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A tear-gas canister exploded in Nairobi on Tuesday as Kenyans tried to help the wounded during a protest against tax increases.

## A Trump Benefactor With \$100 Million to Spare

By THEODORE SCHLEIFER

WASHINGTON — As the Nevada caucuses drew to a close in February, Donald J. Trump and several top aides gathered for a quick dinner in a suite atop his hotel in Las Vegas before he descended and declared victory.

But the Republican billionaire at the center of attention during the meal was not Mr. Trump — it was Dr. Miriam Adelson.

The former president, by then on a glide path to the Republican

### Widow of a Megadonor Is a Pro-Israel Hawk

nomination, wanted financial support from Dr. Adelson, a conservative megadonor, and she had a request or two. Be less bombastic, she told him, and speak more directly about the economy. But more important, she made clear to Mr. Trump and his top aides, Susie Wiles and Chris LaCivita, be patient.

She would not donate to him while Nikki Haley, his last rival standing and a friend of hers, remained in the race, according to two people briefed on the meeting who insisted on anonymity to describe a private gathering.

But once the primary was over? She gave Mr. Trump a renewed assurance that the famous Adelson geyser of cash — which had shot out hundreds of millions of dollars over more than a decade — would erupt again.

It would have been uncouth that  
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NEWS ANALYSIS

## Failing to Heed Threat of Heat

### Deaths Are Mounting at Major Global Events

By DAMIEN CAVE and SOMINI SENGUPTA

SYDNEY, Australia — At large events all over the world, the scenes of extreme heat stress are starting to look familiar. Older men, shirts undone, lying down with their eyes closed. Aid tents packed with the unconscious. And lines of the faithful — whether they seek religion, music, ballot boxes or sport — sweating under slivers of shade.

The consequences have been dire. At this year’s hajj, the Islamic pilgrimage in Saudi Arabia, at least 1,300 people died as temperatures surpassed 100 degrees Fahrenheit. And in many ways, that heavy toll was just the latest sign that crowd control and heat waves fueled by climate change are on a dangerous collision course.

During India’s recent election, dozens of poll workers died on the job. Last summer, troops of Boy Scouts visiting South Korea for a jubilee became sick from heat, as did others at music festivals in Australia, Europe and North America.

Even as heat kills more people today than any other extreme weather event, there is still a dangerous cultural lag. Many major-event organizers and attendees are still behind the climate curve, failing to contend with just how much a warming planet has elevated the risk to summer crowds.

“As the warm seasons get longer, as the heat waves come earlier, we’re going to have to adapt,” said Benjamin Zaitchik, a climate scientist at Johns Hop-

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### Pizza Nation

You can find a great slice all across America, from the biggest cities to the smallest towns, including, clockwise from top left, Baltimore; Philadelphia; Ava, Ill.; and Juneau, Alaska. Page D1.

## Charged With Justifying Terrorism in a Play That Condemns It

By VALERIE HOPKINS

They wrote and staged their play as an indictment of terrorism, examining the deception and depravity of violent extremists and the people whose lives they ruin.

But now the two women behind the production of “Finist the

Brave Falcon” are standing trial in a Moscow courtroom, charged with justifying the kind of acts they meant to condemn.

The director, Yevgenia Berkovich, 39, and the playwright, Svetlana Petriychuk, 44, two highly decorated fixtures of contemporary Russian theater, have been in custody for more than a

year. They face up to seven years in prison if convicted.

One of their lawyers and people in the Russian cultural community contend that the prosecution is one of the clearest examples of the accelerating crackdown on freedom of expression since Russia attacked Ukraine in February 2022.

Cultural figures supporting the

women say this is the first time in Russia’s post-Soviet era that a work of art is effectively being put on trial. The prosecution has been condemned by some of Russia’s best known intellectuals, including the Nobel Peace Prize laureate Dmitri A. Muratov and the director Kirill Serebrennikov, under

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## Kenya Tax Rise Sets Off Chaos And Bloodshed

### Parliament Is Breached After Increase Passes

By ABDI LATIF DAHIR and DECLAN WALSH

NAIROBI, Kenya — Thousands of demonstrators flooded the streets of Kenya’s capital, Nairobi, and some broke into Parliament and briefly set fire to the entrance on Tuesday, after lawmakers approved tax increases that critics said would drive up the cost of living for millions.

During the protests, the police fired tear gas and guns, plunging the capital into turmoil. At least five people were fatally shot and 31 others wounded, according to Amnesty International and several prominent Kenyan civic organizations. The toll could not be immediately confirmed. The independent Kenya Human Rights Commission posted a video that showed police officers firing as protesters marched toward them.

As tear gas wafted through the streets, some protesters climbed through the windows of Parliament after lawmakers voted 195 to 106 in favor of the tax bill on Tuesday, with supporters saying it would raise revenue for education and other essential services.

Kenya’s president, William Ruto, said he was deploying the military to crack down on what he called “treasonous events.” In a televised address on Tuesday night, Mr. Ruto said the debate about the tax bill had been “hijacked by dangerous people who have caused us the kind of loss we have incurred as a nation today.”

He vowed to punish those he said were responsible. “It is not in order or even conceivable that criminals pretending to be peaceful protesters can reign terror against the people, their elected representatives and the institutions established under our Constitution and expect to go scot-free,” Mr. Ruto added.

The defense minister, Aden Duale, said the defense forces had been deployed to support the police, who he said were responding to the “security emergency” caused by the protests, which spread to other Kenyan cities.

The turmoil over the finance bill has shaken Kenya, an East African economic powerhouse of 54 million people that has long been an anchor of stability in a tumultuous region. Last week, at least one person was killed and 200 others wounded in protests across the country, according to Amnesty International.

The protests convulsed Kenya just as 400 Kenyan police officers were arriving in Haiti as part of an international effort to try to restore order to that country, which has been ravaged by gang violence.

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## ISRAELI MILITARY IS TOLD TO DRAFT ULTRA-ORTHODOX

### A BLOW TO NETANYAHU

### Top Court’s 9-0 Decision Could Break Up His Coalition Cabinet

By AARON BOXERMAN

JERUSALEM — Israel’s Supreme Court ruled on Tuesday that the military must begin drafting ultra-Orthodox Jewish men, a decision that threatened to split Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s coalition government amid the war in Gaza.

In a unanimous decision, a panel of nine judges held that there was no legal basis for the long-standing military exemption given to ultra-Orthodox religious students. Without a law distinguishing between seminarians and other men of draft age, the court ruled, the country’s mandatory draft laws must similarly apply to the ultra-Orthodox minority.

In a country where military service is compulsory for most Jewish Israelis, both men and women, the exemption for the ultra-Orthodox has long prompted resentment. But anger over the group’s special treatment has grown as the war in Gaza has stretched into its ninth month, requiring tens of thousands of reservists to serve multiple tours and costing the lives of hundreds of soldiers.

“These days, in the midst of a difficult war, the burden of that inequality is more acute than ever — and requires the advancement of a sustainable solution to this issue,” the Supreme Court said in its ruling.

The decision threatened to widen one of the most painful divisions in Israeli society, pitting secular Jews against the ultra-Orthodox, who say their religious study is as essential and protective as the military. It also exposed the fault lines in Mr. Netanyahu’s coalition, which depends on the support of two ultra-Orthodox parties that oppose their constituents’

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An Israeli tank near the border with Gaza in early June.

## Obesity Drugs Changed Lives, Until the State Stopped Paying

By OLIVER WHANG

PINEVILLE, W.Va. — Joanna Bailey, a family physician and obesity specialist, doesn’t want to tell her patients that they can’t take Wegovy, but she has gotten used to it.

Around a quarter of the people she sees in her small clinic in Wyoming County would benefit from the weight-loss medications, which also include Ozempic, Zepbound and Mounjaro, she says. The drugs have helped some of them lose 15 to 20 percent of their weight. But most people in the area she serves don’t have insurance that covers the cost, and virtually no one can afford sticker prices of \$1,000 to \$1,400 a month.

“Even my richest patients can’t afford it,” Dr. Bailey said. She then

mentioned something that many doctors in West Virginia — among the poorest states in the country, with the highest prevalence of obesity, at 41 percent — say: “We’ve separated between the haves and the have-nots.”

Such disparities sharpened in March when West Virginia’s Public Employees Insurance Agency, which pays most of the cost of prescription drugs for more than 75,000 teachers, municipal workers and other public employees and their families, canceled a pilot program to cover weight-loss drugs.

Some private insurers help pay for medications to treat obesity, but most Medicaid programs do

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Big races were on the ballot in New York, including a Democratic House battle between Jamaal Bowman and George Latimer. Results at nytimes.com.

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The deal may stifle the ability of journalists to report on military, intelligence or diplomatic information. PAGE A11

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They are the first wave of an international force sent to restore order in the gang-plagued nation. PAGE A5



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Carter Verhaeghe, above, and the Panthers won the Stanley Cup, giving Paul Maurice his first N.H.L. title. PAGE B6

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Fans going to Euro 2024 soccer games face hot train cars, and frequent delays and cancellations. PAGE B8

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The surgeon general has declared gun violence a public health crisis, recommending a campaign like those against smoking and traffic fatalities. PAGE A13

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The company will sink \$5 billion into Rivian, an electric truck maker that has struggled to turn a profit. PAGE B1

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As Houthi rebels target some vessels headed for the Suez Canal, global shipping prices are soaring. PAGE B1

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### Hillary Rodham Clinton

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