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**THE WEATHER**  
Today, humid, partly cloudy, high 84.  
Tonight, turning cloudy, humid, low 72. Tomorrow, cloudy, a couple of heavy afternoon thunderstorms, high 83. Weather map is on Page 23.

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**After Ukraine Made Russia a Battlefield**  
In a corner of the Kursk region, homes and even a church, above, lay in ruins, and unburied bodies remained in the fields. Page 10.

## UnitedHealth Applies Legal Pressure to Try to Quiet Critics

**By DAVID ENRICH**  
Mary Strause, a filmmaker in Wisconsin, logged on to Amazon's video-streaming service in late May so she could share a link to her latest project, a docuseries that harshly criticized the U.S. health care industry. She was surprised to see that her video had vanished.  
Ms. Strause had no way of knowing it, but the video had been taken down after a law firm working for UnitedHealth Group, one of the country's largest health

care companies, sent a letter warning Amazon and another streaming service, Vimeo, that the video was defamatory.  
It was the latest salvo in an aggressive and wide-ranging campaign to quiet critics. In recent months, UnitedHealth has targeted traditional journalists and news outlets, a prominent investor, a Texas doctor and activists like Ms. Strause and her father, who complained about a UnitedHealth subsidiary.  
In legal letters and court filings, UnitedHealth has invoked last

### Invoking Murder Stifles Negative Coverage

year's murder of Brian Thompson, the chief executive of the company's health insurance division, to argue that intense criticism of the company risks inciting further violence.  
The tactics have had an impact. Amazon and Vimeo both removed Ms. Strause's film. The Guardian postponed publishing an investi-

gation of the company after UnitedHealth sued over a previous article it said was defamatory. UnitedHealth joins a growing group of companies and wealthy individuals, including President Trump, who are using legal threats and lawsuits to deter or penalize criticism.  
Over the years, there have been scattered examples of embattled companies — such as Purdue Pharma, the maker of the highly addictive painkiller OxyContin — deploying legal offensives against

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## Beloved Owners Looming Large At Texas Camp

**By RUTH GRAHAM**  
For generations of girls at Camp Mystic, Dick Eastland was a fixture of the landscape — like the high rocky bluff with the big “Mystic” sign that welcomed campers, or the Guadalupe River winding through the cypress trees. Mr. Eastland, the camp's executive director, had moved to its grounds in the Texas Hill Country in the 1970s with his wife, Willetta, who everyone calls Tweety.  
Mr. Eastland, 70, died there on July 4, after his truck was swept into the river as flash floods pushed through the camp in the middle of the night. Twenty-seven campers and counselors also died in the flood, according to Camp Mystic. Kerr County officials said on Thursday that five campers and one counselor were still missing.  
State inspectors approved the camp's disaster safety plan just days before the flood. But multiple cabins lay within the river's flood zones, including the structures where the camp opted to house its youngest campers. Teenage counselors were left to communicate with flashlights and screams as the waters quickly rose. Unlike several other summer camps along that stretch of the river, Mystic was not accredited by the American Camp Association, a national body that maintains standards on camp safety and emergency preparedness.

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**A Commanding Victory**  
Iga Swiatek didn't lose a game to Amanda Anisimova as she won her first Wimbledon title. Page 31.

## If You Want to Make Italians Really Jittery, Just Jack Up the Price of Their Java

**By PATRICIA MAZZEI**  
TURIN, Italy — Andrea Consilvio did something this spring that he called “a little crazy.” He bought an old and well-known coffee bar in the northwestern Italian city of Turin, his hometown.  
Brewing coffee for coffee-obsessed Italians, the people who invented espresso and the commercial machines and stovetop pots to

make it, might hardly seem like a leap of faith. Nearly three-quarters of Italians drink coffee — by which they almost always mean espresso — at least once a day. Most Italians consider their daily coffee ritual to be sacrosanct.  
Yet they also expect their coffee to be cheap, available for little more than pocket change at any bar counter in the country. And that, amid a global jump in coffee bean prices caused in part by

trade disruptions and climate change, has set off simmering anxiety among Italians. They worry that higher costs could push up retail prices and unsettle a part of the food and beverage economy that feels distinctively Italian.  
Among the most worried: the owners of the country's ubiquitous coffee bars.  
“The world of coffee is changing,” said Mr. Consilvio. “If prices

continue to increase, it could become a serious danger” to both livelihoods and tradition.  
Luigi Morello, the president of the Italian Espresso National Institute, which safeguards the quality of Italian espresso (it should be hazel brown to dark brown, with foam, among other things), said higher coffee prices had “rightfully alarmed” consumers.

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