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THE WEATHER
Today, sunny, dry, light and variable winds, high 66. **Tonight**, clear, light winds, low 50. **Tomorrow**, sunny to partly cloudy, dry, light winds, high 69. Weather map is on Page 20.

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Prices in Canada may be higher

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An Indorama Ventures plant in southeast Texas with a history of releasing pollutants got a waiver from the Trump administration.

Ruthless Ad Divides G.O.P. and Jolts Ohio Governor’s Race

By REID J. EPSTEIN and CAMPBELL ROBERTSON
The most explosive advertisement of the midterm elections has split Republicans and again posed the question of what is fair game for campaign attacks in American politics.
In the days since the leak of the ad from Vivek Ramaswamy, the Republican nominee for governor

of Ohio, many fellow G.O.P. politicians have denounced, disavowed or distanced themselves from the spot. Yet President Trump and Vice President JD Vance have defended the ad, a remarkably ruthless one even by the standards of modern political campaigns.
The ad features the estranged mother of Mr. Ramaswamy’s Democratic opponent, Amy Ac-

Rethinking Red Lines of Political Warfare

ton, calling her daughter a liar and urging Ohioans not to vote for her. Dr. Acton has said that she has not spoken to her mother since she was 12 years old, when she was removed from her mother’s custody

after her stepfather was arrested and charged with raping her.
The outrage over the ad’s dark backstory has left Mr. Ramaswamy, a billionaire entrepreneur who exemplifies the anything-goes, attack-at-all-costs ethos of Trump-era politics, at the center of a self-created political firestorm.
The Republican disagreements

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Abuse Claims Will Be Settled By Archdiocese

By MAYA KING and JEFFERY C. MAYS
The Archdiocese of New York and plaintiffs’ lawyers have reached an agreement on a proposed settlement in which the church would pay more than \$800 million to settle claims from 1,300 people who said they had been sexually abused by its clergy members and lay leaders.
The plaintiffs’ lawyers said late on Friday that they had agreed upon the settlement with the archdiocese and that all of the plaintiffs had signed off on it.
In an email to the priests of the archdiocese shared with The New York Times, Archbishop Ronald A. Hicks confirmed on Saturday that an agreement had been reached to settle the claims. He said the deal would not be final until the plaintiffs, lawyers and representatives for the archdiocese signed the settlement, which they were scheduled to do in early November.
“We are on the verge of being able to, please God, bring some measure of healing and reconciliation to all victim-survivors,” he said in the message, adding that the agreement “will also allow the archdiocese to turn its full attention once again to its mission of preaching the Gospel, healing the sick, caring for the poor and needy, welcoming the stranger, and educating our children.”
Terms of the settlement would call for each plaintiff to have the option of receiving a lump-sum payment of at least \$250,000, or a

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When the Weed Wars Came to Warren Street



The war on drugs devastated the Black community in Hudson, N.Y. Decades later, the state began an experiment: legalizing marijuana to heal the drug war’s harms. Could this be done in today’s Hudson, a mecca of boho chic? And who will reap the rewards — a native son of Hudson, Bill Hughes, or Joanne Wilson, a wealthy outsider?

By EMMY MARTIN
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Crafting Image of Mr. Security, He Asks to Keep Israel’s Trust

By ISABEL KERSHNER
HOLON, Israel — Benjamin Netanyahu looks thinner and paler these days. Gone is the swagger of previous political campaigns. But he remains tireless, traipsing among shopping centers and television studios, trying to persuade a weary and polarized country to return him to office for up to another four years in Israeli elections on Tuesday.
At 77, he is already Israel’s longest-serving prime minister. If he is to extend that tenure, he has to sell the deeply divided electorate on the new, more hawkish version of himself — and of Israel.
Mr. Netanyahu’s career will forever be defined by the Oct. 7, 2023, Hamas-led attacks on southern Israel, the deadliest day for Jews since the Holocaust. He long had a reputation for being risk averse and avoiding military confrontations, even as he cultivated an image as Israel’s Mr. Security. But that image, as well as Israel’s confidence in its own defense, was badly damaged that day.
So Mr. Netanyahu, known by friends and foes as Bibi, reinvented himself. Instead of stick-



Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu seeks re-election.

ing to Israel’s previous security doctrine centered on short wars of defense, he has waged Israel’s longest war on multiple fronts — against Hamas in Gaza, Hezbollah militants in Lebanon, the Houthi militia in Yemen and, together with the United States, Iran.
He has doubled down on Israel’s

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CRACKDOWN The Israeli military raided Hebron a day after the killing of two soldiers. PAGE 9

Thanks to the Data Center Boom, Times Have Never Been So Good for Gray Paint

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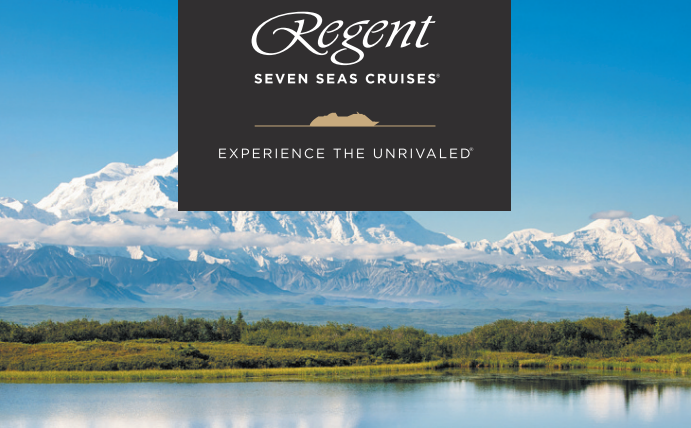
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products for data centers — and its sales have boomed. As Microsoft, Google, Amazon and other tech giants have raced to build the computing sites powering the artificial intelligence frenzy, PPG’s business has also soared.
The Pittsburgh company said it expected its paint sales for data

centers to triple this year from last year. That would far outpace the company as a whole, whose total sales grew 7 percent to \$4.5 billion in the most recent quarter.
“I’ve never seen a boom as big as this,” said Jenn Solcz, PPG’s vice president of protective and

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175 THE NEW YORK TIMES AT 175 Jeffrey Schmalz took on the role of chronicling the AIDS epidemic for The Times — even as the disease was ruining his own health. PAGE 17	ARTS & LEISURE Top Television: They Told Us We asked hundreds of stars, writers and other industry experts to vote for the best series that have premiered since Jan. 1, 2000. PAGE 8	T MAGAZINE The Greats This year, the honorees are an artist, a rapper, an actor and a photographer — all of whom have inspired others by staying true to themselves.	SUNDAY BUSINESS Warning Signs in the Markets Nearly 20 years have passed since the global financial meltdown of 2007-9. It’s not impossible to spot the characteristics of another brewing crisis. PAGE 4	SUNDAY OPINION Dan Wang PAGE 6
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