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ICE Raid Sends Mixed Message To South Korea

U.S. Seeks Investment but Arrests Workers

This article is by **Jim Lynn, Lydia DePillis, Rick Rojas, Farah Stockman and Sean Keenan.**

ELLABELL, Ga. — A stretch of rural southeast Georgia, just outside Savannah, has been transforming rapidly in recent years, as a plan to create a massive manufacturing hub capable of producing nearly half a million vehicles per year has come to fruition. The complex has embodied the ambitions of South Korean automakers wanting to compete in the U.S. market. It has also been a crowning achievement in a long campaign by Georgia officials to draw Korean investment. Until recently, crews had been busy building the latest piece of that effort, a plant making batteries for electric vehicles. But that vision has become clouded by uncertainty after federal immigration authorities raided the plant on Thursday, halting construction. Nearly 500 workers — many of them South Korean citizens — were arrested. The raids, described by government officials as the largest Homeland Security enforcement operation at a single site, have exposed growing strain that reaches from Seoul to Washington and even a small, unincorporated community like Ellabel, Ga., where the plant is being built. South Korea, an enthusiastic trading partner, expressed frustration with the United States. Within the Trump administration, the arrests have revealed competing interests, as a push by the president to expand U.S. manufacturing has collided with his aggressive crackdown on immigration. And in Ellabel and the surrounding area, the raids have revealed conflicting emotions about

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Planting 15 Million Trees in India

To fight deforestation and extreme heat in Vijayapura, a major government project distributed and sustained millions of saplings over the past decade, turning the once arid region green. Page A6.

U.S. Volunteers See 2nd Chance In Ukraine War

By **ANDREW E. KRAMER**

KHARKIV REGION, Ukraine — In the open bed of a pickup truck, half a dozen soldiers were bouncing along a country road in eastern Ukraine when one of them yelled, “Drone!” They all opened fire with their rifles, yet hitting the tiny, swerving speck carrying death was all but impossible. Buzzing in fast, within seconds it was only about a yard away. In that moment, captured on a helmet camera on a crystalline spring day, the soldiers seemed doomed. In a desperate act of self-defense, one of them, an American, Pvt. Zachary Miller, hurled his empty rifle at the drone — and missed, he said in an interview. They may never know why, but at the last moment, it veered away, sparing them. “Yes! Yes! Yes!” the soldiers shouted, in English, in the video, which was later posted online by the Ukraine military. The flow of American volunteers like Private Miller serving in the Ukrainian military dwindled but never stopped after the initial wave that followed the Russian invasion in 2022. Independent estimates of the number of Americans volunteering since 2022 have varied widely, from more than 1,000 to several thousand. The Ukrainian military does not release figures. But over time, the makeup of American volunteers has shifted, with higher proportions of people who have no military background, are older or are U.S. veterans seeking to restart military careers closed off to them at home be-

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Roaring Back to No. 1

Carlos Alcaraz won the U.S. Open on Sunday, using a superior serve to overcome Jannik Sinner. Alcaraz’s second Open crown put him atop the world rankings. Coverage at nytimes.com/athletic.

By Age 25, Fighting Cancer Instead of Wildfires

By **HANNAH DREIER**

Joel Eisiminger was racing to save homes in Northern California from a fast-spreading wildfire when a crewmate noticed that one side of his face was suddenly drooping so much that his mouth hung open. In his six years fighting fires, Joel had tumbled down burning hills, endured full-body rashes from poison oak and inhaled plumes of smoke that left him

Left Without Insurance or Illness Benefits

As the doctors ran tests, Joel grew sicker. Within days, he was too exhausted to walk. On the eve of his 25th birthday, he received a diagnosis: acute myeloid leukemia, an aggressive, often fatal blood cancer that usually strikes people more than twice his age. Joel told the doctors he was not a regular smoker and had no family history of blood cancers. But he did have one risk factor: his job.

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Trump’s Name Is on Projects He Opposed

By **RICHARD FAUSSET**

In southern Connecticut, the federal government is replacing a 118-year-old bridge along America’s busiest rail corridor. The \$1.3 billion project was largely funded by the 2021 infrastructure law that was championed by then-President Joseph R. Biden Jr. — and strenuously opposed by Donald J. Trump. These days, however, motorists cruising by the construction site might be forgiven for thinking that a certain famous New York developer was responsible for it all. “PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP” a sign by the road declares. “REBUILDING AMERICA’S INFRASTRUCTURE.” In recent months, a number of similar signs have popped up in front of major infrastructure projects financed by the bipartisan 2021 legislation, a \$1.2 trillion package that Mr. Trump, who left office in January of that year, had passionately railed against. He called the bill “a loser for the U.S.A.,” and warned that Republican lawmakers who signed on could be thrown out of office by angry primary voters. “Patriots will never forget!” he wrote. The signs bearing Mr. Trump’s name now adorn bridge projects in Connecticut and Maryland; rail-yard improvement projects in Seattle, Boston and Philadelphia; and the replacement of a tunnel on Amtrak’s route between Baltimore and Washington, according to W. Kyle Anderson, a spokesman

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A Banksy-like banner showing a sandwich-wielding protester.

The New Front Of Resistance: Grand Juries

By **ALAN FEUER**

In the three weeks since President Trump flooded the streets of Washington with hundreds of troops and federal agents, there have been only a few scattered protests and scarcely a word from Congress, which has quietly gone along with the deployment. But one show of resistance has come from an extraordinary source: federal grand jurors. In what could be read as a citizens’ revolt, ordinary people serving on grand juries have repeatedly refused in recent days to indict their fellow residents who became entangled in either the president’s immigration crackdown or his more recent show of force. It has happened in at least seven cases — including three times for the same defendant. Given the secretive nature of grand juries, it is all but impossi-

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Davey Johnson had a long playing career and was seen as one of baseball’s brainier characters. He was 82. PAGE A20



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Caleb Williams can’t forget his heart-breaking last season, but he can learn from it under a new coach. PAGE D1

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Aryna Sabalenka won her second straight U.S. Open singles title after a season filled with near misses. PAGE D6

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