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	SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE	Case No.: 2:21-cv-01298-JAD-BNW		
16	COMMISSION,	MOTION FOR ORDER IN AID OF		
17	Plaintiff,	RECEIVERSHIP ALLOWING AND DISALLOWING CLAIMS;		
18	V.	DECLARATION OF GEOFF WINKLER IN SUPPORT		
19 20	PROFIT CONNECT WEALTH SERVICES, INC., JOY I. KOVAR, and BRENT CARSON KOVAR,	[Hearing Requested]		
21	Defendants.			
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23	In accordance with Local Rule 66-6 an	d this Court's August 6, 2021, order (ECF No.		
24	26) (the "Receiver Order") appointing Geoff V	Vinkler of American Fiduciary Services, LLC, a		
25	the permanent receiver of Profit Connect Weal	th Services, Inc., and any subsidiaries and		
26	affiliates (together, "Profit Connect"), the Reco	eiver moves this Court for an order allowing		
27	claims against the receivership estate (the "Motion"). Once the claims are allowed, the			
28	Receiver will seek a separate order authorizing	him to make an interim distribution to		

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investors. The Receiver is informed that the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") has no objection to the relief sought in this Motion.

This Motion is based on the below memorandum of points and authorities, the declaration of Geoff Winkler and the exhibits thereto, all papers on file, and any argument the Court may call and consider.

In order to protect their privacy and prevent revictimization, the investor claimants are not identified by name in the Motion or in the exhibits. Each investor's claim has been assigned a claim number. Investors were informed of this claim number when they electronically submitted their claims. In addition, in connection with service of this Motion, each investor is receiving in the envelope with this Motion a letter that identifies their claim number(s).

MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I. RELEVANT BACKGROUND AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The SEC initiated this action against Profit Connect, Joy Kovar, and Brent Kovar on July 8, 2021, by the sealed, ex parte filing of a complaint and motion for temporary restraining order seeking, among other things, the freezing of defendants' assets and the appointment of a receiver over Profit Connect. The Court granted the ex parte temporary restraining order, in part, by allowing the asset freeze to proceed but set the motion for a hearing in order to provide defendants an opportunity to be heard on the temporary receivership request.

On July 23, 2021, the defendants stipulated to modify the temporary restraining order to appoint the temporary receiver. On August 6, 2021, following another stipulation of the parties, the Court converted the temporary restraining order to a preliminary injunction and appointed the Receiver as the permanent receiver of Profit Connect. Among other things, the Court charged the Receiver with assuming control over all of Profit Connect's assets and monetizing the assets, and making an accounting of Profit Connect's financial condition so that distributions can be made.

Joy Kovar and Brent Kovar held Profit Connect out as a cryptocurrency mining company that had created and patented a series of "supercomputers" with data centers in Pasadena, California, and Las Vegas, Nevada. Profit Connect claimed and offered investors "seat time" on its supercomputers while it was allegedly mining cryptocurrency, which Profit Connect told investors would earn them 15-30% returns in zero-risk FDIC accounts for whatever amount they invested. Despite the claims that the "supercomputers" had mined between \$500 million and \$1 billion in cryptocurrency, from May 2018 through July 2021, Profit Connect successfully mined only \$352.93 in cryptocurrency, demonstrating that it never did, in fact, have operational mining supercomputers as it claimed to. During this period, approximately 880 investors deposited \$24,697,801 into Profit Connect's bank accounts, comprising 99.9% of the cash inflows.

In June 2023, the Receiver obtained Court approval of claim procedures, including the retention of Kurtzman Carson Consultants ("KCC") to provide an electronic claims process and to maintain the register of claims. Pursuant to the Court-approved claim procedures, the Receiver gave investors and creditors notice via postcard of the September 11, 2023, deadline to file claims (the "Claims Bar Date"). A copy of the postcard is attached as Exhibit "1." The Receiver also posted information about the Claims Bar Date on the website that he maintains for this receivership and emailed those investors who had provided the Receiver with email addresses. In addition, the Receiver published notice of the Claims Bar Date in *USA Today* and the *Las Vegas Review Journal*. Copies of the proof of publication are attached as Exhibit "2."

The Receiver received 482 claims by the Claims Bar Date, asserting a total of \$31,055,179.74 in claims against the receivership estate. Three claims were filed after the Claims Bar Date (one of which was a duplicate of the other), bringing the total claims received to 485 and a total of \$31,240,179.74.. Of the 485 claims, twelve were filed by creditors and the rest were filed by investors. The Receiver and his team reviewed every claim to verify that they were consistent with Profit Connect's books and records and supported by appropriate documentation. When there were discrepancies or additional information was required, the

Receiver's team reached out to the investor or creditor to obtain more information or to explain why the Receiver believed an adjustment in the amount of the claim was appropriate. Many of the discrepancies or disputes have been consensually resolved with investors and, in total, the Receiver is recommending allowance of \$21,807,008.20 in timely-filed claims. If the Court allows the two claims that were received after the Claims Bar Date as timely-filed claims, then the allowed amount of claims will total \$21,902,008.20. Attached hereto as Exhibit "3" is the schedule of the claims with the proposed allowed amount of their claim in the last column (the "Claims Spreadsheet"). The Claims Spreadsheet identifies claimants by their claim number and not their name in order to protect their privacy. Claimants have been notified what their claim number is so that they can verify their proposed allowed claim amount.

As of February 29, 2024, the Receiver was holding \$9,562,318.42 in cash. The Receiver expects to file a motion to make an interim distribution of the majority of the cash on hand once this Motion is resolved.

II. Proposed Adjustments to Claims

As set forth above, the Receiver and his team attempted to consensually resolve any discrepancies or disputes in advance of filing this Motion. However, as set forth in the chart below, there are some that require a Court order adjusting or disallowing the claim. Claims not in this chart were either allowed as filed or allowed as agreed with the claimant and are recommended for allowance as set forth in the Claims Spreadsheet attached as Exhibit "3." The Receiver is seeking a Court order allowing the claims in the following chart in the amount listed in the "Amount Recommended for Allowance" column.

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Category	Claim	Amount as	Amount	Comments
	No(s).	Filed	Recommended for Allowance	
Potential disallowance as tardily-filed claim	230915A	\$90,000.00	\$0.00	Claimant received notice of the Claims Bar Date in time to timely file a claim but did not do so, even after communicating with the

1	Category	Claim	Amount as Filed	Amount Recommended	Comments
2		No(s).	rnea	for Allowance	
3					Receiver's office prior to the Claims Bar Date. The
					claim was filed by mail,
4					with the certified mail postmarked September 7,
5					2023, but received on
6					September 13, 2023, after
		231123	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	the Claims Bar Date Claimant received notice of
7		231123	ψ2,000.00	Ψ0.00	the Claims Bar Date and an
8					email reminder one month
					prior to the Claims Bar Date. The claimant also
9					communicated with the
10					Receiver's office in October, but his claim was
					not received until
11	Disallarrance	220000	¢121.752.76	\$0.00	December 4, 2023 Investor's claim is included
12	Disallowance as duplicate	230908	\$121,753.76	\$0.00	in claim number 00126
13	claim				
		00145	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	Investor's claim is included
14					in claim number 00126
15		00218	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	Investor's claim is included in claim number 00126
1.0		00241	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	Investor's claim is included
16		00250		40.00	in claim number 00126
17		00250	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	Investor's claim is included in claim number 00126
18	Disallowance	00170	\$100.00	\$0.00	No documentation provided
10	because claim				and books and records do
19	is unsubstan- tiated				not evidence any amount owed
20		00187	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	No investment under this
		00083	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	investor's name Claimant alleges they
21		00003	\$7,000.00	ψ0.00	invested with cash, but
22					there is no receipt or other
22					documentation showing the cash deposit and the bank
23					records do not reflect the
24	Disallowance	00217	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	cash deposit Claim 00217 was filed by a
25	because claim	00217	Ψ10,000.00	Ψ0.00	corporation owned by a
	exceeds				sales agent-investor who
26	amount invested net of				caused the corporation to file the claim. Together
27	payments				and including sales agent
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$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$	Category	Claim No(s).	Amount as Filed	Amount Recommended for Allowance	Comments
3	distributions or commissions			101 1110 Wanter	received \$21,951 more from Profit Connect than
4					was put in
5		00219	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	Amount claimed to have been invested under name of a Profit Connect
6					employee who received more than was put in
7		00239	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	Claimant is a sales agent who received in excess of
8					\$700,000 from Profit Connect that the Receiver
9					is seeking to recover because the commissions
10					were earned in furtherance of the fraudulent scheme
11					being run by Profit Connect. The Receiver
12					seeks to temporarily disallow this claim pending
13					resolution of the dispute over whether the Receiver
14					can obtain disgorgement of the commissions paid. If
15					the issue is not resolved prior to the Receiver
16					making an interim distribution, then the
17					Receiver will reserve for this claim
18		00258	\$2,200.00	\$0.00	Claimant was fully paid amounts invested
19		00018	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	Claimant was fully paid amounts invested
20		00020	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	Claimant is a sales agent who received more from
21					Profit Connect than was invested
22		00039	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	Once 3 claims from the same household are
23					consolidated and reduced by the amount of money
24					received, the remaining claim is under claim 00011
25					and allowance of this claim in any amount would result
26		00040	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	in a duplicate claim Once 3 claims from the
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				claim is under claim 00011 and allowance of this claim in any amount would result in a duplicate claim
	00073	\$0.00	\$0.00	Investor stopped payment and money was not deposited and nothing is owed
	00214	\$501.10	\$0.00	Investor was paid amount invested in full and is a net winner
Disallowance of investor claim filed by agent who is the subject of pending litigation	00259	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	The Receiver has pending litigation against this promoter who brought other investors in and seeks disallowance of this claim on that basis
Disallowance because claim filed by person who purchased Profit Connect stock	00128	\$50,291.00	\$0.00	Amount put in was for ownership of Profit Connect, not an investment
Partial disallowance as duplicate investor claim	00248	\$15,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00 of this investor's claim is included in claim number 00126
Partial disallowance to extent claim cannot be substantiated	00059	\$500.00	\$49.00	Documents and records support a claim in the reduced amount
	00081	\$35,000.00	\$10,000.00	Documents and records support a claim in the reduced amount
	00125	\$1,000.00	\$49.00	Documents and records support a claim in the reduced amount
	00131	\$5,000.00	\$49.00	Documents and records support a claim in the reduced amount
	00168A	\$600,000.00	\$259.00	Documents and records support a claim in the reduced amount
	00169	\$3,257.00	\$27.32	Documents and records support a claim in the reduced amount
Partial disallowance to the extent	78969A	\$161,566.22	\$156,697.57	Documents and records support a claim in the reduced amount

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that the claim exceeds the amount of money put in and received				
	00011	\$3,083.00	\$9.20	Once 3 claims from the same household are consolidated and reduced by the amount of money received, this claim should be allowed in the reduced amount
	00211	\$13,335.00	\$6,672.41	Once commissions paid to spouse are deducted, the claim should be allowed in the reduced amount
Disallowance because creditor work not completed	00061	\$3,568.45	\$0.00	Claim is for animation video on the website that was not completed
Disallowance because creditor claim not substantiated	00117	\$13,000.00	\$0.00	No supporting documents and books and records do not reflect any amount owed
Disallowance because claimant filed the same claim as a creditor and investor	00262B	\$1,048.80	\$0.00	Adjusted amount of claim of \$265.80 proposed to be allowed under claim 00262A. This claim must be disallowed to prevent duplication
	230831B	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	Investor claim of \$10,000 proposed to be allowed as claim 230831A
	230915B	\$90,000.00	\$0.00	Claim is a duplicate of claim 230915A and both claims were tardily-filed
Disallowance because claim is for unpaid commissions, but the Receiver is not paying commissions for sales that furthered a fraudulent scheme	00228	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	Creditor claim is for unpaid commissions and the Receiver is not allowing claims for commissions for selling a fraudulent product and is seeking the return of commissions that were paid

for tax reporting purposes. These claimants will not receive a distribution until this

will not receive a distribution until the information is provided.

In addition, there are five claims that the Receiver is prepared to allow, subject to the

claimants providing their social security number or tax identification number to the Receiver

information is provided. These claims are: 00091, 00142, 00143, 00146, and 13578873. In

order to impress upon these claimants the importance of providing the requested information

to the Receiver for his tax reporting purposes, the Receiver seeks an order that these claimants

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III. **LEGAL ARGUMENT**

"The power of a district court to impose a receivership . . . derives from the inherent power of a court of equity to fashion effective relief." "The primary purpose of equity receiverships is to promote orderly and efficient administration of the Receivership Estate by the district court for the benefit of creditors." [T]he practice in administering an estate by a receiver . . . must accord with the historical practice in federal courts or with a local rule."³

As the Ninth Circuit explained:

A district court's power to supervise an equity receivership and to determine the appropriate action to be taken in the administration of the receivership is extremely broad. The district court has broad powers and wide discretion to determine the appropriate relief in an equity receivership. The basis for this broad deference to the district court's supervisory role in equity receiverships arises out of the fact that most receiverships involve multiple parties and complex transactions.⁴

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¹ SEC v. Wencke, 622 F.2d 1363, 1369 (9th Cir. 1980).

² SEC v. Hardy, 803 F.2d 1034, 1038 (9th Cir. 1986).

³ Fed. R. Civ. P. 66.

⁴ SEC v. Capital Consultants, LLC, 397 F.3d 733, 738 (9th Cir. 2005) (citations omitted); see also CFTC v. Topworth Int'l, Ltd., 205 F.3d 1107, 1115 (9th Cir. 1999) ("This court affords 'broad deference' to the court's supervisory role, and 'we generally uphold reasonable procedures instituted by the district court that serve th[e] purpose of orderly and efficient administration of the receivership for the benefit of creditors.").

With respect to administering claims against the receivership estate, it is well-settled that district courts supervising federal equity receiverships have broad discretion to adopt appropriate procedures to administer the assets of and claims against a receivership estate.⁵

The vast majority of the issues that were identified in the claim review process have been consensually resolved, with the agreed upon result reflected in the Claim Spreadsheet attached as Exhibit "3." The claims with disputes that have not been consensually resolved are identified in the chart set forth above and, depending on the claim and the issue, the Receiver is requesting that the Court allow the claims in a reduced amount or disallow the claims entirely. Disallowance of claims because they are duplicates is appropriate to prevent investors from receiving more than they are entitled to. Similarly, disallowance of unsubstantiated claims is appropriate to prevent claimants from receiving money that they are not entitled to at the expense of legitimate investors. Disallowance of the claims of investors who received more from Profit Connect than they invested is also logical, since claims for interest are typically not allowed in a receivership. The legal authority for disallowance of claims for other reasons is as set forth below.

A. The Receiver Defers to the Court's Judgment on the Two Tardily-Filed Claims

There were two claims that were received after the Claims Bar Date: Claim 203915A in the amount of \$90,000; and Claim 231123 in the amount of \$5,000. The notice of the Claims Bar Date, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 1, plainly warned investors and creditors that "Claims must be submitted electronically or, if mailed, received by Kurtzman Carson Consultants, the Receiver's claims agent, by **September 11, 2023**. Claims that are received late will not receive a distribution from the Receiver or the receivership estate." (emphasis in original).

A deadline for the submission of claims in receivership cases is critical to the prompt administration of the receivership estate. Without one, a receiver would not be able to make

⁵ See Capital Consultants, LLC, 397 F.3d at 738; Hardy, 803 F.2d at 1038.

distributions out of fear that additional claimants may present themselves at some point in the future. The goal of the claim noticing procedures is to strike a balance between the goal of promptly administering an estate and giving creditors a fair and full opportunity to file their claims.⁶

With respect to Claim 230915A, a member of the Receiver's team spoke with the investor prior to the Claims Bar Date. The investor confirmed that the address on file was correct and that they received notice of the Claims Bar Date, but indicated that they wanted to wait for a family member to assist with filing the claim. The Receiver's office had approximately four conversations with the investor in which they urged her not to wait to submit the claim. The investor waited and then elected to submit the claim in paper rather than on-line and mailed it to the Receiver's office by certified mail that was postmarked September 7, 2023. Unfortunately, the envelope was not delivered until September 13, 2023, and was signed for by the Receiver's office on September 15, 2023.

With respect to Claim 231123, the investor contacted the Receiver's office in October 2023 to verify that he had filed a claim. The Receiver confirmed that no claim form had been received and provided him with a claim form. When the investor returned the claim form to the Receiver in November 2023, the Receiver's office noticed that the address on the claim form was different than the address that the notice of the Claims Bar Date was mailed to, although the Receiver's office did not have the mail returned. The Receiver also determined that this investor had signed up for an email reminder notice that went out to those who asked for it one month before the Claims Bar Date.

The Court has discretion in its treatment of late-filed claims.⁷ In this case and given the circumstances and lack of prejudice to the other creditors who timely-filed claims, the Receiver believes that these two claims should be allowed. However, he will not make a similar recommendation for any other claims that may be returned late because of the need for

⁶ See SEC v. Hardy, 803 F.2d 1034, 1038 (9th Cir. 1986).

⁷ *Id*.

finality in this case. The ultimate decision of whether to allow these two late-filed claims is within the discretion of the Court and the Receiver will defer to the judgment of this Court.

В. Disallowance of the Claims Filed by Sales Agents Who Invested Is **Appropriate**

The Receiver is seeking disallowance of Claims 00217, 00219, 00239, and 00020 because they were filed by sales agents who were paid commissions for bringing investors into Profit Connect. As previously reported to the Court and summarized above, Profit Connect had no legitimate business and raised 99.7% of its cash inflows from investors through its fraudulent scheme. Payments made in furtherance of a fraudulent scheme are recoverable.⁸ The Receiver has sent demand letters to all of the sales agents seeking the return of the commissions they earned perpetuating the fraud. When calculating the amounts demanded, the Receiver has given them credit for any funds that they invested in Profit Connect which is to their benefit, because it gives them 100% credit for the funds they put in when the Receiver will be distributing less than that to investors. Because the Receiver believes disallowance of these claims promotes equity, he requests that they be disallowed in their entirety.

C. Disallowance of Claim 00259 Is Appropriate Because the Claimant Is the **Subject of Active Litigation**

The claimant who filed Claim 00259 for \$1,000.00 is the subject of pending litigation for serving as a promoter of Profit Connect who solicited investors into the scheme. The litigation is ongoing but in light of the pending lawsuit, the Receiver believes that disallowance of Claim 00259 is appropriate.

D. **Disallowance of Claim 00128 for the Purchase of Profit Connect Stock Is Appropriate**

Claim 00128 in the amount of \$50,291 was filed by a claimant who put in the funds to acquire stock in Profit Connect and not to be an investor in Profit Connect. Because the claim is for a stock purchase and not an investment, the Receiver seeks the claim's disallowance.

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⁸ See, e.g. Warfield v. Byron, 436 F.3d 551, 560 (5th Cir. 2006).

Analogizing the issue to the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Code subordinates claims for damages arising from the purchase or sale of a security. The Receiver is seeking disallowance of the claim because it is very unlikely that this receivership will result in a surplus estate where all investors are paid in full. Alternatively, the Receiver would request an order subordinating Claim 00128 to the claims of investors.

E. <u>Disallowance of Claims 00039 and 00040 and Allowance of Claim 00011 In</u> <u>a Reduced Amount</u>

Claims 00011, 00039, 00040 were filed by a husband and wife and a wife on behalf of her deceased father, all of whom share the same address. Claim 00011 asserts a claim of \$3,083, Claim 00039 asserts a claim of \$2,000, and Claim 00040 asserts a claim of \$1,000. According to Profit Connect's records, the wife was a sales agent who did not account for the commissions she received and two of the claims include the same \$2,000 investment. Once the claims are consolidated and the amounts invested reduced by the amounts distributed, including the commissions, the net amount due is \$9.20 so the Receiver requests that Claim 00011 be allowed in this amount and Claims 00039 and 00040 be disallowed.

F. <u>Disallowance of Claim 00228, Which Is for Unpaid Commissions, Is</u> <u>Appropriate</u>

For the same reason that the Receiver has sent demand letters to sales agents seeking the return of commissions that they earned furthering Profit Connect's fraudulent scheme, the Receiver seeks disallowance of Claim 00228, which was filed by a sales agent for commissions they allege were unpaid. Allowance of the claim would be inconsistent with the approach taken by the Receiver in this case so the Receiver seeks disallowance of Claim 00228.

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⁹ See 11 U.S.C. § 510(b), which provides as follows: "For the purpose of distribution under this title, a claim arising from rescission of a purchase or sale of a security . . . [or] for damages arising from the purchase or sale of such a security . . . shall be subordinated to all claims or interests that are senior to or equal the claim or interest represented by such security"

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IV. **RESERVATION OF RIGHTS**

The relief sought in this Motion is based on the Receiver's investigation and forensic accounting to date. If the Receiver learns that his information about deposits or distributions to or on account of any particular investor is materially incorrect and would result in a reduction to the allowed amount of an investor's claim, he reserves the right to seek an appropriate adjustment to the allowed amount of the claim and to any future distributions to that investor.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, the Receiver requests entry of an order in the form attached as Exhibit "4":

- (1) Granting this Motion in its entirety;
- (2) Disallowing the following claims in their entirety: 00018, 00020, 00039, 00040, 00061, 00073, 00083, 00117, 00128, 00145, 00170, 00187, 00214, 00217, 00218, 00219, 00228, 00239, 00241, 00250, 00258, 00259, 00262B, 230831B, 230908, and 230915B;
- (3) Allowing or disallowing in the Court's discretion Claims 231123 and 203915A, which were received after the Claims Bar Date;
 - (4) Allowing the following claims in the following amounts:
 - (a) Claim 00011 in the amount of \$9.20
 - Claim 00059 in the amount of \$49.00 (b)
 - Claim 00081 in the amount of \$10,000.00; (c)
 - Claim 00125 in the amount of \$49.00 (d)
 - Claim 00131 in the amount of \$49.00 (e)
 - (f) Claim 00168A in the amount of \$259.00
 - Claim 00169 in the amount of \$27.32 (g)
 - Claim 00211 in the amount of \$6,672.41 (h)
 - (i) Claim 00248 in the amount of \$5,000.00; and
 - Claim 78969A in the amount of \$156,697.57; (j)

EXHIBIT "1"

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

PROFIT CONNECT WEALTH SERVICES, INC.,
JOY I. KOVAR, and BRENT CARSON KOVAR,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:21-cv-01298-JAD-BNW

NOTICE OF CLAIMS BAR DATE FOR INVESTORS AND CREDITORS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL INVESTORS AND CREDITORS SEEKING RECOVERY FROM PROFIT CONNECT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by order entered by the U.S. District Court, District of Nevada, in the above-captioned case, the Court has set **September 11, 2023** as the deadline for investors and creditors of Profit Connect Wealth Services, Inc. to submit claims to the Receiver, Geoff Winkler, of American Fiduciary Services (AFS). Claim forms may be completed and submitted electronically at kccconnect.com/profitconnect. If you would prefer to complete a hard copy of the claim form, please contact AFS at contact@profitconnect-receivership.com. Claims must be submitted electronically or, if mailed, received by Kurtzman Carson Consultants, the Receiver's claims agent, by **September 11, 2023**. Claims that are received late will not receive a distribution from the Receiver or the receivership estate.

EXHIBIT "2"

STREAMING

Netflix docuseries reveals secrets of 'American Gladiators'

Bryan Alexander

USA TODAY

There's no keeping "American Gladi-

The muscles-and-Spandex-filled reality competition is bouncing back, more than three decades after pummeling into America's fascination as a weekly nationally syndicated battle between off-the-street amateurs and the show's "gladiators" - ripped athletes with outsized bodies and personalities,

and such names as Nitro and Gemini. Fans became hooked on bouts such as the Joust – in which competitors tried to knock each other off raised platforms with pugil sticks, or padded poles for seven bruising seasons before "Gladiators" flamed out in 1996.

Following ESPN's two-part "The American Gladiators Documentary" in May, Netflix steps up with "Muscles & Mayhem: An Unauthorized Story of American Gladiators."

Here are the big hits in the five-part "M&M" series (now streaming):

Human Cannonball hit reveals 'Gladiators' injuries were real

Skeptics who believed the competition (and battle scars) were as fake as the spray tans are dead wrong. The Gladiators, two men and two women in each episode, took their clashes seriously. The real injuries from dangerous challenges made for sometimes stomach-turning viewing.

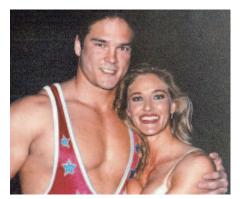
The most lethal was the Human Cannonball, which propelled contestants from an platform to a rope as they sought to knock off gladiators. "It was scary as hell, everything was real. Ludicrous," says Raye Hollitt, known as Zap.

Danny Lee Clark (aka Nitro) calls the Human Cannonball "the most dangerous and worst event ever." The infamous hit on the surfer Deron McBee (Malibu) is the ultimate example. The blow sent McBee flying with such force that his knee banged into his head. McBee gamely told the "Gladiators" audience later that he recovered by catching rays on the beach. But in reality, he suffered two broken ribs, a broken thumb, a torn bicep and a concussion. McBee, one of the original Gladiators, survived for just the first 13 episodes. The Human Cannonball contest was retired in Season 5.

The "Gladiators" goal for eye-popping competitive spectacle ensured there would be more injuries in the seasons to come. "I knew people were going to get hurt, and they did," Clark says.

Producers tried to curtail steroid use with mandatory drug tests

The popularity of "American Gladiators" exploded in the "juiced" 1990s, when anabolic steroids led to impossible physiques and doping scandals, from Major League Baseball to WWF wrestling. The colossal bodies immortalized on "Gladiators" action figures didn't come just from workouts. Former contestants discuss using everything from supplements to growth hormones and anabolic steroids.



"Nitro" Danny Lee Clark and "Diamond" Erika Andersch appear in "Muscles & Mayhem: An **Unauthorized Story of American Gladiators."** PROVIDED BY NETFLIX

"Everybody did steroids; that was the thing." Sha-ri Pendleton (Blaze) says. An apparent final straw for "Gladiators" brass came when a producer found needles and syringes, leading to mandatory drug testing.

While the testing curtailed some usage, Clark calls it public relations damage control for the adoring public and nervous advertisers: He was given six weeks to prepare for one drug test.

"It was like, 'Wink-wink, you're going to give us a little bit of time to get clean," Clark says. "It was just to tell the advertisers, 'Yes, we drug-tested the American Gladiators.'

Still, the superstar Gladiator traveled to Mexico to buy steroids, only to be busted by border security. A sympathetic customs officer let Clark off the hook with a ticket.

"You wonder how far someone will go just to compete," Clark says.

The tour bus was nonstop sex, drugs and parties

"American Gladiators" exploded with a 50-week national tour to 114 cities in 1991. Gladiators were trained to deflect journalists' questions about steroids by changing the topic to when tickets were going on sale.

The tour-bus trips were pure debauchery, with booze, drugs, sex, groupies and wild Chippendales-style dancing contests, illustrated in the documentary with home videos.

"I would get reports every night," said tour manager David Fishof. "And it was crazy what was going on. (The on-site manager) said he never saw such crazy sex. They were drinking. Rock stars don't behave like this.

"It was the most fun I had in my entire life," says Jim Starr (Laser), who says the nonstop competition took a toll. "What people didn't see is we competed every night, seven days a week. We were getting so beat."

Debbie Clark (Storm), then an aspiring Olympian, recalls a horrific tackle in front of a hometown Hart-Connecticut, crowd that "snapped" her ACL tendon.

"They kicked me off the tour," Clark says. "That was how everything ended for me as a Gladiator. Not just as a gladiator, but as an athlete. My life was never the same."

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HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Documentary gives voice to the intersex community

David Oliver

USA TODAY

Hundreds of thousands of Americans have something in common, something that, for the most part, they have been encouraged to hide. It's so little talked about, in fact, that the greater population may not realize just how prevalent they are.

These people are intersex - an umbrella term for variations in reproductive or sex anatomy, and could show up in someone's chromosomes, genitals, testes or ovaries. It's estimated that 1.7% have intersex traits, and 0.07% are recommended to have surgical intervention.

Documentary "Every Body" (in theaters Friday) aims to give this community a platform. The film offers a history of how treatments for intersex people became commonplace; how intersex people often are lost in wider LGBTQ+ conversations; and how through coming together, their stories finally can be heard.

"Who's speaking up for the human rights of intersex people? And the answer to that question, of course, is intersex people themselves," says director Julie Cohen.

Several activists - Sean Saifa Wall. 43; Alicia Roth Weigel, 31; and River Gallo, 31 – want you to hear their loud, proud voices.

"I hope that people allow themselves to be moved (by the film) and be moved in such a way to really question what they've learned about, what they haven't learned about and to be curious about themselves," Wall says. "We've all been lied to," Wall adds, when it comes to the limited knowledge we've been given on sex, gender, and the intersex community.

The history of intersex community

You can't understand the intersex community without knowing their trauma – which can be traced to Johns Hopkins University sexologist Dr. John Money, whose now-debunked theory on sex and gender identity set the course for intersex medicine for decades.

In the 1960s, Money hypothesized you could take a young Canadian boy -David Reimer, who had been injured during a circumcision - and "make" him a girl, without telling him the truth. He wasn't even intersex.

The experiment backfired and Reimer went on to live as a man and speak out before dying by suicide in 2004. Money's work was discredited in the 1990s, but his influence lingers: The core conclusion was that surgery needs to be done early for social integration – that is, alter someone's sex organs so they fit into a binary even if it's not medically necessary.

"Sometimes something spreads so widely, it becomes conventional wisdom, and it takes a lot of work to deconventionalize that false wisdom," Cohen says.

Money understood that transgender people existed, and the detachment of sex from gender.

Anyone studying sex and gender knows the topic is nuanced.



"Intersex people haven't ... healed enough to be able to understand what it means to be in joyful community with each other," says River Gallo.

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And to that end, "when you think about it, intersex is the embodiment of nuance," Roth Weigel says. "We are the physical embodiment of the idea that things don't fit into neat little binary boxes and categories."

'A huge lack of information'

This early surgical intervention is still happening to kids. While the documentary certainly covers this trauma, it offers hope through the eyes of activists.

Everyone's story is different. Some people's parents discover they are intersex when they're born but others do not know until puberty or beyond. Intersex people often are told to keep

quiet about their identities which can make living their lives tricky, especially when it comes to dating and sex. Even among progressive circles the

word "intersex" leave many scratching their heads.

Cohen says: "I was a little floored by how many people just in the dinner party conversations that you have ... including people that are in the therapy world are like, 'Oh, yeah, intersex? What's that again? Is that like trans or kind of like trans?' Come on people. Get it together!"

"There's a huge lack of information," Wall adds, "and there is ignorance, and there's also willful ignorance."

'Our greatest act of resistance'

While the community is fighting for legislative change to protect intersex kids, they're also figuring out what intersex culture really looks like.

"There's enough time where trans people have been in community where there's trans culture. You can talk in a similar language.

"Intersex people haven't been together and healed enough to be able to understand what it means to be in joyful community with each other," Gallo says.

"Every Body" is a step in that direction, but it's unclear where the community goes from here.

Roth Weigel adds: "We need the focus on how far we have yet to go and the issues that we're still suffering, but I know that I would not have come out had I not seen joyful intersex representation that gave me the permission to do so."

And that's why joy is the ultimate

"Experiencing joy is perhaps our greatest act of resistance, because it's what they've been trying to strip from us," Roth Weigel says.

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GOP-led effort succeeds in censuring Rep. Schiff

Lawmaker says its aim is to distract from Trump

Sarah Elbeshbishi

The Republican-led effort to censure Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., over his claims about former President Donald Trump's connections to Russia have succeeded.

House lawmakers voted 213-209 along party lines late Wednesday to censure Schiff, with six lawmakers voting present. Immediately after the vote, Democrats in the lower chamber began chanting "shame."

Rep. Anna Paulina Luna, R-Fla., renewed her effort to censure Schiff for alleging collusion between Trump and Russia during the former president's 2016 campaign after her initial attempt was blocked last week when House Democrats – along with 20 Republicans

- moved to table the resolution, effectively killing it. The House voted 225-196 to table the legislation at the time.

But the House cleared the procedural hurdle on Wednesday before voting to censure Schiff.



After the failed effort, Luna tweeted that she would remove the portion of her resolution that suggested fining Schiff \$16 million if a House Ethics Committee investigation determined he

"lied, made misrepresentations and abused sensitive information," a provision that prompted some House Republicans to join Democrats in killing the measure.

"The Constitution says the House may make its own rules but we can't violate other (later) provisions of the Constitution," Rep. Thomas Massie, R-Ky, tweeted before the first vote. "A \$16 million fine is a violation of the 27th and 8th amendments."

Luna suggested she had the votes to censure Schiff in a tweet Tuesday, sharing that a majority of the 20 Republican lawmakers who voted against the measure last week would support the updated resolution, along with members who were out of town during last week's

Schiff said last week that he was "flattered" by the effort to censure him and suggested the resolution was introduced as a distraction from Trump's legal problems. The former president was arraigned in Miami this month in connection with a federal investigation into whether he mishandled classified documents – the same day Luna brought the measure to the floor.

"This is really an effort, at the end of the day, to distract from Donald Trump's legal problems, to gratify Donald Trump by going after someone they feel was his most effective adversary," Schiff said on "CNN This Morning."

He also called the resolution a "terrible abuse of House resources." The California Democrat had chaired the House Intelligence Committee and led the first impeachment inquiry into Trump, which resulted in the House voting to impeach the former president on charges of abuse of power and obstruction of Congress. He was acquitted by the Senate.

Other House lawmakers have been censured in recent years. Former Reps. Liz Cheney and Adam Kinzinger, the only Republicans who sat on the House committee that investigated the Jan. 6 Capitol attack, were censured by the Republican National Committee in February 2022 for opposing Trump and investigating the riot. In November 2021, the House voted 223-207 to censure Rep. Paul Gosar, R-Ariz., for posting an anime video that was edited to show him killing Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., and attacking President Joe Biden.

Contributing: Ella Lee

Modi

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ner is seen as backsliding," said Irfan Nooruddin, a professor of Indian politics at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service.

Modi pressed on human rights

Progressive Rep. Rashida Tlaib said she would boycott Modi's address to Congress during the visit over his "long history of human rights abuses, antidemocratic actions, targeting Muslims & religious minorities, and censoring journalists." She described the conduct in a tweet as "unacceptable."

"It's shameful that Modi has been given a platform at our nation's capital," said Tlaib, D-Mich.

Democratic Reps. Cori Bush, of Missouri, and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, of New York, also are protesting the event.

The White House said Biden would raise human rights questions with Modi when they speak privately. A spokesman stressed it is a topic Biden routine-

'Certainly human rights is of concern to the United States, and it's a foundational element to President Biden's foreign policy," White House national security strategic communications coordinator John Kirby said.

A group of more than 70 lawmakers asked Biden in a letter Tuesday to "discuss the full range of issues" facing the two nations during the visit. They noted that "independent, credible reports reflect troubling signs in India" and told him that "friends can and should discuss their differences in an honest and forthright way."

"We think it's important that we have a strong relationship between India and the United States, regardless of who India's prime minister is, but we also think it's important that the president raise these human rights issues and make it clear that the institutions of democracy - free press, freedom of religion, a free judiciary, an independent judiciary these are all things that ensure a democracy," Rep. Pramila Jayapal, a Democrat who was born in India, said in an interview. "And without a democracy, it's go-



Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi greets supporters Tuesday in New York. Modi was to speak before Congress on Wednesday. EDUARDO MUNOZ ALVAREZ/AP

ing to be much harder for the United States and India to have a long-term, strong relationship."

Discrimination, harassment and erosion of trust

Trust in India's judiciary system is also eroding. Earlier this year, a court convicted one of Modi's chief political opponents, Rahul Gandhi, of defamation for disparaging the surname "Modi" in a case that is viewed as highly politi-

If the conviction stands, Gandhi, who highlighted India's struggles with democracy during a recent trip to the U.S., will be barred from competing in India's national elections next year.

Modi and his political party have increasingly used government institutions to target political opponents. Discriminatory policies against the Muslim population and harassment of journalists and government critics grew significantly under Modi, Freedom House president Michael Abramowitz said.

"So it is still a democracy, as they say. It's got a thriving election system. But it's these other policies that cause concern for Freedom House," Abramowitz

Modi has not fielded questions at a news conference since he became prime minister. But the White House said he and Biden would speak with the media on Thursday.

Rep. Ro Khanna, a Democratic congressman who co-chairs the Congressional Caucus on India and Indian Americans, said that the U.S. should be "candid" about freedom of press and human rights questions.

But the congressman, who said he plans to attend the state dinner, argued, "The imperfections in democracy should not prevent the alliance of democracies.

Ukraine on the agenda

India has refused to denounce Russia's war on Ukraine and has continued to buy Russian oil amid the conflict.

The United States has not been able to put meaningful pressure on India to join the U.S. and its allies in working to cripple Russia's economy. And Modi's government views itself as having a lot of leverage in the relationship, Nooruddin said, because of how focused the Biden administration has been on maintaining positive relations with the nation that it hopes can serve as a counter-

weight to China.

The war will be on the United States' agenda during the meeting, the White House says, but the conversation is likely to focus on the importance of territorial sovereignty and the humanitarian assistance India has given Ukraine.

"We haven't since the beginning of this war, nor are we going to start, browbeating or arm-twisting other nations about the way they're looking at this war in Ukraine," Kirby told reporters Tues-

One way that Biden could indirectly create a further separation between Russia and India is by accelerating U.S. approvals of defense equipment for India, said Richard Rossow, a senior fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

"It won't be something dramatic. The tilt that has been happening over the years, where India is tilting away from Russia as a primary weapons supplier, I think that will accelerate," he said. "But you're not going to have a cold, hard stop, and I don't think this trip is going to trigger that."

Emerging superpower

Biden has sought to deepen the United States' security partnership with India through a group known as the Quad. It is part of his administration's efforts to counter China's global influence.

With a population of nearly 1.4 billion people, India will soon be the world's third-largest economy, behind only China and the United States.

Rossow said India's growing economy and competition between the U.S. and China are at the heart of Biden's decision to roll out the red carpet for Modi, who attended a large rally in Texas with former President Donald Trump in an earlier visit to the U.S.

Modi held a reciprocal rally for Trump in 2020 when the former president visited India. He is expected to host Biden in September during the Group of 20 Summit. The two leaders also met a month ago in Japan.

'You're not going to see the big theatrics I think that you saw with the Trump administration," Rossow said. "So maybe not the warmth and bombast that you saw in the previous administration but regular engagement."

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WASHINGTON

U.S. pressing for release of reporter detained in Russia

White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan on Friday said the U.S. has



Jake Sullivan

been in contact with Russian officials to press for the release of Wall Street Journal reporter Evan Gershkovich as Friday marked the 100th day of the journalist being detained by the Russian government.

Sullivan said he also spoke with Gershkovich's family representatives and Wall Street Journal officials on Friday about the status of the case and the administration's efforts to win the reporter's release.

The Kremlin earlier this week suggested that it was open to a possible prisoner exchange that could involve Gershkovich, but it underscored that such talks must be held out of the public eye.

WASHINGTON

U.S. to give cluster bombs to Ukraine, defends choice

President Joe Biden on Friday defended what he said was a "difficult decision" to provide cluster munitions to Ukraine, a move the administration said was key to the fight and buttressed by Ukraine's promise to use the controversial bombs carefully.

The decision comes on the eve of the NATO summit in Lithuania, where Biden is likely to face questions on why the U.S. would send a weapon into Ukraine that more than two-thirds of alliance members have banned.

The move was met with divided reactions from Congress, as some Democrats criticized the plan while some Republicans backed it. It was hailed on Twitter by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

WASHINGTON

Biden administration eyes coalition to fight drug trade

Citing a "grave and growing" danger, the Biden administration plans to unite dozens of countries in a coalition to battle the production and trafficking of fentanyl and other synthetic drugs responsible for the deaths of thousands of people here and abroad.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken on Friday hosted a virtual meeting of his counterparts from 84 countries to propose law enforcement and public health strategies to confront the massive worldwide opioid trade, the State Department said.

Fentanyl is now the leading cause of death for Americans under the age of 50, the State Department says.

WASHINGTON

Ocasio-Cortez endorses Biden's re-election campaign

Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez has endorsed President Joe Biden's re-elec-

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tion campaign, sending

a strong sign of Demo-

cratic unity from one of

the party's most liberal

"I think he's done

itations that we have,"

Ocasio-Cortez said on

podcast Thursday. "I

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ebbs and flows." Ocasio-Cortez endorsed Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont in the 2020 Democratic presidential primary.

Biden fights junk health insurance

Eliminating loopholes to end coverage scams

By Josh Boak The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden on Friday rolled out a new set of initiatives to reduce health care

The new proposed rules aim to close loopholes that allow insurers to offer products that can discriminate based on pre-existing conditions and market to consumers coverage that provides little or no coverage.

"In America, it sounds corny, but fairness is something we kind of expect," Biden said. "And I don't know anybody who likes to be viewed as having been played for a sucker."

Biden invited Cory Dowd to tell his story at the White House event to spotlight the initiative. Dowd in 2019 purchased a high-deductible health care plan when he returned stateside after serving in the Peace Corps in Ghana but before he started graduate school and was able to get on a student health plan. He thought the plan would protect him in the case of a medical emergency.

But just weeks before he started school, he had to have emergency surgery to remove his appendix.



Patrick Semansky The Associated Press

President Joe Biden offers his hand Friday to Cory Dowd after he was introduced to speak about lowering U.S. health care costs in the East Room of the White House.

Months later, the hospital called him to tell him his insurer would only cover a small portion of his bill and that he would have to pay more than \$37,000 out of pocket.

"For me, there was both a financial and emotional cost," said Dowd, who added that the insurer relented after news coverage about his situation. "I've always considered myself a very responsible person. But this really took a toll on my self-esteem

and my identity."

Biden also announced new guidance on medical billing stemming from 2020's No Surprises Act. The guidance would limit the ability of insurers that contract with hospitals to claim provided care was not in network and have customers pay more money.

"Folks, that's not health insurance," Biden said. "That's a scam. It has to end."

Whistleblower alleges politically motivated arrest

By Nicole Wells Newsmax

An Israeli professor turned whistleblower, who worked with Hunter Biden advising a Chinese energy



Gal Luft

conglomerate, says the Department of Justice is "trying to bury" him to "protect Joe, Jim & Hunter Biden."

Gal Luft, co-director of the Institute for the Analysis of Global Security in Washington, D.C., provided the

FBI with incriminating information about the foreign business dealings of Hunter Biden, his father, and his uncle, Jim Biden, in 2019, according to reports in the New York Post.

Along with Hunter Biden, Luft served as an adviser to CEFC China

CEFC China Energy paid Hunter Biden at least \$6 million in 2017 to secure energy investment deals in the United States and donated at least \$350,000 to Luft's think tank,

the Post article says. "DOJ is trying to bury me to protect Joe, Jim & Hunter Biden," Luft said in a Feb. 18 tweet. "Shall I name names?"

Luft's threat to expose people comes after his arrest in Cyprus two days earlier on charges that he illegally sold weapons to Libya and China. He claims his arrest and pending extradition is "politically motivated" payback for his revelations about the Biden family.

"It would be funny if it weren't tragic," Luft tweeted. "I've never been an arms dealer."

The whistleblower's claims come as Hunter Biden's former business

partner, Eric Schwerin, has started to cooperate with the House Oversight Committee's probe of the Bidens' foreign business dealings. The investigation has reportedly centered on Hunter Biden's work with CEFC China Energy.

Luft's Israeli attorney Mordechai Tzivin said his client's arrest was politically motivated and an attempt to silence him.

Luft's American lawyer has indicated that he will provide Congress with information on the professor's case. "Dr. Luft is a whistleblower," Luft

attorney Robert Henoch told the Washington Free Beacon. He says that prosecutors decided against investigating Luft's claims "and are instead targeting him with trumpedup and false charges."

This unfortunately appears to be part of an attempt to discredit a witness with critical information about an ongoing congressional and DOJ investigation," Henoch said.





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INVESTORS AND CREDITORS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL SEEKING RECOVERY FROM PROFIT CONNECT PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by order entered by the U.S. District Court, District of Nevada, in the above-captioned case, the Court has set September 11, 2023 as the deadline for investors and creditors of Profit Connect Wealth

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION V. PROFIT CONNECT WEALTH SERVICES ET AL. Case No. 2:21-cv-01298-JAD-BNW NOTICE OF CLAIMS BAR DATE FOR

Services, Inc. to submit claims to the Receiver, Geoff Winkler, of American Fiduciary Services (AFS). Claim forms may be completed and submitted electronically at https://kccconnect.com/profitconnect/. If you would prefer to complete a hard copy of the claim form, please contact AFS at contact@profitconnect-receivership.com. Claims must be submitted electronically or received by the Receiver's claims agent by September 11, 2023. Claims that are received late will not receive a distribution from the Receiver or the receivership estate.

NATION

AROUND THE COUNTRY

Jackson to step down from leading Rainbow coalition

The Rev. Jesse Jackson plans to step down from leading the Chicago civil



rights organization Rainbow PUSH Coalition he founded in 1971, the organization announced Friday.

"Reverend Jesse Jackson is officially pivoting from his role as president of Rainbow PUSH Coalition. His

commitment is unwavering, and he will elevate his life's work by teaching ministers how to fight for social justice and continue the freedom movement," the organization said in a statement. "Rev. Jackson's global impact and civil rights career will be celebrated this weekend at the 57th annual Rainbow PUSH Coalition convention."

The Rev. Janette Wilson, a senior adviser to Jackson and longtime staff member of the organization, said the civil rights leader and two-time presidential candidate will address members Saturday about his decision. Jackson will turn 82 in October.

Other than minor damage, 11 twisters relatively weak

A tornado outbreak that swept the Chicago area this week produced at least 11 twisters, and preliminary findings show they were relatively weak, the National Weather Service said

No injuries were reported when Wednesday's storms ripped roofs from buildings and toppled trees in the Chicago area and points west. One tornado touched down near O'Hare International Airport, disrupting hundreds of flights.

MONTPELIER, VT.

Historic flooding may not be over for ravaged state

Vermonters worked Friday to dry out homes and businesses damaged by historic flooding but kept a wary eye on the horizon, with another round of storms forecast for Sunday, and further out, next Tuesday.

We don't know the extent of some of these storms," Gov. Phil Scott said at a news conference in Berlin, Vermont.

Storms dumped up to two months' worth of rain in a couple of days in parts of the region this week.

ATLANTA

Trump's lawyers request dismissal of Georgia case

Lawyers for former President Donald Trump are asking Georgia's highest



Donald

court to prevent the district attorney who has been investigating his actions in the wake of the 2020 election from prosecuting him and to throw out a special grand jury report that is part of the inquiry. **Fulton County District**

Trump Attorney Fani Willis has been investigating since early 2021 whether Trump and his allies broke any laws as they tried to overturn his narrow election loss in Georgia to Democrat Joe Biden. She has suggested that she is likely to seek charges in the

Trump's Georgia legal team on Friday filed similar petitions in the Georgia Supreme Court and Fulton County Superior Court.

case from a grand jury next month.

GOP hopefuls chase Trump's lead

Six candidates address Christians in Iowa

By Thomas Beaumont and Steve Peoples The Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — As the six-month sprint to the Iowa caucuses begins, the sprawling field of Republican presidential candidates is facing growing pressure to prove they can become serious challengers to former President Donald Trump.

The urgency is particularly acute for Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, who entered the race in May with expectations that he would quickly become Trump's top rival. For now, however, he has struggled to generate the enthusiasm that Trump commands from the GOP base, leaving it uncertain he will become the threat to the former president that he was once billed to be.

"That's what DeSantis wanted to be. It's possible he may be that still," said Gentry Collins, a seasoned Iowa and national Republican strategist who ran Mitt Romney's 2008 caucus campaign. "But it sure doesn't look like that to me — it's become clear that there isn't room for another alternative to Trump."

DeSantis was among six White House hopefuls in Iowa on Friday for the Family Leadership Summit, where an audience of close to 2,000 gathered to see former Fox News host Tucker Carlson interview the candidates individually. Trump did not



Charlie Neibergall The Associated Press

Former Vice President Mike Pence talks with moderator Tucker Carlson, left, during the Family Leadership Summit on Friday in Des Moines, Iowa.

attend, though he has swung through the state multiple times in recent weeks and will return Tuesday.

There's still time for any of the contenders to mount a more robust challenge to Trump — but not a lot. Iowa's first-in-the-nation caucuses are scheduled for Jan. 15.

Beyond DeSantis, Tim Scott is being closely scrutinized. The South Carolina senator has impressed many with an agenda that is every bit as conservative as the one offered by Trump or DeSantis. Some say Scott is distinguishing himself with an aggressive outreach strategy paired with an upbeat message.

Scott is making inroads because "he's doing the real hard work of retail politics in Iowa, doing small groups with pastors and churches and leading to bigger and bigger meetings and venues," said Mike

Demastus, a Des Moines evangelical pastor who has met several times with Scott.

Carlson noted reports of increased interest in Scott, prompting a crack from the senator that he hoped the money would follow.

"I'm glad to hear they're all flocking to me," Scott said. "I wish they would go out and write the check, too, because we haven't seen that vet. I've heard the stories myself, but what I haven't seen is the millions and millions."

Trump is the undisputed leader in Iowa, similar to the grip he holds on Republicans nationally. That makes Iowa particularly crucial for anyone hoping to stop him. Given the relatively early date of the caucuses, a strong win by Trump in Iowa could put him in a commanding position heading into the following contests.

Iowa governor signs law banning abortions after 6 weeks

By Hannah Fingerhut and Summer Ballentine The Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Iowa's ban on most abortions after about six weeks of pregnancy was signed into law Friday by Gov. Kim Reynolds, but a judge is still considering abortion advocates' request to put the restrictions on hold.

The new legislation prohibits almost all abortions once cardiac activity can be detected, which is usually around six weeks of pregnancy and before many women know they are pregnant. That's a dramatic shift for women in Iowa, where abortion had been legal up to 20 weeks of pregnancy.

Reynolds signed the measure into law in front of 2,000 conservative Christians barely a mile away from where a court hearing for the request to postpone the state's new ban took place. The ACLU of Iowa, Planned Parenthood North Central States and the Emma Goldman Clinic filed the legal challenge Wednesday and representatives spoke at the court hearing Friday.

That hearing ended with the judge saying a decision on whether to put a hold on the new ban may be made next week.

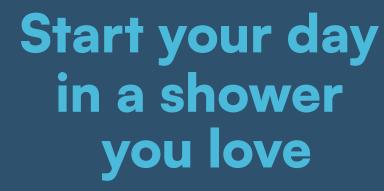
District Court Judge Joseph Seidlin said he could not imagine "anything that would be more insulting to either side" than for him to "flippantly" rule from the bench Friday.

The split screen punctuates a bitter battle between abortion advocates and opponents in Iowa that has

dragged on for years and will likely, for now, remain unresolved as the courts assess the law's constitutionality.

"As we gather here today, at this very moment, the abortion industry is in the court trying to prevent this law from taking effect and stop once again the will of the people," Reynolds said before bringing people on the stage to sign the law. "But the passage of this legislation by even a wider margin this times sends an unmistakable message."

The bill passed with exclusively Republican support late on Tuesday at the conclusion of a rare, 14-hour special legislative session.



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Case No. 2:21-cv-01298-JAD-BNW NOTICE OF CLAIMS BAR DATE FOR **INVESTORS AND CREDITORS AND** INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL SEEKING RECOVERY FROM PROFIT CONNECT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by order entered by the U.S. District Court, District of Nevada, in the above-captioned case, the Court has set September 11, 2023 as the deadline for investors and creditors of Profit Connect Wealth Services, Inc. to submit claims to the Receiver, Geoff Winkler, of American Fiduciary Services (AFS). Claim forms may be completed and submitted electronically at https://kccconnect.com/profitconnect/. If you would prefer to complete a hard copy of the claim form, please contact AFS at contact@profitconnect-receivership.com. Claims must be submitted electronically or received by the Receiver's claims agent by September 11, 2023. Claims that are received late will not receive a distribution from the Receiver or the receivership estate.

EXHIBIT "3"

Code	Description
CW01	Claim withdrawn
CA01	Claim allowed
CA02	Claim allowed, distribution reserved until claimant identification information is provided
OP01	Claim partially disallowed due to duplicate claim amount
OP02	Claim partially disallowed due unsubstantiated claim amount
OP03	Claim partially disallowed due to claim above money-in-money-out amount
OF01	Claim disallowed due to agent pending litigation
OF02	Claim disallowed due credior work not completed
OF03	Claim disallowed due to employee bonus
OF04	Claim potentially disallowed due to filing a tardy claim
OF05	Claim disallowed due to filing as both creditor and investor
OF06	Claim disallowed due to duplicate claim amount
OF07	Claim disallowed due to unsubstantiated claims
OF08	Claim disallowed due to claim above money-in-money-out amount
OF09	Claim disallowed due to claim for ownership stock purchase
OF10	Claim disallowed due to agent commissions

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231123	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00 OF04
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14	DISTRICT OF NEVADA		
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16	SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE	Case No.: 2:21-cv-01298-JAD-BNW	
17	COMMISSION,	[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR ORDER IN AID OF	
	Plaintiff,	RECEIVERSHIP ALLOWING AND	
18	V.	DISALLOWING CLAIMS	
19	PROFIT CONNECT WEALTH SERVICES, INC., JOY I. KOVAR, and BRENT		
20	CARSON KOVAR,		
21	Defendants.		
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23	The Court having reviewed the <i>Motion</i>	for Order in Aid of Receivership Allowing and	
24	Disallowing Claims (the "Motion") and having	held a hearing on the Motion, for the reasons	
25	set forth in the Motion,		
26	IT IS ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:		
27	(1) The Motion is granted;		
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1	(2)	The fo	llowing claims are disallowed	ed in their entirety: 00018, 00020, 00039,
2	00040, 00061, 00073, 00083, 00117, 00128, 00145, 00170, 00187, 00214, 00217, 00218,			
3	00219, 00228, 00239, 00241, 00250, 00258, 00259, 00262B, 230831B, 230908, and 2309151			
4	(3)	Claims	231123 and 203915A, which	ch were received after the Claims Bar Date,
5	will be allowed as timely-filed claims, although no other tardily-filed claims will be allowed.			
6	(4)	(4) The following claims are allowed in the following amounts:		
7		(a)	Claim 00011 in the amount	of \$9.20;
8		(b)	Claim 00059 in the amount	of \$49.00;
9		(c)	Claim 00081 in the amount	of \$10,000.00;
10		(d)	Claim 00125 in the amount	of \$49.00;
11		(e)	Claim 00131 in the amount	of \$49.00;
12		(f)	Claim 00168A in the amou	nt of \$259.00;
13		(g)	Claim 00169 in the amount	of \$27.32;
14		(h)	Claim 00211 in the amount	of \$6,672.41;
15		(i)	Claim 00248 in the amount	of \$5,000.00; and
16		(j)	Claim 78969A in the amou	nt of \$156,697.57.
17	(5)	All oth	er claims listed in the Claim	s Spreadsheet attached as Exhibit "3" to the
18	Motion are allowed in the amounts set forth in the column for "Amount Allowed."			
19	(6) The Receiver is authorized to withhold distributions to the holders of claims			
20	00091, 00142, 00143, 00146, and 13578873 until the claimants provide a social security			
21	number or taxpayer identification number as requested by the Receiver.			
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23	IT IS SO ORDERED.			
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25			DAT	ED:
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE I hereby certify that, on the 9th day of April 2024, a true and correct copy of the foregoing MOTION FOR ORDER IN AID OF RECEIVERSHIP ALLOWING AND **DISALLOWING CLAIMS; DECLARATION OF GEOFF WINKLER IN SUPPORT** was filed electronically via the Court's CM/ECF system. Notice of filing will be served on all parties by operation of the Court's CM/ECF system, and parties may access this filing through the Court's CM/ECF system. /s/ Ja'Nita Fisher
Employee of RAINES FELDMAN LITTRELL LLP