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Today, cloudy, humid, a few showers in the morning, high 80. **Tonight**, humid, a spotty thunderstorm, low 73. **Tomorrow**, clouds, some sun, humid, high 85. Weather map, Page A21.

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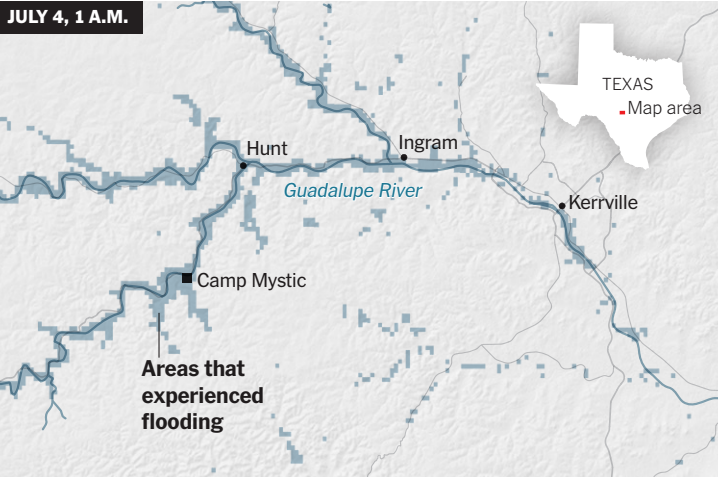
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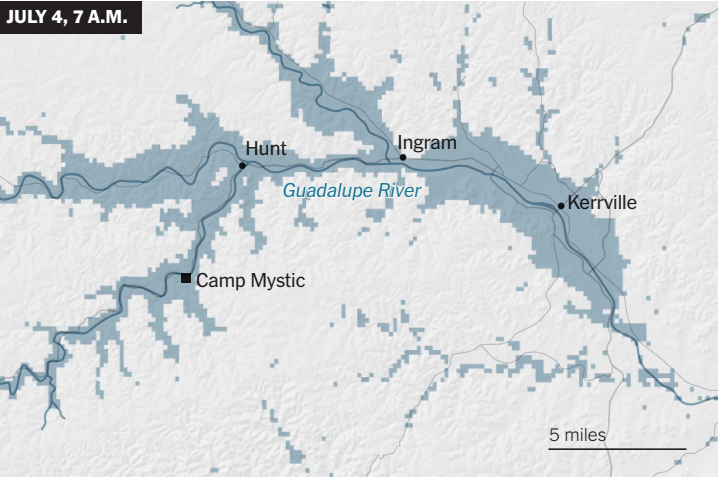


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The Guadalupe River caused the worst of the destruction and anguish, as its flooding killed dozens of people, many of them children.



Source: Flooding data via Floodbase | Note: Map shows areas with any level of estimated flooding. Localized flooding may be underrepresented.



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## Floodwaters Moved Faster Than Niagara Falls

The flow rate of the Guadalupe River quickly went from that of a small stream to a torrent of 120,000 cubic feet per second. Page A13.

## In Texas Hill Country, Rivers Bring Magnetic Allure, and Danger

**By RICK ROJAS**  
SAN MARCOS, Texas — Slightly downstream from where the San Marcos and Blanco rivers meet in Central Texas, Tom Goynes likes to show visitors to his campground the “symphony of birds,” as he calls it, in the mornings — the woodpeckers, the cardinals. He routinely sees deer, bobcats and coyotes.

“You’re surrounded by God and everything that he’s created,” said Mr. Goynes, 74, who has operated campgrounds on the San Marcos River since 1972. “It’s a whole lot better than being in any cathedral.”

In the region of Texas known as the Hill Country, the rivers that etch an otherwise semiarid terrain are a defining feature: They have long offered a cool respite

### As Area Grows, Risks of Flooding Do, Too

from unforgiving heat, access to wildlife and a splendor that can resonate in a way that feels spiritual.

When some of those rivers quickly rose early on July 4, un-

leashing floodwaters that killed more than 100 people, with dozens of others still missing, the disaster served as an abrupt reminder of the danger that has always lurked in a place referred to as Flash Flood Alley.

But the substantial loss of life also reflected these waterways’ magnetic allure. The floodwaters crashed through beloved sleep-

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## Musk’s X Chief Announces Exit After Two Years

**By MIKE ISAAC and KATE CONGER**  
SAN FRANCISCO — Linda Yaccarino, the chief executive of X and a top lieutenant to its owner, Elon Musk, said on Wednesday that she was leaving the company two years after joining the social media platform.

In a post on X, Ms. Yaccarino, 61, said: “When @elonmusk and I first spoke of his vision for X, I knew it would be the opportunity of a lifetime to carry out the extraordinary mission of this company. I’m immensely grateful to him for entrusting me.”

She did not provide a reason for her departure.

Ms. Yaccarino’s exit caps a tumultuous period at X, which was previously called Twitter and has been remade in Mr. Musk’s image since he bought the platform for \$44 billion in 2022. Since then, Mr. Musk has shed three-quarters of the company’s employees, loosened speech restrictions on the platform and wielded X as a political megaphone. Advertisers were at one point spooked by the changes, and the social media

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## Right-Wing Bullhorn Has Only Ear That Matters

**By KEN BENSINGER and ROBERT DRAPER**  
WASHINGTON — Through battles big and small since President Trump took office, one intense conflict stands out for the president’s openness to once-fringe views and voices. It is the struggle by some of his aides to contain Laura Loomer.

Ms. Loomer, the right-wing agitator whose proud Islamophobia and self-styled role as an ideological purity enforcer have made her toxic to some members of Mr. Trump’s inner circle, got the upper hand in late March. Her posts on X about several National Security Council aides she deemed insufficiently loyal to Mr. Trump got his attention. He asked her by phone to come to the Oval Office the following week.

On April 2, Ms. Loomer sat with a thick folder on her lap, facing the president at the Resolute Desk. She elaborated on her findings about the deputy national security adviser, Alex Wong, who she pointed out had worked on the 2012 presidential campaign of Mitt Romney, a critic of Mr. Trump, and whose wife had clerked for Justice Sonia Sotomayor and been involved in the prosecution of the Jan. 6 defendants. She criticized a dozen other aides in the presence of several



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Laura Loomer has a fan in the president, if few West Wing allies.

administration officials, including Michael Waltz, then the national security adviser, who had stepped in uninvited midway through the meeting.

After her presentation, Mr. Trump barked to Mr. Waltz, “I

want all of them fired.” He dismissed the group and hugged Ms. Loomer on her way out. Mr. Wong survived the day, but six employees in Ms. Loomer’s folder were ousted.

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## Trump Law Imperils Care For 1.5 Million in New York

### Cuts to Health Insurance, Beyond Medicaid, Will Hit State Harder Than Most

By JOSEPH GOLDSTEIN

President Trump’s domestic policy law, which extends federal tax cuts and slashes the social safety net, is expected to have a seismic effect on health insurance and health care in New York, with more than one million people in the state losing benefits, experts say.

In one key respect, the law’s impact will be felt more keenly in New York than in any other state — and it has nothing to do with Medicaid.

Instead, it is the result of an obscure federal funding mechanism that sends billions of dollars a year to New York and nothing to most states. That money, which started flowing as a result of the Affordable Care Act, will be reduced drastically under the new law, beginning next year.

That change is expected to leave more than 200,000 people statewide without insurance over the next two years. But in the long run, it could be eclipsed by other provisions related to health care in the law, which Mr. Trump signed on Friday.

The law adds limits and reductions to Medicaid and other government health insurance programs. “The only thing we’re cutting is waste, fraud and abuse,” Mr. Trump has said. State estimates show that the law could eventually strip health insurance from 1.5 million people enrolled in Medicaid and other health coverage plans in New York, about 7.5 percent of the state population.

Overall, the state could absorb a \$10 billion hit annually because of

the policy law. That reflects a combination of increased state expenditures and cuts in federal subsidies that support health insurance and health care for people with lower incomes. Those cuts will reduce revenue for hospitals, with some responding by charging higher prices to middle-class and wealthy patients, who are covered by private insurance, according to the president of the hospital industry’s main trade association in New York. Other hospitals might close.

Some of the consequences will be felt in the coming months; others, not for years. But New York hospital executives, health care advocates and public health officials were largely unified in their assessment.

In a memo to hospital executives, Kenneth Raske, the president of the Greater New York Hospital Association, described the bill as “the most destructive health care cuts in American history.”

“There is no candy-coating the bill’s impact on New York,” Mr. Raske wrote.

Changes in Medicaid, such as new work requirements, will lead to more than one million people in New York losing health insurance during the next decade, according to estimates by the New York State Department of Health. But those changes won’t begin until 2027 at the earliest.

Arriving sooner will be changes to New York’s Essential Plan, a federally funded insurance plan that has grown significantly in recent years. Through a quirk in the fund-

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## Measles Cases At High in U.S., Raising Alarm

By TEDDY ROSENBLUTH and JONATHAN CORUM

There have now been more measles cases in 2025 than in any other year since the contagious virus was declared eliminated in the United States in 2000, according to new data released Wednesday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The grim milestone represents an alarming setback for the country’s public health and heightens concerns that if vaccination rates do not improve, deadly outbreaks of measles — once considered a disease of the past — will become the new normal.

Experts fear that with no clear end to the spread in sight, the country is barreling toward another turning point: losing elimination status, a designation given to countries that have not had continuous spread of measles for more than a year.

“It’s a huge red flag for the direction in which we’re going,” said Dr. William Moss, an epidemiologist at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health who has studied measles for more than 25 years.

Most of the cases this year have been tied to the Southwest outbreak — the largest single outbreak since 2000 — which began in January in a Mennonite community in West Texas and has since jumped to New Mexico and Oklahoma.

But cases have also popped up in 38 states, which experts say represents a concerning vulnerability to diseases of the past. Because of the contagiousness of the virus, researchers often think of measles as the proverbial canary in a coal mine. It is often the first sign that other vaccine-prevent-

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Youth sports generate about \$40 billion in annual revenue.

## Private Equity Takes the Field In Youth Sports

By JOE DRAPE and KEN BELSON

Like many youth sports fathers, Jon Bash can summon his son’s early baseball career on his phone. There are video clips of Jesse as a boy at summer camps and on a road trip to Cooperstown to play in a tournament in the shadow of the Hall of Fame. They show Jesse’s towering home runs in high school, as well as his many hours in the batting cage.

One of Mr. Bash’s most cherished clips is a video of Aaron Judge’s swing coach extolling Jesse’s work ethic to his own social media followers. His son has averaged 70 games a year over the past decade between school and travel teams. To keep playing, Jesse, 19, took a postgraduate year at a Florida sports academy.

The costs of all the training sessions, tournaments and equipment have added up for Mr. Bash, but he has no regrets spending money chasing his son’s baseball dreams.

“He’s my only child, and like most parents, you want to do any-

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