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THE WEATHER

Today, partly sunny, an afternoon storm, high 85. Tonight, partly cloudy, a spotty evening thunderstorm, low 69. Tomorrow, some sun, high 88. Weather map, Page B6.

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Smoke in southern Lebanon on Sunday from what Israel called a pre-emptive strike against thousands of Hezbollah rockets.

## How Jailed Migrant Was Freed And Charged With Rape Again

This article is by **Chelsia Rose Marcius, Maria Cramer and Wesley Parnell**.

For 15 months, Daniel Davon-Bonilla sat in the Rikers Island jail complex in New York City, accused of raping a transgender woman in a migrant shelter.

Then, on June 24, Mr. Davon-Bonilla stood before a judge in a Brooklyn court. The victim in the case had refused to testify, and now prosecutors were offering him a deal: He could plead guilty to a felony assault charge and be released that day.

The judge, Donald Leo, warned Mr. Davon-Bonilla, a 24-year-old from Nicaragua, that he could be deported.

“Do you still wish to proceed with your plea of guilty?” asked Justice Leo, according to a tran-

## Failure of Cooperation Between ICE and City Is Blamed

script of the hearing.

“Of course,” he replied.

In fact, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or ICE, had informed the city that it intended to deport Mr. Davon-Bonilla when he was charged with rape, the agency said. But neither the city nor the Brooklyn district attorney notified federal officials when he was released that day in June.

Mr. Davon-Bonilla did not show up for his sentencing on Aug. 9. Two days later, the police say, he

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## Harris Is Calling Oakland Home. Berkeley Can Understand Why.

By **HEATHER KNIGHT**  
and **ALEXANDRA BERZON**

High above an arena packed with Democratic delegates in Chicago last week, a video introduced the life story of Kamala Harris to the world.

“Behind me is where it all began,” said her childhood friend, Stacey Johnson-Batiste, standing in front of a charming yellow, two-story home where Ms. Harris grew up in a small apartment above a nursery school.

But where was that exactly? The screen simply read “East Bay,” as in the eastern section of the San Francisco Bay Area that sprawls over 1,400 square miles and is home to nearly three million people. Ms. Harris called the area just “the bay” in her speech on Thursday night. Other speak-

## Trading Liberal Mecca for a City That’s Not Quite So ... Rad

ers throughout the week referred to Ms. Harris as hailing from Oakland, the East Bay’s largest city.

The word almost never spoken was the name of Ms. Harris’s actual hometown: Berkeley, Calif.

That little yellow house sits on Bancroft Way in the university city known, fairly or not, for a hippy-dippy vibe where residents gamely embrace the nickname, “People’s Republic of Berkeley.” Ms. Harris’s old neighborhood is now called Poets Corner for its preponderance of streets named

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## From War’s Carnage Springs a Renaissance of Ukrainian Poetry

By **CONSTANT MÉHEUT**  
and **DARIA MITIUK**

KYIV, Ukraine — For several days in March 2022, the battalion of Yaryna Chornohuz, a Ukrainian poet and combat medic, faced fierce attacks from a column of Russian tanks in southeastern Ukraine. Outgunned, the soldiers repelled the first two assaults, but suffered many casualties.

As Ms. Chornohuz bandaged the head of a wounded platoon commander, she said a third attack broke through, forcing the Ukrainian troops to retreat quickly, leaving behind the commander and other badly injured soldiers.

“Lots of good guys were killed,” said Ms. Chornohuz, 29. “We didn’t have the time to say goodbye to any of them.”

After she reached safety in a village away from the combat zone, she poured her emotions into a poem, typing out verses on her phone.

*Every time you want to be  
wrong  
About the brightness of those  
eyes  
The eyes of those who decided  
one day  
To die in battle  
Are always brighter than  
others’*

A year later, Ms. Chornohuz sent the poem and others written on the battlefield to a publisher,



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An open-mic poetry reading for beginners last month at a bookstore in Kyiv, Ukraine’s capital.

### JOURNALISTS’ HOTEL IS HIT

A safety adviser for Reuters was missing and two journalists were wounded in the strike. **Page A8.**

who released them as a collection in 2023. The book received acclaim, and this year, it won a Shevchenko National Prize, Ukraine’s highest arts and culture

award.

Ms. Chornohuz’s story is emblematic of a poetry boom that has swept Ukraine during the war with Russia. Over the last two years, poets have emerged as some of the nation’s most popular voices, their verse capturing the raw emotions of the conflict and resonating deeply with a war-weary population.

Sales of poetry books have soared, according to bookshop owners. Ye, a large Ukrainian bookstore chain, reported selling 2.5 times more contemporary poetry books in the first year of the war than in 2021. To meet the surge in demand, major Ukrainian publishing houses like Vivat and Nash Format said they had

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