breaking for some sun, high 81.

Tonight, cloudy, low 63. Tomorrow, showers and a thunderstorm, high 70. Weather map is on Page A20.

SEX WITH TRUMP,

Encounter That Led

to Hush Money

This article is by Ben Protess, Jo-

When Donald J. Trump met

But that chance encounter in

And on Tuesday, Ms. Daniels

took the stand at that trial, bring-

ing the former president face to face with the porn star at the

The charges stem from her

story of sex with Mr. Trump dur-

ing that 2006 celebrity golf tour-

nament in Lake Tahoe, a story she

was shopping a decade later, in the

closing days of the 2016 presiden-

tial campaign. Mr. Trump's long-

time lawyer and fixer, Michael D.

Cohen, paid her \$130,000 in hush

money before Election Day, and

the former president is accused of

falsifying business records to

cover up reimbursements for Mr.

Ms. Daniels's fast-paced testi-

mony lasted nearly five hours,

during which she described an en-

counter with Mr. Trump, now 77,

that he has long denied. Tension

gripped the courtroom, her garru-

lous testimony filling a heavy si-

lence. She made jokes; they did

After about a half-hour on the stand, she began to unspool intimate details about Mr. Trump, so much so that the judge balked at

some of the testimony. He implied it was gratuitously vulgar, and the defense sought a mistrial.

Ms. Daniels said the future president had invited her to din-

ner inside his palatial Lake Tahoe

hotel suite. He answered the door wearing silk pajamas. When he was rude, she playfully spanked

him with a rolled-up magazine.

And when she asked about his

wife, he told her not to worry, that

they didn't even sleep in the same

room — prompting Mr. Trump to

shake his head in disgust and mut-

Ms. Daniels then recounted the

sex itself in graphic detail. It hap-

pened, she said, after she re-

turned from the bathroom and

found Mr. Trump in his boxer

shorts and T-shirt. She tried to

leave and he blocked her path,

though not, she said, in a threat-

ening manner. The sex was brief,

she said, and although she never

Continued on Page A18

DELAY The judge in the records

case tossed a May 20 start date,

failing to set a new one. PAGE A18

ter "bullshit" to his lawyers.

case's center.

Cohen.

WHICH HE DENIES

VOL. CLXXIII No. 60,148

© 2024 The New York Times Company

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024

Prices in Canada may be higher

\$4.00

SENDING IN TANKS, **ISRAEL CAPTURES** RAFAH CROSSING

SHUTS 2 AID GATEWAYS

Talks in Egypt Resume — Attack Not Seen as Full Invasion

This article is by Isabel Kershner, Cassandra Vinograd and Michael

JERUSALEM — The Israeli military said on Tuesday that its tanks had entered Rafah in southern Gaza and had seized control of the city's critical border crossing with Egypt in what it called a limited operation to eliminate Hamas fighters and infrastructure that had been used to attack and kill four Israeli soldiers on Sunday.

The incursion did not appear to be the long-anticipated full-scale invasion of Rafah, a city crowded with about a million Palestinians. which Israel's allies have been working to avert by pushing for a cease-fire deal.

International humanitarian officials said the military operation had halted the flow of aid from Egypt into Gaza, exacerbating extreme hunger and privation in the besieged territory.

"The situation is catastrophic in every sense of the word," said Dr. Suhaib Hems, the head of Kuwait Hospital in Rafah, adding that 27 bodies and 150 wounded people had been brought to the hospital since Israeli tanks entered the

The Israeli military said it had killed about 20 people in Rafah, describing the dead as Hamas militants.

Hamas said it had fired on Israeli soldiers on Tuesday at another vital aid crossing, near Kerem Shalom, along Gaza's southern border with Israel. The Israeli military said that four mortar shells and two rockets had been launched toward Kerem Shalom from Rafah but that no in-

Continued on Page A6

School Protests

Open Wounds



A Palestinian youth examined what was left of a building after Israel's bombardment Tuesday of a district in Rafah, in southern Gaza.

Biden Denounces a 'Ferocious Surge' of Antisemitism in the U.S.

By ERICA L. GREEN and MICHAEL D. SHEAR

WASHINGTON - President Biden on Tuesday condemned a "ferocious surge of antisemitism" in the United States following the Oct. 7 Hamas attack against Israel and said people were already forgetting the deadliest day for Jews since the Holocaust.

Speaking at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum's Days of Remembrance, Mr. Biden tied the anti-Jewish sentiment that led to the Nazi effort to exterminate Jews directly to Oct. 7.

"This ancient hatred of Jews didn't begin with the Holocaust," he said. "It didn't end with the Holocaust, either."

For Mr. Biden, a self-described Zionist, the speech was a clear assertion of his support for Jewish Americans as he struggles to balance his support for Israel with increasingly forceful calls for the protection of civilians in Gaza.

Mr. Biden's address also comes as protests against Israel's war in Gaza roil college campuses, with students demanding that the Biden administration stop sending weapons to Israel. In some cases, the demonstrations have included antisemitic rhetoric and harassment targeting Jewish stu-

"I understand people have strong beliefs and deep convictions about the world," the presi-

Holocaust Remembered Amid Campus Unrest and War in Gaza

dent said. But, he added, "there is no place on any campus in America, any place in America, for antisemitism or hate speech or threats of violence of any kind."

Mr. Biden also denounced attempts to minimize the Hamas attacks, which killed 1,200 people in Israel and sparked a war that has killed an estimated 34,000 people

"Now here we are, not 75 years later, but just seven and half

months later, and people are already forgetting," Mr. Biden said. "They are already forgetting. That Hamas unleashed this terror. It was Hamas that brutalized Israelis. It was Hamas who took and continues to hold hostages.

"I have not forgotten, nor have you," he told the crowd of more than 100, including Holocaust survivors. "And we will not forget."

Since the outset of the war, Mr. Biden has faced criticism from Arab Americans and Palestinians

Continued on Page A15

SPLIT SCREEN Two presidents and two wildly disparate events. Political Memo. PAGE A15

In Brazil, Musk And G.O.P. Join Far-Right Fight In Liberal Hub

By KURT STREETER

BERKELEY, Calif. — The controversy began with a walkout. On Oct. 18, hundreds of Berkeley High School students, with the blessing of some of their teachers, left their classrooms in the middle of the day and gathered at a

nearby park. "Free Palestine!" they chanted.

"Stop bombing Gaza!" "From the river to the sea!" One of their teachers, Becky Villagran, thanked the crowd of roughly 150, telling them not to forget that the toll of the victims of the war in Gaza was more than a number.

Just as on the nearby campus of the University of California famed since the 1960s for its marches, sit-ins and progressive ideals - students at Berkelev High have a long history of hitting the streets in dissent. In the 1960s, they walked out to oppose the Vietnam War. In the 1990s, they pushed to create ethnic studies courses. More recently, they have shown up in droves to advocate for Black Lives Matter, immigration reform, reproductive rights and L.G.B.T.Q. rights.

But this walkout reverberated in unexpected ways through the Berkeley public school system and the city's ordinarily tight-knit community.

Some Jewish students, and their self-described Zionist parents, felt frightened by what they Continued on Page A17

By JACK NICAS

RIO DE JANEIRO — Just a few months ago, the political movement behind Brazil's farright former president, Jair Bolsonaro, was sputtering. Mr. Bolsonaro had been

NEWS ANALYSIS

voted out of office, ruled ineligible to run in the next

hairs of deepening criminal investigations. But now Mr. Bolsonaro and his

followers have had a sudden surge of energy and momentum with the help of Elon Musk and the Republican Party.

and House Republicans have harshly criticized Alexandre de Moraes, a Brazilian Supreme Court justice who is leading investigations into Mr. Bolbelong to prominent right-wing pundits, podcasters and federal lawmakers who, in some cases, election loss.

Mr. Moraes has said he is acting to protect Brazil's democracy against attacks from the former president and his allies, who have been accused of planning a coup in 2022.

Mr. Musk has repeatedly called Mr. Moraes a "dictator"

election and was in the cross

Over the past month, Mr. Musk sonaro, over the judge's moves to block more than 100 social media accounts in Brazil. Many of them have questioned Mr. Bolsonaro's

and posted dozens of times about

Continued on Page A10



NANNA HEITMANN FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES

A Kremlin Show of Strength and Loyalty

Vladimir V. Putin was sworn in on Tuesday as Russia's president for the fifth time. Page A8.

Clues to Beethoven's Deafness Could Lurk in Locks of His Hair

By GINA KOLATA

At 7 p.m. on May 7, 1824, Ludwig van Beethoven, then 53, strode onto the stage of the magnificent Theater am Kärntnertor in Vienna to help conduct the world premiere of his Ninth Symphony, the last he would ever complete.

That performance, whose 200th anniversary was on Tuesday, was unforgettable in many ways. But it was marked by an incident at the

start of the second movement that revealed to the audience of about 1,800 people how deaf the revered composer had become.

Ted Albrecht, a professor emeritus of musicology at Kent State University in Ohio and author of a recent book on the Ninth Symphony, described the scene.

The movement began with loud kettledrums, and the crowd cheered wildly. But Beethoven was oblivious to the applause and

200 Years Later, Snips Found Full of Lead

his music. He stood with his back to the audience, beating time. At that moment, a soloist grasped his sleeve and turned him around to see the raucous adulation he could not hear.

It was one more humiliation for

a composer who had been mortified by his deafness since he had begun to lose his hearing in his

But why had he gone deaf? And why was he plagued by unrelenting abdominal cramps, flatulence and diarrhea?

A cottage industry of fans and experts has debated various theories. Was it Paget's disease of bone, which in the skull can affect

Continued on Page A11



INTERNATIONAL A4-11

The ABC's of the Deep

Sperm whales use a richer set of sounds than previously known, which scientists call a "phonetic alphabet." PAGE A11

Foiled Plot to Kill Zelensky

The Ukrainian security services arrested two Ukrainian colonels and accused them of spying. PAGE A9 NATIONAL A12-21

Miscues in Jan. 6 Response

New testimony shows how miscommunication contributed to a four-hour delay in deploying troops to help restore order at the Capitol. PAGE A13

Are You What You Eat?

Ultraprocessed foods are clearly linked to poor health. But scientists are only beginning to understand why. PAGE A12

OBITUARIES B11-12

A Groundbreaking Ballerina

Gayle McKinney-Griffith was a founding member of Dance Theater of PAGE B12 Harlem. She was 74.



BUSINESS B1-6

Churches to Tackle Housing

The "Yes in God's Backyard" movement to build affordable housing on religious properties is gaining steam.

TikTok Files Suit Against U.S.

The social media company is challenging the law forcing its sale, saying the ban violates users' rights.

ARTS C1-6

A Traumatic Solitude

A new documentary looks back on a Japanese reality show starring a man who didn't know he was on TV. In an interview, he shares his story. PAGE C1

SPORTS B7-10

\$9 Million Sex Assault Verdict

The United States Tennis Association lost a federal lawsuit by the former prospect Kylie McKenzie over the conduct of a coach. PAGE B9

OPINION A22-23 Michelle Goldberg



French Toast Done Right Variations of this delightful treat have

been around since bread was invented, and we have a pair of recipes that show it off simply and stunningly.

