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## Council committee agenda written in 'olelo Hawai'i for the first time

### The Maui News

KAHULUI – Councilmember Keani Rawlins-Fernandez announced on Friday that the agenda for Monday's Efficiency Solutions and Circular Systems Committee meeting has been produced in both English and 'olelo Hawai'i – which she called a historic first for the council and a step toward implementing a 2022 charter amendment that takes effect next week.

At the November 8, 2022, general election, voters approved a proposal to establish Maui County as "a bilingual government," effective July 1, 2024. The charter amendment says the council is authorized to determine by ordinance which type of county documents will "be prepared and made available in both official state languages," English and 'olelo Hawai'i, and establishes the Department of 'Owi Resources.

"With 'olelo Hawai'i being the native language of Hawaii and an official language of the state, perpetuating 'olelo Hawai'i in

county-government will open up more opportunities for language revitalization within our communities," said Rawlins-Fernandez, who chairs the committee. "I would like to mahalo those before us who paved the way to ensure ka 'olelo o kēia 'āina and culture live on today. I look forward to working with the Department of 'Owi Resources to create and preserve more 'Owi resources in our county."

Monday's meeting starts at 1:30 p.m. Rawlins-Fernandez said the committee will receive a presentation on circular systems from Kamuela Enos, director of the University of Hawai'i's Office of Indigenous Knowledge and Innovation.

To view the agenda, visit [mauicounty.us/agendas](http://mauicounty.us/agendas). In-person, online and phone testimony is welcome at all meetings. Testimony instructions are on the meeting agendas.

For more information, visit [mauicounty.us](http://mauicounty.us) or call the Office of Council Services at (808) 270-7664.

## SUNSET IN MAKENA



Photo courtesy Deborah Waltrip

This week's digital photo of the week comes via Deborah Waltrip titled "sunset in Makena." Send your pictures from the Valley Isle to [rcollins@mauinews.com](mailto:rcollins@mauinews.com) for a chance to have your photo featured on the front page of our Thursday print edition and our "weekender" digital edition.

## JCI Maui hosts school supply drive supporting elementary schools affected by Maui wildfires

### The Maui News

KAHULUI – The Junior Chamber International (JCI) Maui chapter announces that it will host a school supply drive at the Kalana O Maui Building in Wailuku. This initiative will support families and schools in Kula and Lahaina as they prepare for the upcoming school year in August.

JCI Maui is partnering with the County of Maui and local businesses and organizations to reach the goal of providing every child with the school supplies they need at the start of the school year. As families continue to adjust to the challenges following the devastating fires on August 8, 2023, this initiative offers significant economic relief, easing the burden on parents affected by the recent tragic wildfires.

"We aim to support the people of Kula and Lahaina by investing in Maui's future. As a teacher, I would want every child who comes to my classroom to feel confident that they have all the supplies they need, ensuring they can focus on their education without worry," said Michelle Balala Siores, JCI Maui President. Siores, a second grade teacher at Kahului Elementary School, shared that her school took in displaced students from Lahaina and many community organizations donated supplies throughout the school year. "We encourage everyone to contribute to this school supply drive, as it will directly impact the lives of our keiki and help them start the school year strong. Your support is crucial in helping us reach our goal."

The school supply drive will take place on Friday, July 12,



Courtesy photo

Members Jansen Aceret (from left), Michelle Siores, Chelsey Borge, Rocky Balala, Naomi Rondinelli, Dustin Metzler, Jr. are shown working at this community event. JCI Maui board members host community service projects aimed at creating positive change for Maui.

2024, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Drop off donations of school supplies on the lawn at the Kalana O Maui Building. JCI Maui is also seeking sponsorships. For more information about the school supply drive, how to donate, or volunteer opportunities, please visit [jci-maui.org](http://jci-maui.org) or contact Michelle Siores at [jayceesofinaui@gmail.com](mailto:jayceesofinaui@gmail.com).

JCI MAUI is a 501(c)(4) not-

for-profit organization providing leadership development opportunities that empower young people to create positive change. JCI Maui focuses on empowering young people to take action, by conducting various community service projects aimed at creating positive change for Maui. Junior Chamber International is a global organization with over 200,000 members in 115 countries.



The Maui News file photo

Council Member Keani Rawlins-Fernandez is selected vice chairwoman of the council in January 2019.

## 'Beryl' strengthens into a category 4 storm, ripping through Caribbean

### By DÁNICA COTO

The Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico – Hurricane Beryl strengthened into what experts called an "extremely dangerous" Category 4 storm as it approached the southeast Caribbean, which began shutting down Sunday amid ur-

gent pleas from government officials for people to take shelter.

The storm was expected to make landfall in the Windward Islands on Monday morning. Hurricane warnings were in effect for Barbados, St. Lucia,

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## Over \$55K worth of tools for 75 recipients provided by Rotary Club of Lahaina Sunrise

### The Maui News

KAHULUI – The Rotary Club of Lahaina Sunrise is taking their focus on Vocational Service to the next level. Our members have been working hard to keep Maui Fire Survivors on Maui.

With the support of the Hawai'i Rotary District 5000 Disaster Relief Fund, our club quickly acted and started using

the donations that were received to replace the equipment of professionals who had lost their tools in the fire. Combined with D5000 funds and donations that our club has received thus far we have been able to provide over \$55,000 worth of tools for 75 working professionals and small businesses.

Applications for replacement

items are vetted by our club members, and then applicants' tools or equipment is purchased and delivered directly by Rotarians. Recipients of these vocational sponsorships have come from a variety of industries, including construction, massage ther-

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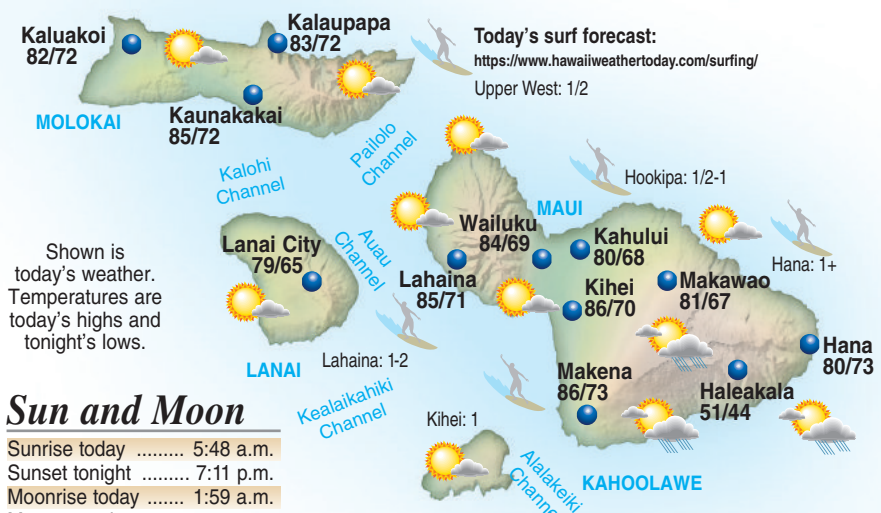
Weather forecast table with columns for Today, Tonight, Tuesday, and Wednesday, including temperature ranges and conditions.

The Islands

Table showing weather forecasts for various islands including Aiea, Ewa Beach, Hanalei, Hilo, Honolulu, Kailua, Kalaea, Kalaupapa, Kaneohe, Kapaa, Kihei, Lihue, Milliani Town, Mokapu, Nanakuli, Pearl City, Wahiawa, Waimea, and Waipio.

Maui County Weather

Hana: Windward showers today. Winds E 10-20 mph. Patchy clouds tonight with windward showers. Kahului: Mostly sunny today. Winds ENE 15-25 mph. Mainly clear tonight. Lahaina: Partly sunny today with a shower. Winds ENE 8-16 mph. Mainly clear tonight. Kihei: Mostly sunny and nice today. Winds NNW 8-16 mph. Mostly clear tonight.



Sun and Moon

Table with sunrise, sunset, moonrise, and moonset times for today and tomorrow.

Marine Forecast

Coastal waters: Monday: E wind 11 to 13 kt, with gusts as high as 19 kt. Isolated showers before noon. N swell 0 ft at 0 seconds. Waves 1 ft or less. Channels: Monday: ENE wind around 22 kt, with gusts as high as 30 kt. Isolated showers before noon. S swell 1 ft at 11 seconds. Waves 3 to 4 ft.

UV Index

UV Index table showing highest today, 9 a.m., noon, 3 p.m., and 5 p.m. values, ranging from 2 to 13.

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Tides

Tide tables for Hana, Kahului, Lahaina, and Maialaea, showing high and low tide times and heights.

Almanac

Almanac statistics through Saturday, including temperature at Kahului, precipitation at Kahului, and precipitation elsewhere.

National Cities

Table of weather forecasts for various national cities including Albuquerque, Anchorage, Atlanta, Austin, Baltimore, Billings, Boise, Boston, Charleston, SC, Cheyenne, Chicago, Cleveland, Columbus, OH, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, El Paso, Fairbanks, Fargo, Houston, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Las Vegas, Little Rock, Los Angeles, Memphis, Miami, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, New Orleans, New York City, Orlando, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Portland, ME, Portland, OR, Providence, Raleigh, St. Louis, Salt Lake City, San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle, Spokane, Springfield, IL, Tampa, Topeka, Tulsa, Tucson, and Washington, DC.

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Table of weather forecasts for various world cities including Acapulco, Auckland, Bangkok, Beijing, Berlin, Bermuda, Buenos Aires, Calgary, Hong Kong, Johannesburg, London, Melbourne, Mexico City, Montreal, Osaka, Paris, Sao Goncalo, Rome, Seoul, Shanghai, Singapore, Sydney, Tokyo, Toronto, and Vancouver.

TODAY'S PEOPLE



Charles Sykes / Invision photo via AP

Megan Thee Stallion performs during the MTV Video Music Awards on Sept. 12, at the Prudential Center in Newark, N.J. Amazon is partnering with Stallion to boost sales for its 10th annual Prime Day discount event, June 25.

The Associated Press

BET Awards return Sunday, June 30

The BET Awards return Sunday night with Oscar-nominated actor Taraji P. Henson as host. Performers will include Childish Gambino, Megan Thee Stallion, Lauryn Hill and her son YG Marley, Ice Spice and Tyla and Will Smith will perform a new song.

He had a small role in the Norman Lear-created TV series "Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman," and became the star of its spinoff, the satirical talk show "Fernwood Tonight."

In the 1980s he appeared in films including "Mr. Mom" and "Clue," and in the 1990s was a regular on "Roseanne."

He later had acclaimed guest roles on "Arrested Development" and "Veep," which got him an Emmy nomination.

Alec Baldwin's case on track for trial in July

SANTA FE, N.M. — The involuntary manslaughter case against Alec Baldwin is on track for trial in July after a judge denied a request to dismiss the case on complaints that key evidence was damaged by the FBI during forensic testing.

The judge sided with prosecutors Friday in moving the case forward.

Defense attorneys had argued that the gun in the fatal shooting was heavily damaged during FBI forensic testing before it could be examined for possible modifications that might exonerate the actor-producer.

The ruling removes one of the last hurdles before prosecutors can bring the case to trial.

Drake leads the nominations with seven, followed by Nicki Minaj, who boasts six. J. Cole, Sexxy Red, SZA and best new artist Grammy winner Victoria Monét each have five nods.

Usher will also receive coveted lifetime achievement BET award.

The BET Awards will air live at 8 p.m. Eastern on BET from the Peacock Theater in Los Angeles and also air on MTV, Comedy Central, MTV2, TVLand, Pop and Logo.

'Fernwood Tonight' actor dies at 80

LOS ANGELES — Comedian and actor Martin Mull has died. Mull's daughter says her father died Thursday after a long illness.

He was 80 years old. Mull became known for his hip, droll comic stylings in the clubs on Hollywood's Sunset Strip in the 1970s.

'Lab-grown' meat maker hosts Miami tasting party as Florida ban goes into effect

By DAVID FISCHER

The Associated Press

MIAMI — As Florida's ban on "lab-grown" meat is set to go into effect next week, one manufacturer hosted a last hurrah — at least for now — with a cultivated meat-tasting party in Miami.

California-based Upside Foods hosted dozens of guests Thursday evening at a rooftop reception in the city's Wynwood neighborhood, known for its street art, breweries, nightclubs and trendy restaurants.

"This is delicious meat," Upside Foods CEO and founder Uma Valeti said. "And we just fundamentally believe that people should have a choice to choose what they want to put on their plate."

The U.S. approved the sale of what's now being called "cell-cultivated" or "cell-cultured" meat for the first time in June 2023, allowing Upside Foods and another California company, Good Meat, to sell cultivated chicken.

Earlier this year, Florida and Alabama banned the sale of cultivated meat and seafood, which is grown from animal cells. Other states and federal lawmakers also are looking to restrict it, arguing the product could hurt farmers and pose a safety risk to the public.

While Florida cattle ranchers joined Gov. Ron DeSantis when he signed the ban into law in May, Valeti said Florida officials never reached out to his company before passing the legislation.

"It's pretty clear to us that the governor and the government



AP photo

Chef Mika Leon cooks cultivated chicken at a pop-up tasting for "lab-grown" meat produced by California-based Upside Foods, Thursday, in Miami. As Florida's ban on lab-grown meat is set to go into effect next week, one manufacturer hosted a tasting party, serving up cultivated chicken tostadas to dozens of attendees on a rooftop in Miami's Wynwood neighborhood.

have been misinformed," Valeti said. "And all we're asking for is a chance to have a direct conversation and say, 'this is proven science, this is proven safety.'"

Cultivated products are grown in steel tanks using cells from a living animal, a fertilized egg or a storage bank. The cells are fed with special blends of water, sugar, fats and vitamins. Once they've grown, they're formed into cutlets,

nuggets and other shapes.

Chef Mika Leon, owner of Caja Caliente in Coral Gables, prepared the cultivated chicken for Thursday's event, which invited members of the South Florida public to get their first, and possibly last, taste of cultivated meat before Florida's ban begins Monday. Leon served chicken tostadas with avocado, chipotle crema and beet sprouts.

"When you cook it, it sizzles and cooks just like chicken, which was insane," Leon said. "And then when you go to eat it, it's juicy."

Reception guest Alexa Artega said she could imagine cultivated meat being a more ethical alternative.

"The texture itself is a little bit different, but the taste was really, really good," Artega said. "Like way better than I was expecting."

Another guest, Skyler Myers, agreed about the texture being different when eating a piece of meat by itself but said it just seemed like normal chicken when he ate the tostada.

"There's no difference," Myers said. "I mean, there's no way you would ever know."

Besides the ethical issues surrounding the killing of animals, Valeti said cultivated meat avoids many of the health and environmental problems created by the meat industry, such as deforestation, pollution and the spread of disease. He also noted that the meat his company produces is not coming from a lab but from a facility more closely resembling a brewery or a dairy processing plant.

"We don't have any confined animals," Valeti said. "We just have healthy animal cells that are growing in cultivators."

The restrictions come despite cultivated meat and seafood still being too expensive to reach the market in a meaningful way. Two high-end U.S. restaurants briefly added the products to their menus, but it hasn't been available at any U.S. grocery stores. Companies have been working to bring down costs by scaling up production, but now they're also trying to respond to bans with petitions and possible legal action.

Sean Edgett, Upside Foods chief legal officer, said the company went through a yearslong process

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**Vicki Levin holds a chicken while touring Leilani Farm Sanctuary.**

LAURALEE BLANCHARD photo

## Leilani Farm Sanctuary gets \$15K in grants from MEO

### The Maui News

KAHULUI — Leilani Farm Sanctuary has received a \$15,000 grant from the Maui County Office of Economic Development. The funds will support a digital marketing campaign.

“Leilani Farm Sanctuary is a magical place on Maui,” notes founding president Laurelee Blanchard. “Over the years many visitors have delighted in meeting friendly rescued goats, sheep, pigs, chickens, rabbits, guinea pigs, cats, deer, ducks, geese, swans, turkeys, a cow, a donkey and other animals in a picturesque,

tropical setting. Thanks to the Maui County Office of Economic Development, we will now be able to share our animals and sustainable agricultural practices with more visitors.”

Founded as a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit, no-kill organization, Leilani Farm Sanctuary opened in Haiku, Maui in 2008. The mission of Leilani Farm Sanctuary is to provide care for rescued animals and humane education to the community.

For more information, call 808-298-8544 or email info@leilanifarmsanctuary.org.



Photos courtesy MEO

**Council Member Shane Sinenci** was one of more than 40 candidates to appear at the Kupuna Aloha Luncheon on July 30, 2022, at the Grand Wailea. The deadline for informational tables at the 2024 Kupuna Aloha Luncheon is Monday, July 8.

## Deadline for candidate tables at Kupuna Aloha Luncheon is July 8

### Submitted by MEO

KAHULUI — The deadline for candidates to purchase informational tables at the 52nd Kupuna Aloha Luncheon on Saturday, July 27 — which is expected to draw more than 400 kupuna — is about a week away on Monday, July 8.

The event to be held at the Grand Wailea Haleakala Ballroom was organized five decades ago as a chance for kupuna to meet candidates for government office face to face. At the last election year Luncheon two years ago, most of the candidates running for county and state offices and gubernatorial and congressional seats appeared at the event.

Maui Economic Opportunity in partnership with the Maui County Planning and Coordinating Council organizes the Luncheon, which



**Kopa'a Tita** will be providing the main entertainment at the 52nd Kupuna Aloha Luncheon on July 27 at the Grand Wailea.

runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The cost of the informational table is \$200 and in-

cludes one meal ticket. Additional meal tickets are \$55 each. The money raised will

help kupuna clubs defray the cost of attending the luncheon and cover the cost of entertainment.

Last year, about 460 kupuna with most from senior clubs island wide attended the gathering. Many arrived on MEO buses.

The Kupuna Advocates of the Year — Ruth Griffith of Kaunoa Senior Services and longtime MEO Board Member Adele Rugg — will be recognized. There also will be entertainment by Kopa'a Tita, door prizes, a lunch buffet and other activities.

Applications to become a vendor may be obtained by contacting MEO Executive Assistant Lee Imada by email at lee.imada@meoinc.org or by phone at (808) 242-4306.

Payments must be received by MEO no later than Monday, July 8.

## COUNTY / IN BRIEF

### South Maui Parks Permit Office closure

Due to a building safety issue, the South Maui Parks Permit Office at the Kihei Community Center is temporarily closed. The County Department of Parks and Recreation is actively seeking immediate solutions to reopen the office as soon as possible.

For more information, call the Department permits office at (808) 270-7389, email DPRpermits@maui-county.gov or visit <https://www.maui-county.gov/410/Park-Permits>.

### Rotary Club of Lahaina Sunset hosts Red Cross

On Tuesday, July 2, 2024, Jenny Worth will be the speaker at the Rotary Club of Lahaina Sunset meeting. Worth is the Maui Disaster Program Manager for the American Red Cross. Worth will share information about the efforts of the Maui Red Cross since the Wildfires on August 8th. She not only serves as the Maui Disaster Program Manager, but she is a resident of the West Maui Community.

Worth received her undergraduate degree at Redlands University in Sociology with an Archaeology emphasis. She earned a graduate degree in Archaeology and Geographic Information Systems at California State University San Bernardino and has worked as an archeologist at the federal, state, and local levels. She and her family moved to Maui

in 2010 where she worked as Fundraising Director for Maui Preparatory Academy. She assumed her position with the Maui American Red Cross in 2020.

The meeting will be held at the Aston Paki Maui Resort Ali'i meeting room. Social begins at 5 p.m. and the meeting starts at 5:30 pm. A light dinner will be served; there is no cost to attend the meeting. To make reservations to attend the meeting please email Joanne Laird at: mamalrd01@gmail.com.

### Tabay's Mindful Kitchen opens July 1st

Tabay Atkins and his mom, Sahel Anvarinejad, can't wait to start serving up their delicious plant-based delicacies!

So much of their extensive menu items are scratch-made ... along with all of their sauces. Enjoy their old menu items that were a favorite on their menu back in California as well as their exciting new items! These new menu items include the Loco Moco, Chilaquiles, Fish Burritos, Persian Kabob Wrap, Chick'n & Waffle Tacos, and much more! As always, their menu will be 100% plant-based!

With the grand opening scheduled for July 1st, Tabay and Sahel can't wait to serve their deliciously conscious comfort foods from Tabay's Mindful Kitchen!

Follow @TabaysMindfulKitchen on Instagram and Tabay's Mindful Kitchen on Facebook for more food truck updates.

## County announces sewer line repair work, amended sewer service status for several areas of West Maui

### The Maui News

KAHULUI — The County of Maui Department of Environmental Management's (DEM) Wastewater Reclamation Division announced that it has amended the Sewer Service Status from “red,” which indicates a property does not currently have active sewer service, to “green,” meaning the sewer service is active for a property, in the following areas:

- 10 Parcels on Kuhua Street
- 21 Parcels on Limahana Place

WWRD crews have recently completed sewer line repair work near 530 Lahainaluna Road and will be working on sewer line repairs during the next two weeks in the following areas:

- Off Pauoa Street near the driveway of the old Kaunoa Senior Center
- Fronting 914 Kuhua St.

“We are working hard to repair our damaged sewer lines so that we are able to activate more sewer service zones, which will allow more of our residents to re-populate their cleared lots,” said Shayne Agawa, Director of the Department of Environ-

mental Management. “We appreciate the patience of our residents.”

Some wastewater infrastructure was damaged during the fires, which cut off wastewater service for many properties in fire-impacted areas. To determine if wastewater service for your home or business is impacted, please visit [mauirecovery.org/wastewater](http://mauirecovery.org/wastewater) and type your address in the search bar on the County of Maui Sewer Service Status interactive map.

Please note, some areas may have changed from “red” to “gray” on this map, meaning the Wastewater Reclamation Division has identified these areas as not being a sewer parcel. If your property is marked gray, this means you must connect to the County sewer if you plan to rebuild and inhabit your property.

DEM anticipates continuing to amend areas in Lahaina impacted by the August 2023 wildfires in the coming weeks and months. If you have any questions regarding sewer status on your property, call the Wastewater Reclamation Division at (808) 270-7417.

## Victims of alleged carjacking frustrated by lack of response in their case

### The Maui News

KAHULUI — Alex and Justina Lucero spoke to The Maui News about their life changing experience in an alleged carjacking that resulted in what they say was a fight for their lives. The Lucero's were rescued and close to hospitalization from dehydration after

hike of 10,000 feet to the Haleakala Observatory in a desperate attempt seeking rescue from an armed assailant and accomplices that, “hunted them with drones” after stealing their car at gunpoint.

After their story has made international news, the Lucero's are frustrated

by local official's response and how they were treated throughout the ordeal that continues to play out.

From their home in San Diego, the Lucero's described the events that took place on June 4 on a remote stretch of highway on the back of Haleakala.

## Gathered at Camp David, Biden's family tells him to stay in the race and keep fighting

By COLLEEN LONG, ZEKE MILLER, THOMAS BEAUMONT  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden's family used a Sunday gathering at Camp David to urge him to stay in the race and keep fighting despite his dreadful debate performance, and some members criticized how his staff prepared him for the faceoff, according to four people familiar with the discussions.

Biden spent the day sequestered with first lady Jill Biden, his children and grandchildren. It was a previously scheduled trip to the presidential retreat in Maryland for a photo shoot with Annie Leibovitz for the upcoming Democratic National Convention.

But the gathering was also an exercise in trying to figure out how to quell Democratic anxiety that has exploded following Thursday's performance.

While his family was aware of how poorly he performed against Donald Trump, they also continue to think he's the best person to beat the Republican presumptive nominee. They also believe he is capable of doing the job of president for another four years, according to the people who were not authorized to speak public-

ly about internal discussions and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Among the most vocal: Jill Biden and son Hunter, whom the president has long gone to for counsel and advice. Both believe the president shouldn't bow out when he's down, and believe that he can come back from what they see as one subpar performance. The family questioned how he was prepared for the debate by staff and wondered if they could have done something better, the people said.

Biden's campaign has spent the days since the debate — where he appeared raspy, trailed off, and at times gave convoluted answers — working to keep donors and surrogates on board as Democrats increasingly questioned whether he should stay in the race.

At this point in the delegate process, Biden would likely have to decide to drop out for there to be a new nominee. And the people he listens to most in the world — his wife and son — are telling him to stay in.

Even before the debate, the age of the 81-year-old Democratic president had been a liability with voters, and the prime-time faceoff appeared to reinforce the public's deep-seated concerns

before perhaps the largest audience he will have in the four months until Election Day. CNN said more than 51 million people watched the debate.

While the president was huddled with his family, prominent Democrats rallied to deliver a public show of support for his campaign on Sunday.

“I do not believe that Joe Biden has a problem leading for the next four years,” said one close ally, Democratic Rep. James Clyburn of South Carolina. “Joe Biden should continue to run on his record.”

Sen. Raphael Warnock, a Georgia Democrat and Baptist minister, said there had been “more than a few Sundays when I wish I had preached a better sermon,” relating the experience to Biden's debate performance.

“But after the sermon was over, it was my job to embody the message, to show up for the people that I serve. And that's what Joe Biden has been doing his entire life,” Warnock said. It was an echo of the message from other supporters that Biden had a bad debate, but a lifetime of good governance.

Warnock, like Clyburn and others, pivoted to Trump's many falsehoods during the debate — lapses that Biden

and the debate moderators often failed to fact check from the stage — including about the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol by Trump supporters, immigration and the outcome of the 2020 election.

“Whenever his mouth was moving, he was lying,” Warnock said of Trump.

But concern simmered among some Democrats that Biden's campaign and the Democratic National Committee were not taking seriously enough the impact of the debate.

Former Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin, who served for more than two decades with Biden in the Senate, called the debate “a disaster from which Biden cannot recover.”

Harkin suggested that Democratic senators in pivotal races and “maybe all incumbent Democratic Senators should pen a letter to Biden asking him to release his delegates and step aside so the convention can choose a new candidate,” according to an email to supporters that was obtained by The Associated Press. It was first referenced in Iowa journalist Julie Gammack's column on Saturday, Iowa Potluck.

“This is a perilous time, and is more important than the ego or desires of Joe Biden to stay as President,” Harkin concluded.



Photos courtesy Rotary Club of Lahaina Sunrise

Rotarian Ron "Skeeter" Stebbins (Right) delivering a drill and battery kit to plumber Soren Bertelsen (Left) of Valley Isle Builders.

## Tools given

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py, hair styling, electrical, plumbing, painting, photography, marine education, dog grooming, and many

more. In addition to monetary support from the Hawai'i Rotary District 5000 Disaster Relief Fund that helped "kickstart" our program, we have also received donations



Small business owner April Colpas (right) of Lahaina Organics Sunscreen receives a delivery of replacement containers, ingredients and supplies with Rotarian Leah Harbottle (left).



Rotarian Brian Beach (right) completing another vocational sponsorship delivery for recipient Chris Long (left) of a Dewalt Multi-Combo tool kit.

## Hurricane

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Grenada, Tobago and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

"This is a very dangerous situation," warned the National Hurricane Center in Miami, which said that Beryl was "forecast to bring life-threatening winds and storm surge."

Beryl was located about 250 miles southeast of Barbados. It had maximum sustained winds of 130 mph and was moving west-northwest at 18 mph. It is a compact storm, with hurricane-force winds extending 35 miles from its center.

A tropical storm warning was in effect for Martinique. A tropical storm watch was issued for Dominica, Trinidad, Haiti's entire southern coast, and from Punta Palenque in the Dominican Republic west to the border with Haiti.

Beryl is expected to pass just south of Barbados early Monday and then head into the Caribbean Sea as a major hurricane on a path toward Jamaica. It is expected to weaken by midweek, but still remain a hurricane as it heads toward Mexico.

### HISTORIC HURRICANE

Beryl had strengthened into a Category 3 hurricane on Sunday morning, becoming the first major hurricane east of the Lesser Antilles on record for June, according to Philip Klotzbach, Colorado State University hurricane researcher.

It took Beryl only 42 hours to strengthen from a tropical depression to a major hurricane — a feat accomplished only six other times in Atlantic hurricane history, and with Sept. 1 as the earliest date, according to hurricane expert Sam Lillo.

Beryl is now the earliest Category 4 Atlantic hurricane on record, besting Hurricane Dennis, which became a Category 4 storm on July 8, 2005, hurricane specialist and storm surge expert Michael Lowry said.

"Beryl is an extremely dangerous and rare hurricane for this time of year in this area," he said in a phone interview. "Unusual is an understatement. Beryl is already a historic hurricane and it hasn't struck yet."

Hurricane Ivan in 2004 was the last strongest hurricane to hit the southeast Caribbean, causing catastrophic damage in Grenada as a Category 3 storm.

"So this is a serious threat, a very serious threat," Lowry said of Beryl.

Reecia Marshall, who lives in Grenada, was working a Sunday shift at a local hotel, preparing guests and urging them to stay away from windows as she stored enough food and water for everyone.

She said she was a child when Hurricane Ivan struck, and that she doesn't fear Beryl.

"I know it's part of nature. I'm OK with it," she said. "We just have to live with it."

Forecasters warned of a life-threatening storm surge of up to 9 feet in areas where Beryl will make landfall, with up to 6 inches of rain for Barbados and nearby islands.

Warm waters were fueling Beryl, with ocean heat

content in the deep Atlantic the highest on record for this time of year, according to Brian McNoldy, University of Miami tropical meteorology researcher. Lowry said the waters are now warmer than they would be at the peak of the hurricane season in September.

Beryl marks the farthest east that a hurricane has formed in the tropical Atlantic in June, breaking a record set in 1933, according to Klotzbach.

"Please take this very seriously and prepare yourselves," said Ralph Gonsalves, the prime minister of St. Vincent and the Grenadines. "This is a terrible hurricane."

### BRACING FOR THE STORM

Long lines formed at gas stations and grocery stores in Barbados and other islands as people rushed to prepare for a storm that rapidly intensified.

Thousands of people were in Barbados for Saturday's Twenty20 World Cup final, cricket's biggest event, with Prime Minister Mia Mottley noting that not all fans were able to leave Sunday despite many rushing to change their flights.

"Some of them have never gone through a storm before," she said. "We have plans to take care of them."

Mottley said that all businesses should close by Sunday evening and warned the airport would close by nighttime.

Across Barbados, people prepared for the storm, including Peter Corbin, 71, who helped his son put up plywood to protect his home's glass doors. He said by phone that he worried about Beryl's impact on islands just east of Barbados.

"That's like a butcher cutting up a pig," he said. "They've got to make a bunker somewhere. It's going to be tough."

In St. Lucia, Prime Minister Philip J. Pierre announced a national shutdown for Sunday evening and said that schools and businesses would remain closed on Monday.

"Preservation and protection of life is a priority," he said.

### LOOKING AHEAD

Caribbean leaders were preparing not only for Beryl, but for a cluster of thunderstorms trailing the hurricane that have a 70% chance of becoming a tropical depression.

"Do not let your guard down," Mottley said.

Beryl is the second named storm in what is forecast to be an above-average hurricane season, which runs from June 1 to Nov. 30 in the Atlantic. Earlier this month, Tropical Storm Alberto came ashore in northeastern Mexico with heavy rains that resulted in four deaths.

On Sunday evening, a tropical depression formed near the eastern coastal city of Veracruz, with the National Hurricane Center warning of flooding and mudslides.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration predicts the 2024 hurricane season is likely to be well above average, with between 17 and 25 named storms. The forecast calls for as many as 13 hurricanes and four major hurricanes.

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## American and British voters share deep roots. In 2024, they distrust their own leaders, too

By LAURIE KELLMAN and CHRISTINE FERNANDO  
The Associated Press

DARTFORD, England — Distrust has settled over the campaign trails in the United States and United Kingdom ahead of July 4 like a soggy summer haze.

On that day, British voters will choose a new Parliament in an election expected to finish with a Labour government after 14 years under the Conservatives. Americans, polarized by the rematch between Democratic President Joe Biden and Republican Donald Trump, will mark Independence Day in something resembling unity with barbecues and fireworks ahead of their vote on Nov. 5.

There's much to celebrate on the Fourth of July for one of the world's biggest democracies and the venerable kingdom that gave rise to it, 248 years after they split and set off on slow, troubled journeys toward granting all citizens the right to vote. Both remain rooted in the Magna Carta, the English document signed in 1215. It set in writing the idea that leaders — including kings, presidents and their governments — are not above the law. The nations have become close friends and stalwart allies.

That's how it started. As for how it's going, the run-up to July 4, 2024 — Independence Day for one land, Election Day for the other — offers a snapshot of the stress test facing voters in each country.

"I'm just very disheartened, really, because I don't think any of the parties know what they're doing," Dartford, England, resident Jacqueline Richards, 77, said of her country's election. "But then looking at yours in America, it's not that great, is it?"

Every democratic election is, at its core, about who voters trust to run their country so they can go about running their lives.

Debates are candidate aptitude tests in real time. Thursday's showdown between Biden, 81, and Trump, 77, proved a stark example. Biden's halting performance did the opposite of building confidence, even among some of his supporters. Trump, meanwhile, repeated his lies about the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection and his record as president.

That's only the most recent example of why distrust and resignation dominate the emotional landscape in both countries, according to voters interviewed by The



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Associated Press in recent weeks. From battleground Wisconsin to bellwether Dartford, voters said years of misinformation, scandal and lies have drained them of the sort of optimism or excitement they might once have felt about the right to vote or the future.

In Britain, 45% said they "almost never" trust governments to put the nation's interest first, up from 34% in 2019, according to a survey published June 12 by the National Centre for Social Research. The pandemic, the Russia-Ukraine War and the country's cost-of-living crisis affected living standards and the economy, it reported. Two Tory prime ministers were ousted. Also, there was Boris Johnson, who resigned rather than be thrown out of Parliament over boozy parties at 10 Downing Street when the nation was under COVID-19 lockdown.

"They promise and promise and promise and nothing ever changes," said Shane Bassett, 34, the bar manager at a pub in Dartford, where the Peasants' Revolt of 1381 is said to have started. "No matter who gets in — if it's Labour, if it's Conservative, it's all the same. They all lie."

In the United States, trust has been eroded by deepening political polarization, misinformation and Trump's lies about Biden's victory in the 2020 election — all amplified by social media.

Roughly 2 in 10 Americans say they trust the U.S. government to do what is right "just about always" or

"most of the time," according to a recent Pew Research Center survey. About 6 in 10 say they can trust the government "only some of the time" and about 2 in 10 say they can never trust the government to do what's right.

Nearly three-quarters of American adults blame the news media for dividing the nation, according to a 2023 poll by AP-NORC. Families and friends have learned to avoid discussing politics around Thanksgiving tables and other gatherings. In many places, even celebrations of the Fourth of July — a national holiday when Americans mark the 1776 ratification of the Declaration of Independence from Britain — fall under this practice of restraint.

In Racine, Wisconsin, Rebecca Eisel, 48, wondered how the vast United States, home of 262 million eligible voters and the world's biggest economy, faces a rematch that few Americans wanted.

"How did our democratic process result in something that the majority of the population doesn't like?" said Eisel, 48.

The United States: "The country is struggling"

The last time Kathleen Barker, 64, was excited about a candidate, it was Ronald Reagan, who went on to serve two terms in the 1980s and exited office by referring to the country as a "shining city on a hill."

"You could relate to him," she said while walking her dog near the river in Racine.

"He felt like just that average man."

Now she says, the "nasty back and forth" between Biden and Trump — who each insist the other is unfit for office — suggest neither can be trusted to dig into the major problems facing the United States.

"People are poor. The country is struggling. And this is their focus?" she said.

Emmanuel McKinstry, a 58-year-old businessperson, voiced similar frustration. The economy, he said while waiting in line to hear Trump speak in Racine, is his top issue. The next morning, McKinstry said he'd still vote for Trump — with reservations.

"I'm tired of politicians working for themselves and not really getting down and asking people what we really want," McKinstry said. "We're putting you in office. What are you gonna do for us?"

Britain: "Not very optimistic"

In Britain, the distrust is less personal. It's about scandal — think Johnson and "partygate" — and the cost-of-living crisis.

That's what concerns Bassett, the manager at the Wat Tyler Pub. You're not supposed to talk about politics in British pubs, he says — the counterpart, perhaps, of the American reluctance to stir up trouble on the same topic at parties.

But Bassett looked around at the empty dining room at lunch time. There were no customers to offend. So he let it fly.

## Lab-grown

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with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Food and Drug Administration before receiving approval. He said those federal regulations should supersede any state bans, which he believes are unconstitutional.

"We're hopeful that if lawmakers can't change their mind and turn things around back to an avenue of progress that the courts will step in and make

that clear," Edgett said.

Backers of the bans say they want to protect farmers and consumers from a product that only has been around for about a decade.

State Sen. Jay Collins, a Republican who sponsored the Florida bill, noted the legislation doesn't ban research, just the manufacturing and sale of cultivated meat. Collins said safety was his primary motivator, but he also wants to protect Florida agriculture.

"Let's not be in a rush to replace something," Collins said earlier this

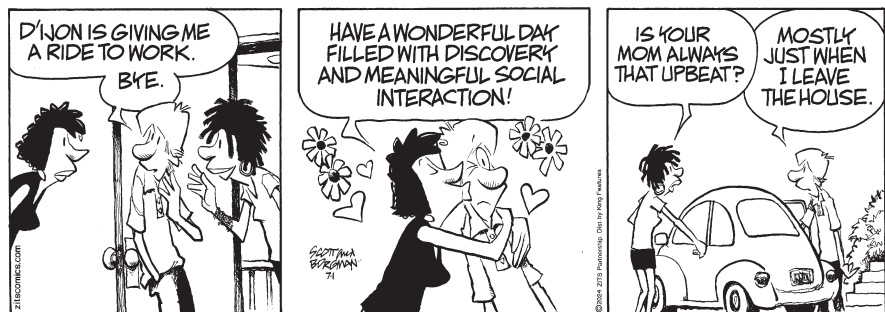
year. "It's a billion-dollar industry. We feed a ton of people across the country with our cattle, beef, pork, poultry and fish industries."

Valeti isn't trying to replace any industry, just give people more options, he said.

"We want to have multiple choices that feed us," Valeti said. "Some of those choices are conventional farming. Some of those choices are coming from plant-based foods. And cultivated meat is another solid choice."

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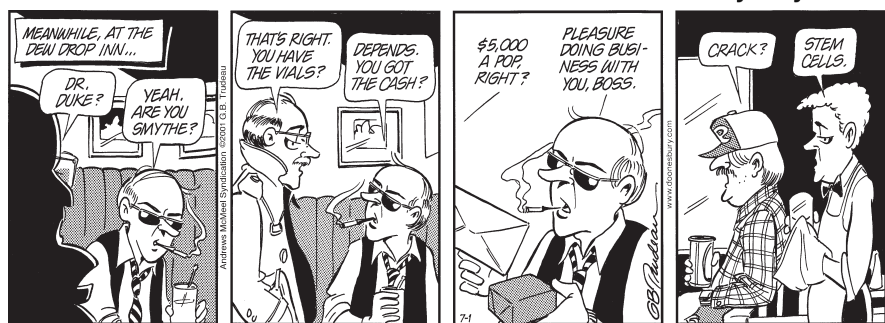
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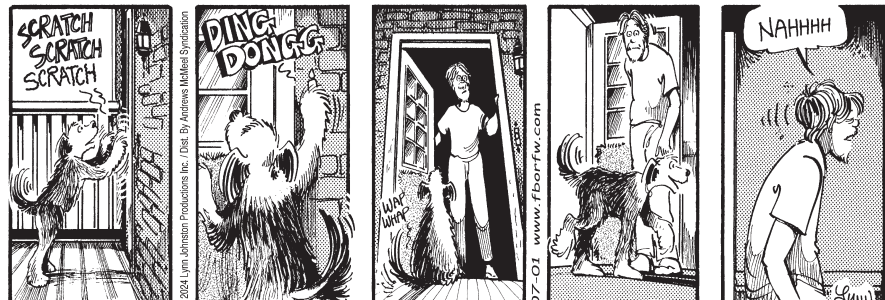
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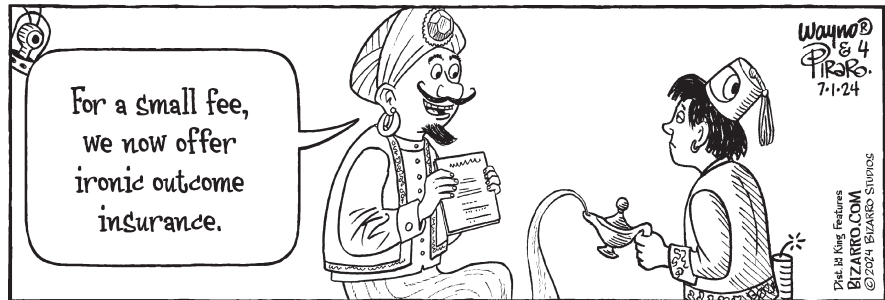
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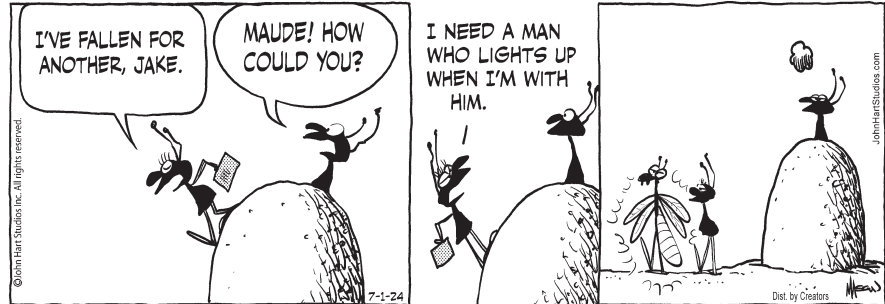
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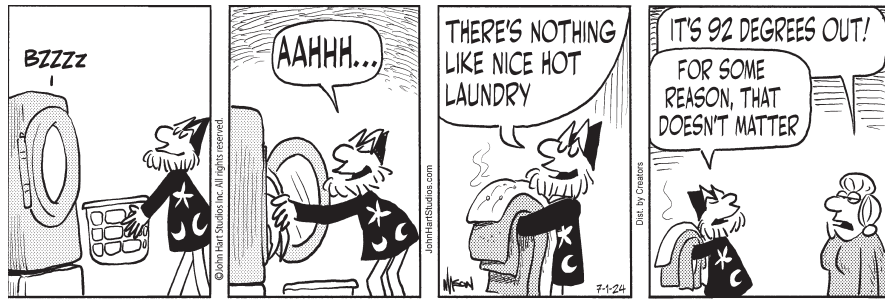
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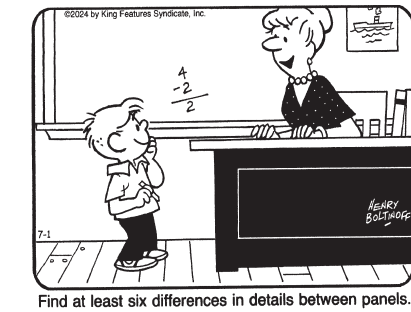
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## JANRIC CLASSIC SUDOKU

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest).

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## L.A. TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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| 5 Highly capable                            | 2 Carried a balance                     | 33 100 bucks                         | 54 Stretchy candy                      |
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| 15 "American Top 40" medium                 | 5 "___ we good?"                        | 40 Calais chum                       | 58 Seafood in a shell                  |
| 16 Peek                                     | 6 Folk hero Crockett                    | 41 Word such as "word"               | 59 ___ milk                            |
| 17 Where to see stars on an app             | 7 Emmy winner Falco                     | 44 Converts into a secret message    | 61 "Teen Titans Go!" voice actress     |
| 19 Assistant on Apple devices               | 8 Cobbler container                     | 48 Small spade                       | Strong                                 |
| 20 New Year's Eve Potato Drop state         | 9 Service provided by a wrecker         | 49 House with a sharply sloping roof | 62 "So true!"                          |
| 21 Mythical Himalayan beast                 | 10 Unsuccessful candidate               |                                      | 63 Scallion relative                   |
| 22 Smart ___: frozen food brand             | 11 "I see where you're coming from"     |                                      | 66 La Liga cheer                       |
| 23 "The Golden Bachelor" network            | 12 Real snooze                          |                                      |  |
| 25 Motionless                               | 13 Winter resort rentals                |                                      |  |
| 27 Carpentry tool                           | 18 AnnaSophia of "Bridge to Terabithia" |                                      |  |
| 30 Where to see stars after a blow          | 24 "SportsCenter" anchor Linda          |                                      |  |
| 35 "Frankly," in a text                     | 26 Issue forth                          |                                      |  |
| 36 Female pheasant                          | 27 Notary public's mark                 |                                      |  |
| 37 Laughably silly                          | 28 "Opposites Attract" singer Paula     |                                      |  |
| 38 Org. that encourages flossing            | 29 "Ah, too bad"                        |                                      |  |
| 39 Quick to prepare, like pudding or coffee | 31 "Hollywood Squares" symbols          |                                      |  |

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