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THE WEATHER

Today, mostly cloudy, showers, a heavy thunderstorm, high 84. **To-night,** showers and thunderstorms, low 66. **Tomorrow**, cooler, showers, high 72. Weather map, Page B12.

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Protesters stormed the official residence of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina as she fled the country on Monday in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

IN BANGLADESH, PREMIER RESIGNS

Flees Country in Copter After Huge Protests

This article is by Saif Hasnat, Shayeza Walid and Anupreeta Das.

DHAKA, Bangladesh — They came prepared for violence. A day after about 100 people were killed in antigovernment protests, hundreds of thousands took to the streets of Dhaka, Bangladesh's capital, defying a curfew imposed by the government and demanding the resignation of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

They got their wish. After 15 years of increasingly autocratic rule during which she crushed the opposition and brought the armed forces and the judiciary under her control, Ms. Hasina bowed to pressure and, according to the military, quit her post and fled the country in a helicopter.

The downfall of her government, in a country known for its messy and sometimes bloody politics, plunged the country into lawless uncertainty and all but guaranteed that there will be a fresh battle for power between leaders of her political party, the Awami League, and the Bangladesh Nationalist Party, its main opposi-

It remained unclear what role the military, which has seized power in the past, will play - or whether it had a hand in persuading Ms. Hasina to leave. On Monday afternoon, Gen. Waker-uz-Zaman, the Bangladesh Army chief of staff, announced her departure and said he would request the formation of an interim government.

Neither Ms. Hasina, 76, nor the Awami League made any public comment on the head-spinning turn of events, which few people had predicted.

The recent unrest began with demonstrations student-led against a quota system for government jobs, but they quickly broadened into protests against a government seen as increasingly authoritarian, and were met with a brutal crackdown. Thousands were arrested and scores were killed.

Student leaders had initially called for a march on Tuesday, but decided to accelerate that timetable, moving the event to Monday after around 100 people died in clashes on Sunday. In a video

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Sleeper Spies With an Art Gallery and Children

By ANDREW HIGGINS

LJUBLJANA, Slovenia Darja Stefancic, a painter in Slovenia known for brightly colored landscapes, thought it strange when an obscure online art gallery run by a woman from Argentina contacted her out of the blue and asked her to join its thin roster of artists.

The painter suspected a scam, and she worried that the gallery, which virtually nobody in Slovenia's tiny, tight-knit art scene had heard of, "just wanted to cheat

It did — but in ways that far surpassed even her darkest suspi-

The online gallery was a front United States.

Couple in Slovenia Had a Cash Stockpile and Ties to Moscow

for Russian intelligence, part of an elaborate network of deep-cover sleeper spies trained to impersonate Argentines, Brazilians and other foreign nationals by Russia's foreign intelligence agency, the SVR, around Europe.

They were real-life versions of the fictional stars of "The Americans," a television series inspired by the 2010 arrest of a ring of actual Russian sleeper agents in the

Russia, and before it the Soviet Union, has a long history of investing heavily in so-called "illegals," spies who burrow deep into target countries over many years. Unlike "legal" spies operating under diplomatic cover in Russian embassies, they have no immunity from prosecution or obvious connections to Russia and are extremely hard to detect.

Vladimir V. Putin, Russia's president and a former K.G.B. officer,



Simone Biles has pushed women's gymnastics forward with some of the hardest moves in history.

'Little Turtle' Reached the Peak at Her Own Pace

By JULIET MACUR

PARIS — To end the Olympics she once thought would never happen for her, Simone Biles began her floor exercise routine on Monday and did what she was made to do: flip and twist and thrill an arena filled with people there to watch her.

Every time Biles, the most decorated gymnast in history, landed one of her wildly difficult tumbling passes, the crowd seemed to

With 4 Medals in Paris, Biles Seals Legacy

shout, "Wow!" all at once. And when she was done, standing alone in her sparkly leotard, the spectators rose to honor her perhaps as much for her entire career as for a brilliant but flawed floor routine. [Page B7.]

Biles stepped out of bounds

twice during the routine, which was by far the most difficult that any of the finalists attempted. As a result, she did not win, as expected. Instead, she received the silver medal, while Rebeca Andrade of Brazil, her rival, won the gold by just over three-hundredths of a point. The American Jordan Chiles, one of Biles's closest friends, won the bronze.

When Chiles's bronze medal was announced, she cried — and Continued on Page A7

Google Loses Antitrust Case On Search Tool

Judge Rules Company Is Illegal Monopoly

By DAVID McCABE

WASHINGTON — Google acted illegally to maintain a monopoly in online search, a federal iudge ruled on Monday, a landmark decision that strikes at the power of tech giants in the modern internet era and that may fundamentally alter the way they do business.

Judge Amit P. Mehta of U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia said in a 277-page ruling that Google had abused a monopoly over the search business. The Justice Department and states had sued Google, accusing it of illegally cementing its dominance, in part, by paying other companies, like Apple and Samsung, billions of dollars a year to have Google automatically handle search queries on their smartphones and web browsers.

"After having carefully considered and weighed the witness testimony and evidence, the court reaches the following conclusion: Google is a monopolist, and it has acted as one to maintain its monopoly," Judge Mehta said in his

The ruling is a harsh verdict on the rise of giant technology companies that have used their roots in the internet to influence the way we shop, consume information and search online — and indicates a potential limit of Big Tech's power. It is likely to influence other government antitrust lawsuits against Google, Apple, Amazon and Meta, the owner of Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp. The last significant antitrust ruling against a tech company targeted Microsoft more than two decades ago.

"This is the most important antitrust case of the century, and it's the first of a big slate of cases to come down against Big Tech," said Rebecca Haw Allensworth, a professor at Vanderbilt University's law school who studies antitrust. "It's a huge turning point."

The decision is a blow to Google, which was built on its search engine and has become so closely associated with search that its name has become a verb. The ruling could have major ramifications for Google's success, especially as it spends heavily to compete in the race over artificial intelligence. Google faces another federal antitrust case over ad technology that is scheduled to go to trial next month.

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WEAK JOBS DATA HELPS TO SPREAD GLOBAL SELL-OFF

SENDING MIXED SIGNALS

S&P 500 Slumps 3% — Summer Lull Is Jolted by Recession Fear

This article is by Joe Rennison, Daisuke Wakabayashi and River Akira Davis.

Anxiety over a slowdown in the U.S. economy intensified on Monday, with a retreat in markets that began last week snowballing into a global rout.

The turmoil was the latest example of how distinct economic forces can ricochet across markets, forcing down company stock prices and erasing billions of dollars in value. In this case, a rapidly rising yen over the past week had disrupted the flow of global capital, prompting a pullback from some popular investments.

But the sell-off quickly expanded into a more widespread panic that the Federal Reserve may have waited too long to start cutting interest rates, threatening the strength of the U.S. economy.

Those fears were amplified by a U.S. employment report released on Friday that showed significantly slower hiring by employers, with the unemployment rate rising to its highest level in nearly three years. From the moment stock markets first opened for trading in Asia, and then through trading hours in Europe and the United States on Monday, prices plummeted.

On Wall Street, the S&P 500 fell 3 percent, its sharpest daily decline since September 2022.

While some investors saw the sell-off as a signal that the economy was at risk of recession, others maintained that the move was more the result of a pullback from overextended bets, especially on tech stocks and artificial intelligence. Despite its recent decline, the S&P 500 is still up nearly 9 percent for the year, a healthy return. "Markets are a little bit out of

control," said Andrew Brenner, head of international fixed income at National Alliance Securities. "This is just total panic. It's not real but it is painful, and it could be with us for a few weeks. Few corners of the financial

market were spared from the turmoil as investors cashed out and sought refuge from a broad-based slump. Oil futures, gold and cryptocurrencies were also swept up

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Struggling Actor Turned Monk Pours Lottery Win Into Theater

By ROBIN POGREBIN

SAN DIEGO - When Roy Cockrum, a onetime struggling actor and a former monk, won a \$259 million Powerball jackpot in 2014, he decided to splurge on something a bit out of the ordinary: supporting nonprofit theater.

He set up a foundation that has given away \$25 million to 39 American theaters so far, which is why he found himself the other night at the Old Globe in San Diego. He was there to watch the premiere of a production he supported to help the theater reach a milestone: a large-scale staging of the only Shakespeare play it had yet to produce, an adaptation of the somewhat rarely performed three "Henry VI" plays.

"The question I put to artistic directors is, 'Is there a project you've always dreamed of doing that you couldn't afford?'" Cockrum, an apple-cheeked, snowyhaired 68-year-old, said in an interview. "To help artistic directors



Roy Cockrum has given more than \$25 million to 39 theaters.

dream bigger than they would otherwise.

At a time when nonprofit theaters across the country are struggling with rising costs, fewer subscribers, smaller audiences and dwindling corporate philanthropy, Cockrum's generosity stands out.

"He's an inspiration to other philanthropists at a time when our Continued on Page A17



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Dimming the Lights

Palomar Observatory in California (above, in the 1950s) has closed its kitchen, which served meals to astronomers amid their cosmic duties. PAGE D5

