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THE WEATHER
Today, heavy rain, street flooding, high 64. **Tonight**, a bit of rain, flooding will linger, low 58. **Tomorrow**, a shower early, afternoon sunshine, high 71. Weather map, Page 32.

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‘It makes you put your head on a swivel. I didn’t go to leave the house at the same time of day and didn’t take the same route to work frequently.’
RODRIC BRAY, Republican leader of the Indiana Senate, whose office received bomb threats.

‘My dad, in his final month of life, is having to answer the door to police who are told that he was killing his wife inside the residence.’
ELISSA SLOTKIN, Democratic U.S. senator from Michigan, whose parents’ home was “swatted,” or targeted with false police reports.

A U.S. Diplomat Altered and Quashed Reports Critical of Israel

By NATAN ODENHEIMER and ADAM RASGON
JERUSALEM — In late March, at the height of the Iran war, Israel quietly approved more settlements in the Israeli-occupied West Bank than it ever had at one time.
Staff members at the United States Embassy in Jerusalem saw the move as potentially flouting one of President Trump’s explicit

red lines for Israel — no annexation of the West Bank — and drafted an urgent report intended for policymakers in Washington.
That memo never reached Washington. It was quashed by David Milstein, a top aide to Ambassador Mike Huckabee, according to three U.S. officials briefed on the process.
This was no isolated incident. Since taking up his post in April 2025, Mr. Milstein, 36, has repeat-

edly suppressed or significantly revised embassy reporting on Israeli activities to present the Netanyahu government in a favorable light, according to a dozen people who work with or interact with Mr. Milstein in both Jerusalem and Washington.
As settler violence in the West Bank surged in the spring, for instance, he stymied embassy reporting suggesting that the Israeli government was failing to take ac-

tion, according to the three officials. Instead the embassy sent a cable to Washington, viewed by The New York Times, praising Israel for “cracking down” on the attacks.
When members of Congress pushed for accountability over the killings of Palestinian Americans by Israeli settlers and security forces, he suppressed a detailed report that the embassy staff had
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Trump Attacks Ukraine Leader Over Oil Strikes

By MARC SANTORA and ANDREW E. KRAMER
President Trump on Saturday accused Ukraine of causing a “world problem” with attacks on Russian refineries and said it should “get a new president,” further undermining Kyiv a day after saying the U.S. would open its markets to Russian diesel.
Speaking to reporters at the White House on Saturday, he said the United States had told Ukraine: “You can do whatever you want to Russia. Don’t hit the refineries because that’s a world problem that’s caused.”
President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine, he said, “wants to make problems for the world.” He added, “I think it’s time for Ukraine to get a new president.”
More than four years since Russia began its full-scale invasion, Ukraine has pursued a strategy of mid- and long-range strikes that have battered Russian supply lines and oil infrastructure. The attacks have helped Ukraine to stall Russian advances and even claw back some territory, but Mr. Trump on Saturday linked them to high fuel prices, which spiked this year after the United States and Israel attacked Iran.
“He wants to make problems for the world,” Mr. Trump said of Mr. Zelensky. “He wants to make problems for our farmers, our ranchers with diesel fuel because Russia supplies a large portion of
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Indian Security Forces Quell Demonstration
In an extraordinary move, throngs of people were detained for opposing a voting revision. Page 4.

Senate Control May Rest in Shivering Hands of Mainers Mad Over Heating Costs

By TIM BALK
BATH, Maine — As the Senate race in Maine heats up, the state is getting cold.
And for many Maine voters, chilly weather could present a particular challenge this year: New England’s northernmost state is singularly reliant on heating oil, and the price of the product

is surging because of President Trump’s war with Iran, which has clogged a vital oil shipping corridor.
The issue has started to move to the center of the race between Senator Susan Collins, a vulnerable fifth-term Republican, and her Democratic challenger, Troy Jackson, who has blamed Ms. Collins for the rising fuel oil costs. Their

contest could be critical to determining which party controls the Senate.
For Ms. Collins, who initially supported the war but has opposed it for months, the rising fuel costs pose a significant headwind as she works to fend off Mr. Jackson, voters and strategists in both parties say.
“It’s a huge issue up here,”

Lance Dutson, a Republican strategist in Maine, said Tuesday night as temperatures in parts of the state dipped into the 40s. Ms. Collins can point to her work to bring federal heating assistance funds to the state, he added, but that might go only so far in assuaging an “emotional electorate” facing deep financial strain because of the price increases.

In Maine, the cost to fill a standard heating-oil tank as of Wednesday was \$1,650, up roughly 80 percent from a year earlier, according to the National Energy Assistance Directors Association, which represents state governments in securing federal money for heating bills.
Although sticker-shocked consumers
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Public Officials Are Living In Fear as Threats Mount

Thousands of Violent Messages Targeting U.S. Politicians Across Party Lines

By NICK CORASANTI
In January, a caller began leaving threats in the voice mail inboxes of members of Congress: “I want to see their throat cut from ear to ear.”
Another caller left a blunt threat for a U.S. senator: “I’m going to murder you, and I’m going to start with your children.”
A state attorney general received this three-word missive: “Bang, bang, bang.”
Serving in public office in the United States is dangerous. From state and local government to Congress, an unending river of violent threats is washing through the mailboxes, offices, voice mail and texts of those who govern the nation. Thousands of public servants are living, working and, in the final weeks of election season, campaigning in a state of fear.
And it’s getting worse, officeholders said in dozens of interviews.
An investigation by The New York Times examining hundreds of records obtained through Freedom of Information Act requests, court documents and law enforcement logs has found that, over a two-year period from 2024 to August of this year, thousands of violent threats inundated the lives of elected officials in unprecedented ways.
Some threats were vague; some were frighteningly specific. They promised torture, stabbing, rape and murder. They aimed at Republicans and Democrats alike, and at a range of officeholders from county clerks to United States senators. They targeted spouses, parents, siblings and children.
At least 44 governors, as well as their staffs and families, have been subjected to violent threats over the past two years, The Times’s investigation found. That’s also true of at least 70 of the nation’s 100 senators, and at least 185 members of the House of Representatives — nearly half the body. More than half of the country’s secretaries of state, most of whom serve as their states’ chief election officers, have received threats of violence.
Actual violence also spiked during that period: assassination attempts against Donald Trump, the killing of Charlie Kirk, the assassination of a legislative leader and her husband in Minnesota, the firebombing of Gov. Josh Shapiro’s home in Pennsylvania. For many elected officials, the escalation is a grim testament to the toxicity of violent rhetoric and how it can shake the country’s democratic institutions.
The threats have also reshaped private lives. Dozens of officials have fortified their homes, installed cameras and hired private security guards, often at their own
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Would Fortune Quietly Grown Go to Relatives, or the D.S.A.?

By BENJAMIN WEISER
David F. Greenberg was an academic who lived modestly in a small, rent-controlled apartment in the West Village that was, by one account, piled high with papers — the sort of man who leaves a legacy of ideas, not money.
He earned a Ph.D. in physics before joining New York University, which hired him to its sociology department in 1973 even though he did not hold a degree in that field. He worked there for half a century, building an expansive body of scholarship and a reputation as a caring teacher and mentor.
He was also building something else: a retirement fund. By the time Mr. Greenberg died two years ago, at the age of 82, its balance had grown enormously. Today, the fund is worth more than \$6.6 million.
But there was a problem. It wasn’t clear who should get it.
The professor, who was not married, had no children and left no will, had listed his parents as his beneficiaries, but they were already dead. He also had selected a backup beneficiary, an obscure 1970s socialist group called the



David F. Greenberg, a professor, left millions to a socialist group that no longer exists.

New American Movement, or N.A.M. — “for any successor thereof.”
N.A.M. had disappeared. But it didn’t take long for the fund’s managers to figure out what had happened to it. In 1982, N.A.M. merged with another group to form an organization that does exist: the Democratic Socialists of America.
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