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THE WEATHER
Today, mostly cloudy, rain, drizzle, breezy, not as cold, high 48. Tonight, clear, low 37. Tomorrow, partly sunny, breezy in the morning, high 41. Weather map is on Page 20.

RECYCLING BATTERIES FOR U.S. POISONS AFRICANS

The World Health Organization recognizes a blood-lead level of 5 micrograms per deciliter as dangerous. Residents of Ogijo, Nigeria, tested far beyond that.

25 mcg/dL

This man had a blood-lead level five times as high as what is considered lead poisoning.

**16.8 mcg/dL**

This child's level was three times as high.

21.7 mcg/dL

This worker, four times as high.

22.4 mcg/dL

This mother, four times as high.



In Africa's lead recycling capital, factories are poisoning people.
We know because we tested them. Pages 11-14.

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'Group' Is a Gift Still Treasured After 44 Years

By KATHERINE ROSMAN

The members of this impossible-to-get-into club have logged a combined 330 years of marriage. Among them, they count 15 children, 27 grandchildren (with one on the way), assorted professions and innumerable tears shed, hands held and assurances given that none of life's difficulties will be faced alone.

In Long Island community centers and therapists' offices, they have met on about 880 occasions and talked, in the strictest confidence, for some 80,000 minutes about pacifiers and timeouts; about feeling overwhelmed by careers and feeling undervalued without them. They have discussed empty nests, dying parents, tensions with adult siblings, marital conflicts, parenting grown children — oh, the worry never stops — retirement, aging, illness and even the death of one of their own.

This is "Group," a generically named, remarkably devoted circle of friends.

Group is six women, all in their



"We are not swapping recipes," Miriam Caslow, far left, said of Group. "This is hard work."

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Navigating a Disaster

The deadly blaze in Hong Kong will show how well the rigid political order imposed by China can address a crisis. News Analysis. PAGE 6

SUNDAY BUSINESS

OpenAI's Quest for Balance

The company had a choice between getting users to return and reducing the risks to some of them. Can a safer chatbot also appeal to more people? PAGE 6

SUNDAY STYLES

The Potato Shoe Theory

When it comes to footwear that addresses concerns of health and comfort, there's one perfect shape, and we're living in its golden era. PAGE 4

ARTS & LEISURE

So Long to 'Stranger Things'

As the first episodes of the show's final season premiere on Netflix, the young stars look back on the series and discuss how it shaped them. PAGE 8

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Michelle Cottle

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