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A force that moves us through anything.

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or with ourselves,
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is the most precious gift of all.

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THE WEATHER
Today, sunshine, a few clouds, chilly, high 48. Tonight, partly cloudy, chilly, low 37. Tomorrow, partial sun early, then thickening clouds, high 49. Weather map is on Page B10.

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GOSSIPY EMAIL TROVE

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of Knowing Secrets
About President

This article is by David Enrich,
Nicholas Confessore, Jessica Silver-
Greenberg and Steve Eder.

President Trump's long friendship with Jeffrey Epstein came to an apparent end in the mid-2000s. But Mr. Epstein remained intent on focused on Mr. Trump for years afterward, seeking to exploit the remains of their relationship up until his arrest on federal sex-trafficking charges in 2019.

In more than 20,000 pages of Mr. Epstein's typo-strewn emails and other messages released by a congressional committee on Wednesday, Mr. Epstein insulted Mr. Trump and hinted that he had damaging information on him.

Like many firms on Wall Street, Mr. Bessent's hedge fund, Key Square Capital Management, was set up as a limited partnership. Through that structure, Mr. Bessent avoided paying roughly \$90,000 in Medicare taxes on money he made running the fund in 2021, 2022 and 2023, according to a memorandum prepared by Democratic Senate staff for Mr. Bessent's confirmation hearing in January.

The memo, viewed by The New York Times, was based on a review of Mr. Bessent's tax returns and also indicated that Mr. Bessent paid Social Security taxes in full.

Mr. Bessent has stood by the tax maneuver. During his confirmation process to lead the Treasury Department, which oversees the I.R.S., Mr. Bessent said he would not follow the I.R.S. position that the change will not apply to higher-profile races later in the year for state legislature, governor and federal offices.

But even at the local level, the trial run of phone voting — one of the first of its scale in the nation — could offer a blueprint for expanded use in future elections beyond Alaska.

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The release of the messages instantly pushed the two men's much-scrutinized relationship back into the public eye, re-energizing Democratic attacks on Mr. Trump and his Justice Department for failing to publicly disclose more information from the investigation of Mr. Epstein.

The emails date to at least 2011, when Mr. Trump was a reality TV star toying with a long-shot presidential run and Mr. Epstein was trying to rehabilitate his image after his conviction and incarceration for soliciting prostitution from a minor. The messages continue through the spring of 2019, when Mr. Trump was president and his Justice Department was building a criminal case against Mr. Epstein.

The messages hint that Mr. Epstein and his advisers believed they had inside — and potentially damaging — knowledge of Mr. Trump's far-flung properties and business dealings. Some suggest

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More on the White House

DRASTIC CUTS A HUD policy change could put as many as 170,000 formerly homeless people back on the streets. PAGE A12

ANXIETY Federal workers are struggling with the burden of going without pay. PAGE A11

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After Leader's 3 A.M. Meeting, A Red-Eyed Backlash in Japan

**By JAVIER C. HERNÁNDEZ
and HISAKO UENO**

TOKYO — Japan's new prime minister, Sanae Takaichi, is known as an inveterate workhorse. She often skips social gatherings and has openly rejected the idea of work-life balance.

But even by Ms. Takaichi's standards, it was surprising when she emerged from her Tokyo residence shortly after 3 a.m. on a recent day to convene a meeting with aides ahead of an appearance before Parliament.

Ms. Takaichi has drawn criticism for holding the meeting, which took place last Friday and has become known in the Japanese news media as the "3 a.m. study session." The issue is especially sensitive in Japan, where there have been high-profile cases in recent years of karoshi, or "death from overwork."

Some argue the meeting, which involved several aides and lasted about three hours, would feed into unhealthy extremes. Others said Ms. Takaichi was placing unnecessary burdens on her staff.

Yoshitoku Noda, a former prime minister who leads the main opposition party, called Ms. Takaichi's decision to hold the meeting "crazy." When he was Japan's leader from 2011 to 2012, he would start work around 6 a.m. or 7 a.m.

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Tiny Long Shot for World Cup

The Faroe Islands, rugged green specks in the North Atlantic, are an underdog. Most of the guys on the team have day jobs. Page B7.

Seattle Elects Mayor in Shift Further to Left

By ANNA GRIFFIN

SEATTLE — A community organizer and first-time candidate who pushed for higher taxes on the wealthy will be Seattle's next mayor, unseating the incumbent, who conceded on Thursday following one of the tightest elections in the city's history.

The election of Katie Wilson was a Pacific Coast victory for progressive Democrats that matches Zohran Mamdani's rise in New York.

Ms. Wilson is a co-founder of the Transit Riders Union, an advocacy group behind a number of local measures to expand transit access, increase renter protections and add housing through new and higher taxes on the rich. She had never sought public office before this year, and was prompted to enter Seattle's mayoral race only after the incumbent, Bruce Harrell, became the public face of an effort to block a new tax on high earners to pay for housing construction.

"I wished her well," Mr. Harrell said after speaking to Ms. Wilson. "I feel very good about the future of this country and this city still. That is the attitude we have to have."

Ms. Wilson, 43, is a Pacific Northwest avatar of the generational and ideological shifts rocking the Democratic Party. She lives with her husband and 2-year-old daughter in a rented 600-square-foot apartment, does not own a car and presented herself to voters as a champion of people, particularly Millennial and Generation Z voters, who expect to spend their lives struggling to do as well as their parents did.

"Partially what we are seeing is just the impact of big tech money in our city," said Eddie Lin, an assistant city attorney who won a seat on the City Council last week on a platform focused on liberal solutions to a lack of affordability. "We are growing so fast, certain people are getting paid very well, but that wealth is not making its way to the rest of the community."

Voters in Washington State cast their ballots by mail, not in person.

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Angry With Colombia's Leader
Gustavo Petro, the former leftist rebel known for his confrontational style, has incurred President Trump's wrath and is facing political fallout at home. PAGE A4

Alaska Is on the Frontier With Voting by Phone

Experiment With Local Elections May Offer Model for Future

By NICK CORASANITI

The largest city in Alaska is about to undertake an experiment that feels both inevitable and impossible futuristic in an era of pervasive distrust toward elections: allowing all voters to cast ballots from their smartphones.

Anchorage, home to about 240,000 registered voters, is starting small. Mail and in-person voting will still exist, but voters will also be able to open a link on their phones to cast a ballot in municipal races in April, when six city assembly seats and two school board seats are up for election.

The change will not apply to higher-profile races later in the year for state legislature, governor and federal offices.

But even at the local level, the first of its scale in the nation — could offer a blueprint for expanded use in future elections beyond Alaska.

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Unions are urging New York's governor to sign a bill requiring two-person crews on subway trains.

Subways' Doors May Be Closing for Conductors

Most Systems Now Rely on One-Person Crews

By STEFANOS CHEN

For more than a century, nearly every New York City subway train has had at least a two-person crew: an operator, who drives the train, and a conductor, who controls the doors and makes announcements.

Supporters of the practice say that a second pair of eyes on the train helps keep passengers safe. But many transit advocates argue

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world's major train lines have already moved to one-person operation, or even full automation, according to a review.

In a review of more than 400 train lines in over a dozen countries, just 6 percent of the routes still required two-person crews, according to a report released Thursday by New York University's Marron Institute of Urban Management, a civic think tank.

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