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Trump shocked and defiant over his legal peril

Hours after a Manhattan grand jury voted Thursday afternoon to indict Donald Trump, the former president joined with his wife, Melania, his in-laws and conservative radio host Mark Levin on the patio of his private Mar-a-Lago Club for a preplanned dinner. Advisers to his 2024 presidential bid sat nearby, and Trump chatted with both groups, as well as club members offering their

encouragement.

At one point, Trump showed off his soon-to-be-released book of letters between himself and celebrities and world leaders. At another, he began calling congressional Republicans, promising to fight the indictment and relishing their declarations of support.

Yet in the immediate aftermath of the grand jury's decision that is believed to be related to hush

Stoic, then deflated, he exercises grievances in familiar role of victim

BY ASHLEY PARKER AND JOSH DAWSEY

The Sunday Take: No rush to judgment over indictment. **A2**

money paid to an adult-film star, Trump was not happy, said one person with direct knowledge of his reaction. Others described Trump as "upset," "irritated," "deflated" and "shocked," though some noted that he also remained "very calm" and "rather stoic, actually."

Trump — who played golf at his Palm Beach estate Friday, with plans to play again over the week-

end — is expected to fly to New York midday Monday. He will spend the night at his Trump Tower home before surrendering himself in Lower Manhattan on Tuesday.

"He'll do Trump," said David Urban, a longtime Trump adviser who is not working on his 2024 campaign. "He'll show up. He'll be indignant."

SEE TRUMP ON A8

Fierce storms claim 21 lives

A TORNADO SWARM IN SEVERAL STATES

Deaths reported from Arkansas to Delaware

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BELVIDERE, ILL. — Punishing storms swept through a large swath of the nation Friday night into Saturday, unleashing deadly tornadoes and carving a path of destruction that killed at least 21 people in the South, Midwest and Mid-Atlantic.

The storms were most lethal in Tennessee, a state still reeling from Monday's horrific school shooting in Nashville that took the lives of a half-dozen students and adults. The mayor of rural McNairy County, where at least seven people were killed, said the area was hit by two back-to-back tornadoes. It was the second one, which landed just before midnight Friday, that took lives there.

"Most people thought, 'We made it through the first one, we will be all right.' So they went back to their homes," said Mayor Larry Smith. "They thought we would not get hit again. The second wave was much worse than the first. It followed almost exactly the same path. It was hard to imagine that would happen. But this one was just way more intense."

Among those who died, Smith said, were visitors from Florida who were in the area to see family.

The fresh devastation follows another cluster of Southern storms in late March that killed at least 26 people.

More than 60 tornado reports across several states were recorded by the National Weather Service's Storm Prediction Center, bringing death to Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Indiana, Illinois, Mississippi and Tennessee. In Illinois, the roof of a concert venue was destroyed while patrons were inside at a show. The high school in an Arkansas town was eviscerated, with the Astro-Turf from the ground at the school's football field hurled into a house 100 yards away. At least four people were killed in that state.

SEE WEATHER ON A6

Big Oil's Nigeria exit springs a raft of woes

Divestments help achieve green goals but harm the people, land left behind

BY RACHEL CHASON

NEMBE, NIGERIA — When Lambert Ogbari learned that the oil giant Shell was selling its local operations to a Nigerian firm, he said he felt hopeful his living conditions would finally improve. But he quickly noticed that maintenance on the oil wells surrounding his village declined.

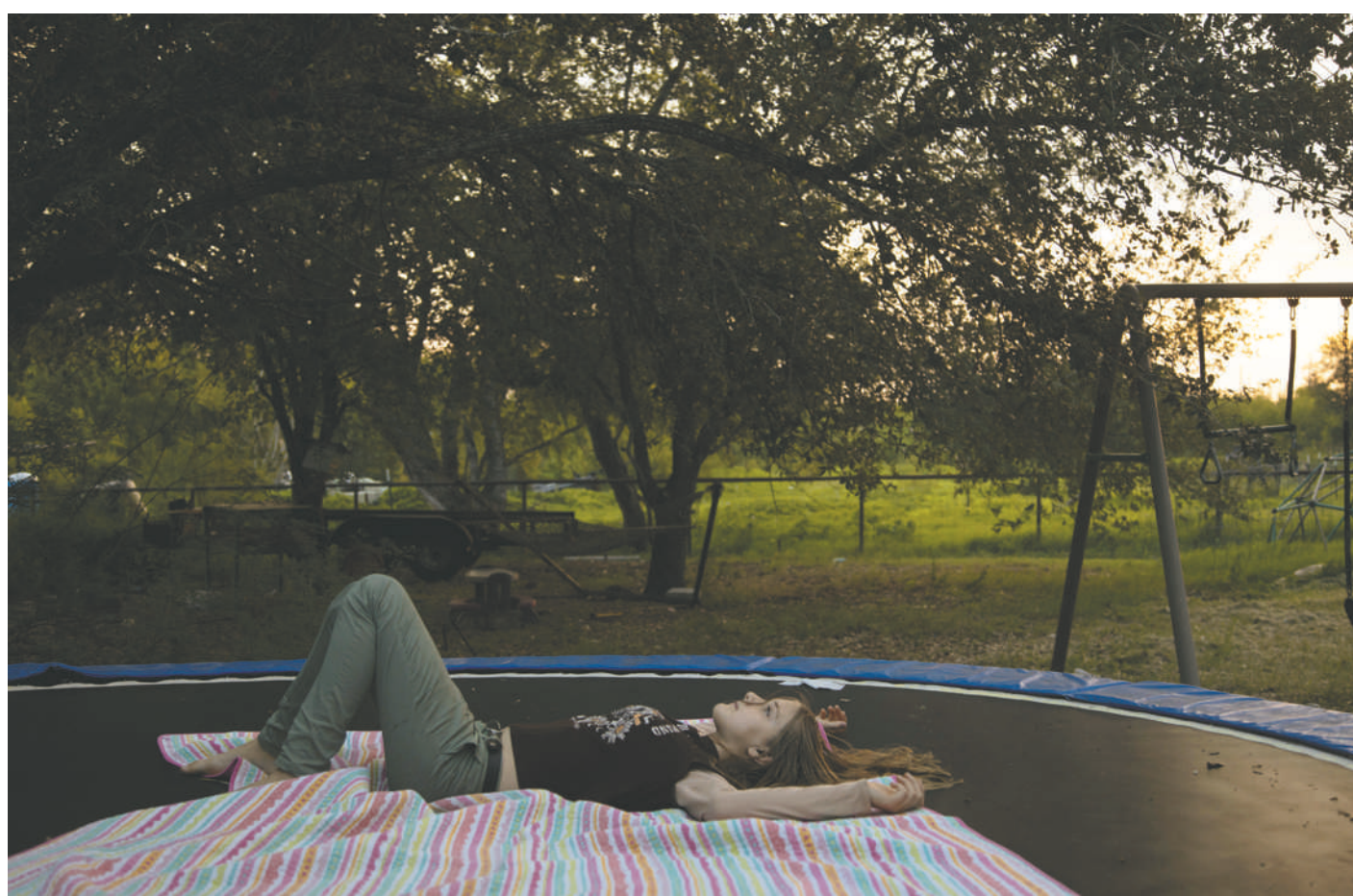
Then, one night, Ogbari woke up to a bang, followed by the smell of gas. Crude oil was shooting out of a well near his home with such force that people hundreds of yards away could hear the roar.

As the world wrestles with climate change, major oil companies are selling off polluting assets around the globe. Shell, which announced in 2021 that it is looking to exit Nigeria's onshore market completely, has repeatedly said in annual reports over the past eight years that divestments in Nigeria and elsewhere have played an important role in decreasing the company's greenhouse gas emissions. Shell's withdrawal is part of an exodus by some of the world's top energy companies from the Niger Delta, which had long made Nigeria the largest oil producer in Africa.

But interviews with residents, local officials and environmental groups show the divestments in Nigeria over the past decade have had negative consequences for communities that Shell and other international companies leave behind — and for the environment they say they are aiming to protect.

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AMERICAN ICON A series examining the AR-15, a weapon with a singular hold on a divided nation



Many survivors of the Sutherland Springs mass shooting carry the trauma of that day with them more than five years later, including Evelyn, 12. She lost three siblings, grandparents and her mother, who was pregnant.

A TRAGEDY WITHOUT END

Survivors of 2017 Sutherland Springs church massacre endure lifelong trauma

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IN SUTHERLAND SPRINGS, TEX.

Multitudes of purple freckles dot Morgan Workman's legs, arms, chest and cheekbone — tiny shards of metal from bullets and shrapnel that struck her as she worshiped in her church more than five years ago.

The fragments are leaching lead. Workman suffers from toxicity symptoms, including body pains, fatigue, depression — and has been told by doctors that she probably can't have a baby.

"It feels like it was yesterday, like we're still going through all of it," Workman, 25, said. "Very uncommonly does a Sunday go by that I don't think: 'What if? How would I get out? Would I get out? Would I be able to do something?'"

Workman was shot twice when a gunman opened fire in the First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs, slaying worshippers gathered for Sunday service. More than two dozen of her fellow parishioners and closest friends died in the Nov. 5, 2017, attack.

Twenty others were wounded, sentenced to lives of unending pain and illness.

David Colbath, shot nine times, suffers from high levels of lead in his blood. He can barely stand or use his hands without pain. Kris Workman, Morgan's brother-in-law who was shot twice, was paralyzed from the waist down and told by doctors he'd probably never walk again or conceive children.

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PERSPECTIVE

Iowa's incandescent Clark was everything against S. Carolina

BY SALLY JENKINS

DALLAS — Caitlin Clark passed the 30-point mark and headed toward yet another 40-plus on one of those classic "logo" threes, the sort of shot that will live on in the mind and make people lie through their popcorn-filled teeth through their popcorn-filled teeth years from now. Her heels rested just momentarily on the "R" of the "NCAA Final Four" emblem at midcourt before the ball slightly ruffled the net. As she backpedaled triumphantly, every giddy lover of the game of basketball knew that Iowa was about to really do this thing, take down mighty South Carolina on its way to the NCAA championship game, and that it would happen through the hands of this flickeringly luminescent player.

Can you play bigger on a more important occasion? Can you do more for your sport, your team and yourself than Clark did Friday night at American Airlines Center in Iowa's 77-73 semifinal victory over No. 1 seed South Carolina? No, you can't. And it wasn't just about the hunt for championship metal and crystal. The stakes were broader than that.

You couldn't ask for more from a game: South Carolina was the No. 3 defense and unbeaten defending champion behind the 2022 player of the year, post-occupier Aliyah Boston, and Iowa

SEE JENKINS ON A17

SDSU to men's final: Aztecs will face Connecticut for title. **Sports, D1**

NCAA women's final: LSU vs. Iowa Today, 3:30 p.m., ABC



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Caitlin Clark scored 41 points in an upset of undefeated South Carolina on Friday in a highly anticipated national semifinal.

Harris puts rare spotlight on her identity during Africa trip

Vice president leans into her historic status, opens up about her grandfather

BY CLEVE R. WOOTSON JR.

LUSAKA, ZAMBIA — The roundtable with female entrepreneurs was one of the lower-key engagements on Vice President Harris's schedule — no slave fort backdrops, no arches marking a nation's independence, no thronging crowds. But for a moment, Harris waxed about something everyone flanking her understood: the difficulties of being a successful woman in a male-dominated world.

"To shatter a glass ceiling is not without effort and sometimes some pain, right?" Harris said to

the eight women at the table, as they looked at one another and smiled. "Amen to this. But, oh, isn't it worth it?"

For the past week, Harris's official mission in Africa has been to convey the keen U.S. interest in the continent. She has announced billions in aid dollars, convened high-powered meetings and waved off worries that America's interest in Africa is just part of its larger chess match with China.

But as Harris clocked more than 4,000 miles between Ghana, Tanzania and Zambia, she has leaned into aspects of her identity and biography more than at any other point in her vice presidency. Her tone was particularly notable for a politician whose historic appointment embodies the country's diversity but who has at times resisted being confined by the adjectives that describe her.

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