57. **Tonight,** occasional rain, low 53. **Tomorrow,** warmer, early clouds,

some sunshine in the afternoon, high 75. Weather map is on Page 20.

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Prices in Canada may be higher

RUSSIA WRESTLES

WITH RECRUITING

PARDONS FOR INMATES

WOMEN FOR WAR

Putin's Traditional Views Conflict With Need to Replenish Ranks

By ANATOLY KURMANAEV and EKATERINA BODYAGINA

BERLIN — The Russian Army is gradually expanding the role of women as it seeks to balance President Vladimir V. Putin's promotion of traditional family roles with the need for new recruits for the war in Ukraine.

The military's stepped-up appeal to women includes efforts to recruit female inmates in prisons, replicating on a much smaller scale a strategy that has swelled its ranks with male convicts.

Recruiters in military uniforms toured Russian jails for women in the fall of 2023, offering inmates a pardon and \$2,000 a month -10times the national minimum wage — in return for serving in frontline roles for a year, according to six current and former inmates of three prisons in different regions

Dozens of inmates just from those prisons have signed military contracts or applied to enlist, the women said, a sampling that – along with local media reports about recruitment in other regions — suggests a broader effort to enlist female convicts.

It's not just convicts. Women now feature in Russian military recruitment advertisements across the country. A pro-Kremlin paramilitary unit fighting in Ukraine also recruits women.

"Combat experience and military specialties are not required," read an advertisement aimed at women that was posted in March in Russia's Tatarstan region. It offered training and a sign-up bonus "We have equivalent to \$4,000. one goal — victory!"

The Russian military's need to replenish its ranks for what it presents as a long-term war against Ukraine and its Western allies, however, has clashed with Mr. Putin's ideological struggle, which portrays Russia as a bastion of social conservatism standing up to the decadent West.

Mr. Putin has placed women at the core of this vision, portraying them as child-bearers, mothers and wives guarding the nation's social harmony.

"The most important thing for every women, no matter what profession she has chosen and what heights she has reached, is the family," Mr. Putin said in a speech on March 8.

These clashing military and social priorities have resulted in contradictory policies that seek to recruit women to the military to fill a need, but send conflicting signals about the roles women can assume there.

"I have gotten used to the fact that I am often looked at like a monkey, like, 'Wow, she's in fa-

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As 2 Cicada Broods Emerge at Once, Illinois Prepares to Hear the Loudest Roar



ship, and referring to its restrictions on campus political activity. But the speech, from the student

leader Mario Savio, and the sit-in that followed could have hap-

The protests against Israel's

war in Gaza that have erupted on

college campuses around the

United States are merely the lat-

est in a tradition of student-led,

left-leaning activism dating back

at least to the civil rights and anti-Vietnam War protests of the

Often, the protests have played

out on college campuses, and

sometimes in the same building as

previous years: Hamilton Hall at

Columbia University, was taken

over by students in the protests of

1968 as well as this past week and

at least four times in between.

Sometimes the protests have

seemed to be off-campus adapta-

tions, like the Occupy Wall Street

demonstrations of 2011 or the ra-

cial justice demonstrations of re-

Like today's protests, most of

the older movements were highly

polarizing. Some observers at the

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cent years.

pened yesterday.

Disruption at Michigan's Graduation

Could the Covid-19 Vaccines Have Caused Some People Harm?

Pro-Palestinian demonstrators at Saturday's ceremony in Ann Arbor, Mich. Other universities are bracing for disturbances. Page 24.

By APOORVA MANDAVILLI

Within minutes of getting the Johnson & Johnson Covid-19 vaccine, Michelle Zimmerman felt pain racing from her left arm up to her ear and down to her fingertips. Within days, she was unbearably sensitive to light and struggled to remember simple facts.

She was 37, with a Ph.D. in neuroscience, and until then could ride her bicycle 20 miles, teach a dance class and give a lecture on artificial intelligence, all in the same day. Now, more than three

Olympics gave out medals in arts,

not just athletics — and if you did-

n't know about that, the rest of this

article may hold more surprises -

the pinnacle came in Paris, 100

The gold medal sculpture at the

1924 Paris Olympics was by a

Greek artist named Costas Dimi-

triadis. His nude, arching, 7-foot

"Discobole" (Discus Thrower)

was for weeks displayed promi-

Two years later, before "a crowd

of light-frocked women and straw-

hatted men," as The New York

Times reported, the prized sculp-

ture, cast in bronze, was planted

just outside the Metropolitan Mu-

seum of Art in New York's Central

Park.

nently in the Grand Palais.

years ago this summer.

When Art, Music and Writing

Could Garner Olympic Glory

By JOHN BRANCH

years later, she lives with her parents. Eventually diagnosed with brain damage, she cannot work, drive or even stand for long periods of time.

"When I let myself think about the devastation of what this has done to my life, and how much I've lost, sometimes it feels even too hard to comprehend," said Dr. Zimmerman, who believes her injury was a result of a contaminated vaccine batch.

The Covid vaccines, a triumph of science and public health, are estimated to have prevented mil-

a museum official declared that

The statue did not stand still for

For decades, beginning with the

long. Like the Olympic arts con-

tests themselves, it went on quite

1912 Olympics in Stockholm, the

Olympics included competitions

in painting, sculpture, architec-

"pentathlon of the Muses," as

Pierre de Coubertin, the founder

and leader of the modern

of each Olympiad, on a par with

the athletic competitions," Cou-

Thousands of artists, some of

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"From now on they will be part

ture, music and literature -

Olympics, called them.

a journey, largely to oblivion.

Thousands Think That Their Cases Have Been Ignored

lions of hospitalizations and deaths. Yet even the best vaccines produce rare but serious side effects. And the Covid vaccines have been given to more than 270 million people in the United States, in nearly 677 million doses.

Dr. Zimmerman's account is

among the more harrowing, but thousands of Americans believe they suffered serious side effects following Covid vaccination. As of April, just over 13,000 vaccine-injury compensation claims had been filed with the federal government — but to little avail. Only 19 percent had been reviewed. Only 47 of those were deemed eligible for compensation, and only 12 had been paid out, at an average of about \$3,600.

Some scientists fear that patients with real injuries are being Continued on Page 22



One Nostril Edges Out Another ... and Another

Mystik Dan, ridden by the jockey Brian J. Hernandez Jr., prevailed over Forever Young, at center in red, and Sierra Leone to win the 150th Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs on Saturday. Page 30.

Fans of cicadas say they evoke nostalgia: a sound of summer.

By JULIE BOSMAN and JAMIE KELTER DAVIS

DES PLAINES, Ill. — As the third graders of Cumberland Elementary in the Chicago suburbs colored, clipped and glued paper to make cicadas with filmy wings, they confided their fears about what is about to happen in Illinois.

"Some people think cicadas can suck your brains out," said Willa, a red-haired 8-year-old in a Star Wars T-shirt.

'They're going to be so loud," Christopher, 9, said as he colored his cicada intently. "I hate noise."

'It's kind of scary," Madison, 8, said while picking through markers scattered on a green table. "What if they do something to

Not to worry, Madison and Willa: Cicadas don't actually bite, and they prefer to suck tree sap. (And Christopher, earplugs might come in handy.)

Illinois is the center of the cicada emergence in the United States, the only state that will experience cicadas nearly everywhere and see two adjacent

broods — Brood XIX, or the Great Southern Brood, and Brood XIII, or the Northern Illinois Brood come up from the soil at once. The dual emergence of the two groups of cicadas is happening for the first time since 1803, and expected to last about six weeks

Any day now, scientists estimate, the state will be a carpet of buzzing, crawling, red-eyed in-

"What's special about these two broods is that they cover almost the entirety of the state of Illinois," said Allen Lawrance, associate curator of entomology at the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum in Chicago. "So for us in Illinois, you won't be able to get away from

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All In on Second Chances

Assemblyman Eddie Gibbs of East Harlem went from prison to politics. He's using his experience to help people reinvent themselves.

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About 170 million Americans use Tik-Tok, in an incalculable number of ways. Eighteen reporters consider how the app has reshaped daily life.

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Bland Ambition There are a lot of new TV shows with

great casts that are cinematic and well made. And James Poniewozik says they're, you know, fine.

SUNDAY OPINION

Jamelle Bouie

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