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THE WEATHER
Today, mostly cloudy, windy, cooler, an early shower or two, high 64. **Tonight**, clear, breezy in the evening, low 51. **Tomorrow**, mostly sunny, high 67. Weather map is on Page B7.

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Prices in Canada may be higher

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Burglars used a truck lift for furniture to enter a second-floor window at the Louvre Museum in Paris on Sunday, the authorities said.

In 7 Minutes, Louvre’s Gems Vanish in Heist

By CATHERINE PORTER and AURELIEN BREEDEN

PARIS — The doors of the world’s grandest museum had been opened to the public for just 30 minutes when two burglars were lifted up onto a second-floor balcony on the building’s south side.

Their faces concealed, they rode a monte-meubles, a truck-mounted electric ladder that is a common sight on the streets of Paris, where it is used to ferry bulky furniture through the windows of apartments.

Once there, they used grinders to break a window, setting off the security alarms, and burst inside the gilded Galerie d’Apollon of the Louvre Museum, where a prized



In their haste to leave, the robbers dropped a crown with thousands of diamonds made for Empress Eugénie.

collection of royal jewels and crown diamonds is held in a succession of cases.

There they smashed two cases, sounding more alarms, and snatched eight precious objects, including a royal sapphire necklace and earring, a royal emerald necklace, and earrings and a diadem worn by Empress Eugénie, the wife of Napoleon III, France’s 19th-century ruler.

The burglars went back down the ladder to a road shouldering the Seine and made their getaway with two waiting members of their team on motor scooters.

In all, it took no more than seven minutes.

It was the most brazen — and possibly the most costly — theft ever staged at the Louvre, which houses the country’s most prized art collections. French politicians publicly mourned the loss and railed against those they deemed responsible, loudly demanding to

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Epstein’s Angry Emails to Wall Street Billionaire

This article is by Matthew Goldstein, David Enrich, Steve Eder and Jessica Silver-Greenberg.

Jeffrey Epstein was furious. For years, he had relied on the billionaire Leon Black as his primary source of income, advising him on everything from taxes to his world-class art collection. But by 2016, Mr. Black seemed to be reluctant to keep paying him tens of millions of dollars a year.

So Mr. Epstein threw a tantrum. One of Mr. Black’s other financial advisers had created “a really dangerous mess,” Mr. Epstein wrote in an email to Mr. Black. Another was “a waste of money and space.” He even attacked Mr. Black’s children as “retarded” for

Fiery Friendship With a Patron Pressured to Pay Millions

supposedly making a mess of his estate.

The typo-strewn tirade was one of dozens of previously unreported emails reviewed by The New York Times in which Mr. Epstein hectoring Mr. Black, at times demanding tens of millions of dollars beyond the \$150 million he had already been paid.

The pressure campaign appeared to work. Mr. Black, who for decades was one of the richest and highest-profile figures on Wall

Street, continued to fork over tens of millions of dollars in fees and loans, albeit less than Mr. Epstein had been seeking.

Of all the relationships that Mr. Epstein built with the rich and powerful, his friendship with Mr. Black was arguably the most important. After Mr. Epstein served jail time for soliciting prostitution from a minor, many of his contacts backed away. Not Mr. Black, who kept Mr. Epstein afloat for years.

The new emails, along with court documents and interviews, provide the most complete picture yet of that relationship. They come at a time of renewed interest in Mr. Epstein, stoked by the Trump administration’s refusal to release government records relat-

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They Were Jets and Titans. Now They’re Nurses.

By JANCEE DUNN

A few years ago, D’Brickashaw Ferguson, a former offensive tackle with the New York Jets, faced a question that often challenges retired athletes: What should I do with my life?

Ferguson — a collegiate all-American, first-round draft pick, and three-time Pro Bowler — retired from the National Football League in 2016 after 10 seasons. He thought about going into broadcasting or teaching. He interned at a sustainability company.

“It was hard to find something I felt as connected to as I did with sports,” he said.

One day, Ferguson, 41, was discussing his career with his mother, Rhunette. She offered a seemingly random suggestion: Why not give nursing a try?

She was a nurse herself, as was Ferguson’s grandmother. Nursing, she told her son, has a wide array of career paths and specialties.

This past spring, Ferguson graduated from Thomas Jefferson University College of Nursing in Philadelphia. He is now a nurse at Robert Wood Johnson Barnabas Health in New Jersey. (While the hospital system shares a name with Woody Johnson, the current owner of the Jets, the team had no part in Ferguson’s hiring.)

And he won’t be wearing Jets-themed scrubs on the job, he said. “That wouldn’t allow me to, kind of, hide in plain sight,” he said. He’d like to be as incognito as a 6-foot-6 person can be.

It’s sometimes said that N.F.L. doesn’t stand for the National



“I feel like I matter,” said Patrick Hill, a former Tennessee Titans fullback and running back who is working as a psychiatric nurse.

Football League, but rather “not for long.” Players who make a team’s regular season roster stay in the league for around 4.5 years, according to a representative for the N.F.L.

Some players struggle with what to do next, said Tracy Perl-

man, senior vice president of player operations at the N.F.L. They often explore careers in broadcasting, coaching, financial literacy, teaching, real estate or law enforcement. “Nursing,” she said, “is a newer area.”

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G.O.P. Forced To Confront Health Care

Democrats Press Tricky Issue via Shutdown

By ANNIE KARNI

WASHINGTON — The federal shutdown that is nearing its fourth week with no end in sight carries plenty of political risk for Democrats, whom Republicans have accused of refusing to fulfill their responsibility to fund the government.

But it has also thrust President Trump and the G.O.P. onto the defensive on health care, an issue that has long been a major weakness for the party.

Democrats in Congress are holding fast to their position that they will not agree to a spending deal unless Republicans include an extension of expiring Affordable Care Act tax credits that would stave off premium increases and the loss of coverage for millions of Americans.

In doing so, they have forced the G.O.P. to wrestle publicly with its divisions about what to do with the health care law, which most Republicans revile but many recognize would be impossible to unravel without bringing political disaster to their party.

Some hard-line Republicans are still pressing to repeal Obamacare outright, while others concede it is unwise to do so without a clear plan of what to do instead — something that their party has long discussed but has never been able to agree upon. Mr. Trump, who told Republicans in 2023 to “never give up” in seeking to repeal the 2010 health law, has yet to clearly articulate what he favors instead.

For now, Republican leaders in Congress have mostly opted to try to change the conversation, insisting that they have a health care plan but declining to describe what it is.

“This is not a health care fight,” Speaker Mike Johnson insisted in a television interview last week when discussing the shutdown impasse. Democrats, he added, “have created a red herring. The subsidies don’t expire until the end of the year. They grabbed that issue from the end of the year and pulled it back into September.”

Whether or not Mr. Johnson wants to have a health care debate, the prolonged shutdown has forced him and his colleagues to defend their opposition to tax credits that are popular across the political spectrum.

Representative Steve Scalise of

ISRAEL HITS GAZA, ACCUSING HAMAS OF DEFYING TRUCE

A HALT IN AID FOR NOW

Despite Wave of Strikes, Both Sides Say Deal Is Still in Place

By ISABEL KERSHNER

JERUSALEM — Israel on Sunday launched its heaviest wave of attacks on Gaza since a fragile cease-fire took hold a week ago and said it had temporarily suspended humanitarian aid after accusing Hamas of violating the truce by firing on its soldiers, killing two.

After nightfall, the Israeli military said in a statement that it had “begun the renewed enforcement of the cease-fire” after carrying out a series of significant strikes against Hamas targets and in accordance with a directive from the government.

The deadly flare-up of violence on Sunday and the temporary suspension of aid were the most serious tests yet of the cease-fire, which was negotiated under heavy pressure by the Trump administration and signed with great fanfare by President Trump himself.

The aid was halted because of the intensity of the Israeli strikes, and was expected to resume once the bombing was over, according to an Israeli official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss a sensitive matter. Israeli officials had initially said that humanitarian aid would be suspended until further notice but later appeared to step back from that decision.

Israel said two of its soldiers were killed early Sunday when Palestinian militants attacked forces who were operating in an area where the Israeli military is allowed to be under the cease-fire agreement. The deaths prompted a strong response.

Gaza’s health officials reported 44 Palestinian deaths across the territory on Sunday.

Both Israel and Hamas have now accused each other of violating the truce after repeated flare-ups of violence over the past three days. But both sides made clear on Sunday that they were still committed to maintaining the truce.

The Israeli military said the Palestinian fighters had fired an anti-

Mayor Who Keeps Head Down So as Not to Rile Up President

By J. DAVID GOODMAN

HOUSTON — John Whitmire is not like most big city Democratic mayors. The 76-year-old, first-term mayor of Houston avoids confrontations with President Trump, courts Republican state leaders and saves his biggest complaints for his own party.

“Sometimes the louder you get, the less people listen to you,” he said of his fellow Democrats. “I don’t respond to Trump — that could be counterproductive. Do I have personal views? Sure, and they’re strong, but why do you want to challenge him?”

With rhetoric escalating over immigration raids and National Guard troop deployments, Mayor Whitmire is betting that the best way to govern a large American city right now is to keep your head down.

“Most major cities are in turmoil,” Mr. Whitmire said. “We’re not.”

His approach, developed over 50 years in Texas politics, may be keeping down the political temperature in Houston, the nation’s



John Whitmire, a Democrat, has led Houston since 2023.

fourth most populous city and a diverse, immigrant-heavy Democratic hub deep inside a red state.

But it has not endeared the mayor to his city’s progressives, who would say it’s not confrontation they crave. It’s backbone.

“This is a mayor who has no vision,” said Karthik Soora, a co-chairman of Houston Progressives.

Mr. Whitmire, in a series of interviews with The New York

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President Trump threatened President Gustavo Petro of Colombia after he accused the U.S. of a killing. *PAGE A5*

Lives Upended by Deportations
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Bari Weiss, a frequent critic of old-line media, has floated ideas for live events, booked guests and asked journalists why they are seen as biased. *PAGE B1*

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Nobel Laureate Physicist
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