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U.S. Gaza Pier Out of Service On Most Days

Called Failure, Project
Could End Early

By HELENE COOPER
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WASHINGTON — The \$230 million temporary pier that the U.S. military built on short notice to rush humanitarian aid to Gaza has largely failed in its mission, aid organizations say, and will probably end operations weeks earlier than originally expected.

In the month since it was attached to the shoreline, the pier has been in service only about 10 days. The rest of the time, it was being repaired after rough seas broke it apart, detached to avoid further damage or paused because of security concerns.

The pier was never meant to be more than a stopgap measure while the Biden administration pushed Israel to allow more food and other supplies into Gaza through land routes, a far more efficient way to deliver relief. But even the modest goals for the pier are likely to fall short, some American military officials say.

When the pier was conceived, health authorities were warning that the territory was on the precipice of famine. In recent weeks, Israel has given relief organizations greater access, but the groups say the situation remains dire.

The Biden administration initially predicted that it would be September before surging seas would make the pier inoperable. But military officials are now warning aid organizations that the project could be dismantled as early as next month, a looming deadline that officials say they hope will pressure Israel to open more ground routes.

President Biden ordered the U.S. military to begin building the pier in March, at a time when he was being sharply criticized for not doing more to rein in Israel’s military response to the Oct. 7 Hamas-led attacks.

The first truckloads of aid began moving ashore on May 17. Since then, the project has struggled, while many Gazans are experiencing immense hunger, aid

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The pier last week before being moved because of high seas.



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Welcome to ‘Microschool’
Some parents in states like Georgia are turning to private schools with a half-dozen or so students, with taxpayers’ help. Page A11.

Israelis Fear Stronger Foe To the North

By AARON BOXERMAN
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JERUSALEM — As the war has raged in Gaza, another battle has unfurled in parallel along Israel’s northern border with Lebanon — a risky game of tit-for-tat that has intensified in recent weeks, with a far stronger foe.

In a measure of the danger of a full-scale war erupting, President Biden dispatched one of his senior aides, Amos Hochstein, to Israel on Monday and to Lebanon on Tuesday to press for a diplomatic solution.

Unlike Hamas, the Palestinian militia fighting Israel in Gaza, Hezbollah has troops who are battle-hardened combatants, and the group possesses long-range, precision-guided missiles that can strike targets deep inside Israel.

Despite apparent efforts by both sides to keep the cycle of strikes and counterstrikes from spiraling into a full-blown war beyond the one raging in Gaza, civilians in Israel and Lebanon have been killed, and more than 150,000 people have been forced from their homes along the border.

But as the fighting in recent days has intensified, so too have fears that a miscalculation could

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Trump’s Brash ‘Mr. Good News’ Is Facing Legal Peril of His Own

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Boris Epshteyn, who was arraigned Tuesday on election interference charges in Arizona, has played many roles for former President Donald J. Trump.

A college friend of Mr. Trump’s son Eric at Georgetown University, he would become a swaggering TV surrogate for the 2016 Trump campaign before eventually serving as Mr. Trump’s unofficial chief fixer and legal strategist. When Mr. Trump was convicted in New York last month on 34 felony counts, Mr. Epshteyn (pronounced EP-stine) was at his side, huddling with the former president and other aides after the verdict.

He routinely surfaces as a

lesser character in Trump-related indictments, court records show. Election cases in Georgia and Wisconsin identify him as “Individual 3” and “Individual A.” In one federal case pending against Mr. Trump, he appears as “Person 5.” In another, his email traffic matches that of “Co-conspirator 6.”

But in Arizona, he is getting a featured role. His indictment there stems from work he did behind the scenes to try to keep Mr. Trump in power after his 2020 election loss. Shepherding a small group of advisers, he helped oversee a plan to deploy fake electors in seven battleground states lost by Mr. Trump, documents show.

“Boris does two things,” said Timothy Parlatore, a lawyer who

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Stimulus Package Is a Political Jumble for Biden

By JIM TANKERSLEY
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WASHINGTON — The \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus package that President Biden signed shortly after taking office has become both an anchor and a buoy for his re-election campaign.

The American Rescue Plan, which the Biden administration created and Democrats passed in March 2021, has fueled discontent among voters, in sometimes paradoxical ways. Some Americans blame the law, which included direct checks to individuals, for helping to fuel rapid inflation.

Others appear upset that its relief to people, businesses and

Inflation Fuels Unease, but Economy Has Bounced Back

school districts was short-lived. The Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas reported recently that several business contacts in its district “expressed concern about the winding down of American Rescue Plan Act dollars and whether nonprofits and K-12 schools will be able to sustain certain programs without that funding.”

Polls show that Americans continue to favor Mr. Biden’s opponent, former President Donald J.

Trump, on economic issues. Often, they indicate that only relatively small slices of the electorate believe Mr. Biden’s policies have helped them or their family financially.

At the same time, though, the stimulus may be lifting Mr. Biden’s chances for November in ways that pollsters rarely ask about.

Economists say the relief package, along with stimulus measures Mr. Trump signed into law in 2020, has helped accelerate America’s recovery from the pandemic recession. The United States has grown and added jobs in a way that no other wealthy nation has experienced after the pandemic.

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A Mother’s Last Goodbye
Lubov Novosad with her son’s coffin Monday. He was a Ukrainian soldier killed in the Kharkiv area.

Korean Secret to Staying Close: Saving and Splurging Together

By KRISSI DRIVER

BUSAN, South Korea — Last fall, Jina Kim and two of her friends splurged on a two-night stay at the Ananti at Busan Cove, a luxury resort in Busan, South Korea.

The resort, where rooms start at \$369 a night, features infinity pools, spas, eight restaurants, a private coastal walk and beach

area, and a 4,600-meter “Water House” — an indoor pool and sauna fed by natural hot-spring water.

“We just spent the whole day in the resort hotel, swimming, eating and drinking,” said Ms. Kim, a 32-year-old former teacher who is now a stay-at-home mother.

Ms. Kim and her friends weren’t worried about how they would pay for the trip because they had

Practice So Ubiquitous There’s a Bank for It

spent over a decade saving in a “gyemoim,” a Korean term for people who form financial planning groups to save money for future expenses.

Forming gyemoim groups can

THE WEATHER
Today, partly sunny, humid, afternoon sea breeze, high 88. Tonight, mainly clear, low 72. Tomorrow, humid, sunny, afternoon sea breeze, high 92. Weather map, Page B12.

BIDEN INITIATIVE ON IMMIGRATION SHIELDS 500,000

U.S. CITIZENS’ SPOUSES

Policy Intends to Balance
Recent Crackdown on
Asylum Seekers

This article is by **Zolan Kanno-Youngs, Miriam Jordan, Jazmine Ulloa and Hamed Aleaziz.**

WASHINGTON — President Biden on Tuesday granted far-reaching new protections for hundreds of thousands of immigrants who have been living in the United States illegally for years but are married to American citizens.

Under the new policy, some 500,000 undocumented spouses will be shielded from deportation and given a pathway to citizenship and the ability to work legally in the United States. It is one of the most expansive actions to protect immigrants since Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA, was enacted 12 years ago to protect those who came to the United States as children.

“These couples have been raising families, sending their kids to church and school, paying taxes, contributing to our country,” Mr. Biden said at the White House, where he was joined by members of Congress and DACA recipients, known as Dreamers. “They’re living in the United States all this time with fear and uncertainty. We can fix that.”

Mr. Biden also said he would make it easier for young immigrants, including Dreamers, to gain access to work visas, a significant move that could help them eventually get a green card. That would protect their legal status even if DACA, which is already tied up in litigation, disappears.

“We’re a much better and stronger nation because of Dreamers,” Mr. Biden said, as he marked the anniversary of the Obama-era DACA program.

The new policy allows Mr. Biden to balance his recent crackdown on asylum with a sweeping pro-immigrant measure at a moment of political peril. With five months until the presidential election, Mr. Biden has been trying to curtail record numbers of illegal border crossings without alienating longtime supporters who have called for a more humane immigration system after the Trump years.

The policy aims to help people who have been living in the United States for more than a decade, building lives and families here. Even though marrying an American citizen generally provides a pathway to U.S. citizenship, people who crossed the southern border illegally — rather than arriving in the country with a visa — are required to return to their home countries to complete the process for a green card.

The new program allows them to remain in the country while they pursue legal status.

There are roughly 1.1 million undocumented immigrants married to citizens in the United States, according to FWD.us, an immigration advocacy group, but not all of them are eligible for the program.

To be eligible, the spouses must

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America no longer towers over the region, dictating terms to its allies. Instead, it’s offering to be a teammate and share responsibilities. PAGE A8

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A heat wave, arriving early and expected to linger, overwhelmed cities across the Midwest. PAGE A17

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Anouk Aimée, the French actress who earned an Oscar nomination for the 1966 romance, was 92. PAGE B11

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Participants at De Niro Con in Tribeca had the opportunity to shadowbox like Jake LaMotta, get a tattoo like Max Cady (“Cape Fear”) or mimic Travis (“You talkin’ to me?”) Bickle. PAGE C1

Excavating the Brat Pack

Andrew McCarthy cold-called his fellow actors attached to the 1980s grouping to see if they would like to reminisce. “I thought, if anyone calls me back, I have a movie,” he said. He was right. PAGE C3

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A Cornucopia of Sandwiches

Feel like having a bite? We’ve compiled a list of 57 sandwiches that are favorites across the city. Above, the Vietnamese-style meatball sandwich. PAGE D1



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