



Key question as the Fed meets: Can the central bank pull off a 'soft landing'?

By CHRISTOPHER RUGABER

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - When Chair Jerome Powell and other Federal Reserve officials gather this week for their latest decision on interest rates, they will do so on the cusp of achieving an elu-sive "soft landing" – the feat of curbing inflation without causing a deep recession.

After the Fed began aggressively raising borrowing costs early last year, most economists predicted it would send the economy crashing as consumers cut spending and businesses slashed jobs and expansion plans.

Yet even though the Fed is poised to raise its key rate on Wednesday for the 11th time since March 2022, to its highest point in 22 years, no one is panicking. Economists and financial traders have grown more optimistic that what some call "immaculate disinflation" - a steady easing of inflation pressures without an economic downturn - can be achieved. Most economists think this week's hike in the Fed's benchmark rate, to about 5.3 percent, will be the last, though they caution that that rate, which affects many consumer and business loans, will likely stay at a peak until well into 2024.

"I would have been not super-optimistic about a soft landing a few months ago," said Jeremy Stein, a Harvard University economist who served on the Fed's Board of Governors from 2012 through 2014. "Now, I think the odds are clearly going up.'

Economists at Goldman Sachs, who have sketched a more optimistic outlook than most others, have downgraded the likelihood of recession to just 20 percent, from 35 percent earlier this year. Even economists at Deutsche Bank, among the first large banks to forecast a recession, have been encouraged by the economy's direction, though they still expect a downturn later this year. "We have greater resiliency within the economy than I would have anticipated at this point in time, given the extent of rate increases we've gotten," said Mat-thew Luzzetti, Deutsche Bank's chief U.S. economist.

Luzzetti points to durable consumer spending as a key driver of economic growth. Many Americans still have extra savings stemming from the pandemic, when the government distributed several stimulus checks and people saved by spending less on travel, restaurant meals and entertainment.

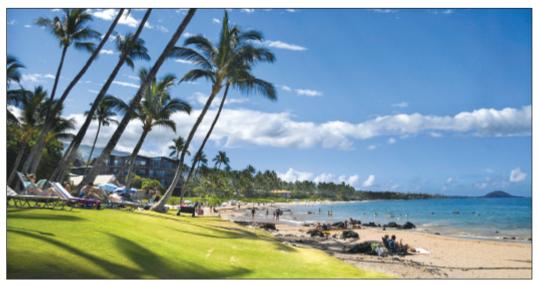
Hiring has remained healthy, with employers having added 209,000 jobs in June and the unemployment rate declining to 3.6 percent. That's near the lowest rate in a half-century and about where it was when the Fed began raising rates 16 months ago - a sign of economic resilience that almost no one had foreseen.

At the same time, inflation has steadily declined. In June, prices rose just 3 percent from a year earlier, down from a peak of 9.1 percent in June 2022 though still above the Fed's 2 percent target.

Even more encouragingly, measures of underlying inflation have dropped. "Core" prices, which exclude volatile food and energy costs, rose just 0.2 percent from May to June, the slowest monthly rise in nearly two years. Compared with a year ago, core inflation was still a relatively high 4.8 percent, though down sharply from 5.3 percent in May.

Some economists warn that a recession cannot yet be ruled out. The Fed's rate hikes, they note, have made the cost of buying a home, financing a car purchase or expanding a business much more burdensome.

And with inflation still not fully contained, Fed officials have yet to sound the all-clear. One day after the government reported unexpectedly mild inflation, Christopher Waller, a key member of the Fed's board, said he needed to see further evidence of smaller price increases before he would be sure inflation is slowing. Until then, Waller said, two more quarter-point rate hikes would likely be "necessary to keep inflation moving toward our target."



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Keawakapu Beach in South Maui is shown on July 10. Both hotel occupancy and visitor arrival numbers at the start of the summer travel season have been behind last year's numbers, reports show.

Hotel data reflect slower summer start than last year recent report by the Hawai'i Tour-Room revenue,

hotel occupancy in Maui County lag behind last summer

By MELISSA TANJI Staff Writer

Maui County hotels continued to reflect a slower start to the summer travel season as revenue and occupancy rates in June fell behind last year's numbers, just as they did in May, according to a

ism Authority.

Last month, Maui County hotels saw a 67.2 percent occupancy rate, which is down 3.6 percentage points compared to June 2022 when occupancy was at 70.8 percent.

Revenue per available room in June was \$418.74, which was down 8.7 percent versus 2022, when room revenue was at \$458.60.

Even the average daily rate of \$623 at Maui County hotels in June lagged behind 2022 numbers by 3.8 percent compared to the \$647.63 average daily rate at the same time last year.

Statewide, however, hotels were roughly on par with last summer. Occupancy was slightly up at 76.7 percent in June, an increase of 0.9 percentage points versus June 2022 when Hawaii saw a 75.8 percent occupancy rate.

Revenue per available room See HOTELS on Page A3

Biden administration sues Texas Gov. Abbott over Rio Grande buoy barrier

By PAUL J. WEBER and VALERIE GONZALEZ The Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas - The Justice Department on Monday sued Texas Gov. Greg Abbott over a newly installed floating barrier on the Rio Grande that is the Republican's latest aggressive tactic to try to stop migrants from crossing into the U.S. from Mexico. The lawsuit asks a federal judge in Austin to force Texas to remove a roughly 1,000-foot (305-meter) line of bright orange, wrecking ball-sized buoys that the Biden administration says raises humanitarian and environmental concerns. The suit claims that Texas unlawfully installed the barrier without permission between the border cities of Eagle Pass and Piedras Negras, Mexico. The buoys are the latest escalation of Texas' border security operation that also includes razor-wire fencing, arresting migrants on trespassing charges and sending busloads of asylum-seekers to Democratic-led cities in other states. Critics have long questioned the effectiveness of the two-year operation, known as Operation Lone Star. A state trooper's account this month that some of the measures injured migrants has put the mission under intensifying new scrutiny. In anticipation of the lawsuit, Abbott sent President Joe Biden a letter earlier Monday that defended Texas' right to install the barrier. He accused Biden of putting migrants at risk by not doing more to deter them from making the journey to the U.S. Texas will see you in court, Mr. President," Abbott wrote. The Biden administration has said illegal border crossings have declined significantly since new immigration restrictions took effect in May. In June, the first full month since the new polices took effect, U.S. Customs and Border



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Workers assemble large buoys to be used as a border barrier along the banks of the Rio Grande in Eagle Pass, Texas, on July 11. Texas Republican Gov. Greg Abbott has escalated measures to keep migrants from entering the U.S. He's pushing legal boundaries along the border with Mexico to install razor wire, deploy massive buoys on the Rio Grande and bulldozing border islands in the river.

Disaster declarations were key to Texas' efforts to install buoys, razor wire on US-Mexico border

By VALERIE GONZALEZ and ACACIA CORONADO The Associated Press

EAGLE PASS, Texas -Wrecking ball-sized buoys on the Rio Grande. Razor wire strung across private property without permission. Bulldozers changing the very terrain of America's southern border.

For more than two years, Texas Republican Gov. Greg Abbott has escalated measures to keep migrants from entering the U.S., pushing legal boundaries with a go-it-alone bravado along the state's 1,200-mile border with Mexico. Now blowback over the tactics is widening, including from within Texas.

A state trooper's account of officers denying migrants water in 100-degree Fahrenheit temperatures and razor wire leaving asylum-seekers bloodied has prompted renewed criticism.

The Mexican government, some Texas residents along the border and the Biden administration are pushing back. On Monday, the U.S. Justice Department sued Abbott over the buoy barrier that it says raises humanitarian and environmental concerns, asking a federal court to require Texas to dismantle it.

Abbott, who cruised to a third term in November while promising tougher border crackdowns, has used disaster declarations as the legal bedrock for some measures.

Critics call that a warped view.

"There are so many ways that what Texas is doing right now is just flagrantly illegal," said David Donatti, an attorney for the Texas American Civil Liberties Union.

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AP photo

Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell speaks after a Federal Open Market Committee meeting on June 14, at the Federal Reserve Board Building in Washington. The Federal Reserve wraps up its two-day policy meeting on Wednesday.

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TODAY'S PEOPLE



AP photo A screenshot taken Monday in New York shows Elon Musk's Twitter page with the new X logo that he introduced a day before.

The Associated Press

Musk reveals new **'X' Twitter logo**

Elon Musk has unveiled a new "X" logo to replace Twitter's famous blue bird as he follows through with a major rebranding of the social media platform he bought for \$44 billion last year.

The X started appearing at the top of the desktop version of Twitter on Monday, but the bird was still dominant across the smartphone app. In response to questions about what tweets would be called when the rebranding is done, Musk said they would be called Xs.

It's yet another change that Musk has made since acquiring Twitter that has alienated users and turned off advertisers, leaving the microblogging site vulnerable to new threats, including rival Meta's new text-based app Threads.

Chris Young song has Bowie sounds

LOS ANGELES Country star Chris Young's latest single, "Young Love & Saturday Nights," is a vivid love letter to summertime weekends, old trucks, and dive bar bands.

And it might sound immediately familiar: The guitar lick that opens the track and carries throughout is lifted directly from David Bowie's 1974 hit "Rebel Rebel." Bowie is credited posthumously as a songwriter on the track, making it one of the genre-melding icon's few forays into country music.

Bowie has a reputation for about race.

disliking country music, but an expert and Young himself say that's not the full story.

So how did Bowie, who died in 2016, end up on the track?

Ben Vaughn, president and chief executive officer of Warner Chappell Music Nashville – who acquired the worldwide rights to over 400 of Bowie's songs, including "Rebel Rebel" – says his team asked songwriter Jesse Frasure to "get creative using elements from Bowie's catalog to write a new country song. He ended up doing an interpolation of 'Rebel Rebel' and the demo he turned in was an instant smash.

Aldean's video rockets to No. 2

LOS ANGELES – Jason Aldean's "Try That in a Small Town" is experiencing exponential growth following controversy over its music video.

The song, which was released in May, debuted at No. 2 on the Billboard Hot 100 this week just behind BTS's Jung Kook solo single "Seven," featuring Latto.

The track debuted with the biggest sales week for a country song in over 10 years.

According to Luminate, the song hit 11.7 million on-demand audio and video streams between July 14 and 20, marking a 1,000 percent increase from 987,000 streams the previous week.

Aldean has shared a statement about the song and video – filmed at a lynching site – saying they are not

<i>Forecast for Central Maui (Context)</i> AccuWeather Get the AccuWeather app					
TODAY 81-85	TONIGHT 71-75	WEDNESDAY 83-87 68-72	THURSDAY 82-86 70-74		
Partly sunny, pleasant; breezy in the p.m.	Mainly clear	Mostly sunny, breezy and pleasant	Mostly sunny and nice; breezy in the p.m.		
Winds: NE 15-25 mph	Winds: ENE 8-16 mph	Winds: ENE 15-25 mph	Winds: ENE 12-25 mph		

Maui County Weather

The Islands

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W			
Aiea	88/74/pc	90/75/pc			
Ewa Beach	88/75/pc	89/75/pc			
Hanalei	86/78/pc	87/78/sh			
Hilo	83/72/pc	84/70/c			
Honolulu	88/77/pc	89/75/pc			
Kailua	87/75/sh	88/76/pc			
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9 a.m				
Noon	13	extreme		
3 p.m	5	moderate		
5 p.m	2	low		
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Tides

Hana Day		Ft.	Low	Ft.
Today	9:44 a.m.	1.5	1:44 a.m.	0.3
	6:47 p.m.	1.8	12:54 p.m.	0.7
Wed.	11:50 a.m.	1.8	2:32 a.m.	0.2

Thu. 12:46 p.m. 2.2 3:32 a.m. 0.1

Almanac

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High/low	88°/76°
Normal high/low	89°/72°
Last year high	90°
Last year low	71°
Record high 96°	in 1951
Record low 63°	' in 1952
Average humidity	58%
Precipitation at Kah	ului
24-hour total	0.00"
Record Monday 0.25'	' in 1966
Month-to-date	0.36"

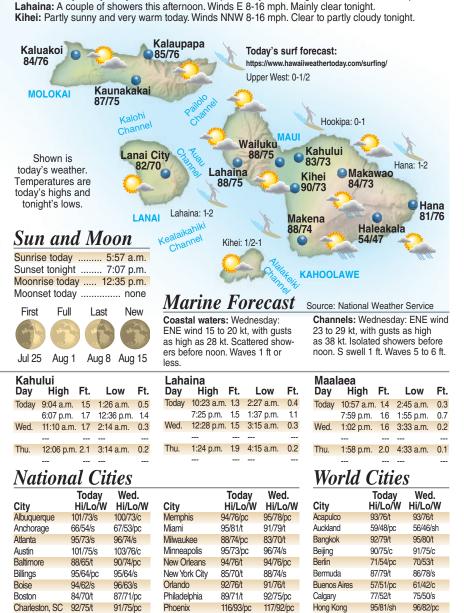
Month-to-date	0.36"
Normal month-to-date	0.39"
Year-to-date	7.87"
Normal year-to-date	
Last year-to-date	0.73"

Precipitation Elsewhere

Hana 24-hour total 0.00' Lahaina

24-hour total

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Hana: Windward showers today. Winds E 10-20 mph. Partly cloudy tonight with windward showers. Kalului: Partly sunny today. Winds ENE 15-25 mph. Mainly clear tonight. Winds ENE 10-20 mph.

Los Angeles	90/68/s	93/71/s	Washington, DC 88/68/t	93/75/s	Vancouver	72/56/pc	71/56/sh
Weather (W):	s-sunny,	pc-partly cloudy	/, c-cloudy, sh-showers,	t-thunderstorm	s, r -rain, sf -snov	v flurries, sn	-snow, i-ice.

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Gene therapy eyedrops restore a boy's sight Similar treatments nielkys "Yuni" Carvajal, right eye, after which Sabater many gene therapies. teared up thinking about started treating him with the Sabater, director of the could help millions what Sabater did for her son. eyedrops. Corneal Innovation Lab at Krishnan said they were the eye institute, said gene "He's been there through **Bv LAURA UNGAR** everything," she said in Spanish during a visit to the cautious, frequently watchtherapy eyedrops could poand FREIDA FRISARO ing to see that it was safe. tentially be used for other The Associated Press University of Miami Health Antonio's eye recovered diseases by changing the MIAMI - Dr. Alfonso System's Bascom Palmer from the surgery, the scargene delivered by the virus. Sabater pulled up two pho-Eye Institute. "He's not onring didn't return and there For example, a different tos of Antonio Vento Carly a good doctor but such a was significant improvement gene could be used to treat vajal's eyes. One showed Fuchs' dystrophy, which afgood human being and proeach month, Sabater said. cloudy scars covering both vided us with hope. He never Doctors recently measured fects 18 million people in the eveballs. The other, taken gave up." the vision in Antoni's right U.S. and accounts for about after months of gene therapy The family came to the eye at a near-perfect 20/25. half the nation's corneal given through eyedrops, re-U.S. from Cuba in 2012 This year, Sabater betransplants. vealed no scarring on either on a special visa allowing gan treating Antonio's left The prospect of treating AP photo eye. Antonio to get treatment for Dr. Alfonso Sabater (left) examines Antonio Veneye, which had even more more conditions this way is Antonio, who's been lehis condition, which affects scar tissue. That one is also 'exciting," said Dr. Aimee to Carvajal's eyes accompanied by his mother, Yugally blind for much of his around 3,000 people worldsteadily improving, measur-Payne, a dermatology pronielkys Carvajal, on July 6 at University of Miami 14 years, can see again. wide. He had surgeries to ing close to 20/50, which fessor at the University of Health System's Bascom Palmer Eye Institute in The teen was born with remove scar tissue from his Sabater said "is pretty good Pennsylvania who isn't in-Miami. Antonio, who spent much of his life legally dystrophic epidermolysis eyes, but it grew back. Anvolved in the research. The vision.' blind, can see again after months of gene therapy bullosa, a rare genetic contonio's vision kept getting approach "delivers gene Antonio comes to the eye delivered with evedrops. dition that causes blisters worse, eventually deterioratinstitute for checkups almost therapy that really addresses all over his body and in his contacted drugmaker Krystal ment, called Vyjuvek, uses ing so much that he didn't the root cause of disease." weekly and gets the drops eyes. But his skin improved Biotech to see if it could be an inactivated herpes sim-With his vision restored, feel safe walking around. once a month. During visits, when he joined a clinical trial Sabater had no answers reformulated for the boy's plex virus to deliver working Antonio must wear protec-Antonio has enjoyed a typito test the world's first topithen, and tried to reassure eyes. copies of that gene. The eyetive clothing covering his cal teen pastime he's wanted cal gene therapy. 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STATE AND COUNTY/IN BRIEF



Vicens Crouse

Radio show features county boards

Maui County's weekly radio show will feature a discussion on county boards and commissions at 7 a.m. Thursday.

Cory Vicens with the Office of the Mayor; Jessica Crouse, a past member of the Committee on the Status of Women; and Arnold Wunder, chairperson of the

Civil Service Commission, will talk about the role of county boards and commissions. ac-

Wunder cording to a county news

release Monday.

As part of county government in addition to the executive and legislative branches, 40 boards and commissions made up of citizen volunteers help provide review, oversight and perspective on community issues and projects.

To listen to the show on Thursday, tune in to KAOI AM 1110, 96.7 FM, 98.7 FM or KAOI1110.com.

Mayor Richard Bissen appears on the weekly show once a month, with other local leaders featured on the remaining weeks.

Watershed plan focus of meeting

A second outreach meeting on the Waikapu and Waiakoa Watershed Management Plan will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. today at the Kealia Pond National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center.

Funded by Maui County, the plan aims to protect nat- Wanelle Kaneshiro.

ural resources and improve water quality by engaging stakeholders, quantifying pollutant loads and providing strategies fro managing sources of pollution, according to an announcement from Maui Environmental Consulting.

The meeting will provide updates on the plan and share projects being proposed to address water quality concerns in the watershed.

Food and drinks will be provided.

Lieutenant governor heads to Washington

Lt. Gov. Sylvia Luke began a three-day trip to Renton, Wash., on Monday to attend a workforce development conference with other state leaders, the Lieutenant Governor's Office announced.

The Unlocking Pathways Regional Summit is co-hosted by the U.S. Department of Education Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education; the U.S. Department of Transportation; and Jobs for the Future.

Participants will hear from experts about construction and infrastructure technical career pathways, learn how states can leverage federal funds to advance education-to-workforce strategies and collaborate with counterparts in other western U.S. states, according to a news release.

Other Hawaii officials attending the summit include Department of Transportation Director Ed Sniffen, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations Director Jade Butay, University of Hawai'i President David Lassner, State Workforce Development Council Executive Director Bennette Misalucha, P20 Associate Director & GEAR UP Hawaii Project Director Angela Jackson and Department of Education Workforce Development Branch Director

Man pleads not guilty to hit-and-run crash in Waikapu

The Maui News

accused of striking a

woman on a moped and fleeing the scene pleaded not guilty Monday to five charges stemming



when he rear-ended a blue 2021 Zhong moped that was also traveling south-

Police said the woman operating the moped was caught in the undercarriage of the sedan and subsequent-IV dragged a significant distance before being dislodged. A good Samaritan fol-Jermaine Mudong is be- lowed the sedan and contacting held on \$100,000 bail ed the police, who were able to locate and stop the vehicle in the Olowalu area. Mudong was placed under arrest for first-degree negligent injury, collisions involving death or serious bodily injury, operating a vehicle under the influ-The moped operator, ence of an intoxicant and a 32-year-old Wailuku third-degree promotion of a detrimental drug. He was later released pending investigation. Mudong was arrested Highway about 85 feet Sunday morning on a warrant, according to police records. A bail hearing is set for Wednesday and a pretrial Police said Mudong was conference is set for Sept. 5,

Pacific Cancer Institute founder to donate computers for Maui County kids

The Maui News

Dr. Bobby Baker, founder of the Pacific Cancer Institute in Wailuku, and his wife Julie are launching a "Computers With a Cause" program for youth in Maui County.

The Dr. Bobby Baker and Julie Baker Foundation has donated two laptop computers to Ka Hale A Ke Ola Homeless Resource Centers' Children Services Program in Wailuku.

The foundation will also donate eight laptops to deserving high school students who don't have access to personal computers for homework and online academic research, according to a news release Friday.

'Many of our children are transitioning out of homelessness and have no access to personal computers," Ka Hale A Ke Ola Executive Director Monique Ibarra said. "With their return to school from summer break, this donation is very timely and greatly needed.'

Applicants for laptops are encouraged to demonstrate their dedication to academics, community service and financial need. Students can apply for the program by visiting computerswithacause. org/student-application. Or, they can download and complete the PDF application and send it via email to Applications@ComputersWithA-Cause.org. The application deadline is Aug. 18.

'Julie and I love Maui and treasure the years we lived and worked there, and we want to make a difference in the lives of deserving high school students and in child support programs at



Dr. Bobby Baker (center) presents a computer to Zoey F. (right) to further her educational goals. The computer was delivered to her at the Coastal Carolina Council of the Boy Scouts of America Low Country District in Hilton Head, S.C. Zoey earned the computer by demonstrating academic excellence and involvement in Scouts.



Photos courtesy The Dr. Bobby Baker and Julie Baker Foundation

Dr. Bobby Baker, a radiation oncologist, shows Varian Truebeam radiation equipment in 2012 at the Pacific Cancer Institute. The former 25-year Maui resident has established a private nonprofit foundation that is providing laptop computers to deserving high school students and Ka Hale A Ke Ola Homeless Resource Centers.

er, who founded the Pacific Cancer Institute in 1993 and is a former Maui resident of 25 years.

Now residing in Charleston, S.C., the Bakers have established the private charitable nonprofit to support

Resource Centers," said Bak- In addition to donating com- Dr. Bobby Baker and Julie puters to students in South Baker Foundation by mail Carolina during the pandem- at 15 State St., Charleston, ic, the Baker Foundation was S.C., 29401; by phone at able to provide "hot spots" for students who had no internet access for classes held remotely. For more information,

Ka Hale A Ke Ola Homeless causes close to their hearts. about the foundation, contact tion.org.

(843) 737-0182, ext. 300; or by email at info@Baker-

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A PAINFUL JOURNEY



bound.



from the incident on May 16.

on charges of collisions involving death or serious bodily injury, two counts of first-degree negligent injury, operating a vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant and reckless driving of a vehicle.

woman, sustained critical, life-threatening injuries.

The crash was reported at 10:12 a.m. on Honoapiilani south of Wilikona Place in Waikapu, according to police.

driving an orange 2004 court records show.

The Maui News / MATTHEW THAYER photo Oahu artist Erik Sullivan's "Pain Body," is displayed Thursday morning as part of the MACC Biennial exhibit at the Schaefer International Gallery at the Maui Arts & Cultural Center. Made of ceramic, wood, glue and paint, the piece is intended to convey the emotional and physical journey of a woman who faced cancer at a young age during the pandemic. In the background, John Meeker of Kihei inspects "Mahaulepu Beached Net" by Kauai artist Carol Bennett. "It's interesting," Meeker said. "Some of this stuff I like, and some doesn't turn me on." MACC Biennial is a new juried exhibition showcasing artists from across Hawaii. Scheduled to be held every two years, and featuring works from 38 artists in a variety of disciplines, it is set to run through Aug. 26. Schaefer International Gallery is is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.

Hotels

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statewide last month was \$298.10, down by just 0.8 percent versus 2022, which saw room revenue at \$300.65.

The average daily rate in June was \$388.83, down 2 percent compared to the \$396.73 average daily rate seen at the same time in 2022.

Compared to pre-pandemic numbers, occupancy statewide and in Maui County still lagged behind, though revenues and room rates were higher than in 2019.

Maui County hotels' occupancy last month was down 13.4 percentage points versus June 2019, which saw

were 58.1 percent higher than 2019, when the average rate was \$393.97. Revenue per available room was up 31.9 percent from June 2019, which saw revenues of \$317.57.

Maui's luxury region of Wailea again led the state in highest average room rates and highest revenue per available room in June, though both had declined compared to last year.

The average daily room rate in Wailea was \$939.09 in June, which is down 8.6 percent compared to the \$1,027.57 average daily room rate seen in 2022 but up 52.3 percent compared to 2019, when the average rate was \$616.71. Revenue per available room at \$624.03 an 80.6 percent occupancy is down 5.1 percent versus was \$583.01, but 70 percent

revenue of \$657.86, but up it was \$332.40. 11.1 percent compared to \$561.61 in June 2019.

Occupancy in Wailea was 66.5 percent occupancy in June, up 2.4 percentage points from 64 percent occupancy rate in June 2022. The past two summers are still well below June 2019, when hotels saw a 91.1 percent occupancy rate.

For Lahaina/Kaanapali/ Kapalua hotels, occupancy was 69.3 percent in June, down 4.7 percentage points versus June 2022 and down 12 percentage points versus June 2019.

The average daily rate last month for the area was at \$565.08, down 3.1 percent compared to June 2022, when the average daily rate

Revenue per available room for the West Maui hotels was \$391.43 in June, down 9.3 percent versus June 2022 when room revenue was at \$431.37, but up 44.9 percent compared to June 2019, when it was \$391.43.

Across the state, Oahu saw the most gains from last year compared to the other counties

Oahu had an occupancy rate of 82.9 percent in June, up 5.5 percentage points from June 2022. Average daily rate on Oahu in June was \$291.48, up 3.2 percent versus June 2022. Revenue per available room in June was \$241.50, up 10.5 percent from 2022

On Hawaii island, occu-

percent, down 4.8 percentage points compared to 2022. The average daily room rate was at \$410.39, down 3.5 percent versus 2022, while room revenue was \$285.96, down 9.7 percent compared to June 2022.

On Kauai, occupancy was at 74.8 percent in June, down 7.7 percentage points compared to 2022. The average daily rate was \$434.13, up 3.3 percent compared to June 2022, while room revenue was \$324.70, down 6.3 percent versus June 2022

For the first six months of 2023, total statewide hotel revenues were \$2.9 billion, which is up 6.6 percent compared to 2022 and up 30.4 percent compared to 2019.

U.S. markets, the Hawaiian mauinews.com.

rate. But average daily rates June 2022, which saw room higher than June 2019, when pancy last month was 69.7 Islands earned the highest first half 2023 room revenue at \$285, with New York second at \$205 and Miami at \$187.

> The Hawaiian islands also led the U.S. markets in the first half of 2023 with average daily rate of \$380 second was New York at \$264 and Miami at \$249.

> But for the first half of 2023, Las Vegas topped the country in occupancy at 78 percent, followed by New York at 77.6 percent and Orlando at 76.4 percent.

> The Hawaiian Islands had an occupancy of 74.9 percent for the first half of 2023, which was ranked sixth in the nation.

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By ANITA SNOW

51 debt.

The Associated Press

Five years later, the

72-year-old's story remains

at the heart of efforts to

prevent others in Arizona

from having their power cut

off, leaving them without

life-saving air conditioning in

temperatures that have topped

110 degrees Fahrenheit on

the face of the fight that

helped put the disconnect

rules in place for the big, reg-

ulated utilities in Arizona,"

said Stacey Champion, an

advocate who pushed for new

regulations. "But we need

Arizona Public Service,

known as APS, disconnect-

ed Pullman's power in Sep-

tember 2018 at a time when

outside temperatures in her

retirement community west

of Phoenix reached 107 de-

grees Fahrenheit. Just days

before, a \$125 payment was

made toward Pullman's past-

Her body was found inside

The medical examiner's

office said Pullman died from

environmental heat expo-

sure" combined with car-

diovascular disease after the

Like many older residents

of Phoenix-area retirement

communities, Pullman was

her home during a subsequent

due bill of \$176.

wellness check.

shutoff.

more."

Stephanie Pullman was

every day this month.

Fed

over a \$51 debt. That forced utilities to change Continued from Page A1

Waller expressed concern that the Fed might be "headfaked" by temporary slowdowns in inflation, only for prices to resurge again, which previously occurred in mid-2021 and the fall of 2020.

Likewise, Lorie Logan, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, said she favored a rate hike at last month's meeting, when the Fed kept rates unchanged after 10 straight increases. Speaking before the latest inflation report, Logan suggested that more increases were needed.

Some economists caution that inflation's drop from above 9 percent to 3 percent was the relatively easy part. Getting it down to 2 percent will be harder and take longer. Average incomes haven't kept up with rising prices for the past two years, and workers may keep pushing for sharp wage increases. Higher pay would boost Americans' ability to spend and potentially perpetuate inflation.

Yet many other experts say they think the recent mild inflation readings can be sustained. Rental cost increases, which have already fallen, should decline further as more apartment buildings are completed.

Even though the Fed's policymakers collectively predicted in June that they would raise their benchmark rate twice more this year, many economists think that after this week's hike, the officials will hold rates steady when they next meet in September. And after that, inflation may be moving close enough to the Fed's target that they forgo any further hikes.

In a question-and-answer session last week, Waller held out the possibility that a second rate hike could be skipped if inflation came in as low in the next two months as it had in the most recent government report.

Used car prices, while still much higher than before the pandemic, fell in June and are expected to ease further. The costs of furniture, appliances and clothing are slowing, too. Restaurant prices, while still high, are rising more slowly.

'The breadth of disinflation is starting to broaden out," said Omair Sharif, chief economist at Inflation Insights. "This is kind of what you have been hoping to see for a while."

Sung Won Sohn, an economics professor at Loyola Marymount University, said he still worries that the Fed will have to clamp down Ohio, where her family remains.

Details about Pullman's PHOENIX - Stephanie life are sketchy because her Pullman died on a sweltering family cannot discuss the Arizona day after her electriccase under a private legal setity was cut off because of a tlement with APS.

"I can't talk," Pullman's son, Tim Pullman, said when reached by telephone in Ohio.

Champion said the family also suddenly stopped talking to her after the 2019 settlement

APS didn't address the settlement when contacted last week, but said in a statement it "is here to help customers and we are making sure they stay connected during the summer months.'

Pullman's death prompted Champion and others to demand new rules to prevent shutoffs. The case raised awareness about extreme heat dangers, and it did spark change.

'People are now more cognizant that low-income people can lose the power in their home at any time," said Phoenix attorney Tom Ryan, a consumer advocate familiar with the Pullman case. "Couldn't someone have spared her the \$51?

In 2019, the Arizona Corporation Commission, which regulates most of the state's utilities, issued a moratorium on summertime shutoffs by APS and other power companies it oversees.

Last year, the commission permanently banned electricity cutoffs during the hottest months.

a native Midwesterner, livto pause disconnections from Pinnacle West Capital Corp., ing alone after moving from June 1 through October 15, and has about 1.2 million



The Arizona Republic file photo via AP

Stacey Champion (center) holds up a sign with Stephanie Pullman's picture during a protest outside of the Phoenix Art Museum where the Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry awards ceremony was celebrating Don Brandt, CEO of Arizona Public Service in Phoenix, Ariz., June 20, 2019. Pullman died in her home after her electricity had been shut off.

son Electric Power, which serves Arizona's second largest city; and UniSource, which provides power in Mohave and Santa Cruz counties, chose the date-based option.

There will be no disconnections for past due residential accounts through mid-October," with late fees waived during that period, APS confirmed. "We urge customers who are struggling with overdue bills to contact us so we can work with them to get their account in good standing and try to keep balances from continuing to build."

APS is the principal sub-Electric utilities can choose sidiary of publicly traded

or pause them on days fore- customers. It gives a discount of up to 25 percent on energy bills for people who qualify, like a family of three with a gross monthly income under \$4,143, or a single person in a home with a gross monthly income of up to \$2,430.

Arizona's second largest provider of electricity, Salt River Project, or SRP, is known as a power and irrigation district rather than a utility and has around 1.1 million customers. It additionally supplies water in parts of metro Phoenix. As a community based, not-for-profit district, SRP is not overseen by the state commission but is governed by a publicly elected Board and Council.

SRP says it halts shutoffs during excessive heat warnings issued by the National Weather Service. But Cham-

pion noted that people have died on hot days without such warnings.

Amid the current heat wave, SRP announced Friday it was halting all cutoffs for nonpayment for residential and commercial customers through July, and would not disconnect for failure to pay anyone on its economy price plan for customers with limited income through August.

"SRP's priority is to maintain reliable and affordable power for our customers, and we understand the significance of keeping customers in service during Arizona's hot summer days," the utility said in a response to a query. "We value our customers" safety and have programs in place to assist those in need."

'We urge customers who are having difficulty paying their bill for any reason to contact us as quickly as possible so we can offer solutions to help them avoid a worsening financial situation," the company said in a separate statement.

Gov. Katie Hobbs sent a letter to Arizona's power companies on Friday, demanding that they spell out in writing their plans during the current hot spell for disconnections of service, how they will handle possible grid outages, and how they will react in the event of an emergency outage.

Champion said she thinks state legislation would help ensure stricter rules against power company shutoffs, but nothing is before the state Legislature.

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Protection said migrant encounters were down 30 percent from the month prior and were at the lowest levels since Biden's first full month in office.

White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre told

Buoys

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Abbott did not respond to requests for comment. He has repeatedly attacked President Joe Biden's border policies, tweeting Friday that they "encourage migrants to risk their lives crossing illegally through the Rio Grande, instead of

it difficult for U.S. Border mit to removing the barrier Patrol agents to access Rio Grande.

Those are unlawful acpresident has put forward and is trying to do," she said.

reporters that Abbott's pol- Justice Department gave International Boundary and

That has been replaced by a bulldozed stretch of barren land connected to the mainland and fortified with razor wire.

"The river is a federally protected river by so many federal agencies, and I just don't know how it happened," Fuentes told the night before

icies as a whole have made Texas until Monday to comor face a lawsuit. The letter said the buoy wall "pos-

The state deployed the In a letter last week, the buoys without notifying the

covered in verdant brush. buoys, arguing that border crossings are not covered by the Texas Disaster Act.

> As for the river islands, the Texas General Land Office gave the state Department of Public Safety access starting in April "to curb the ongoing border crisis.'

permit vegetation manage-

Water Commission or the Merrick Garland in 2021 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Mexico's secretary of state asked the federal government to intervene, saying the barrier violates international treaties.

The lawsuit is not the first time the Biden administraactions on the border.

Fuentes said. "I can feel it."

The state declined to release any records that might detail the environmental impacts of the buoys or changes to the landscape.

Victor Escalon, a DPS "Additionally, the Gen- regional director overseeing Eagle Pass City Council the eral Land Office will also Del Rio down to Browns-

accused the state of usurping and even interfering with the federal government's responsibility to enforce immigration laws after Abbott empowered state troopers orders to stop vehicles cartion has sued Texas overs it rying migrants on the basis that they could increase the U.S. Attorney General spread of COVID-19.

"Since they rerouted the still installed concertina water on the island, the wa-ter is flowing differently," the property and shut the Urbinas' gates. That cut off the Border Patrol's access to the river, though it still leases land from Urbina.

> "They do whatever it is that they want," Urbina said this month.

> The farmer, a Republican, calls it "poison poli-

es a risk to navigation, as tions that are not helpful well as public safety, in the and is undermining what the Rio Grande River, and it presents humanitarian concerns.'

casted to be above 95 degrees Fahrenheit or below 32 degrees Fahrenheit. APS; Tuc-

An Arizona woman died after her power was cut

harder on the economy to slow inflation all the way to 2 percent and in the process ultimately cause a recession and higher unemployment.

The 2 percent inflation target... is an unrealistic target which can only be reached at huge cost," Sohn said. "There's a growing risk of the Fed overreacting, as they often have in the past, and pushing the economy into an overall real recession, which is not necessary."

Other economists have also expressed concerns. A potential strike at UPS could slow freight shipping and revive shortages and lift prices. Workers in other industries, such as airlines and automakers, are also pushing for higher pay, which could keep wage pressures elevated.

And achieving a soft-landing, after inflation had spiked so high, is notoriously difficult. But the economy has broken new ground many times since the pandemic.

We are in uncharted territory." said Riccardo Trezzi, founder of Underlying Inflation, a consulting firm, and former economist at the Fed and European Central Bank."

safely and legally over a bridge."

The Biden administration has said illegal border crossings have declined significantly since new immigration rules took effect in May.

Altered border

Under the international bridge connecting Eagle Pass, Texas, with Piedras Negras, Mexico, protesters gathered at Shelby Park this month, chanting "save the river" and blowing a conch shell in a ceremony. A few yards away, crews unloaded neon-orange buoys from trailers parked by a boat ramp off the Rio Grande.

Jessie Fuentes stood with the environmental advocates, watching as state troopers restricted access to the water where he holds an annual kayak race. Shipping containers and layers of concertina wire lined the riverbank.

often took clients and race participants into the water through a shallow channel formed by a border island

Council.

"I feel like the state government has kind of bypassed local government in a lot of different ways. And so I felt powerless at times,² council member Elias Diaz told The Associated Press.

The International Boundary of Water Commission says it was not notified when Texas modified several islands or deployed the massive buoys to create a barrier covering 1,000 feet (305 meters) of the middle of the Rio Grande, with anchors in the riverbed.

Abbott on Monday sent a letter to Biden that defended Texas' right to install the the lower side of the river. barrier. He accused Biden of putting migrants at risk by not doing more to deter them from making the journey to the U.S.

The floating barrier also provoked tension with Mexico, which says it violates treaties. Mexico's sec-The experienced kayaker retary of foreign relations asked the U.S. government to remove the buoys and razor wire in a June letter.

Fuentes sued over the ingroute.

with all applicable state and federal regulations is upheld," said a letter from the office's commissioner, Dawn Buckingham.

The Texas Military Department cleared out carrizo cane, which Buckingham's office called an "invasive plant" in its response to questions from the AP, and changed the landscape, affecting the river's flow.

Environmental experts are concerned.

"As far as I know, if there's flooding in the river, it's much more severe in Piedras Negras than it is in Eagle Pass because that's And so next time the river really gets up, it's going to push a lot of water over on the Mexican side, it looks like to me," said Tom Vaughan, a retired professor and co-founder of the Rio Grande International Study Center.

Fuentes recently sought special permission from the city and DPS to navigate through his familiar kayak-

ville, pointed to the gover-Neither did the City ment, provided compliance nor's emergency disaster declaration. "We do everything we can to prevent crime, period. And that's the job," he added.

Trespassing to stop trespassers

For one property owner, the DPS mission cut him out of his land.

In 2021, as Eagle Pass became the preferred route by migrants crossing into the U.S., Magali and Hugo Urbina bought a pecan orchard by the river that they called Heavenly Farms.

Hugo Urbina worked with DPS when the agency built a fence on his property and arrested migrants for trespassing. But the relationship turned acrimonious a year later after DPS asked to put up concertina wire on riverfront property that the Urbinas were leasing to the U.S. Border Patrol to process immigrants.

DPS to sign a lease that and start making your citwould release him from izens feel like they're secliability if the wire caused ond-hand citizens," he addinjuries. DPS declined but ed.

tics." Critics call it déjà vu.

"I also really see a very strong correlation to the Trump and post-Trump era in which most of the Trump administration's immigration policy was aggressive and extreme and very violative of people's rights, and very focused on making the political point," said Aron Thorn, an attorney with the Texas Civil Rights Project. "The design of this is the optics and the amount of things that they sacrifice for those optics now is quite extraordinary."

DPS works with 300 landowners, according to Escalon. He said it is unusual for the department to take over a property without the landowner's consent, but the agency says the Disaster Act provides the authority.

Urbina said he supports the governor's efforts, "but not in this way."

"You don't go out there Hugo Urbina wanted and start breaking the law



GOP attacks Kentucky governor over transgender-related issues in campaign

By BRUCE SCHREINER The Associated Press

FRANKFORT. Ky. - Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear is pushing back hard against Republican efforts to cast him as an advocate of gender reassignment surgery for minors, saying his detractors have misrepresented his position and invoking his Christian faith and support for parental rights to explain why he vetoed a measure that banned gender-affirming care for children.

Beshear, a Democrat seeking a second term in a race that could test the political potency of Republican messaging on transgender issues, said in an interview that he has always opposed gender reassignment surgery for children.

'My position on this has always been clear," Beshear said. "I have never supported gender reassignment surgery for minors, and they don't happen in Kentucky.

It's a direct response to what he says is a patently false Republican narrative that suggested he supports such surgeries. The Courier Journal has reported there is no record of such surgeries for minors happening in Kentucky.

The GOP attacks, coming from groups backing Republican gubernatorial nominee Daniel Cameron and from the candidate himself, were meant to cut into Beshear's popularity in the conservative-leaning Bluegrass State.

Kentucky's showdown for governor is one of the most closely watched campaigns this year and could provide insight about voter sentiment heading into 2024 elections for the White House and Congress.

A new ad released Monday by the Beshear campaign doubles down on his previous statements opposing the surgeries for minors and his campaign's denunciation of the GOP attack. And it reflects the governor's determination to not cede socalled family values issues to Cameron, the state's attorney general.



AP file photo

Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear sits for an interview in Versailles, Ky., on May 17. Beshear is pushing back against Republican efforts to cast him as an advocate of gender reassignment surgery for minors. The Democratic governor says in a new ad that his detractors have misrepresented his position. Beshear says he has always opposed such surgeries for minors.

Beshear invokes his Christian faith and support for parental rights to counter the drumbeat of GOP criticism he's faced in the months since he vetoed a sweeping transgender bill that included a ban on gender-affirming care for young transgender people. The veto was overridden by the state's GOP-dominated legislature.

'My faith guides me as governor and as a dad," Beshear says in the ad. "I'm a deacon in my church and I believe that all children are children of God.'

In vetoing the bill, the governor said it allowed "too much government interference in personal healthcare issues and rips away the freedom of parents to make medical decisions for their children." The measure prevents trans youth from accessing puberty blockers and hormone therapy.

'When I took office, I vowed to support parents, because as parents, we know what's best for our kids, not politicians in Frankfort or Washington," Beshear says in the ad.

Tucked into the legislation was a ban on gender reassignment surgery for minors. Republican groups have used Beshear's veto as an opening to unleash the campaign intervention. At that point, are good for everyone.

Looking into the camera, attack on Beshear. In recent comments to news media outlets, the Republican Governors Association said: "If Andy Beshear doesn't support sex change surgery for minors he should have signed the bill that would ban sex change surgery for minors, plain and simple.'

The Fairness Campaign, a Kentucky-based LGBTQ+ advocacy group, has never promoted such surgeries for minors, said Chris Hartman, the group's executive director.

Hartman called the Republican attack on Beshear a 'gross mischaracterization" of the governor's position.

The transgender health care legislation in Kentucky was part of a national movement, with at least 20 states having enacted laws restricting or banning gender-affirming medical care for transgender minors. Most of those states face lawsuits.

Those who oppose gender-affirming care raise fears about the long-term effects treatments have on teens, argue research is limited and focus particularly on irreversible procedures such as genital surgery or mastectomies. Yet those are rare. Doctors typically guide kids toward therapy or voice coaching long before medical puberty blockers, anti-androgens that block the effects of testosterone, and hormone treatments are far more common than surgery. They have been available in the United States for more than a decade and are standard treatments backed by major doctors' organizations.

Beshear's decision to take on the GOP-driven transgender issue represents a new twist in ad strategy. He's focused on touting the state's surging economy - including record-setting economic development and historically low unemployment rates – messages that remain the central theme of his campaign.

Cameron, meanwhile, has played up social issues in his bid to unseat Beshear in November, accusing the governor of having "emboldened a radical gender ideology.' In a tweet last month, the Republican nominee echoed the barrage of transgender-related attacks against the governor, saying Beshear and his allies "believe kids should have access to sex change surgery and drugs.'

Cameron also has hammered away at Beshear's veto of a bill last year to ban transgender girls and women from participating in school sports matching their gender identity. That veto also was overridden.

"Andy Beshear could not be further from your values than anything," Cameron said in a recent speech.

Beshear accuses his Republican challenger of trying to stoke divisions with such

"I think we're better than that, and my faith teaches me that we're supposed to love each other as ourselves, and there's no exceptions,' the governor said in the interview. "I think people out there are tired of division, are tired of groups of people yelling at each other, and just want to support a candidate or want a government that tries to focus on things that

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The Associated Press

Traps set for bear after fatal attack

BILLINGS, Montana Wildlife workers searching for a grizzly bear that killed a woman along a forest trail near Yellowstone National Park are setting bear traps for a third night in hopes of catching the bruin.

Officials on Monday identified 48-year-old Amie Adamson of Derby, Kan., as the victim of Saturday's attack along the Montana-Idaho border.

They say Adamson was hiking or running alone when she was fatally mauled.

Rangers issued an emergency closure for areas of the Custer Gallatin National Forest.

The closure did not include Yellowstone National Park.

Since 2010, grizzlies in the Yellowstone region have killed at least nine people, but attacks remain rare.

Man who beat officer sentenced

WASHINGTON — An Arkansas truck driver who beat a police officer with a flagpole attached to an American flag during the U.S. Capitol riot has been sentenced to more than four years in prison.

U.S. Judge Rudolph Contreras sentenced Peter Francis Stager on Monday to four years and four months in prison. Stager struck a Metropolitan Police Department officer with his flagpole at least three times as other rioters pulled the officer, head first, into the crowd outside the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021

The bruised officer was among more than 100 police officers injured during the riot.

Stager pleaded guilty in February to an assault charge.

Thunberg defiant after court fines

MALMÖ, Sweden Hours after a Swedish court fined Greta Thunberg for disobeying police during an environmental protest at an oil facility last month, the climate activist once again attempted to block access to the facility and was removed by the police.

berg admitted to the facts the U.N. agency devoted to Monday but denied guilt, education, science and culsaying the fight against the ture around the globe.

fossil fuel industry was a form of self-defense due to the existential and global threat of the climate crisis.

The court rejected her argument and fined her 2,500 kronor, or about \$240.

The sentencing appeared to have little effect on the Thunberg's determination just a few hours later, she and activists from Reclaim the Future returned to the oil terminal to stage to another roadblock.

Israel takes first step in overhaul

JERUSALEM — Israel's parliament has approved the first major law in Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's contentious plan to overhaul the country's judicial system.

Monday's vote triggered a new burst of mass protests and drew accusations that he was pushing the country toward authoritarian rule.

The vote was passed unanimously by Netanyahu's ruling coalition after the opposition stormed out of parliament.

It deepened the fissures that have tested the delicate social ties that bind the country, rattled the cohesion of its powerful military and repeatedly drawn concern from Israel's closest ally, the United States.

As Netanyahu's allies celebrate their victory and vow press ahead with more changes, thousands of people have taken to the streets of Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

Jill Biden marks US return to UNESCO

WASHINGTON - First lady Jill Biden is in France to help mark the United States' return to UNESCO. the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

Biden arrived in Paris on Monday and will join other VIPs and speak Tuesday at UNESCO headquarters.

The American flag will be raised during the event to mark the U.S. return to membership in the organization after a five-year absence

Biden has represented the U.S. at the Olympics, a king's coronation and a royal wedding.

The Paris trip gives Biden another chance to put her ambassadorial skills to work The 20-year-old Thun- as the U.S. formally rejoins

Abortion messaging roils debate over Ohio ballot initiative even as backers say that wasn't the issue

By JULIE CARR SMYTH and ALI SWENSON The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio -The fraught politics of abortion have helped turn an Au-



Aaron Baer, president of the Center for Christian Virtue, said on a radio show this month that his organization is only connecting Issue 1 to abortion with certain seg-

gust ballot question in Ohio that would make it harder to change the state constitution into a cauldron of misinformation and fear-mongering.

State Issue 1, the sole question on the ballot, calls for raising the threshold for passing future changes to the Ohio Constitution from a simple majority to 60 percent. Starting next year, it also would double the number of counties where signatures must be gathered, from 44 to all 88, and do away with the 10-day grace period for closing gaps in the total valid signatures submitted.

Republican state lawmakers and the GOP elections chief urgently advanced the proposal as an abortion rights question was working its way toward the ballot this fall. However, they insisted it had nothing to do with thwarting that measure.

But early summer messaging on social media and in churches has consistently urged a yes vote on the August amendment "to protect life" – and that's just one example of the loaded messages confronting voters during the campaign.

the campaign against the fall abortion issue, is airing pro-Issue 1 ads suggesting that abortions rights proponents at work in the state "encourage minors to get sex change surgeries and want to trash parental consent." The fall abortion amendment would protect access to various forms of reproductive health care but makes no mention of gender surgery, and the attorneys who wrote it say Ohio's parental consent law would not be affected.



A sign sits in Fountain Square asking Ohioans to vote in support of Issue 1 during an event hosted by Created Equal on Thursday in Cincinnati, Ohio. The fraught politics of abortion have helped turn an August ballot question in Ohio that would make it harder to change the state constitution into a cauldron of misinformation, fear-mongering and vitriol.

Groups opposing Issue 1 also have played on voters' fears with their messaging against the 60 percent threshold. One spot by the Democratic political group Progress Action Fund shows a couple steamily groping in their bedroom, then interrupted by a white-haired Republican congressman who has come to take their birth control. It closes with a caption: "Keep Republicans Out of Your Bedroom. Vote No On Aug, 8."

While the ad is based in fears that the U.S. Supreme Court could limit rights to Protect Women Ohio, at-home contraception and Issue 1 would make it harder to enshrine those in Ohio's state constitution, "the direct, immediate issue is abortion," said Susan Burgess, a political science professor at Ohio University.

The divergent abortion communications around Issue 1 reflects a big problem Republicans in Ohio must confront: holding an increasingly diverse voting bloc together, Burgess said.

"That is a complicated coalition that includes evan-

gelicals; it includes people on the far right, it includes libertarians and includes, you know, old-time Reagan Republicans," she said. "They need to be able to talk about abortion to hold a certain part of their coalition together, but it's not a political winner at this time for them to stick to a hard-line abortion argument.'

AP photo

Issue 1 supporters' conversations in more targeted settings reflect that duality.

Republican Secretary of State Frank LaRose, who supports the measure, has previously called Issue 1 a 'win for good government" that protects Ohioans from out-of-state special interests.

But he had a different tone at a Seneca County dinner for Lincoln Day in May, when he said that the August measure "is 100 percent about keeping a radical, pro-abortion amendment out of our constitution." In an Associated Press interview, LaRose said that comment - now featured in ads around the state - was clipped from a lengthy speech and taken out of context.

ments of Onio voters.

"When we go up on TV, is the ad going to be on abortion? Probably not," he told host Bob Frantz on "Always Right Radio." But, Baer said, when talking to conservative audiences, "we're hitting the life issue hard because it really exemplifies why you have to be fired up and go vote."

That two-track approach is reflected in the pro-Issue 1 campaign's first statewide ad, which debuted Monday and steers clear of abortion. Instead, it highlights that amendments to the U.S. Constitution require a twothirds vote while Ohio's requires a simple 50 percentplus-one majority. Ohioans overwhelmingly voted to set the lower threshold in 1912, in a Progressive-era response to rampant political corruption

Kimberly Inez McGuire, executive director of Unite for Reproductive & Gender Equity, an advocacy group, said she believes Issue 1 supporters are playing down abortion in their statewide messaging because they know public opinion isn't on their side.

We're seeing more and more legislators and opponents of abortion who understand that their agenda is extremely unpopular with the American people," she said. "We're seeing special sessions, we're seeing anti-abortion bills passed in the dead of night, and we're seeing these denials from those who are pushing a measure that is designed to undercut democracy with the intention of hurting Ohio's abortion measure.





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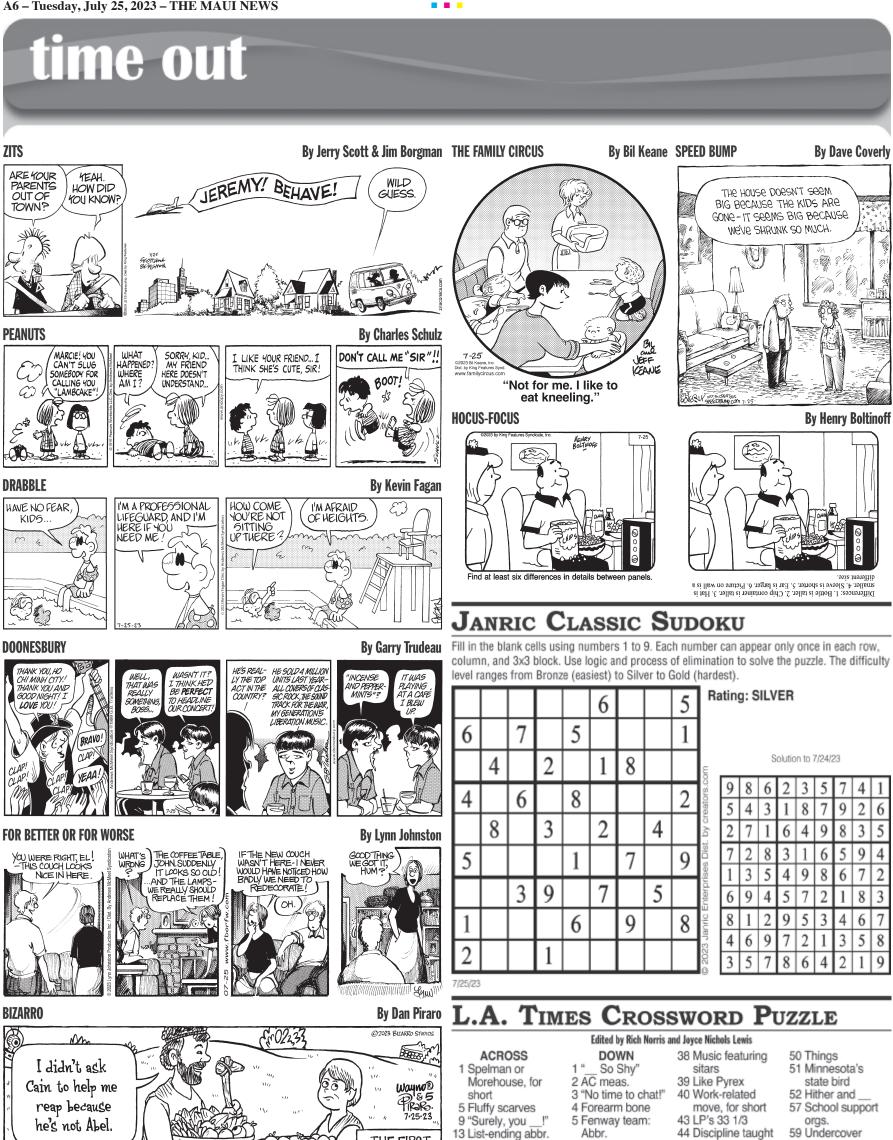
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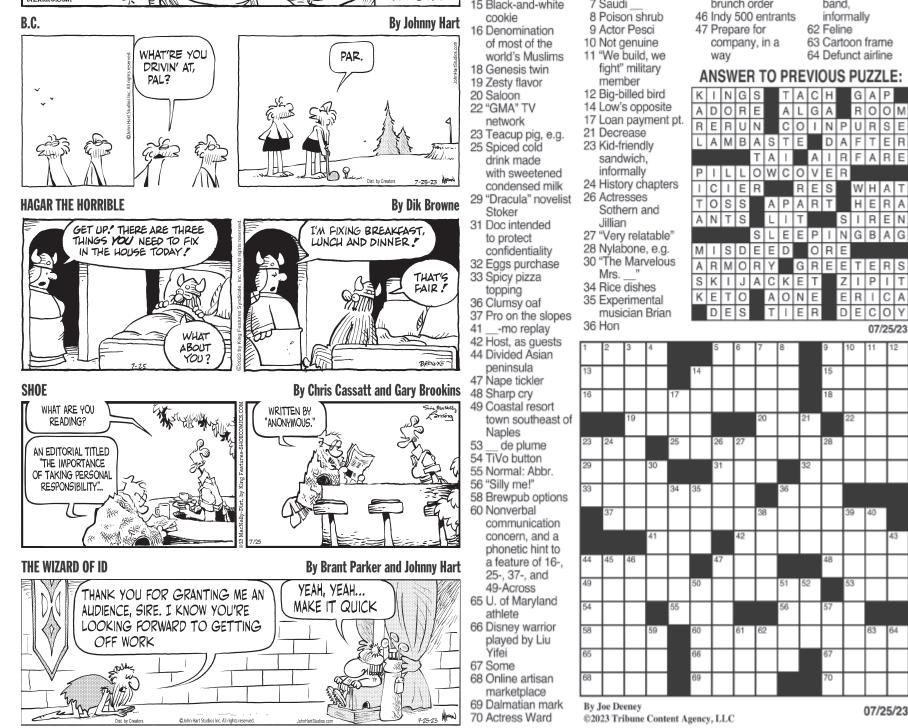
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DEAR **A**NNIE



DEAR **ANNIE:** Most often a cheating husband or wife causes the divorce. Most would want to end their marriage after finding their

partner cheated. And most people would advise the offended partner to leave.

This is most of what I read in people's letters and people's responses to you.

But it doesn't have to be like that. Actually, it can be one of the most beautiful things in the world. Love. Love and forgiveness. Love, forgiveness and thankfulness.

I remember a serious girlfriend telling me once she would divorce me immediately if she found I cheated, no questions asked. And I would have expected myself to understand that clearly and feel reciprocally. But I didn't. I was offended that she felt that. I saw my feelings toward her were so deep that if the opposite happened and she cheated, I would want to forgive her rather than lose her. I knew my feelings would be crushed, trust would be broken and a long road lay ahead. I knew a cheater would need to be truly seeking to reconcile, but I would want that to be true for us, over the other outcome - divorce.

A vear or two later, our relationship ended for other reasons, but I'll always remember those strong, pure feelings of "till death do us part" and "for better or worse."

I know it would take a person who was truly sorry. And I know the adage, "once a cheater always a cheater" is probably more often the truth. But imagine, 60 years later, an old man waking up and seeing his old wife next to him in

HINTS FROM HELOISE

DEAR

HELOISE:

If a toothpick is

too short to test

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bread or other

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I also use

DEAR HELOISE: Here's

my solution regarding door-to-

door con artists. I simply never

do business with someone at my

front door. I will instead ask them

to please send me something in

the mail and then close the door.

needs watering.

baked goods are

bamboo skewer.

La Mirada, Calif.

R.D. Kelly, via email

Margaret S.,

bed every morning, and thinking, "Here, here is the woman who loved me enough to forgive me even though I never deserved it.' - Things Can End Good

DEAR THINGS CAN END GOOD: Thank you for your unusual and interesting perspective. Yes, things can end good with love and forgiveness, but cheating in a marriage creates hurt feelings – always.

DEAR ANNIE: My sister, who is a school counselor and thus very aware of the damage she is doing, constantly belittles, mocks and makes sarcastic 'jokes" about me. Then, when I am obviously hurt by her verbal abuse, she "defends" her terrible comments by wickedly laughing and saying, "No one can hurt you without your permission.'

She conveniently "revised" the Eleanor Roosevelt saying, "No one can make you feel inferior without your consent," in order to give her free rein to verbally attack and ridicule me, and to defend her own hateful comments.

Once I realized that my sister is a mentally ill grand narcissist who lives to control and hurt people, especially with her abusive words, I made a special effort to stay away from her as much as possible. When "Belittled Daughter" is able to leave her abusive mother, she will no longer have to tolerate her mother's verbal abuse, and she can live in peace.

Twisted Sister's Sister **DEAR TWISTED SISTER'S** SISTER: Your sister sounds more than twisted. She sounds incredibly cruel and unhappy. Recognizing that your sister is mentally ill, and a grand narcissist, and distancing is one of the best things you can do for yourself. Next time she tries to tear you down in that manner, just simply walk away and leave the room.

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Datebook Listings Monday

Today

Maui Historical Society / Hale Ho'ike'ike, at the **Bailey House Museum** is open from 10 a.m.–

2 p.m. Tues.-Fri. Contact (808) 244-3326 or visit mauimuseum.org.

Thursday 27

 Parkinson movement & exercise sessions. Tues. & Thurs. 10-11 a.m., Hale Mahaolu, Kahului. Contact risa pascal@gmail.com or (808) 281-1224.

 Lahaina Restoration Foundation, Hawaiian music series; 6-7:30 p.m. front lawn of the Baldwin Home Museum, corner of Front and Dickenson Streets, Lahaina. Visit Lahainarestoration.org.

· Doorway Into Light, grief ritual with Rev. Bodhi Be will be from 6:45 p.m. Thursday at Temple of Peace. Haiku. Call (808) 283-5950.

Friday

 Maui Historical Society / Hale Ho'ike'ike. at the **Bailey House Museum** is open from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tues.-Fri. Contact (808) 244-3326 or visit mauimuseum.org.

program via Zoom; 5:30-6:30 p.m. Email FridayNightCoda@ gmail.com.

Saturday

Lahaina Arts Society, art festival;

9 a.m.-4 p.m. weekends, Lahaina Cannery Mall. outside Starbucks on the lawn. Visit lahainaarts.com.

Sunday

 Al-Anon Family Groups, meeting 7 days a week. For schedule, call (808) 242-0296.

needs volunteers to help with their

feeding program. St. Thersa Church, 25 W. Lipoa St, Kihei. Visit Halekaukau.org or call (808) 875-8754.

DATEBOOK/COVID-19 SCHEDULE CHANGES

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Habitat for **Humanity Maui** ReStore, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Mon-Sat. Email info@habitatmaui.org; visit habitatmaui.org. For donations,

office closures to in-person visits include the divisions of Conservation and Resources call (808) 242-1140. Enforcement; Forestry and Wildlife; Land; Parks. The Division of Boating and Recreation offices statewide

Resources division

patrons into the library

for quick grab-and-go

trips to select books

and materials and for

computer time at the

library services, see

librarieshawaii.org/

library. For updates on

library-updates/ and for

librarieshawaii.org/visit/

temporary hours see

branches/all-branch-

Haleakala National

Park Summit District

open daily with limited

access to attractions.

Reservations for sun-

rise 3 to 7 a.m. daily ac-

cepted. Keonehe'ehe'e

(Sliding Sands) Trail

and Halemau'u Trail

day hikes. Kipahului

District is open 9 a.m.

to 5 p.m. weekdays.

This includes Pipiwai

Trail and Kuloa Point

NONPROFITS

AND OTHER

Saturday.

ORGANIZATIONS

Maui Nui Botanical

Gardens in Wailuku

has reopened 8 a.m.

to 4 p.m. Tuesday to

Kihei Youth Center

offering free afternoon

p.m. weekdays, except

holidays for youths 8 to

13 years old. Program

is full and a waiting

Call 879-8698, email

yahoo.com or go to the

website kiheivouthcen-

Hana Youth Center

youths 6 to 18. Operat-

ing hours are 8 a.m. to

Bovs & Girls Clubs

of Maui holding virtual

clubhouse time 2 to 6

has reopened for

5 p.m.weekdays.

list is being taken.

kiheivouthcenter@

ter.info.

program 1:30 to 5:30

Trail.

into the crater open for

hours/.

for HIV, hepatitis C, syphilis, chlamydia, and gonorrhea by appt., (808) 242-4900. a limited number of

Maui AIDS

Foundation, in partnership with Ma'i Movement Hawai'i to prowvide and distribute free menstrual products; 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri., 1935 Main St. #101, Wailuku. Donations accepted. For information, visit MaiMovement.org.

Alexander & **Baldwin Sugar**

Museum, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Mon.-Thurs. 3957 Hansen Road, Puunene, Call (808) 871-8058.

Mon. & Thurs. plaza in front of State Building, Wailuku. Contact (808) 250-3698 or dakine dragon@gmail.com.

Rotary Club of Kahului, meeting via

Zoom; noon to 1 p.m. **Contact President** Della Nakamoto, (808) 264-1213 or dnakamoto@ atlasinsurance.com.

Codependents Anonymous, Men

and women's meeting; 6-7 p.m., Kihei Recreational Complex, 131 S. Kihei Rd. next to Keolahou Church. Call (808) 281-0243.

• How to get a listing: The Datebook is for nonprofit organizations that offer free services. Submit items at least one week before the event. Submissions may be emailed to datebook@

2023 O-Bon Festival Schedule:

mauinews.com.

July 28 & July 29

p.m. weekdays. For

7000.

Maui Family YMCA reopens with limited services by appointment.

Makawao History Museum has closed.

 Akaku Maui Community Media offices and production facilities closed to public, with staff available by appointment only. This includes Akaku's administrative offices, production studio, KAKU radio facility, and upstairs media lab. Appointment requests can be made by calling 871-5554, or emailing info@akaku.org.

Binhi at Ani Filipino Community Center is now open for events inside the center. The office is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 3 to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call (808) 877-7880 for more information.

Department of Hawaiian Home Lands offices on Maui and Molokai reopen for in-person visits with appointments. Bills may be paid without reservation. Camping permits and facility reservations will not be issued through Oct. 31. The facilities include Ka Hale Pomaika'i (Paukukalo Community Center) on Maui and Mo'omomi Beach Park, Kapuaiwa Grove and Kalaniana'ole Hall on Molokai.

The Maui Friends of the Library reopens three used bookstores and accepting donations. Puunene, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday; Queen Ka'ahumanu Center, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday; Outlets of Lahaina, noon to 6 p.m. daily.

Hui No'eau Visual Arts Center gallery, gift shop and main house are open Monday to Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Classes continue as scheduled.

RECURRING EVENTS

Maui Swap Meet, Saturdays at University of Hawaii Maui College, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m

mix plants

least give them a shady place to rest, as well as food and water in clean bowls. Keep refilling the bamboo skewers to see if a plant odically.

– Heloise DEAR HELOISE: In our household, we do not use a clothes hamper. Each day, we all just put our dirty clothes directly into the empty washing machine. Of course, everyone is responsible to empty their pockets before.

When the washing machine is • Hale Kau Kau, DEAR HELOISE: To keep full, I run a cold water wash. It your soap dish clean after wash- makes life easy!

• Your own special seasoning • Fertilizer for small indoor DEAR READERS: We're

having record hot temperatures this summer all over the world. Be sure to take your pets inside during the heat of the day or at water bowl with cold water peri-

Co-Dependents 12-step recovery

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Anonymous (CoDA),

• Lunchtime Tai Chi, 28 noon-12:30 p.m.,

Foundation, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri., 1935 Main St. #101, Wailuku. Free testing reopen with social

distancing rules. State public libraries now have Wiki Visits which allows

Maui AIDS



your nands, lay the soap on the towel while you rinse your hands. Then put it in the soap dish. The soap dish stays cleaner for longer.

Rae Philpott, Denton, Texas **DEAR HELOISE:** When we have casual parties, like backyard barbecues, I write "Trash" and "Recycle" in marker on paper bags and place the bags all around the house. Most people then dispose of their trash themselves, and it makes cleanup a snap after the party.

OTHER USES FOR SHAKERS

sprinkle:

• Glitter for craft projects

• Baking soda to sprinkle on carpeting before vacuuming

– Barbara, Hollywood Beach, Calif. **DEAR HELOISE:** I read about the kitty with kidney disease. We had a 2-year-old Siamese who got very sick. We took

him to our vet, who said he had kidney disease and would die within three months. We were devastated, and found it hard to believe that a young cat could have kidney disease.

We found another vet he sent us to for more advanced testing - Chris Greene, Houston and discovered that he was born with deformed kidneys. The vet then prescribed a medication -aRecycle shakers and simi- human kidney disease treatment. lar containters by using them to Our cat lived five more perfectly happy, normal years.

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 Old Lahaina Courthouse, open daily from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 648 Wharf St., Lahaina. Lahaina Heritage Museum, Lahaina Visitor Center, Lahaina Art Society's gallery. Cost is free.

• Maui Humane

Society, open daily, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Visit mauihumanesociety. org; call (808) 877-3680 - Susi Wilson, via email ext. 3. Animal enforcement, (808) 877-3680 ext. 222.

Wailuku Hongwanji Mission, 1828 Vineyard St., Wailuku. 6:30 p.m. Service, 7:45 p.m. Dance. 808-244-0406, whm@ wailukuhongwanji.org.

August 11 & August 12

Lahaina Hongwanji Mission, 551 Wainee St., Lahaina. 6 p.m. Service, 7:30 p.m. Dance. 808-661-0640, Ihmkyodan@yahoo.com.

August 26

Kula Shofukuii Mission, 113 Puanani PI, Kula. 5 p.m. Service, 7 p.m. Dance. 808-661-0466, mail@lahainashingon. org.

more information, go to www.bgcmaui.org/ reserve.

Pa'ia Youth & Cultural Center and Stone-Wave Skate Park open for new and returning members but with increasing COVID-19 cases, all are required to attend a mandatory orientation on new safety procedures. Membership and health waiver forms can be found at pyccmaui.org.

Maui Ocean Center open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Tickets must be purchased online, visit maujoceancenter.com. 192 Maalaea Road, Wailuku. (808) 270-

Maui Sunday Market reopens 4 to 8 p.m. Sundays at the Kahului Shopping Center. **ONE-TIME EVENTS** State public library

system's Ukulele Lending Program is available at Hana Public and School Library, Kihei Public Library, Lahaina Public Library, Makawao Public Library and Wailuku Public Library. Contact the library for information about borrowing ukuleles.

Notes changes in status.

TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Routines have a lifespan. In the early stages they may be exciting, difficult to establish, then a source of pride. The middle stretch tends to bring results, comfort and a sense of stability. The third act may include continued success, or boredom and stagnation. With the square of the sun and moon, that last bit is remedied with a change-up.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You see what needs doing and you act. Not everyone is like this. Some like to shop their options, others study and plan. If you're alone, you'll get it done fast. Group work will be slow.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Ambition is a story without an ending. Once you grasp the glittering fruit, something juicy on the next branch up will catch your eye. Do not expect ambition to ever bring satisfaction. It is hunger incarnate - the embodiment of pursuit.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The minute a person feels managed, they are no longer on equal standing in a relationship. There's a way to work cooperatively without status discrepancies, which are harmful to team bonds.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). No matter how much you give to your love, it feels like love is giving vou back more. This is true of anything or anyone you love, including projects,

people, hobbies and ideas. Love has many forms.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your friends enjoy you and may even compete for vour attention. It's because you're a good listener and a playful person - rare talents that mean a lot to people. Bask in your status.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Sometimes people talk about problems as a way of getting closer to solving them, and other times people talk about problems because they are addicted to the release and attention that comes with complaining. It will help to know which conversation you're in.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Group dynamics will be tricky today. The secret is to keep moving forward. Don't waste time trying to change what has already been decided. Go with the flow and look for opportunities to direct that flow to the purposes you deem meaningful.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll be casually complimented or unceremoniously promoted. Does it surprise you how good this unexpected (but well-deserved) validation feels? You may even adjust your priorities to get more of this fine feeling.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You are, in a sense, casting your lure in hopes of landing the big fish. While patience is a virtue, there's no sense hanging around all day where nothing is biting. Go where the fish are jumping!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Strive for self-sufficiency. Steps toward autonomy will bring good fortune. You'll pare down your requirements and find that you need far less than you thought to create an effect that is far greater than you were trying for.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're already familiar with the satisfying sort of thrill that accompanies the moment your plan comes together. Now you'll know a different kind of thrill as you go in without a plan and surrender to the grand scheme.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Gaining an inti mate understanding of someone is akin to a sci-

entific endeavor. It takes curiosity, observation and insight. Someone has taken the time to learn you. Truly, to know you is to love you.

TÓDAY'S BIRTHDAY. An attitude of service will help you gracefully transition into your new position of power. Be discreet about the money and prizes and you'll avoid attracting envy. Your sole purpose is to build something meaningful for and with the people you care about. More highlights: a lucky guess that pays, a knack for growing things and the respect of a team. Taurus and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 4, 14, 28 and 23. Copyright 2023 Creators.com

by Holiday Mathis

Monitoring group says Wagner mercenaries have arrived in Belarus

Bv YURAS KARMANAU The Associated Press

TALLINN, Estonia Thousands of Russia-linked Wagner group showed that the company's mercenaries have arrived in Belarus since the group's short-lived rebellion, a military monitoring group said Monday.

Between 3,450 and 3,650 soldiers have traveled to a camp close to Asipovichy, a town 140 miles north of the Ukrainian border, according to Belaruski Hajun, an activist group that tracks troop movements within the country.

Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko welcomed Wagner forces into the country after brokering a deal between the Kremlin and mercenary chief Yevgeny Prigozhin last month, ending the group's failed revolt against Russian military leaders.

The Wagner chief called the mutiny a "march of justice" to oust the top military leaders. The mercenaries faced little resistance and downed at least six military helicopters and a command post aircraft, killing a number of Russian troops.

most serious threat to Russian President Vladimir Putin during his 23-year rule, eroding his authority and exposing the government's weakness.

Satellite images show that about 700 vehicles and construction equipment have also arrived in Wagner convoys to Belarus, Belaruski Hajun said.

Prigozhin registered a "real estate management Wagner missile defense company" in Belarus last system," he told journalweek under the name ists, according to the direc-Concord Management torate's Telegram channel.

and Consulting in Belarus. Documents analyzed by independent Belarusian media outlet reform.by registered address was in the same village as the Wagner mercenary camp.

Meanwhile, local officials said Monday that the mercenaries were continuing to work with Belarusian troops, including at training grounds close to the Polish border.

Wagner fighters who have really been in the heat of combat are passing on valuable information and experience to our servicemen," the Belarusian Defense Ministry said in a statement.

Meeting with the Russian president on Sunday, Lukashenko said that Wagner troops were 'stressing (him) out" by calling for "an excursion" into Poland.

The remarks have largely been dismissed by experts, with the American Institute for the Study of War saying that Wagner troops there could not threaten Ukraine and Poland.

The deputy head of The revolt posed the Ukraine's Main Intelligence Directorate, Vadym Skibitsky, also said that there was no "direct threat" from Russian mercenaries in Belarus, but that Kyiv would be keeping a close eye on Wagner fighters.

'Our assessment is very simple: Today there is no direct threat (from Belarus), but we are ready. We are monitoring everything related to the so-called

N. Korea fires short-range ballistic missiles after US submarine arrives in S. Korea

By KIM TONG-HYUNG The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea -North Korea fired two shortrange ballistic missiles into its eastern sea, South Korea's military said Tuesday, adding to a recent streak in weapons testing that is apparently in protest of the U.S. sending major naval assets to South Korea in a show of force

In its third round of launches since last week, North Korea fired the missiles just before midnight from an area near its capital, Pyongyang, South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said. It said both missiles traveled around 400 kilometers (248 miles) before landing in waters off the Korean Peninsula's eastern coast.

Its statement called North Korea's missile launches a "grave provocation" that threatens regional peace and stability. Japan's Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said his government lodged a protest to North Korea over the launches, which is usually conveyed through its embassy in Beijing. He said Tokyo was doing its utmost for surveillance while stepping up trilateral security cooperation with Washington and Seoul. No damage has been reported related to the missiles, which, according to Japan's Defense Ministry, fell outside the country's exclusive economic zone.

The launches came hours after South Korea's navy said a nuclear-propelled U.S. submarine – the USS Annapolis - arrived at a port on Jeju Island. That underscored the allies' efforts to boost the visibility of U.S. strategic assets in the region to intimidate the North.

Last week, the USS Kentucky became the first U.S. nuclear-armed submarine to come to South Korea since conference in Seoul.



South Korea Defense Ministry photo via AP Nuclear-powered submarine USS Annapolis docks at a South Korean naval base on Jeju Island, South Korea, on Monday. The nuclear-propelled U.S. submarine has arrived in South Korea in the second deployment of a major U.S. naval asset to the Korean Peninsula this month, South Korea's military said Monday, adding to the allies' show of force to counter North Korean nuclear threats.

the 1980s. North Korea reing ballistic and cruise missiles last week in apparent demonstrations that it could make nuclear strikes on South Korea and deployed U.S. naval vessels.

Also on Monday, the American-led U.N. Command said it has started "a conversation" with North Korea about a U.S. soldier who ran into the North last week across one of the world's most heavily fortified borders.

Andrew Harrison, a British lieutenant general who is deputy commander at the U.N. Command, which oversees implementation of the 1953 armistice that ended fighting in the Korean War, declined to comment about the state of the inquiry to North Korea or say what the command knows about Pvt. Travis King's condition

"I am in life an optimist, and I remain optimistic," Harrison said during a news

In Washington, State acted to its arrival by test-fir- Department spokesman Matthew Miller said North Korea had only "acknowledged" receiving the U.N. message last week and had not provided any information or commented further since then.

"There have been no new contacts since last week," Miller said, adding that North Korea also had not responded to messages sent by U.S. civilian or military officials.

North Korea has remained publicly silent about King, who crossed the border during a tour of Panmunjom while he was supposed to be heading to Fort Bliss, Texas, following his release from prison in South Korea on an assault conviction.

The U.S. still has not been able to ascertain King's condition, a senior administration official said Monday in Washington. Asked if U.S. officials had a better understanding of whether King intended to defect, the official the Democratic People's Resaid they still had "no indi- public of Korea.

cation about what was going on in his mind that day." The official was not authorized to comment publicly and spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Analysts say North Korea may wait weeks or even months to provide meaningful information about King to maximize leverage and add urgency to U.S. efforts to secure his release. Some say North Korea may try to wrest concessions from Washington, such as tying his release to the United States cutting back its military activities with South Korea.

King's crossing came at a time of high tensions in the Korean Peninsula, where the pace of both North Korea's weapons demonstrations and the United States' combined military exercises have intensified in a tit-fortat cycle.

In between the ballistic and cruise missile launches last week, North Korea's defense minister also issued a veiled threat, saying the Kentucky's docking in South Korea could be grounds for the North to use a nuclear weapon against it. North Korea has used similar rhetoric before, but the statement underscored how strained relations are now. Farhan Haq, U.N.'s deputy spokesperson, said the U.N. is concerned about the rising tensions on the Korean Peninsula. "The DPRK's continued launches of missiles using ballistic missile technology are clear violations of relevant Security Council resolutions, and, of course, we reiterate the call for de-escalation and for full implementation of the relevant Security Council resolutions," he said, invoking the North's formal name,



US, major donors demand independent UN aid operation in Syria's rebel-held northwest

By EDITH M. LEDERER The Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS -The United States said Monday it has joined major donors in demanding that the United Nations be able to deliver aid through a key crossing from Turkey to Syria's rebel-held northwest independently and to everyone in need. That's a rejection of conditions set by Syria and backed by its ally Russia that Damascus control all aid and banning UN



communications with rebels

Thomas-Greenfield told the U.N. Security Council that the Syrian government's offer earlier this month to allow aid deliveries through the Bab al-Hawa crossing showed the need for cross-border assistance, but she said Syria's restrictions were unacceptable and "would hinder relief and put humanitarians, including U.N. personnel, at risk.

After the latest six-month mandate expired on July 10, Russia vetoed a nine-month extension and the council It said prohibiting communirejected a Russian resolution cations with the rebels would for a six-month extension.

(808) 242-1467 office

Trucks loaded with United Nations humanitarian aid for Syria following a devastating earthquake are parked at Bab al-Hawa border crossing with Turkey, in Syria's Idlib province, on Feb. 10.

government then gave a liveries overseen by the Red green light for the United Na- Cross or Red Crescent would tions to use the crossing, but interfere with U.N. indepenon condition it cede control to Syria, not communicate with because they don't operate groups it calls terrorists and in the northwest. It said the that aid deliveries by over- request that aid deliveries be seen by the Red Cross or Red Crescent.

The U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs rejected the offer. prevent U.N. aid reaching all President Bashar Assad's in need and having aid de-

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dence and wasn't practical carried out in "full cooperation and coordination" with Damascus required "review."

Thomas-Greenfield said the United States has joined other major donors in making clear that any cross-border arrangement must include five key elements: U.N. operations must be independent and engage with all parties on the ground; the U.N. must operate throughout Syria including outside government-held areas; access should be longterm and not end in winter; assistance must adhere to humanitarian principles; and previous cross-border monitoring arrangements must be maintained.

"All five of these elements are critical," the U.S. envoy said, stressing that they would improve trust among donor nations to Syria's humanitarian operations, reaffirm that U.N. operations will be guided only by humanitarian principles, ensure proper funding and give humanitarian workers greater predictability.

U.N. humanitarian coordinator Ramesh Rajasingham told the Security Council that humanitarian officials are continuing to talk to the Syrian government about the terms of the aid operations.

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Oakland hands Central Maui 1st loss at Senior West Regional

The Maui News

The Central Maui Little League All-Stars saw their sixgame winning streak come to an end with a 6-1 loss to North/ South Oakland Little League, the host team for the Senior League (15-16) West Regional in Oakland, Calif., on Monday.

The loss left Maui (3-1) two wins from a sixth straight trip to the Senior League World Series in Easley, S.C. Maui won its first three games in this West Regional by a combined score of 42-5.

Today at 2 p.m. HST, Maui will play an elimination game against either Federal Way, Wash., or Los Altos Hills, Calif. The winner will advance to the winner-take-all regional championship on Wednesday against North/South Oakland.

Maui manager Peter Delima said his team will be ready for today's game.

"Definitely, definitely," Delima said. "After the game we had a real good talk, spirits were real high. I mean, we hit the ball. It's just, we hit some shots right back at the pitcher up the middle.

"But you've got to give credit to them, they're good, they're ballplayers."

Maui lost its opener at the state tournament 1-0 to Honolulu on July 7 before winning the next three state games by a collective score of 22-6.

Delima said that his team's experience in that situation will help.

"These kids, they're ballplayers, too," he said. "They want to win just as much as anybody else. They know they've got the talent, they've got the right teammates. It's just a matter of we putting it together again and flushing this game down the toilet and getting prepared for tomorrow."



AP file photo

Saquon Barkley has not yet signed his franchise tender, so he won't be fined for missing practices as the Giants open training camp.

Contract disputes steal spotlight from start of NFL training camp

By ROB MAADDI

The Associated Press

NFL camps open this week with most of the focus on players who aren't showing up.

All-Pro defensive tackle Chris Jones skipped Sunday's first workout with the defending Super Bowl champion Kansas City Chiefs over a contract dispute.

Veterans with the New York Giants and Las Vegas Raiders are scheduled to report today, but Saquon Barkley and Josh Jacobs are expected to hold out because they didn't receive long-term deals after getting the franchise tag. Both star running backs would earn \$10.1 million this season under the tag.

Neither Barkley nor Jacobs signed the franchise tender, which means they wouldn't be fined for missing practices. They'd lose \$560,611 per game if they sit out during the season.

Holdouts are nothing new in the NFL and they used to be more common decades ago. Jones is due to make \$19.5 million in base salary this season and carries a salary cap hit of almost \$28.3 million, so the Chiefs are motivated to get a new deal done. He faces a mandatory fine of \$50,000 per day.

"Look, we love Chris Jones and when he decides to report, we'll welcome him," Chiefs owner Clark Hunt said. "I don't want to get into speculating on when that'll happen, or if it'll happen."

Barkley and Jacobs are a different story. They're angry and frustrated. They feel undervalued and underappreciated. So do many of their peers around the league "There's really nothing we can do," Cleveland Browns running back Nick Chubb said Sunday after he took part in a Zoom call with several backs around the league on Saturday. "We're kind of handcuffed with the situation." It's expected Barkley and Jacobs will eventually report. Missing games only costs them money they'll never regain. But there's no incentive for them to show up before September. The biggest story line beyond holdout players surrounds Aaron Rodgers, the New York Jets and their appearance on HBO's "Hard Knocks." Rodgers and the Jets already were going to be under the microscope. Now, television cameras will be there to follow them every step of the way.



The Maui News / ROBERT COLLIAS photos

Kids kick up water, soaking their youth instructors from Maui Swim Club as they warm up during a learn-to-swim class Friday at Coach Spencer Shiraishi Memorial Pool. The free classes, sponsored by MSC and the Maui County Department of Parks and Recreation, run through Aug. 31.

Students become the teachers as county's learn-to-swim classes return this summer

Once program participants themselves, Maui Swim Club members give back by teaching next generation

By ROBERT COLLIAS Staff Writer

KAHULUI – Kaʻiwaʻiwa Oura summed it up perfectly.

"Everything," said Oura, 5, after being asked what was the best part of her learn-to-swim class on Friday at Coach Spencer Shirai-



competitive sports.

"I'm so grateful for my experiences here and I feel like that's really helping me in the fall and giving me extra motivation because I want to come back, so just gaining a better appreciation of everything," she said.

Antonio has similar memorie

shi Memorial Pool.

Oura is one of more than 90 youngsters back in the water for the Maui County/Maui Swim Club learn-to-swim free summer classes at the pool named in honor of the late Shiraishi, the founder of MSC who started the classes more than five decades ago.

The program had been dormant for four years, due to the pandemic.

When Oura was asked again what the best part of the 30-minute lesson was - kicking in the water, streamline and kicking to their teenage helpers, blowing bubbles in the water, or jumping in - she was adamant.

"Everything," she said again, with a wide smile.

Macy Fillazar, a recent Maui High School graduate, and Caitlyn Antonio, a rising MHS junior, are both in-the-water instructors

Recent Maui High School graduate Macy Fillazar guides Ka'iwa'iwa Oura, 5, during Friday's learn-to-swim class.

for this generation after learning how to swim in the program more than 10 years ago, both with Shiraishi, who passed away in 2012, leading the lessons.

"I mean, it's so awesome – I remember being a kid in the program and it was just so much fun," Fillazar said. "I'm so glad that other kids get to have the same experiences and that I get to help them."

Fillazar, who will be attending

Seattle University in the fall, added that the experience for her is "so much fun, they're hilarious, I love working with them."

She said she gets as much or more from the program than the younger kids. Fillazar was a standout on the Maui High girls basketball team that advanced to the state quarterfinals each of the past two seasons - and she swam for the Sabers as a freshman - but is now done with of the program.

"I started when I was 5 and that was, like, 11 years ago," Antonio said. "Honestly, I just love giving back to the kids. It's so fun to work with them because they're so enthusiastic about swimming."

The two-month program has more than 90 children attending on alternating weeknights from July 3 to Aug. 31. Only 100 applications were handed out to possible attendees for the program that is tuition-free.

The class is sponsored by the county parks and recreation department in partnership with Maui Swim Club. The lessons are taught by MSC coaches and experienced swim team members.

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The Astros' Chas McCormick celebrates after hitting a tworun double during the first inning of Houston's 10-9 win over AL West-leading Texas on Monday.

McCormick has 6 RBIs, Díaz's 9th-inning RBI single lifts Astros over Rangers 10-9

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

The Associated Press

HOUSTON – Chas McCormick homered with a career-high six RBIs before a tiebreaking RBI single by Yainer Díaz with one out in the ninth lifted the Houston Astros to a 10-9 win over the Texas Rangers on Monday night.

The victory moves Houston within 2 games of the Rangers, who lead the AL West.

"That was the win of the year so far," Astros manager Dusty Baker said.

Rookie Alex Speas (0-2)

walked Kyle Tucker to start the ninth before McCormick walked with one out. Díaz then lined his single to right field and Tucker slid in just before the tag to set off Houston's celebration.

The play was reviewed and upheld.

Ryan Pressly (3-2) pitched a scoreless ninth for the win.

The Rangers led 9-6 when Aroldis Chapman walked consecutive batters with one out in the seventh before McCormick connected on a three-run shot to left-center to tie it. McCormick is batting .412 with five homers, 14 RBIs and a 1.405 OPS since the All-Star break.

"I just feel like I'm starting to catch my stride a little bit," he said. "I feel great. I just want to try any way to help this team win, and I hope we can keep the momentum going and keep winning."

Josh Jung and Josh H. Smith both homered for the Rangers, who have dropped three of their last four after winning six straight after the break.

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LOCAL CALENDAR

Saturday, Aug. 5

Fishing and diving

8 a.m.-Larry Libres Fishing and Diving Tournament at Kanaha Beach Park

MONDAY'S TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League BOSTON RED SOX—Reinstated INF/OF Pablo Reyes from the 10-day IL. Optioned RHP Justin Garza and LHP Brandon Walter to Worcester (IL). Signed RHPs Greider Colins and Chansol Lee to a minor Jeague contract

CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Optioned C Carlos Perez to Charlotte (IL). Sent RHP Brvan Shaw outright to Charlotte.

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of LHP Daniel Norris from Columbus. DETROIT TIGERS—Optioned RHP Alex Faedo to Toledo (IL). Placed RHP Mason Englert on the 15-day IL, retroactive to Ju-ly 23. Recalled LHP Zach Logue and RHP Brendan White from Toledo. MINNESOTA TWINS—Placed DH By-ron Buxton on the paternity list. Recalled OF Trevor Larnach from St. Paul (IL). NEW YORK YANKEES—Released RHP Michael Feliz.

Michael Feliz. OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Optioned 3B

Jonah Bride to Las Vegas (PCL). TEXAS RANGERS—Taded LHP Taylor Hearn to Atlanta in exchange for cash con-siderations. Signed RHP Angel Medina to a minor league contract. National Least National League ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Ac-

quired C Francisco Ortiz from Colorado for cash.

ATLANTA BRAVES—Designated LHP Lucas Luetge and RHP Dereck Rodriguez for assignment. Signed RHP Kodi Whitley

Tor assignment. Signed RHP Kodi Whitey to a minor league contract. CHICAGO CUBS—Signed RHP Brayan Diaz to a minor league contract. Sent RHP Adrian Sampson outright to Iowa (IL). CINCINNATI REDS—Reinstated SS Kevin Newman from the 10-day IL_Placed C Curt Casali on the 10-day IL_Placed C Curt Casali on the 10-day IL_retroactive to July 21. Recalled RHP Daniel Duarte from Louisville (IL). Optioned RHP Levi Stoudt to Louisville. CDI DRADD_ BOCKIES—Acquired

COLORADO ROCKIES—Acquired

HPS Victor Vodnik and Tanner Gordon from Atlanta in exchange for RHP Pierce Johnson. Recalled RHP Karl Kauffmann from Albuquergue (PCL). MIAMI MARLINS—Agreed to terms in the them Observed.

with 3B Johnny Olmstead

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MILWAUKEE BREWERS-Sent RHP Jason Alexander outright to Nashville (IL). Announced OF Raimel Tapia cleared waiv-

ers and elected free agency. **NEW YORK METS**—Signed RHP Gas-par Gomez to a minor league contract. Recalled RHP Elieser Hernandez from

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Agreed to terms with SS Kalae Harrison. ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Reinstated RHP Adam Wainwright from the 15-day IL. Selected the contract of LHP Andrew Suarez from Memphis (IL). Optioned LHP Zack Thompson and C Ivan Herrera to Memphis. Transferred RHP Ryan Helsley

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Swenson. Signed TE Eric Tomlinson. INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Signed CB Julius Brents, QB Anthony Richardson and OT Plake Evaluated to reactive constractson and OT Blake Freeland to rookie contracts. LAS VEGAS RAIDERS—Signed CB Marcus Peters to a one-year contract. Signed DE Isaac Roshell.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Signed TE Col-in Thompson and G Jack Snyder. Waived WR Malik Knowles with a non-football injury. Placed G Chris Reed on the active/ non-football injury list. Placed LB Andre Carter II on the active/physically unable to perform (PUP) list.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Signed

LB Diego Fagot. NEW YORK GIANTS—Signed DT Bran-din Bryant. Waived WRs Dre Miller and Makai Polk. Named Mike Adams assistant special teams coach

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Signed T Cody Mauch to a rookie contract. laived LB Jeremy Banks. TENNESSEE TITANS—Signed WR De-

ndre Hopkins. WASHINGTON COMMANDERS—Re-

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leased OL Andrew Norwell

NFL suspends Broncos' Uwazurike for gambling on games

NFL NOTES

The Associated Press

The NFL indefinitely suspended Denver Broncos defensive end Eyioma Uwazurike on Monday for betting on league games during the 2022 season.

Uwazurike, a fourthround draft pick from Iowa State in 2022 who played in eight games as a rookie, becomes the 10th player this offseason to be suspended for gambling on games or betting on other sports while in NFL locker rooms. He will be eligible to petition for reinstatement no earlier than July 24, 2024.

"Our organization fully cooperated with this investigation and takes matters pertaining to the integrity of the game very seriously," the Broncos said in a statement. "The Denver Broncos will continue to provide all members of our organization with the necessary education, resources and support to ensure compliance with the NFL's gambling policy.

RAIDERS: The Las Vegas Raiders signed twotime All-Pro cornerback Marcus Peters on Monday in an effort to address one of their most pressing needs.

The 30-year-old Peters will be among the veterans who reports to the club today. Las Vegas' training camp opens Wednesday.

WELCOME TO THE GANG," Raiders defensive end Maxx Crosby tweeted.

The Raiders are hoping to get the version of Peters who

Training camp **Continued from Page B1**

Jets coach Robert Saleh downplayed any added pressure to win because of Rodgers

"What I've noticed in New York is that they really don't care," he said. "You're either winning or you're not, it doesn't matter who you've got. The expectation to win is constant in this league. You've always got that monkey on your back, like you've got to get that result. I've said it before

 as important as the result is, if that's your only focus, you're going to skip on the process that it takes to get that result that you want, so the pressure lies in how you handle the day, how you're getting better.'

Patrick Mahomes and the



Evioma Uwazurike has been suspended indefinitely by the NFL for violating the league's gambling policy.

six returned for touchdowns. He had only one interception last season with the Baltimore Ravens after missing 2021 with a torn ACL.

Peters, who has played for the Chiefs, Rams and Ravens, joins a Raiders team that had six interceptions last season, tied with the New York Giants for the fewest in the league.

SEAHAWKS: The Seattle Seahawks have locked up edge rusher Uchenna Nwosu for the next three seasons, agreeing to an extension worth up to \$59 million on the cusp of training camp.

Nwosu's deal includes \$32 million guaranteed and was confirmed to The Associated Press by his agents from Rosenhaus Sports Representation on Monday night. Seattle's players report for camp today, with the first on-field work slated for Wednesday.

Nwosu, who spent his in 2022. first four seasons with the Los Angeles Chargers, thrived in 2022, his first season with the Seahawks. He started all 17 games and set career highs in sacks with 9 1/2 and tackles with 66. Nwosu had 12 tackles for loss, forced three fumbles and recovered two.

DOLPHINS: Miami Dolphins wide receiver Tyreek Hill has resolved his dispute with a man he was accused of assaulting at a marina.

Hill's attorney and the lawyer for the man, who works for a charter company at Haulover Marina in Miami, released a statement to ESPN on Monday.

"The parties to the incident which occurred on June 18th, 2023 at the Haulover Marina involving Tyreek Hill have resolved their differences," read the joint statement provided by Evan Feldman, the attorney for the employee of the Kelly Fleet Inc., and Julius Collins, Hill's attorney.

Hill had been under investigation by Miami-Dade police for assault and battery after it was reported that he got into an argument with the employee, which apparently ended with Hill hitting the man.

The NFL reportedly requested video footage from the incident.

Hill, a 29-year-old All-Pro, will begin his second training camp with the Miami Dolphins this week. He led the Dolphins with 119

receptions for 1,710 yards

■ BILLS: The Buffalo Bills will have to shelve plans to incorporate Nyheim Hines' versatility into their offense after the running back was struck by a Jet Ski and sustained a season-ending knee injury, a person with knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press on Monday.

Word of Hines' injury came as the Bills begin reporting for training camp, which is set to open Wednesday in the Rochester suburbs.

Hines was sitting on a stationary Jet Ski when he was struck by another water scooter, according to the person who spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because the Bills had not made an announcement about his injury. Hines will require surgery, the person said.

The NFL Network first reported Hines' injury.

It was not immediately known exactly when and where he was hurt.

With James Cook expected to take over the starting RB job this season, the Bills were counting on utilizing the 26-year-old Hines' speed and pass-catching abilities to play a multifaceted role in their offense and on special teams.

Hines, who is under contract through 2024, has five seasons of NFL experience and was acquired by Buffalo in a trade that sent backup running back Zack Moss to Indianapolis in November.

ever to win a Super Bowl the year after losing one.

'This team has to find an identity for itself," Eagles quarterback Jalen Hurts said.

Plenty of eyes in camp will be on rookie QBs Bryce Young in Carolina, C.J. Stroud in Houston and Anthony Richardson in Indianapolis.

Young, the No. 1 overall pick, already took over firstteam reps in the offseason and appears headed to start Week 1. Stroud, the No. 2 pick, should get a similar opportunity with the Texans and first-year coach DeMeco Ryans. Richardson, who was picked fourth and didn't have much playing experience in college at Florida, probably won't start right away for the Colts but he's expected to supplant veteran Gardner Minshew at some point.

Officials symposium by MIL on Wednesday

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AP photo

The Philadelphia Eagles, "It's hard to win the Su- who report today, are aiming per Bowl," Mahomes said. to become the first team since "I think I've noticed that the 2018 Patriots and fourth

BY BEN ZAEHRINGER





New York Jets quarterbacks Aaron Rodgers (8)

and Zach Wilson stretch during a training camp



KEEPING SCORE

SOCCER WOMEN'S WORLD CUP All times HST Sunday's Late Results Group G: Italy 1, Argentina 0 Group H: Germany 6, Morocco 0 Monday's Early Results Group F: Brazil 4, Panama 0 Group H: Colombia 2, South Korea 0

Monday's Late Games Group A: New Zealand vs. Philippines Group A: Switzerland vs. Norway

Group C: Japan vs. Costa Rica, 7 p.m. (FS1) Group C: Spain vs. Zambia, 9:30 p.m.

(FS1) Wednesday's Games

Group B: Canada vs. Ireland, 2 a.m. (FS1) Group E: United States vs. Netherlands, 3 p.m. (FOX) Group E: Portugal vs. Vietnam, 9:30 p.m. (ES1)

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GOLF

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"I have a lot of fun with them," Antonio said. "I just love like teaching them and giving them the same experience I was given when I first started with this program.'

Antonio wants to go into the medical field, perhaps as a physician's assistant, after college and is currently also a math tutor at Kumon.

"I think it prepares me for my future because I get the experience of interacting with the kids," she said. "I love working with the kids.'

Kiki Matsumoto, the MSC head coach, is now the person in charge on the deck during the lessons. She guides the way, the entire time with a smile on her face – among her duties is to walk past every youngster and tap them on the head, splitting them into groups of 'ones" and "twos.'

"Our program was started over 50 years ago by coach Spencer Shiraishi and we're just continuing his legacy," Matsumoto said. "It's been a four-year hiatus since we've been able to have our summer learn-to-swim program and getting it going again, but thanks to Duke (Sevilla, Maui County pool manager) and county aquatics department we've been able to partner with them to do the program again this year.3

Matsumoto said the program is essential for all: youngsters, parents and the helpers in the water that pass along what they have learned.

Fillazar and Antonio were each leaders of the



The Maui News / ROBERT COLLIAS photo Maui Swim Club head coach Kiki Matsumoto divides kids into groups during Friday's class.

latter group, coaxing reluc- to teachers in the water is tant youngsters off of the about 3-to-1 or lower. On pool ladder to swim – or streamline," kicking with arms above their heads - to the next helper about 10 feet away.

"Most of our swimmers at Maui Swim Club started out in this program years ago," Matsumoto said. "I currently coach the program, but our advanced swimmers are the ones in the water working with the kids and they do a tremendous job.'

When asked if the program warms her heart, Matsumoto said: "Yeah, it really does. It's really a great opportunity for our swimmers to give back to our community – they really love working with the kids.

Most of the helpers in the water stay after MSC practice to help with the program. The average ratio of learners

Thursday, Matsumoto noted that the ratio was nearly one to one – the kids must be 5 years old and usually the oldest learners are 12 or 13.

It is a crucial program for an island community, Matsumoto said. Dozens of parents were glued to the action as they sat in the Shiraishi Pool bleachers.

"We want to help them become water safe," Matsumoto said of the learners. "If they fall in a pool, they know what to do, we don't let them wear goggles. They know what to do and get to the side of the pool and get out of the pool.

"But ultimately the goal is to teach them to swim the length of the pool by the end of the program.'

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A free sports officials symposium sponsored by the Maui Interscholastic League is scheduled for Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the Baldwin High School multi-purpose room.

The MIL is looking to recruit and connect anyone interested in becoming an official in any MIL sport with those respective organization members/leaders. According to an MIL press release, there are no requirements or prior experience needed, just a passion for sports and helping provide student-athletes with athletic opportunities for them to be successful.

For any questions, call (808) 243-1177.



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Tigers hand Giants season-worst 6th straight loss, 5-1



AP photo

MAJOR LEAGUE LINESCORES

The Tigers' Jake Rogers scores on a single by Kerry Carpenter during the third inning of Detroit's said. "It felt like my com- page quickly and get ready 5-1 win over the San Francisco Giants on Monday. mand (got) better as the for Oakland.

Bv DANA GAURUDER

The Associated Press

DETROIT Tarik Skubal struck out nine while recording his first victory in more than a year and the Detroit Tigers handed the San Francisco Giants their season-worst sixth consecutive loss, 5-1, on Monday.

Skubal (1-1) held the Giants scoreless on two hits in five innings in a game that was a makeup of an April 16 rainout. His previous victory came against Oakland on July 21 last season. He underwent flexor tendon surgery trip. in August.

four innings in each of his first three starts. He gave up seven runs to Kansas City in his last outing.

"I felt like I was in attack mode the whole game," he

game went on. It was good to adjust from the last one into this one, for sure."

Zack Short hit a two-run homer and Kerry Carpenter also drove in two runs for Detroit. Riley Greene had three hits and scored twice.

Giants starter Ross Stripling (0-4) gave up three runs and 10 hits in six-plus innings. Wilmer Flores homered for San Francisco, which scored one run in each of the last three games.

The Giants wrapped up a season-long 11-game road

'Obviously, we haven't Skubal had pitched just played good enough baseball to win in the last (six) games," manager Gabe Kapler said. "It hasn't been up to par for us. We're a better team than this. We know it. Got to get home, turn the



Astros

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'We couldn't hold the lead and that's too bad," manager Bruce Bochy said. These guys fought so hard. The offense, what a great job they did. We just walked too many guys. That came back to haunt us."

It was tied at 6 entering the seventh before Travis Jankowski singled and moved to second on an error by Jake Meyers on the play. Nathaniel Lowe walked before a single by Jung.

The Astros' Yainer Diaz is mobbed by teammates after hitting a walkoff single in the ninth inning Monday. AP photo

Phil Maton then walked Jonah Heim to give Texas a 7-6 lead and end his night.

Ryne Stanek took over and retired Ezequiel Duran before his bases-loaded walked of Mitch Garver sent home another run. The Rangers extended the lead to 9-6 on a sacrifice fly by Leody Taveras.

Texas starter Jon Gray allowed seven hits and six runs with six strikeouts in five innings to remain winless since June 2.

Houston's Brandon Bielak gave up six hits and six runs in 4 2/3 innings.

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AP photo

The Mariners' Kolten Wong celebrates as he rounds the bases after the Hilo native's pinch-hit, two-run homer in the top of the ninth inning Monday gave Seattle a 3-2 lead against the Twins. Minnesota went on to tie the game in the bottom half of the inning and eventually won 4-3 in 10 innings.

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NATO's future

Solution of the speculation before the vilnius summit, there was never a serious prospect that Ukraine could join NATO while it is at war – as Kyiv has acknowledged. Membership cannot be granted retrospectively amid a conflict. Article 5, which sets out the principle of collective defense – an attack on one is treated as an attack on all – works as a deterrent, not as a do-over.

Nor was there much prospect of this meeting even agreeing to a concrete timetable for membership afterwards. The alliance operates by consensus, but the U.S. calls the tune because it pays two-thirds of the piper's wages. It has made clear repeatedly that it regards membership for Ukraine as a distant prospect.

There are significant disagreements over how best to guarantee Ukraine's security in future, while reducing the risk of Russian escalation now. Nonetheless, NATO looks stronger and more united than it has for years – while Russia is still regrouping after Yevgeny Prigozhin's mutiny. Four years ago, Emmanuel Macron said that the alliance was "brain dead." More recently, he acknowledged that Russia's invasion of Ukraine had revived it.

The renewed sense of purpose is reaffirmed in the outcome of this summit: an expanded alliance, with Sweden on course to join Finland as a new member after Turkey and Hungary dropped objections; agreement on much more detailed military plans; and increased commitments to Ukraine, albeit far short of its aspirations. With its counteroffensive yet to make significant progress, Kyiv must continue to press for more, faster, in both diplomatic and military terms. But it treads a difficult path. Both the British defense secretary, Ben Wallace, and the U.S. national security adviser, Jake Sullivan, reminded Ukraine of the need for "gratitude" earlier this month.

NATO has been strengthened more by necessity than choice. Europe's challenges go far beyond Russia. The others were spelt out by Josep Borrell, the European Union's foreign affairs chief, in a speech last autumn that outlined how longstanding certainties had been upended: "You – the United States – take care of our security. You – China and Russia – provided the basis of our prosperity. This is a world that is no longer there," he warned. There is an internal threat, too: "Inside our countries ... the radical right is increasing."

The greatest challenge is the prospect of another term for Donald Trump, who as president discussed withdrawal from NATO. Could pressure on Congress and the Pentagon see off such a threat in future? Perhaps. If not, European security minus the U.S. would be not only immensely militarily challenging, but would require extensive recalibration. Without Washington setting the line, decision-making might prove more difficult.

Even without a second Trump presidency, the U.S. pivot back to Europe may not survive its growing tensions with China. While spending across the European continent has risen markedly in recent years, there are questions about whether shifting rhetoric has been fully matched by reality, especially in Germany's case. Living up to promises would both encourage the U.S. to remain engaged, and ready Europe for a world where Washington does not. The need to "keep the Americans in" is not a new problem — it was a key part of the founding principle of NATO, as described (unofficially) by its first secretary-general. But it has rarely been more challenging.



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Progressives and populists vs. the credit card market

Central planning, never out of fashion on the left, is now more popular than ever on the right thanks to the GOP's populist takeover. This is why a recurring effort to intervene in the

to intervene in the credit-card processing market is finding

more support in the new Congress than it did in the previous one.

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Interchange fees are charged by payment networks, such as Visa or Mastercard, whenever you use a credit card. Collected fees go to both the credit-card processing service and the card issuer. Card issuers must maintain and improve payment networks, protect data, combat fraud and bear the risk of debtor default. Fees help cover all of this.

Some merchants who enjoy the benefits that come with accepting credit cards as payment – namely, attracting customers who prefer this convenience – have decided they don't like to pay the cost. So as special interests often do, they've turned to Washington to intervene on their behalf. Of course, they and their advocates claim this will benefit the public, since their savings would supposedly be passed on to conthan a straight-up price control, it would amend the Electronic Fund Transfer Act to compel the Federal Reserve to require that banks add at least one additional payment network for their cards. Proponents – including a handful of Republicans, such as freshman Ohio senator and populist conservative J.D. Vance – claim the added competition requirement will lead to lower costs for merchants and ultimately consumers.

Yet there is little reason to believe this, and very good reason to fear the emergence of harmful unintended consequences. This is not idle speculation; We've already seen it play out with debit cards. After the Durbin Amendment was passed, a study from the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond found that almost none of the savings were passed on to consumers despite a \$145 billion reduction in fees paid by retailers.

The Durbin Amendment not only failed to help customers but appears to have hurt them. It resulted in the widespread elimination of debit-card rewards programs and fewer banks offering free checking accounts. The ranks of the unbanked increased by an estimated 1 million people. Some of that is likely to happen again if more credit-card central planning is adopted.

Unsurprisingly, this is about more

products and popular credit-card rewards programs.

As explained by The Points Guy, a popular website on consumer credit card and travel perks, "If enacted, this bill could dramatically change the rewards ecosystem. It could affect your ability to collect (and redeem) points and miles toward travel or earn cash back that can offset some of your everyday spending."

It's also an example of the outrage theater politicians inflict on us. Think about how odd it is that Vance has agreed to do Target's bidding after declaring that he will no longer shop there because of the company's woke agenda. While exposing inconsistency from legislators is entertaining, what concerns me is that fewer and fewer are upholding this economic fundamental:

Central planning fails because its success would require the mind of God, yet planners are human. Even if they somehow weren't corruptible, they can never be sufficiently informed to outperform the market, which is composed of the untold bits of detailed consumer and seller knowledge that are signaled through prices. Interference in the market process, whether it be through direct or indirect price controls, inevitably produces harmful unintended consequences.

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Guest editorial by The Guardian.

TODAY IN **H**ISTORY

The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, July 25, the 206th day of 2023. There are 159 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 25, 1972, the notorious Tuskegee syphilis experiment came to light as The Associated Press reported that for the previous four decades, the U.S. Public Health Service, in conjunction with the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, had been allowing poor, rural Black male patients with syphilis to go without treatment, even allowing them to die, as a way of studying the disease.

On this date:

In 1946, the United States detonated an atomic bomb near Bikini Atoll in the Pacific in the first underwater test of the device.

Today's Birthdays: Rock musician Jim McCarty (The Yardbirds) is 80. Model-actor Iman is 68. Actor Matt LeBlanc is 56. Actor Michael Welch is 36.



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That's how we got the Durbin Amendment, part of the 2010 Dodd-Frank Act. This price-control measure capped fees that debit cards could charge. Since then, Sen. Dick Durbin, D-III., has wanted to expand the idea to credit cards. So far, that hasn't happened.

Enter the Credit Card Competition Act, which Sen. Durbin sponsors. It's an attempt to reduce credit-card fees by using a slightly different route: Rather

Letters

Some things no longer need to be imagined

Some things we no longer need to imagine.

Waking up one day and most everyone in the world is putting on protective masks. The air quality in some cities now requiring people to always wear masks.

Random shootings in schools, places of worship, markets and so many public places. Wars and horrors that never end.

Widespread homelessness. Nature on the run. The real and imagined threat that robots will take our jobs.

So much, that we, until recently, could only imagine.

So, we come up with strategies to protect ourselves from the intensity of life in these times and become somewhat numb to it all.

There are so many ways for us to turn away, avert our eyes and hearts and fill our lives with screen time, Barbie movies and all the ways we can stay busy with all the so-called important things, unwilling to stop to notice how much is at stake, how much is in the balance, what world we are leaving to the children and grandchildren.

So much beauty in the world and so much that is broken.

Staying healthy and sane at this time, with a caring heart that can still bring

than small businesses. The effort is primarily being pushed by Walmart and Target, who stand to gain billions of dollars in additional revenue. More revenue for big-box stores isn't a problem in and of itself, as long as it's the result of better serving consumers. But this government-induced increase in big-box profits would come by reducing banks' revenue and in turn removing some consumers' preferred card networks — limiting even further the competitive differences among card Left to its own devices, the market has found an equilibrium between card issuers and merchants. Politicians who interfere to favor one side or the other will, as always, bring about unpleasant surprises.

■ Veronique de Rugy is the George Gibbs Chair in Political Economy and a senior research fellow at the Mercatus Center at George Mason University. To find out more about Veronique de Rugy, visit www.creators.com.

empathy to another is no small thing. And small things, as it turns out, is where we have the best opportunity to make a difference, our "area of influence."

Imagine that.

Rev. Bodhi Be Haiku

Vote for those who favor justice versus profits

The Maui County Council's Efficiency Solutions and Circular Systems Committee, chaired by Council Member Keani Rawlins-Fernandez, has been holding a series of meetings recently on the topic of systemic inequality towards those of Hawaiian heritage.

These presentations, mostly by UH professors, provided in-depth information about this sensitive subject. The point is that council members should know the full truth of Hawaii's history and current laws protecting Hawaiian interests. All council members will fervently claim that they are sensitive to Hawaiian cultural issues. However, when council votes on such issues, there is usually a 5-4 split opposed.

One such example is the failure of council to override the previous mayor's veto of the cultural overlay bill. The concept of this bill was to protect culturally sensitive areas. The five council members voting not to override generally seem to favor the interests of those seeking profits, hoping to not deal seriously with cultural issues.

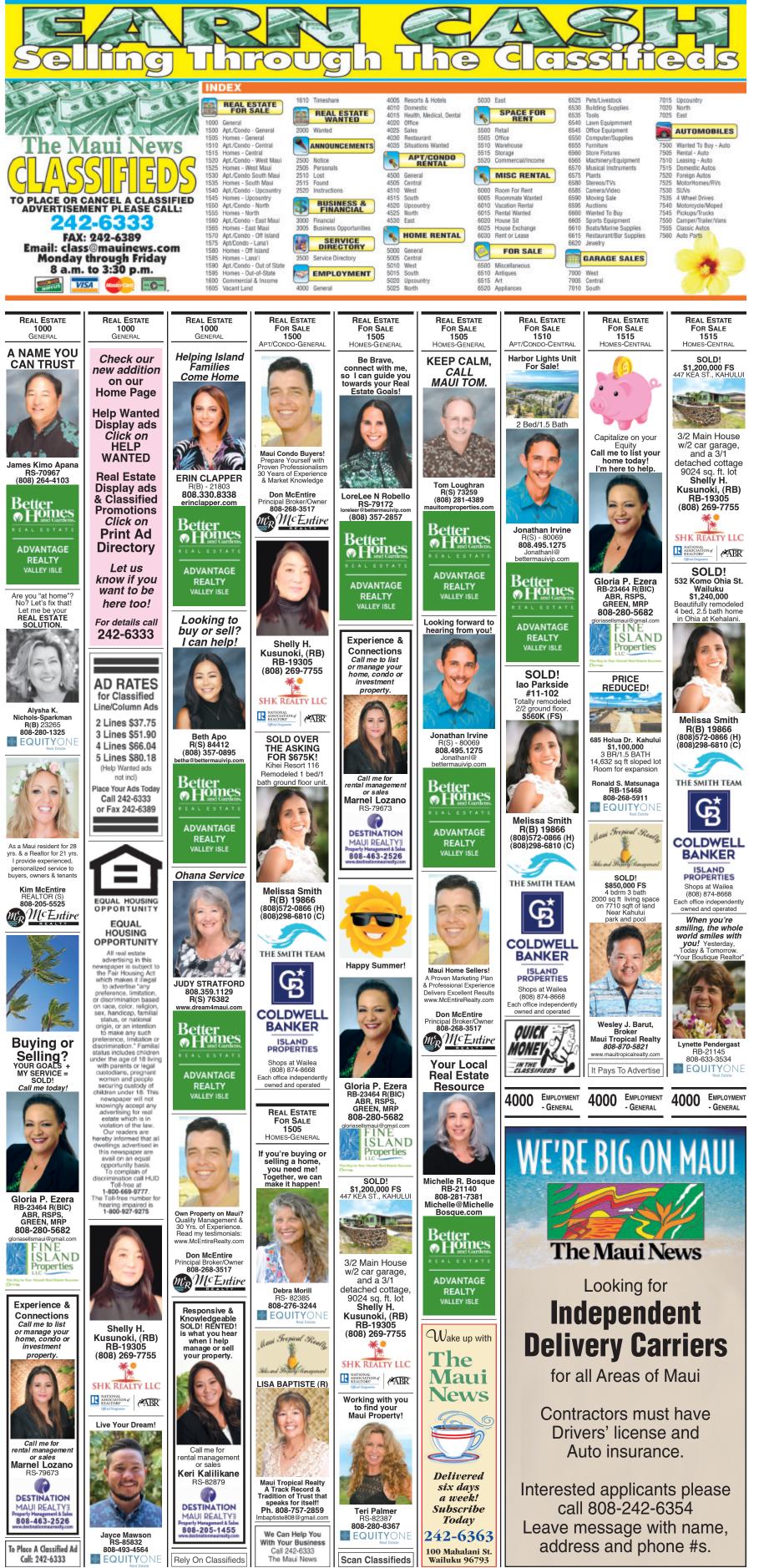
Ask yourself how you would feel if your country was taken by force and attempts made to extinguish your culture, with injustices still lingering today. These injustices not only include protection of cultural sites, but also land title issues and water rights issues among others.

It's my view that when we allow any one person or group to suffer injustice we have opened the door to injustice for any of us. If you want to make a difference you can vote next time for those who favor justice for all, versus profits for some.

George Burnette Wailuku

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ESTATE OF LOIS LEE SHEPPARD, DECEASED

FILED, a document purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of the above-named decedent who died on April 24, 2023, together with an Application by LAURA ANN STROTT, c/o Karen Temple, Attorney at Law LLLC, 1977 Kaohu Street, Wailuku, HI 96793, praying for informal probate and issuance of Letters to LAURA ANN STROTT.

If any interested person has objections to the informal probate, he or she may file a petition for formal testacy proceedings pursuant to Hawaii Probate Rules; if any interested person desires further notice concerning the estate, including notice concerning the closing and distribution of the estate, he or she must file a Demand for Notice pursuant to HRS Section 560:3-204.

All creditors of the above-named estate are hereby notified to present their claims with proper vouchers or duly authenticated copies thereof, even if the claim is secured by mortgage upon real estate, to said nominee, at the address shown above, within four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

Dated: Wailuku, Hawaii, July 20, 2023.

/sgd/ V. Ishihara (seal) V. ISHIHARA Clerk of the Above-Entitled Court Karen Temple, Attorney at Law LLLC Attorney for the Estate (MN: July 11, 18, 25, 2023)

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations for Maui County, Hawaii, and Case No. 22-09-0588P. The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) solicits technical information or comments on proposed flood hazard determinations for the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), and where applicable, the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for your community. These flood hazard determinations may include the addition or modification of Base Flood Elevations, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area boundaries or zone designations, or the regulatory floodway. The FIRM and, if applicable, the FIS report have been revised to reflect these flood hazard determinations through issuance of a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR), in accordance with Title 44, Part 65 of the Code of Federal Regulations. These determinations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to adopt or show evidence of having in effect to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. For more information on the proposed flood hazard determinations and information on the statutory 90-day period provided for appeals, please visit FEMA's website at https:// www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/ BFE_Status/bfe_main.asp, or call the FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627). (MN: July 25; Aug. 1, 2023)



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242-6363 Classifieds 242-6333 SECOND CIRCUIT **COURT NOTICE AND** NOTICE TO CREDITORS Case No. 2CLP-22-0000211

ESTATE OF GEORGE ALLEN SALMO, also known as GEORGE A. SALMO, DECEASED

FILED, a document purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of the above-named decedent who died on September 3, 2022, together with an Application by MYLA B. MALINAB, c/o Karen Temple, Attorney at Law LLLC, 1977 Kaohu Street, Wailuku, HI 96793, praying for informal probate and issuance of Letters to MYLA B. MALINAB.

If any interested person has objections to the informal probate, he or she may file a petition for formal testacy proceedings pursuant to Hawaii Probate Rules; if any interested person desires further notice concerning the estate, including notice concerning the closing and distribution of the estate, he or she must file a Demand for Notice pursuant to HRS Section 560:3-204.

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Dated: Wailuku, Hawaii, October 22. 2022

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said Bureau of Conveyances as Document No, 95-102114, and as shown on Condominium Maps Nos. 996 filed in said Office, and 1930 recorded in said Bureau.

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TIME AND PLACE FOR AUCTION:

Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. on the front steps of the Second Circuit Court Courthouse (Hoapili Hale), 2145 Main Street, Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

COMMISSIONER:

For further information contact: BENARD M. HERREN, ESQ., COMMISSIONER 2141 W. Vineyard Street Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii 96793 Office: (808) 242-9350 Fax: (808) 242-6139 Email: ben@cainandherren.com Fact Sheet available upon request (MN: July 25; Aug. 1, 8, 2023)

/sgd/ V. Ishihara (seal) V. ISHIHARA Vierra III, Leona Clerk of the Above-Entitled Court Karen Temple, Attorney at Law LLLC Attorney for the Estate (MN: July 18, 25, (MN: July 11, 18, 25, 2023)

Water Shutdown Notice NIGHT WORK

Affecting Kehalani Koa Subdivision, The Villas at Kehalani, and La'ikeha at Kehalani, Wailuku

9:00 pm TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2023 FROM 5:00 am WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2023 то

West Maui Construction Inc. and the Department of Water Supply will be performing work on the County's water system. All homes in the Kehalani Koa Subdivision, The Villas at Kehalani, and La'ikeha at Kehalani will have their water shut-off, from approximately 9:00 pm to 5:00 am. The shutdown will affect all water services off of the following streets:

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- Laukona Street
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- Kokea Street
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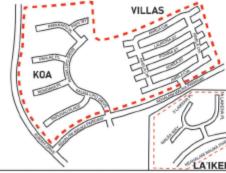
Department of Water Supply customers along these roads are encouraged to store water and adjust schedules as appropriate.

We apologize for any inconvenience this will cause. For more information, contact West Maui Construction, Inc. at (808) 757-7001.

To report a water emergency, contact the Water Department's 24-hour hotline at (808) 270-7633.

(MN: July 22, 25, 2023)

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