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In the Matter of the Provision of Basic Generation Service  
for the Period Beginning June 1, 2024

BPU Docket No. ER23030124

***VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL***

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44 South Clinton Avenue, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
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Dear Secretary Golden:

Attached and filed herewith is a copy of affidavits as proof of publication of the Notice of Filing and Public Hearings in the above-referenced matter. This notice appeared in the following newspapers on August 18, 2023.

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Very truly yours,

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# NOTICE TO PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS

## NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR BASIC GENERATION SERVICE (BGS) CHARGES PROCURED BY PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY ON BEHALF OF ITS BGS CUSTOMERS AND

### NOTICE OF PROPOSED RECOVERY THROUGH ITS BGS CHARGES OF COSTS RESULTING FROM STATEWIDE AUCTION FOR BGS BPU DOCKET NO. ER23030124

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that on June 30, 2023, Public Service Electric and Gas Company ("PSE&G" or "Company") filed an annual "Proposal for Basic Generation Service" ("BGS") Requirements to be Procured Effective June 1, 2024" with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board" or "BPU"), and on July 3, 2023, filed PSE&G's Company Specific Addendum thereto, collectively requesting that the Board approve the procurement of BGS through a statewide competitive auction process with new BGS charges to become effective June 1, 2024 ("Petition"). BGS is the electric generation supply provided to all PSE&G customers who do not purchase their electricity from a third-party supplier.

The Board mandates that the New Jersey Electric Distribution Companies ("EDCs"), including PSE&G, provide BGS in accordance with the requirements of the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act N.J.S.A. 48:3-49, et seq. ("Act"). BGS is currently procured through a statewide competitive auction process in which all of the EDCs seek competitive offers for BGS supply from electric generation suppliers. In this auction process, electric generation suppliers bid in a descending-clock auction on specified portions of the electric requirements for BGS customers for each of the EDCs. Since 2001, the Board has approved this type of auction and found that this process meets the statutory requirements of the Act. The Company's Petition is available at <https://www.bgs-auction.com/bgs.auction.regproc.asp>.

The final price for PSE&G Basic Generation Service – Residential Small Commercial Pricing ("BGS-RSCP") supply resulting from the BGS-RSCP auction conducted in 2023 was \$0.09311 per kilowatt-hour, for a 36-month supply period. For the Basic Generation Service – Commercial and Industrial Energy Pricing ("BGS-CIEP") auction conducted in 2023, the Generation Capacity Charge cleared at \$330.72 per MW-day.

The final clearing prices for the BGS supply procured in the 2024 BGS-RSCP and BGS-CIEP auctions may be higher or lower than the prices obtained in the 2023 auctions. Auction prices are converted to customer charges, which may be higher or lower than current charges, depending on the outcome of the auction consistent with market conditions. BGS rates also include applicable transmission charges set by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC"). BGS-RSCP and BGS-CIEP rates may change to reflect any increases or decreases in these FERC-approved transmission charges.

Under the Petition, the criteria for BGS-CIEP eligibility would be set at a peak load share of 500 kW. Customer classes eligible to be served under the BGS-RSCP rate would include customers served under PSE&G's distribution Rate Schedules RS, RHS, RLM, WH, WHS, HS, BPL, BPL-POF, PSAL, GLP and LPL-Secondary with a peak load share of less than 500 kW. Customers served on Rate Schedules HS, GLP and LPL-Secondary may elect to be served at BGS-CIEP as their default supply option. Additionally, PSE&G customers served under distribution Rate Schedules LPL-Primary, HTS-Subtransmission, HTS-Transmission, HTS-High Voltage, and those LPL-Secondary customers with a peak load share of 500 kW or greater are only eligible to be served under BGS-CIEP. These criteria for BGS-CIEP service are subject to change for this year's procurement at the discretion of the Board.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that a virtual public hearing is scheduled on the following date and time so that members of the public may present their views on the Petition.

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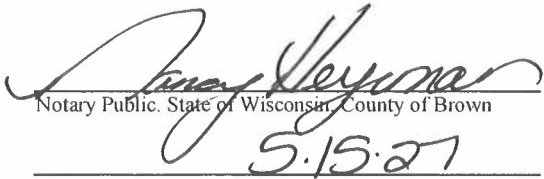
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PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY

# Kansas newspaper publishes after raid

Prosecutor says police should return devices

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MARION, Kansas — A police raid that drew national attention to a small Kansas newspaper over threats to press freedoms wasn't supported by evidence, a prosecutor said Wednesday, as the paper's staff scrambled to print its first weekly edition since their cellphones and computers were seized.

Forced to rewrite stories and reproduce ads from scratch, the four-person newsroom toiled overnight to print Wednesday's edition, with a defiant front-page headline that read: "SEIZED ... but not silenced." Under the 2-inch-tall typeface, they published stories on the raid and the influx of support the weekly newspaper has since received.

On Wednesday, Marion County Attorney Joel Ensey said his review of police seizures from the Marion County Record offices and the publisher's home found "insufficient evidence exists to establish a legally sufficient nexus between this alleged crime and the places searched and the items seized."

"As a result, I have submitted a proposed order asking the court to release the evidence seized. I have asked local law enforcement to return the material seized to the owners of the property," Ensey said in a news release.

But in a statement released along with the county attorney's, the Kansas Bureau of Investigation said it still is examining whether the newspaper violated state laws. A warrant for the raid, signed by a local judge, suggested the raid was over whether the paper improperly used a local restaurant owner's personal information to access her state driving record online. Editor and Publisher Eric Meyer has said the paper did nothing illegal.

In Topeka, Kansas Attorney General Kris Kobach, a conservative Republican who oversees the KBI, said its "principal interest" remains the computer access allegations. He told reporters he didn't understand the KBI's role to include "an evaluation of constitutional claims



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The KBI said it would continue its work without examining any evidence seized last Friday. Once the state investigators finish, Kobach said, the county attorney will decide whether to prosecute. Meyer said that the county sheriff's office, which had been storing the items for the police, released them Wednesday afternoon to a computer forensics firm from the Kansas City area hired by the newspaper's attorney. It is reviewing their files and programs to see whether materials on the devices have been copied, Meyer said.

"You cannot let bullies win," Meyer said. "We have a staff that's very experienced, including myself, and we're not going to take crap."

Meyer has said that the stress from the raid of his home caused the death Saturday of his 98-year-old mother, Juan, the paper's co-owner.

Last week's police raid put the town into the center of a national debate about press freedom, with watchdog groups condemning the department's actions. Meyer said he believes the raid was carried out because the newspaper was investigating why the police chief

left his previous post as an officer in Kansas City, Missouri.

Police Chief Gideon Cody left the Missouri department earlier this year and began the job in Marion in June. He has not responded to interview requests, and he did not reply to an email seeking comment about Wednesday's developments.

Meyer said police seized a computer tower and cellphone belonging to a reporter who wasn't part of the effort to check on the business owner's background — but who was looking into Cody's background.

Asked if the newspaper's investigation of Cody may have had anything to do with the decision to raid it, Bernie Rhodes, the newspaper's attorney, responded: "I think it is a remarkable coincidence if it didn't."

Meyer's family has long published the newspaper in the town of about 1,900 among rolling hills about 150 miles southwest of Kansas City, an area that once was a sea of tall prairie grass. It's known for its aggressive coverage of local politics, and some residents have accused it of driving businesses away, something Meyer dismisses.

Dennis Calvert, a 67-year-old Wichita resident and U.S. Navy nuclear submarine veteran, drove more than an hour to get a copy of Wednesday's edition and sign up for a six-month subscription.

Asked about the role of local journalists, he said, "It'd be equal to, how important is your doctor if you're going into surgery?"

At one point, a couple visiting from Arizona stopped at the front desk to buy a subscription, just to show their support, said Emily Bradbury, executive director of the Kansas Press Association, who was helping at the paper. Many others from around the country have purchased subscriptions since the raids. An office manager told Bradbury that she's having a hard time keeping up with demand.

To put out the Wednesday edition of the paper, journalists and those involved in the business side of the newspaper used a couple of old computers that police didn't confiscate, taking turns to get stories to the printer, to assemble ads and to check email.

Because electronics were so scarce, it took the newsroom until 5 a.m. to finish the paper, Bradbury said. She shipped in herself by answering phones and ordering meals for staffers.

"There were literally index cards going back and forth," said Rhodes, who was also in the office. "They had all the classified ads, all the legal notices that they had to create. All of those were on the computers."

The newspaper's press run is normally 4,000 papers. But since the raids, they have received more than 2,000 new subscriptions, Meyer said.

A warrant signed by a magistrate about two hours before Friday's raid said that local police sought to gather evidence of potential identity theft and other computer crimes stemming from a conflict between the newspaper and the local restaurant owner, Karl Newell.

Newell accuses the newspaper of violating her privacy and illegally obtaining personal information about her, while the newspaper has countered that it received information about her unsolicited, then verified its authenticity through public records online.

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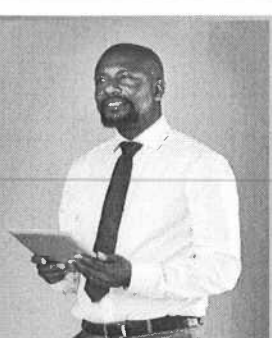
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# Maui searches for missing pets

Wildfires caused burns, smoke inhalation

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LAHAINA, Hawaii — Lahaina residents Luxmi and Mike Quall arrived full of hope at Maui Humane Society on Tuesday to pick up their lost dog, Hilo. The Qualls' home burned to the ground, and they feared Hilo, a whippet greyhound mix, had also perished with the house.

Luxmi Quall filed a missing pet report with the Maui Humane Society and created a post on a "Missing Pets of Maui" Facebook group. At 8:30 p.m. on Monday, she received a Facebook message from someone with screenshots of her dog, Hilo.

"I was crying hysterically. We were trying to drive home from a friend's place so we had to pull over because we just couldn't believe it," Luxmi Quall said.

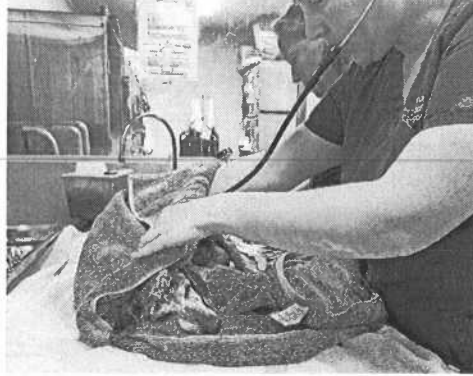
It's estimated that 3,000 animals are lost or missing following the Maui wildfires, which nearly destroyed the historic area of Lahaina, and some are being found with severe burns and smoke inhalation. Some pets have injuries so severe they are unrecognizable, which makes reunification even more difficult.

## Thousands of pets missing in Maui

As of Monday, the Maui Humane Society had received 367 lost animal reports and are working to "reunite every animal with its owner, in any way we can," said Katie Shannon, director of marketing and communications at Maui Humane Society.

"We are scanning for microchips for any animals that we are finding, whether live or deceased and making sure that we can provide the closure necessary for those that, unfortunately, haven't made it," Shannon said.

Maui Humane Society created a Facebook group with nearly 6,400 members to help connect owners with missing pets. They're also encouraging residents to file a lost or found report to keep track of which animals still need to



Animals that survived the Maui wildfires are treated at Maui Humane Society for injuries such as burns and smoke inhalation. MAUI HUMANE SOCIETY

## Maui pets need medical care, food

Before the fires, the organization was overcapacity, meaning they had no kennels left to house pets harmed by the fire. However, the community rallied together to foster the pets and make space for found animals, Shannon said.

"Yesterday, we had 52 animals that had come in from Lahaina, and we've been able to reunite eight of those animals with their owners," Shannon said. "We have cats who almost look unrecognizable. So, they might have a very different type of coat. We have no idea if they were long-haired or short-haired."

The Qualls showed the link to Hilo's profile on the Maui Humane Society's page to a worker who went into the shelter to look for Hilo. Ten painstakingly long minutes later, the worker came back with bad news: Hilo was not there. The Qualls had mistaken a lost report for Hilo as a found report.

The Qualls thanked the staff and walked back to their car silently. Their search for Hilo continues.

Kihei Veterinary Clinic and Maui Humane Society opened a pop-up clinic in Napili Plaza to offer free medical care, food and animal medication.

Animals needing extensive treatment are sent to the Maui Humane Society or the Central Maui Animal Clinic. The clinic plans to open a satellite clinic soon at the Civic Center in Lahaina, which will be fully operational, including X-rays and surgeries.

"We had some burns on the first day we were out here, smoke inhalation — so more residual stuff in the lungs, damage and the eyes — that's what we've been seeing," said Jacy Perkins, 25, a veterinary assistant at Kihei Veterinary Clinic.

Community members ranging from technicians to veterinarians have volunteered to join the efforts, said Perkins. Veterinarians have also flown in from other islands to help.

"I drove in here last night, and I saw the sign. I spoke to the vets, and they

were incredibly helpful," said Elaine Shoemaker, who visited the pop-up with her dog, Windy. She said the veterinarians "had not showered in two days, so I offered my house and offered a shower." Shoemaker's house is about 7 miles north of the fire and still standing.

## Police dogs need help, housing

Maui Police Department's K-9 unit was also hit hard by the fires, said Jay Nix, vice president of K9s United, a nonprofit advocating for K9 units across the country. The organization has begun fundraising efforts to help support human and canine officers of Maui's K-9 unit.

"We're trying to get these guys... some of the stuff they need. Everything from emergency equipment — things they need right now — as well as kennels because they are no longer able to keep their dogs in the agency," Nix said.

K9s United also plans to use fundraising money to buy respirators and filters for the human and canine officers "that are having to work in this environment." The devastation there, it's just almost unimaginable," Nix said. "Every penny that goes there goes directly to the efforts in Maui."

Shannon said finding lost pets who survived the fires has been difficult because most people haven't been able to go back into Lahaina and the town still has limited cellular service. Yet, residents have come together to volunteer in reunification efforts, and the support from the community has "brought our staff to tears," Shannon said.

"There are people out there that only have the shirt on their back," Shannon said. "These people are coming through and just helping in any way they can."

On Monday, eight animals were reunited with their owners, including a dog named Roman, who had run away from the fires in Lahaina. The Maui Humane Society provided medical services and was able to contact his owners.

"Roman has blisters on his back and burns on his paws and legs, but he's alive," Shannon said. "That is the glimmer of hope through this destruction."

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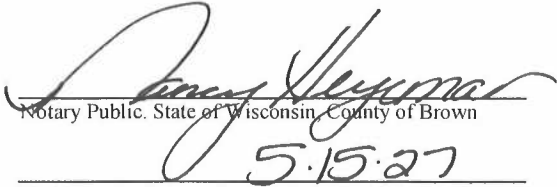
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PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY

# Trump pattern: Black officials 'racist'

Attacks on prosecutors, judges of color continue

Rachel Looker and Phillip M. Bailey  
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — Donald Trump was not at a loss for words Monday night after Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis, the first Black woman to serve in the position, became the latest prosecutor to indict the former president.

So, the Witch Hunt continues! 19 people indicated (sic) tonight, including the former President of the United States, i.e., by an out of control and very corrupt District Attorney, the former president posted Monday evening on his social media platform Truth Social.

Willis is spearheading the investigation that led to a Georgia grand jury indicting the 2024 presidential candidate and more than a dozen of his allies on charges of conspiracy to try to overturn the election results in Georgia. She is the most recent example of a Black judge, district attorney or prosecutor bearing the brunt of Trump's attacks that are often interlarded with racial undertones.

Trump has used words like "racist" and "criminal" to describe Black prosecutors like New York Attorney General Letitia James, who sued Trump and his family-run business on charges of fraud last September, and Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg, who charged Trump with falsifying business records in connection with hush money payments to an adult film actress.

"He consistently refers to any prosecutor that is investigating him or bringing charges against him who happens to be Black, he refers to that person as racist," Clark Cunningham, a law professor at Clark College, told USA TODAY.

A week before Trump was struck with a fourth indictment — this time out of Georgia — the former president telegraphed a familiar offensive against the investigation's lead prosecutor.

A 60-second spot by the Trump campaign called Willis the "newest lackey" for President Joe Biden and national Democrats. It also blamed Willis for Atlanta's crime rate, which is an attack of



Donald Trump has stepped up attacks on Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis after her office indicted the former president. JOE RAEDLE/GETTY IMAGES

ten lobbed by Trump and his allies against prosecutors.

But the TV ad went further by asserting Willis "got caught hiding a relationship with a gang member she was prosecuting."

It's a claim she has vehemently denied, and one that is easily debunked by fact-checkers. But it represents a troubling escalation, according to civil rights leaders, who point to a pattern of racially fueled attacks against Black officials in the U.S. legal justice system.

"Trump's pattern is to attack the prosecutors, particularly the prosecutors and judges of color," Marc Morial, president and chief executive officer of the National Urban League, told USA TODAY. "Trump's pattern is to attack Black women, especially."

The same campaign ad also labeled prosecutors James, Bragg, Willis and special counsel Jack Smith — who charged Trump in Washington, D.C., in connection with an alleged conspiracy to overturn the 2020 election — a "Frand Squad."

Trump has frequently referred to Willis and other Black prosecutors who have hounded him legally as racist.

James, the first Black attorney general in New York, sued Trump and his family-run business last September, accus-

ing them of extorting property holdings so they could obtain favorable bank loans. When James first filed the suit, the former president said she was "racist" and called her "Peekaboo."

Cunningham said Trump's practice of calling black prosecutors racist is "one of the most despicable" and "just beyond the bounds."

Bragg, who is the New York City borough's first Black district attorney, became the first prosecutor to criminally charge a former president. Trump pleaded not guilty to the 34 felony counts listed in the indictment.

Trump then attacked Bragg and his family during remarks to supporters at Mar-A-Lago hours after his New York arraignment. He later called Bragg a "criminal" who leaked grand jury information and should be prosecuted.

Trump has since targeted U.S. District Court Judge Tanya Chutkan, who is overseeing the case charging Trump with seeking to steal the 2020 election. The former president called her "highly partisan."

The verbal attacks toward prosecutors of color have been mirrored by others in the Republican Party.

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, who is running against Trump for the GOP presidential nomination, suspended

State Attorney Monique Worrrell, a Black Democrat and elected prosecutor for Orange and Osceola counties. He contended that Worrrell failed to pursue appropriate charges in serious cases.

"This is an outrage," Worrrell posted on X, formerly Twitter. "I will not be bullied by DeSantis or used as a tool in his falling and disastrous presidential campaign."

Her suspension drew concern from the National District Attorneys Association. The organization wrote in a press release: "We firmly believe in the critical importance of preserving the independence and exercise of discretion of locally elected prosecutors."

Unlike in other parts of the country, top Republicans in Georgia have publicly defied Trump and have taken stances opposing the former president's false claims the 2020 election was rigged.

Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp has criticized Trump since winning reelection in 2022. He wrote on X Tuesday that the 2020 election was not stolen.

"The future of our county is at stake in 2024 and that must be our focus," Kemp posted, replying to a Truth Social post from Trump claiming to have an irrefutable report on election fraud in Georgia that will be released next week.

Brad Raffensperger, Georgia's secretary of state, has repeatedly defied Trump's claims that the presidential contest was stolen. He resisted pressure from then-President Trump in January 2021 to "find" more votes and reverse Biden's victory in the state.

"The most basic principles of a strong democracy are accountability and respect for the Constitution and rule of law. You either have it, or you don't," Raffensperger said in a statement Tuesday.

Cunningham told USA TODAY he wishes more Republicans — like Kemp or Raffensperger — would call Trump out specifically for his labeling of Black prosecutors as racist.

"It's striking in Georgia that he's gone after the top stakeholders who are Republicans and all of them won reelection handily," Cunningham said.

"I think Georgia keeps him awake at night because his tricks don't seem to work here."

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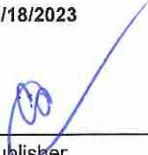


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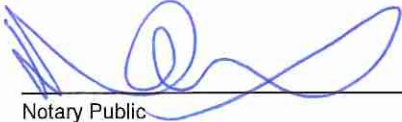
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## RELIGION

## ARCHAEOLOGY

## Israel may uproot ancient Christian mosaic near Armageddon

Where the decorated flooring located in the Megiddo prison could go next sparks an international outcry.

Ilan Ben Zion Associated Press

TEL MEGIDDO, ISRAEL — An ancient Christian mosaic bearing an early reference to Jesus as God is at the center of a controversy that has riled archaeologists: Should the centuries-old decorated floor, which is near what's believed to be the site of the prophesied Armageddon, be uprooted and loaned to a U.S. museum that has been criticized for past acquisition practices?

Israeli officials are considering just that. The proposed loan to the Museum of the Bible in Washington also underscores the deepening ties between Israel and evangelical Christians in the U.S., whom Israel has come to count on for political support, tourism dollars and other benefits.

The Megiddo Mosaic is from what is believed to be the world's earliest Christian prayer hall that was located in a Roman-era village in northern Israel. It was discovered by Israeli archaeologists in 2005 during a salvage excavation conducted as part of the planned expansion of an Israeli prison.

The prison sits at a historic crossroads a mile south of Tel Megiddo on the cusp of the wide, flat Jezreel Valley. The compound is ringed by a white steel fence topped with barbed wire and is used for the detention of Palestinian security inmates.

Across a field strewn with cow-dung

and potsherds, the palm-crowned site of a Bronze and Iron Age city and ancient battles is where some Christians believe a conclusive battle between good and evil will transpire at the end of days: Armageddon.

For some Christians, particularly evangelicals, this will be the backdrop of the long-anticipated climax at the Second Coming, when divine wrath will obliterate those who oppose God's kingdom; it serves as the focus of their hopes for ultimate justice.

The Israel Antiquities Authority said that it will decide about the move in the coming weeks, following consultations with an advisory body.

"There's an entire process that academics and archaeologists are involved with," said IAA director Eli Eskozido. The organization said that moving the mosaic from its original location was the best way to protect it from upcoming construction at the prison.

Jeffrey Kloha, the Museum of the Bible's chief curatorial officer, said a decision on the loan would be made solely by the IAA.

The museum "of course would welcome the opportunity to educate our thousands of visitors on important pieces of history such as this mosaic," he told The Associated Press via email.

## STRONG OBJECTIONS

Several archaeologists and academics have voiced vociferous objections to the notion of removing the Megiddo Mosaic from where it was found — and all the more so to exhibit it at the Museum of the Bible.

Cavan Concannon, a religion professor at the University of Southern California, said the museum acts as a "right-wing Christian nationalist Bible machine" with links to "other institutions that promote white evangelical, Christian nationalism, Christian Zionist forms."

"My worry is that this mosaic will lose its actual historical context and be given an ideological context that continues to help the museum tell its story," he said.

Others balk at the thought of moving the mosaic at all before academic study is complete.



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"It is seriously premature to move that mosaic," said Matthew Adams, director of the Center for the Mediterranean World, an non-profit archaeological research institute, who is involved in digs at Tel Megiddo and the abutting Roman legionary camp of Legio.

Asked about criticisms of the Washington museum's practices, Kloha said, "Major museums and distinguished institutions committed to preserving history have had to grapple with cultural heritage issues, particularly in recent years."

"To be clear: Museum of the Bible is proud to have proactively launched research and a thorough review of items in its collections," he added. "The museum initiated returns where appropriate to countries of origin without obligation to do so and encourages other institutions to do the same."

Based on other finds found in the dig and the style of the letters in the inscriptions, IAA archaeologists have dated the

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The mosaic bears Greek inscriptions, among them an offering "To God Jesus Christ."

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## FIRES

## Toxic aftermath of Maui fires could last for years

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from a distance in his car, running the air conditioner to filter out smoke. He tapped a stash of leftover N95 masks from the days of COVID to venture outside the next day.

"You could taste it. You could feel it," he said of the smoke. The fire spared his home but left a sooty mess near an open window. "We lucked out. I thought this place was going up in flames."

After fires, toxic ash and dust that has settled on the ground can be stirred back up into the air months later. And when rain finally falls on the drought-stricken island, it may wash the hazards downstream if not cleaned from the soil in time. Any contamination that goes down the storm drain can end up in the ocean full of surfers and sea turtles.

"If it's not cleaned up properly, it can be released to the environment in different ways," Ajami said. "Next rainfall, next storm potentially can wash it off to the ocean or actually impact the groundwater, depending on the location. So it's a big challenge."

Andrew Whelton, an engineering professor at Purdue, said dirt needs to be tested and possibly 6 inches of soil needs to be removed from contaminated sites. And storm drain interceptors should be deployed to reduce toxic runoff, he said.

"People are going back to their properties that may have destroyed structures and encountering hazards that could make them acutely sick if they're not protected," Whelton said.

Already there is evidence of fouled marine waters. During the first days after the fire, people delivering food and other supplies by Jet Ski said the Lahaina Harbor was nearly entirely covered by a fuel slick left by burned boats. With the harbor now cordoned off, it is difficult to discern how much of the slick remains, but the burned-out and sunken boats will take months to clear.

Wildfires can also contaminate people's drinking water, as overheated plastic pipes leach chemicals into a community's water delivery system. When such systems lose water pressure — as occurred in Lahaina when the power was knocked out — it can draw even more pollutants into the drinking water.

Since Aug. 11, Maui County has been warning residents in certain fire-scarred areas — mainly Lahaina and Upper Kula



Burned cars sit in front of a home that was destroyed by a wildfire Wednesday in Lahaina, Hawaii. At least 106 people were killed after the wind-driven blaze devastated the towns of Lahaina and Kula early last week. Justin Sullivan, Getty Images

— about possible water contamination, urging them to avoid the tap for drinking, brushing teeth, making ice and preparing food. Right now, it is unclear what contaminants may be in the drinking water. Officials tested water systems in Lahaina and Upper Kula on Monday, shipping samples to Oahu for analysis.

State health officials are also warning those returning to the fire's footprint to cover themselves head to toe — with N95 masks, goggles, gloves, socks, pants, long-sleeve shirts and closed-toed shoes — to avoid contact with potentially toxic ash. As they clean up their properties, residents are being told to avoid vacuums or leaf blowers that will push ash back into the air.

"It just smells like absolute poison. It's not just like a campfire smell. It's just in the air. And it feels dirty to breathe," said

one Kula resident cleaning up her neighborhood. She spoke on the condition of anonymity to protect the privacy of her family after the fires.

"When you're up there working in the community and volunteering with your neighbors, there's just soot in your hair. You're filthy," she added.

Children in particular need to keep away from the rubble, officials warn, in part to avoid lead exposure. Even low levels of lead in blood can impede a child's performance in school and lead to irreversible brain damage.

With many burned neighborhoods still behind police lines, a top pollution priority is getting safe drinking water to people. For now, many residents have resorted to drinking bottled water that is available in pallets at the aid stations in Lahaina and elsewhere along the coast within the secu-

urity cordon.

Earlier this week, residents said small airplanes traversed the coast warning people not to drink the water.

Whelton said officials need to go further with their do-not-drink advisory and tell residents to stop bathing with the water, too. He has seen just how contaminated water systems can get after the Marshall Fire in Colorado and the Camp Fire in Paradise, California. He is making his way to Maui to assess the damage himself.

"I have contacted different agencies and urged them that that alert isn't protective enough," he said. "They do not know what's in the water."

While the situation is bleak now, recovery is possible for wildfire-ravaged towns, Whelton said. "It is possible to have a safe community again and to regain some sense of normalcy."

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# Maui searches for missing pets

Wildfires caused burns, smoke inhalation

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LAHAINA, Hawaii — Lahaina residents Luxmi and Mike Quall arrived full of hope at Maui Humane Society on Tuesday to pick up their lost dog, Hilo. The Qualls' home burned to the ground, and they feared Hilo, a whippet greyhound mix, had also perished with the house.

Luxmi Quall filed a missing pet report with the Maui Humane Society and created a post on a "Missing Pets of Maui" Facebook group. At 8:30 p.m. on Monday, she received a Facebook message from someone with screenshots of her dog, Hilo.

"I was crying hysterically. We were trying to drive home from a friend's place so we had to pull over because we just couldn't believe it," Luxmi Quall said.

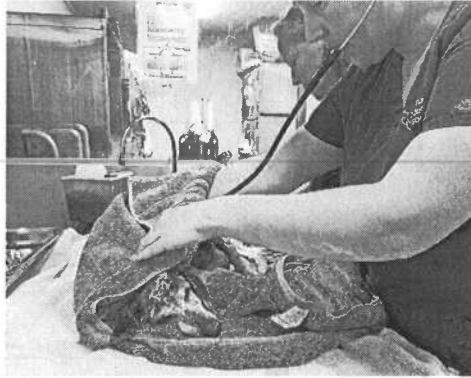
It's estimated that 3,000 animals are lost or missing following the Maui wildfires, which neatly destroyed the historic area of Lahaina, and some are being found with severe burns and smoke inhalation. Some pets have injuries so severe they are unrecognizable, which makes reunification even more difficult.

## Thousands of pets missing in Maui

As of Monday, the Maui Humane Society had received 367 lost animal reports and are working to "reunite every animal with its owner, in any way we can," said Katie Shannon, director of marketing and communications at Maui Humane Society.

"We are scanning for microchips for any animals that we are finding, whether live or deceased and making sure that we can provide the closure necessary for those that, unfortunately, haven't made it," Shannon said.

Maui Humane Society created a Facebook group with nearly 6,400 members to help connect owners with missing pets. They're also encouraging residents to file a lost or found report to keep track of which animals still need to



Animals that survived the Maui wildfires are treated at Maui Humane Society for injuries such as burns and smoke inhalation. MAUI HUMANE SOCIETY

be found and connected with their loved ones.

Before the fires, the organization was overcapacity, meaning they had no kennels left to house pets harmed by the fire. However, the community rallied together to foster the pets and make space for found animals, Shannon said.

"Yesterday, we had 52 animals that had come in from Lahaina, and we've been able to reunite eight of those animals with their owners," Shannon said. "We have cats who almost look unrecognizable. So, they might have a very different type of coat. We have no idea if they were long-haired or short-haired."

The Qualls showed the link to Hilo's profile on the Maui Humane Society's page to a worker who went into the shelter to look for Hilo. Ten painstakingly long minutes later, the worker came back with bad news. Hilo was not there. The Qualls had mistaken a lost report for Hilo as a found report.

The Qualls thanked the staff and walked back to their car silently. Their search for Hilo continues.

## Maui pets need medical care, food

Kihel Veterinary Clinic and Maui Humane Society opened a pop-up clinic in Napili Plaza to offer free medical care, food and animal medication.

Animals needing extensive treatment are sent to the Maui Humane Society or the Central Maui Animal Clinic. The clinic plans to open a satellite clinic soon at the Civic Center in Lahaina, which will be fully operational, including X-rays and surgeries.

"We had some burns on the first day we were out here, smoke inhalation — so more residual stuff in the lungs, damage and the eyes — that's what we've been seeing," said Jacy Perkins, 25, a veterinary assistant at Kihel Veterinary Clinic.

Community members ranging from technicians to veterinarians have volunteered to join the efforts, said Perkins. Veterinarians have also flown in from other islands to help.

"I drove in here last night, and I saw the sign. I spoke to the vets, and they

were incredibly helpful," said Elaine Shoemaker, who visited the pop-up with her dog, Windy. She said the veterinarians "had not showered in two days, so I offered my house and offered a shower." Shoemaker's house is about 7 miles north of the fire and still standing.

## Police dogs need help, housing

Maui Police Department's K-9 unit was also hit hard by the fires, said Jay Nix, vice president of K9s United, a nonprofit advocating for K9 units across the country. The organization has begun fundraising efforts to help support human and canine officers of Maui's K-9 unit.

"We're trying to get these guys... some of the stuff they need. Everything from emergency equipment — things they need right now — as well as kennels because they are no longer able to keep their dogs in the agency," Nix said.

K9s United also plans to use fundraising money to buy respirators and filters for the human and canine officers "that are having to work in this environment. The devastation there, it's just almost unimaginable," Nix said. "Every penny that goes there goes directly to the efforts in Maui."

Shannon said finding lost pets who survived the fires has been difficult because most people haven't been able to go back into Lahaina and the town still has limited cellular service. Yet, residents have come together to volunteer in reunification efforts, and the support from the community has "brought our staff to tears," Shannon said.

"There are people out there that only have the shirt on their back," Shannon said. "These people are coming through and just helping in any way they can."

On Monday, eight animals were reunited with their owners, including a dog named Roman, who had run away from the fires in Lahaina. The Maui Humane Society provided medical services and was able to contact his owners.

"Roman has blisters on his back and burns on his paws and legs, but he's alive," Shannon said. "That is the glimmer of hope through this destruction."

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## MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY POLL

## Gov.'s approval rating dips, but he gets high marks on tax reform

Derek Hall For Times of Trenton

Gov. Phil Murphy's approval ratings among New Jersey residents have dipped slightly since the start of his second term last year, a new poll shows.

Half of all New Jersey adults approve of the job Murphy is doing and 39% disapprove, according to the poll, which shows similar ratings among registered voters, with 50% approving of the Democrat's overall job performance and 40% disapproving.

Those numbers are down slightly since the start of his second term in 2022 due primarily to dips in his approval rating among independents, which fell eight points to 43%. Approval among Republicans also saw a slight decline, falling five points to 12%, while remaining steady among fellow Democrats at 85%.

The Monmouth University poll released Wednesday also finds that a vast majority of New Jerseyans say race and gender should not be a factor when Murphy picks a successor to the late Lt. Gov. Sheila Oliver, who died on Aug. 1.

The poll comes just days after the death of Oliver, a pioneering public official who was the first Black woman to serve as the state's Assembly speaker and then the first in New Jersey history to be elected to statewide office. Murphy has until Sept. 15 to choose Oliver's successor.

"Sheila Oliver broke barriers in New Jersey politics," said Patrick Murray, director of the independent Monmouth University Polling Institute.

"However, most New Jerseyans do not feel that means gender and race should be primary factors in choosing her successor," Murray said in a statement announcing the poll's findings.

A vast majority of New Jersey residents, 83%, say race should not be a factor when Murphy names Oliver's replacement, while 80% say the new lieutenant governor's gender does not matter to them, according to the poll.

The poll shows 15% of respondents say Murphy should appoint another person of color.

The poll shows similar results when it comes to gender, with just 16% of New Jersey residents saying they prefer that Murphy choose a woman as Oliver's successor.

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Noah K. Murray, for Times of Trenton

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New Jerseyans also weighed in on Murphy's policies and how they've affected six different constituent groups in the Garden State. Those ratings have largely remained stable during the governor's tenure, though the latest findings show a significant uptick when it comes to Murphy's handling of property taxes.

Nearly one-quarter of New Jersey adults, 23%, say Murphy's policies have helped property taxpayers, an increase of 10 percentage points when compared with the previous year, the Monmouth University poll shows.

Despite those gains, nearly half of New Jerseyans say the governor's policies have hurt property taxpayers, with 20% saying there has been no impact.

Approval of the state Legislature's performance has taken a more significant hit over the past year, with state lawmakers less than three months away from an election that has all 120 seats in the Legislature on the ballot.

The Monmouth University poll shows that 37% of New Jersey residents approve of the Legislature's performance, down from 44% last year, and 45% disapprove, up from 39% last year.

Monmouth surveyed 814 New Jersey adults by phone from August 10 to 14. Results of the poll have a margin of error of plus or minus 5.4 percentage points.

## VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLA.

## N.J. pro wrestling legend faces up to 25 years in prison

Adam Clark For Times of Trenton

Tamara Sytch, a New Jersey native and pro wrestling Hall of Famer, could spend up to 25 years in prison after pleading no contest to charges she drove drunk and killed a man in 2022.

Sytch, who rose to fame portraying Sunny in the World Wrestling Federation, made the plea Wednesday in Volusia County, Florida, avoiding a trial on a felony DUI charge and other offenses, according to court documents. A judge will now review the case before sentencing.

Florida's recommended minimum sentence for the charges is 10 years in prison, according to records filed with the 7th Circuit Court.

An Old Bridge native, Sytch graduated from Cedar Ridge High School in 1990. She to rose fame in 1995 performing alongside Monmouth County native Chris Candito, her real-life boy-

friend at the time.

The plea is the latest incident in Sytch's lengthy history of personal and legal troubles, including multiple DUI arrests in New Jersey and a well documented struggle with addiction.

Sytch was driving drunk and with a suspended license when she crashed on March 25, 2022, according to the Ormond Beach Police Department. She rear-ended a car stopped at a traffic light, killing the driver, Julian Lafrancis Lasseter, police said.

Sytch's blood alcohol level was 0.280, more than three times the legal limit, according to authorities. She has been held without bail since last May.

Sytch pled no contest to one count of DUI causing death, one count of causing death while operating a vehicle with a suspended or revoked driver's license and several misdemeanor DUI-related offenses. Sentencing is tentatively set for Nov. 27.

## BURLINGTON COUNTY

## Man admits to lottery scam, defrauding victims of \$4M

A man admitted in a guilty plea that he defrauded victims out of more than \$4 million in a series of schemes including a lottery scam, U.S. Attorney Philip R. Sellinger said.

Pablo Estrada, 26, of Florence, pleaded guilty to money laundering before Chief U.S. District Judge Renée Marie Bumb in Camden federal court on Wednesday.

The scams operated from August 2020 to January 2023 and mostly defrauded "older adults," according to court documents.

In the fake lottery scheme, victims would receive a notification that they won a large sum of money, but were required to pay a fee before receiving the funds, authorities said. When Estrada received money from the fees, he transferred it into various bank accounts that he controlled, prosecutors said.

Some of the accounts that he transferred the funds to were associated with his two businesses, Vital Solutions LLC

and Futura Consulting LLC, court documents said. He falsely stated on some of these account's documents that the two businesses did not transmit money and that the purpose of the companies was to provide consulting services, authorities said.

The U.S. Attorney's Office did not detail the other scams.

His sentencing is scheduled for December 19. *Nicolas Fernandes*

## BURLINGTON COUNTY

## Dump truck driver killed in crash caused by tire blowout

A 45-year-old dump truck driver was killed after blowing a tire on the New Jersey Turnpike in Burlington County on Wednesday morning.

Nelson Gonzalez was driving south near mile post 55.2 in Chesterfield at about 10:50 a.m. when the truck veered off the truck lanes to the right and struck a guard rail and chain link fence, State Police said.

Gonzalez, of Manville, was pronounced dead at the scene, about 2 miles north of Exit 7. The right truck lane was closed for about seven hours for an investigation.

*Jeff Goldman*

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### AND NOTICE OF PROPOSED RECOVERY THROUGH ITS BGS CHARGES OF COSTS RESULTING FROM STATEWIDE AUCTION FOR BGS

**BPU DOCKET NO. ER23030124**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that on June 30, 2023, Public Service Electric and Gas Company (“PSE&G” or “Company”) filed an annual “Proposal for Basic Generation Service (“BGS”) Requirements to be Procured Effective June 1, 2024” with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board” or “BPU”), and on July 3, 2023, filed PSE&G’s Company Specific Addendum thereto, collectively requesting that the Board approve the procurement of BGS through a statewide competitive auction process with new BGS charges to become effective June 1, 2024 (“Petition”). BGS is the electric generation supply provided to all PSE&G customers who do not purchase their electricity from a third-party supplier.

The Board mandates that the New Jersey Electric Distribution Companies (“EDCs”), including PSE&G, provide BGS in accordance with the requirements of the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act N.J.S.A. 48:3-49, et seq. (“Act”). BGS is currently procured through a statewide competitive auction process in which all of the EDCs seek competitive offers for BGS supply from electric generation suppliers. In this auction process, electric generation suppliers bid in a descending-clock auction on specified portions of the electric requirements for BGS customers for each of the EDCs. Since 2001, the Board has approved this type of auction and found that this process meets the statutory requirements of the Act. The Company’s Petition is available at <https://www.bgs-auction.com/bgs.auction.regproc.asp>.

The final price for PSE&G Basic Generation Service – Residential Small Commercial Pricing (“BGS-RSCP”) supply resulting from the BGS-RSCP auction conducted in 2023 was \$0.09311 per kilowatt-hour, for a 36-month supply period. For the Basic Generation Service – Commercial and Industrial Energy Pricing (“BGS-CIEP”) auction conducted in 2023, the Generation Capacity Charge cleared at \$330.72 per MW-day.

The final auction clearing prices for the BGS supply procured in the 2024 BGS-RSCP and BGS-CIEP auctions may be higher or lower than the prices obtained in the 2023 auctions. Auction prices are converted to customer charges, which may be higher or lower than current charges, depending on the outcome of the auction consistent with market conditions. BGS rates also include applicable transmission charges set by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”). BGS-RSCP and BGS-CIEP rates may change to reflect any increases or decreases in these FERC-approved transmission charges.

Under the Petition, the criteria for BGS-CIEP eligibility would be set at a peak load share of 500 kW. Customer classes eligible to be served under the BGS-RSCP rate would include customers served under PSE&G’s distribution Rate Schedules RS, RHS, RLM, WH, WHS, HS, BPL, BPL-POF, PSAL, GLP and LPL-Secondary with a peak load share of less than 500 kW. Customers served on Rate Schedules HS, GLP and LPL-Secondary may elect to be served at BGS-CIEP as their default supply option. Additionally, PSE&G customers served under distribution Rate Schedules LPL-Primary, HTS-Subtransmission, HTS-Transmission, HTS-High Voltage, and those LPL-Secondary customers with a peak load share of 500 kW or greater are only eligible to be served under BGS-CIEP. These criteria for BGS-CIEP service are subject to change for this year’s procurement at the discretion of the Board.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that a virtual public hearing is scheduled on the following date and time so that members of the public may present their views on the Petition.

#### VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING

**Date: Monday, September 18, 2023**

**Time: 4:30 p.m.**

**Dial In:** Join Zoom Meeting (<https://pseg.zoom.us/j/92846158128?pwd=czBtZHE5ZTh1Z1FveGlmSVg0R1NuQT09#success>)

Go to [www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com) and choose “Join a Meeting” at the top of the web page. When prompted, use Meeting number 928 4615 8128 to access the meeting.

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**Join by phone (toll-free):**

**Dial In:** (888) 475-4499

**Meeting ID:** 928 4615 8128

When prompted, enter the Meeting ID number to access the meeting.

Representatives of the Company, Board Staff, and the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel will participate in the virtual public hearing. Members of the public are invited to participate by utilizing the link or dial-in information set forth above and may express their views on this filing. All comments will be made part of the final record of the proceeding to be considered by the Board. In order to encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit any requests for needed accommodations, such as interpreters and/or listening assistance, at least 48 hours prior to the above hearing to the Board Secretary at [board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov](mailto:board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov).

Comments may be submitted directly to the specific docket listed above using the “Post Comments” button on the Board’s Document Search tool, <https://publicaccess.bpu.state.nj.us>. Comments are considered “public documents” for purposes of the State’s Open Public Records Act. Only submit public documents using the “Post Comments” button on the Board’s Public Document Search tool. Any confidential information should be submitted in accordance with the procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.3. In addition to hard copy submissions, confidential information may be filed electronically via the Board’s e-filing system or by email to the Secretary of the Board, Sherri L. Golden. Please include “Confidential Information” in the subject line of any email. Instructions for confidential e-filing are found on the Board’s webpage, <https://www.nj.gov/bpu/agenda/efiling/>. Please include the docket number listed above to assist in identifying the matter you are commenting on.

Emailed and/or written comments may also be submitted to:

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**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that the Board will conduct an additional legislative-type hearing on Monday, September 18, 2023, beginning at 10:00 a.m., regarding the BGS proposals. It is anticipated that the Board will rule on the EDCs’ BGS proposals shortly thereafter. The Board’s hearing schedules can be found at [nj.gov/bpu](http://nj.gov/bpu).



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