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IDLE: An Air Force bus intended for a delegation of lawmakers waited on the plaza of the Capitol after President Trump used his executive power to deny military aircraft to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

POLITICS

Trump shuts down Pelosi travel plans

By **STEPHEN DINAN AND DAVE BOYER**
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

In a battle of snubs, President Trump outbid House Speaker Nancy Pelosi on Thursday, canceling her plans to use an Air Force jet to lead a delegation of lawmakers on a trip to Brussels and Afghanistan. The move was apparent retaliation for Mrs. Pelosi's attempt to postpone Mr. Trump's State of the Union address — though the White House said the goal was to keep Mrs. Pelosi in town, where she might finally enter into negotiations over border wall funding and the now 4-week-old partial government shutdown.

House speaker hit after advising speech delay

Outraged Democrats said the president hit a new low by canceling Mrs. Pelosi's plane and creating a security nightmare by alerting America's enemies of Mrs. Pelosi's plans to travel to a war-torn country. "In light of the 800,000 great American workers not receiving pay, I am sure you would agree that postponing this public relations event is totally appropriate," Mr. Trump wrote in a letter to the California Democrat.

Still, he insisted that Mrs. Pelosi could still make the trip — if she was willing to fly commercial. "That would certainly be your prerogative," he wrote. That seemed unlikely given that the president had divulged her travel plans to war-torn Afghanistan, which Democrats said was a major mistake. Rep. Adam B. Schiff, California Democrat and chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, also was scheduled to be on the

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ALABAMA

GOP eager to take on 'vulnerable' senator

Jones loses luster after shifting to left

By **JAMES VARNEY**
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

MOBILE, ALA. | Jim Walker drew two armed threats in 2017 when the well-known liberal bar owner drove around with a big sign on the back of his truck endorsing Democratic senatorial candidate Doug Jones. He expects the same next year. "Are you kidding me?" he said. "This is Alabama." The political stars aligned in Mr. Jones' favor last time when he eked out a win over flawed Republican candidate Roy Moore, earning the right to fill out the term of Jeff Sessions, who left the Senate to become President Trump's first attorney general. Mr. Jones is now the most vulnerable senator in the country. "I'm already calling him, 'One and Done Doug,'" said state Republican Party Chairwoman Terry Lathan. "Our people are championing at the bit, and I'm telling you it is on fire right now in my state." The list of headwinds Mr. Jones faces is long. Alabama is one of the reddest states

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'ONE AND DONE DOUG' Sen. Doug Jones, a Democrat who eked out a win in deep-red Alabama over a flawed Republican candidate in 2017, faces strong headwinds for re-election after casting votes unpopular in his state.

INTELLIGENCE

Spies likely know what Trump, Putin talked about

Bugged room can keep U.S. interpreter's silence

By **GUY TAYLOR**
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

U.S. spy agencies may already have access to what President Trump discussed during his private meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Helsinki last year, according to intelligence community sources, potentially undermining Democratic demands that Mr. Trump's interpreter should be forced to disclose what the two leaders talked about. The reason, according to those sources, is that the room was likely bugged. "It's more than conceivable that Finnish intelligence had the room bugged, and they likely would have shared a transcript of what was said either directly with the CIA or with people accessible to U.S. intelligence officers," said one of the sources, who spoke only on the condition of anonymity. That would pose difficult questions for Democrats on Capitol Hill, including House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Eliot L. Engel, New York Democrat, and Rep. Adam B. Schiff, California Democrat and chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. The two Democrats have made headlines recently by threatening to take the unprecedented step of issuing a subpoena to Mr. Trump's translator, Marina Gross, in the

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AFRICA

Zimbabweans dismayed as new president raises gas tax, misery

By **GEOFF HILL**
SPECIAL TO THE WASHINGTON TIMES

JOHANNESBURG | It wasn't supposed to be this way, not after Zimbabweans finally ousted long-time strongman Robert Mugabe and introduced political and economic reforms designed to turn around one of the world's poorest and worst-governed countries. But protests this week after a

surprise fuel tax hike are raising questions about how much has really changed under President Emmerson Mnangagwa. Major cities such as Bulawayo, Mutare and the capital, Harare, remain disrupted and police remain out in force a week after Mr. Mnangagwa sparked riots by announcing the tax, taking gasoline to the world's highest price of \$12.60 a gallon.

Zimbabwe has no oil, and filling stations have largely stood empty since Christmas because of a shortage of foreign exchange. The government hoped the price hike would ease market strains and address the supply crunch, but the problem dates to the hyperinflation of a decade ago, when the Zimbabwean dollar

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SEEING SAME MISTAKES: "We thought we had a new country and a new way of doing things," said Zimbabwean pastor Evan Mawarire, who helped rally popular opinion against Robert Mugabe.

WHITE HOUSE

Cup-winning Capitals still waiting for visit to White House

By **ADAM ZIELONKA**
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

The national champion Clemson Tigers were treated to Big Macs, Whoppers and Quarter Pounders at the White House Monday when President Trump congratulated the team on its victory a week earlier. The Washington Capitals, who won their championship seven months ago, haven't seen so much as a small order of fries. Given Mr. Trump's sensitivity to all things Russia in the midst of special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation, it would be understandable if the White House balked at a photo op that featured the president hugging it out with Vladimir Putin pal Alex Ovechkin. But according to the Capitals, the holdup is merely a scheduling issue. The Capitals plan to visit the White House in honor of the franchise's first Stanley Cup victory, but the two parties have not found a mutually agreeable date, a team source told The Washington Times.

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ABORTION

Lonely pro-life Democrats to join annual march

By **CHRISTOPHER VONDRACEK**
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

The 46th annual March for Life on Friday in Washington promises a diverse lineup of speakers to address tens of thousands of marchers — including two elected pro-life Democrats, an increasing rarity on the national stage. "I was very upfront when I ran for office. Before I was a Democrat, I was black, a female and pro-life,"

Party pushing away abortion opponents

Louisiana state Rep. Katrina R. Jackson told The Washington Times. "I don't even see this issue in a political lens." U.S. Rep. Daniel Lipinski of Illinois knows how rare his views on abortion are among fellow

Democrats. He won a bruising primary in March in his Chicago district against a liberal challenger who had received more than \$3 million in donations from pro-choice causes. "Certainly, inside Washington, you don't find pro-life Democrats," Mr. Lipinski told The Times. "But about 30 percent of Democratic voters identify themselves as pro-life. And it is a political mistake if

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THE HAIR-RAISING COST OF SOCIALISM

It is always good to look at the bottom line. Take the cost of **President Trump's** southern border wall — billed as an outrage by the hostile press — versus the cost of socialism, often portrayed as a the feel-good, forward-thinking ideal.

“Socialism is expensive. Security isn't,” House Minority Leader **Kevin McCarthy** notes in a straightforward price comparison of the two issues.

“The president and Republicans want to make sure that our Customs and Border Protection agents have the resources they need to do their job effectively: more personnel, better technology, and yes, a barrier in some areas. The cost is \$5.7 billion. We're talking about one-tenth of one percent of the federal budget. That's not too high a price to pay for national security, which is why the obstruction from Democrats is a bit confusing. In fact, if Democrats were being honest, they would recognize \$5.7 billion is a pretty small number compared to the price tag on some of their latest proposals,” Mr. McCarthy explains.

In particular, he cites government-run health care, which weighs in at \$32 trillion; long-term care entitlements (\$31.1 trillion); a “Green New Deal” (\$2.5 trillion at minimum); free college (\$807 billion); government job guarantees (\$400 billion); and Social Security expansion (\$188 billion).

There once was a popular bumper sticker that said “Don't tell Obama what comes after a trillion.” Perhaps it should be updated to say “Don't tell Democrats what comes after a trillion.” For those who wonder, a quadrillion is next, and it has 15 zeroes after it.

“Democrats are demanding to spend trillions on socialized medicine and ‘Green New Deal’ boondoggles. Yet somehow they can't spare more than a dollar for a security package that will help secure our border, end the humanitarian crisis, and reopen the government,” Mr. McCarthy reasons.

A TALE OF TWO MARCHES

The weather could be a blessing for the annual March for Life in the nation's capital on Friday — around 47 degrees and “milder with clearing,” according to AccuWeather. Things could be a challenge for the Women's March on Saturday, when a wintry mix of sleet and snow could descend upon participants, predicted to “flood the streets of Washington,” according to organizers.

The two events are polar opposites.

While the March for Life has been a prayerful showcase for the pro-life cause since 1974, the third annual Women's March counts Planned Parenthood as a major sponsor. Pro-lifers tend to get shortchanged on news coverage, while their feminist counterparts have drawn considerable attention from major news organizations. Speakers at the March for Life this year include a bipartisan group of lawmakers, clergy and **Ben Shapiro**, editor in chief of the Daily Wire; the Women's March has a vast speakers roster that



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include actors **Scarlett Johansson** and **Ashley Judd**, filmmaker **Michael Moore**, CNN analyst **Van Jones** and feminist leader **Gloria Steinem**.

All that aside, a new poll conducted by Marist College for the Knight of Columbus finds that 75 percent of Americans agree that abortions “should be limited to — at most — the first three months of pregnancy.” Also 54 percent oppose taxpayer funding of abortions, while 42 percent say life begins at conception.

“It is notable that, after four decades of being told that the Roe decision is ‘settled law,’ some three-quarters of the American people are not content with the status quo,” says Knights of Columbus Supreme Knight **Carl A. Anderson**, who has attended nearly every March for Life since 1977.

AND ABOUT THAT SHUTDOWN

A new Politico/Morning Consult poll finds that three-fourths of U.S. voters understand the causes of the government shutdown while 79 percent describe it as either a crisis or a problem. Two-thirds say the shutdown itself has had little or no impact on them or their families. Most voters, however, have empathy — 75 percent are concerned about federal workers going without pay for the duration of the shutdown. Amazingly enough, **President Trump's** approval rating only took a small hit, dropping from 43 percent to 41 percent. The poll of 1,984 registered voters was conducted Jan. 11-14.

STILL YEARNING FOR BERNIE

The two founders of Ben & Jerry's ice cream created a new flavor just for Sen. **Bernard Sanders** at the height of 2016 election, which consisted of mint ice cream, topped by a solid disc of milk chocolate. Now **Ben Cohen** and **Jerry Greenfield** have created a new public petition to persuade him to jump in the 2020 race, as several Democrats already have done. “We're supporting him because the next president of the United States will decide the fate of this country and our planet, and we believe Bernie is the best person for the job,” proclaim Messrs. Cohen and Greenfield.

FOXIFIED

As it has for almost 17 years, Fox News Channel remains the most-watched cable news network, drawing 2.5 million prime-time viewers, compared to 1.2 million for MSNBC and 1.3 million for CNN, according to Nielsen Media Research. Fox News was the highest-rated network across the entire cable realm throughout the day, followed by MSNBC in second place, and ESPN in third. Things are also positive at Fox Business Network, which continues to best rival CNBC throughout the day, according to Nielsen.

WEEKEND REAL ESTATE

For sale: Classic Colonial-style homestead, built in 1912 on 28 acres near Jaffrey, New Hampshire. Five bedrooms, four baths, original floors, woodworking and built-ins, six fire places plus wood stove, high ceilings; 3,750 square feet. Great room, dining room, screened porches, Dutch barn gambrel roof, detached garage with guest apartment. Property abuts national forest with views of meadows, mountains and wetlands. Priced at \$489,000 through Peterson-srealestate.com; enter 4724351 in search function.

POLL DU JOUR

- 63 percent of Americans like elected officials who compromise; 58 percent of Republicans 66 percent of independents and 70 percent of Democrats agree.
- 57 percent say the Trump administration is “doing too little” to work with Democrats in Congress; 25 percent of Republicans 62 percent of independents and 86 percent of Democrats agree.
- 55 percent say Democrats in Congress are “doing too little” to work with the Trump administration; 84 percent of Republicans 61 percent of independents and 35 percent of Democrats agree.
- 31 percent like elected officials who “stick to their positions”; 39 percent of Republicans 28 percent of independents and 26 percent of Democrats agree.

SOURCE: AN NPR/PBS/MARIST POLL OF 1,023 U.S. ADULTS CONDUCTED JAN. 10-13.

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HOUSE
GOP lawmaker criticizes Tlaib trip plan

Rep. Brian Babin on Thursday urged House Democrats to nix a trip that one of their own members has planned to visit Palestinian-controlled territory.

Mr. Babin, Texas Republican, said Rep. Rashida Tlaib's planned trip would damage America's foreign policy interests.

The Michigan Democrat, who is the daughter of Palestinian immigrants, said last month she'd like to lead a group of lawmakers to the West Bank, instead of joining another trip already planned to visit Israel. That trip is sponsored by pro-Israel lobbying group American Israel Public Affairs Committee, which routinely schedules visits for newly elected members of Congress.

“To signal to our most threatened ally in the region that the United States Congress sanctions an official trip to visit Israel's nemesis would be an exceedingly dangerous path forward,” Mr. Babin said in his letter to the chairmen.

According to The Intercept, Ms. Tlaib is in the early stages of organizing the trip. She told the outlet the AIPAC trip doesn't provide “a real, fair lens” about segregation.

She would need permission from a chairman to make the voyage.

— Alex Swoyer

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT
Skadden pays for ducking lobbying rules

International law firm Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom has agreed to pay \$4.6 million and register as a foreign agent for failing to notify the Justice Department of its lobbying work on behalf of the Ukrainian government, the department said Thursday.

The Skadden case grew out of special counsel Robert Mueller's probe into former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort's Ukrainian lobbying work. Manafort pleaded guilty last year to failing to register as a foreign agent.

Under the deal, Skadden will pay the \$4.6 million in fees and expenses it received from Ukraine to the U.S. Treasury and retroactively register as a foreign agent.

Prosecutors say the firm's 2012 work for Russian-backed former Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich was an effort to influence U.S. policy and public opinion. Yet, the firm failed to notify the Justice Department it was lobbying in the U.S., as required by federal law.

— Jeff Mordock



“Secretary [David] Shulkin violated federal statutes and regulations prohibiting the misuse of government property and the acceptance of certain gifts when he allowed his VA employee driver to provide transportation to [his] wife for nonofficial purposes,” said a VA inspector general's report.

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VETERANS AFFAIRS

Inspector general chides Shulkin anew over use of his security detail

Former Veterans Affairs Secretary David Shulkin violated federal laws and ethics rules when he had his personal security detail transport his wife, the VA's inspector general said Thursday.

Mr. Shulkin, whom President Trump fired in March 2018, ignored warnings as secretary not to allow his security detail to drive his wife without him in the vehicle, the report said.

Investigators said Mr. Shulkin insisted the transportation was done as a favor on his driver's personal time. The report said such a favor constitutes a gift under ethics rules and that Mr. Shulkin shouldn't have accepted the offer.

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SENATE
Harris to vote against confirming Barr

Sen. Kamala D. Harris, California Democrat, said Thursday she will not vote for William P. Barr, President Trump's nominee for attorney general.

Ms. Harris, a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, is the first prominent Democrat to officially say she will vote against Mr. Barr.

In a statement, the senator criticized Mr. Barr for his support of a wall along the Mexican border and his record on civil rights while attorney general under President George H.W. Bush.

Ms. Harris also said she was concerned about Mr. Barr's refusal to recuse himself from overseeing special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into election meddling.

“While I respect Mr. Barr's past public service, I do not believe he will defend independent investigations from attacks, embrace a smart approach to public safety, and ensure equal protection under the law for every single American,” she said.

— Jeff Mordock

RUSSIA PROBE
Cohen admits trying to fix polls for Trump

Michael Cohen hired an IT firm to rig polls to favor then-candidate Donald Trump before his presidential campaign and skipped out on paying most of the money he owed, The Wall Street Journal reported Thursday.

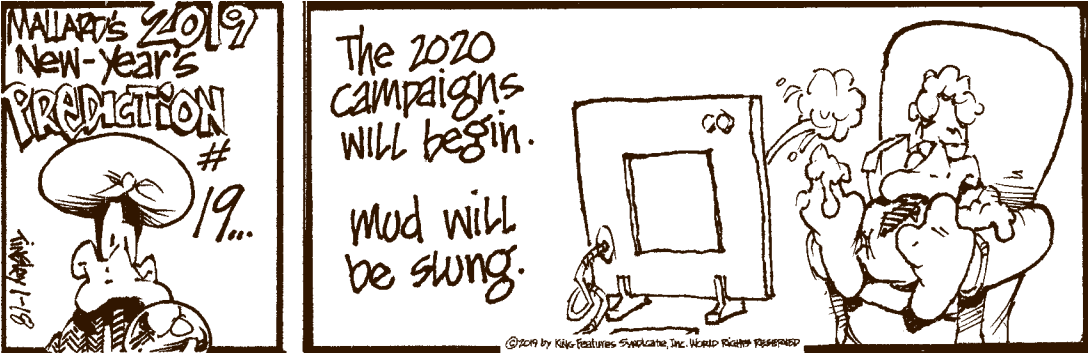
Cohen confirmed the revelations on Twitter on Thursday morning and implicated the president.

“As for the @WSJ article on poll rigging, what I did was at the direction of and for the sole benefit of @realDonaldTrump @POTUS. I truly regret my blind loyalty to a man who doesn't deserve it,” Cohen wrote.

According to John Gauger, owner of RedFinch Solutions LLC, was asked in 2014 to manipulate the results of a CNBC poll for the top U.S. business leaders, but he was unsuccessful in getting Mr. Trump into the top 100. The next year, he was asked to influence a Drudge Report ranking potential Republican primary picks, where Mr. Trump came in fifth.

— Gabriella Muñoz

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Politics

“I think that’s a real affront to the American people. Sen. [Mitch] McConnell is in charge of the Senate. Let’s host it in the Senate.”
— Sen. Rand Paul, Kentucky Republican, on House Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s suggestion that President Trump should not give the State of the Union address during a government shutdown



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By recalling workers, the Trump administration will dampen the public-facing pain of the shutdown, which entered its 27th day on Thursday.

More government employees being put back to work during shutdown

State Department finds enough cash for one pay period

By Tom Howell Jr.
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

The State Department said Thursday it has found enough cash to recall most of its employees and to pay them at least one check during the partial government shutdown, adding a new dimension to President Trump’s piecemeal plan to blunt the pain.

The department said workers will return Jan. 20 and Jan. 22, depending on their posts.

They join Food and Drug Administration inspectors, about 2,500 Agriculture Department workers and tens of thousands of IRS workers pulled off furlough and headed back to work even though Congress and Mr. Trump have yet to approve a new round of funding.

By recalling workers, the administration will dampen the public-facing pain of the shutdown, which entered a record 27th day on Thursday and shows no sign of ending soon.

The government is now in uncharted legal territory, and the moves are raising all sorts of questions, including why it took so long to decide to bring the workers back — and whether the decisions are legal.

Sen. Chris Murphy, Connecticut Democrat, said it’s true that as a shutdown goes on, more people become essential, so

there might be some flexibility for the administration. Yet he’s worried the situation is turning into an episode of HBO’s “Veep,” in which Julia Louis-Dreyfus’ character deems people essential and non-essential by the hour, depending on what she needs.

“That sort of feels a little bit like what’s happening in the administration right now,” he said.

The State Department said its employees will be paid — on time — Feb. 14 for their work, though it is unclear if they can cover future pay periods.

Legal experts said the move raises questions around why it sent workers home in the first place, though employees at the State Department who are getting paid could lose their chance to argue in court that being forced to work without pay is unconstitutional.

“An employee being paid would not have standing to sue — they are working as if the shutdown is not occurring,” said Sam Berger, a senior adviser at the Center for American Progress who served as a budget office lawyer in the Obama White House.

The National Treasury Employees Union, though, says the situation is different for 46,000 IRS workers recalled to handle tax filing season without pay.

NTEU lawyers argue the

executive branch is wielding a “blank check” to demand work and dampen the public backlash to the shutdown, while it holds out for border wall funding. They were unable to get a temporary restraining order against the government that would allow workers to decide to stay home, though the courtroom fight continues.

Legal experts say requiring some workers to come off furlough and work without pay could invite new legal challenges.

“Someone could file an affirmative suit. This could easily be one of the recalled workers, for whom this unpaid work is interfering with their ability to get money right now to meet their family’s needs, perhaps by driving for Lyft or the equivalent,” said David Super, a professor at the Georgetown University Law Center.

Others said it’s unclear what the courts would do, particularly given the skimpy explanations some agencies have giving for their decisions.

“We are officially in uncharted territory, given the administration’s refusal to compromise and end the longest government shutdown in history — and past shutdowns have never lasted long enough to get to this outcome,” said Elizabeth Klein, deputy director of the

State Energy and Environmental Impact Center at the New York University School of Law.

Rep. T.J. Cox, California Democrat, said he is concerned about the “very substantive legal issues” around the recalls, though his top worry is the roughly 800,000 federal workers who aren’t receiving paychecks.

People trying to pay their mortgage or buy medicine, he said, “don’t care about legal issues.”

The congressman filed a bill Thursday that would require the Treasury to offer zero-interest loans of up to \$6,000 during the shutdown. It’s a creative stopgap measure to ensure employees have enough cash to make ends meet, though more traditional means are available to some workers.

During a shutdown, federal workers who aren’t deemed essential and have been furloughed can generally seek unemployment benefits, akin to requirements state use for laid-off workers, according to Labor Department guidance.

Federal employees who receive benefits but get full backpay at the end of the shutdown will, in most cases, have to pay back any benefits, however.

Essential, or “excepted,” employees who remain on the job are not considered unemployed and cannot tap benefits.

CONGRESS

Pelosi ‘immoral’ comment shows tension in party

Senate Democrats balk at label for proposed border wall

By S.A. Miller and David Sherfinski
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Senate Democrats are refusing to embrace House Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s rhetoric denouncing border walls as an “immorality,” but they are being careful to avoid undercutting her new role as the party’s leader in the shutdown standoff.

Mrs. Pelosi has moved unsteadily since seizing the speaker’s gavel amid the partial government shutdown, including the “immorality” comment and her shifting explanations for why she told President Trump to postpone the State of the Union address.

Still, she garners strong support from Democrats on both side of the Capitol for remaining steadfast in shutdown fight and refusing Mr. Trump’s demand for \$5.7 billion for border security.

Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, Rhode Island Democrat, balked at her bringing morality into the border wall dispute.

“That’s not a word that I’ve used,” he said.

Mr. Whitehouse hesitated to say Mrs. Pelosi speaks for Senate Democrats in the shutdown debate, though he applauded her for suggesting Mr. Trump postpone the Jan. 29 State of the Union address.

Mrs. Pelosi’s jab at the annual speech was her most pointed attack yet in the shutdown fight with Mr. Trump.

The move would deny Mr. Trump a uniquely presidential platform to take on Democrats, while allowing Mrs. Pelosi to highlight another shutdown disruption.

Sen. Edward J. Markey, Massachusetts Democrat, said he fully backed nixing the big speech. And he came close to making the shutdown a matter of right and wrong.

“It is an atrocity what is happening to ordinary workers,” he said.

Support for Mrs. Pelosi’s bold confrontation of the president was even stronger on the other side of the Capitol, as House Democrats have rallied behind the new speaker in her showdown with Mr. Trump.

“It’s down-the-line united,” said Rep. Rosa DeLauro, Connecticut Democrat. “The Democratic caucus is united, and the Democratic caucus is united behind Speaker Pelosi — without question.”

Mr. Trump retaliated against Mrs. Pelosi by canceling an official government jet that was supposed to take her and a group of lawmakers Thursday to Brussels and Afghanistan.

Earlier, Mrs. Pelosi changed

her reasoning for requesting Mr. Trump postpone the January address to a joint session of Congress. She originally cited security concerns because of the shutdown, but Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen then affirmed that the Secret Service is “fully prepared” to handle the speech.

On Thursday, Mrs. Pelosi said she didn’t want Secret Service agents working the speech without getting paid.

Sen. Tim Kaine, Virginia Democrat, said it would be “odd” for the president to deliver the speech during a shutdown.

“The right thing would be for the government to be open that day,” he said. “We always want a president to look at the audience and say, ‘The state of the union is sound.’ I don’t see how a president can say those words when the government is shut down,” said Mr. Kaine, who was former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton’s running mate on the Democratic presidential ticket in 2016.

House Democrats said they were in lock step with Mrs. Pelosi. Some were puzzled by Mr. Trump’s claim that rank-and-file Democrats looking to make a shutdown deal are being held back by party leaders.

“I know the ideological sort of corners of the caucus, and I don’t sense that that’s the mood of the caucus,” said Rep. Mark Takano, California Democrat and the new chairman of the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs. “I think everybody is very aligned [by] sending a message to the president that it’s time to open the government. And I think our caucus really sees the president as the impediment.”

Rep. Anthony Brown, whose Maryland district is home to a significant number of federal employees, said his constituents support the notion that members shouldn’t be negotiating the border wall while the government is shut down.

“I do believe at this point, we are very united as a caucus in that framework of, you got to open government before you can have meaningful conversations,” he said.

Rep. Jennifer Wexton, Virginia Democrat, acknowledged that her Northern Virginia district is hard hit by the shutdown also but said the party is “unified that we want the government to reopen.”

“I don’t see how negotiations can really take place while the federal workers and contractors and all those who depend on the services of the federal government are being held hostage,” she said.

IMMIGRATION

IG: Government can’t say how many children were separated at border

By Stephen Dinan
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

The government can’t say how many illegal immigrant children were separated from their parents at the border over the years, but the number is in the thousands in just the last two years, according to a new inspector general’s report Thursday.

The situation is so messy that more than five months after a federal judge ordered reunifications of children with their parents, the government is still finding juveniles who were missing and should have been reunited, according to the Department of Health and Human Services’ inspector general.

At least 2,737 children have been identified as having been separated, but the audit found others who were left off the lists in 2017 and 2018. Shoddy record-keeping and lack of standards and transparency make it

impossible to know exact numbers.

The findings are another black eye for the now-defunct “zero tolerance” border policy, which the White House has blamed on former Attorney General Jeff Sessions, and which saw illegal immigrants criminally prosecuted for jumping the border.

In cases involving parents and children, prosecution of the parents meant they were taken to adult jails — and their children were taken from them, were declared “unaccompanied,” and were put into the health department’s population with tens of thousands of other children who actually were unaccompanied.

A public outcry and a legal battle ensued, and the Trump administration caved, ending the zero tolerance policy and accepting a judge’s order that families be speedily reunited.

But that turned out to be tougher

than expected because the government couldn’t track which children were separated.

“In June of 2018, no centralized system existed to identify, track, or connect families separated by DHS,” the inspector general concluded.

That finding directly contradicts an assertion the Department of Homeland Security made last summer that such a system did exist and that no children were falling through the cracks.

In reality, Homeland Security and Health and Human Services had to invest in a massive effort to try to synchronize their files and figure out who had been separated and whether their parents were still in the country to be reunited.

Even late last year, after the zero tolerance policy had been canceled, some children were still being separated, with the inspector general counting 118 juveniles

from July 1 through early November.

About half of those were separated because of a parent’s illness, criminal history or danger to a child. But the inspector general said in dozens of cases little information was provided to justify those decisions.

“The total number and current status of all children separated from their parents or guardians by DHS and referred to [the Office of Refugee Resettlement’s] care is unknown,” the audit concluded.

Sen. Richard Durbin, Illinois Democrat, said it was “inconceivable” the government can’t figure out how many children have been separated.

“Today’s bombshell report reveals the true scope of this horrific policy: that thousands of children were forcibly removed from their parents before the policy was made public and the fate of these children is still unknown,” he said.

HHS and its Office of Refugee Resettlement, which is charged with caring for the children, says it has “accounted publicly” for all children who were in its care as of June 26, when a judge ordered the reunifications to begin.

HHS and ORR said the inspector general’s report went beyond the judge’s rulings, which accounts for why the total number of separated children is not known.

“Counting prior DHS separations would take away from ORR’s primary focus on caring for the children currently in ORR care and promptly discharging them to appropriate sponsors,” the department said.

HHS said the report proves it didn’t lose track of any children, though the department acknowledged “challenges” in identifying which children fell into the separated category.

Existing border barriers work — and we need more of them

When CNN's Jim Acosta tweeted a selfie video from the U.S.-Mexico border, he was roundly mocked and ridiculed for claiming he saw no "crisis" at the "tranquil" spot where he stood. Of course he didn't. Because where he stood was on the safe side of a steel barrier protecting him (and the rest of America) from illegal border crossings.

If President Trump's policies for border protection were to be enacted, there'd be hundreds of more places on the border protected as safely as that spot where Mr. Acosta stood. Sadly, Mr. Acosta's buffoonery was merely a blatant example of the sad, slanted coverage found in most of the mainstream media over the past several weeks.

From cable news and the broadcast networks to all the major print publications, the national debate over border security has been reduced to the kind of coverage one sees on NFL pregame

shows with analysts talking about who has the upper hand, who will "win" and who will be politically damaged or enhanced from the showdown over the partial government shutdown.

When Democrat leaders appear for interviews on the topic, they always return to the same talking point that they "want border security" but they oppose the "ineffective" wall or fence. Nowhere are the obvious challenges to these contradictory statements.

Here are some simple follow-up questions journalists should be asking Democrats rather than letting them deceive the public with their hollow rhetoric.

- "When you say you support border security, please be specific. Do you mean you support a policy that prevents the illegal crossing of the U.S.-Mexico border?"

Of course, this seems like an illogical question, but it's very important because too often Democrats get credit for

spending tax dollars on border security while the money never actual goes to anything that prevents illegal crossings. The money goes to more agents and facilities that aid the processing of illegal aliens who have crossed the border, have been apprehended, and must be sheltered and supported as they go through the long, bureaucratic ordeal of processing their dubious asylum claims.

That is not border security in the way most Americans envision it.

- "When you say you favor high-tech solutions like drones and sensors rather than a wall or fence, can you explain how a drone or sensor will prevent a person from illegally crossing the border?"

Again, a very important follow-up that will elicit a response that won't pass the smell test with most voters. It sounds so cool to say you favor high-tech solutions like drones, but think it through for a moment and you'll see that a drone in no way can prevent illegal crossings. All a drone does is observe and track a person as he crosses the border. The drone can help the Border Patrol find illegal aliens as they

make their way through the desert, but once apprehended, the asylum claim is made and the legal quagmire begins. (Most don't show up for their hearings at all, and just blend right in.)

- "If walls don't work and are an old, ineffective solution, do you favor removing the walls and fences that are currently at the border?"

Credit to Fox News' Bret Baier who challenged House Majority Leader Steny H. Hoyer on Wednesday night with this very question. The Maryland Democrat's response opened an existing and widening fissure within the leadership of the Democratic Party on this issue.

"Obviously, they work some places," Mr. Hoyer said. "But the president wanted to first build a wall apparently 1,954 miles of — and he changed that very substantially." In other words, Mr. Hoyer just conceded that the president has already moved from his position to meet the Democrats in the middle.

"A wall is — that protects people is not immoral. I think the issue is whether it works ... And the debate ought to be not on morality or racism,"

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's No. 2 said, directly contradicting the party leader who called border walls "immoral."

The facts, which the mainstream media have almost no interest in reporting to the American people, show exactly how the existing border barriers work. From San Diego to Tucson to Yuma, illegal border crossings dropped significantly wherever a barrier has been built.

If journalists really wish to engage their audience with facts and a fair debate over this issue, they'll start raising these points but don't hold your breath. At this point, they want little to do with informing the public and everything to do with the partisan fight to defeat President Trump.

It's a pity because if a nation can't have a serious, informed conversation over the protection of its own borders, one wonders what we can talk about.

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President Trump outlined six key changes to U.S. missile defense systems during a speech on Thursday at the Pentagon.

MILITARY

Amid threats to U.S., Trump takes wraps off ambitious missile-defense blueprint

By Dave Boyer and Benjamin Wolfgang
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

President Trump called for a major buildup of U.S. missile defense systems Thursday, saying the nation faces increased threats from Iran, Russia, North Korea and China and vowing that the U.S. military will stay at the forefront of weapons technology on land, sea and in outer space.

In an address at the Pentagon, Mr. Trump outlined six key changes to U.S. missile defense, highlighting plans for space-based sensors to detect hostile missile launches and insisting he would put a priority on the defense of Americans "above all else."

"We have some very bad players out there," Mr. Trump said. "We're a good player, but we can be a far worse player than anybody. We have the finest weapons in the world, and we're ordering the finest weapons in the world."

The revamped missile defense strategy was spelled out in the Defense Department's long-awaited Missile Defense Review, the first such overhaul in nearly a decade.

Pentagon officials said the study, originally scheduled for release a year ago, will serve as a comprehensive blueprint for America's missile defense strategy and addresses more traditional threats from ballistic missiles as well as cutting-edge weapons such as the hypersonic missiles under development in Russia and China. The report comes as the president is withdrawing the U.S. from a nuclear treaty with Russia on shorter-range nuclear weapons, with Mr. Trump saying Moscow has cheated on the agreement while the U.S. has been limited in its ability to take on emerging rivals worldwide.

But neither the president nor the report said how much the missile-defense upgrades would cost taxpayers. Missile defense spending increased in the current fiscal year about 25 percent, to \$9.9 billion, amid concerns over North Korea's missile and nuclear programs.

Mr. Trump's critics applauded the renewed focus on defense technology but urged caution on the price tag, suggesting that Congress will play a key role in determining which Defense Department anti-missile programs get funded.

"An effective missile defense system can



Audience members listen as President Trump told them during a speech at the Pentagon on Thursday that he would put a priority on the defense of Americans "above all else."

serve as a deterrent to conflict, protect our forward-deployed forces and the homeland, and create an opening for diplomacy," Sen. Jack Reed, Rhode Island Democrat and ranking member on the Senate Armed Services Committee, said in a statement. "But it's not a magic bulletproof shield and it comes with a considerable price tag."

"Congress needs to carefully study these recommendations and get more answers about success rates, costs, and a host of issues," he continued.

Rep. Adam Smith, Washington Democrat and chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, echoed those sentiments.

"It is essential that we ensure we are spending money on programs that are reliable and rigorously tested before they are deployed," he said.

Pentagon officials said the budget details of the new missile-defense program will be spelled out in the president's fiscal year 2020 spending proposal, which is expected in the coming weeks.

Specifically, the president said the new plan will include an emphasis on space-based defense technology and 20 new above-ground interceptors in Alaska to detect foreign missiles. He called it a program "that can shield every city in the United States."

The president said the U.S. needs to stay "several steps ahead of those who would

do us harm."

"We will never negotiate away our right to do this," he said. "The world is changing, and we're going to change much faster than the rest of the world."

Later Thursday, Pentagon officials stressed that their top priority is ensuring the U.S. can repel any attack from rogue states such as North Korea or Iran. But officials also zeroed in on Russian President Vladimir Putin's claim to have built a hypersonic nuclear weapon that can evade any existing defense systems.

"Russia has done very substantial things as well ... and they haven't been bashful about it," the Pentagon's Undersecretary of Defense for Policy John C. Rood told reporters during a briefing just after the president's address.

The missile review addresses several specific countries and says "the threat environment is markedly more dangerous than in years past and demands a concerted U.S. effort to improve existing capabilities for both homeland and regional missile defense."

It identifies threats from North Korea, Russia, China and Iran. Tehran, the report warned, now "has the largest ballistic missile force in the Middle East and continues the development of technologies applicable to intercontinental range missiles capable of threatening the United States."

WHITE HOUSE

Trump hasn't submitted picks for federal courts

Unclear what's causing delay for selection of nominees

By Alex Swoyer
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Senate Republicans have signaled that approving President Trump's judicial picks will be one of their top priorities in the new Congress, but two weeks in they haven't cleared a single one.

The problem — they don't have many nominees to work on.

The White House on Wednesday sent a half-dozen names of new picks, but about 90 others who were nominated last year but never saw final votes still rest at the White House, where Mr. Trump is deciding whether, and when, to resubmit them.

That puts him behind Presidents Barack Obama and George W. Bush, who each sent some nominees back in the first week of the new Congress.

It's unclear what the holdup is.

The White House, which must take the next steps, didn't respond to repeated requests for comment on the delay.

One senator rejected speculation that the shutdown was responsible for the delay. Others insisted they'll get working "soon."

"As soon as the pipeline starts getting filled again, the committee will start moving them out," said Sen. John Thune, Republicans' new whip.

Under GOP leadership, the Senate confirmed 85 of Mr. Trump's judicial picks in the first two years of his tenure, including two Supreme Court justices and a record 30 circuit court of appeals picks.

But some 90 other nominees were left over at the end of last year and were returned to the White House under a longstanding tradition.

Sen. Chuck Grassley, Iowa Republican, former chairman of the Judiciary Committee, said he expects the president will nominate all but a couple of those again.

More than 30 judicial picks had hearings, cleared the committee and were awaiting floor votes at the end of last year, but were blocked from final approval by Democrats.

Mr. Grassley said the committee likely will give the three new senators who joined this Congress — all Republicans — a chance to ask written questions of those nominees, once they are resubmitted, then speed them to the floor.

Others who didn't have hearings will start almost from scratch, as will the six new nominees Mr. Trump announced Wednesday.

Sen. John Kennedy, Louisiana Republican, brushed off the slow start.

"They're working on it," he said of the White House.

Curt Levey, president of the Committee for Justice, said he isn't concerned over the pause,

saying it's not as if the president won't renominate the same people he had previously for federal court seats.

"It's probably going to be a few weeks at least before the committee gets going with nominees, so there's not a huge rush," Mr. Levey said.

Just one judicial pick, a nominee to the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals, has been confirmed in the last three months.

Another had been poised for confirmation but stumbled after the chamber's lone black Republican senator announced his opposition, derailing the pick. Now analysts are wondering whether that nominee, Thomas Farr, will be among those Mr. Trump resubmits.

Democrats already are gearing up for a fight over another nominee blocked last year.

Neomi Rao was tapped to fill the seat left vacant on the circuit court of appeals in Washington, D.C., when Justice Brett M. Kavanaugh reached the Supreme Court.

Ms. Rao, who works in the White House budget office, came under scrutiny after several news outlets reported this week about college writings in which she defended white men, suggested intoxicated women are partly to blame for sexual assaults, and said LGBTQ issues were "trendy" political movements.

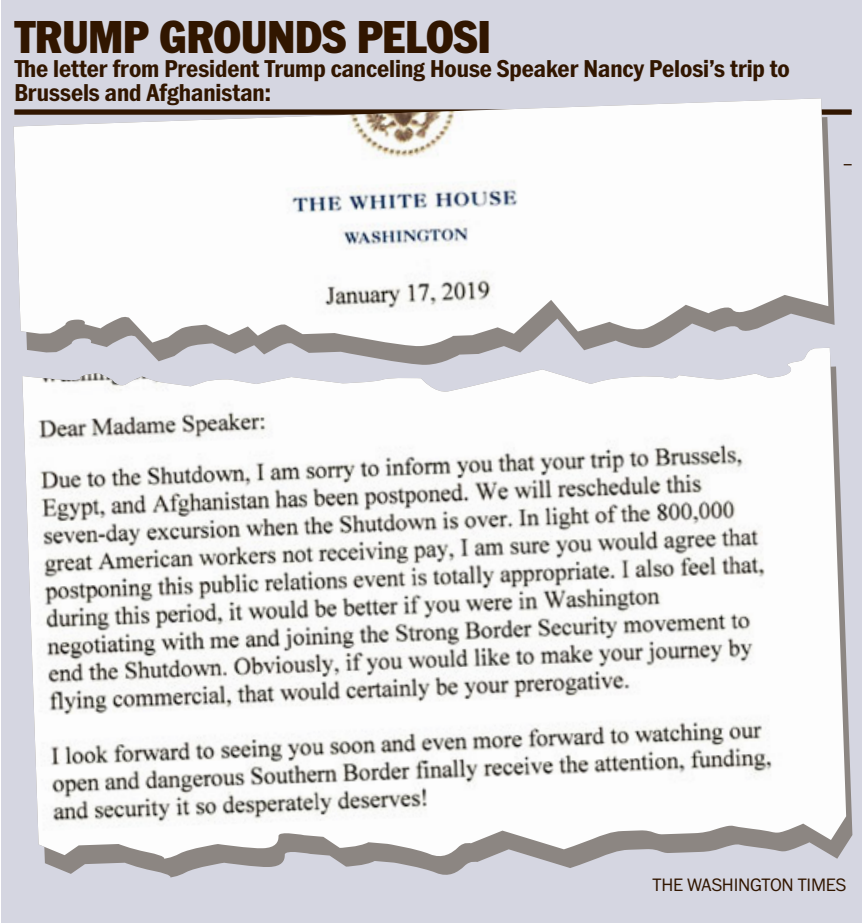
"We are hearing that she will be renominated and could be on the first judicial nominations hearing that is scheduled. So, we wanted to be sure full attention was being paid to these concerns. Of course, we would welcome a decision not to renominate her," said Derrick Crowe, a spokesman for People for the American Way.

Sharon McGowan, legal director at the pro-LGBTQ Lambda Legal, said Ms. Rao must be disqualified.

"I hope this episode serves as a reminder to the entire Trump administration that we are not a 'choice,' we are not a 'trend,' and the LGBT community deserves judges who will treat them with respect," Ms. McGowan said.

Carrie Severino, chief counsel for the conservative Judicial Crisis Network, said the attacks against Ms. Rao are "absurd," adding she's extremely qualified for the federal judgeship.

"She's an accomplished professional lawyer who has served in two administrations at high levels, she's been an assistant professor of law and she clerked for Justice [Clarence] Thomas at the Supreme Court. Further, she is a national expert on administrative law and that's the most important part of the D.C. Circuit docket, so her qualifications are unparalleled," Ms. Severino said.



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House Speaker Nancy Pelosi was preparing Thursday to lead a delegation of lawmakers on a trip to visit troops in Afghanistan and to talk with NATO leaders in Brussels before receiving a letter from President Trump canceling her plans to use an Air Force jet.

SHUTDOWN

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trip. He said the disclosure was “utterly irresponsible in every way.”

Drew Hammill, Mrs. Pelosi’s deputy chief of staff, said Mrs. Pelosi was leading a congressional delegation, or CODEL in Capitol-speak, to thank U.S. troops in Afghanistan and to hear “critical” security and intelligence briefings from the front lines in the war on terror. He disputed Mr. Trump’s assertion that the trip was to touch down in Egypt but said it was to make a stop in Brussels for meetings with NATO officials.

Mr. Hammill also said it was to be a “weekend visit,” not the seven days that the president asserted.

Some of the lawmakers scheduled to go on the trip learned of Mr. Trump’s decision while sitting on an Air Force bus outside the Capitol, ready to leave for Joint Base Andrews. That base is the home of the 89th Air Wing, which runs Air Force One and a separate fleet of jets for executive travel by top civilian leaders.

One Democrat said they could find no precedent for a president canceling

a government jet for members of Congress, though documents dating back to the 1990s show final decisions on use of the aircraft do rest with the White House.

Mr. Hammill said the decision smacked of hypocrisy after Mr. Trump traveled to the southwestern border and to New Orleans this month, and flew last month for a post-Christmas visit to troops in Iraq days after the shutdown began.

He also chided the president for allowing Cabinet members to fly later this month to a glitzy economic summit in Davos, Switzerland.

Those gibes appeared to strike home. By evening, Mr. Trump had stopped the Davos delegation.

A White House official said that “all ‘CODELs’ have been canceled.”

Mrs. Pelosi also uses a government plane to travel back and forth to her district in San Francisco, but such travel isn’t considered a CODEL.

White House officials said they hoped Mrs. Pelosi would stay in town and work on an agreement to end the shutdown, which is about to cost some 800,000 government workers a second paycheck. They’ll all be paid when the shutdown ends — even those who aren’t doing any

work — but for now it means struggles paying bills, workers say.

Mrs. Pelosi said she is willing to negotiate but won’t allocate any money for Mr. Trump’s border wall plans. She also said their face-to-face meeting last week was a “setup” for the president to walk out.

While more voters blame Mr. Trump for the shutdown and oppose his border wall plans, they don’t seem to be feeling any pain from the shutdown. Four in 5 Americans surveyed for an ABC/Washington Post poll this weekend said they haven’t been affected, and only about a third said it would be a crisis if the shutdown dragged on for months.

Mrs. Pelosi tried to raise the stakes this week with her letter to Mr. Trump advising him to postpone the Jan. 29 State of the Union address.

She said in her original letter that she feared for “security” because the Homeland Security Department, which oversees the Secret Service, is one of the agencies that is operating under a shutdown.

But Congress, which traditionally

hosts the speech, is fully funded, and the homeland security secretary said the Secret Service is “fully prepared” for the event.

Given that rebuttal, Mrs. Pelosi shifted her explanation Thursday, saying she wasn’t worried about security as much as she didn’t like the symbolism of Secret Service agents working without pay.

“It isn’t a question of ‘Are they professional enough?’” she told reporters. “The question is they should be paid.”

Mrs. Pelosi’s letter Wednesday merely suggested postponing the speech, though her top deputy, House Majority Leader Steny H. Hoyer, Maryland Democrat, told CNN that it “was off.” Mrs. Pelosi said Thursday that she hasn’t decided what she will do if Mr. Trump keeps to the current schedule.

Some Republican lawmakers suggested that the president deliver his speech in the smaller Senate chamber. They said overcrowding shouldn’t be an issue, given that many angry Democrats likely would skip the address.

They also pointed out that George

Washington delivered the first State of the Union address to the Senate chamber, which at the time was in New York.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, South Carolina Republican, said both Mr. Trump and Mrs. Pelosi got it wrong this week.

“One sophomoric response does not deserve another,” he said. “Speaker Pelosi’s threat to cancel the State of the Union is very irresponsible and blatantly political. President Trump denying Speaker Pelosi military travel to visit our troops in Afghanistan, our allies in Egypt and NATO is also inappropriate.”

Democrats said Mrs. Pelosi was right to try to postpone Mr. Trump’s speech but the president was wrong in clapping her back.

“It’s petty. It’s small. It’s vindictive. It’s unbecoming of a president of the United States. But it is unfortunately a daily occurrence,” Mr. Hoyer said.

Sen. Marco Rubio, Florida Republican, marveled at where things were heading: “Welcome to 2019. I think it’s going to get crazier.”

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ALABAMA

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in federal elections, and in 2020 will likely have Mr. Trump at the top of the Republican ticket to draw voters to the polls. Republicans also will have a chance to avoid selecting an embarrassing candidate.

Although Mr. Jones is on the more moderate side of the Democratic Party in Washington, he has been a roadblock to Mr. Trump and an occasional ally of liberal senators who have blocked presidential appointments and opposed a pro-life bill.

A towering example was his October vote against the confirmation of Supreme Court Justice Brett M. Kavanaugh.

“He’s writing our TV scripts for us,” Ms. Lathan said.

Not all of this is mere partisan bravado. Last week, Alabama media reported on polling that showed Mr. Jones’ net approval had plummeted by 17 percentage points since he was elected. Slightly more respondents said they approve than disapprove of Mr. Jones’ performance, but those numbers have shifted considerably, and his approval rating has fallen to less than 50 percent.

Mr. Jones and his staff did not respond to questions about the poll numbers and the 2020 race.

Well aware of how steep the hill Democrats face in his state, Mr. Walker, 53, recalled the optimism surrounding the Jones campaign’s homestretch in the 2017 race.

“I had people with Vice television following me around, and there were Democratic National Committee people down here, and all of them thought it was over, that it was easy, a sure thing,” he said. “And I tried to tell them, ‘No, this isn’t over at all. This thing is going down to the wire.’”

In fact, Mr. Jones won by fewer than 22,000 votes over Mr. Moore, a former state Supreme Court chief justice who was accused of serial dating teenage girls while he was a lawyer nearly twice their age.

Roll Call’s first set of 2020 Senate rankings lists Mr. Jones as “the most vulnerable senator in the country” and rates his race as “leans Republican” without any official Republican candidates yet.

The Cook Political Report surprisingly slotted the Alabama race as “lean D,” but Charlie Cook said that is a reflection of his long-standing practice rather than any intelligence about the race.

“As a matter of long-standing policy, we do not put Senate incumbents who are thus far unopposed worse than ‘Lean,’” he said. “There is no question that Doug Jones is the most vulnerable Senate incumbent; he is likely to have an extremely difficult race. My guess is that as soon as there is a real opponent in the race, it will likely move to toss-up.”

Although Mr. Jones has no formal opposition, few across Alabama’s political spectrum expect that to last much longer.

Perhaps the most prominent likely candidate is U.S. Rep. Bradley Byrne, 63.

The Mobile Republican has a strong base and name recognition in southern Alabama, and much of the business community would probably back him



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Sen. Doug Jones, Alabama Democrat, has been a roadblock to President Trump and an occasional ally of liberal senators who have blocked presidential appointments and opposed pro-life legislation.

because the state Democratic Party is in disarray, said Carol Hunter, communications director for the Downtown Mobile Alliance.

Indeed, to hear most political junkies tell it, the only one who hasn’t said Mr. Byrne is running is Mr. Byrne himself.

“He’s running; count on it,” said J. Mark Bryant, a former Alabama newspaperman turned government employee.

Other possible Republican candidates include Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle, who challenged Gov. Kay Ivey in the 2018 Republican gubernatorial primary. Mr. Sessions has been mentioned as another potential candidate, and even Mr. Moore, in a recent interview with AL.com, declined to rule out a political return.

Mr. Bryant, who said he voted for Mr. Jones last time, may represent the re-election campaign’s biggest nightmare — not the Republicans who stayed home in 2017, but those who felt compelled to vote against Mr. Moore and don’t see Mr. Jones as the moderate voice he promised to be.

“I don’t think I’ll vote for him again,” said Mr. Bryant, citing a number of factors including the votes Ms. Lathan mentioned.

Whatever happens, those in Mobile expect a spirited race that could produce sour faces even in Three Georges Southern Chocolates, a downtown ice cream parlor where some of the most treasured customers are dedicated Democrats, and some of the more conservative staff simply avoid political talk completely.

“I couldn’t believe it when she told me she was a liberal,” said Bobbie Ferry, 79, her hands covered with runny milk chocolate mix while she was discussing one of her longtime friends and customers. “It used to be here in ‘Bama it was a blue-dog Democrat sort of place, and you could vote for a Democrat or a Republican and there wasn’t that much difference between them.”

Those days are gone, though, and Ms. Ferry expressed astonishment at how left-wing Democrats have become.

“Jones?” she scoffed. “I’d never vote for him. He pretended to be one thing when he was running, and he’s not that. He stands for nothing.”

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“I am proud to use my voice to unite and represent our country in my hometown of Atlanta.”
— R&B singer Gladys Knight, on the NFL’s announcement that she will sing the national anthem at Super Bowl LII on Feb. 3 in Atlanta



HEALTH

How will Zainab get the help she needs?

Nonprofit searches globe for donors to help 2-year-old cancer patient

By LAURA KELLY
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Blood banks are struggling amid a national decline in donations, especially for rare blood types — a situation that has spawned a global search for donors for a 2-year-old cancer patient with an extremely rare type in Orlando, Florida.

Last year, Zainab Mughal was diagnosed with neuroblastoma, an aggressive cancer that arises from nerve cells in babies and young children. She will need many blood transfusions throughout her treatment, but Zainab’s blood is missing a key immune-system component — the Indian-B antigen.

She can receive only type A or type O blood that also is missing the antigen, a condition so rare it is present in only 4 percent of people who are of purely Pakistani, Indian or Iranian descent.

A rare blood type typically is found in one case per 1,000 people. A very rare type is found in one case per 10,000 people. Zainab’s type is considered extremely rare.

“It’s shining a spotlight on the need for a diverse blood supply and how important that is around the country and really around the world,” said Susan Forbes, vice president of marketing and communications for OneBlood, a non-profit based in South Florida that works to find rare blood donors. It made Zainab’s story public to the world.

“We need to have people from all ethnic groups donating, because genetics play a role in finding compatible blood for specific patients,” Ms. Forbes said.

Between 2011 and 2015, blood donations across the U.S. declined by more than 4 percent, according to the most recent federal statistics.



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Racial and ethnic minorities are underrepresented among blood donors. Whites far outpace other racial groups, representing about 75 percent of the donated blood supply. Blacks make up about 5 percent of the blood donor registry, and Hispanics about 3 percent.

Blood primarily is classified by the major antigens and antibodies in it, with the types being A, B, AB or O. It is further classified by the presence (positive) or absence (negative) of the Rh(D) antigen.

But other antigens, antibodies, proteins and materials further individualize blood, especially along racial and ethnic lines. There are an estimated 600 different antigens, any one of which can make receiving donated blood either slightly worrisome or impossible.

Donated blood that doesn’t match a recipient’s antigens can stimulate an immune system attack against it.

“The diversity of the donor population is the bottom line for the foreseeable



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Zainab Mughal, a 2-year-old girl diagnosed with a rare cancer, is in need of many blood transfusions. Her blood type is so rare that it is found in only 4 percent of people of purely Pakistani, Indian or Iranian heritage. The struggle to find donors highlights the need for a diverse blood supply.

future,” said Dr. Louis Katz, chief medical officer at America’s Blood Centers, the largest network of nonprofit blood centers in North America.

Dr. Katz said increasing donation rates among minority groups has been a long-running challenge, complicated by the same social factors that contribute to these groups being underrepresented in most areas of medicine.

“You become a blood donor when you’re well-integrated in your community, generally have enough time to go in and donate ... If you’re poor, minority or ethnic minority, it’s not the top of the list of things that occupy your time to be a donor,” he said.

In Zainab’s case, OneBlood so far has found four donors — two from the U.S. and two from the U.K. — and hope to find a total of seven to 10 donors: One person can donate blood every eight weeks. The

staff is sifting through tens of thousands of emails from people all over the world who believe they may be a match.

In a surprising twist, Ms. Forbes said two people who reached out as a possible match for Zainab were discovered to have the Bombay blood type: Their blood is missing the H antigen and is so rare it’s present in about one-in-10,000 Indians but only one-in-1-million Europeans.

“So when a person comes along — and they will — who has the Bombay blood type and needs a blood transfusion, that’s two more people that are now in the American Rare Donor Program that will be able to help a future patient who has that blood type,” Ms. Forbes said.

The American Rare Donor Program is a joint venture between the American Red Cross and the American Association of Blood Banks that keeps a database of rare blood donors for patients in need.

WISCONSIN

Kidnapping suspect apparently applied for job day of escape

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BARRON, WIS. | The Wisconsin man suspected of kidnapping 13-year-old Jayme Closs and killing her parents apparently applied for a job online the day that Jayme escaped, calling himself an “honest guy”



Patterson

even though his resume contains inaccuracies about his work experience.

Jake Patterson is charged in an Oct. 15 home invasion at the Closs home near Barron in northwestern Wisconsin.

According to a criminal complaint, Mr. Patterson told investigators that he broke into the house in the middle of the night, gunned down Jayme’s parents and made off with the teen, hiding her in a remote cabin for



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The day 13-year-old Jayme Closs escaped from her suspected kidnapper was the same day he applied online for a job. His resume contained inaccuracies about his work experience.

nearly three months. Jayme escaped Jan. 10, and deputies arrested Mr. Patterson minutes later relying on her description of him and his car.

Mr. Patterson, 21, graduated from Northwood High School in Minong in the spring of 2015. His activities between then and the day he was arrested have largely not been made public, including his employment and how he supported himself. He had been living in the cabin in Gordon, Wisconsin, where he kept Jayme captive.

Officials with Saratoga Liquor Co. in Superior, Wisconsin, said Thursday that they received an online job application from Mr. Patterson around midday on the day Jayme escaped.

According to the application supplied to The Associated Press by the company, Mr. Patterson was trying to land a night position at the company’s warehouse. Company officials said they wouldn’t have hired him due to his lack of experience.

On the resume Mr. Patterson submitted in his application, he described himself as an “honest and hardworking guy. Not much work experience but I show up to work and am a quick learner.” He notes he worked as a “laborer” from April 2018 to November 2018, but Saratoga officials redacted the employer’s name in the provided resume.

Mr. Patterson stated he had served in the Marine Corps for nine months from April 2017 to December 2017. Marine spokeswoman Yvonne Carlock has told AP that Mr. Patterson did serve, but only for about five weeks in the fall of 2015. Ms. Carlock said his early discharge indicated the “character of his service was incongruent with Marine Corps’ expectations and standards.”

Mr. Patterson also stated he was a “production worker” from October 2016 to January 2017, specializing in packaging screens. His employer has been redacted.

He goes on to say he graduated from high school in 2016, even though he actually graduated in 2015.

Mr. Patterson’s defense attorneys haven’t responded to an email request to confirm the resume.

Mr. Patterson worked for little more than a day in 2016 at the Jennie-O turkey plant in Barron where Jayme’s parents worked. Investigators have said he did not know them.

He also worked for two days at a cheese factory near Almena, Wisconsin, just west of Barron. He was on his way to work there in October when he spotted Jayme getting on a school bus and decided he wanted to kidnap her.

Mr. Patterson faces two counts of first-degree intentional homicide, both punishable by life in prison, one count of kidnapping and one count of armed burglary. He’s due back in court Feb. 6 for a preliminary hearing.

ILLINOIS

Judge acquits 3 officers in shooting cover-up

Slain teenager’s family questions verdict

By MICHAEL TARM AND DON BABWIN
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CHICAGO | A judge on Thursday acquitted three Chicago police officers of trying to cover up the 2014 police shooting of Laquan McDonald to protect the white officer seen pulling the trigger on dashcam video that showed the black teen getting hit with 16 bullets.

In rejecting the prosecution’s entire case, Judge Domenica Stephenson seemed to accept many of the same defense arguments that were rejected by jurors who convicted Officer Jason Van Dyke in October of second-degree murder and aggravated battery. He is scheduled to be sentenced Friday.

The judge said there was no indication that officers tried to hide evidence.

“The evidence shows just the opposite,” Judge Stephenson said, noting how they preserved the graphic video at the heart of the case.

McDonald’s family immediately questioned how the two cases could produce

such different decisions. His great uncle, the Rev. Marvin Hunter, told reporters that the verdict means “that if you are a police officer you can lie, cheat and steal.”

“To say that these men are not guilty is to say that Jason Van Dyke is not guilty,” Mr. Hunter said, adding “it is a sad day for America.”

The trial was watched closely by law enforcement and critics of the department that has long had a reputation for condoning police brutality and misconduct.

Officer Joseph Walsh, Officer Thomas Gaffney and Detective David March were accused of conspiracy, official misconduct and obstruction of justice. All but Officer Gaffney have since left the department.

Both trials hinged on the video, which showed Van Dyke opening fire within seconds of getting out of his police SUV and continuing to shoot the 17-year-old while he was lying on the street and barely moving. Police were responding to a report of a male who was breaking into trucks and stealing radios on the



“To say that these men are not guilty is to say that Jason Van Dyke is not guilty,” Rev. Marvin Hunter, Laquan McDonald’s great-uncle, said about the verdict.

city’s South Side.

Prosecutors alleged that Officer Gaffney, Mr. March and Mr. Walsh, who was Van Dyke’s partner, submitted false reports about what really happened to try to prevent or shape any criminal investigation of the shooting.

Among other things, they said the officers falsely claimed that McDonald



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From left, former Chicago Police officer Joseph Walsh, former detective David March and officer Thomas Gaffney were accused of trying to cover up the fatal shooting of Laquan McDonald in 2014. A judge acquitted them Thursday.

ignored verbal commands from Van Dyke, that Van Dyke shot McDonald after McDonald aggressively swung a knife at the officers and that he kept shooting the teen because McDonald was trying to get up still armed with the knife.

McDonald did have a small knife that he had used to puncture a tire on Officer Gaffney’s police vehicle, but the video shows that he did not swing it at the officers before Van Dyke shot him and that he appeared to be incapacitated after falling to the ground.

“The case is clear. The case is straightforward, and it is concise,” special prosecutor Patricia Brown Holmes told the judge during opening statements. “It boils down to what the defendants wrote on paper versus what is shown on video.”

The attorneys for Officer Gaffney,

Mr. Walsh and Mr. March used the same strategy that the defense used at Van Dyke’s trial by placing all the blame on McDonald.

It was McDonald’s refusal to drop his knife and threatening actions that “caused these officers to see what they saw,” Mr. March’s attorney, James McKay, told the court. “This is a case about law and order [and] about Laquan McDonald not following any laws that night.”

The McDonald shooting sparked large protests and led to major changes to Chicago’s policing. City Hall released the video to the public in November 2015 — 13 months after the shooting — only because a judge ordered it to do so. The charges against Van Dyke were not announced until the day of the video’s release.



American Scene

WISCONSIN

Michigan State ousts interim president immediately

EAST LANSING | Michigan State University ousted its interim president on Thursday, a week ahead of his scheduled departure, as the school stepped up efforts to move beyond the Larry Nassar sex abuse scandal.

Its new interim leader, Satish Udpa, is a high-ranking, but low-profile administrator who was promoted Thursday to take the helm until a permanent president is announced in June.

Unlike Mr. Engler, Mr. Udpa is expected to bring a softer tone to what may be more of a caretaker role.

“We can’t continue to operate the way we have been for the past two years,” he said a day after the board of trustees forced Mr. Engler to step down over his comments that some victims of the imprisoned former campus sports doctor had been enjoying the “spotlight.”

— Associated Press

CALIFORNIA

Storms kill at least five as flooding fears rise

SAN FRANCISCO | Heavy rain, snow and wind pummeled much of California Thursday, causing at least five deaths, leaving thousands without power and forcing wildfire victims threatened by floods to flee their homes.

Southern California authorities concerned with rising streams and excessive runoff ordered evacuations in parts of Malibu and other areas scarred by wildfires. Malibu schools canceled classes.

In harder hit Northern California, authorities warned of imminent floods and debris flows in the wildfire-ravished city of Paradise and the surrounding region denuded of protective trees and vegetation, telling residents to prepare to flee their homes on a moment’s notice.

— Associated Press

NEW MEXICO

Two pulled from avalanche, search ongoing for others

ALBUQUERQUE | An avalanche buried multiple people Thursday near

By LISA RATHKE

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BARRE, VT. | A tribute to thousands of rescue and recovery workers who labored in the ruins of the World Trade Center is taking shape in Vermont, where workers are chipping at and chiseling slabs of granite that will be installed this spring at the national Sept. 11 memorial.

The new area with a path flanked by stone monoliths will also honor those sickened or who died from exposure to toxins after the towers fell.

One of the six monoliths weighing between 15 and 175 tons was nearly complete last week at the Rock of Ages granite manufacturing company in Barre, Vermont, a small community that has a long history of quarrying and stonecutting and dubs itself the granite capital of the world.

The Associated Press last week was given access to the work in progress. In a vast industrial building, workers fine-tuned the first rough-hewn triangular monolith measuring 8 feet by 12 feet. It’s composed of sloping layers of thick granite slabs that resemble a rock bed more than 3 feet tall at one end.

One worker used a torch to finish the surface, while officials from New York’s Sept. 11 memorial watched in the dusty, loud space.

A stonecutter swung a sledgehammer



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A worker finishes a granite monolith in Barre, Vermont, that will be part of ground zero rescue and recovery workers tribute at the Sept. 11 memorial in New York.

onto the head of a maul held by another stonecutter to chop pieces off another large slab of granite for the next monolith. Large chunks of speckled rock fell to the dusty floor.

“It’s a great honor for me to do this for them,” stonecutter and fellow firefighter Andy Hebert said of the ground zero first responders. A badge remembering Sept. 11 hangs in his work space.

Granite from Canada was chosen because of the size of blocks available and because its greenish hue would play off the paving of the memorial plaza,

VERMONT

Tribute to 9/11 workers takes shape in granite country

said architect Michael Arad.

Steel salvaged from the original World Trade Center will be incorporated into the stone structures.

The new memorial is estimated to cost about \$5 million and is being paid for by a variety of sources, including New York state, fundraising and private donations. It’s expected to be dedicated May 30.

The work comes as advocates for 9/11 rescue and recovery workers step up efforts to get Congress to extend a compensation program for people who developed illnesses after getting

exposed to dust from the fallen towers.

Nearly 40,000 people have applied to the federal fund for people with illnesses potentially related to being at the site. More than \$4.8 billion in benefits has been awarded so far.

The program, though, is set to expire at the end of 2020. After that, people who develop new illnesses would be ineligible.

“Things like the 9/11 Museum making this monument to people injured by the toxins at the World Trade Center shows that the nation has accepted this,” said Ben Chevat, executive director of 9/11 Health Watch, an organization pressing for the program to be extended. “We had to struggle to get attention for years. Now, there is an acceptance in Congress and the wider community.”

Michael O’Connell, who worked at ground zero as a New York City firefighter, retired from the department in 2009 at age 33 after he was diagnosed with sarcoidosis, an immune system disorder that causes lumps in the lungs, skin, lymph nodes or other places.

The new section of the monument is “extremely important” to first responders and everyone who worked at ground zero, he said.

“To know that there’s acknowledgment of those men and women that have passed and that are still sick and dying is a tremendous win for us,” he said.

the highest peak of a New Mexico ski resort, including two who were pulled from the snow as ski patrol continued their search for others, an emergency management official said.

The extent of the injuries for the two people located by searchers after the avalanche was not known, said Bobby Lucero, director for emergency management in Taos County.

He said that authorities believe others were buried in the snow, and efforts were underway to reach them on a high slope of Taos Ski Valley, one of the biggest resorts in New Mexico.

According to the Taos Valley

News, the snow collapsed near Kachina Peak and CPR was being given to the two people found beneath the snow.

— Associated Press

TENNESSEE

Spanish-language reporter facing deportation denied bond

MEMPHIS | A detained Spanish-language reporter facing deportation after he was arrested while covering an immigration rally was denied release Thursday, his lawyers said.

An immigration judge denied bond for Manuel Duran during a hearing in

Jena, Louisiana, the Southern Poverty Law Center said.

Mr. Duran is being held in Louisiana as the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit in Atlanta reviews his case for asylum.

His lawyers claim conditions have worsened for reporters in El Salvador and he could be in danger if he returns.

The appeals court has granted Mr. Duran an indefinite stay from deportation.

Mr. Duran has been in custody since he was arrested at an April rally protesting immigration policies in Memphis.

— Associated Press

MISSISSIPPI

Nissan to cut up to 700 contract workers in state

JACKSON | Nissan Motor Co. announced Thursday that it’s cutting up to 700 contract workers at its Mississippi assembly plant, citing slowing sales for vans and Titan pickup trucks that it makes there.

The move follows Nissan’s December announcement that it’s cutting 1,000 jobs at two Mexican factories. Reports in May indicated the Japanese automaker would cut production by up to 20 percent in North America.

— Associated Press

CAPITALS

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A White House representative did not respond to a request for comment on the matter.

The traditional feel-good, post-championship visit to the White House for sports teams has become fraught with political baggage in the Trump era, as many athletes openly oppose his politics.

Individual players have boycotted ceremonies, and in 2017, Golden State Warriors star Steph Curry said he wasn’t interested in meeting the president. Mr. Trump, who isn’t known for his restraint in the face of criticism, disinvited the NBA champs via Twitter.

“Going to the White House is considered a great honor for a championship team,” Mr. Trump tweeted. “Invitation is withdrawn!”

The next season, the entire Warriors team said no to visiting the White House.

In June of last year, Mr. Trump canceled the Super Bowl champion Philadelphia Eagles’ visit the night before the event. The White House said it was because the Eagles wanted to “send a smaller delegation” and not the whole team.

But the Capitals were supposed to be a different story. Mr. Trump said last summer the team was invited “if they want to be here.” He also congratulated the Capitals on Twitter, writing, “D.C. is popping, in many ways.”

Ovechkin has said he’s excited to visit the White House. Teammate Evgeny Kuznetsov, another Russian, said it will be “a huge privilege” to meet Mr. Trump.

Washington is tied with Dallas for the NHL teams with the most Russians on the active roster — four apiece — and whenever the visit occurs, their presence no doubt will inspire Russia jokes on social media and cable news outlets alike.

Exactly when a champion visits the White House varies by sport. Major League Baseball teams usually make a trip to Washington during their offseason. In 2017, the Chicago Cubs, with President Barack Obama



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Washington Capitals forward Alex Ovechkin says he’s excited for the team’s visit to the White House as Stanley Cup champions. Washington is tied for the most NHL teams with Russians on their active roster.

down to his last few days in the Oval Office, squeezed in a Jan. 16 trip to meet the chief executive and Chicago sports fan.

The Boston Red Sox — who don’t have any Russians on their roster — won their World Series title in October and have scheduled a trip to the White House next month.

The Pittsburgh Penguins won the two Stanley Cups prior to Washington’s, and each year they visited the White House the following October — once with Mr. Obama, then with Mr. Trump. In 2017, the Penguins made their visit while in town to play the Capitals.

That has been a common practice among NHL and NBA champions: They often line up the White House visit for whenever they’re scheduled for a game in the District.

But championship teams based in Washington, like the Capitals, have the luxury of being a short drive away from the White House for half the season, so scheduling the visit shouldn’t be a problem.

The Capitals are the first Washington team in a “major four” league to win a championship since the Redskins’ last Super Bowl in 1992. Those

Redskins visited George H.W. Bush’s White House a couple of months later.

The Capitals have an eight-day break with no games in late January that coincides with NHL All-Star Weekend, which could lend itself nicely for scheduling the visit.

Whenever the Capitals do make it to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, two players have said they won’t be there: Devante Smith-Pelly and Brett Connolly.

Smith-Pelly, a black Canadian, said during the playoffs that “the things that [Mr. Trump] spews are straight-up racist and sexist.” Later that summer, Connolly told Canadian press at an offseason camp that “it has nothing to do with politics, it’s about what’s right and wrong.”

Other Capitals have made it clear they want to make the trip.

“I realize everyone might have different stands on it, but I think going to the White House, whether people are very political or whether you like Trump or not, just kind of in my opinion, it stands for so much more than that,” T.J. Oshie said. “It is something people have been doing for a long time with so many different presidents ... I think it would be cool for us to go there.”

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“All of us Colombians reject terrorism and are united in confronting it. We won’t bend in the face of violence.”

— Colombia President Ivan Duque, vowing a tough response to a car bombing Thursday at a police academy in Bogota that killed nine people and wounded 22; the attack sparked fears of renewed violence after the recently negotiated end of a half-century of civil war



ACCOUNTABILITY

U.N. health chief orders investigation

Agency accused of abuse, misconduct

By MARIA CHENG
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON | The head of the World Health Organization has ordered an internal investigation into allegations the U.N. health agency is rife with racism, sexism and corruption, after a series of anonymous emails with the explosive charges were sent to top managers last year.

Three emails addressed to WHO directors — and obtained by The Associated Press — complained about “systematic racial discrimination” against African staffers and alleged other instances of wrongdoing, including claims that some of the money intended to fight Ebola in Congo was misspent.

Last month, WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus told staffers he had instructed the head of WHO’s office of internal oversight to look into the charges raised by the emails. He confirmed that directive Thursday.

A WHO statement issued after the AP story was published said the agency was “aware” of such allegations and has “zero tolerance for misconduct or discrimination of any kind.” The statement said Mr. Tedros has “championed openness, transparency and diversity” since he became WHO’s chief in July 2017.

However, critics doubt that WHO can effectively investigate itself and have called for the probe to be made public.

The first email, which was sent last April, claimed there was “systematic racial discrimination against Africans at WHO” and that African staffers were being “abused, sworn at [and] shown contempt to” by their Geneva-based colleagues.

Two further emails addressed to WHO directors complained that senior officials were “attempting to stifle” investigations into such problems and also alleged other instances of wrongdoing, including allegedly misspent Ebola



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Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organization, ordered an internal probe into allegations the U.N. health agency is rife with corruption after a series of anonymous emails with the charges were sent to managers last year.

funds.

The last email, sent in December, labeled the behavior of a senior doctor helping to lead the response against Ebola as “unacceptable, unprofessional and racist,” citing a November incident at a meeting where the doctor reportedly “humiliated, disgraced and belittled” a subordinate from the Middle East.

Mr. Tedros, a former health minister of Ethiopia and WHO’s first African director-general, said investigators looking into the charges “have all my support” and that he would provide more resources if necessary.

But he rejected claims that WHO’s hiring policies are skewed, arguing that

his top management team was more geographically diverse and gender-balanced than any other U.N. organization after adopting measures to be more inclusive.

“There is change already happening,” he said during the December staff meeting, according to an audio recording provided to the AP.

WHO’s in-house investigation into misconduct comes after other U.N. agencies have been rocked by harassment complaints.

At UNAIDS, chief Michel Sidibe agreed to step down after an independent report concluded in December that his “defective leadership” had created a toxic working environment, with staffers

asserting there was rampant sexual harassment, bullying and abuse of power.

The author of the anonymous WHO emails also charged there were “crooked recruitment and selection” processes that were “tantamount to fraud, corruption and abuse of authority.”

In the latest anonymous message, the author singled out the supposedly flawed hiring process of a senior director in WHO’s emergencies department, suggesting that might have led to mistakes being made by incompetent officials involved in efforts to stop Ebola in Congo.

Some staffers feared that funds donated to stem the spread of the deadly virus “have not been used judiciously,” the email said, warning such blunders could undermine WHO’s credibility.

“A plane was hired to transport three vehicles from the warehouse in Dubai at the cost of \$1 million. Why would WHO ship vehicles from Dubai? We would appreciate the rationale when jeeps in [the Democratic Republic of Congo] can be purchased at \$80,000 per vehicle,” the email said, claiming that “corruption stories about logisticians and procurement in WHO’s [Geneva purchasing offices] are legendary.”

Sarah Russell, a WHO spokeswoman, said WHO shipped 10 vehicles out of Dubai last May because there were no vehicles available for sale in Congo that met minimum safety standards at the time. She said it cost \$237,801 to transport them.

The revelations are likely to prompt discussions next week at WHO’s executive board meeting at its Geneva headquarters. Critics outside the organization say much more need to be done.

Paula Donovan, co-director of AIDS-Free World and its Code Blue campaign, which works to end impunity for U.N. personnel who commit sexual abuse, said Mr. Tedros was right to be concerned but “dead wrong to ‘instruct’ WHO staff to investigate allegations made against WHO.”

As one of the defendants, Mr. Tedros “obviously cannot be involved in assessing, investigating, prosecuting or judging,” Ms. Donovan said.

CONGO

African Union raises fresh doubts over election result

KINSHASA | The African Union issued a surprise last-minute demand late Thursday for Congo’s government to suspend the announcement of final results of the disputed presidential election, citing “serious doubts.”

Congo’s constitutional court is poised to rule as early as Friday on a challenge filed by the election’s declared runner-up, opposition candidate Martin Fayulu.

The AU statement said heads of state and government agreed to “urgently dispatch” a high-level delegation to Congo with “the view to reaching a consensus on a way out of the post-electoral crisis.” Some fear the dispute could lead to violence in the vast Central African nation rich in the minerals key to smartphones and electric cars around the world.

Mr. Fayulu accuses the government of outgoing President Joseph Kabila of falsifying the results to declare opposition leader Felix Tshisekedi the winner after the ruling party candidate did poorly.

— Associated Press

RUSSIA

Model linked to oligarch with Manafort ties held in Moscow

MOSCOW | A Belarusian model who claimed last year that she had evidence of Russian interference in the 2016 U.S. election was arrested immediately upon her arrival in Moscow on Thursday following deportation from Thailand.

Moscow police said that Anastasia Vashukevich was detained in Moscow’s Sheremetyevo airport on charges of inducement to prostitution along with three people deported alongside her.

Ms. Vashukevich, also known on social media as Nastya Rybka, earlier claimed to have recordings of Russian oligarch Oleg Deripaska talking about interference in the 2016 U.S. election. Mr. Deripaska is close to Russian President Vladimir Putin, and also had a working relationship with Paul Manafort, Trump’s former campaign manager who was investigated by special counsel Robert Mueller and convicted last year of tax and bank fraud.

— Associated Press

CANADA

China issues new warning in bitter Huawei standoff

TORONTO | China’s ambassador to Canada warned the Canadian government Thursday to stop recruiting international support in its feud with China and threatened retaliation if Canada bans Chinese telecommunications giant Huawei for security reasons.

Ambassador Lu Shaye said last month’s arrest of a top Huawei Technologies executive was an act of “backstabbing” by a friend and he warned of repercussions if Canada bars the firm from its new 5G telecommunications network.

The arrest of Huawei executive Meng Wanzhou — at the request of the Trump administration — while she was traveling through the Vancouver airport Dec. 1 created a growing diplomatic rift. Ms. Meng is the chief financial officer of Chinese telecom giant Huawei and the daughter of its founder.

— Associated Press

GHANA

Investigative journalist shot dead on Accra street

By FRANCIS KOKUTSE AND GERALD IMRAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ACCRA, GHANA | An investigative journalist in Ghana who helped expose a high-ranking official at world soccer body FIFA as corrupt was shot dead by gunmen on a motorbike as he drove home alone at night, police said Thursday.

His employers said he was assassinated.

Ahmed Hussein-Suale was killed late Wednesday, shot twice in the chest and once in the neck at close range while driving in the suburb of Accra where he lived. He died immediately, according to police.

Tiger Eye PI, the investigative journalism house Mr. Hussein-Suale worked for, said it had the hallmarks of a professional hit.

“We call on the security agencies to unmask the elements behind this assassination and bring them to book,” Tiger Eye PI said.

Police haven’t announced any arrests.

Mr. Hussein-Suale worked under the leadership of Anas Aremeyaw Anas, a renowned Ghanaian investigative journalist once singled out and praised by former President Obama. Mr. Anas used undercover television documentaries to expose graft and organized crime in Ghana and across Africa.

Mr. Anas, who himself has gone undercover to investigate issues like human trafficking and corruption among Ghanaian judges, appears in public wearing elaborate, multicolored veils over his face to protect his identity. The veils allow him to work without being recognized but also help to avoid reprisals.

Mr. Anas confirmed his colleague’s death on Facebook: “Sad news, but we shall not be silenced. Rest in peace.”

The team’s most recent work focused on exposing corruption in African soccer, which they portray as a murky world of backroom meetings where coaches, referees and even the most senior officials can be bribed to fix games or hand out favors.

The team got one of its biggest scoops

when it caught Kwesi Nyantakyi, a member of world soccer’s FIFA Council and the second most powerful man in African soccer at the time, taking a bribe of \$65,000 from their undercover reporters, who were posing as unethical businessmen.

In the video, Mr. Nyantakyi smiles as he stuffs the wads of cash into a black plastic bag and agrees to use his position as president of the Ghanaian Football Association to help the businessmen — for a cut of their profits.

Mr. Nyantakyi resigned from all of his roles and was banned from soccer for life last year for bribery, corruption and conflict of interest as a result of the documentary.

The film also alleged widespread corruption among other officials, referees and coaches, and the entire Ghana Football Association was shut down by Ghana’s President Nana Akufo-Addo as a result. The Confederation of African Football, the continent’s top soccer body, banned or suspended nearly two dozen referees and officials because of Mr.

Anas’ team’s work.

Tiger Eye PI said Mr. Hussein-Suale’s last project for it was the soccer documentary. It didn’t say what other projects he was involved in for them. The BBC said Mr. Hussein-Suale worked with it on various projects, including an investigation into human body parts sold for ritual magic in Malawi.

Some of the methods used by Mr. Anas’ team have been questioned and stoked criticism, particularly the tactic of reporters posing as others to trap possibly corrupt figures. The methods have been denounced as illegal by some, including Mr. Nyantakyi, who said he will appeal his life ban from soccer.

Hussein-Suale’s killing also brought attention to comments made on television by a Ghanaian politician and businessman after the Nyantakyi scandal broke. Kennedy Agyapong, a member of parliament, appeared on his own television station to single out and denounce Mr. Hussein-Suale as “dangerous” and call for members of the public to assault the journalist up if they came across him.

Russia on a mission to keep Iran’s mullahs in power

Much has been written about the brittle nature of the Iranian regime, which clings to power only through murder, repression and deceit.

The reimposition of sanctions by the Trump administration has truly brought this Islamic extremist cabal to its knees, and rightly so. With the fall of the regime in Iran and the installation of a new democratic government in Tehran, the problems in Iraq, Syria and Lebanon will suddenly be immensely easier to resolve. If the mullahs are no longer funding terror throughout the region and the world, we will all be safer. The Iranian resistance, the People’s Mujahadin of Iran (PMOI/MEK), is well positioned to bring about this reality with help from Western intelligence agencies, not Western troops.

But there is one large, formidable

obstacle in the way — Russia. Moscow is 100 percent behind the Iranian regime, for a number of reasons.

First of all, wealthy, powerful, Iranian mullahs mean a lot of much-needed cash for the Kremlin. Iran has bought a lot of weapons from Moscow, along with plans for nuclear plants and other commercial goodies. Even with the sanctions, Russia is still reaping the benefits from President Obama’s appeasement to the murderers in Tehran.

The Kremlin perfectly understands that a democratic government in Iran would derail this gravy train and redirect resources toward the needs of the people. Protests in Iran, happening even as this is being written, demand that the regime stop spending all its treasure in Syria and Iraq and return what remains of its wealth to a population facing poverty, water shortages,



and other hardships.

Second, Moscow is loath to remove an ally in the battle to limit U.S. influence from the Middle East. Iran is the perfect tool for the Kremlin to work its desires in the region. Although the mistrust between the two nations is significant, the alternative for Moscow — i.e. a pro-Western government in Tehran — is simply not something they could accept.

The Russians therefore will do everything they can to prop up the mullahs. Persia once was a great empire

and Russians have long historical memories. They realize what a powerful, free Iran would do for Russian influence and it wouldn’t be good.

Third, we have seen how important the Assad regime in Syria is to Russian foreign policy. The port at Tartus was long a Soviet bulwark in the Mediterranean, and the air bases near Latakia are now critical to the Kremlin’s regional influence. The Syrian campaign bolstered Russian President Vladimir Putin’s standing at home in the face of domestic economic troubles.

To allow the Assad regime to lose its biggest benefactor in the region — Iran — is simply not something Mr. Putin can accept. For its part, Israel has taken off the gloves and is striking the Syrian regime with regularity, preventing any build-up of sophisticated Russian weapons supplied by the Iranian

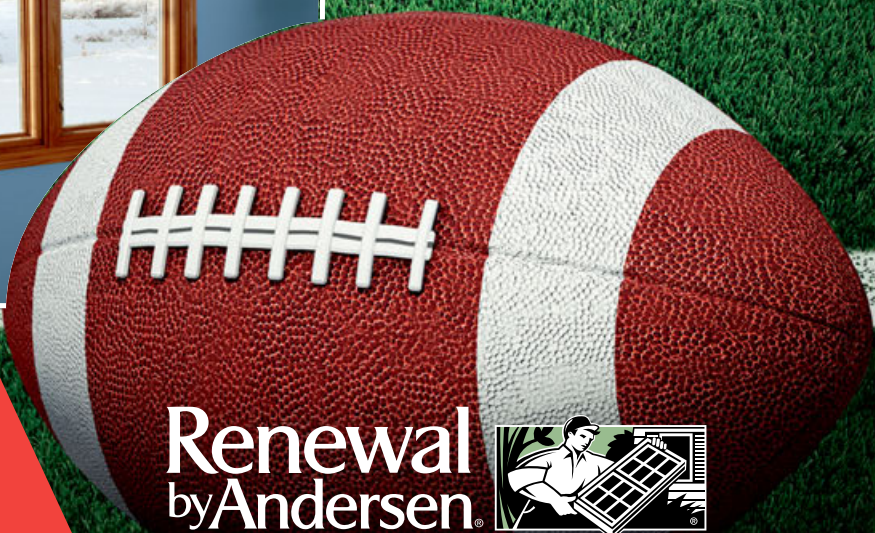
Revolutionary Guard Corps. Without the need to manage the presence of Iranian troops in the region, Israel would have a much freer hand to keep Mr. Assad in check.

So although the Trump administration’s goal of undermining the Iranian regime is the correct one, it will not be easy. Russia will prop up Iran as long as possible. This is all the more reason for Mr. Trump and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo to increase the pressure on Iran, overcoming whatever resistance is put up by deep-state holdovers from the previous administration.

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MARCH

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the Democratic Party is not welcoming of pro-life candidates and voters.”

Ms. Jackson and Mr. Lipinski are featured speakers for Friday’s rally in downtown Washington. Other speakers include Alveda King, a niece of Martin Luther King Jr. and director of Civil Rights for the Unborn; Ben Shapiro, editor-in-chief of The Daily Wire; and Archbishop Joseph Naumann, chairman of the pro-life activities panel of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Pro-life Democrats are not an endangered species beyond the Beltway, especially in the “Reagan Democrat” area of Southwest Chicago that Mr. Lipinski represents and Ms. Jackson’s district in north-central Louisiana, where many in the Democratic caucus, including the state’s popular governor, are Catholic. They could even be found in Congress not too long ago.

“If you go back 10 years ago, on the Affordable Care Act, when the House voted on the Stupak[-Pitts] Amendment, which barred insurance from covering abortion, it received 64 Democratic votes,” Mr. Lipinski said. “You do not have

that kind of support amongst Democrats anymore.”

But Democrats who oppose abortion are facing increasing opposition from their own party.

In 2016, the Democratic National Committee rewrote the party platform to call for stripping the Hyde Amendment, which prohibits government funds from financing abortions. When a pro-life Democrat last year ran for mayor in Omaha, Nebraska, DNC Chairman Tom Perez announced that “every Democrat” should support abortion rights.

Mr. Lipinski, who took over for his father in representing the suburban district in 2005, defeated a primary challenger by just over 2,000 votes. His opponent, Marie Newman, received support from abortion rights organizations such as NARAL Pro-Choice America and Planned Parenthood.

“Abortion was the No. 1 issue,” said Mr. Lipinski, who will speak at the rally for the fourth time.

‘To be a Democrat’

Once upon a time, abortion wasn’t as calcified among the political class. In 1997, four Republicans in the Senate voted against the partial-birth abortion ban. In the late 1990s, the political organization

Pro-Life Democrats boasted 43 members in the House of Representatives.

Today, only two Democratic representatives in Congress — both men — consistently vote against abortion. Some socially conservative Democrats no longer see a political home.

“I’m actually not even registered anymore as a Democrat,” said Charles Camosy, associate ethics professor at Fordham University and a board member of Democrats for Life in America.

Mr. Camosy now calls himself a political independent.

“If you look at the party platform, the Democrats were pro-choice for a long time,” he said. “Now it appears to be pro-abortion.”

March for Life organizers say they court people of all political beliefs, as evidenced by their two Democratic and two Republican speakers. But the pickings are slim on the left.

“The last time the Democrats had power in Congress, they had about 40 self-described pro-life members,” said Tom McClusky, vice president of government affairs for March for Life. “Now they have about two.”

Mr. McClusky said that, with Mr. Lipinski’s help, he hopes to court more within Congress.

“We need someone other than Dan

Lipinski in the caucus meeting standing up and saying, ‘Hey, this is ridiculous,’” he said.

The political reality is that many congressional Democrats will face primary challenges from the progressive wing of the party.

Various pro-choice groups did not respond to requests for interviews with The Washington Times.

In May, The New York Times wrote about the surging efforts of pro-choice organizations: “For Democratic women, no endorsement is as sought after or powerful as one conferred by Emily’s List, which functions as the political equivalent of the old-fashioned ‘Good Housekeeping’ seal of approval for voters and potential donors.”

“In order to be a Democrat, [you need] the leadership, the money, because Planned Parenthood and NARAL are so powerful,” March for Life President Jeanne Mancini told The Washington Times. “It’s just said it’s gotten that way.”

At the state level, pro-life Democrats have fared better at the ballot box. Billie Sutton, a pro-life Democrat, narrowly lost a race for South Dakota governor to Republican Kristi Noem last year.

Ms. Jackson said her voters in Monroe, Louisiana, strongly support her

efforts. She sponsored legislation signed by then-Gov. Bobby Jindal restricting hospital admitting privileges to only doctors for performing abortions. Last spring, she also voted to ban abortions after 15 weeks in her state.

According to polling data from right before the 2018 elections, just over half of Americans believe Roe v. Wade, the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion, was correct.

But 53 percent of Republicans polled by Public Religion Research Institute in October said Roe v. Wade should be overturned. In the same study, a third of Republicans disagreed with overturning the seminal court decision.

The March for Life, which has the slogan “Pro-Life Is Pro-Science” etched across its website, is expected to outpace the Women’s March on Saturday in attendance. There likely won’t be much crossover appeal between the two groups.

Ms. Jackson, who arrived in Washington this week, doesn’t plan on attending Saturday’s march.

“It would be great if you could have us be friends because we agree on a number of things: expansion of Medicaid, paid maternity leave and other social programs that help young mothers. But that’s just not the case, is it?” she said.

ZIMBABWE

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reached more than \$100 trillion to the U.S. dollar. The local unit was suspended in favor of the U.S. currency.

Evan Mawarire, the Zimbabwe pastor and activist who helped rally popular opinion against Mr. Mugabe but now faces up to 20 years in prison on subversion charges, said it was heartbreaking to see the new government reprising the mistakes of Mr. Mugabe, as alarm grew over a violent crackdown on protesters.

“We thought we had a new country and a new way of doing things. None of what I am being accused of is what I have done at all,” Mr. Mawarire told reporters Thursday as he arrived at court in Harare carrying a Zimbabwean flag.

The Zimbabwe Catholic Bishops’ Conference denounced the government’s “intolerant handling of dissent,” saying in a statement Thursday that “our country is going through one of the most trying periods in its history.”

The unrest suggests that Mr. Mugabe’s ruinous legacy, including a violent program of land seizures from productive white farmers and the collapse of the tourism industry, have left the country with little foreign exchange and an economic hole that will take time to escape.

Near the resort town of Victoria Falls on the border with Zambia, Ghosi Mbane, who runs minibus taxis to and from Bulawayo, told the Nation newspaper that filling stations were still dry.



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Zimbabweans arrested during protests over a fuel tax increase waited this week for their court appearances to face charges of public violence. President Emmerson Mnangagwa’s tax hike takes gasoline to the world’s highest price of \$12.60 a gallon.

“My vehicles are stranded, and fuel on the black market is selling at [\$50] for five liters. This time last month, 5 liters cost just over \$7.”

Zimbabwe’s annual inflation rate rose to 42 percent in December, the country’s official statistics agency said Thursday.

‘Trapped’ at home

With an estimated 3 million Zimbabweans now living and working in

South Africa, Mr. Mbane said many were trapped in their native country after the Christmas break.

“Masses of people come home once a year over Christmas, and they bring groceries for their families,” he said. “At the end of the holiday, they have just enough money left for the bus back to Johannesburg. But if you can find transport, it is now costing six or eight times the normal price. Workers stuck here are

going to lose their jobs in South Africa, and there is a huge amount of anger that could turn to violence.”

At least five people have reportedly been killed by police and soldiers across the country, with many more injured. A government spokesman said about 200 rioters were in custody, but private rights groups put the number at more than 600.

Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International have reported that armed police and soldiers continue to raid homes, assault civilians and open fire with tear gas and live ammunition where they meet resistance.

Dewa Mavhinga, Human Rights Watch’s manager for southern Africa, has called on South Africa and the African Union to intervene.

“This might not go away because it is a message from the people to the government,” he told Voice of America.

With the shortage of cash at home, Mr. Mnangagwa is facing criticism for hiring a private jet for a trip to Moscow and to the tony Swiss resort of Davos for a global economic summit.

In 1982, Mr. Mugabe — who was forced to step down in November 2017 in a military action led by Mr. Mnangagwa, a onetime top aide to the president — nationalized much of the press. The state-owned Herald newspaper has blamed opposition groups and unidentified foreign powers for the violence, describing it as an effort “to overthrow the elected government.”

Mr. Mnangagwa won a disputed election last year, but the U.S. and European

Union found flaws in the process.

From Moscow, Mr. Mnangagwa sent a statement calling for calm. “I understand the pain and frustration that many are feeling,” he said. “Resolving Zimbabwe’s economic challenges is a monumental task, but we will get there.”

Ironically, few of his citizens received his Twitter post because the government had shut down cellphone networks and the internet in an effort to stem the popular demonstrations of the past week.

The Associated Press reported that the U.S. Embassy in Zimbabwe said it was alarmed by credible reports that security forces were targeting and beating activists and labor leaders. The U.S. statement also urged Zimbabwe’s government to restore access to social media.

Mr. Mbane, the taxi owner, said he had moved several of his vehicles to a hidden location.

“Buses have been attacked and, while this seems illogical, I can understand the frustration of people who can’t get home,” he said. “It is hard to believe that, when I was at school here in the 1970s, this was among the strongest economies in Africa. Now we are one of the poorest countries in the world.”

He said the situation would change only with democracy, and he felt some sympathy for the president.

“The problem is that Zimbabwe won’t recover without a free and fair election,” he said. “But if Mnangagwa holds one, he will lose and, if that happened, I suspect the army would take over. That puts him in a very difficult position.”

INTEL

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July 2017 meeting without first pursuing classified insight on the matter from U.S. spy chiefs.

“I would prefer not to do that,” Mr. Engel told CNN last weekend of a subpoena for Ms. Gross. “We have to see what we can find out. We may have no choice.”

House Democrats are playing a dangerous political game, said Daniel Hoffman, a former CIA Moscow station chief, who argues that lawmakers should instead seek testimony on the issue from Director of National Intelligence Daniel Coats and others before opening the “Pandora’s box” of violating a presidential translator’s right to confidentiality in the most sensitive of conversations.

Mr. Hoffman, who retired from the CIA in 2017, would not comment on whether Finnish intelligence may have bugged the room in Helsinki where Mr. Trump and Mr. Putin had their private meeting.

But he stressed that House Democrats should be seeking insight from Mr. Coats and CIA Director Gina Haspel before going down “the very slippery slope” of demanding testimony from Mr. Trump’s translator.

“The committee should be calling on them for perspective before opening the Pandora’s box of subpoenaing a translator,” he told The Times in an interview. “If you start forcing interpreters to testify, it sets a dangerous precedent because it undermines the very sensitive work these people are relied upon to do in head-of-state meetings.”

At a minimum, Mr. Hoffman added, testimony from Mr. Coats and Mr. Haspel could address unverified charges that Mr. Trump’s advisers have been kept in the dark about the Helsinki discussion. The charges were thrust into the spotlight last week by a Washington Post report that the president has gone to lengths to conceal details from aides of his multiple conversations with Mr. Putin.

Unidentified current and former U.S. officials told the newspaper that Mr. Trump took the notes of his interpreter



ASSOCIATED PRESS

President Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin had a private meeting in July in Helsinki. Two House Democrats are threatening to subpoena to Mr. Trump’s translator without first pursuing classified insight about the meeting from U.S. intelligence chiefs.

after a 2017 meeting with Mr. Putin in Hamburg, Germany, that was also attended by then-Secretary of State Rex W. Tillerson, and instructed the linguist not to discuss what was said with other administration officials.

Mr. Trump strongly denied the report.

The New York Times added to the controversy with another story contending that Mr. Trump has privately said on repeated occasions over the past year that he wants to withdraw the U.S. from NATO, a development that has long been a top priority for Mr. Putin.

Executive privilege

The revelations fueled House Democratic demands for the translators’ notes, igniting a deeper debate over executive privilege and lawmakers’ right to know.

Last summer, before Democrats took control of the House, House intelligence committee Republicans blocked an attempt to subpoena testimony from Ms. Gross, the State Department interpreter who was the only other American in the room when Mr. Trump and Mr. Putin

met in Helsinki.

Mr. Trump faced bipartisan criticism for his remarks at a post-summit press conference in which he appeared to accept Mr. Putin’s denials of U.S. intelligence community findings that Russia interfered in the 2016 U.S. elections.

Mr. Schiff, then the intelligence committee’s ranking Democrat, had pushed to subpoena Mr. Trump’s interpreter. He argued that it was incumbent on lawmakers, “given what the president said publicly that was of such great concern to our country, to our NATO allies, that we find out what was said privately.”

Republicans argued that Ms. Gross’ confidentiality must be protected and that a sensitive, central underpinning of the whole profession of high-level translating would be violated if she was forced to testify.

Now the panel’s chairman, Mr. Schiff is weighing in anew on the matter this week. He told NPR on Thursday that “we intend to do everything we can to find out what took place in these private meetings” between Mr. Putin and Mr. Trump.

“We are examining the legal issues around either bringing in the interpreter or getting the interpreter notes or finding out through others [in the] administration what took place,” the California Democrat said. “They may make a superficial claim of executive privilege but ... [it] doesn’t seem to me that any privilege applies there.”

James R. Clapper, a director of national intelligence under President Obama and a critic of Mr. Trump, said it would be worrisome if the president was concealing from his own top aides the substance of his private talks with a foreign leader such as Mr. Putin. But he offered a mixed message on the question of whether U.S. intelligence already knows what the two men talked about.

“We have no idea what went on, and this is with the leader of the arch adversary of the United States,” Mr. Clapper told CNN this week, but he added that U.S. spies likely tapped foreign sources after the Helsinki summit to push on foreign assets for a readout on the meeting. “I have to be careful here,” Mr. Clapper said. “But I’ll just say that you can glean snippets of insight into what transpired at meetings by virtue of gleaning some intelligence from ... intelligence sources by virtue of discussions by the other party.”

“If that were the case, and I don’t know that it is, then certainly our intelligence community would have access and insight,” he said.

Subpoenaing a president’s interpreter would be a momentous step, he said.

“It’s a good idea,” he said, but “it would set a precedent for future exchanges between heads of state, [and] that’s not good.”

Some say Mr. Trump’s desire to keep the Putin talks private spring from the harsh media criticism he got for the Helsinki press conference.

“What he said in private to Mr. Putin likely wasn’t all that different from what he said publicly at the press conference,” said one intelligence source. “At the end of the day, he probably doesn’t want it exposed that he also sounded like an idiot during the closed-door meeting.”

● *Lauren Meier contributed to this report.*

DEATH NOTICE



Nazarian, Jeffrey Thomas

Jeffrey Thomas Nazarian, of Potomac, MD and Cocoa Beach, FL, Passed away on Sunday January 6th, 2019 at the age of 42 from an overdose of Alcohol and Fentanyl. He was born to parents, Sarkis Kevork Nazarian (1939-2009) and Barbara Marian Gregory (Greaves), on March 14th, 1976 at Sibley Memorial Hospital in Washington, D.C. His father named him in homage to founding father, Thomas Jefferson. He attended Winston Churchill High School & played for the JV Football team. Later, Jeff became the football team manager and graduated in 1994 with his class at DAR Constitution Hall in Washington, DC. Jeff attended Montgomery College and worked in various fields including the auto body shop business and construction renovations.

Jeff is predeceased by his brothers; Kirk 2003 and Sako 2004. He is survived by his daughter Lyla Brooks Nazarian; his brothers Victor, Chris and Matt Greaves; & his sisters Tamar and Jessica Greaves; and nephews Brayden and Connor; & grandmother, Ann Connolly Gregory of Kiltzimah, Ireland & Potomac. Jeff loved life and all the temptations, that came with it. He was a beloved friend of many and will be dearly missed.

Jeff’s cremated remains will remain with the family. A small gathering/service is being planned. The family is grateful for condolences and blessings, that may be sent c/o Victor Nazarian, 1015 Crawford Drive, Rockville, MD 20851 (Chris T Nazarian 272 40th Ave NE, Saint Petersburg, FL 33703).

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TV Friday



Dmitry Korchak stars in a staging of “Orphee et Eurydice From Lyric Opera of Chicago” on “Great Performances” Friday on PBS.

BEST BETS

Speechless / 8:30pm (7) Kenneth (Cedric Yarbrough) inadvertently ruffles Maya’s (Minnie Driver) feathers when he tries to insert himself into her business plans with Melanie (guest star Sarah Chalke) in tonight’s new episode. As JJ (Micah Fowler) begins pre-production on his next film, Ray (Mason Cook) pleads with his brother to cast him opposite Ray’s latest crush, Izzy (guest star Kayla Masonnet).

Great Performances / 9:30pm (26.4)

In a collaboration with the celebrated Joffrey Ballet, director-choreographer John Neumeier stages “Orphee et Eurydice From Lyric Opera of Chicago,” Christoph Willibald Gluck’s 18th-century operatic treatment of a Greek myth. Neumeier weaves music and dance into a seamless whole as he retells the story of how Orpheus (Dmitry Korchak), an ancient Greek musician and poet, takes desperate measures after his beloved wife, Eurydice (Andriana Chuchman), dies.

Real Time With Bill Maher / 10:00pm (HBO) 12:00am (HBO)

It’s only been two months or so since Bill Maher wrapped Season 16 of his politics-and-comedy chat show, but in the news cycle of President Donald Trump’s America, that’s a veritable epoch. Maher returns tonight to launch Season 17 with guests who are still TBA at this writing, but with a political landscape that in some respects is dramatically different, so expect the conversation to be lively.

Chris Distefano: Size 38 Waist / 11:00pm (Comedy Ch) Filmed at Roulette Intermedium in Brooklyn, N.Y., his home turf, comic Chris Distefano holds forth on a variety of topics, ranging from how his native borough seems to be gentrifying at terrifying speed to how he personally has an open-minded perspective on life, despite growing up in a strongly conservative household.

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

2019 Australian Open Tennis / 12:00pm (ESPN2) Third Round. (Taped)
Golf / 3:00pm (ESPN2) Latin America Amateur Championship, Second Round. (N)

Biathlon / 6:00pm (NBCSP) IBU World Cup: Men’s 4x7.5km Relay. (N Same-day Tape)
College Basketball / 7:00pm (ESPN2) Saint Joseph’s at St. Louis. (N)

FIS Alpine Skiing / 7:00pm (NBCSP) World Cup: Women’s Downhill. (N Same-day Tape)

NHL Hockey / 7:30pm (SportsNET) New York Islanders at Washington Capitals. From Capital One Arena in Washington, D.C. (N)

NBA Basketball / 8:00pm (ESPN) San Antonio Spurs at Minnesota Timberwolves. (N)

2019 Australian Open Tennis / 9:00pm (ESPN2) Third Round. (N)

NBA Basketball / 10:30pm (ESPN) Golden State Warriors at Los Angeles Clippers. (N)

NEWS & TALK

Today / 7:00am (4) A trip to GILPHY headquarters.

Good Morning America / 7:00am (7) Actress Elizabeth Banks.

Live with Kelly and Ryan / 9:00am (7) William H. Macy (“Shameless”).

Today With Kathie Lee & Hoda / 10:00am (4) Howie Mandel; Adam Pally; Sam Richardson; Mario Dedivanovic.

Rachael Ray / 10:00am (7) Football superfan’s compete in the annual “Fantasy Football” competition; a new meatloaf recipe.

The View / 11:00am (7) Hot topics; items at affordable prices.

The Ellen DeGeneres Show / 3:00pm (4) Samuel L. Jackson (“Glass”); Pete Holmes (“Crashing”).

Late Night With Seth Meyers / 12:37am (4) Andy Samberg; Josh Hutcherson; Charlie Hall.

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
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CBS 9 CBS 13	9 CBS News 13 News	9 Off Script 13 CBS News	9 ET 13 ET	MacGyver A weekend in the wild takes a turn. (N)		Hawaii Five-0 A murder in an underwater lab. (N)		Blue Bloods Danny and Jamie both ask Erin for help.		9 9 News 13 News	11:36 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (N)	
MNTV 20	Judge Judy	Family Feud	Family Feud	Fox 5 News	Family Feud	Fox 5 News	Family Feud	Big Bang	Big Bang	CSI: Miami “Happy Birthday”		CSI: Miami
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MOVIES	7:00 PM		8:00		9:00		10:00		11:00		12:00	
AMC	6001 Am Legend ★★ (2007) Will Smith.		Enemy of the State ★★ (1998, Susp.) Will Smith, Gene Hackman, Jon Voight.		Concussion ★★ (2015) Will Smith. Premiere.							
Flix	Thru Momma From the Train ★★ (1987)		Tootsie ★★ (1982) Dustin Hoffman, Jessica Lange.		The Hot Chick ★ (2002) Rob Schneider.							
FXM	530 Elysium ★★ (2013)		7:45 Spider-Man ★★ (2002, Act.) Tobey Maguire, Willem Dafoe.		1005 Spider-Man ★★ (2002, Act.) Tobey Maguire, Willem Dafoe.							
HBO	550 The Shape of Water ★★ (2017)		10:00 Ocean’s 8 ★★ (2018) Sandra Bullock, Kate Blanchett.		Real Time With Bill Maher							
HBO2	615 Game Night ★★ (2018, Com.)		True Detective		True Detective							
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LIFEMOV	600A Lover Betrayed (2017) Jamie Luner.		When Vows Break (2019) Christa B. Allen. Premiere.		My Husband’s Secret Life (2017, Susp.) Kara Killmer.							
Max	610 The Ring Two ★★ (2005) Naomi Watts.		Truth or Dare ★★ (2018) Lucy Hale. Premiere.		9:40 A Nightmare on Elm Street ★★ (2010)							
MoreMax	Breakin	American Animals ★★ (2018)	Barry Keoghan, Evan Peters.	Are You Friends ★★ (2015) Zac Efron.	10:40 Van Wilder 2: The Rise of Taj ★★ (2006) Kai Penn.							
TheMovieCh	600 The Space Between Us ★★ (2017)		Bridget Jones’s Baby ★★ (2016) Renée Zellweger.		10:05 Vicky Cristina Barcelona ★★ (2008)							
Showtime	Weigh-In Live	All Access	All Access	I Feel Pretty ★★ (2018) Amy Schumer, Michelle Williams.		Howie Mandel Comedy Club		Ray Donovan “The Dead”		Pomdemic		
Showtime2	600 American Assassin ★★ (2017, Act.)		House of Lies	House of Lies	House of Lies	House of Lies	House of Lies	House of Lies	House of Lies	11:05 Pimp (2018) Keke Palmer, Haley Ramm.		
Starz	637 Eat Pray Love ★★ (2010, Dra.) Julia Roberts, James Franco.		Outlander “If Not For Hope”		10:01 I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry ★ (2007)							
STZCNC	Money Pit	7:11 Twins ★★ (1988, Com.) Arnold Schwarzenegger.	Overboard ★★ (1987, Com.) Goldie Hawn, Kurt Russell.		10:05 Brewster’s Millions ★★ (1985)							
Sundance	Law & Order	Law & Order “Ozymon”	Law & Order “Patriot”		Law & Order “Bitter Fruit”							
TurnerCM	One More Tomorrow ★★ (1946, Dra.)		Seance on a Wet Afternoon ★★ (1964) Kim Stanley.		King Rat ★★ (1965, War) George Segal, Tom Courtenay, James Fox.							
NEWS & SPORTS	7:00		8:00		9:00		10:00		11:00		12:00	
CNBC	Mad Money	Shark Tank	Deal or No Deal		Deal or No Deal		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	Situation Rm	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight w/ Don Lemon		CNN Tonight w/ Don Lemon		Cooper 360	
ESPN	SportsCenter	NBA Countdown (N) (L)	NBA Basketball San Antonio Spurs at Minnesota Timberwolves. (N) (L)		NBA Basketball: Warriors at Clippers							
ESPN2	Interruption	College Basketball Saint Joseph’s at St. Louis. (N) (L)	2019 Australian Open Tennis Third Round. From Melbourne, Australia. (N) (L)									
FoxNews	Bret Baier	The Story With Martha	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)		Hannity (N)		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News at Night		Tucker	
MASN	ESPNEWS (N)	Ringside Boxing			Heartland Poker Tour		Rutgers		McGee’s Pro Football Plus		Mid-Atlantic Sports	
NBCSP	Blath	Alpine Skiing			Meatcum Auto Auctions “Chicago”		Classic car auction from Chicago, Ill.				Journey to	
SportsNET	Caps FaceOff	Caps	NHL Hockey New York Islanders at Washington Capitals. Capital One Arena.		Caps		Overtime		D.C. Sports		Redskins Nat.	Redskins 100
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BBC	Planet Earth	Planet Earth: Blue Planet II	Planet Earth: Blue Planet II		Planet Earth: Blue Planet II		Planet Earth: Blue Planet II		Planet Earth: Blue Planet II		Planet Earth	
BET	blackish	blackish	blackish		blackish		Are We Done Yet? ★ (2007, Children’s) Ice Cube, Nia Long.				The Family Business	
Bravo	Housewives-Atlanta	7:42 Big Daddy ★ (1999, Com.) Adam Sandler, Joey Lauren Adams.			9:50 Big Daddy ★ (1999) Adam Sandler, Joey Lauren Adams.						Bride Wars ★	
Cartoon Net	Teen Titans	We Bare	Wrl’d, Gumball	Samurai Jack	Venture Bros.	American Dad	American Dad	Bob’s Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Rick, Morty	Joe Pera
Comedy Ch	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	The Comedy Central Roast	Celebrities roast Bruce Willis.			Chris Distefano: 38		Chappelle’s
Discovery	Gold Rush	Gold Rush: Pay Dirt (N)	Gold Rush: The Dirt (N)		Gold Rush Rick damages his water pipe. (N)					Moonshiners		Gold Rush
Disney	62016 Wishes ★★ (2010) Debby Ryan.		Andi Mack (N)	Raven	Coop & Cami	Bizaardvark	Bizaardvark	Coop & Cami	Andi Mack	Raven	Stuck/Middle	
Disney XD	Rock!Kale	Big Hero 6	Big Hero 6	Big Hero 6	Big Hero 6	Big Hero 6	Big Hero 6	Big Hero 6	Big Hero 6	Big Hero 6	Big Hero 6	Big Hero 6
DIY	Texas Flip	Texas Flip N Move	Texas Flip N Move		Texas Flip N Move (N)							
E!	Chrisley	E! News (N)	The Notebook ★★ (2004) Ryan Gosling. A man tells a story to a woman about two loves.									
Food Net	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive
Freeform	Shrek ★★ (2001) Voices of Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy.		Wreck-It Ralph ★★ (2012) Voices of John C. Reilly.		grown-ish		The 700 Club				Ghostbusters ★★ (2016)	
ix	13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi		Ghostbusters ★★ (2016, Com.) Melissa McCarthy. Four women battle mischievous ghosts in New York.									
FYI	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars		Storage Wars		Storage Wars		Storage Wars		Storage Wars	
GAC	Flea Market	Flea Market	Flea Market		Flea Market		Flea Market		Flea Market		Flea Market	
Galavisión	Mi	Como dice el dicho	Como dice el dicho		Como dice el dicho							
Hallmark	600A Royal Winter (2017) Merritt Patterson.		A Winter Princess (2019, Rom.) Natalie Hall. Premiere.		One Winter Weekend (2018) Taylor Cole, Jack Turner.						My Wedding	
HGTV	Beach	Dream Home	Dream Home		Dream Home		Dream Home		Dream Home		Dream Home	
History Ch	600 Ancient Aliens “Return to Mars”		Ancient Aliens		9:02 Ancient Aliens		10:05 Ancient Aliens		11:05 Ancient Aliens		Aliens	
Lifetime	500 The Help ★★ (2011) Viola Davis.		Secretariat ★★ (2010, Dra.) Diane Lane. The story of the 1973 Triple Crown winner.									
MTV	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.		Ridiculous.		Ridiculous.		Ridiculous.		Ridiculous.	
Nat’l Geo	Lockdown	Lockdown “Chaos Control”	San Quentin Unlocked		Hard Time: Locked Up (N)		Drugs, Inc.		Hollywood High		Drugs, Inc.	
Nickelodeon	Loud House	Lip Sync	Double Dare		SpongeBob	SpongeBob	The Office	The Office	Friends	Friends	Friends	
Noggin	Abby Cadabby	Butterbean	PAW Patrol		PAW Patrol	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Sunny Day	Bubble	Bubble	
OWN	600 Dr. Phil	Dr. Phil			48 Hours: Hard Evidence		48 Hours: Hard Evidence				Evidence	
PARMT	Mom	Friends	Friends		The Longest Yard ★★ (2005, Com.) Adam Sandler, Chris Rock, Burt Reynolds.						The Longest Yard ★★ (2005) Adam Sandler.	
Science	My Beasts	Mysteries of the Abandoned	Mysteries of the Abandoned		Mysteries of the Abandoned		Mysteries of the Abandoned		Houdini’s Last Secrets		Mysteries of	
Syfy	Unbreakable ★★ (2000) Bruce Willis, Samuel L. Jackson.		The Fifth Element ★★ (1997, Sci-Fi) Bruce Willis, Gary Oldman.						Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	
TBS	Family Guy	Bob’s Burgers	Bob’s Burgers		Man of Steel ★★ (2013, Act.) Henry Cavill, Amy Adams, Michael Shannon.				Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter ★★ (2012)			
TLC	I Say Yes	I Say Yes to the Dress			90 Day Fiancé “Extended: Tell All, Part 2” (N)		Dr. Pimple Popper		Il Am Jazz		90 Day	
TNT	600 Bones	Bones “Man in the Mansion”			The Bourne Legacy ★★ (2012) Jeremy Renner, Rachel Weisz. Premiere.		10:45 Red ★★ (2010, Act.) Bruce Willis, Morgan Freeman.				Inside Jokes	
TruTV	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes		Inside Jokes		Inside Jokes		Laff Mob		Laff Mob	
TVLand	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H		Raymond	Raymond	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	King	King	King	
TVOne	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Cosby Show		Good Times	Good Times	Good Times	Good Times	Good Times	Good Times	Good Times	
Univision	Noticiero Uni.	La Rosa de Guadalupe (N)	Jesús		Mi marido tiene más familia		Amar a muerte (N)		Impacto Extra		Noticiero Uni	Deportivo
USA	Law & Order	Mod Fam	Mod Fam		Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam
VH1	600 White Chicks ★★ (2004, Com.)		RuPaul’s Drag Race: All Stars (N)		Grown, Sexy		Four Brothers ★★ (2005) Mark Wahlberg, Tyrese Gibson. Premiere.					
WGN-A	Blue Bloods	Men of Honor ★★ (2000, Dra.) Robert De Niro, Cuba Gooding Jr.			Men of Honor ★★ (2000, Dra.) Robert De Niro, Cuba Gooding Jr.						Married	

TV Saturday

BEST BETS

MOVIE “Sicario: Day of the Soldado” / 8:00pm (Starz) Benicio del Toro, Josh Brolin and Jeffrey Donovan reprise their roles from the critically acclaimed 2015 action film “Sicario” in this 2018 sequel, which revolves around a CIA mission to tamp down drug-related violence on the U.S. and Mexico border by escalating tensions against the cartels. Catherine Keener, Matthew Modine and Shea Whigham also star in the film, which is dedicated to the memory of Johann Johannsson, who composed the Oscar-nominated score for the original “Sicario” and died in early 2018.

MOVIE “Escaping the Madhouse: The Nellie Bly Story” / 8:00pm (Lifetime) Inspired by a true story, this new TV drama stars Christina Ricci as pioneering investigative reporter Nellie Bly, who feigns mental illness to be admitted as a patient at the notorious Women’s Lunatic Asylum, where she hopes to gather research for an expose on the facility. In this fictionalized account of actual events, Nellie’s treatment there leaves her with no recollection of how she came to the asylum or, indeed, even her real identity. Judith Light co-stars as sadistic Matron Grady, while Josh Bowman plays a sympathetic doctor.



Christina Ricci stars in “Escaping the Madhouse: The Nellie Bly Story” Saturday on Lifetime.

Planet Earth: Dynasties / 9:00pm (AMC) Celebrated naturalist David Attenborough hosts this new five-part co-production, which also premieres tonight across BBC America’s corporate siblings AMC, IFC and Sundance TV. The miniseries examines five of the world’s most endangered species as they struggle to survive. Tonight’s opener focuses on one of the most famous lion prides in Africa: the Marsh Pride of Kenya’s Masai Mara.

MOVIE “Brexiti” / 9:00pm (HBO) 2:15am (HBO) Benedict Cumberbatch stars in this new docudrama, which takes viewers behind the scenes during the events leading up to the summer 2016 referendum that resulted in a decision for the United Kingdom to leave the European Union. The “Sherlock” star plays Dominic Cummings, who spearheaded the Vote Leave establishment, so successful that it sent political shockwaves around the world. Among the many other characters, Rory Kinnear portrays Craig Oliver, director of communications for Prime Minister David Cameron and head of the Remain campaign.

TV Sunday

BEST BETS

Shark Tank / 9:00pm (7) In tonight’s new episode, an entrepreneur from Willis, Texas, pitches her design for a cosmetics bag that lies flat, allowing easy access to contents. A group from California proposes an online boutique subscription shave club catering exclusively to women. Designs for functional cat furniture that is both durable and easy to clean are pitched by a team from Colorado and California, while a mother from Palo Alto, Calif., introduces her play dresses for mothers who have young children. Also: an update on Pet Plate, a pet food delivery service.

American Style / 9:00pm (CNN) 12:00am (CNN) This four-part miniseries draws to a close with its final two hours. First, “1980s: Material World,” revisits how the presidency of Ronald Reagan ushered in a new era of optimism, leading to extravagance and greed. As Wall Street capitalized on this trend, marginalized communities found new ways to express themselves. The finale, “1990s/2000s: 21st Century Vogue,” recalls how fashion designers pushed back against the excess of the ‘80s and women made strides in the workplace and the media as the 20th century receded into a new millennium.

Victoria & Albert: The Wedding / 10:00pm (22.26.4) Episode 2 of this new re-



Pete Holmes stars in “Crashing” Sunday on HBO.

construction of a history-changing wedding in England finds host Lucy Worsley and her team donning their best period finery, including the latest styles affected by high-status ladies in 1840. This painstakingly accurate recreation of the ceremony also provides a forum to discuss all the feuds and political undercurrents that virtually demanded Victoria and Albert’s union would mark a fresh start with a new kind of royal family.

Crashing / 10:00pm (HBO) 12:35am (HBO) 2:00am (HBO) Fresh off a surprisingly successful college comedy tour, Pete (Pete Holmes) returns to the New York club scene feeling more confident and reinvented as this quasi-autobiographical sitcom returns for Season 3. While the show’s original title stands, happily its main character no longer is having to rely on the kindness of friends who let him crash on their couch. In the season premiere, “Jaboukie,” Pete’s trying to pay his newfound success forward by taking promising comic Jaboukie Young-White under his wing.

Metro

“As a staunch supporter of Virginia veterans and their families, I was glad to welcome members of the @VirginiaLegion and the Joint Leadership Council (JLC) to the Capitol today.”
— Virginia House Speaker Kirk Cox, on Twitter



MARYLAND

Hogan budget funds priorities, allows for reserves

Governor to give \$46.6 billion plan to lawmakers

By **BRIAN WITTE**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ANNAPOLIS | Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan outlined some of his top budget proposals Thursday in his \$46.6 billion budget plan for the next fiscal year, one day before the proposal is due to the Democrat-controlled General Assembly.

Mr. Hogan said his plan fully funds his administration's priorities and spending programs mandated by the legislature without raising taxes. He also said it leaves \$1.3 billion in reserves.

Mr. Hogan has a breakfast meeting scheduled with lawmakers on fiscal panels Friday, when the governor's entire plan will be made public. Lawmakers will spend much of the rest of the legislative session working on the budget before taking a vote before the session ends at midnight April 8.

Educational

The budget includes \$9.3 billion for K-12 education, which Mr. Hogan says is another record amount. Funding for school construction is more than \$438 million, the most ever in one year, according to the administration. The Republican governor also is proposing that the state create a fund that would enable \$3.5 billion to be invested in school construction over the next five years.

Mr. Hogan has set aside \$200 million to

implement recommendations of the state panel known as the Kirwan Commission.

Economic development

The administration has included \$56.5 million more in funding to expand Maryland's Opportunity Zone program to attract business and development. The budget also includes \$8 million for tax credits for manufacturing employers that create jobs in parts of the state with high unemployment rates.

Transportation

The proposal includes \$3.3 billion in investments in the state's transportation network. That includes nearly \$1.7 billion for state highways and \$221 million for the Purple Line light rail project.

It also includes \$255.9 million for local jurisdictions known as Highway

User Revenue — a \$24 million increase from last year.

Drug addiction

The budget plan contains about \$248 million for prevention and treatment of drug addiction, about a 20 percent increase over the amount in the last budget to battle addiction.

Health

Nearly \$11.5 billion is included for Maryland's Medicaid program, which provides health care coverage to nearly 1.4 million state residents. Nearly \$130 million is allocated to pay for a 3.5 percent rate increase for behavioral health and developmental disabilities service providers.

Crime

Mr. Hogan has included about \$13

million to pay for initiatives to address violent crime in Baltimore, including increased enforcement efforts and added support for prosecution and witness protection. The budget also includes \$3 million to implement additional security measures at houses of worship at risk of hate crimes, the administration said.

Environment

The budget fully funds transfer tax programs, including Program Open Space, with no diversions of special fund revenue to the state's general fund. Programs funded by the transfer tax are slated to receive \$267.5 million, an increase of about \$14.5 million from last year.

State employee raises

The governor's proposal includes at least a 3 percent raise for state workers.



Pip the Beach Cat plays at the beach in Ocean City, Maryland. This friendly kitten was seen in the Berlin Christmas Parade and at Winter Fest OC and various restaurants.

MARYLAND

Letting the cat out on to the beach

Meet Pip, he's making waves in Ocean City with his fantastic feline adventures

By **MEG RYAN**
THE DAILY TIMES

OCEAN CITY, MD. | A breezy winter afternoon doesn't deter an orange kitten from running around Ocean City.

He digs holes in the sand, climbs over dunes and makes his way up to Marty's Playland arcade on the Boardwalk. He explores the Skee-Ball machines while passers-by smile and giggle watching the cat walk up and down the games.

This little orange kitten is known as "Pip the Beach Cat" and is quickly growing as a celebrity in Ocean City. He has gained more than 4,600 likes on Facebook and counting as he continues to travel through the town to different events and landmarks.

The friendly kitten was seen in the Berlin Christmas Parade and out at the Ocean City Police Department, Winter Fest OC and various restaurants.

He's continuing to build his popularity by self-publishing a children's book and training to work as a therapy cat.

"It's like rediscovering Ocean City through the eyes of a kid, but instead of a kid it's a cat," said Emily

Meadows, Ocean City resident and Pip's mother.

Ms. Meadows said the 7-month-old kitten joined her family after he turned up at a friend's home. He was homeless, small and dirty looking for a place to stay. Initially, Ms. Meadows and her husband planned to just babysit him, but plans changed.

"He's just never left," she said.

Ms. Meadows and her husband quickly realized that Pip was different from their other cats and needed to run around to get all of his energy out.

"He's super adventurous and tears up our whole house so we have to take him out all the time to keep him busy and give him things to do," she said.

That's when Pip's adventures around the resort town began. Pip can be seen on a harness and lease around town with Ms. Meadows following quickly behind.

She takes the cat to dig around in the sand, walk the Boardwalk and visit various businesses. He'll chase sea gulls or ride boogie boards and paddle boards.

"He'll stop by and hang out with everybody," Ms. Meadows said.

The public's reaction to Pip has been positive,

Ms. Meadows said. Sometimes people don't always notice him and when they do they're surprised and want to hear his whole story. He's a joy for families as well as children like to borrow the leash and take Pip for a walk.

"Kids love him," she said.

The cat now has his own business cards to give to fans.

Pip's children's book will be focused on Ms. Meadow and her family's favorite spots in Ocean City. She said they're currently trying to find an illustrator for the book and believe it will be available for sale by end of April or beginning of May. A portion of the book's proceeds will be donated to charities including The Cricket Center, Surf Into Integrity and Worcester County Humane Society.

Ms. Meadows said as Pip attends events, he'll donate \$3 from every book to the organization.

The family also is working on making Pip a therapy cat to visit nursing homes. Ms. Meadows said the biggest hurdle is typically getting the cat to enjoy car rides, but that's no issue for Pip.

"That's when we knew he'd be a perfect candidate," she said.

VIRGINIA

Pence blasts critics for attacking wife's job at school

By **VALERIE RICHARDSON**
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Vice President Mike Pence defended his wife Thursday against criticism over her job at a Northern Virginia Christian school that prohibits homosexual or other extra-marital activity on the part of students or parents, calling for an end to "attacks on Christian education."

Second lady Karen Pence, who teaches art part-time at Immanuel Christian School in Springfield, touched off a media firestorm following reports about the school's policy on morality, which requires parents and students to adhere to "the biblical lifestyle that the school teaches."

"Karen and I have been in and around public life for almost two decades, and so to be honest with you, we're used to the criticism," Mr. Pence told Family Research Council president Tony Perkins. "But the attacks on Christian education by the mainstream media have got to stop."

His comments came during a radio interview Thursday on "Washington Watch with Tony Perkins."

"We cherish the freedom of religion in this country," Mr. Pence continued. "This administration stands foursquare for the freedom of religion of people of all faiths, and to see the mainstream media criticize my wife because she's choosing to return to the classroom of an elementary Christian school is wrong. Again, the attacks on Christian education must end."

The story, first reported by The Huffington Post, prompted a round of denunciations by media figures and progressives accusing Mrs. Pence of condoning discrimination, while conservatives defended the private school's right to adopt traditional Christian standards of morality.

Immanuel requires parents to sign an agreement recognizing that the school "reserves the right, within its sole discretion, to refuse admission to an applicant or to discontinue enrollment of a student if the atmosphere or conduct within a particular home, the activities of the student are counter to, or are in opposition to, the biblical lifestyle the school teaches."

"This includes, but is not limited to contumacious behavior, divisive conduct, and participating in, supporting, or condoning sexual immorality, homosexual activity or bi-sexual activity, promoting such practices, or being unable to support the moral principles of the school. (Lev. 20:13 and Romans 1:27) I acknowledge the importance of a family culture based on biblical principles and embrace biblical family values such as a healthy marriage between one man and one woman," the agreement states.

"The Daily Show's" Trevor Noah mocked Mrs. Pence in a Wednesday night segment, adding that, "I think it's crazy that if you want to discriminate against anyone in America all you have to do is go, 'Oh, it's because of my religion! I'm not discriminating!'"

"This sends a terrible message to students," tweeted the ACLU. "Do we want to live in a country with leaders who are willing to disavow LGBTQ youth?"

MARYLAND

Authorities: 3rd suspect in slaying arrested in Georgia

Authorities say another teen has been arrested in the gang-related slaying of a man last year.

Francisco Sosa, 18, was arrested Tuesday in Gwinnett County, Georgia, and is awaiting extradition to Maryland.

Prince George's County Police say Mr. Sosa was arrested on charges including first-degree murder in the death of Herson Mejia-Alvarez, 19.

County police working on an unrelated case found Mejia-Alvarez's body in a wooded area in May. His cause of death was ruled to be blunt force trauma.

Lenin and Bryan Mancias-Callejas were 16 years old when they were arrested in the case in June and charged

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as adults with murder.

Police say Mr. Sosa and the Mancias-Callejas brothers are members of a gang.

— Associated Press

GLEN BURNIE ICE ends detainee contract with Anne Arundel County

Weeks after Anne Arundel County stopped alerting U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement about the immigration status of its jail inmates, the federal agency is withdrawing from its contract to house detainees there — a decision that will cost the county

millions in revenue.

The Capital reported that the agency gave Anne Arundel County three months' notice in a letter Wednesday. The county received about \$4 million last year to house up to 130 ICE detainees.

County Executive Steuart Pittman withdrew from the 287(g) program in December, saying it didn't make people safer. He also proposed using the money from the ICE contract to pay for legal help for the detainees.

— Associated Press

VIRGINIA

RICHMOND

64,000 Virginians lose pay in shutdown, state loses taxes

Virginia's secretary of finance says the partial government shutdown has cut off pay for more than 64,000 state

residents and could squeeze benefits programs.

The Daily Press reported that Aubrey Lane told the Senate Finance Committee on Wednesday that unpaid wages for those workers amount to \$127 million a week, on which the state typically collects \$7 million in payroll taxes.

Half those workers are furloughed, while the other half are working without pay.

Virginia has covered the cost of benefits for furloughed workers, but it's unclear whether they'll receive back pay to reimburse the state.

Mr. Layne also said Virginia could lose the \$100 million a month it uses to finance food stamps if the shutdown lasts past February.

He warned that cost may need to be factored into the General Assembly's state budget plans.

— Associated Press

A bright future for U.S. oil and gas

With facts and data, reality beats the so-called Green New Deal

By Steve Everley

Are fossil fuels like oil and natural gas the energy of the past? You could be forgiven for thinking so. There is no shortage of headlines on how renewables will be the fastest growing energy source in the coming decades, especially in rapidly growing economies, where renewables are experiencing double-digit growth. According to the BP Statistical Review of Energy, from 2016 to 2017, use of non-hydro renewables increased by 31 percent in China and nearly 20 percent in India.

But based on the global oil and gas market, we might want to pump the brakes on the hype.

Since 2014, U.S. crude oil exports have increased by more than 220 percent, and by 2020 exports are projected to hit nearly 4 million barrels per day. In 2017, China was the second largest destination for U.S. oil shipped abroad.

Last year, for the second year in a row, the United States exported more natural gas than it imported. U.S. liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports have increased by more than 4,000 percent since 2014, and by the end of 2019 our LNG export capacity will more than double. The United States will soon be the third largest LNG exporter in the world, behind only Qatar and Australia.

None of this would be possible without rapidly growing demand. The International Energy Agency (IEA) projects global oil demand will increase by 11 million barrels per day by 2040, driven mostly by a 30 percent increase in Asia. That even incorporates the growth of electric vehicles, because most of the increased oil demand will come from petrochemical manufacturing. By 2030, IEA projects natural gas will overtake coal as the second largest fuel in the global energy mix.

The data from just China and India — the world's largest and third-largest energy consumers, respectively — are stunning.

China's total energy consumption from all sources in 2017 was roughly 23 billion barrels of oil equivalent. Non-hydro renewables in China accounted for the equivalent of about 782 million barrels of oil in 2017, or around 3.4 percent of China's total energy consumption.

Meanwhile, China consumed nearly 4.5 billion barrels of oil in 2017 when it overtook the United States as the world's largest oil importer. From 2016 to 2017, Chinese oil consumption increased by 82 million barrels. Natural gas consumption in China also increased by nearly 195 million barrels of oil equivalent over the same period.

Historically, China has not been a major natural gas consumer, at least relative to other sources: Only about 6 percent of its energy use comes from natural gas. Yet total natural gas use in China is still massive. The energy that China gets from natural gas is more than double what the United States currently gets from renewables.

All indications are that China will become an even bigger natural gas consumer. Chinese LNG imports increased by nearly 50 percent last year, and the country's natural gas use will more than double in the next decade as part of its "blue skies" initiative to reduce pollution.

Energy from oil and gas in China is approximately eight times larger than what renewables delivered in 2017.

The world's second most populous country, India, is also driving global oil and gas demand.

Even though renewables had double-digit growth in India from 2016 to 2017, the country's dependence on fossil fuels was unchanged. In 2016, renewables accounted for 2.5 percent of all primary energy use in India. In 2017, they were 2.9 percent.

Oil delivers 10 times more energy for India than renewables. The country will more than double its oil use by 2035, making it the fastest growing oil consumer in the world. India gets twice as much energy from natural gas than renewables, and it is planning to build 11 LNG import terminals over just the next seven years. The country already imports about 20 million tons of LNG per year, but it hopes to more than triple that to 70 million tons by 2025.

Growing global energy demand will require a diverse set of resources and approaches, including fossil fuels, renewables, and efficiency. And to be sure, the recent growth in renewables has been impressive.

But amidst discussions about the so-called Green New Deal and as activists paint a rosy picture about transitioning to 100 percent renewables within 10 years, it is more important than ever to focus on data over political slogans.

We have the capacity to give billions of people around the world access to stable and affordable sources of energy, not only lifting them out of poverty but also ensuring that more dollars flow back into the United States.

Someone will be providing massive quantities of oil and natural gas to countries like China and India in the decades to come. Why shouldn't it be the United States?

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Donald Trump, the 'norm entrepreneur'

He reduces voter perception of an event like the shutdown and a new opinion emerges

By Rich Danker

Donald Trump, the first president who talks as a common man and serves without prior official experience, is not allowed to govern normally. Despite winning 30 states in 2016, he has had to embrace extraordinary tactics to move his agenda over opposition in both political parties. From the elimination of the filibuster for his Supreme Court confirmations to the budget reconciliation technique required to pass his tax cuts, President Trump faces the choice of seeing his campaign promises die or have a chance to succeed only on account of creative and labored circumvention, usually on the rails of his Twitter handle.

Mr. Trump's \$6 billion wall on the southern border, recently envisioned as a scale-up of Barack and Michelle Obamas' Kalorama enclosure ("same thing, slightly larger version!"), is a tangible promise he had made since coming down the escalator at Trump Tower. No matter how much revenue

the U.S. government might see from its revised trade deal with Mexico, its funding must be appropriated by Congress.

Until recently, Mr. Trump largely deferred to Republican congressional leadership on spending, which yielded nothing for a wall. With Paul Ryan gone and the House GOP coming off a midterm drubbing, that deference is gone. Mr. Trump has become the sole negotiator with the new House Democrats and refused to sign any more appropriations bills without wall money.

Seventy-four percent of discretionary federal funding had already been appropriated through the end of fiscal 2019 when the government entered a partial shutdown before the holidays. Mr. Trump has ordered furloughed employees previously considered nonessential — like IRS refund processors — to stay on the job. He also recently signed a law to ensure furloughed workers' back pay upon funding. Instead of

If his voter coalition sticks out an extended shutdown he may be able to get Democrats to reach a breaking point and fund at least part of his wall.

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It's an unkind cut and Gillette takes it on the chin

Business schools are growing like weeds in the nation's universities, many of them endowed by the smart, the clever, and the innovative upon whom capitalism has not merely smiled, but laughed out loud.

Some of these wizards with a corner office at Gillette think they have discovered the magic formula they never learned in a classroom. Why be nice to your most loyal customers when you can resort to snark, snarl and insult, putting those customers in their place and pander to the feminists in a perpetual pout at #MeToo. This remarkable experiment in revolutionary counter-marketing has caught the eye and attention of marketing mavens worldwide. You don't need expensive research to figure out that women don't buy many razor blades (and some of the ladies of the #MeToo persuasion obviously don't buy any).

Gillette has its own history of toxic masculinity. The maker of the blue blade was once synonymous with boxing, football and other violent manly exercises. Little boys grew up thinking the Friday Night Fights, the World Series and the New Year's Day bowl games were owned and operated by Gillette. A little boy grew up determined to "look sharp" and "be sharp," and learned to shave with a Gillette blade, dreaming of the day a dishy blonde or dark Brunette would caress his cheek to see how smooth it was and step out of a sexually suggestive Gillette commercial to declare upon close inspection that he was in fact "all a man can be."



After millions of views of a remarkable television commercial depicting men as bullies and sexual harassers encouraging little boys to fight each other, abuse women, and display the crudest kind of "toxic masculinity," the narrator tells men that it's time for them to "stop making excuses and renounce the idea that 'boys will be boys'."

The idea that the way to make money and reform the world is to diss loyal customers and cater to those without much use for your product would never have occurred to most of the professors at business schools, but Gillette, the dominant manufacturer of razor blades, is betting that snark and insult is the way for the company to be all it can be.

"We weren't trying to court controversy, says Pankaj Bhalla, the "director of the brand" at Gillette. "We were just trying to upgrade the selling line that we've had for 30 years — the Best a Man Can Get — and make it relevant. I don't think our intention was to have controversy just for the same of controversy." This was said with a straight face, so perhaps it was meant to be believed.

Gillette is a big company, highly profitable and when Procter and Gamble acquired it 14 years ago it had to pay \$57 billion for it. We can assume the wizards in the corner offices think they know what they're doing. Gillette makes sharp razor blades, as almost any man could tell you, as well as a top-selling shaving cream. Men are always on the scout for something to relieve the drudgery of the morning shave, and Gillette once had an astonishing market share of 70 percent. That share has dropped to 50 percent over the past decade. Not even slashing the price of their simple and inexpensive razors has stopped the bleeding (as it were).

One undeniable sin of the modern man is that male grooming is not what it used to be. Whether men are growing a beard, emulating Karl Marx, or just settling for the sloppy look, the daily shave is clearly out, as a cursory inspection of the passing parade demonstrates. Research shows that the millennials, the market of the immediate future whether the marketers like it or not, want a "socially conscious" razor blade.

Reaction to the commercial and the controversy has been remarkably negative. Comments on Gillette's own YouTube channel have been running 10 to 1 against the message of the commercial, and if only a few of the angry men keep their vow to throw their razors in the toilet it will be good news for the nation's plumbers. Someone will have to unclog a lot of toilets.

Insulting men, particularly white men, is currently in high vogue, but Gillette is testing the theory that anything can be overdone. The marketplace will be a sorry place when it's all about angry boycotts and everyone refers to a sanctions list to determine which toothpaste, deodorant or diaper to drop into the shopping cart. But Gillette can't say it didn't ask for it.

Harry's and Dollar Shave Club are standing by to assist Gillette's fall from invincibility and two marketing guys in the corner offices are hiding in the closet. Boys will be boys, and some of their former customers have their razors ready to make some unkind cuts.

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COMMENT & ANALYSIS

The House rebukes a member

There must be no place in America for racial or religious bigotry

The House of Representatives has voted, nearly unanimously, to condemn remarks made by Iowa congressman Steve King. The long-time Republican congressman, in an interview with The New York Times, asked a rhetorical question: “White nationalist, white supremacist ... when did that become offensive?” The correct answer is “a long time ago.” Rep. King’s remarks set off a firestorm, including calls to resign from powerful members of his own party.

“[T]he House of Representatives once again rejects White nationalism and White supremacy as hateful expressions of intolerance that are contradictory to the values that define the people of the United States,” the resolution says. (It’s not clear why the adjective “white” is capitalized.) Mr. King, striking a note of regret, voted for it himself. The only dissenting vote, Rep. Bobby Rush of Illinois, deemed the condemnation too lenient. Perhaps he wants a public flogging.

It has become a commonplace that bigotry is on the rise in the United States. Given that America is more diverse and that there are more opportunities available for racial minorities than ever before in U.S. history, we’re not so sure that this is so. But bigotry has no rightful place in America, and we’re happy to see it dying out.

We note, however, that there appears to be one notable exception to this trend. Hatred of Jews — an ancient pathology, known popularly as “anti-Semitism” — does appear to be on the rise. And it’s not “whataboutism” to note that this is largely a sin of the left.

The Women’s March, the anti-Donald Trump political organization, has taken fire for anti-Semitism, and rightly so. Tamika Mallory, co-president of the group, is peculiarly fond of Louis Farrakhan, the virulently anti-Semitic leader of the Nation of Islam. On a recent appearance on the television program “The View,” Ms. Mallory could not bring herself to condemn Mr. Farrakhan, who has referred to Jews as “termites.” (Jews as insects is a trope that was widely employed in Nazi Germany.) Because of this, and other accusations of anti-Semitism surrounding the group, mainstream liberal organizations like the Democratic National Committee have severed ties with the organization.

They have not severed ties with two

new members of Congress who can be credibly accused of animus towards Jews. One is Rep. Ilhan Omar, newly elected from Minnesota. In a 2012 tweet, Ms. Omar accused Israel of having “hypnotized the world.” “May Allah awaken the people and help them see the evil doings of Israel,” she continued. Accusing Jews of having diabolical, supernatural powers is another trope of anti-Semitism. Her accusation of “hypnosis” goes far beyond the bounds of legitimate criticism of the world’s only Jewish state.

Rep. Rashida Tlaib, from the state of Michigan, is the other new Muslim member of Congress. Rep. Tlaib supports a “one-state solution” — which means, by definition, the destruction of the Jewish state — and supports the Boycott, Divest, and Sanctions (BDS) movement, which would single out democratic Israel for harsh sanctions. Even J Street, the left-wing Jewish organization that is acridly critical of the Israeli government, refused to support Ms. Tlaib’s candidacy. When anti-BDS legislation was introduced in Congress this month, she accused the sponsors of “forgetting what country they represent.” This is a return to another classic anti-Semitic accusation, that Jews hold “dual loyalty” to the United States and Israel. The Democratic-held House does not seem interested in condemning or even scolding Rep. Omar or Rep. Tlaib.

A poll taken two years ago purports to show the normalization of anti-Semitism in American life, an increase in 40 percent of Americans who hold anti-Semitic views. Among the poll’s findings are that 31 percent of Americans believe Jews are “more loyal to Israel than to America,” and that a quarter believe that Jews “talk too much” about the Holocaust.

The dangers are not merely academic. Anti-Semitic hate crimes rose by 57 percent between 2016 and 2017, the Anti-Defamation League reports. And who can forget the slaughter that unfolded in Pittsburgh last year when 11 worshipers were murdered in a synagogue? That atrocity was the worst mass killing of Jews in American history.

Anti-Semitism is a scourge with thousands of years of history. It’s probably naive to think it will ever die out. But trends indicate things are moving in the wrong direction.



BOOK REVIEW

At odds with one another and the world

FAMILY TRUST
By Kathy Wang
William Morrow, \$26.99, 400 pages

By Corinna Lothar

Families and trust — the emotional kind as well as the financial one — are central to Kathy Wang’s first novel, “Family Trust.” It’s an entertaining account of a Chinese-American family at odds with one another and, to some extent, the world. That world is Silicon Valley, California, where the younger generation of the family is involved, more or less successfully, in venture capital endeavors and investments. Money and status are the touchstones of success. It’s easy to forget that almost all the characters are Chinese, given their English names, until Ms. Wang reminds with little jabs that all is not in a name. American as they are, her characters have moments when their “otherness” is confronted.

The book is divided into chapters, each bearing the name of one of the characters, and expressing that character’s point of view, told in the third person. It’s a witty romp through marital, parent-child, sibling, professional and ethnic relationships and conflicts.

Stanley, the family patriarch, a weak man given to lying and fits of rage, is dying of cancer. His long-divorced wife, Linda, the mother of his adult children, Kate and Fred, is pushing them to have Stanley make a will, fearing that if he doesn’t, his current, much younger wife, Mary, will inherit everything. Kate and Fred are reluctant to bring up the subject with their father.

Linda “wondered whether she had taught her son anything. Didn’t Harvard Business School have a class in second wife and end-of-life estate planing? For the tuition it charged, it should at least have offered it as an elective.” Linda had always worked and had saved and invested money, cognizant of Stanley’s incompetence and misrepresentation.

Fred was divorced. His current girlfriend, Erika, a tall, striking Hungarian, with “loose hazelnut curls and light filtered through green eyes [was] a trilling contrast to the plain black and dark browns of the Asians he’d mostly dated before.” Erika didn’t like “most ethnic restaurants, and in particular the cheap authentic ones, an admission that in native Bay Area circles was viewed with the same muted horror as Holocaust denial or the use of trans fats.”

Fred had expected to be rich a few years after graduating from Harvard, but had not risen beyond being a minor investor at a smallish firm with few perks. In his zeal for wealth, he agreed to join a

colleague in a new sure-fire strike-it-rich venture that turned out to be a fraudulent scheme. When he refused to marry Erika, she sent an email letter accusing him of betrayal, desertion, insults to his bosses and an interest in pornography, which “meandered through a smattering of high school and college acquaintances, as well as what Fred assumed to be the near entirety of his nine-hundred-person Harvard Business School class” before reaching his employers. He was promptly fired.

Linda, meanwhile, had met a Chinese man on the Internet, become close to him, and agreed to meet. “The few strands [of his hair] that remained were obviously dyed, and Winston had made the mistake of selecting the jet-black hue of his youth, which created the unfortunate effect of a large spider tenuously clutching to the top of a beige spotted egg.” He turned out to be a fraud connected to the same scheme that involved Fred — but not until he had obtained considerable sums of money from Linda.

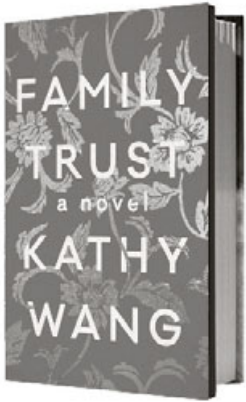
Kate was doing well in a prestigious Silicon Valley tech company, juggling her career, home (where husband Denny worked in the attic on a start-up), and their two children, until she discovered Denny’s affair with Camilla Moser. Camilla, when confronted by Kate, decided to drop Denny and in a curious turn-about, became Kate’s good friend.

Mary, Stanley’s second wife, had married a man “who owned his own home, who had a pension, who could afford to take her on vacation to faraway destinations and didn’t force her to work.” She was only required to “serve him, delight him in every manner she could imagine, cook foods for him to enjoy, and massage his body each night.”

Then she discovered all was a sham, and Stanley didn’t have the seven million he claimed to possess. Her husband was “a liar who’d promised her an amount beyond her wildest fantasies and made it real, before taking it all away. ... That’s when Mary finally felt the anger, the resentment she had seen in the eyes of Stanley’s ex-wife and children.” Now she knew the truth “that success in America was less about what you earned than your particular luck on the day you decided to take it for yourself. She would manage things on her own.”

Miss Wang’s portrait of a special world makes “Family Trust” fun to read, but the underlying cynicism regarding Silicon Valley and human ambition leave sobering thoughts on the complexity of human relationships.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Situation at border indeed crisis

Is there is a border crisis? Who are we to believe — politicians or our own eyes? Our neighbor lost two children to the fentanyl that comes through the southern border. Drugs, gangs, potential terrorists and human traffickers penetrate the border as easily as do families. Our inability to screen immigrants also exposes us to pathogens like tuberculosis. The porosity of the border is confirmed by felons who have been deported multiple times. Yet another “caravan” is forming, and identifying vests worn by its spokesmen prove it to be an organized, not

a spontaneous event. Yes, there is a crisis.

The assertion that “walls don’t work” is irrational. TSA uses walls to funnel passengers through magnetometers. Magnetometers (and screeners to man them) are expensive. By comparison, walls are cheap. Controlling the border with sensors and drones would require a 24-hour “quick reaction” force to respond to crossings along hundreds of miles of border. That force would increase required manpower tenfold compared to using the “walls and ports of entry” model. Hungary and other European

countries are building walls today. The wall in Israel has reduced terrorism by over 99 percent. Most tellingly, Jordan began building a border wall with Syria in 2009.If “walls don’t work,” why did the Obama administration and Congress appropriate money to assist that effort?

Yes, Congress must be fiscally responsible. But given the situation at the border, it is specious to argue that \$5.7 billion for the wall (0.15 percent of the federal budget) is unjustified.

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Wall would ensure fairness

With the federal government shut-down now approaching a month in length, I know federal workers are beginning to feel the financial pinch, and for their sake hope the impasse is resolved sooner rather than later.

Living in Northern Virginia, I know and am friends with a few of these federal employees, so I can get their views on the issue of a border wall firsthand. For Americans living outside the federal bubble that is Washington, the concept of a dispute over a border wall may seem

ridiculous. Many Americans have never visited our southern border with Mexico, and may not have a grasp of the necessity for a border wall, fence or other physical barrier. Let me try and put things in perspective.

Say your local grocery store, maybe a Safeway or Giant, had 10 entrances and exits, but only one checkout counter. The store had security cameras at all the doors, but only one security guard at the checkout counter. The other nine doors were not secured. I wonder if the local

hoodlums would soon realize that they could visit the store, do their “shopping” and just walk out without paying. Sure, they might appear on the security camera, but the lone guard can’t leave his post, so they leave unimpeded.

Meanwhile, law-abiding customers patiently stand in line at the checkout counter, waiting their turn to make their purchases.

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Tulsi Gabbard’s distorted vision of American foreign policy

Endorsing Middle East fever dreams will not serve the presidential candidate

By Evan Barrett

In January 2017, Rep. Tulsi Gabbard, Hawaii Democrat, introduced legislation aimed to “prohibit the use of United States Government funds to provide assistance to Al Qaeda, Jabhat Fateh al-Sham, and the Islamic State.” If there were any doubt as to whether the congresswoman believed the United States was arming said terrorists, the bill’s name: the “Stop Arming Terrorists Act” appears to settle the question.

Since Ms. Gabbard announced her intention to run for president last week, she has received a large amount of criticism for past homophobia, Islamophobia and coziness with dictators. Less discussed, however has been her consistently distorted vision of American foreign policy, which suggests a radical distrust of America’s role in the world.

In the instance of Syria alone, Ms. Gabbard insisted the United States was supporting al Qaeda and ISIS (they were not), praised Russia for standing up to terrorism in Syria (they were bombing anti-ISIS rebels). Ms. Gabbard stated she remained “skeptical” that the Assad regime was responsible for Khan Shaykhun chemical weapons attack that killed 74 civilians and prompted President Trump to respond with airstrikes. Ms. Gabbard has offered an alternative history of events in Syria since 2012, and has often placed malign American intent at the center of a civil conflict.

What is the source of these bizarre claims? To find media institutions that support the positions listed above, one has to travel outside of mainstream media entirely and into the realm of activist blogs and state-sponsored outlets. Denial of Syrian government responsibility for chemical weapons attacks, for example, has been a constant staple of Russian, Iranian and Venezuelan state media, as well as conspiratorial websites belonging to the political fringes in the United



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States. In order to justify its own rapacious belligerence, this narrative goes, the United States fabricates war crimes on the part of governments targeted for “regime change”

It is not particularly disturbing that Rep. Gabbard would oppose American

intervention in Syria, especially given her own distinguished military service in Iraq. But it is disturbing how closely her rhetoric mirrors that of America’s principal adversaries in the Middle East. That the United States sponsored and supported ISIS is the fever dream of

Middle Eastern propaganda ministers, not a sound basis for a piece of American legislation. How could a progressive serving on the Foreign Affairs Committee have the same read on Syria as Mahmoud Ahmadinajad and David Duke? After all, plenty of progressives including Sen.

Bernie Sanders have proven capable of articulating a more restrained foreign policy without taking personal meetings with mass murderers.

All of this suggests a worldview that is closer to the anti-imperial machinations of despots than any recognized school of foreign policy, and would be virtually unprecedented in an American president. If there is any precedent for Ms. Gabbard’s conception of American empire, it was probably best represented by President Trump’s infamous response to Bill O’Reilly’s question about Vladimir Putin’s consistent murder of journalists: “You think our country’s so innocent?”

An open hostility to the perspective of America’s foreign policy and security apparatus is a growth industry in politics in 2019. While President Obama and Ben Rhodes complained privately about the undue influence of the foreign policy “blob,” President Trump openly questions the veracity of claims made by our own intelligence agencies and military officials. Any relative success of Ms. Gabbard in a presidential run would represent the viability of this strategy on both sides of the aisle, and confirm the existence of a broad, America-skeptic coalition.

To be clear, there is nothing illegitimate about skepticism regarding America’s seemingly endless Middle Eastern wars. After all, a strong majority of Americans now believe the war in Iraq was a catastrophic policy error. But The New York Times op-ed page failing to predict failure in Iraq does not mean we should turn to RT for our understanding of world events. The current resident of the White House has an a la carte relationship with the truth, pulling factual justifications from any and every source regardless of its credibility. In the 2020 primary, Democrats will have to decide if Ms. Gabbard’s similar use of “alternative facts” is a strategy their party can tolerate.

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By Paul Driessen

How anti-chemical lawsuits threaten legal chaos

Litigation over the use of Roundup weedkiller reveals trouble to come

Many people unduly fear chemical and other risks they don’t understand. When misfortune strikes, some look for a corporation to blame and sue. Litigation over glyphosate, the active ingredient in Roundup weedkiller, is a prime example.

Introduced in 1974 and licensed in 130 countries, the chemical is the world’s most widely used herbicide. Millions of homeowners use it regularly. Farmers employ it with “Roundup-Ready” corn, soybeans and other crops that are engineered to be resistant to it, to minimize weeding and tilling, preserve soil structure, and reduce erosion and water evaporation.

However, personal injury lawyers have targeted glyphosate, and a California jury recently awarded \$289 million in damages (later reduced to \$78 million) to a former groundskeeper, who claimed the chemical caused his non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma and Monsanto deliberately or negligently failed to warn him adequately about the dangers.

To date, IARC has studied over 900 substances – and found only one was “probably” not carcinogenic. Its antiquated approach lumps bacon, sausage, sunlight and plutonium together in its “definitely carcinogenic” category.

“reasonable” is subject to debate. However, reputable evidence strongly suggests that there is no connection between glyphosate use and lymphomas or other cancers.

The entire mega-litigation argument hinges on one study — and District Court Judge Vince Chhabria will soon decide whether it should be admissible at the next trial. Experts say the study is highly suspect, possibly even fraudulent, and should be disallowed.

Multiple studies by respected organizations worldwide have concluded that glyphosate is safe and non-carcinogenic. Reviewers include the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, European Food Safety Authority, European Chemicals Agency, Food and Agriculture Organization, Germany’s Institute for Risk Assessment, Health Canada, Australia’s Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority, and others

The 25-year, multi-agency U.S. Agricultural Health Study of 89,000 farmers, commercial applicators and their spouses found no glyphosate-cancer link. The 2017 U.S. National Cancer Institute study of 54,000 pesticide applicators reached the same conclusion.

Only one study, by the France-based International Agency for



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Cancer Research (IARC), says otherwise. However, IARC does no research of its own. It simply reviews existing research and classifies chemicals as definitely, probably or possibly a cause of cancer in humans — often at extremely high doses that humans are highly unlikely to encounter in the real world. Nor does the agency conduct “risk assessments” to determine exposure levels at which chemicals might actually have adverse effects on people.

Indeed, some chemicals may cause cancer at extremely high doses, but be completely harmless at levels encountered in our daily lives.

To date, IARC has studied over 900 substances — and found only one was “probably” not carcinogenic. Its antiquated approach lumps bacon, sausage, sunlight and plutonium together in its “definitely carcinogenic” category. Its list of “possible” carcinogens includes pickled vegetables and caffeic acid, which is found in

coffee, tea, and numerous fruits and vegetables, including apples, blueberries, broccoli, kale and onions. Glyphosate is listed as “probably” cancer-causing.

Even more problematic is the process IARC followed in reaching its 2015 decision on glyphosate, based on evidence from rodent studies. As subsequent reviews by National Cancer Institute statistician Robert Tarone, cancer epidemiologist Geoffrey Kabat, and investigative journalists Kate Kelland and David Zaruk confirmed, that process was tainted from the beginning.

IARC’s glyphosate review was proposed by U.S. government statistician Christopher Portier, who also served as the only outside “consulting expert” for the IARC “working group” that evaluated the chemical. He did so while also being paid as an advisor to the anti-chemical Environmental Defense Fund. Then, immediately after IARC issued its ruling, Mr. Portier signed a contract to receive \$160,000 for serving as a litigation consultant for two law firms that were preparing to sue Monsanto on behalf of “glyphosate cancer victims.”

During its deliberations, Mr. Tarone concluded, the IARC panel highlighted certain positive results from rodent studies it relied on — while ignoring contradictory results from the same studies. Overall, the data do not support the agency’s decision, he determined.

Ms. Kelland found 10 instances where “a negative conclusion

about glyphosate leading to tumors was either deleted or replaced with a neutral or positive one” between draft and final versions of the IARC report. Mr. Portier himself admitted the animal studies subgroup report concluding “limited evidence” of carcinogenicity somehow got upgraded to “sufficient evidence” for the final report.

One member of the working group deliberately failed to mention a study exonerating glyphosate, because it hadn’t yet been published. But that was because he (as one of the authors) held it back from publication until after IARC rendered its decision.

The 1993 U.S. Supreme Court decision in Daubert v. Merrell Dow Pharmaceuticals requires that parties in cases like these glyphosate cancer claims must prove to the presiding judge’s satisfaction that the scientific evidence they intend to present is relevant and reliable. It must have been tested and/or peer-reviewed against accepted standards, must be accepted in the applicable scientific community, and must meet basic standards of honesty, integrity and credibility.

IARC’s claim that glyphosate is carcinogenic is such an outlier, so beneath scientific norms, that allowing it in future trials would cause legal and agricultural chaos.

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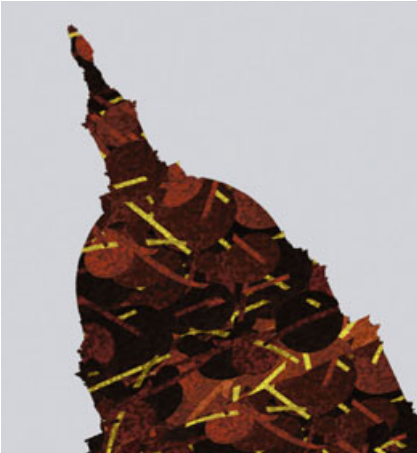
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shutdown like President Obama, he has sought to maintain a functioning federal government while pressing Congress to improve its spending bill.

Mr. Trump can’t govern normally, but he might be normalizing the government shutdown. Previously, Democrats prevailed in such spending fights no matter which end of Pennsylvania Avenue they controlled. A government shutdown became a national emergency standing in the path of them getting their way. It was a reliable tactic by Democrats to force spending projects or spare budget cuts.

This president may turn that tactic



on its head. If his voter coalition sticks out an extended shutdown he may be able to get Democrats to reach a breaking point and fund at least part

of his wall. The pinch from the lapse in appropriations is felt most sharply by Washington and Wall Street — the twin pillars of the Democratic Party. There may come a point, maybe it’s this month or maybe during March Madness, that a convergence of organized labor and investment bank donor pressure prompts Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer to make a deal. In the meantime the country is assured transfer payments, military spending, tax refunds, and the Mueller investigation.

So far only a handful of congressional Republicans are in open opposition to Mr. Trump’s insistence on the wall as part of more government funding. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has conceded having any national voice outside of judicial confirmations.

The newly reconfigured House Republican leadership lacks policy chops. Mr. Trump is fighting the toughest legislative battle of his 24-month presidency without a formidable band of lieutenants on Capitol Hill. But stretching back to the darkest days of the campaign, he’s often risen to the occasion when having to go at it alone.

Legal scholar and former Obama regulatory czar Cass Sunstein calls Mr. Trump a “norm entrepreneur.” In Mr. Trump’s way of moving norms, he reduces voters’ inhibitions on expressing latent political preferences. A particular perception of an idea or event — like a government shutdown — could be replaced if Mr. Trump were to reset its applicable norms. A popular but previously concealed opinion would

emerge as the new perception. When this happens, Mr. Sunstein argues, it is almost always a surprise.

The ultimate surprise so far was Mr. Trump’s election, followed by his ability to garner steady presidential approval ratings without changing his manner from the campaign. In his busted Cabinet selections and deference to fellow Republicans in Congress, Donald Trump in his first two years displayed plenty of good faith to old norms. The battle over the wall shows that fulfilling his campaign promises requires he continue to succeed as a norm entrepreneur.

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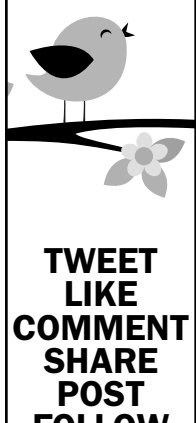
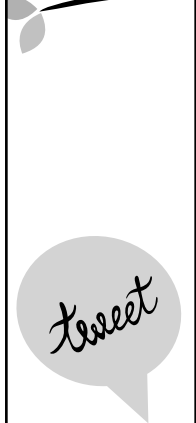
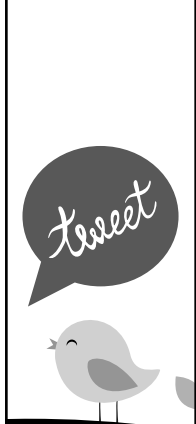
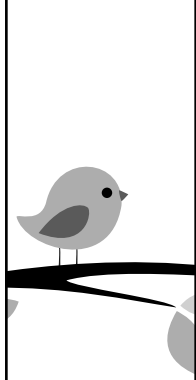
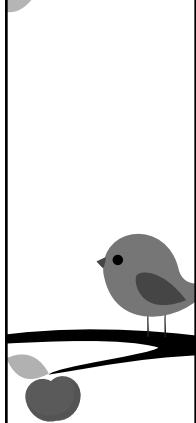
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Auctions: Virginia

PUBLIC AUCTION
DUMFRIES SELF STORAGE
17625 POSSUM POINT RD.
DUMFRIES, VA 22026
703-221-0234
THURSDAY
January 24, 2019
11:00 AM
TERMS: CASH

The contents of the following storage units will be sold at public auction to satisfy a lien placed on the contents.

358 Joseph Giles 378 Rosa Morales 145 Colletta Fullem
57 Latoya Brown 802 Sharron Hammond 162 Virginia Hoskings
15 James Moore 309 Emmett Sacre 388 Patricia Spitzer
147 Tefany Wilson

Run Date: January 18th, 2019

AD#23018

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

To satisfy the owner's storage lien, PS Orange Co. Inc. will sell at public auction on **January 30, 2019**, the personal property in units subject to lien at the following facilities, which may include but are not limited to: household and personal items, office and other equipment. The public sale of these items will begin at **09:00 AM** and continue until all units are sold.

PUBLIC STORAGE # 08153, 7501 Fordson Road, Alexandria, VA 22306, (571) 421-2724
Time: 09:00 AM

PUBLIC STORAGE # 08156, 7208 Fordson Road, Alexandria, VA 22306, (571) 351-4047
Time: 09:00 AM

PUBLIC STORAGE # 08240, 400 North Roosevelt Blvd, Falls Church, VA 22044, (571) 210-4358
Time: 09:00 AM

PUBLIC STORAGE # 08385, 370 Holland Lane, Alexandria, VA 22314, (757) 394-3097
Time: 09:00 AM

PUBLIC STORAGE # 20196, 398 Long Bridge Drive, Arlington, VA 22202, (757) 550-0294
Time: 09:00 AM

PUBLIC STORAGE # 20417, 401 S Pickett Street, Alexandria, VA 22304, (571) 297-1583
Time: 09:00 AM

PUBLIC STORAGE # 23604, 700 S Pickett Street, Alexandria, VA 22304, (571) 485-2681
Time: 09:00 AM

PUBLIC STORAGE # 27266, 5819 Columbia Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041, (571) 399-8194
Time: 09:00 AM

PUBLIC STORAGE # 29188, 6319 Arlington Blvd, Seven Corners, VA 22044, (757) 394-3589
Time: 09:00 AM

Public sale terms, rules, and regulations will be made available prior to the sale. All sales are subject to cancellation. We reserve the right to refuse any bid. Payment must be in cash or credit card-no checks. Buyers must secure the units with their own personal locks. To claim tax-exempt status, original RESALE certificates for each space purchased is required. By PS Orangeco, Inc., 701 Western Avenue, Glendale, CA 91201. (818) 244-8080.

Run Date: January 18th, 2019

AD#22629

Auctions: Maryland

Public Notice

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction at the location indicated

12030 Parklawn Drive
Rockville, MD 20852
301-908-6174
January 23, 2019 at 11:00 AM

Units: 2646, 1702, 3016, 3708, 2023, 1638, 1403, 1119, 24171921, 0215, 0022, 2565, 2571

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.

January 18, 2019 Ad#23011

IN ORDER TO ENFORCE ITS LIEN FOR UNPAID RENT,
AMERICAN SELF STORAGE WILL SELL AT A PUBLIC AUCTION ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 24TH, 2019 AT 12:00 PM NOON,

FOR CASH, THE CONTENTS OF THE FOLLOWING UNITS/SPACES:

336- B. McCaw; 667- M. Ochoa; 924- B. McCaw; 2727- D. Shubin; 2901- P. Elbo; 3628- J. Beltran; 3743- P. Lewis; 6526- D. Shostak

Sale to be held at
American Self Storage
3700 Pylers Mill Road
Kensington, MD 20895
301-933-3300
1/24/2019 at 12:00 p.m.
Victor Jones

Run Date: January 18th, 2019 AD#22995

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Trustee Sales: Alexandria

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF
203 YOAKUM PARKWAY UNIT 222,
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22304
CITY OF ALEXANDRIA

THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO
A 120 DAY RIGHT OF REDEMPTION BY
THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE.

In execution of a certain deed of trust dated 01/13/06, in the original principal amount of 280,000.00 recorded in the City of Alexandria, Virginia, as instrument No. 060003557, as amended by an instrument appointing the undersigned as Substitute Trustee, default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured and at the request of the holder, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the building housing the Circuit Court of the CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VA located at 520 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314 on **February 7, 2019, at 1:00 PM**, the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address, with improvements thereon and more particularly described as follows: CONDOMINIUM UNIT NO. 1-222, WATERGATE AT LANDMARK CONDOMINIUM, RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 806 AT PAGE 38, IN THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA AND ALL SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS THERETO. TERMS OF SALE: Neither the Substitute Trustee nor the holder of the note secured by the deed of trust will deliver possession of the property to the successful bidder. The purchaser at the sale will be required to pay all closing costs. Real estate taxes, water/sewer fees and other public charges will be prorated as of the date of sale. The risk of loss or damage to the property passes to the purchaser immediately upon the conclusion of the Substitute Trustee's sale. Terms: A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent price (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 sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within 20 days at the office of the Substitute Trustee. Time is of the essence as to the closing date and the payment of the purchase price. If payment of the balance does not occur within twenty days of the sale date, the deposit will be forfeited. Seller shall not be responsible for any costs incurred by the purchaser in connection with their purchase or settlement, including, without limitation, state and local recording fees, title insurance or research, or any other costs of purchaser's acquisition. Trustee shall have no duty to obtain possession for purchaser. All risks of casualty pass to successful bidder at conclusion of bidding. The property and the improvements thereon will be sold "AS IS" and without representation or warranties of any kind. The sale is subject to all liens, encumbrances, conditions, easements and restrictions, if any, superior to the mentioned deed of trust and lawfully affecting the property. 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, as well as to post-sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower(s) 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 the Purchaser's deposit without interest. Additional terms to be announced at the sale. For more information contact: Daniel Joslyn, Esq., member of Surety Trustees, at 301-490-3361 or www.mwc-law.com.

January 18, 2019
January 25, 2019

AD#22591

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF
1443 Duke Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$573,426.00, dated March 13, 2015, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for City of Alexandria on March 16, 2015, as Instrument Number 150003791, at Page 673, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction, at the **main entrance of the courthouse for the Circuit Court of City of Alexandria, 520 King St., Alexandria, VA on February 8, 2019 at 12:30 PM**, the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE NORTH SIDE OF DUKE STREET 337', 1 1/2" WEST OF WEST STREET; AND RUNNING THENCE WEST ON DUKE STREET 12'; THENCE NORTH WITH THE CENTER OF THE PARTITION WALL BETWEEN THE HOUSE HEREBY CONVEYED AND THE HOUSE ADJOINING ON THE WEST 53' 1 1/2", MORE OR LESS, TO AN ALLEY 10' WIDE; THENCE EAST ON SAID ALLEY 12'; AND THENCE SOUTH IN A DIRECT LINE WITH THE CENTER OF THE PARTITION WALL BETWEEN THE HOUSE HEREBY CONVEYED AND THE HOUSE ADJOINING ON THE EAST 53' 1 1/2", MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Tax ID: 073.02-07-24.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of \$14,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required in the form of a certified or cashier's check. Cash will not be accepted as a deposit. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustee may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. This is a communication from a debt collector. This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

(Trustee # 584423)

Substitute Trustee:
ALG Trustee, LLC, C/O Orlans PC
PO Box 2548,
Leesburg, VA 20177,
(703) 777-7101,
website: <http://www.orlans.com>

The Vendor Auction.com will be used in conjunction with this sale

Potential Bidders: For sale information, please visit www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832.

Towne # 5000.1947

January 11, 2019
January 18, 2019

AD#22470

Trustee Sales: Arlington Co.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 2518 N GLEBE ROAD, ARLINGTON, VA 22207. In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated October 19, 2005, in the original principal amount of \$588,750.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Arlington County, Virginia, in Book 3914 at Page 2172 as Instrument No. 2005293300 . The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Arlington County, 1425 N. Courthouse Road, Arlington, Virginia on February 15, 2019, at 1:00 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: LOT E, RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 1, 2 AND 3, BLOCK FIVE (5), SECTION ONE (1), LEE HEIGHTS, AS THE SAME IS DULY DEDICATED, PLATTED AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 570 AT PAGE 387, AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA, LESS AND EXCEPT 1,335 SQUARE FEET OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, TITLE TO WHICH VESTED IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA UPON THE RECDATION OF CERTIFICATE NO. C-4452 IN DEED BOOK 1497 AT PAGE 270, AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF ARLINGTON OF 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 Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Additional terms to be announced at the sale. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwswales.com. 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: BWL Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwswales.com. VA-330667-1.

January 18, 2019
January 25, 2019

AD#22978

TRUSTEE'S SALE
1724 South Edgewood Street
Arlington, VA 22204

In execution of the Deed of Trust dated May 19, 2006 and recorded on May 24, 2006 in Book 3983 at Page 787 in Instrument # 2006144182 of Arlington County land records, Trustee Services of Virginia, LLC, the appointed Substitute Trustee, will offer for sale at public auction **immediately in front of the entrance doors to the Courthouse 2/1/2 Arlington County Justice Center, 1425 North Courthouse Road, Arlington, Virginia on February 6, 2019 at 3:00 PM** the property more particularly described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust, located at the property address listed below and briefly identified as follows:

Lot Numbered 41 to 44 incl. in Block Lettered "sec 2" in a subdivision known as THOMPSON AND HOFFMAN DIV", as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book at plat among the Land Records of Arlington County, Virginia, and having a property address of 1724 S. Edgewood St., Arlington, VA 22204.

BEING the fee simple property which, by Deed dated August 4, 1994, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Arlington, Virginia, in Book 2690, Page 1613, was granted and conveyed by A. Ambrose Onai unto Mario E. Ramirez and Gloria M. Ramirez.

Tax No.: 31-001-046

Property address: 1724 South Edgewood Street, Arlington, VA 22204

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 \$35,500.00 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.

(18-08796)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

BROCK & SCOTT, PLLC
(Attorney for)
TRUSTEE SERVICES OF VIRGINIA, LLC)
484 Viking Drive, Suite 203
Virginia Beach, VA 23452
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WASHINGTON GLOBAL PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

NOTICE: REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Washington Global Public Charter School in accordance with section 2204(c) of the District of Columbia School Reform Act of 1995 solicits proposals for the following services:

- Special Education Services

Proposal Submission
A Portable Document Format (pdf) election version of your proposal must be received by the school no later than **4:00 p.m. EST on Tuesday, January 29, 2019** unless otherwise stated in associated RFP's. Proposals should be emailed to [bids@washingtonglobal.org](mailto: bids@washingtonglobal.org).

No phone call submission or late responses please. Interviews, samples, demonstrations will be scheduled at our request after the review of the proposals only.

Interested parties and vendors will state their credentials and qualifications and provide appropriate licenses, references, insurances, certifications, proposed costs, and work plan. Please include any pertinent disclosures that may be present.

Scope of Work

Washington Global Public Charter School invites authorized VENDORS of special education services to provide proposals for the purpose of providing competitive pricing and quality service.

Washington Global Public Charter School envisions a system that is based on the following:

- Educational and psychological testing (including initial and re-evaluations)
- Occupational therapy programming to include therapeutic services, screenings, and evaluations
- Speech & Language programming to include therapeutic services, screenings, and evaluations
- Consultation and administrative services, including MDT/IEP meetings, consultation as requested on as needed basis, teacher meetings, quarterly progress reports, IEP development, analyze existing data, evaluation results, SEDS trainings, schedule creation, or requirements to perform services requested by the school outside of IEP hours.

January 18, 2019 Ad#22825

The D.C. OFFICE OF CONTRACTING AND PROCUREMENT (OCP) SOLICITS BIDS ON BEHALF OF THE DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, IFB NO.: DCKA-2019-B-002

Reconstruction of Oregon Avenue, NW from Military Road to Western Avenue on Oregon Avenue to 31st Street

Work under this contract consists of roadway improvement, installation of new sidewalk on west side, new curb and gutter, streetlights, utility upgrades, signage and pavement markings, drainage structures and system, I/D facilities and a new bridge over Pinehurst Run.

This is a Federally Funded Open Market Project with a 26% Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) subcontracting goal for firms certified as DBE's in accordance with 49CFR Part 26. The contractor shall carry out the applicable requirements of 49 CFR in the award and administration of DOT assisted contracts.

This project is subject to all appropriate Federal Laws including title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. During the performance of the Contract, the Contractor and any of its subcontractors shall comply with the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended. The Act provides that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color or national origin be excluded from participation in, or be denied the benefits of or be subject to discrimination in federally funded program and activities. 42 U.S.C. §2000 et seq. U.S. Dept. of Labor Wage Rates apply.

For further procurement information please e-mail all questions to the following address:

Reconstruction.OregonAvenue@dc.gov

BIDS DUE: February 20, 2019 at 2:00 PM. A Bid Bond in the amount of 5% of the bid amount is required.

Bid documents are available at: <http://DTAP.DDOT.dc.gov>

Sealed bids can be mailed or delivered to DDOT OCP Bid Room, 55 M Street SE 4th Floor, Washington D.C. 20003.

January 18, 2019 Ad#22943

The D.C. OFFICE OF CONTRACTING AND PROCUREMENT (OCP) SOLICITS BIDS ON BEHALF OF THE DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, IFB NO.: DCKA-2019-B-0029, Blair Road/Cedar Street/4th Street Intersection Improvements.

Work under this contract consists of Intersection improvements to Cedar Street, Blair Road and 4th Street, N.W., located in Ward 4, Washington, D.C. The project also includes the conversion of 4th Street into a southbound one-way street.

This is a Federally Funded Open Market Project with a 19% Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) subcontracting goal for firms certified as DBE's in accordance with 49CFR Part 26. The contractor shall carry out the applicable requirements of 49 CFR in the award and administration of DOT assisted contracts.

This project is subject to all appropriate Federal Laws including title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. During the performance of the Contract, the Contractor and any of its subcontractors shall comply with the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended. The Act provides that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color or national origin be excluded from participation in, or be denied the benefits of or be subject to discrimination in federally funded program and activities. 42 U.S.C. §2000 et seq. U.S. Dept. of Labor Wage Rates apply.

For further procurement information please e-mail all questions to the following address:

blairroadintersection@dc.gov

BIDS DUE: March 7, 2019 at 2:00 PM. A Bid Bond in the amount of 5% of the bid amount is required.

Bid documents are available at: <http://DTAP.DDOT.dc.gov>

Sealed bids can be mailed or delivered to DDOT OCP Bid Room, 55 M Street SE 4th Floor, Washington D.C. 20003.

January 18, 2019 Ad#22990

Washington Leadership Academy Request for Proposals

Substitute Teacher Services

Washington Leadership Academy Public Charter School is seeking proposals for short and long term substitute teacher services in all subjects for high school students. Services will take place at WLA's campus.

Please include the following in your RFP:

- Rate/hour/service
- Qualifications of substitute teachers
- Licenses
- References of other DC charter schools

Deadline for Proposals: Friday, February 1
Please submit bids to Mandy Leiter, Operations Manager: [mleiter@wlapcs.org](mailto: mleiter@wlapcs.org)

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BRIEF

FAIRFAX COUNTY NOTICE

February 5, 2019

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
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4:00 p.m. Public hearing on the matter of an amendment to Chapter 112 (the Zoning Ordinance) of the 1976 Code of the County of Fairfax, as follows:
Repeal and replace Article 12, Signs, by deleting redundant or outdated provisions; proposing new regulation of signs and/or their characteristics in a content-neutral manner as outlined below; establishing more uniform regulation of signs in all zoning districts; and reorganizing existing and new provisions in a more user-friendly format to include graphics. The proposed Article 12, Signs, is divided into three parts with the following substantive changes contained in each part:
1. Part 1, General Provisions (12-100), to include the following provisions:
A. A new section of Definitions (12-102), which includes:
(1) The newly defined terms A-FRAME SIGN; CHANGEABLE COPY SIGN; ELECTRONIC DISPLAY SIGN; FLAG; MINOR SIGN; MONUMENT SIGN; MOVING OR WINDBLOWN SIGN; OFF-PREMISE SIGN; ROOF SIGN; SIGN FACE; TENANT; VEHICLE SIGN; WINDOW SIGN; and YARD SIGN. (12-102)
(2) Revised definitions of the terms BUILDING-MOUNTED SIGN and FREESTANDING SIGN, which are currently found in Part 3 of Article 20 of the Zoning Ordinance. (12-102)
(3) Revised definition of the term SIGN, which is currently found in Part 3 of Article 20 of the Zoning Ordinance. ***(Advertised to include optional language relating to the visibility of signs based on specific streets types.)*** (12-102)
B. A new Applicability section (12-103), which includes:
(1) A provision stating that the regulations apply to all signs in Fairfax County but, unless otherwise stated, exempts those signs on property owned by, or those signs required or sponsored by, Fairfax County; the Commonwealth of Virginia or any of its political subdivisions; or the United States. ***(Advertised to include the option to exempt all signs sponsored or required by, or located on property owned by, Fairfax County, or to require regulation of identified Fairfax County sign types erected by a public use as defined in Article 20.)*** (12-103(1))
(2) A provision stating that the proposed regulations do not regulate or restrict signs based on content. (12-103(2))
(3) A provision clarifying that the regulations do not apply to, authorize, or prohibit signs placed in a public right-of-way. (12-103(5))
C. A section of Administrative Provisions (12-104), which includes:
(1) Adding the changing of the message on an electronic display sign to the list actions that is deemed not to be a sign. (12-104(5)(A))
(2) Changes the provision that certain flags are deemed not to be a sign, by deleting reference to specific flags for exemption. (12-104(5)(C))
(3) Changes to the provisions exempting signs displaying address numbers in accordance with the County Code, by uniformly allowing 2 square feet for such purposes regardless of use and requiring only that such signs associated with a residential building be building mounted. (12-104(5)(D))
(4) Revised provisions regulating vehicle signs, which allow such signs only when located on a vehicle that is operable, parked at its associated place of business and within a parking space. ***(Advertised to allow consideration of a minimum setback for vehicle signs, up to 25 feet from a front property line.)*** (12-104(6)(C))
(5) A new provision that exempts non-illuminated lettering or numbers permanently attached or painted on the façade of a building of any school, college, or university, up to 10% of the façade on which they are placed. ***(Advertised to be allowed up to 25% of the area of the façade on which they are placed.)*** (12-104(6)(D))
(6) Changes to the provision allowing signs erected in a Commercial Revitalization District by a public agency or an appropriate organization, by deleting limits on sign type, size, and mounting height, and allowing such signs to also be erected within activity centers as shown on the adopted Comprehensive Plan. (12-104(6)(E))
D. A new section for Minor Signs (12-105), previously referred to as "Temporary Signs," which includes:
(1) An increase in the maximum size of a sign located on a property that is actively marketed for sale, rent or lease, and is developed with or planned for development of, a single-family detached or attached dwelling unit, from 4 square feet to 6 square feet. (12-105(2)(B))
(2) A reduction in the minimum required setback of any sign for a new residential, commercial, or industrial development that is under construction or existing buildings in such developments that are being altered, from 10 feet to 5 feet from any lot line. (12-105(3)(A))
(3) A reduction in the number of signs permitted for a new residential, commercial, or industrial development that is under construction or existing buildings in such developments that are being altered, from 2 signs to 1 sign, except for those lots containing multiple road frontages. (12-105(3)(A))
(4) An increase in the maximum height for any sign for an individual single-family dwelling unit that is undergoing construction, improvement or renovation, from 3.5 feet to 4 feet. (12-105(3)(B))
(5) A new sign type identified as a "yard sign," for any lot developed with a residential use. Yard signs are proposed up to 12 square feet in total area, with a maximum sign size of 4 square feet for any individual sign and a maximum height of 4 feet. ***(Advertised to allow up to 16 square feet in total area.)*** (12-105(4))
(6) Provisions and regulations allowing for Minor Signs for all non-residential land uses based on road classification. For uses located on a lot with frontage on a major thoroughfare, Minor Signs up to 40 square feet in total area are allowed per lot, with a maximum sign size of 24 square feet. A single freestanding sign would be allowed as part of this total area, with a maximum height of 4 feet. ***(To be advertised to allow up to 60 square feet in total sign area with the possibility of no limitations on the maximum size of any one sign and no limit on the number of freestanding signs, and a maximum freestanding sign height of up to 6 feet.)***
For all other non-residential land uses, building minor signs are allowed up to 24 square feet in total area per lot. ***(To be advertised to allow up to 60 square feet in total sign area with the possibility of some or no limitation on the maximum size of any one sign; and to allow a single or unlimited freestanding signs with a maximum sign height of up to 6 feet.)*** (12-105(5))
(7) A new sign type, an A-frame sign, for all non-residential land uses, limited to a maximum of 16 square feet, 4 feet in height, and a requirement that the sign must be located within 25 feet of a building or site entrance that provides access to the use. (12-105(7))
E. A section identifying Prohibited Sign types (12-106) based on general standards; materials or design; or location, and including:
a prohibition on roof signs as defined. (12-106(3)(B))
F. A section for Nonconforming Signs (12-107), which includes:
(1) A new provision requiring that the property owner bears all responsibility to establish the nonconforming status of a sign and/or of the existing physical characteristics and location of such sign. (12-107(2))
(2) Increase in the maximum number of days' notice, from 15 to 30 days, that the Zoning Administrator must give a property owner to remove a nonconforming sign that has been demolished or destroyed by more than 50 percent of its appraised value, or is located on a property that becomes vacant and is unoccupied for at least 2 years. (12-107(8) and (9))
2. Part 2, Sign Regulations by Use and District (12-200), to include the following provisions:
A. A section explaining the Calculation of Sign Area (12-201), which includes:
a change in how freestanding sign height is calculated by measuring the vertical distance from the uppermost extremity of the sign to the lowest point of adjacent grade, rather than to the average ground level at the base. (12-201(3)(C))
B. A section setting forth uniform regulations for Signs in Residential Districts (12-202), which includes:
new provisions containing uniform regulations allowing for permanent building-mounted and freestanding signs for all non-residential land uses when located in a residential district (except for agricultural uses and hospitals, which will continue to be regulated separately). As proposed, a total of 50 square feet of building-mounted sign area is allowed, and a single freestanding sign is allowed, up to 40 square feet in area and 8 feet in height. ***(Advertised to include an alternative option for freestanding signs, with maximum size and height based on lot size, as follows: for a use on a lot smaller than 5 acres, a freestanding sign up to 16 square feet in area and 4 feet in height would be permitted; for a use on a lot of at least 5 acres but less than 20 acres, a freestanding sign up to 32 square feet in area and 6 feet in height would be permitted; for a use on a lot of at least 20 acres or more, a freestanding sign up to 40 square feet in area and 8 feet in height would be permitted. In addition, advertising for both options allows the possibility of an increase in freestanding sign height up to 20 feet.)*** (12-202)
C. A section setting forth the Performance Standards for Signs in Residential Districts (12-203), which includes:
(1) A new uniform regulation for the minimum setback for all freestanding signs located in a residential district, which has generally been reduced from either 5, 10 or 50 feet (for most land uses) to 5 feet. (12-203(2))
(2) Proposed performance regulations for changeable copy or electronic display signs when located as part of a freestanding sign in a residential district. As proposed, one such sign is allowed per lot, with no more than 50% of the maximum allowable area of a freestanding sign devoted to changeable copy or electronic display. Specific use limitations for electronic display signs also include: a limit on the frequency of copy change – no more than once every 8 seconds, with the change being instantaneous; the background of the sign face cannot be white, off-white or yellow; and the display boards must include a photo cell to control brightness and automatically dim at sunset to a nighttime level of 40-100 nits. ***(Advertised to include an alternative option, to allow no limit on the size of the changeable copy or electronic display sign when it is part of freestanding monument sign, with a maximum height up to 8 feet. Specific use limitations for electronic display signs as part of this option also include: a limit on the frequency of copy change – no more than once every 8 seconds, with the change being instantaneous; the background of the sign face cannot be white, off-white or yellow; and the display boards must include a photo cell to control brightness and automatically dim at sunset to a nighttime level of 40-100 nits.)*** (12-203(3))
(3) Modification of the illumination standard for all signs in a residential district by removing the limit that illumination must be white and not colored. (12-203(4))
D. A section setting forth uniform regulations for Signs in Commercial and Industrial Districts (12-204), which includes:
(1) An increase in the permitted amount of building-mounted sign area for industrial uses, from 1 square foot of sign area for each linear foot of building frontage, up to 1.5 square feet of sign area for each linear foot of building frontage. (12-204(1))
(2) An increase in the size of a freestanding sign for each detached building that houses a principal use within an office park, from 20 square feet to 30 square feet. (12-204(2)(E)(2))
E. A section setting forth the Performance Standards for Signs in Commercial and Industrial Districts (12-205), which includes:
(1) A uniform minimum setback of 5 feet from any curb of a service drive, travel lane, or adjoining street, for all freestanding signs in a commercial or industrial district; this results in a reduction of the minimum setback for freestanding signs located in an office or industrial park, from 10 feet to 5 feet. (12-205(3))
(2) Proposed performance regulations for changeable copy or electronic display signs when located as part of a freestanding sign in a commercial or industrial district. As proposed, one such sign is allowed per lot, with no more than 50% of the maximum allowable area of a freestanding sign devoted to changeable copy or electronic display. Specific use limitations for electronic display signs also include: a limit on the frequency of copy change – no more than once every 8 seconds, with the change being instantaneous; the background of the sign face cannot be white, off-white or yellow; and the display boards must include a photo cell to control brightness and automatically dim at sunset to a nighttime level of 40-100 nits. ***(Advertised to include an alternative option, to allow no limit on the size of the changeable copy or electronic display sign when it is part of freestanding monument sign, with a maximum height up to 8 feet. Specific use limitations for electronic display signs as part of this option also include: a limit on the frequency of copy change – no more than once every 8 seconds, with the change being instantaneous; the background of the sign face cannot be white, off-white or yellow; and the display boards must include a photo cell to control brightness and automatically dim at sunset to a nighttime level of 40-100 nits.)*** (12-205(4))
F. A section for Other Permitted Signs (12-206), which:
clarifies that accessory service uses are allowed a single 15 square foot building-mounted sign per individual use, and not a total of 15 square feet for all such accessory service uses located in a building. (12-206(2))
3. Part 3, Special Approvals (12-300), to include the following provisions:
A. A new section for an Administrative Comprehensive Sign Plan (12-301), which includes:
(1) The relocation of the existing provisions that allow the Zoning Administrator to approve an alternative method of calculating building frontage to authorize a different allotment of building-mounted signs for uses in a multi-tenant building, and the formal codification of this process as an "Administrative Comprehensive Sign Plan." (12-301)
(2) Establishment of a fee for an Administrative Comprehensive Sign Plan, in accordance with Section 18-106 of the Ordinance. (12-301(1))
4. In addition to the repeal and replacement of Article 12, Signs, there are proposed changes to related provisions found throughout other Articles of the Zoning Ordinance. These changes are proposed with similar intent and scope as those proposed for Article 12. Specific changes include the following:
A. Deleting the sign requirement for quasi-public athletic fields in the C-1 through C-8 Districts (4-105(5)(G); 4-205(5)(G); 4-305(5)(G); 4-405(5)(G); 4-505(9)(G); 4-605(8)(G); 4-705(9)(G); and 4-805(11)(G)), and the I-1 through I-6 Districts (5-105(6)(G); 5-205(5)(G); 5-305(5)(G); 5-405(6)(G); 5-505(8)(G); and 5-605(7)(G)).
B. Deleting the requirement for signs near the stacking area for drive-through pharmacies in the C-5 through C-8 Districts (4-505(10); 4-605(9); 4-705(10); and 4-805(12)), and in the PDH (6-106(11)), PDC (6-206(11)), and PRC (6-305(12)) Districts, and the corresponding special exception standard (9-505(1)(E)).
C. Deleting the reference to temporary signs for temporary farmers' markets and open-air produce stands. (8-810(7) and 8-909(6))
D. Deleting the sign provision for wayside stands. (10-102(28)(E))
E. Amending the Application and Zoning Compliance Letter Fees section, to include a new specific reference to the Sign Permit and Administrative Comprehensive Sign Plan fee of \$95.00. (18-106)
F. Deleting the definition of RACEWAY, SIGN, BUILDING MOUNTED SIGN, FREESTANDING SIGN, and PORTABLE SIGN, and all references thereto. (20-300)
G. Deleting the provision that currently allows for certain signage within or in proximity to any commercial revitalization district boundary. (A7-109(4)(B); A7-209(4)(B); A7-309(4)(B); A7-409(4)(B); and A7-509(4)(B))

4:00 p.m. Public hearing on the proposed adoption of an ordinance amending Chapter 82, Article 1 of the Fairfax County Code, to add two new Mobile Food Vending Zones in Virginia Department of Transportation Rights-of-Way in the Mount Vernon and Dranesville Districts. Questions regarding this proposed amendment may be directed to the Department of Transportation at 703-877-5600.

All persons wishing to present their views on these subjects may call the Office of the Clerk to 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 to the Board of Supervisors, Suite 533 of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia. For the convenience of the public, copies may also be distributed to the County's Regional and Community Public Libraries.

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Ad Run Dates: January 18, 2019
January 25, 2019

AD#23014

Trustee Sales:
Virginia

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SALE
116 Prosperity Avenue, SE, Unit A,
Leesburg, VA 20175

By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated June 21, 2005, and recorded at Instrument Number 20050630-0071234 in the Clerk's Office for the Circuit Court for Loudoun County, VA, securing a loan which was originally \$333,000.00. The appointed SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, Commonwealth Trustees, LLC will offer for sale at public auction at the main entrance of the Loudoun County Circuit Court at 18 E. Market Street, Leesburg, VA 20178 located across from the U.S. Post Office on:

February 4, 2019 at 9:30 AM

improved real property, with an abbreviated legal description of First: All of the Unit Numbered Two Hundred Ninety-One (291), Phase XIV, Fox Chapel at Tudor Knolls Condominium, as shown on Plat attached to the Declaration recorded in Deed Book 882, Page 309, amended by the First Amendment to the Declaration in Deed Book 886, Page 585 as further amended by the Second Amendment to the Declaration recorded in Deed Book 888, Page 1072, further amended by the Third Amendment to the Declaration recorded in Deed Book 891, Page 1415, further amended by the Fourth Amendment to the Declaration recorded in Deed Book 894, Page 1169, further amended by the Fifth Amendment to the Declaration recorded in Deed Book 897, Page 604, further amended by the Sixth Amendment to the Declaration recorded in Deed Book 897, Page 615, further amended by the Seventh Amendment to the Declaration recorded in Deed Book 898, Page 1093 and any and all further amendments thereto whether now existing or hereafter created, among the Land Records of Loudoun County, Virginia.

Second: An undivided percentage interest appurtenance to the Unit in all common elements of said project as described in said Declaration. Together with the right of ingress to and egress from said property and the right to use, for all proper purposes in common with Declaration, its successors and assigns, and all other occupants from time to time, any and all portions of the Condominium designated by statute and the Declaration as General Common Elements.

Subject to the reservations, restrictions and all covenants and obligations set forth in said Declaration, as set forth in the By-Laws of the Unit Owners Association attached thereto, as it may be amended from time to time, all of which restrictions, conditions assessments and all other covenants are incorporated herein by reference, and constitute and shall constitute bind and to be binding on said Grantees and their successors, heirs and assigns, and as more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

TERMS OF SALE: The property will be sold "AS IS," WITHOUT REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND AND SUBJECT TO the conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements, rights of way, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust to be announced at the time of sale. A deposit of \$20,000.00, or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, in cash or cashier's check payable to the SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE will be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price, with interest at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date said funds are received in the office of the SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale. In the event of default by the successful bidder, the entire deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the costs and expenses of sale and Substitute Trustee's fee. All other public charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, whether incurred prior to or after the sale, and all other costs incident to settlement to be paid by the purchaser. In the event taxes, any other public charges have been advanced, a credit will be due to the seller, to be adjusted from the date of sale at the time of settlement. Purchaser agrees to pay the seller's attorneys at settlement, a fee of \$445.00 for review of the settlement documents.

Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustees a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Rosenberg & Associates, LLC
(Attorney for the Secured Party)
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Bethesda, Maryland 20814
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January 11, 2019
January 18, 2019

AD#22626

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF
22775 Fox Croft Road
Middleburg, VA 20117

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$458,653.00, dated January 27, 2016, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for Loudoun County on January 28, 2016, as Instrument Number 20160128-0004599, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction, at the main entrance of the courthouse for the Circuit Court of Loudoun County, 18 E Market St, Leesburg, VA on **February 8, 2019 at 11:30 AM**, the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address and briefly described as: Beginning at an iron peg found in the Southern line of Route No. 626, Foxcroft Road, a corner to Duffey; thence with Duffey for the following three courses: S 01 deg. 43 min. 22 sec. West 275.82 feet to an iron peg found by an 18 inch blazed chestnut oak; thence North 82 deg. 57 min. 10 sec. West 226.45 feet to an iron peg found by a blazed 16 inch white oak; thence North 09 deg. 19 min. 45 sec. West passing over an iron peg found at 237.30 feet for a total distance of 245.59 feet to a point in the Southern line of Route No. 626; thence with the Southern line of Route No. 626 for the following four courses: with a curve to the left having a radius of 175.00 feet and a chord bearing and distance of North 83 deg. 22 min. 16 sec. East 16.57 feet for an arc distance of 16.57 feet; thence North 80 deg. 39 min. 29 sec. East 45.09 feet; thence with a curve to the right having a radius of 485.00 feet and a chord bearing and distance of North 87 deg. 55 min. 18 sec. East 122.64 feet for an arc distance of 122.97 feet; thence South 84 deg. 48 min. 52 sec. East 89.70 feet to the point of beginning, containing 1.5232 acres, more or less, and as shown on the survey entitled "Boundary Survey of the Land of Susan W. Hottle and John Dwayne Hottle Deed Book 1841, Page 2157" dated December 27, 2000.

Tax ID: 536164375000.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of \$13,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required in the form of a certified or cashier's check. Cash will not be accepted as a deposit. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustee may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. This is a communication from a debt collector. This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

(Trustee # 586351)

Substitute Trustee:
ALG Trustee, LLC, C/O Orlans PC
PO Box 2548,
Leesburg, VA 20177,
(703) 777-7101,
website: <http://www.orlans.com>

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January 18, 2019
January 25, 2019

AD#22911

Trustee Sales:
Virginia

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 40839 BROWNS LANE, WATERFORD, VA 20197-1207. In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated July 25, 2014, in the original principal amount of \$175,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Loudoun County, Virginia as Instrument No. 20140730-0042029. 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 January 29, 2019, at 9:30 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY: SITUATED IN THE CITY OF WATERFORD, COUNTY OF LOUDOUN, STATE OF VIRGINIA: ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING SITUATE IN CATOCTIN MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT, LOUDOUN COUNTY, VIRGINIA AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, CONTAINING 3,000 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS AS SHOWN ON THAT CERTAIN PLAT ENTITLED "BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTMENT LAND OF WAYNE W. MCLEAN" PREPARED BY KEN W. ERICKSON, LAND SURVEYOR, DATED NOVEMBER 14, 1983 AND RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF LOUDOUN COUNTY, VIRGINIA IN DEED BOOK 841 AT PAGE 1877. TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO NON-EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO USE 30' PRIVATE ACCESS EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS AS SET FORTH IN SAID DEED BOOK 841 AT PAGE 1877 AND IN DEED BOOK 670 AT PAGE 4, AMONG THE AFORESAID LAND RECORDS. 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. Additional terms to be announced at the sale. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. 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: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-334460-1.

December 28, 2018
January 4, 11, 18, 2019

AD#22244

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 38732 RAMBLING FARM DRIVE, HAMILTON, VA 20158. In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated December 28, 2006, in the original principal amount of \$480,050.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Loudoun County, Virginia as Instrument No. 20061229-0108483. 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 February 12, 2019, at 9:30 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: LOT 30, ROSE HILL ESTATES, SECTION 2, AS THE SAME APPEARS DULY DEDICATED, PLATTED AND RECORDED IN INST. NO. 20050412-0036293 AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF LOUDOUN COUNTY, VIRGINIA. TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS, PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC USE RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 1626 AT PAGE 2370. FURTHER TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN RIGHT OF WAY RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 500 AT PAGE 304. 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. Additional terms to be announced at the sale. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. 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: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-302323-1.

January 11, 2019
January 18, 2019

AD#22697

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 25172 BLACKSTONE COURT, CHANTILLY, VA 20152. In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated November 17, 2007, in the original principal amount of \$592,800.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Loudoun County, Virginia as Instrument No. 20071210-0085325. 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 February 5, 2019, at 9:30 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF LOUDOUN, AND STATE OF VIRGINIA, BEING DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOT 9, ELK LICK ESTATES, AS THE SAME IS DULY DEDICATED IN INSTRUMENT NUMBER 200408190087912 AND AS SHOWN ON A PLAT AT INSTRUMENT NUMBER 200408190087913, RECORDED 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. Additional terms to be announced at the sale. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. 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: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-330316-1.

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As girlfriend becomes more distant, woman feels despair

DEAR ABBY: My girlfriend and I have lived together off and on for three years. We met at a lesbian bar in Los Angeles, and it was love at first sight for me. I suspect she has been seeing another woman. She has changed her dress style and even her cologne.

When I confront her, begging her to tell me if she's been cheating, she laughs it off. We don't communicate well anymore, and she's sleeping in another room now. I have cared for her for so long. We were going to be married. Now I feel she doesn't love me anymore. I have tried following her, but she disappears and sometimes doesn't come home for days. I haven't slept or eaten in weeks. I love her so much. If she doesn't come back to me, I've had thoughts of suicide. I can't afford a shrink. I hope you can help. — FREAKED OUT & CLUELESS IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR FREAKED OUT: What's happening is painful, but you don't need a "shrink" to help you figure this out. People who love each other — or even care about each other's feelings — do not treat each other the way you are being treated. That your girlfriend has been seeing someone else is entirely possible. And whether she laughs it off or not, it isn't funny. I know it's hard, but someone who acts the way she has isn't worth killing yourself over. It may be scary, but it's time for the two of you to separate. If you need emotional support, have friends with you when you tell her. And if you need more support than they can give, contact the nearest gay and lesbian center for counseling because they WILL be able to help you. Trust me, you'll be glad you did.

DEAR ABBY: My wife has gotten herself into more debt than she earns in a year. She finally confessed to me that she can make only the minimum payments on her credit cards.

She has asked me for help, but she refuses to allow me to monitor her progress paying off her debts. I have refused to help her get out of the hole she has dug for herself unless I have access to her credit card statements. She had the gall to be upset with my request. I no longer trust her to manage her spending. Am I wrong to feel this way? — NEEDS ACCESS IN TEXAS

DEAR NEEDS ACCESS: No, you are not wrong. Your wife has a serious problem and is refusing to take the "medicine" that's required to fix it. I'm not sure what kind of help she expects from you, unless it's money to bail her out of her situation.

Some people shop for the "thrill"; others do it to cope with depression. I have mentioned an organization, Debtors Anonymous, in my column before. It's for individuals who are unable to control their spending. The website is debtorsanonymous.org, and you should look into it. However, if your wife continues to refuse to allow her spending to be monitored, for the sake of your own financial future, you should consult an attorney.

● Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

ANDREWS MCMEEL SYNDICATION

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 18).

Soul nourishment is coming to you, and you will become spiritually healthier than ever this year. It's right to be a little commitment-phobic in the early part of the year because you need to be free to investigate and experiment. Your options are exciting! By May, you'll be ready to sign a stellar deal that will hold for years to come. Aries and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 30, 27, 1 and 40.

HOLIDAY MATHIS HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21-April 19).

Your truest desire is to assist, the first step is to get to know the person and understand what needs, wants, fears and beliefs are in play. Only then can you figure out the best way to serve and support.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

You're in no mood to be told what to do, however well-meaning the other person may be. Even if they are just trying to protect you, show you love or share a skill, they'd better have total respect and manners or it won't go well.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

Your pet project is like a friend. You love to spend time with it, speak up for it, go through the ups and downs with it, and do what it takes to loyally see it through. It's not just business or recreation. It's a representation of you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

You have no problem delivering on your promises to others. When it comes to fulfilling your own orders, you're not as vigilant. Make your wishes for yourself a top priority. Let your actions reflect this.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

You've had enough experience with certain types of social situations to know what you're likely to enjoy. You need a little enjoyment now so you may as well steer clear of anything that's not that.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

Subtle, discomforting forces at play make you feel as though you're sitting too close to the air conditioning vent — a cool wind, and too direct. You'll feel better after you pick up and move somewhere warmer and quieter.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

When you feel the sandwich needs a dill pickle, a sweet pickle won't do. Sure, they are both pickles, but the flavor profile is entirely different. Bottom line: You want what you want. Apply it across the board.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

The fact that humankind needs entertainment and beauty in order to thrive is nothing new. Even the cave dwellers painted pictures and played instruments. Let yourself relax and have fun. It's part of what makes you human.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

There's a certain urgency to matters, as you're starting to realize that if the job is done right and quickly you just might pull off the feat you've been working on for weeks.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

The feeling behind a deal matters. People spend money emotionally. They react to the situation, go with what feels easy given the circumstance, taking on a "when in Rome" sort of attitude.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

In police work, resisting arrest is a serious crime. There's an authoritative voice in your head that's a little like an officer upholding your own personal laws. It doesn't like to be resisted either.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

As your signmate Henry Wadsworth Longfellow said, "All things must change, to something new, to something strange." You agree and look forward to the new day, though it may feel like it's not coming quite quickly enough.

CAPITALS

Trotz's return special for fans, business as usual for Capitals

By ADAM ZIELONKA
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

ARLINGTON | A quick, unscientific survey of Washington Capitals fans at the team's practice Thursday morning found no ill will between the fan base and the former coach who delivered the first Stanley Cup in franchise history.

Rowland Thurlow, who has been a Capitals fan since 1982, believes the Capital One Arena crowd will cheer Barry Trotz when his New York Islanders visit Washington for the first time this season.

"I think he did wonderful things for the Washington Caps," Thurlow said. "He got back to where he wanted to be and take his team, he got there and now he's turned it over to somebody else to do the same thing. And maybe he'll help (the Islanders) get up to there, but he did a great job here."

Capitals fan Tim Little added that he thinks Trotz is a "classy" guy and ought to be cheered. Little is monitoring ticket availability for Friday's game, which is



New York Islanders coach Barry Trotz visits Capital One Arena for the first time on Friday after delivering the first Stanley Cup in Washington Capitals history last June.

sure to be one of the bigger regular season matchups at Capital One this year.

The Capitals first played against Trotz's Islanders on Nov. 26 in New

York, and the team brought Trotz and former Washington assistants Mitch Korn and Lane Lambert into the visitors' locker room before the game to present

them their Stanley Cup rings. This time, the Capitals will honor Trotz's return to the District with a video tribute during the game.

That aside, the complicated emotions and logistics of that first reunion are out of the way. Capitals players are approaching Friday's game as just that — one out of 82, one that they need to win to snap a three-game losing streak.

"We see every game as a normal game and try to get ready as a normal game, whether there's a former coach or it's a playoff game," Nicklas Backstrom said. "But obviously we all know what Barry's done for us here as players and for us as a city, and it's pretty special. So I'm sure he will be well-received here tomorrow, and he should be. He deserves it."

Tom Wilson expects it to be "a pretty emotional night" for Trotz.

"He was here for a long time, ups and downs, he was part of the community and I think he's well respected by the community of D.C., so it will be a great moment for him and his family," Wilson

said. "He put in a lot of time and worked extremely hard to get this team to accomplish what we did last year."

"So it will be good to see him again — and to take him down," he added.

Trotz was conspicuously absent from the video the Capitals played at their banner-hanging ceremony Oct. 3 before the regular season opener.

Friday's video tribute will happen sometime in the first or second period. It can't be played before puck drop because the Capitals will also have a ceremony in honor of Brooks Orpik reaching 1,000 career NHL games.

Current Capitals coach Todd Reirden said he wants to watch the video before the game so he can focus on in-game adjustments when it plays in the arena.

Still, Reirden said, "It'll be tough not to watch, and I know our players have a lot of respect for him and obviously we won a championship with Barry as our coach. There'll be a very well-deserved tribute and then we can move forward on the plan."

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spend some time on the phone for an interview.

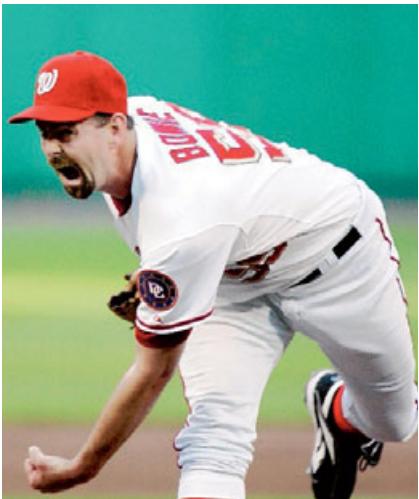
Bowie, 44, pitched parts of six major league seasons, from 1999 to 2008. He was drafted by the Atlanta Braves in the eighth round in 1993. He spent time with the Chicago Cubs as a starter, the Oakland Athletics as a reliever and wound up with the Arizona Diamondbacks in 2003. Bowie suffered torn elbow ligaments and missed all of the 2004 season. In December of that year, he was signed by the Nationals shortly after the franchise relocated from Montreal. He first appeared in a Nationals game as a reliever in 2006, and made 15 appearances, with a 1.37 ERA before winding up on the disabled list and missing the rest of the season. Bowie came back in 2007 and made 20 appearances out of the bullpen with a 3.71 ERA before he was needed as a starter. He was very effective, going 4-0 with a 3.82 ERA in six starts. But again, his season ended in July when he went on the disabled list with a hip injury.

Bowie made the Colorado Rockies' opening day bullpen. But after 10 appearances, Bowie was released, and his major league career was over.

He has the memories of major league moments like playing for Hall of Famer Frank Robinson in Washington in 2006. "He is a legend and taught me so much about the game," Bowie said. "I was fortunate to have him as a manager and loved playing for him. I was injured and missed the last month of the season, and when I came in to talk to him, he said, 'You ride a horse as hard as you can, then you shoot them. We can't shoot you.' We laughed, but he did like to ride the hot hand in the bullpen till you couldn't go anymore."

But Bowie had something else to remember his major league career — severe back pain. "The pitching had really taken its toll on my lumbar," he said. "Once I got done with baseball, and the pain became unbearable and unmanageable, we had a spinal cord stimulator put in in August 2016 to help with the pain and to try to get me ready for some fusions that were necessary because of baseball. Not long after we had some complications from the surgery — the battery bounced around, created some damage. I ended up with both lungs being damaged and my diaphragm being ruptured. I've had multiple surgeries to try to correct that damage."

Since then, Bowie has tried to find some help to stay alive. "I don't know



Former Washington Nationals pitcher Micah Bowie has been using oxygen since 2016 to help him breathe due to complications from back surgery.

how much longer I am going to live," he said. "I've had multiple times where I made it back, but my family has been dealing with me being in this life and death situation for a long time now."

Bowie contacted the players union, which controls the Major League Baseball pension plan, to qualify for disability payment. "I don't have the four full years

of time in to automatically get the benefits," he said. "I am 20 days short. But I applied on the basis that had my back not been injured from baseball I would not have needed surgery, which is a true statement."

"We were denied," he said. "I filed an appeal, went through the process, sent in some more medical records and playing records and training room reports. It then goes to the Pension Committee Board to decide if you should get benefits for disability. The benefits aren't a lot, but they would be enough to keep us from going bankrupt. It's like \$5,000 a month."

"We were denied on the appeal," he said. "I called the union. I talked to a member of the pension committee, one of the guys who had declined my benefits, and he informed me he didn't even read my case. He just read from the attorney for the pension plan that they could deny it, so without looking at my stuff they just denied me."

"I said how in the world can you deny me and not read my appeal," Bowie said. "I haven't gotten anywhere with the union or any pension committee members since that point. It is very disheartening to know this. Because I played Major League Baseball, I am going to bankrupt my family with the injuries it

has left me. That's not right."

A call to the players union was not returned as of press time.

Bowie, who lives in New Braunfels, Texas, had a successful baseball academy before his health problems debilitated him. He's had to sell assets and made other dramatic changes to try to keep up with the bills. "We've done a lot to try to keep me alive as we navigate through the medical system," Bowie said. "Unless the situation changes dramatically, it bankrupts my family for me to live. That's very hard for me to say publicly."

Texas malpractice laws have a cap on damages that can be awarded, and Bowie said that cap would have been lower than the costs of him pursuing a lawsuit. The union somehow reversing their decision may be his only hope to keep him from losing everything — including his life.

"The quality of my life has suffered because of the damage to my lungs and will never been back to normal," he said. "But it would to the point where my wife or son doesn't have to walk into the room every few hours to see if I am breathing, to see if Dad is dead or not."

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SOCCER

D.C. United extend Olsen's contract through 2021

D.C. United coach Ben Olsen has received a contract extension through the 2021 season, the team announced Thursday.

Olsen, 41, has been the team's head coach since taking over in an interim role in 2010. Before that, he was a popular midfielder for the Black and Red, appearing in 221 games from 1998 to 2009.

As coach, Olsen has a regular season record of 95 wins, 108 losses and 69 draws.

Under Olsen last season, United finished the year on an 11-2-4 run after opening Audi Field and acquiring Wayne Rooney. United made the MLS Cup Playoffs, where they were eliminated in their first game.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Locksley hires Montgomery, Brooks for Maryland staff

Former East Carolina coach Scottie Montgomery and DeMatha Catholic High School coach Elijah Brooks were among six assistant coaches officially named to new coach Mike Locksley's new staff at Maryland, the university announced Thursday.


Montgomery will serve as the Terrapins' offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach after East Carolina fired him after three seasons.

Brooks will be Locksley's running backs coach and reunite with 10 former DeMatha players he coached, including returning backs Lorenzo Harrison III and Anthony McFarland Jr.

In addition, John Papuchis will be the Terrapins' special teams coordinator, John Reagan will be in charge of the offensive line, Cory Robinson will serve in the roles of "defensive passing game coordinator" and defensive backs coach and Mike Miller will be the tight ends coach.

From wire dispatches and staff reports.

PRO CALENDAR

HOME GAMES SHADDED	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	Nashville Predators 8 p.m. NBCW FM 106.7		Chicago Blackhawks 12:30 p.m. NBC FM 106.7

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33.7 seconds remaining, and a 3-pointer by Beal rimmed out. Kevin Knox tried to run down the clock, but his off-balance 3-point attempt missed the rim and led to a shot-clock violation with 3.3 seconds remaining.

That left Washington with one last opportunity. After Beal drove the lane, Trier and Emmanuel Mudiay failed to account for Bryant, who released the ball in time but had his shot swatted away by Trier.

"I think from my angle, watching the replay ... I was peeking over (the official's shoulder) and it looked like it started just on its tick down," Knicks coach David Fizdale said. "But we had a breakdown in coverage. It was supposed to be a switch and it wasn't a switch and we paid for it."

Beal, who worked out with Bryant in Los Angeles during the offseason, said he didn't hesitate dumping the ball off at the last second.

"It was a great play," Beal said. "It was a play for me to basically catch it and get to the basket, but I slipped on something, lost my footing a little bit, and I saw TB rolling to the basket. I trusted him to make the right play for us."

Mudiay scored 25 points, though he missed a heave as time expired, and Luke Kornet finished with 16 points, including 12 in the first quarter, for the Knicks.

New York held a 10-point lead after the first quarter and pushed it to 19 in the second before entering halftime up 63-53.

It then led by as many as 16 in the third quarter before Washington began to rally. The Wizards reclaimed the lead at 92-91 with 4:34 left on Porter's pull-up jumper.



Washington Wizards forward Sam Dekker scores on a layup in Thursday's win over the New York Knicks. Dekker scored 10 points off the bench.

Beal, whose streak of three games with 30 or more points ended, scored only eight points in the first half.

The Wizards shot 7 for 27 from 3-point range and had a 51-42 rebounding advantage.

Knicks center Enes Kanter, who is averaging 14.4 points and a team-high 11 rebounds, did not travel with the team for the game because of fears over his safety as an outspoken critic of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

Knicks rookie center Mitchell Robinson returned after missing 13 games with a

groin injury and finished with four points and two rebounds in 10 minutes.

Wizards owner Ted Leonsis said before the game that he would "never, ever tank" and that Washington, which has reached the playoffs four of the last five seasons, would push to do so again. "I don't think you can tell a coach, 'Don't try to win,'" Leonsis said. "I would never do that."

The Knicks return home to host the Oklahoma City Thunder while the Wizards host the Detroit Pistons, both on Monday.

hunt, only trailing the eighth seed by two games. Brooks has relied on veterans Otto Porter, Trevor Ariza, Jeff Green and Sam Dekker ahead of Brown.

Still, the Wizards want Brown to develop — which is why the team has repeatedly sent him to the G-League in order to get practice and playing time with the Capital City Go-Go. In the G-League, Brown is averaging 16.5 points in 34.5 minutes per game in eight contests this year.

Brown doesn't mind going back and forth. He said "it's good" to stay in shape and keep playing basketball.

As for his NBA minutes, the Wizards haven't just stuck Brown at small forward. Brown is also comfortable at point guard,

a position he played in high school.

Before the season, the Wizards stressed the need to have multiple ball-handlers on the court, so they would like to see Brown excel at playmaking.

"I feel like when I focused on the game instead of what I do personally, I play basketball well," Brown said. "It helps me succeed and stuff like that. At that point, it's just going out there and doing what the team needs me to do."

Brown is developing, Brooks said.

"He's just going to have to be patient and keep working on his game and meet with our coaches and work with our coaches and watch film," Brooks said. "That's how you improve a lot, a lot of times as a young player in this league."

NFL

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quarterback with Tom Brady, Drew Brees, Patrick Mahomes and Jared Goff leading the way. Brady's Patriots are the only team of the four that didn't average at least 30 points, scoring 27.3. Kansas City led the way at 35.3 with Mahomes throwing 50 touchdown passes. Los Angeles was next at 32.9 and New Orleans averaged 31.5.

Elite QBs aren't the only thing these teams have in common. The Rams, Patriots and Saints were among the top six in rushing.

C.J. Anderson (123) and Todd Gurley (115) had big games as Los Angeles ran for 273 yards in a 30-22 win against Dallas in the divisional round.

Sony Michel ran for 129 yards and three TDs in New England's 41-28 victory over the Chargers last week. Brady also threw for 343 yards.

Alvin Kamara and Mark Ingram combined for 124 yards rushing as New Orleans held on to beat Philadelphia 20-14. Brees had 301 yards passing and two scores.

"They can beat you in both ways, they can run it or they can throw it," Rams coach Sean McVay said of the Saints. "That's what really presents such a great challenge because they've got a Hall of Fame quarterback and they got an elite running back, and they've got a great system."

The Chiefs were in the middle of the pack on the ground during the season but Damien Williams had 129 yards in a 31-13 rout over the Colts.

"Andy's an offensive coach so the offensive plays they get on special teams and the offensive plays they get on offense, when you combine all of that together, it's a lot of firepower and a lot of explosive plays," Patriots coach Bill Belichick said of the Chiefs. "Andy's teams are always tough, well-disciplined. They don't make a lot of mistakes. They make you beat them and that's hard to do because they're sound and he gets good players and he coaches them well and they're tough."

Other than Belichick, each team has offensive-minded coaches. Payton, Reid and McVay earned their way on that side of the ball. The 32-year-old McVay is the youngest coach to win a playoff game.

Both games are rematches from thrilling, high-scoring contests in the regular season.

The Patriots (12-5) beat the Chiefs (14-3) 43-40 at home in October. The Saints (14-3) defeated the Rams (14-3) 45-35 at home in November.



NFL

Explosive offenses to power conference title games

AFC CHAMPIONSHIP: PATRIOTS AT CHIEFS, 6:40 P.M. SUNDAY, CBS



Tom Brady

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS
POSTSEASON OFFENSIVE RANK: 1
YARDS PER GAME AVERAGE: 498
PASSING YARDS PER GAME: 343
RUSHING YARDS PER GAME: 155

Patrick Mahomes

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS
POSTSEASON OFFENSIVE RANK: 3
YARDS PER GAME AVERAGE: 433
PASSING YARDS PER GAME: 253
RUSHING YARDS PER GAME: 180By ROB MAADDI
ASSOCIATED PRESSOffense wins championships
in the new NFL.

For the first time since the league expanded to 32 teams in 2002, none of the teams playing in the conference title game have a defense ranked in the top 10 in total yards. Only New England is among the top 10 in fewest points allowed.

But, the Chiefs, Patriots, Saints and Rams do possess the four most prolific offenses in the league. That's the first time the four highest-scoring teams play for the conference championship during the Super Bowl era.

It's fitting one of those teams

will win the Vince Lombardi Trophy because offense dominated in 2018. The 1,371 touchdowns scored were the most in a season in league history and the 11,952 points scored were the second-most ever.

The two teams with the stingiest defenses reached the playoffs — Chicago and Baltimore — but lost at home in the wild-card round.

“You have explosive players in the postseason, guys who are extremely talented, guys who are represented in the Pro Bowl, the All-Pro team,” Saints coach Sean Payton said Wednesday.

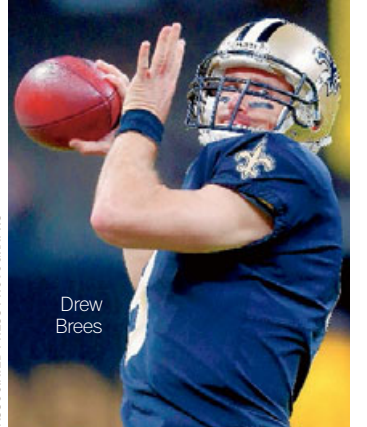
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NFC CHAMPIONSHIP: RAMS AT SAINTS, 3:05 P.M. SUNDAY, FOX



Jared Goff

LOS ANGELES RAMS
POSTSEASON OFFENSIVE RANK: 2
YARDS PER GAME AVERAGE: 459
PASSING YARDS PER GAME: 186
RUSHING YARDS PER GAME: 273

Drew Brees

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS
POSTSEASON OFFENSIVE RANK: 4
YARDS PER GAME AVERAGE: 420
PASSING YARDS PER GAME: 283
RUSHING YARDS PER GAME: 137Ex-National
needs help
from union
to stay alive**M**icah Bowie used to run around the upper deck inside RFK Stadium to stay in shape when he was a Washington Nationals reliever in 2006 and 2007. He remembers running by one of the white seats that marked one of former Senators

slugger Frank Howard's home runs and marveling at how far the ball had to travel.

He doesn't run anymore. Now, 10 years after he stopped playing, he can barely breathe.

“Everything around my family's life on a daily basis is about me breathing, just trying to keep my breathing for now,” Bowie said.

He has been using oxygen every day since 2016, and he says the levels he needs per minute now are hospice-level care to help his lungs, severely damaged from back surgery he had that went wrong to relieve pain from baseball injuries he suffered.

“Now that my lungs are destroyed, about 50 percent of my lungs receive air,” Bowie said. I have about a 9 percent perfusion rate, which means about 9 percent of my lungs are working.”

The costs to keep him alive have been prohibitive, and taken its toll on his family. Bowie qualified for government disability payments, but that didn't come close to helping pay his medical bills. So Bowie went to his union — the Major League Baseball Players Association — for help.

There was none.

“I went through three basic agreements to help the players have a system where they could make money,” Bowie said. “Now to have the players union arbitrarily deciding to deny benefits when they are earned is unfathomable to me. It is really hard to understand the way they think and the way they do that. It's crazy for a major league baseball player in this situation to be on public care.”

I learned about Bowie's plight from Doug Gladstone, the writer who has taken up the cause of the group of major league players from 1947 to 1979 frozen out of a change that allowed just one day of service credit for health benefits and 43 days of credit to qualify for a retirement allowance. We had to wait several days to talk, between his doctor's visits and search for help, and also for him to have enough strength to

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Washington Wizards center Thomas Bryant scored on a goaltending call with 0.4 seconds left on Thursday in a 101-100 victory over the New York Knicks in London.

WIZARDS

FRENETIC FINISH
Wizards beat Knicks in London on last-second goaltending

Washington Wizards guard Bradley Beal drives to the basket between New York Knicks center Mitchell Robinson and guard Damyean Dotson on Thursday. Beal scored 26 points in the win.

By ZAC BOYER
ASSOCIATED PRESS**LONDON** | When Bradley Beal felt his legs go out beneath him, likely ending his chances of scoring the go-ahead basket for the Washington Wizards, he spotted Thomas Bryant standing alone in the lane.

Beal dropped the ball off to Bryant, who was awarded two points after Allonzo Trier was called for goaltending on his layup attempt with 0.4 seconds remaining, and the Wizards claimed a 101-100 victory over the New York Knicks at The O2 Arena on Thursday night.

It was an odd finish for the Wizards, who outscored the Knicks 24-11 in the fourth quarter to send New York to its fifth consecutive defeat.

“I've never seen that

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— especially in London,” Wizards coach Scott Brooks said. “But what a finish. This was one of those games that nobody deserves to go on their long flight home without a win, but it happens in sports.”

Beal scored 26 points and had nine rebounds and Otto Porter Jr. had 20 points and 11 rebounds for the Wizards, but it was Bryant's bucket — or, more accurately, the one he didn't make — that mattered most.

Noah Vonleh gave the Knicks the 100-99 edge with a one-handed finish over Bryant with

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Brown developing, but can't crack Wizards' rotation

By MATTHEW PARAS
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Throughout his rookie campaign, forward Troy Brown hasn't seen a lot of playing time. The 19-year-old first-rounder is buried on the Wizards' depth chart, appearing in only 23 of 45 games this season.

But in Sunday's loss against the Toronto Raptors, Brown saw 10

minutes of action — taking over the team's backup point guard role. And the next game, in Thursday's win against the New York Knicks, Brown played nine minutes.

Is it a sign he's finally cracked the rotation? Not exactly.

Coach Scott Brooks has been non-committal regarding Brown's playing time, repeating a variation of the same answer.

When Brown does take the

court for extended stretches — like when he played 18 minutes last week against the Philadelphia 76ers — it's often been in blow-outs or when the Wizards have been shorthanded.

“He just has to keep getting better,” Brooks said earlier this week. “There's not going to be a lot of minutes. It's just the way it is. We have a lot of good players that are playing well at his position.”

This year, entering Thursday's game, there have been 30 other drafted rookies in the NBA this season who have played more than Brown, the 15th overall pick out of Oregon. Brown has played a total of 159 minutes — trailing even second-rounders like Charlotte's Devontae Graham, Brooklyn's Rodions Kurucs and

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