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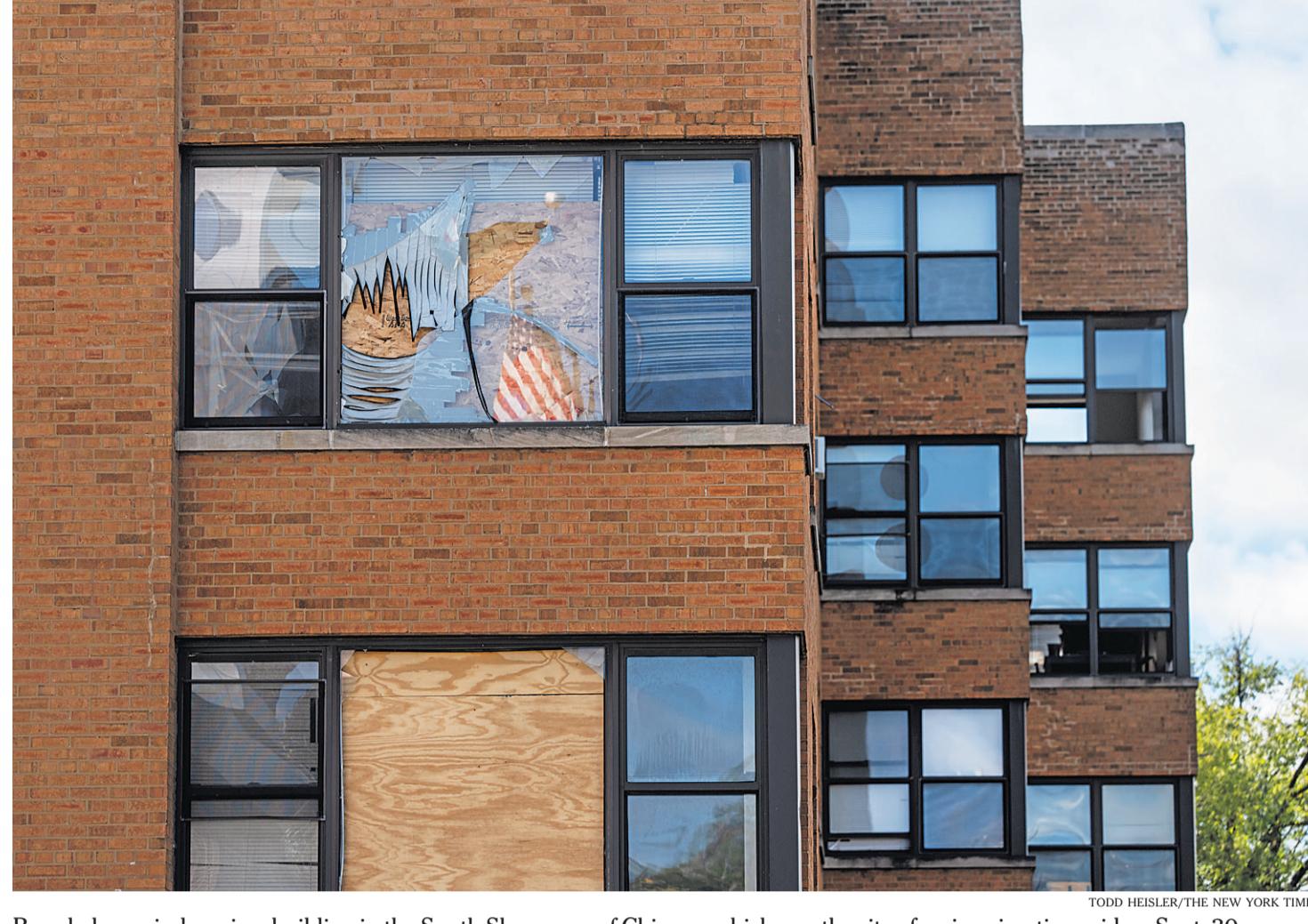
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Prices in Canada may be higher

\$4.00



Boarded-up windows in a building in the South Shore area of Chicago, which was the site of an immigration raid on Sept. 30.

In Neglected Building, a Chaotic Nighttime Raid

This article is by Nicholas Bogel-Borroug, Julie Bosman, Hamed Aleaziz, Jesus Jiménez and Brent McDonald.

CHICAGO — On a humid September night in Chicago, Cameo Polk was asleep in his fifth-floor apartment when he heard the *thump thump thump* of a helicopter overhead.

Outside, hundreds of men with masks and rifles were scurrying around the building. He briefly wondered if an invasion was underway.

But they were U.S. law enforcement agents, rappelling from a Black Hawk helicopter and swarming the 130-unit building he lives in. Once inside, they kicked down doors, emptied bookshelves

Dozens of U.S. Citizens Swept Up in Chicago by Federal Agents

and overturned mattresses.

By dawn, at least 37 of Mr. Polk's neighbors, nearly all Venezuelan nationals, would be in the custody of the U.S. government, part of President Trump's plan to crack down on illegal immigration.

Trailed by drones and a camera crew, federal agents with their guns drawn carried out one of the most aggressive immigration operations in recent memory. The raid has become a defining image of the Trump administration's

surge of federal agents into Chicago, where masked immigration officers for weeks have been chasing down people suspected of being in the country illegally.

And while those arrests have drawn fierce protests, the apartment building raid, which took place on Sept. 30, raised even more concerns. In their effort to capture Venezuelans, agents led by the U.S. Border Patrol pulled dozens of American citizens from their apartments in the middle of the night, pointing their guns at sleepy men and women before zip-tying them and taking them outside.

The operation also highlighted the extent to which immigration enforcement and crime-fighting

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Splurge by Rich As Many Strain Just to Get By

By BEN CASSELMAN and COLBY SMITH

CHICAGO — By the time the Pilsen Food Pantry opened on a recent morning, Ulysses Moreno had been there for two hours — with a line of people behind him that snaked around the corner.

"This is a lifeline for me," said Mr. Moreno, 39. He had lost his construction job a few days earlier, and with three teenagers at home, he wanted to make sure he could stock up. "Our food budget doesn't stretch as far as it used to."

A few miles away, on Chicago's Magnificent Mile, luxury hotels are bustling. Jewelry stores and designer boutiques do brisk business. The restaurants are packed with diners sipping \$20 cocktails while they wait for tables.

To Evelyn Figueroa, a family physician who founded and runs the Pilsen pantry, the dichotomy is striking.

"For people like me, who are homeowners, who are employed, the economy is great," she said. "How is the economy? It depends who you're looking at."

The divide between rich and poor is hardly new, in Chicago or the rest of the country. But it has become more pronounced in recent months. Wealthier Americans, buoyed by a stock market that keeps setting records, have continued to spend freely. Lower-income households — stung by persistent inflation and navigating a labor market that is losing momentum — are pulling back.

The top 10 percent of U.S. households now account for nearly half of all spending, Moody's Analytics recently estimated.

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Power-Thirsty A.I. Frenzy Incites Fury Across Globe

From Mexico to Ireland, Activists Cry Foul as Data Centers Deplete Resources

This article is by Paul Mozur, Adam Satariano and Emiliano Rodriguez Meca.

QUERÉTARO, Mexico — When Microsoft opened a data center in central Mexico last year, nearby residents said power cuts became more frequent. Water outages, which once lasted days, stretched for weeks.

The shortages led to school cancellations and the spread of stomach bugs in the town of Las Cenizas, said Dulce María Nicolás, a resident and mother of two. She has considered moving.

Victor Bárcenas, who runs a local health clinic, has stitched up children by flashlight. In December, he was unable to give oxygen to a 54-year-old farmer because the power went out. The patient was rushed to a hospital nearly an hour away.

Their experiences are being echoed elsewhere, as an artificial intelligence building boom strains already fragile power and water infrastructures in communities around the world.

The United States has been at the nexus of a data center boom, as OpenAI, Amazon, Google, Microsoft and others invest hundreds of billions to build the giant computing sites in the name of advancing artificial intelligence. But the companies have also exported the construction frenzy abroad,

with less scrutiny.

Nearly 60 percent of the 1,244 largest data centers in the world were outside the United States as of the end of June, according to an analysis by Synergy Research Group, which studies the industry. More are coming, with at least 575 data center projects in development globally from companies including Tencent, Meta and Alibaba.

As data centers rise, the sites — which need vast amounts of power for computing and water to cool the computers — have contributed to or exacerbated disruptions not only in Mexico, but in more than a dozen other countries, according to a New York Times examination.

In Ireland, data centers consume more than 20 percent of the country's electricity. In Chile, precious aquifers are in danger of depletion. In South Africa, where blackouts have long been routine, data centers are further taxing the national grid. Similar concerns have surfaced in Brazil, Britain, India, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Singapore and Spain.

The issues have been compounded by a lack of transparency. Google, Amazon, Microsoft and other tech companies often work through subsidiaries and service providers to build data

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A village near Microsoft's site in Mexico had water outages.

Children's Food Allergies Drop After New Advice, Study Says

By SIMAR BAJAJ

Food allergies in children dropped sharply in the years after new guidelines encouraged parents to introduce infants to peanuts, a study found.

For decades, as food allergy rates climbed, experts recommended that parents avoid exposing their infants to common allergens. But a landmark trial in 2015 found that feeding peanuts to babies could cut their chances of developing an allergy by more than 80 percent. In 2017, the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases formally recommended the early-introduction

approach and issued national guidelines.

The new study, published on Monday in the journal Pediatrics, found that food allergy rates in children younger than 3 fell after those guidelines were put into place — dropping to 0.93 percent from 2017 to 2020, from 1.46 percent from 2012 to 2015. That is a 36 percent reduction in all food allergies, driven largely by a 43 percent drop in peanut allergies.

The study also found that eggs overtook peanuts as the No. 1 food allergen in young children.

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Jennifer Tessler received \$7,338 for her gold items in the diamond district. "I'm shaking," she said.

Gold Rush of '25: Dig Up Heirlooms and Cash In

By DIONNE SEARCEY

The lights weren't even on yet at Bullion Exchanges in Midtown Manhattan, but a customer was already standing outside, holding a crumpled Target bag stuffed with what she hoped were valuable treasures.

Jennifer Tessler had rummaged through a drawer to dig out a few pieces of her long-dead mother's gold jewelry and several gold charms from her own baby bracelet that she wore 77 years ago. It

Soaring Prices Prompt Sprint to Manhattan

was finally time to cash in, and she knew exactly where to go: the diamond district.

Ms. Tessler joined what has become a growing pilgrimage to 47th Street, as newcomers and longtime regulars hope to profit from gold prices that have climbed to historic levels, a signal

that investors are looking for a safe place to stash their wealth amid concerns about the economy.

For nearly a century, the diamond district has operated with an air of anxious chaos as traders, hustlers and everyday people unload or stock up on jewels and precious metals. But the recent soaring price of gold — \$4,356.30 an ounce at the close of market on Monday — and rising prices of silver and platinum have created a

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Guard Convicted of Murder in Death of Inmate

But 2 Acquitted in Case in Upstate New York

the Marcy Correctional Facility.

On Monday morning in a Utica court, a single guard, David Kingsley, was convicted of murder, while his co-defendants, Mathew Galliher and Nicholas Kieffer, were acquitted of murder and manslaughter charges, a result that vindicated their decision

to reject plea deals and ask a jury to weigh their fate.

The conviction, a rare case of a guard found guilty of murder, was welcomed by advocates of prison reform, but the acquittals shocked many onlookers. As the verdicts were announced in court, there were gasps and cries. Relatives of one defendant broke down in tears.

"Even when you can see the evidence on video of people carrying out this kind of brutality, it clearly

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Two years after an otter hijacked surfboards off Santa Cruz, Calif., there have been new encounters.

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The weekend's violence was short-lived, but analysts expect tensions will strain the truce.

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Rejoicing in 'Purple Rain'

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