known for its sports fans' passion from the NFL to Major League Soccer. St. Louis, meanwhile, lost the NFL's Rams to Los Angeles five years ago. The city welcomed the XFL's Battle-Hawks to the Rams' former home, The Dome at America's Center, with crowds of 29,554 and 27,527, two of the three best single-game attendance figures so far.

That still pales in comparison to the NFL and its stadiums that hold between 60,000 and 100,000 people. But Moore pointed out that Audi Field and its capacity of 20,000 create a different sort of atmosphere.

"It's funny, when you're in there, you can see everybody (in the stands)," Moore said. "I think that's what makes it so great ... I saw everybody and their shields. They're just so in-tune. They love football."

"Our crowds for football, because you're so close to the field and it feels so intimate of a building, the energy in there is just infectious and it's really great," Moses added.

Moses said the Defenders' ticket sales have become progressively "more robust" since about a month before the season started. Tickets are still available for the rest of the season, and as the weather warms it would be little surprise if the Defenders pulled off their first sellout after crowds of 17,163 for Week 1 and 15,031 in Week 2.

With the Defenders at 2-2 and the BattleHawks 3-1, Sunday's matchup will decide first place in the conference at the midway point of the season.

"We have a great opponent coming in that are hitting on all cylinders," Moore said, also calling St. Louis quarterback Jordan Ta'amu "spectacular."

"So we got our hands full. So what better time to play than right in front of our home fans?"

SPORTS



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Phillies outfielder Bryce Harper enters the second season of a 13-year, \$330 million deal. Of playing in Philadelphia, the former Nationals slugger said he wants “to run through a wall for this city.”



HARPER EMBRACES PRESSURE IN PHILADELPHIA

By ROB MAADDI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEARWATER, FLA. | Bryce Harper launched an opposite-field shot for his third homer in two days, prompting a few fans to yell “M-V-P” as he circled the bases.

It’s only spring training but expectations are high.

“I’m OK with it,” manager Joe Girardi said about his star right fielder after the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Toronto Blue Jays 5-3 on Thursday. “He’s been doing it for a long time. He was 16 when he was on the cover of Sports Illustrated. He’s had a lot

of practice. He has a personality where he’s able to stay focused on what he needs to do and he doesn’t get caught up with what’s going on around him.”

Harper embraces the pressure and says he loves playing in Philadelphia because fans hold him “accountable.” He told a Philadelphia radio station before the game that he wants “to run through a wall for this city.”

The 27-year-old slugger is entering his second season with the Phillies after signing a \$330 million, 13-year contract last year that was the richest in baseball history until the Mike Trout got a record

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MLB 2020 OLD FACES NEW PLACES

RENDON, BETTS, COLE AMONG BIG OFFSEASON MOVERS

Anthony Rendon won a World Series in Washington and then left the Nationals to join Mike Trout and Albert Pujols with the Los Angeles Angels. Gerrit Cole went to the New York Yankees to try to put them over the top. ■ Mookie Betts, the 2018 AL MVP, and two-time Cy Young Award winner Corey Kluber were shipped out by cash-cutting teams. ■ It’s been an active offseason for some of baseball’s biggest names. ■ There were a few, like World Series MVP Stephen Strasburg and Red Sox slugger J.D. Martinez, who decided to stick with the same teams. But for those who didn’t, here’s a scorecard to help you keep track of the offseason comings and goings. — *Associated Press*

Anthony Rendon (third baseman) from Nationals to Angels: After leading the majors with 126 RBI, he batted .328 with three homers and 15 RBI in the postseason last year, Rendon signed a seven-year, \$245 million deal with the Angels. He joins a lineup that already includes Trout and Pujols, a pair of three-time MVPs, along with two-way Japanese star Shohei Ohtani.



Geritt Cole (pitcher) from Astros to Yankees:

The 29-year-old right-hander took a record \$36 million per year over nine years to move from Houston to the Bronx. At his introductory news conference, he pulled out a pinstriped poster he waved when he attended the 2001 World Series as an 11-year-old reading: “Yankee Fan Today Tomorrow Forever.” Cole was 20-5 with an AL-leading 2.50 ERA and a major league-leading 326 strikeouts for Houston in 2019.



Mookie Betts (right fielder) from Red Sox to Dodgers:

Betts had .295 batting average last season with 29 homers and 80 RBI last year, one season after winning the MVP by leading the league with a .346 average, a .640 slugging percentage and 129 runs scored while helping the Red Sox to the World Series title. He was traded to the Los Angeles Dodgers as part of a salary dump.



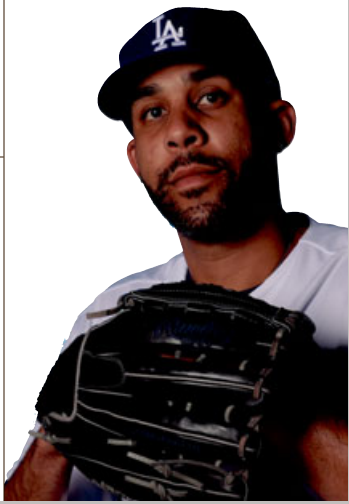
Josh Donaldson (third baseman) from Atlanta to Minnesota:

The 2015 AL MVP joins his fourth team in three seasons, signing a four-year, \$92 million deal with the Twins a year after they won 101 games and their first division title since 2001. The 34-year-old was limited to 113 games in 2017 because of a right calf strain and then played in 52 games the next year with arm and leg injuries. But he came back to hit 37 homers and 94 RBI in 2019.



David Price (pitcher) from Red Sox to Dodgers:

The 2012 AL Cy Young winner, who was also a runner-up two other times, became a drag on the team’s plans because of the \$96 million owed to him over the next three years and arm troubles that limited him to 107 innings in 2019. He went 7-5 with a 4.28 ERA that was the worst of his career. Now, he joins a Dodgers rotation with Clayton Kershaw and 25-year-old Walker Buehler.



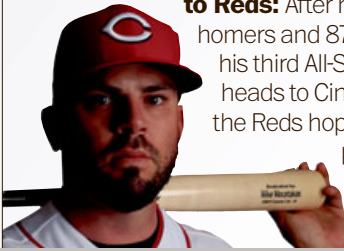
Hyun-Jin Ryu (pitcher) from Dodgers to Blue Jays:

The NL Cy Young runner-up went from No. 3 starter in L.A. to the Toronto ace, signing a four-year, \$80 million deal with the team that lost 95 games last year. The South Korean star was 14-5 with a league-leading 2.32 ERA in 2019.

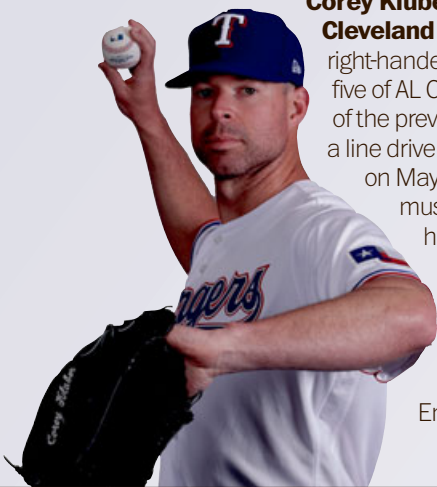


Mike Moustakas (third baseman) from Brewers to Reds:

After hitting .254 with 35 homers and 87 RBI last season to earn his third All-Star selection, Moustakas heads to Cincinnati on a four-year deal the Reds hope will return them to the postseason for the first time since 2012.



Corey Kluber (pitcher) from Cleveland to Rangers: The right-hander finished in the top five of AL Cy Young voting in four of the previous six seasons. But a line drive broke his pitching arm on May 1, then he injured a muscle in his side during his rehab and never got back on the mound. He was traded to Texas for outfielder Delino DeShields and pitching prospect Emmanuel Clase.



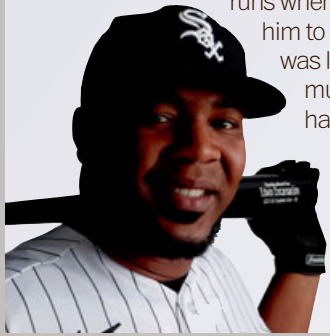
Yasmani Grandal (catcher) from Brewers to White Sox:

The switch-hitting catcher batted .246 with career bests of 28 homers and 77 RBI last season. After a seventh straight losing season in 2019, Chicago has spent big this offseason, paying \$141 million for Grandal, Dallas Keuchel and Edwin Encarnacion and another \$50 million to bring back Jose Abreu.



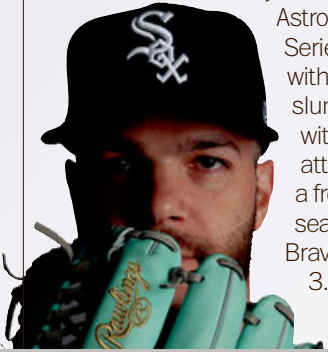
Edwin Encarnacion (first baseman) from Yankees to White Sox:

The 37-year-old, three-time All-Star was leading the AL with 21 home runs when the Mariners traded him to New York in June. He was limited by a sore side muscle in the second half, hitting 13 homers in 44 games with the Yankees — still good for his eighth straight season of at least 30 home runs.



Dallas Keuchel (pitcher) from Braves to White Sox:

The 2015 American League Cy Young winner helped the Astros win the 2017 World Series, when he was 14-5 with a 2.90 ERA. Then he slumped to a 12-11 record with a 3.74 ERA and attracted little interest as a free agent for the 2019 season. With the Atlanta Braves, he was 8-8 with a 3.75 ERA.



COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Terps star Smith in mix for top NCAA awards

By ADAM ZIELONKA
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Maryland Terrapins forward Jalen Smith is one of 10 semifinalists for the Naismith Player of the Year award, which goes to the nation’s top men’s college basketball player, the Atlanta Tipoff Club announced Thursday.

Hours later, Smith was named one of five finalists for the Karl Malone Power Forward of the Year award.

Smith is averaging 15.4 points, 10.5 rebounds and 2.3 blocks per game as a sophomore and is tied for third in the country with 20 double-doubles. He has a .564 field goal percentage and 14 double-doubles in Big Ten play, leading the league in both categories.

The forward also stepped up his 3-point game, making .378 from beyond the arc this year and .429 in conference games, compared to .268 overall as a freshman.

Joining Smith on the Naismith list are Kansas center Udoka Azubuike, Duke center Vernon Carey Jr., Kansas guard Devon Dotson, San Diego State guard Malachi Flynn, Iowa center Luka Garza, Marquette guard Markus Howard, Seton Hall guard Myles Powell, Oregon guard Payton Pritchard and Dayton forward Obi Toppin.

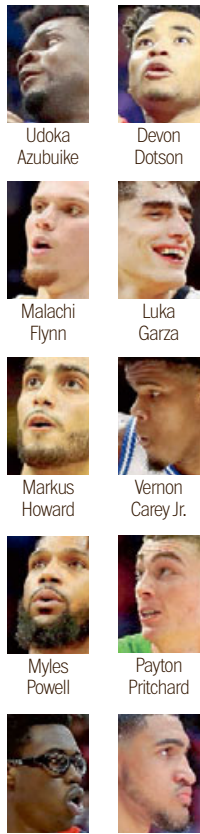
Toppin is the favorite to win the award, with +120 odds from Bovada as of Monday.

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XFL

Fired-up fans give XFL teams home-turf edge

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Rahim Moore played in plenty of stadiums around the country during his five seasons in the NFL. But the DC Defenders safety said Audi Field, the Defenders’ home field in Southeast Washington, and the fans that have showed up there were among the best he’s ever seen.

“They’re loud, man. For a minute I thought the XFL paid them to be loud,” Moore said. “I was shocked.”

The Defenders are back in town this Sunday to host the Eastern Conference-leading St. Louis BattleHawks in Week 5 of the XFL’s inaugural season. With the team 2-0 at home and 0-2 on the

road, fans likely aren’t the only ones happy to see the Defenders back on home turf.

In turn, it’s not just the Defenders who appear to have a distinct home-field advantage. Through four weeks and 16 games of the XFL’s debut season, home teams are 11-5. DC, St. Louis, New York and Houston are all 2-0 at home.

While both game attendance and TV ratings alike ticked slightly down in Week 4, the XFL’s eight fan bases are now established and showing up to create game-day atmospheres that impress and inspire their players and coaches.

Defenders coach Pep Hamilton

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