



WAR WIDOW Nira Sharabi’s home at a kibbutz has reminders of her husband, Yossi, who was killed in Gaza by an Israeli airstrike.

A Hotline Opens, and the Suits Against Combs Mount

By JULIA JACOBS

BILLINGS, Mont. — In a room full of cubicles, workers in headsets read from their computer screens, addressing callers who dialed a 1-800 number. They have a script.

“Were you or your loved one sexually abused by Sean ‘Love’ Combs, known as Diddy, Puff Daddy and P. Diddy?”

“If the abuse occurred at a party, please list the name of the party. What kind of party was it?”

Their employer, Reciprocity Industries, is a legal services company located in a low-slung building in Billings, Mont., more than 2,000 miles from the Brooklyn jail

where Mr. Combs awaits trial on federal racketeering and sex trafficking charges.

For years, the company has helped seed litigation by fielding complaints from people hurt by natural disasters, weedkillers or abusive clergy.

Now it’s the central collection point for sexual assault allegations against Mr. Combs.

Some complaints come in through the phone, others arrive online in response to ads promoted on Facebook and Instagram. (A news conference where a backdrop displayed the hotline in large red numbers made headlines last October.)

By the company’s count, it has received some 26,000 contacts. It

Drawn by Advertising to a Divisive Area of the Law

has deemed hundreds of complaints worthy of review. Already, the lead lawyer handling these cases, Tony Buzbee, a high-profile litigator from Houston, has filed nearly 40 lawsuits against Mr. Combs. He says more are coming.

In their court filings, Mr. Combs’ accusers describe harrowing abuse. Fifteen plaintiffs say he raped them. Three say they were minors at the time. The ac-

counts are often similar: a drink at a party, unusual wooziness and a sexual assault. All were initially filed anonymously.

“Plaintiff has experienced a significant impact on her personal life,” lawyers said in a suit that accused Mr. Combs of assaulting a woman at a hotel in 2014.

The cases against Mr. Combs, who denies assaulting anyone, amount to what’s called a mass tort, in which many people, often drawn by advertising, file claims against a common defendant.

This growing area of the law has long been divisive.

Lawyers for plaintiffs say the cases foster justice for those who

Continued on Page 16

Father Accused In Vacation Plot To Kill Daughter

**By SARAH MASLIN NIR
and ZIA ur-REHMAN**

When Hira Anwar’s father dropped her off every morning at middle school, she would duck out of his car and scamper up the steps of Public School 16 in Yonkers, N.Y., the Westchester County town where she grew up.

Inside, Hira would greet her principal and catch up with her classmates, sharing tracks by her favorite band, Chase Atlantic, or TikTok videos of the singer Zayn Malik, whom everyone knew she had a particular crush on because he was of Pakistani descent, as she was.

Then, a few months ago, something changed: When her father’s car was out of sight of the school, Hira, 14, would remove her hijab. Hira’s principal took notice, and, concerned that she was being bullied to conform, she pulled Hira aside to check in.

Hira said it was the opposite, according to her principal: She finally felt free to express herself.

That freedom did not last long.

In late January, while on a vacation with her father to his hometown, Quetta, Pakistan, Hira was shot to death in front of her father’s family home. Shortly after, her father, Anwar ul-Haq Rajpoot, tearfully told the police that a random attack had taken his daughter.

Continued on Page 18



ANDREW POGUE



JACK DeMARZO



A Reverence for the Handmade

Designers around the world are imbuing contemporary crafts with a genuflection to ancient techniques. Special Section.

Eclectic Grandpa, Coastal Grandma, Mob Wife? Fast Fads Are Tiring Out Gen Z.

By CALLIE HOLTERMANN

For the past few years, opening up social media has felt like standing in front of a fire hose of fashion and internet fads and cranking open the nozzle, full blast.

New “it” water bottles are anointed almost quarterly. Influencers urge their viewers to style themselves as coastal grandmothers, ballet dancers, indie sleazers

and coquettes — looks that have little in common besides the consumption they require. Specious fads like the “mob wife aesthetic,” recognized by publications including this one, prompted The New Yorker’s humor column to predict what might come next: How about “Supreme Court casual” or “spotted-lanternfly goth”?

To keep up would leave most people broke, not to mention dis-

oriented. And while a majority of these crazes are labeled “Gen Z trends,” members of that generation may be the ones most fatigued by the churn.

It’s not that they don’t get what’s going on: Today’s young adults can comfortably discuss the way that social media and fast fashion keep many members of their generation buying, sharing and discarding items. They are

aware, sometimes painfully, that their insecurities are being harnessed for someone else’s bottom line. But awareness does not equal liberation. Understanding the mechanisms at play does not always mean they can escape them — although many are trying.

Neena Atkins, 16, a high school junior in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., said she felt “constantly bombarded” by product recommendations.

Cheetah print was hot less than two months ago, she said, “and now when I go on TikTok, I see people saying, like, cheetah print is getting so old.”

Lina, 15, a high school freshman near Fort Wayne, Ind., watched classmates buy \$35 Stanley tumblers only to covet another brand of pastel water bottles shortly thereafter. “It’s wasteful,” she

Continued on Page 15

INTERNATIONAL 4-12

Tariffs Could Benefit Tesla

Elon Musk’s company builds all of the vehicles it sells in the United States in California and Texas, shielding it from levies that could hurt its rivals. PAGE 4

India Loves Book Festivals

From beaches to hilltops, young people are driving a boom in literary events as they embrace reading in the country’s many native languages. PAGE 6

A Return to the Cinemas

The movie industry in France has been celebrating statistics that show an increase in theater attendance after pandemic lockdowns. PAGE 12



SUNDAY BUSINESS

A Growth Plan, Upended

Shrinking cities have tried to attract foreign-born residents. That often worked, until the inauguration. PAGE 6

High Prices Hit a French Dish

Restaurants in Paris that make beef Bourguignon are being pushed to the brink by inflation. PAGE 1

NATIONAL 13-22

Rise From Ashes or Take Flight

For residents of Altadena, Calif., who lost their homes to the wildfires, the reality of construction costs and insurance payments has set in. PAGE 13

SUNDAY STYLES

The Queen of the Blouse

Chemena Kamali has transformed Chloé into the uniform of cool women everywhere. PAGE 10

A Novelist Explores Anxiety

Curtis Sittenfeld rakes over some middle school memories while visiting Cincinnati, where she grew up. PAGE 1



ARTS & LEISURE

Setting the Record Straight

In an age of streaming music, a factory owner in rural Kansas is obsessively working to produce the best-sounding vinyl LPs possible. PAGE 6

SUNDAY OPINION

Ezra Klein PAGE 8

METROPOLITAN

Chaotic Day for Train Riders

New York’s subway has been flooded with patrol officers to prevent crime and stop fare evasion. One Sunday in Brooklyn, it all went wrong. PAGE 1

SPORTS 26-29, 31

Colorado Shifts Its Approach

Coach Deion Sanders has pivoted from a heavy reliance on transfers to assembling a class that reflects the norms of college football roster building. PAGE 26



0 354753 6