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Today, sunshine, a gusty breeze, high 52. Tonight, clear to partly cloudy, breezy, low 40. Tomorrow, a mixture of clouds and sunshine, high 48. Weather map, Page B12.

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HOUSE APPROVAL OF SPENDING BILL ENDS STALEMATE

BY VOTE OF 222 TO 209

6 Democrats in Favor — Deal Didn’t Extend Health Subsidies

By CATIE EDMONDSON
WASHINGTON — The House on Wednesday gave final passage to a spending package to reopen the government, sending the legislation to President Trump’s desk and all but guaranteeing an end to the longest shutdown in the nation’s history.
The 222-to-209 vote came on Day 43 of the shutdown and days after eight senators in the Democratic caucus broke their own party’s blockade and joined Republicans in allowing the spending measure to move forward, prompting a bitter backlash in their ranks. It was the first time the House had held a vote in nearly two months, as it took an extended recess during the shutdown.
Six Democrats joined Republicans in approving the bill. Only two Republicans voted against it, Representatives Thomas Massie of Kentucky and Greg Steube of Florida.
Mr. Trump was scheduled to sign the bill on Wednesday night. Earlier in the day, his budget office championed it in a statement as devoid of “any of the partisan, ‘poison pill’ provisions demanded by the Democrats.”
That was a reference to what had been Democrats’ chief demand in the shutdown fight, the extension of federal health care subsidies set to expire at the end of the year. Most congressional Republicans strongly oppose such an extension. And while Mr. Trump had initially shown a flash of interest in brokering a bipartisan deal on the issue, as the shutdown dragged on he made it clear that he had no interest in negotiating.
His refusal to do so ultimately led a critical group of Democrats in the Senate to conclude that with hundreds of thousands of federal workers furloughed, millions of Americans at risk of losing food assistance and millions more facing air-travel disruptions, it was time to find an off-ramp from the shutdown.
In the House, the six Democrats who voted to reopen the government were Representatives Adam Gray of California; Marie Glueckert of Washington; Jared Golden of Maine; Henry Cuellar of Texas; Tom Suozzi of New York; and Don Davis of North Carolina. All represent swing districts.
“History reminds us that shutdowns never change the outcome, only the cost paid by the American people,” Representative Tom Cole, Republican of Oklahoma and the chairman of the Appropriations Committee, said. “Over the last 43 days, the facts did not shift, the votes required did not shift and the path forward did not change.”
The Democratic defections in

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12 Hours in the Smoke

Across the U.S., wildfire fighters work for weeks straight in a poisonous haze. The government says they’re protected. We tested the air at the Green Fire in California this past summer to find out why they’re still dying. Pages A18-19.

THE GLOBAL PROFILE JOSÉ ANTONIO MORANTE CAMACHO

Fighter of Bulls, and Mental Illness, Leaves Ring

By JASON HOROWITZ
LA PUEBLA DEL RÍO, Spain — José Antonio Morante Camacho, arguably the greatest bullfighter of his generation, lay flat on his back in the middle of the arena.
A 1,220-pound bull had just flipped him in the air, prompting a gasp from the sold-out crowd in Las Ventas, Spain’s most hallowed bullfighting ring, in Madrid.
As the 46-year-old, known across the Spanish-speaking world as Morante de la Puebla,

Known for His Finesse and Forthrightness

did a mental scan of his scarred body, other matadors rushed to carry him off. Brought safely to the ring’s red perimeter wall, he got up, grimaced and walked off the pain. He eventually returned to the fight, drawing the bull close with elegant sweeps of his cape that elicited cries of olé.
When it was over, the bull was dead, the rare prize of its ears

was hoisted in Mr. Morante’s hands and a blizzard of white handkerchiefs waved in appreciation.
The bullfighter embraced Spain’s leading far-right politician, bathed in a shower of flowers, Spanish flags and cigars. He turned back to the center of the ring, where, with tears on his weathered face, he removed a symbolic pigtail, clipped to the back of his hair. Everyone weeping along with him knew what that meant. Morante de la Puebla was calling it quits.
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José Antonio Morante Camacho at home in southern Spain. “I felt an artistic exhaustion,” he said.

Can the Victim Of A.I. Errors Win in Court?

By KEN BENSINGER
Sales representatives for Wolf River Electric, a solar contractor in Minnesota, noticed an unusual uptick in canceled contracts late last year. When they pressed the former customers for an explanation, the answers left them floored.
The clients said they had bailed after learning from Google searches that the company settled a lawsuit with the state attorney general over deceptive sales practices. But the company had never been sued by the government, let alone settled a case involving such claims.
Confusion became concern when Wolf River executives checked for themselves. Search results that Gemini, Google’s artificial intelligence technology, delivered at the top of the page included the falsehoods. And mentions of a legal settlement populated automatically when they typed “Wolf River Electric” in the search box.
With cancellations piling up and their attempts to use Google’s tools to correct the issues proving fruitless, Wolf River executives decided they had no choice but to sue the tech giant for defamation.
“We put a lot of time and energy into building up a good name,” said Justin Nielsen, who founded Wolf River with three of his best friends in 2014 and helped it grow into the state’s largest solar contractor. “When customers see a

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EPSTEIN’S EMAILS SUGGESTED TRUMP KNEW OF CONDUCT

WHITE HOUSE DENIES IT

Release by Democrats — Effort Advances for a Vote on More Files

By MICHAEL GOLD
WASHINGTON — House Democrats on Wednesday released emails from Jeffrey Epstein that suggested he believed President Trump knew more about Mr. Epstein’s abuse than the president has acknowledged. The release came as the White House tried furiously to head off a congressional vote demanding the release of more Epstein files.
The release of the messages was likely to thrust the Trump administration’s handling of the Epstein files, along with top officials’ decision to backtrack on a promise to fully release all of its investigative material in the case, back into the glare in Washington. That issue, which has split Republicans and alienated some of Mr. Trump’s right-wing supporters, had faded to the background as the government shutdown dragged on.
On Wednesday, Mr. Trump called Representative Lauren Boebert, one of a handful of Republicans backing a petition to force a House vote on whether to demand the release of the files. Top Justice Department officials later met with her in the White House Situation Room.
Ms. Boebert did not respond to a request for comment about whether she had changed her mind, but she had so far not given in to weeks of pressure from the administration.
The effort to force a vote reached a critical threshold on Wednesday. Just moments after being sworn into office, Representative Adelita Grijalva, Democrat of Arizona, provided the final signature needed on the petition. Speaker Mike Johnson said he would put the resolution to a vote on the House floor next week.
Mr. Trump has emphatically denied any involvement in or knowledge of Mr. Epstein’s sex-trafficking operation. He has said that he

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THE MESSAGES Putting the emails the House Democrats highlighted between Jeffrey Epstein, Ghislaine Maxwell and a journalist into chronological context. PAGE A16

From: Jeffrey Epstein
To: Ghislaine Maxwell
Sent: 4/2/2011

i want you to realize that that dog that hasn’t barked is trump.. VICTIM spent hours at my house with him ,, he has never once been mentioned.

An excerpt from one of the emails released by Democrats on the House Oversight Committee. The victim’s name was redacted by Democrats on the committee.

THE AMERICAN PENNY, 1793-2025

Lodged Itself Into Sayings, Streets, Shoes Even

By VICTOR MATHER
The American penny died on Wednesday in Philadelphia. It was 232.
The cause was irrelevance and expensiveness, the Treasury Department said.
Nothing could be bought any more with a penny, not even penny candy. Moreover, the cost to mint the penny had risen to



more than 3 cents, a financial absurdity that doomed the coin. The final pennies were minted on Wednesday afternoon in Philadelphia. Top Treasury officials were on hand for its final journey. No last words were recorded.
In its heyday, the penny had immense cultural impact. It was the

going rate for thoughts. It was a symbol of frugality, saved and/or earned. It could sometimes be pretty and other times arrive from heaven. And how many ideas would never have come to light without a penny dropping?
When picked up, it was said to bring good luck for a 24-hour period, an assertion commonly made, but one that was never proven by any scientific double-blind study.
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Enticing Investors With Rosy View of Art Market

By ZACHARY SMALL
Why should only deep-pocketed millionaires enjoy the sorts of profits that can come from investing in high-end art?
That simple, rather noble-sounding premise has propelled the rapid expansion of Masterworks, a company that solicits investments in works of art.
Masterworks democratizes the art market by offering average investors an opportunity to buy \$20 shares in individual paintings by

Critics Say a Company Oversells the Upside

Warhol, Picasso and others that the company has agreed to purchase.
In just eight years, it has become one of the art market’s biggest buyers. Its collection of 500 artworks is now valued at more than \$1 billion and its platform has drawn 70,000 investors.

“No art investing experience? No problem,” the company’s website has advertised.
“Our question is: How do we expose more people to art and how do we make it more investable by everyone than what has historically been available?” Scott Lynn, the company’s founder, said in an interview.
Some art market experts, though, suggest that the company can be too optimistic in its marketing of artworks, a practice that un

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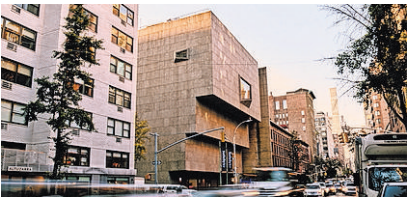
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