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THE WEATHER
Today, clouds and occasional breaks of sunshine, high 49. Tonight, mostly cloudy, low 44. Tomorrow, plenty of clouds, a late shower in spots, high 55. Weather map is on Page A24.

Prices in Canada may be higher \$4.00



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The Bedtime Exhibition

Sleepovers returned to the American Museum of Natural History after 5 years with a reading of "The Night at the Museum." Page C1.

Sexual Crimes At Sea Are Up, To Little Justice

By CEYLAN YEGINSU

Two days into a 12-night Caribbean cruise on the Norwegian Sun, after an evening watching karaoke with her parents, a 20-year-old woman went to the night-club to meet people her age.

After ordering a drink around 11 p.m., the woman, referred to as Jane Doe in a lawsuit filed against the cruise line in December 2024, said she remembered nothing until the early morning, when she stumbled down the corridors, frantically tapping her key card on door after door until she found the stateroom she shared with her parents.

They heard her come in around 2 a.m. but didn't fully awaken until someone banged on their door at 5 a.m. Through the peephole, Doe's father saw two men shouting his daughter's name. Her mother called security; it was then she saw her daughter on the bed shaking.

"She had a few drinks, but this was another level of intoxication," her mother, a psychiatric nurse practitioner, recalled, speaking on the condition of anonymity to protect her daughter's privacy.

When the security officer asked Doe if she knew the men, she started crying and made references to having had sexual activity with them.

It wasn't until hours later, when she tested positive for an ingredient commonly used in date rape drugs that Doe said she knew she had been sexually assaulted: "I realized what they did to me when I got the drug test results."

Doe's experience was one of 120 alleged sexual assaults on cruise ships that were reported to the F.B.I. in 2024, up from 101 in 2019, a year before the pandemic shut down the industry. From January to September this year, 102 cases were reported, compared with 95 for the same period last year. Those figures are likely higher as many cases go unreported, according to the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network, a U.S.-based anti-sexual-assault organization.

As cruising hits record demand, with 34.6 million passengers last year, crime on ships sailing from the United States has also risen. Among the crimes that ships must report — including thefts of items worth more than \$10,000 and

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Not a Sanctuary, but Still a Border Patrol Target

By EDUARDO MEDINA

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The city of Charlotte was just maturing into a glossy, multiethnic metropolis when Dora Martinez moved here from Mexico nearly three decades ago.

She watched as the city's banking industry, the country's second-largest behind New York, created a boom for construction workers, many of them undocumented, and transformed Charlotte into a haven for immigrants, especially from Latin America.

Now she looked out at her sliver of East Charlotte, a walkable immigrant enclave, and saw it de-

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void of foot traffic. She had seen the masked men in paramilitary uniforms zooming past her house in black S.U.V.s and had decided not to venture out for groceries or for shifts at a nearby laundromat. But she allowed herself a few moments of fresh air at dusk to hide from agents of "la migra" — slang for the Border Patrol — searching for undocumented people like her.

Resting on Sunday evening on a plastic chair, Ms. Martinez wondered when the agents would leave the city that now felt more like home than Mexico.

"Why here?" she asked. "Why us?"

As the Trump administration's crackdown on illegal immigration spreads, North Carolina's largest city has emerged as an unexpected target far from any border, shaking a region that has quietly

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All Saints Orthodox Church in Raleigh, N.C., is among congregations having a boom in converts.

An Ancient Church Draws Young American Men

By RUTH GRAHAM

Something is changing in an otherwise quiet corner of Christianity in the United States, one that prides itself on how little it has changed over time. Priests are swapping stories about record attendance numbers. Older members are adjusting — or not — to the influx of new attendees.

Parishes are strategizing about how to accommodate more prospective converts than existing clergy can reasonably handle on their own.

Orthodoxy 'Appeals to the Masculine Soul'

Across the country, the ancient tradition of Orthodox Christianity is attracting energetic new adherents, especially among conservative young men. They are drawn to what they describe as a more demanding, even difficult, practice of Christianity. Echoing some of the rhetoric of the so-called manosphere, new waves of young

converts say Orthodoxy offers them hard truths and affirms their masculinity.

"In the whole history of the Orthodox Church in America, this has never been seen," the Very Rev. Andrew Damick, an Antiochian Orthodox priest and author in Eastern Pennsylvania,

said of the large groups of young people showing up at many parishes. "This is new ground for everyone."

In the United States, Orthodox Christianity is by far the smallest

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Greg Ginn, 71, has remade his punk rock band once more — this time with some much-younger bandmates. PAGE C1

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Guardians closer Emmanuel Clase, accused in a gambling case that jolted M.L.B., is an enigma to many. PAGE B9

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Breaking Through Lifetimes

Jordan Firstman, of HBO's "I Love LA," discusses past lives, good fortune and his role on "English Teacher." PAGE D1

