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Hot car

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sponsive. The girl was pronounced dead at a hospital soon after the mother took her there.

The result: Police said the case would be referred to a grand jury.

The takeaway: So far police haven't released enough details to identify tips to avoid what happened in this case.

May 19

What happened: A day care worker who picked up 1-year-old Carson Flowers in Memphis, Tennessee, and took him to the facility left him in the vehicle for more than six hours. He was rushed to a hospital in critical condition before dying.

How it happened: Police say the day care worker said she accidentally left the baby in the car. They briefly detained her and another daycare worker for questioning.

The result: The day care, Education is the Key Children's Center, is now closed. Prosecutors are considering whether to file charges.

The takeaway: In a statement, Carson's family said that "things like this happen every summer, locally, nationally, and this year it hit close home. Moving forward, we ask all day cares, to please, please, please check your vehicles' back seats, to ensure that every child makes it back home to their loving

families and are able to have a fair chance at life. We hope that Carson's passing is a wake-up call, for day cares to tighten up on their pickup and drop-offs system!"

May 3

What happened: Davied Whatley left his 8-month-old daughter, Nova Grace Whatley-Trejo, in his car as he went to the local police department in Snellville, Georgia, to retrieve some guns that officers had previously taken from him. Police ran a background check, found a warrant for a misdemeanor probation violation and arrested Whatley.

How it happened: Police say Whatley, 20, never mentioned leaving his daughter in the car while he was booked and processed in jail. The child's grandmother, Leticia Padilla, told WSB-TV that Whatley told police Nova was in the car but they didn't believe him. Snellville Detective Jeff Manley said at a news conference that he believes Whatley told the grandmother about the baby "sometime later" in the day and that she found Nova up to eight hours after she was left in the car.

The result: Whatley has pleaded not guilty to second-degree murder and had a bond hearing set for June 30. His defense attorney, Stacy Levy, didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

What's the takeaway: "There's never a safe amount of time to leave a child in a hot car," Rollins said. Even five minutes is too long.



Members of the FBI's evidence response team on Tuesday survey the scene of Monday's mass shooting in downtown Highland Park, Ill. The gunman fired more than 70 rounds and evaded initial capture by blending into the fleeing crowd, police said Tuesday. CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/AP

Shooting

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July just once a year, mass shootings have become a weekly – yes, weekly – American tradition."

Since the start of the year, there have been 15 shootings in which four or more people have been killed, including the Highland Park one, according to The Associated Press/USA TODAY/Northeastern University mass killing database.

Highland Park Police Commander Chris O'Neill said the gunman apparently used a "high-powered rifle" to fire from a spot atop a commercial building where he was "very difficult to see." He said the rifle was recovered at the scene. Police also found a ladder attached to the building.

The task force spokesman, Christopher Covelli, said that Crimo legally purchased the gun in Illinois within the past year.

Crimo, who goes by the name Bobby, was an aspiring rapper with the stage name Awake the Rapper, posting on so-

cial media dozens of videos and songs, some ominous and violent.

In one animated video since taken down by YouTube, Crimo raps about armies "walking in darkness" as a drawing appears of a man pointing a rifle, a body on the ground and another figure with hands up in the distance.

Crimo's father, Bob, a longtime deli owner, ran unsuccessfully for mayor of Highland Park in 2019, calling himself "a person for the people."

The community of about 30,000 on Chicago's north shore has mansions and sprawling lakeside estates and was once home to NBA legend Michael Jordan.

Gina Troiani and her 5-year-old son were lined up with his day care class ready to walk onto the parade route when she heard a loud sound that she believed was fireworks – until she heard people yell about a shooter.

"We just start running in the opposite direction," she told The Associated Press. "There were people that got separated from their families, looking for them. Others just dropped their wagons, grabbed their kids and started

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Ukraine reports striking Russian ammunition depot in south

In Donetsk, Russia continues to make gains

Maria Grazia Murru

ASSOCIATED PRESS

KYIV, Ukraine – Ukrainian authorities said Tuesday that their forces targeted a Russian ammunition depot in southern Ukraine overnight, resulting in a massive explosion captured on social media.

The Ukrainian military's southern command said a rocket strike targeted the depot in Russian-held Nova Kakhovka, about 35 miles east of the Black Sea port city of Kherson, which is also occupied by Russian forces.

The precision of the strike suggested Ukrainian forces used U.S.-supplied multiple-launch High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems, or HIMARS, to hit the area. Ukraine indicated in recent days that it might launch a counteroffensive to reclaim territory in the country's south as Russia devotes resources to capturing all of the eastern Donbas region.

Russia's Tass news agency offered a different account of the blast in Nova Kakhovka, saying a mineral fertilizer storage facility exploded, and that a market, hospital and houses were damaged in the strike. Some of the ingredients in fertilizer can be used for ammunition.

A satellite photo taken Tuesday and analyzed by The Associated Press showed significant damage. A massive crater stood precisely where a large warehouse-like structure once stood in the city.

Ukraine now has eight of the HIMAR systems, a truck-mounted missile launcher with high accuracy, and Washington has promised to send another four.

Elsewhere in Ukraine, Russian shelling over the past 24 hours killed at least 16 civilians and wounded 48 more, Ukraine's presidential office said in its Tuesday morning update. Cities and towns in five southeast regions came

under Russian fire, the office said.

Nine civilians were killed and two more wounded in Donetsk province, which makes up half of the Donbas. Russian rocket attacks targeted the cities of Sloviansk and Toretsk, where a kindergarten was hit, the presidential office said

The British military said Tuesday that Russia was continuing to make "small, incremental gains" in Donetsk, where heavy fighting led the province's governor last week to urge its 350,000 remaining residents to move to safer places in western Ukraine.

The death toll from a Russian rocket attack that struck a Donetsk apartment building Saturday rose to 38, Ukrainian officials said Tuesday afternoon. The head of the Donetsk regional military administration, Pavlo Kyrylenko, said on social media earlier in the day that nine wounded people were rescued from the building in Chasiv Yar.

Yet many in the Donbas, a fertile industrial region in eastern Ukraine made of Donetsk and Luhansk provinces, refuse – or are unable – to flee, despite scores of civilians being killed and wounded each week.

In Kharkiv, Ukraine's second-largest city, and its surrounding region, Russian strikes hit residential buildings, killing four civilians and wounding nine, Ukrainian officials said.

"The Russians continue their tactics of intimidating the peaceful population of the Kharkiv region," Kharkiv Gov. Oleh Syniehubov wrote Tuesday on Telegram.

Ukrainian authorities also said that Russian fire struck the southern city of Mykolaiv on Tuesday morning, hitting residential buildings. Twelve people were wounded as the result of the Russian shelling, with some of the rockets hitting two medical facilities, regional governor Vitaliy Kim said on Telegram.

Air raid sirens sounded Tuesday in the western city of Lviv – the first daytime sirens there in over a week – and in other areas of Ukraine as Russian forces continued to make advances.

In eastern Luhansk, "fighting con-



A satellite image shows the aftermath of a Ukrainian strike on a Russian ammunition depot in Nova Kakhovka, Ukraine, Tuesday. Ukrainian authorities said Tuesday that their forces targeted the Russian ammunition depot in southern Ukraine overnight, resulting in a massive explosion captured on social media. PLANET LABS PBC VIA AP



Seventy-year-old pensioner Valerii Ilchenko, who lives alone and is refusing to evacuate, walks to his apartment after filling out his daily crossword in Kramatorsk, eastern Ukraine, on July 6. Now a widower, Ilchenko says he still has no intention of leaving. "I don't have anywhere to go and don't want to, either. What would I do there? Here, at least, I can sit on the bench, I can watch TV," he says in an interview in his single-room apartment. NARIMAN EL-MOFTY/AP

tinues near the villages" on the administrative border with neighboring Donetsk, Luhansk Gov. Serhiy Haidai told the Associated Press on Tuesday.

"The Russian army burns down everything in its way. The artillery barrage doesn't stop and sometimes continues for four to six hours on end," Haidai said.

The British Defense Ministry's intelligence briefing said Russia had seized the Ukrainian town of Hryhorivka and continued to push toward the Donetsk province cities of Kramatorsk and Sloviansk.

"Russian forces are likely maintaining military pressure on Ukrainian forces whilst regrouping and reconstituting for further offensives in the near future," the intelligence briefing said.

However, Russia may be relying more heavily on private military contractors, like the Wagner Group, to avoid a general mobilization, the British ministry said. Western officials have accused Wagner of using mercenaries to fight in Africa and elsewhere.

In other developments:

• The Kremlin said Russian President Vladimir Putin would visit Iran next week. Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov said that Putin will travel to Tehran next Tuesday to attend a trilateral meeting with the leaders of Iran and Turkey, a format for Syria-related talks. U.S. National Security Adviser Jake Sul-

livan told reporters on Monday that Russia was seeking hundreds of surveillance drones from Iran, including weapons-capable ones, for use in Ukraine.

- Russian and Turkish military representatives plan to meet in Istanbul on Wednesday to discuss the transport of Ukrainian grain through the Black Sea, a Russian Foreign Ministry official said. Pyotr Ilyichyov, head of the ministry's department for international organizations, told Russian news agency Interfax that "representatives of Ukraine, as well as U.N. (officials) in the role of observers" are also expected to take part in the talks. Ilyichyov reiterated that Moscow was ready "to assist in ensuring the navigation of foreign commercial ships for the export of Ukrainian grain."
- Germany's justice minister said investigating war crimes in Ukraine would likely take "many years," but he was confident they ultimately will be successful. Justice Minister Marco Buschmann said there will "probably be hundreds of thousands, maybe even millions, of pieces of evidence that have to be sifted through, documented and evaluated." The German federal prosecutor's office said in early March that it had started looking into possible war crimes committed by Russian forces in Ukraine. Buschmann spoke Tuesday in Prague, where he and his European Union counterparts were meeting.

ATTENTION CONTRACTORS

Tompkins County recently received funds from New York State for a septic system repair/replacement program. Contractors that are interested in being placed on a Qualified Contractors List for this program should call or write the Town's Consultant, Thoma Development Consultants, 34 Tompkins Street, Cortland, New York 13045, (607) 753-1433. References and insurance coverage are required.

Tompkins County encourages Minority and Woman Owned Businesses and Section 3 Businesses to participate in this program.



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ATTENTION: Tompkins County Property Owners

Tompkins County was recently awarded a Community Development Block Grant from New York State. The funds from this grant will be used to repair or replace substandard septic systems for single-family, owner occupied properties located within the boundaries of Tompkins County (outside the City of Ithaca). Occupants must be low-to-moderate in income, as per the table below, and the septic system must be in need of repair or replacement. Other requirements apply.

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how expansive his powers really are.

But Biden's realpolitik tendencies are colliding with an activist base agitating for a more aggressive party leader - both in tone and substance. Although candidate Biden sold himself as the person who best knew the ways of Washington, he nonetheless is hamstrung by the same obstacles that have bedeviled his predecessors.

"I think that if you hesitate from important actions like this just because of a legal challenge, then you would do nothing," said Rep. Judy Chu, D-Calif., who has been pressing for more administrative action on abortion. "People all across the country are expecting us - the leaders - to do something."

Biden's cautionary approach could be to protect himself if the White House falls short – like Democrats did in negotiating a party-line spending package centered on the social safety net and climate provisions. That sweeping effort had been steadily thwarted due to resistance from two moderate Democrats, one of them West Virginia Sen. Joe Manchin, who on Thursday put on pause a scaled-back effort that focused on climate and taxes.

That development prompted calls from Democratic senators for Biden to unilaterally declare a climate emergency. In a statement Friday while in Jeddah. Saudi Arabia, Biden pledged to take "strong executive action to meet this moment" on climate.

But in recent weeks, the gap between "yes, we can" and "no, we can't" has been most glaring on abortion.

Since the Supreme Court last month overturned the landmark Roe v. Wade ruling from 1973 with its constitutional protections for abortion, the White House has come under considerable pressure to try to maintain access to abortion in conservative states that are set to outlaw the procedure.

For instance, advocates have implored Biden to look into establishing abortion clinics on federal lands. They have asked the administration to help transport women seeking abortions to a state that offers the procedure. And Democratic lawmakers are pressing the White House to declare a public health emergency.

Without rejecting the ideas completely, White House aides have expressed skepticism about such requests. And even as he signed an executive order last week to begin addressing the issue, Biden had one clear, consistent message: that he could not do this on his own, shifting attention to the other end of Pennsylvania Avenue.

"The only way we can secure a woman's right to choose and the balance that existed is for Congress to restore the protections of Roe v. Wade as federal law." Bi-

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President Joe Biden served for 36 years in the Senate, becoming an institutionalist who as president has tried to operate under the constraints of those institutions. SUSAN WALSH/AP

den said shortly after the court struck down Roe. "No executive action from the president can do that."

Shortly after declaring that the filibuster – a Senate rule that requires 60 votes for most legislation to advance - should not apply for abortion and privacy measures. Biden acknowledged during a meeting with Democratic governors that his newfound position would not make a difference, at least not right away.

"The filibuster should not stand in the way of us being able to (codify the protections of Roe)," Biden said. "But right now, we don't have the votes in the Senate to change the filibuster."

Biden, who served for 36 years in the Senate, is an institutionalist to his core and has tried to operate under the constraints of those institutions - unlike his predecessor, Donald Trump, who repeatedly pushed the boundaries of executive power.

But some advocates don't want to hear from Biden about what he can't do.

Renee Bracey Sherman, founder and executive director of the group We Testify, which advocates for women who have had abortions, said the administration should proceed with a public health emergency even if it's eventually blocked by the courts.

"It tells those people who need abortions that the president is trying to help them, and that the thing that's stopping him is the court, not himself, or his own projections on what could possibly happen," she said, later adding: "The fact that he's an institutionalist and cannot look around and see the institutions around him are crumbling is the problem."

Democratic lawmakers also continue prodding senior administration officials behind the scenes. In a virtual meeting last week, Chu urged Xavier Becerra, the health and human services secretary, to have the administration enact a public health emergency. Proponents of the idea say it would unlock certain powers and resources not only to expand access to abortion but to protect doctors who provide them.

Though Becerra did not rule out the idea, he told Chu and other members of the Congressional Progressive Caucus that the administration had two main questions: How would the administration replenish money for the public health emergency fund and what would this move actually accomplish? The skepticism has not deterred Democratic lawmakers. But some of the most ardent proponents of expansive executive actions on abortion have similarly cautioned their voters and activists to be realistic.

"It's unrealistic to think that they have the power and the authority to protect access to abortion services in every part of this country because of what the Supreme Court has done," said Sen. Tina Smith D-Minn

In one sense, the recent success on guns was a validation of Biden's art-ofthe-possible approach, advocates say. Rather than promising what he could not achieve, Biden instead spoke of his limitations and cautioned that any substantive changes would require the support of at least 10 Senate Republicans – a goal that seemed implausible at the start.

That culminated this past week with a ceremony marking the signing of the first substantial gun restrictions into law in roughly three decades.

"I think that the president has struck the absolute right balance," said John Feinblatt, the president of Everytown for Gun Safety.

Concerns about the limitations on Biden's executive powers aren't mere hypotheticals. His administration's efforts to tame the coronavirus pandemic, for example, were repeatedly foiled by the courts, including a requirement to wear masks on mass transit and a vaccination mandate for companies with at least 100 workers.

Then-President Barack Obama sounded similar warnings when confronted by immigration activists urging him to use his power to issue a deportation reprieve for millions of young immigrants who did not have legal status in the U.S.

Obama in 2012 unilaterally enacted the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, which is still standing today. Two years later, Obama more fully embraced the pen-and-phone strategy, signaling to Congress that he would not hesitate to use executive orders if lawmakers continued to imperil his domestic agen-

"Nobody thinks (Biden's) got a magic wand here. Folks understand there are limitations," said Leah Greenberg, cofounder and co-executive director of the Indivisible Project. "What they want to see is him treating this like the crisis it is for folks in red states losing access to abortion."

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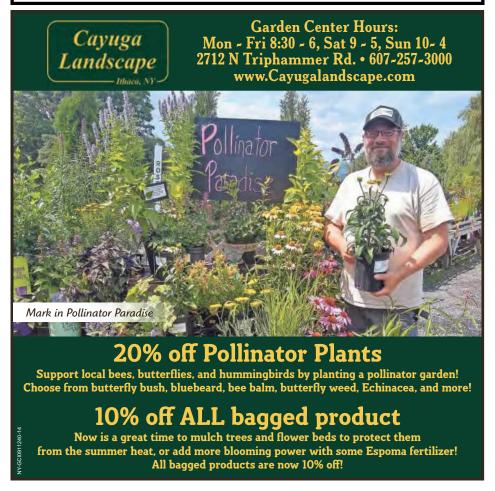
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showing precisely how the Town of Eastchester's police department prioritized ticket-writing within its broader law-enforcement mandate.

The department denied the officer's allegations and accused him of "lying and deceit."

These sorts of pressures likely stretch beyond one municipality in Westchester County. And a town or city's approach to ticketing as a whole can have wide-ranging and damaging ramifications for motorists, including increased car insurance premiums, hefty surcharges, license suspensions and potentially even jail time.

In order to take an in-depth look at these problems, we need to hear from you, our readers, about what you've experienced. Have you received a traffic ticket that you believe is unjustified? What questions do you have about how ticketing works in your community? Are you frustrated with how your local police or courts go about issuing or adjudicating traffic tickets?

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Debate

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vulnerable incumbent heading into the next campaign, weighed down by soaring inflation, sinking popularity and questions about his capacity to manage the U.S. into his 80s.

This summer's hearings by the House committee investigating the deadly Jan. 6 insurrection have only amplified the GOP's anxiety about Trump. A pair of weekend editorials in the New York Post and Wall Street Journal – publications owned by the often Trump-friendly Rupert Murdoch - underscored the impact, castigating the former president for refusing to call off the mob of his supporters as they stormed the U.S. Capitol to halt the peaceful transfer of power.

"As a matter of principle, as a matter of character, Trump has proven himself unworthy to be this country's chief executive again," wrote the New York Post.

But inside the Tampa Convention Center, mentions of Jan. 6 elicited cheers as a who's who of Trump's "MA-GA movement" took the stage in a room that had the feel of a Las Vegas night-

Young attendees dressed in sparkly heels and candy-colored cowboy boots danced under laser lights to a DJ before the program began. Speakers were introduced with WWE-style videos, elaborate pyrotechnics and smoke displays. Throughout the venue, ring lights were placed strategically in front of logoed backdrops for flattering photo ops. Outside, a small group of neo-Nazis briefly waved swastika flags.

The top draw was Trump, who again teased his future plans.

"I ran twice. I won twice and did much better the second time ... and now we may just have to do it again," he said to thundering cheers and chants of

"Take it back!" During his speech, Trump appeared intent to address criticism from some corners of the party that he is too focused on relitigating the 2020 election, telling the crowd he wanted to talk about "some of the really big issues." But he quickly returned to familiar grievances, labeling himself the most persecuted politician in the nation's history as he inched ever closer to announcing a

"If I renounced my beliefs, if I agreed to stay silent, if I stayed home, if I announced that I was not going to run for office, the persecution of Donald Trump would immediately stop," he said. "But that's what they want me to do. And you



There's little doubt that former President Donald Trump is moving closer to announcing a fourth presidential campaign. ROSS D. FRANKLIN/AP FILE



Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis had the crowd on its feet as he headlined the Turning Point USA's annual Student Action Summit. PHELAN M. EBENHACK/AP FILE

know what? There's no chance I do that."

DeSantis, who often insists he is focused solely on reelection as governor, headlined Friday night's program in an appearance that strongly suggested his ambitions extend beyond the state.

He welcomed the crowd to the "free state of Florida" and highlighted the anti-COVID mitigation policies that made him a conservative hero during the height of the pandemic. And he bragged about his efforts to bar discussions of race and sexual orientation in Florida classrooms, as well as his battles with Disney.

"We've accomplished an awful lot in the state of Florida. But we have only begun to fight," he said. "Because we are on a mission to keep the state of Florida free and to save our great country."

An unscientific straw poll of attendees at the event found that 78.7% would vote for Trump in a GOP primary, with DeSantis coming in second with 19%. No other potential candidate came in above 1 percent.

And many were indeed all in on a Trump 2024 run.

"I love the idea, I absolutely do," said

Ryan Malone, 33, who recently moved from New York to Florida. While he is a big fan of DeSantis, he argued that Trump is best positioned to turn the country around from what he sees as Biden's litany of failures.

"I think that he would get more done," he said. "Again, I love DeSantis, he's my 1A, right? But I do think that if we're going to get out of this miserable period that we're in, Trump is the guy to get us out of this hole.

Still, he worried about what might happen if the two were to run against each other in a GOP primary.

"I wouldn't want to see there be bad blood between the person who's, like, the true leader of our party and then the person who's, you know, the second coming," he said.

But his wife, Dr. Mariuxi Viteri Malone, 33, is eager for DeSantis to run. As an immigrant from Ecuador, she said she

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was offended by Trump's rhetoric toward Hispanics.

Others were more strategic in their thinking.

Cameron Lilly, 29, said he personally likes DeSantis better than Trump, but nonetheless thinks another Trump run makes sense for the party.

"I think Ron DeSantis right now is wasting the one more chance that Trump has," said Lilly, who works for a defense contractor in Annapolis, Maryland. "I like DeSantis even a little bit more. But I think if we want to have consistent conservatives in the White House, one more Trump term, DeSantis as vice president, and then potentially one or two more terms. That's the way to keep conservatives in the White House for more years."

Steven Dykstra, 22, had another rea-

"As much as I want DeSantis to be the president - he would make a great president - I want him to stay in Florida," said Dykstra, who attends Pasco-Hernando State College. "If he were to run in 2024, he wouldn't be our governor. He's been a great governor. I think he should stay."

Orlando sisters Sydney and Janae Kinne, who go by "The Patriot Sisters" online, said they were fans of both Trump and DeSantis, but don't expect either to run in 2024.

"I would still vote for him. We're still there. But I would like to see him in a different seat this year," said Janae, 23, of Trump. "If he runs, I mean, we're going to be on the street rooting for him anyways. But we'd like to see him start to raise up other people who have the same mentality."

Sydney, 21, said she was looking for an alternative, but wasn't sure who.

"That's the question of the hour," she said. "Right now what we need is someone that, yes, is strong, they're strongwilled, but someone that's a little more kind of rallying everyone together.

But Zachary Roberson, 22, said that if he ever had to choose between Trump and DeSantis, he'd pick the Florida gov-

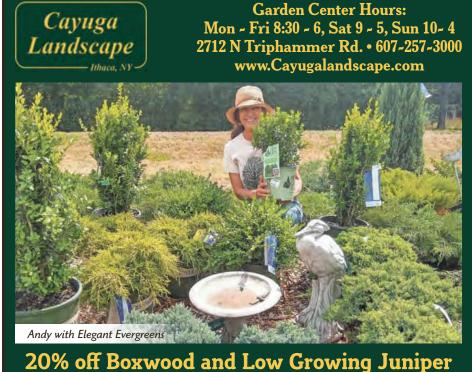
"He seems like a more refined version of Trump. So I'm hoping he runs for president," said Roberson, a student at Florida Gulf Coast University.

As for Trump, Roberson suggested: You can run for governor here in Flori-

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