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 <b>5810 MORO RD. - MORO</b> \$1,160,000 // 6.48 ACRES, 5 BR, 4 BA, POOL HOUSE, OUTDOOR KITCHEN	
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**LEGALS**

CLAIM NOTICE  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL  
CIRCUIT MADISON  
COUNTY, PROBATE  
DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE  
ESTATE OF JUDITH  
YVONNE KENNEDY,  
DECEASED

NO. 21-P-529

Notice is given of the death of  
the above decedent on  
September 24, 2021.

Date Letters of Office were  
issued: October 13, 2021.

Executor: JAMI M.  
KENNEDY, 2320 Fontaine  
Drive, Alton, IL, 62002

Attorney: Robert E. Ryan,  
Attorney at Law, 200 W. Third  
St., Alton, IL, 62002

Claims against the estate  
may be filed in the office of  
the Circuit Clerk Probate  
Division, Madison County  
Courthouse, 155 N. Main St.,  
Edwardsville, Illinois 62025,  
on or before May 18, 2022;  
and any claim not so filed is  
barred. Copies of claims must  
be mailed or delivered to the  
Executor and to the attorney.  
21-1032 11/20 11/27 12/4

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
CIRCUIT COURT  
MADISON COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS

REQUEST OF DAKOTA  
ADAM MCCABE

Case No. 21 MR 889

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
NAME CHANGE (ADULT)

An order was entered for a  
court date on my request to  
change my name from  
DAKOTA ADAM MCCABE to  
the new name of DAKOTA  
WILLIAM STRACKELJOHN.  
The Court date will be held on  
December 16, 2021 at 9:00  
a.m. at 155 N. Main Street,  
Edwardsville, Madison  
County, Illinois, in Courtroom  
TBA.  
21-1034 11/20 11/27 12/4

**LEGALS**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
MADISON COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS  
JUVENILE DIVISION

TO: FATHER, SHAWN WOR-  
LEY, AND TO ALL WHOM IT  
MAY CONCERN

IN THE INTEREST OF:  
KOLTON STADELBACHER,  
A MINOR

CASE NUMBER: 21-JA-106

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Take notice that on APRIL 13,  
2021, a petition was filed un-  
der the Juvenile Court Act by  
Thomas A. Haine in the Cir-  
cuit Court of Madison County  
entitled "In the Interest of  
KOLTON STADELBACHER"  
CASE NUMBER: 21-JA-106,  
KOLTON STADELBACHER,  
a minor, and that on DECEM-  
BER 7, 2021 at the hour of  
10:00 AM or as soon there-  
after as this cause may be  
heard, an adjudication/dispo-  
sition hearing on a petition to  
terminate parental rights will  
be held upon the petition to  
have the child declared to be  
a ward of the court under that  
Act. The court has authority in  
this proceeding to take from  
you the custody and guardi-  
anship of the minor, to termi-  
nate your parental rights, and  
to appoint a guardian with  
power to consent to adoption.  
You may lose all parental  
rights to your child. If the peti-  
tion requests the termination  
of your parental rights and the  
appointment of a guardian  
with power to consent to ad-  
option, you may lose all par-  
ental rights to the child.  
(SEAL)  
THOMAS McRAE  
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8220-919356  
21-1286 11/20 11/27 12/4

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LEGALS

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

The summary must be published in the local newspaper.

Copies of the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021 will be available for public inspection in the school district/joint agreement administrative office by December 1, annually.

ALTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #11

550 LANDMARKS STE. A ALTON, IL. 62002

618-474-2600

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

School District/Joint Agreement Name

Address

Telephone Office Hours

Also by January 15, annually the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021, will be posted on the Illinois State Board of Education's website@www.isbe.net.

SUMMARY: The following is the Annual Statement of Affairs Summary that is required to be published by the school district/joint agreement for the past fiscal year. Statement of Operations as of June 30, 2021

Table with 10 columns: Local Sources, Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District, State Sources, Federal Sources, Total Direct Receipts/Revenues, Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures, Other Sources/Uses of Funds, Beginning Fund Balances - July 1, 2020, Other Changes in Fund Balances, Ending Fund Balances June 30, 2021.

GROSS PAYMENT FOR CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

Table listing names of certified personnel and their corresponding gross payments, categorized by salary ranges from less than \$25,000 to \$90,000 and over.

GROSS PAYMENT FOR NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

Table listing names of non-certified personnel and their corresponding gross payments, categorized by salary ranges from less than \$25,000 to \$90,000 and over.

Payments over \$2,500, excluding wages and salaries.

Table listing various vendors and their payment amounts, including categories like 1ST MID AMERICA, AALCO ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT, ADVANCE AUTO PARTS, etc.

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# YOUR NEWSPAPER: TEXTBOOK TO THE WORLD

## Mexico overhauls handling of migrants to release pressure

By Edgar H. Clemente, Felix Marquez and Maria Verza  
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

TAPACHULA, Mexico (AP) — Benjamin Villalta, a 39-year-old Nicaraguan, couldn't believe that a Mexican immigration office would open in the middle of the night to give him and some 40 other migrants one-year humanitarian visas allowing them to move about Mexico and work. "They took our information and at most we waited half an hour," said the excited Villalta. It was a radical change from his first contact with Mexican authorities in early November, who detained him and then dumped him at a remote border crossing with Guatemala. Undeterred, he caught up with a migrant caravan that had left Tapachula, spent three weeks walking with them and then took the government's offer of a bus ride to another city and a humanitarian visa.

Such an option would have been a fantasy before and is now part of a major overhaul of how Mexico is handling migrants at its



Nicaraguan migrants Jose Alanis, Benjamin Villalta, Emanuel Mendoza and Edgar Sequeira, walk on the US-Mexico border, in Algodones, Baja California, Mexico, Thursday, Dec. 2, 2021. The group walked to the US border, turned themselves in to the border patrol and asked for asylum.

southern border. It came just days before the United States and Mexico announced Thursday a deal to re-implement under court order a Trump-era policy known as "Remain in Mexico" at Mexico's northern border that forced asylum seekers to wait out their cases inside Mexico.

Both sets of policies seek to alleviate immigration pressures on the respective governments. In the south, Mexico is trying to relieve growing frustration among migrants the government has contained in Tapachula. "Remain in Mexico," swiftly suspended by Joe Biden when he took office, was intended

by the previous administration to deter asylum seekers by making them wait in Mexico's dangerous northern border cities.

The dilemma of how to cope with the migrant caravans departing Tapachula pushed Mexico to find alternatives. After more than two years of a con-

tainment policy that kept migrants stuck in the south, far from the U.S. border, Tapachula — a sweltering city of some 350,000 — was overwhelmed with tens of thousands of recent migrants. They have been crowded in parks and plazas, many complaining they couldn't find work.

The new plan is to move migrants to other states across Mexico and give them humanitarian visas to let them work legally for a year, according to the National Immigration Institute.

The effects of that policy change remain unclear, especially since many of the migrants still aspire to make it to the United States — but will now do so from cities closer to the U.S. border.

In recent days, some 3,000 people, mostly Haitians, have camped under trees and in the parking lot of Tapachula's soccer stadium. They wait for buses that the Mexican government will use to ferry migrants to other cities and hope for the humanitarian visas, but don't know where they'd

go — or when the buses will arrive. "I want to go to another city to look for work," said Haitian migrant Edwine Varin, while she and her husband and son sought shade under a sheet at the stadium. "If I don't work, how am I going to pay rent? How am I going to buy food, clothes for the kids?"

A Venezuelan migrant who would only give his name as Jeferson said that he had just arrived to Tapachula with his mother. "We were coming by on the bus because we were going to turn ourselves in to immigration and we saw all the people," Jeferson said. An Associated Press journalist saw them board a government bus later that same day, though where it was headed was unclear.

With little information, migrants have attempted to organize themselves, but it's not always successful. Some have blocked roads to demand the government send more buses. The immigration institute has not said how many migrants have been given the humanitarian visas or bused elsewhere.

## Biden signs bill to fund the government through Feb. 18, averting a shutdown

By Mariana Alfaro and Tyler Pager  
 THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON - President Joe Biden signed legislation to fund the government through Feb. 18, averting a government shutdown that would have kept multiple federal services closed and employees out of work days before the holidays.

The stopgap funding bill cleared Congress on Thursday night after some delays partly caused by a small group of Senate Re-

publicans who tried to seize on the imminent fiscal deadline to fight Biden over his vaccine mandate-and-testing policies. Had the measure not passed, Washington would have essentially come to a halt Saturday morning, a development that Democrats had described as irresponsible and dangerous in the middle of a deadly pandemic.

The stopgap measure means that, by Feb. 18, lawmakers must adopt another short-term measure or complete work on

a dozen long-stalled appropriations bills that fund the government for the remainder of fiscal 2022, which ends in September.

The funding bill, known as a continuing resolution, passed the Senate on a bipartisan 69-to-28 vote late Thursday evening. Earlier in the day, it passed the House largely along party lines. Illinois Rep. Adam Kinzinger, who is retiring at the end of his term, was the only Republican to vote for it.

The measure covers key federal agencies and programs until February and authorizes an additional \$7 billion to assist Afghan refugees. Another \$1.6 billion appropriated in the bill will fund care for unaccompanied children who crossed the southern border and are in U.S. custody. Funding for the care of unaccompanied children was also a feature of budget bills passed during the Trump administration.

The bill, however, doesn't address an array

of unresolved policy issues and program funding that lawmakers had hoped to tackle before the end of the year, including impending cuts to Medicare and farm subsidies.

On Friday morning, Biden called the stopgap measure "a great achievement," but also the "bare minimum" one could expect from Congress. Biden thanked House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., for ensuring passage of the bill and urged Congress to finalize a full spending bill in the coming weeks. Biden also thanked Senate Appropri-

ations Committee chair Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., vice chair Richard C. Shelby, R-Ala., and Rep. Rosa DeLauro, D-Conn., who chairs the House Appropriations Committee.

"I want to thank the substantial bipartisan vote in the Senate for sending this bill to my desk today to avoid disruption of government operations," Biden said Friday. "I want to urge Congress to use the time this bill provides to work toward a bipartisan agreement on a full-year funding bill that makes the needed investments in our economy and our people, from public health, to education, to our national security."



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This Dec. 4, 2019 file photo shows Dr. Mehmet Oz at the 14th annual L'Oréal Paris Women of Worth Gala in New York. Oz is running in the 2022 Republican primary election for Pennsylvania's open U.S. Senate seat.

## Rich? Want to be a U.S. senator? Welcome to Pennsylvania!

By Marc Levy  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Rich, Republican and want to be a U.S. senator?

Pennsylvania might as well hang a welcome sign.

The presidential battleground state's high-stakes race for an open Senate seat is seeing candidates with big bank accounts and big-time connections exchanging their blue-state mansions for decidedly purple Pennsylvania, and pursuing an opportu-

nity they might never have at home.

Introducing Carla Sands, Mehmet Oz — best known as the host of TV's "Dr. Oz Show" — and David McCormick, all three of whom seem prepared to spend millions of their own dollars to win a Senate seat.

Their arrival seems to be a testament to Republican optimism about winning in Pennsylvania, a bellwether state and one of the nation's biggest presidential electoral prizes, backing Democrat Joe

Biden in last year's election and former President Donald Trump in 2016.

It's also a test in an increasingly nationalized political environment of whether voters care about how deeply their representatives are tied to the state — or whether carpet-bagging will be a pivotal issue in next year's contest to replace retiring two-term Republican U.S. Sen. Pat Toomey. "Every candidate comes with assets and liabilities," said Charlie Dent, a former seven-term congressman from

the Allentown area. "The question is, how big a liability it is and, at the end of the day, will it matter to voters more than any other issue?" But, Dent said, "every one of those candidates will be doing everything they can to prove their Pennsylvania bona fides. They'll spend a lot of time talking about their roots in Pennsylvania."

The race is wide open, and has attracted Democratic contestants who have far more electoral experience than the Republican field.

## Court mulls: Was Trump's reply to rape claim part of job?

By Jennifer Peltz  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK (AP) — Federal appeals judges asked Friday whether a U.S. president's every remark is part of the job as they weighed whether former President Donald Trump can be held liable in a defamation case that concerns his response to a rape allegation.

Trump and the Justice Department say he was acting in his official capacity when he spoke to the media about writer E. Jean Carroll's accusation, so they want to swap the U.S. government in for Trump himself as the defendant in her defamation lawsuit.

The change might sound technical, but it could make a big difference. Federal law makes it difficult to sue U.S. government employees for job-related actions, and a law that sometimes allows such lawsuits specifically excludes libel and slander claims. That could keep Carroll's case from going forward if courts decide Trump was acting as a government worker.

A federal judge rejected that request in October. Friday's panel of 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals judges didn't give a clear indication of how, or when, they would rule.

But the judges floated multiple questions about private and public conduct for the commander-in-chief: Is everything a president says work-

related? Does it become so if reporters are there?

Can saying that a woman is "not my type," as Trump did, be part of public service? Should presidents need to mind their language constantly for fear that losing their cool could cross a line into legal responsibility?

Trump's lawyer, Alina Habba, drew the line at "an unprovoked attack on a citizen" and said that wasn't what he did.

"He was on the defensive here" after Carroll went public in 2019 with her allegation that Trump raped her in the 1990s, Habba said. She argued that the claim essentially questioned his fitness for office.

"When somebody says he did a heinous crime 20 years ago, he needs to address it," she said.

But Carroll's lawyers say Trump's response went beyond any job obligation.

"A White House job is not a promise of an unlimited prerogative to brutalize someone who was a victim of a prior attack," attorney Joshua Matz told the court.

Carroll, a former longtime Elle magazine advice columnist, sued Trump in 2019, saying he slandered her in denying her allegation that he raped her in a New York City department store dressing room in the 1990s.

Trump said she was "totally lying" and was "not my type," among other remarks.

## Colorado supermarket shooting suspect incompetent for trial

By Colleen Slevin  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DENVER (AP) — A judge ruled Friday that a man charged with killing 10 people at a Colorado supermarket earlier this year is mentally incompetent to stand trial and ordered him to be treated at the state mental hospital to see if he can be made well enough to face prosecution.

Ahmad Al Aliwi Alissa, 22, is accused of opening fire at a busy King Soopers in the college town of Boulder in March, killing a police officer, shoppers and several store employees.

Four doctors have now determined that Alissa is not mentally competent to participate in court proceedings, and he has "deteriorated" over the past couple of months while in jail, District Attorney Michael Dougherty said. Given the



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**Ahmad Al Aliwi Alissa, accused of killing 10 people at a Colorado supermarket in March, is led into a courtroom for a hearing Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2021, in Boulder, Colo. Experts have found Alissa is mentally incompetent to proceed in the case, attorneys said during a court hearing, Friday, Dec. 3, 2021.**

consensus, Dougherty requested that Judge Ingrid Bakke send Alissa to the state mental hospital in hopes that medication and treatment will enable him to become competent un-

der the law — able to understand legal proceedings and work with his lawyers to defend himself.

Dougherty did not disclose why the experts determined Alissa is not

competent, and the report explaining the evaluation's finding is not available to the public, only to the lawyers and judge. Alissa's attorney, Kathryn Herold, said Friday her client has a "serious" mental illness but did not provide details. She also agreed he should be sent to the Colorado Mental Health Institute at Pueblo.

The ruling halts virtually all proceedings in the case indefinitely. Alissa is not scheduled to be back in court again until March 15, nearly a year after the shooting, to discuss whether any progress has been made. There is a possibility he could return before then if doctors believe he has become competent, Dougherty said. Prosecutors will get monthly updates from the hospital on his condition.

"I'm 100% confident that the day will come that he's

held fully responsible for what he did on March 22," Dougherty said after the hearing.

Robert Olds, whose niece Rikki Olds, the supermarket's front-end manager, was killed in the shooting, said he was frustrated by the latest delay, which puts off the day when his family can really begin to grieve by seeing Alissa put on trial. However, he also tries not to become too upset by the justice system's slow pace, to avoid being "revictimized" by Alissa, he said.

Still, Olds noted Alissa seemed competent at his last court hearing when he answered the judge's questions. "He's incompetent to stand trial, but on the day he did all of this he was pretty dang competent in his actions and everything else," Olds said.

An earlier court-ordered evaluation complet-

ed Oct. 1 found Alissa was not mentally competent, but prosecutors asked for a second evaluation to be conducted with an expert of their choosing, the latest to find him incompetent. An earlier evaluation by a defense expert also found him to be incompetent, Dougherty said.

While none of those reports are public either, court filings regarding the Oct. 1 evaluation contained some hints of Alissa's condition.

Alissa was provisionally diagnosed with an unspecified mental health condition that limits his ability to "meaningfully converse with others," and he gave "superficial responses" to questions about hypothetical legal situations that indicate a "passive approach to his defense" and "potential overreliance on his attorneys," according to a prosecution motion.

## Omicron-stricken South Africa may be glimpse into the future

By Andrew Meldrum  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — Dr. Sikhulile Moyo was analyzing COVID-19 samples in his lab in Botswana last week when he noticed they looked startlingly different from others.

Within days, the world was ablaze with the news that the coronavirus had a new variant of concern — one that appears to be driving a dramatic surge in South Africa and offering a glimpse of where the pandemic might be headed.

New COVID-19 cases in South Africa have burgeoned from about 200 a day in mid-November to more than 16,000 on Friday. Omicron was detected over a week ago in the country's most populous province, Gauteng, and

has since spread to all eight other provinces, Health Minister Joe Phaahla said.

Even with the rapid increase, infections are still below the 25,000 new daily cases that South Africa reported in the previous surge, in June and July.

Little is known about the new variant, but the spike in South Africa suggests it might be more contagious, said Moyo, the scientist who may have been the first to identify the new variant, though researchers in neighboring South Africa were close on his heels. Omicron has more than 50 mutations, and scientists have called it a big jump in the evolution of the virus.

It's not clear if the variant causes more serious illness or can evade the protection of vaccines. Phaahla noted that only a small

number of people who have been vaccinated have gotten sick, mostly with mild cases, while the vast majority of those who have been hospitalized were not vaccinated.

But in a worrisome development, South African scientists reported that omicron appears more likely than earlier variants to cause reinfections among people who have already had a bout with COVID-19.

"Previous infection used to protect against delta, and now with omicron it doesn't seem to be the case," one of the researchers, Anne von Gottberg, said at a World Health Organization briefing on Thursday.

While the study did not examine the protection offered by vaccination, von

Gottberg said: "We believe that vaccines will still, however, protect against severe disease."

The findings, posted online Thursday, are preliminary and haven't yet undergone scientific review.

South Africa's hospitals are so far coping with the surge, even those in Gauteng province, which accounts for more than 70% of all new infections, Phaahla said.

The picture could change because most of those infected thus far have been younger people, who generally do not get as sick as older patients. But Moyo expressed hope that vaccines would continue to work against the variant.

"I have a lot of hope from the data that we see that those vaccinated should be able to have a lot of protection," he said.

## UN renews anti-piracy ships off Somalia

By Edith M. Lederer  
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UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The U.N. Security Council voted unanimously Friday to allow international naval forces to continue using all necessary means to fight piracy off the coast of Somalia — but only for the next three months because the Somali government says there has been no piracy incident for over four years and it's time to end the operation.

The council had been renewing the authorization for regional organizations and countries to fight against piracy and armed robbery off the coast of the Horn of Africa nation for 12 months. But this year the Somali government, whose consent is required, objected

to another year-long renewal sought by the United States, which drafted the resolution, and agreed only to three months after negotiations with the U.S. and other council members. "We believe that the Security Council resolutions on piracy and armed robbery off the coast of Somalia have successfully achieved its intended objective," Somalia's U.N. Ambassador Abukar Dahir Osman told the council after the vote.

He said 13 years after adoption of the council's first resolution to fight piracy, the milestone of "four consecutive years of no single piracy incident and no piracy hostage held in Somalia is a true testament of federal government of Somalia's ownership of the problem.

# Lebanese minister resigns in bid to ease crisis with Saudis

By Zeina Karam and Sarah El Deeb  
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BEIRUT (AP) — Lebanon's information minister resigned Friday, a move many hope could open the way for easing an unprecedented diplomatic row with Saudi Arabia and other Gulf Arab nations that has compounded the small country's multiple crises.

George Kordahi, the minister and a prominent former game show host, said he took the decision to step down ahead of French President Emmanuel Macron's visit to Saudi Arabia on Saturday. The resignation, Kordahi said at a press conference in the Lebanese capital, may help Macron start a dialogue to help restore Beirut-Riyadh relations.

But the crisis goes deeper than Kordahi's comments aired in late October, in which he was critical of the Saudi-led war in Yemen. His resignation is unlikely going to be a game changer in the dynamics of the crisis. It is rooted in Saudi Arabia's

uneasiness over the rising influence of Iran in the region, including in Lebanon, once a traditional Saudi ally and recipient of financial assistance from the oil-rich kingdom.

It is also unlikely to diffuse internal divisions in Lebanon and a government paralysis made worse during the diplomatic crisis.

Saudi Arabia, which has been joined by other Gulf Arab states in a boycott of Lebanon, is unhappy with the dominance of the Iran-backed militant Hezbollah group and its allies on the levers of power in Lebanon.

"The Saudi view is that any initiative that does not address that core issue will not succeed nor receive its blessing," said the risk consultancy Eurasia Group in a statement Friday. "As a result, a minister's resignation will be viewed as somewhat constructive but largely irrelevant to the much larger issue at hand."

Prospects of significant financial assistance to Lebanon are therefore dim, the group said.



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**Lebanon's Information Minister George Kordahi speaks during a press conference to announce his resignation at the Ministry of Information in Beirut, Lebanon, Friday. Kordahi announce his resignation Friday, in a bid to ease an unprecedented diplomatic crisis with Saudi Arabia and other Gulf countries.**

That crisis has added to immense economic troubles facing Lebanon, already mired in a financial meltdown. Following Kordahi's televised comments, the kingdom recalled its ambassador from Beirut and banned all Lebanese imports, af-

fecting hundreds of businesses and cutting off hundreds of millions in foreign currency to Lebanon.

That aggravated Lebanon's economic crisis, the worst in its modern history, which has plunged more than three quarters

of the nation's population of 6 million, including a million Syrian refugees, into poverty.

The Saudi measures have caused anxiety, particularly among hundreds of thousands of Lebanese who work in the Gulf Arab countries and send

home millions of dollars every year.

For weeks, Kordahi, backed by Hezbollah and its allies, refused to resign, saying the comments were made before he was named minister and that he meant no offense.

On Friday, he said he was resigning even though he was unconvinced that this was needed, adding that "Lebanon does not deserve this treatment" from Saudi Arabia.

"Lebanon is more important than George Kordahi," he said. "I hope that this resignation opens the window" for better relations with Gulf Arab countries.

Prime Minister Najib Mikati welcomed Kordahi's resignation, saying it was "necessary" and "could open the door for tackling the problem with the brothers in the kingdom and the Gulf nations."

On Hezbollah's Al-Manar TV, Kordahi was hailed as a "national hero" who stepped down for the national good, without changing his views.

# Vatican takes in 12 migrants as pope denounces indifference

By Menelaos Hadjicostis and Nicole Winfield  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Pope Francis on Friday denounced the "culture of indifference" that the West shows migrants as the Vatican confirmed that at least a dozen asylum-seekers would be transferred from Cyprus to Italy in a gesture of solidarity with European countries that have received a disproportionate share of would-be refugees.

The transfer, formally announced on the second day of Francis' visit to Cyprus, came on the eve of his scheduled arrival in Greece, from where he brought a dozen Syrian Muslim refugees home with him aboard the papal plane in 2016.

The Vatican said the Rome-based Sant'Egidio Community, working with governments, had arranged to bring the asylum-seekers from Cyprus to Italy in the coming weeks. It said 12 people would be initially transferred. Earlier, the Cypriot Interior Ministry had thanked Francis and the Holy See for the initiative to relocate 50 people, saying it was a recognition of Cyprus' inability to continue to absorb migrants and refugees.

The Vatican didn't immediately respond when asked about the discrepancy, though presumably more could be relocated at a later date since Sant'Egidio for years has run "humanitarian corridor" services to bring migrants to



Petros Karadjias/Associated Press

**A peacekeeper of the mission in Cyprus, stands guard prior to Pope Francis prayer with migrants at the Parish Church of the Holy Cross in Nicosia, Cyprus, Friday. Francis is on a five-day trip to Cyprus and Greece, drawing attention once again to his call for Europe to welcome migrants.**

Italy legally.

Cyprus' interior minister, Nicos Nouris, insisted to The Associated Press that arrangements had been made to transfer 50 asylum-seekers in total.

Francis himself didn't confirm the initiative during a Friday evening prayer service with migrants in the Church of the Holy Cross in Nicosia, the Mediterranean island nation's capital. But he made it clear that countries had a moral obligation to accept those who flee war, hatred and oppression — often to face barbed wire at borders before they are rejected and returned.

"He who comes asking for freedom, bread, help, fraternity and joy, who is fleeing hatred, finds himself in front of a hatred which is called barbed wire," Francis told the mi-

grants, who took up most of the pews in the Nicosia church. "May the Lord awaken the conscience of all of us in front of all these things. We cannot be silent and look away at this culture of indifference."

Francis referred to the problems Cyprus was undergoing, saying he recognized that governments can't take in everyone and that "we have to understand the limits."

"This is a generous island, but it can't do everything because the number of people who arrive is superior to the possibility to insert, integrate and promote them," in Cypriot society, he said.

But he also voiced disgust at how the "developed civilizations of the West" refuse to accept migrants or send them back to countries where they would be "confined, tor-

tured and enslaved."

It was a reference to the migrant crisis at the European Union's border in Poland with Belarus, as well as the conditions in Libyan compounds for refugees who are sent back. Francis called them "lagers" similar to Nazi and Stalin-era detention camps.

"Today, we wonder how that happened (in the past), but this is happening to our brothers and sisters today, on nearby coasts," he said.

Others, he said, never make it and die at sea.

The global indifference, he said, is "a serious illness and there's no antibiotic for it. We have to go against this vice of getting used to these tragedies."

Among those attending Francis' service was David Henry Jr., 28, who is from Nigeria.

# U.S. warns of Russian offensive in Ukraine

By Shane Harris and Paul Sonne  
THE WASHINGTON POST

As tensions mount between Washington and Moscow over a potential Russian invasion of Ukraine, U.S. intelligence has found the Kremlin is planning a multi-front offensive as soon as early next year involving up to 175,000 troops, according to U.S. officials and an intelligence document obtained by The Washington Post.

The Kremlin has been moving troops toward the border with Ukraine while demanding Washington guarantee that Ukraine will not join NATO and that the alliance will refrain from certain military activities in and around Ukrainian territory. The crisis has provoked fears of a renewed war on European soil and comes ahead of a planned virtual meeting next week between President Joe Biden and Russian President Vladimir Putin.

"The Russian plans call for a military offensive against Ukraine as soon as early 2022 with a scale of forces twice what we saw this past spring during Russia's snap exercise near Ukraine's borders," said an administration official, speaking on the condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive information. "The plans involve extensive movement of 100 battalion tactical groups with an estimated 175,000 personnel, along with armor, artillery and equipment."

The unclassified U.S. intelligence document obtained by The Post, which includes satellite photos, shows Russian forces massing in four locations.

Currently, 50 battlefield tactical groups are deployed, along with "newly arrived" tanks and artillery, according to the document.

While Ukrainian assessments have said Russia has approximately 94,000 troops near the border, the U.S. map puts the number at 70,000 - but it predicts a buildup to as many as 175,000 and describes extensive movement of battalion tactical groups to and from the border "to obfuscate intentions and to create uncertainty."

The U.S. analysis of Russia's plans is based in part on satellite images that "show newly arrived units at various locations along the Ukrainian border over the last month," the official said.

Details of the U.S. intelligence provide a picture that Secretary of State Antony Blinken began to outline this week on a trip to Europe, where he described "evidence that Russia has made plans for significant aggressive moves against Ukraine" and warned there would be severe consequences, including high-impact economic measures, if Russia invaded.

Biden said he is preparing measures to raise the cost of any new invasion for Putin, who has dismissed the U.S. warnings as rumors and said Russia is not threatening anyone. "What I am doing is putting together what I believe to be, will be the most comprehensive and meaningful set of initiatives to make it very, very difficult for Mr. Putin to go ahead and do what people are worried he may do," Biden said Friday.

# Parents of Michigan boy charged in Oxford school shooting

By Corey Williams and Ed White  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — A prosecutor filed involuntary manslaughter charges Friday against the parents of a teen accused of killing four students at a Michigan high school, saying they failed to intervene on the day of the tragedy despite being confronted with a drawing and chilling message — "blood everywhere" — that was found at the boy's desk.

James and Jennifer Crumbley committed "egregious" acts, from buying a gun on Black Friday and making it available to Ethan Crumbley to

resisting his removal from school when they were summoned a few hours before the shooting, Oakland County prosecutor Karen McDonald said.

"I expect parents and everyone to have humanity and to step in and stop a potential tragedy," she said. "The conclusion I draw is that there was absolute reason to believe this individual was dangerous and disturbed."

By mid-afternoon, authorities said they were searching for the couple. Sheriff Mike Bouchard said their attorney, Shannon Smith, had agreed to arrange their arrest if charges were filed but hadn't been able to reach

them. Smith, however, said the Crumbleys weren't on the run and had left town earlier in the week "for their own safety."

"They are returning to the area to be arraigned," Smith told The Associated Press.

Earlier, the prosecutor offered the most precise account so far of the events that led to the shooting, three days after four students were killed and others were wounded at Oxford High School, roughly 30 miles (50 kilometers) north of Detroit.

Ethan Crumbley, 15, emerged from a bathroom with a gun, shooting students in the hallway, in-

vestigators said. He's charged as an adult with murder, terrorism and other crimes.

Under Michigan law, the involuntary manslaughter charge filed against the parents can be pursued if authorities believe someone contributed to a situation where there was a high chance of harm or death.

Parents in the U.S. are rarely charged in school shootings involving their children, even as most minors get guns from a parent or relative's house, according to experts.

School officials became concerned about the younger Crumbley on Monday, a day before the shooting,

when a teacher saw him searching for ammunition on his phone, McDonald said.

Jennifer Crumbley was contacted and subsequently told her son in a text message: "Lol. I'm not mad at you. You have to learn not to get caught," according to the prosecutor.

On Tuesday, a teacher found a note on Ethan's desk and took a photo. It was a drawing of a gun pointing at the words, "The thoughts won't stop. Help me," McDonald said.

There also was a drawing of a bullet, she said, with words above it: "Blood everywhere."

Between the gun and

the bullet was a person who appeared to have been shot twice and is bleeding. He also wrote, "My life is useless" and "The world is dead," according to the prosecutor.

The school quickly had a meeting with Ethan and his parents, who were told to get him into counseling within 48 hours, McDonald said.

The Crumbleys failed to ask their son about the gun or check his backpack and "resisted the idea of their son leaving the school at that time," McDonald said.

Instead, the teen returned to class and the shooting subsequently occurred.

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