



Love is a gift.

Open it and you'll find possibilities.  
A light that brings joy and guides our path.

Look inside and you'll find protection.  
A bond that holds us together and cares for us.

Embrace it and you'll find strength.  
A force that moves us through anything.

And whether shared with another  
or with ourselves,  
love, in all its facets,  
is the most precious gift of all.

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City in Illinois  
Becomes Hub  
For Abortions

In Driving Distance of  
10 States With Bans

By ELIZABETH WILLIAMSON  
CARBONDALE, Ill. — The cars and pickup trucks from Missouri, Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana, Indiana and Mississippi started arriving early in the morning at the Alamo Women's Clinic in Carbondale, Ill. Men were not allowed inside, so most waited in the parking lot, scrolling or dozing, exhausted after driving through the night.  
Abortion is legal in Illinois, but the state is surrounded by others that have largely banned the procedure in the three years since the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade. As a result, Illinois now leads the nation in out-of-state abortion patients. Carbondale, a college town in Illinois's southern tip within driving distance of 10 states with abortion bans, has become a major abortion hub.  
Last year three clinics in this city of 21,000 provided close to 11,000 abortions, almost all for women from other states. The numbers, provided by the clinics, account for nearly a third of all out-of-state abortions in Illinois.  
Carbondale is an example of how the Supreme Court's decision, in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, to end a woman's constitutional right to abortion has made geography an all-important factor in access to the procedure. After the decision, 14 states effectively banned abortion, a seismic shift that placed Carbondale, a liberal enclave in a deeply conservative region, in a complicated position.  
People in the city are generally supportive of its status as a safe harbor. But the sheer number of abortions has also created some unease, and worry about a backlash.  
"We've had some community members who were not in favor of the clinics, but as a city there was nothing we could do to not allow them," said Carolin Harvey, Carbondale's mayor, a Democrat, although the office is nonpartisan.  
She welcomes the clinics but said she worries that the number of abortions could be leveraged by opponents to lobby for a national ban. The clinics have already drawn protests as well as intervention efforts from Coalition Life, a St. Louis-based anti-abortion group that stations "sidewalk counselors" outside Carbondale's clinics.  
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Clockwise from top: migrants waiting to be processed at the border in El Paso in 2023 as Title 42, a public health rule, was expiring; Border Patrol trucks in Arivaca, Ariz., in 2024; and detentions in Sunland Park, N.M., in 2023.

Inside Biden's Losing Bets on Immigration

By CHRISTOPHER FLAVELLE  
WASHINGTON — In the weeks after Joseph R. Biden Jr. was elected president, advisers delivered a warning: His approach to immigration could prove disastrous.  
Mr. Biden had pledged to treat unauthorized immigrants more humanely than President Donald J. Trump, who generated widespread backlash by separating migrant children from their parents.  
But Mr. Biden was now president-elect, and his positions threatened to drastically increase border crossings, experts advising his transition team warned in a video call briefing in the final weeks of 2020, ac-

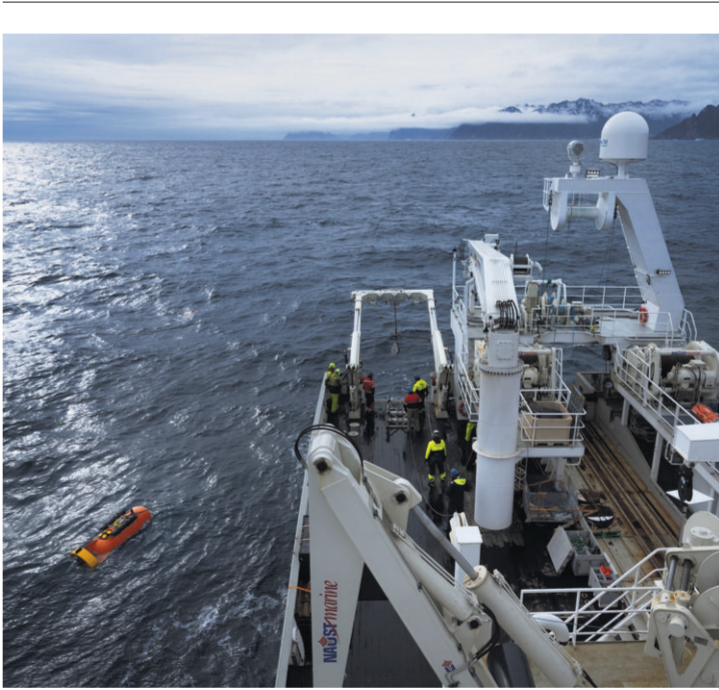
Not Heeding Warnings, and  
Giving Trump an Opening

ording to people with direct knowledge of that briefing. That jump, they said, could provoke a political crisis.  
"Chaos" was the word the advisers had used in a memo during the campaign.  
They offered a range of options to avert that crisis, by better deterring migrants. Mr. Biden seemed to grasp the risk. But he and his top aides failed to act on those recommendations.  
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The warnings came true, and then some. After Mr. Biden became president, migrant encounters at the southern border quickly doubled, then kept rising. New arrivals overwhelmed border stations, then border towns, and eventually major cities like New York and Denver.  
Anger over illegal migration helped re-turn Mr. Trump to the presidency, and he has enacted even more aggressive policies than those Mr. Biden first campaigned against. Mr. Trump has drawn outrage from Democrats by sending masked agents to target immigrants, often aided by National Guard soldiers.  
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Saudi Arabia Sells You Booze,  
If You're Allowed in the Store

By VIVIAN NEREIM  
RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — Saudi Arabia has banned alcohol for more than 70 years, so when whispers spread that an unmarked store in Riyadh, the capital, was quietly selling whiskey and champagne to wealthy foreign residents, it did not take long for a queue of cars to form outside.  
In recent weeks, the liquor store — previously open only to diplomats, who are exempt from the prohibition — has been selling to non-Muslim foreigners who hold an expensive "premium residency" permit, according to five customers interviewed by The New York Times.  
Premium residency is a limited status, generally conferred on wealthy or highly educated foreigners who work for government-owned entities, or in strategic sectors like health care.  
The customers, a mix of premium residents and diplomats, spoke on the condition of anonymity because of local sensitivities around the topic, and in some cases because they feared disrupting their newfound access to alcohol.  
No public announcement has been made about a change in the conservative Islamic kingdom's alcohol policy. But on a sunny morning this past week, I camped outside the Riyadh store and saw that business was brisk.  
The beige complex containing the store resembled dozens of others in the city's Diplomatic Quarter, a secluded neighborhood filled with embassies. The store was distinguished only by an enigmatic sign.  
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**The Hunt for an Ocean Tipping Point**  
Scientists fear warming is driving a collapse in the currents that shape climate. The waters off Greenland might be a key. Page 14.

He Sued Disney for 'Zootopia'  
And Thinks Viper in '2' Is Him

By BROOKS BARNES  
LOS ANGELES — Gary Goldman raced to see "Zootopia 2" as soon as it arrived in theaters just before Thanksgiving. He loved the first installment, especially its exploration of whether a meritocracy is attainable. And the critters were cute.  
But Mr. Goldman, 72, left the theater deeply unsettled — feeling that a major new character, a venomous pit viper named Gary DeSnake, had been based on him.  
"It's virtually impossible for me to interpret it any other way," he said.  
Even after spending his entire working life in Hollywood, Mr. Goldman has never met any of the people at Disney who made "Zootopia 2," which has become a box office sensation. He realizes that he is not the only Gary in the world. He also knows that his assertion, at least at first glance, could come across as the ramblings of a conspiracy theorist. That's certainly how Disney views Mr. Goldman. The company has won two "Zootopia"-related court battles with him over the years.  
But Mr. Goldman thinks you should at least hear him out.  
"I'm not the only one who sees a connection," he said. Friends have been texting ("OMG") and emailing to say the same thing, he said. Some people have pointed out that  
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The two Garys

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