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Democracy Dies in Darkness

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The vanishing architecture of cool

BY PHILIP KENNICOTT

From the mosque in this dusty desert village, you can see the wide terraces and austere columns of one of Egypt's premier tourist destinations, the Temple of Hatshepsut, baking far in the distance. It's late August, and by noon the temperature is already 103 degrees Fahrenheit and heading well north of that, enough to drive even the most intrepid tourists who visit the site back to their motor coaches and hotels.

But here in New Gournah there are no tourists, even though this village, placed on the World Monuments Fund watch list in 2010, may be as important to the future of our warming planet as the tombs and temples of Ancient Egypt are to the past. It was here that the Egyptian architect Hassan Fathy began a social housing experiment in 1945, planning a town with traditional Nubian

In the world's hottest places, older technologies work better than AC. But those designs are being forgotten.



TOP: A house, left, by the Egyptian architect Hassan Fathy, who used traditional designs, next to a new home in New Gournah, Egypt.

ABOVE: Fekri Hassan, 81, is determined to preserve what's left of Fathy's landmark village.

materials and design, defended against the heat with thick walls of mud brick and natural ventilation — passive cooling techniques that had, for millennia, been an essential part of the local architecture.

Fathy, a progressive architect with a deep respect for the past, broke with the dogmas of modernism, the generic boxes of concrete and steel, plugged into the electrical grid, that had become a universal symbol of Western progress around the globe. He was interested in something more radical, and better suited to Egypt: sustainable architecture, built by hand by local artisans and designed to be habitable even during the hottest days of the year.

I've come here to find what remains of Fathy's experiment on the Nile in Upper Egypt, some 400 miles south of Cairo. It's one stop on a longer trip to some of the hottest places on

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Senior Hamas leader killed in Beirut attack

GROUP BLAMES ISRAEL FOR DRONE STRIKE

Blast raises fears that conflict in Gaza could expand

BY SARAH DADOUCH
AND CLAIRE PARKER

BEIRUT — An explosion in a Beirut suburb Tuesday killed Saleh Arouri, a senior Hamas leader, the group said in a statement, and the attack raised the specter of the conflict in Gaza expanding into the kind of wider war that Israel, Iran and its allied groups have so far avoided.

Arouri, the second-in-command of Hamas's political office, was killed in Dahieh, a densely populated stronghold of Hezbollah, the Iran-aligned Lebanese militant and political group. A spokesperson for Hezbollah told The Washington Post that the attack involved a drone armed with

three rockets and blamed Israel. Israel has not claimed responsibility for the strike.

Rear Adm. Daniel Hagari, the IDF spokesman, said Israeli forces were "in a very high state of readiness in all arenas, in defense and offense."

"We are highly prepared for any scenario," he said in a news briefing Tuesday night, even as he declined to comment specifically on Arouri's killing. "The most important thing to say tonight is that we are focused and remain focused on fighting Hamas."

A U.S. defense official, speaking

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Gay resigns in face of growing criticism

After testimony backlash, Harvard's president was accused of plagiarism

BY SUSAN SVRLUGA

Harvard President Claudine Gay resigned Tuesday after weeks of criticism of her scholarship and leadership on the campus, saying it would help the university move forward "with a focus on the institution rather than any individual."

She was the second Ivy League president to resign in the wake of a congressional hearing last month on campus antisemitism, a sign to some of the power that politicians and donors can wield. Gay was also confronted with

dozens of allegations of plagiarism from her academic work. University leaders said last month that she did not engage in research misconduct, and some scholars were skeptical of the claims. Some questioned whether Gay — who in July became Harvard's first Black president — was being held to a different standard because of her race. But critics, and even some who have long supported Gay, said the mounting questions made her position increasingly untenable.

The fallout intensified national debates over freedom of speech, diversity in schools and

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Claudine Gay

Seniors in pain risk the perils of cannabis

BY FENIT NIRAPPI

The 82-year-old dementia patient's condition stumped his psychiatrist. His anxiety was overwhelming, she recalled him saying. He had repeatedly gone to an emergency room after intense abdominal pain and vomiting. He insisted he never drank or smoked tobacco.

Then he told her medical assistant how he fell asleep: "Two hits of Burmese Kush, and I'm good to go."

That's when it clicked: His nightly marijuana habit could be causing problems.

"I said, 'I thought you said you don't use drugs,' and he said, 'I don't. That's my medicine,'" said Libby Stuyt, the Colorado psychiatrist who treated the patient three years ago.

Seniors are increasingly embracing cannabis, often for relief

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First she was scammed. Then came the IRS.

A former White House scientist who lost \$655,000 had to pay hefty taxes on the stolen money

BY MICHAEL LARIS

Frances Sharples walked through the glass doors of her credit union, ready to make the worst decision of her life.

She had a script from the man promising to save the retirement account she built over decades as a science adviser to the U.S. government, including in the White House.

He told her to transfer more than \$600,000 — and to keep her cellphone on so he could listen to her. If anyone asked whether she was put up to it, she was to reply: "No, absolutely not," according to her hand-scrawled notes. No one did. She handed the clerk the routing number, walked back to her rented 2005 Honda and returned home.

"Now I'm good," she told herself. "Now, I'm safe."

The doctorate-holding daughter of a plumber from Queens had made a life advising the federal government on stem cells, new energy technologies and the effects of biological weapons. Despite a history of meticulousness,

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Frances Sharples with Timothy, her shepherd-terrier rescue, at a dog park in Silver Spring, Md. A scam in which she lost much of her life savings started with a warning her identity had been stolen.

ELECTION 2024

GOP loyalty to Trump, rioters up since 2021

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Three years after the Jan. 6 attack, Republicans are more sympathetic to those who stormed the U.S. Capitol and more likely to absolve Donald Trump of responsibility for the attack than they were in 2021, according to a Washington Post-University of Maryland poll.

Republicans are showing increased loyalty to the former president as he campaigns for reelection and fights criminal charges over his attempt to stay in power after losing in 2020. They are now less likely to believe that Jan. 6 participants were "mostly violent," less likely to believe Trump bears responsibility for the attack, and are

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