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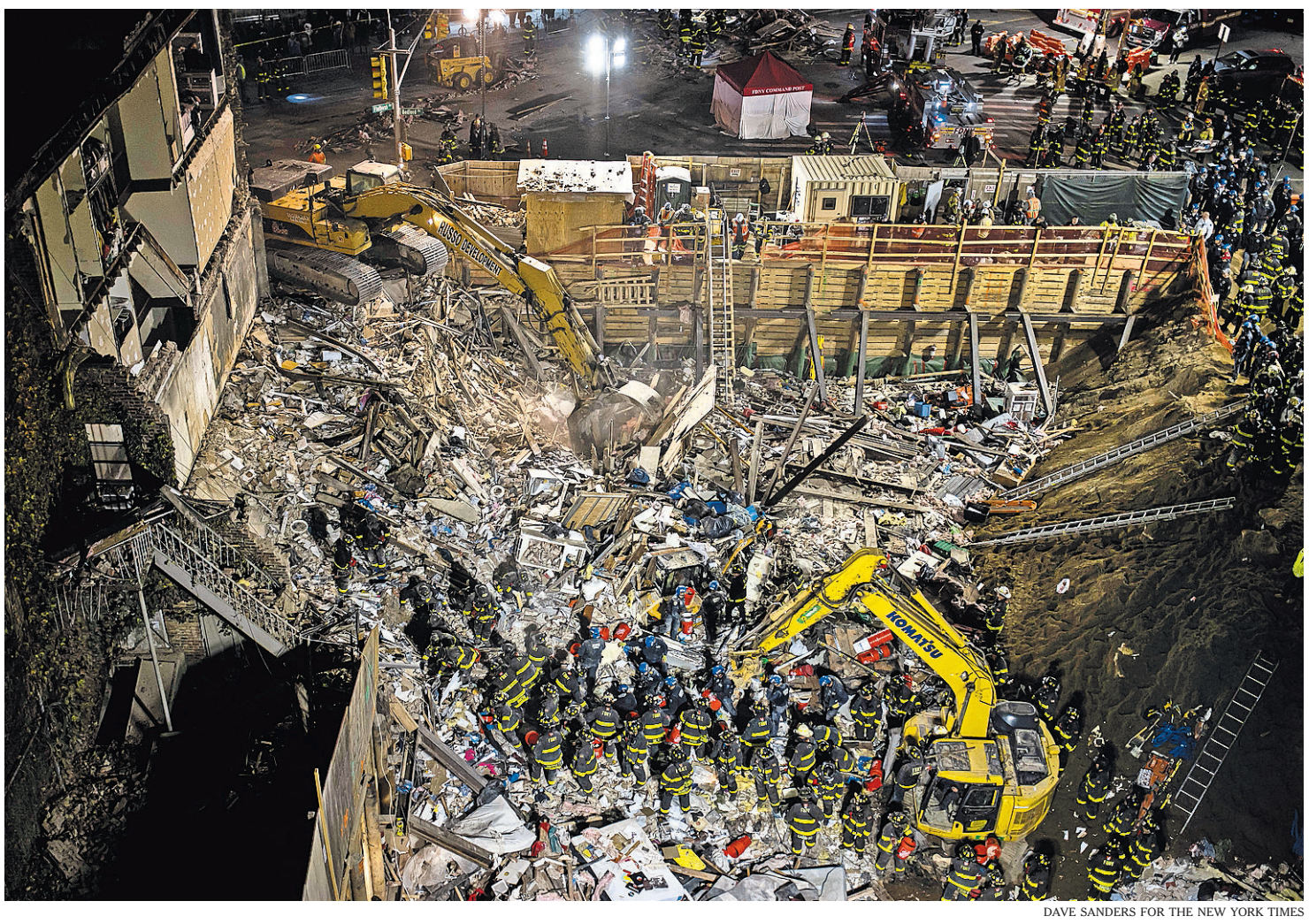
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THE WEATHER
Today, steady rain will become intermittent, high 44. **Tonight,** cloudy, a few showers, low 38. **Tomorrow,** mostly cloudy, a shower possible, high 47. Weather map, Page B10.

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Rescue workers searched for survivors Wednesday after a three-story building in Brooklyn collapsed into a construction site nearby.

NVIDIA CHIEF QUITS AS SECOND AFFAIR ADDS TO SCRUTINY

China Plays the Long Game When It Sets the 'Gentle Trap'

By LILY KUO

TAIPEI, Taiwan — At the height of the Cold War, a top official in China's intelligence agency said that his country would never use seduction to entrap a person.

Such tactics might be for the C.I.A. or the K.G.B., the official, named Kong Yuan, of the Central Investigation Department, told a group of agents in training in April 1960, but China was guided by principles. He looked at the few female comrades in the audience. "Rest assured, we will not be asking you to go run beauty traps."

Despite that pledge, captured in a 2010 memoir by a former Chinese diplomat, China's intelligence services have for decades used romantic entanglements to compromise or extract information from prominent people.

American officials say that China's Ministry of State Security, which runs intelligence operations today, recruited a Chinese businesswoman to collect intelligence on Jensen Huang, the chief executive of Nvidia and one of the most powerful figures in the artificial intelligence boom.

It was not clear what role the woman, Alice Huang, or Huang Le, might have had with the Chinese spy agency. Ms. Huang was a top executive of a Singapore company that operates data centers in Southeast Asia using Nvidia chips and that rents their computing power to Chinese companies.

Mr. Huang has acknowledged that he had an affair with Ms. Huang. President Trump has said that Mr. Huang told him that he was not aware that the woman was a spy. China has rejected the espionage allegations against Ms. Huang, calling them smears against the country. U.S. officials have not provided evidence for their claims. Ms. Huang has not responded to requests for comment.

The use of relationships or seduction in the world of espionage is not new or unique to China. The tactic was made infamous by East Germany's "Romeos," male Stasi agents tasked with seducing the clerks of Western officials, and by the Soviet Union's longtime use of sexual blackmail, among other examples.

What is unique about China's use of the tactic is the amount of time invested, according to Nicholas Eftimiades, a retired senior American intelligence officer who writes about China's espionage operations.

"They play this long term," he said. "These are long-term relationships, sometimes marriages."

Perhaps the most famous example involves Shi Peipu, a Peking Opera singer whose two-dec-

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Huang Was Face of an A.I. Boom and a Spy Scandal

By TRIPP MICKLE and MAGGIE HABERMAN

SAN FRANCISCO — Jensen Huang, Nvidia's chief executive, resigned on Thursday after revelations that he had an affair with an executive who reported to him as well as with a woman whom U.S. officials had identified as a Chinese spy.

The chip company's 10-member board met for several hours Wednesday evening and agreed to name Colette Kress, the company's chief financial officer, as interim chief executive, until a permanent successor has been named. The board said on Thursday that it would begin a search for a permanent replacement and would consider internal and external candidates.

Nvidia also appointed Harvey Jones, a longtime tech entrepreneur and investor, as the chip company's chairman. In a statement, Mr. Jones said that the board was confident in Ms. Kress and the executive team and that it expected "the company's operations, customer commitments and product road map to continue without interruption."

Mr. Huang's exit opens an uncertain chapter for Nvidia, the premier maker of artificial intelligence chips, and will have widespread ripple effects. The Silicon Valley firm is a linchpin of the A.I. boom and one of the world's most valuable public companies, controlling an estimated 90 percent of the market for the computer chips used in the big A.I. projects that are driving the U.S. economy. Its stock price had skyrocketed since 2023, but had lost a third of its value as reports of his affairs began surfacing last month. The price fell another 4.3 percent on Thursday after Mr. Huang's resignation.

Nvidia's dominance has made Mr. Huang one of the world's wealthiest people, as well as an ally of President Trump's. Mr. Trump was previously informed about Mr. Huang's relationship with the woman believed to be a Chinese intelligence asset but took no action. He has defended Mr. Huang over the past week, saying he was an "honorable man" who did not know the woman was a Chinese agent. The president praised him again after he resigned, saying Mr. Huang had done a "fantastic job."

Few Silicon Valley executives — with the possible exception of Elon Musk of Tesla and SpaceX, and Steve Jobs of Apple — have

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DRIVING FORCE Jensen Huang has been a booster for ventures fueling the U.S. economy. PAGE B1

RICHARD A. POSNER, 1939-2026

Legal Scholar Whose Works Had No Equal

By ADAM LIPTAK

Judge Richard A. Posner, whose protean intellect, relentless work ethic and startling candor made him a towering figure in the law, died on Tuesday in Chicago. He was 87.

His son Eric confirmed the death.

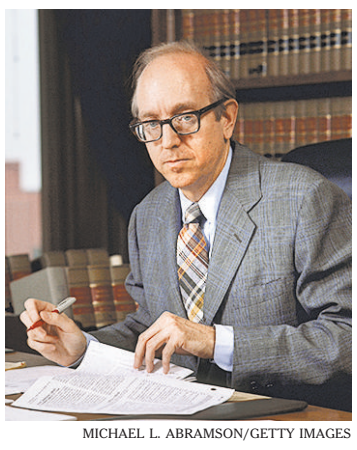
Judge Posner, who served from 1981 to 2017 on the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, in Chicago, wrote thousands of judicial opinions and more than 50 books on a vast array of topics, along with countless scholarly articles, essays, book reviews and blog posts.

He was, the journalist Gary Rosen wrote in The Wall Street Journal in 2002, "a one-man think tank."

Judge Posner was the most-cited legal scholar in the second half of the 20th century, according to a 2000 study conducted by Fred R. Shapiro, beating the runner-up, Ronald Dworkin, by a factor of almost two.

In the casebooks that collect excerpts from judicial opinions and are the basis for much of legal education, Judge Posner's work was featured more often than that of any other judge. "The differential in terms of total influence on the casebooks between Posner and almost all the other judges is staggering," the authors of a second study, Mitu Gulati and Veronica

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Richard A. Posner in 1986.

Bricks Rained Down, Then Apartment Walls Fell

At Least 8 Dead and 18 Injured in a Brooklyn Building Collapse

This article is by ***Troy Closson, Nate Schweber, Andrea Barnes*** *and* ***Michael Levenson.***

The hammering noise was incessant, coming from a construction site where workers were excavating near a busy intersection in Brooklyn where Flatbush Avenue meets Bedford Avenue. "Bang!" James Williams, who works at a nearby deli, said, recalling the shocks. "Every five minutes you would hear: pow!"

At about 4 p.m. on Wednesday, he went outside and saw bricks falling from a three-story apartment building on Flatbush Avenue next to the construction site. "It went click, click, click, click, click," he said. "I'm like, Oh hell, what is going on?"

He watched as the building started to crumble, its front and side sliding away, and a check-cashing shop underneath that he frequented all collapsing into the open construction site nearby. He saw clothes and a microwave oven thrown into the dust-filled air. He heard people scream.

The first firefighters arrived within a minute, followed by more

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Final Voyage for the S.S. United States
The 20th-century supership sank to the ocean floor, where it will become an artificial reef. Page A11.

Prostate Cancer Screening Now Broadly Urged

All Men Ages 50 to 69 Seen as Needing Test

By NINA AGRAWAL

The American Cancer Society on Thursday issued new guidelines recommending that all men ages 50 to 69 undergo prostate cancer screening using a blood test every two years.

Black men and those with a strong family history of prostate cancer should start annual screening at 45, the guidelines said.

Universal screening for prostate cancer, which accounts for about 2.5 percent of all deaths among U.S. men, has long been a subject of controversy. The evidence of the benefits of regular testing of blood levels of prostate specific antigen, or P.S.A., is somewhat limited. There are well-documented harms associated with diagnosing and treating all prostate cancers, which typically grow slowly and may not ever cause issues in men who have them.

The new guidelines diverge from earlier recommendations that patients and physicians decide together about screening, based on careful consideration of

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Nvidia's Stock Price This Year



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