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THE WEATHER
Today, partly cloudy, not as cold, light winds, high 40. **Tonight**, mostly cloudy, a late-night shower, low 33. **Tomorrow**, partly cloudy, milder, high 54. Weather map is on Page 28.

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Kateryna Hrebinyk wearing a dog tag with an image of her brother, Serhiy Hrebinyk, a Ukrainian sailor taken prisoner in April 2022.

Kin in Ukraine Wait Tearfully For P.O.W. Son

By THOMAS GIBBONS-NEFF
TROSTYANETS, Ukraine — His attempts to escape the Russian siege had failed. He and his fellow Ukrainian marines were surrounded, dozens of miles from friendly lines. They were nearly out of food and water. Some panicked; others quietly resigned themselves to what would come next.
Then, about a day later, Serhiy Hrebinyk, a senior sailor, and his comrades emerged from their final holdout inside the sprawling Ilyich Iron and Steel Works in the southern Ukrainian city of Mariupol. He quickly messaged his older sister: “Hi Anna. Our brigade surrenders in captivity today. Me too. I don’t know what will happen next. I love you all.”
That was April 12, 2022.
Nearly two years later, on the second anniversary of the start of Russia’s full-scale invasion, Serhiy, now 24, remains in captivity as a prisoner of war, held somewhere in Russia. His family sits in purgatory, trapped between that day in April and the present.
The initial panicked flurry of calls and visits to the Red Cross, the Ukrainian military and local officials quickly subsided; official proof of life took months to come. The war dragged on, and now, like thousands of other Ukrainian families with relatives in captivity, the Hrebinyks wait.
“Life, of course, has changed.”
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Predators Leer as Moms Put Girls on Instagram

By JENNIFER VALENTINO-DEVRIES and MICHAEL H. KELLER
The ominous messages began arriving in Elissa’s inbox early last year.
“You sell pics of your underage daughter to pedophiles,” read one. “You’re such a naughty sick mom, you’re just as sick as us pedophiles,” read another. “I will make your life hell for you and your daughter.”
Elissa has been running her daughter’s Instagram account since 2020, when the girl was 11 and too young to have her own. Photos show a bright, bubbly girl modeling evening dresses, high-end workout gear and dance leotards. She has more than 100,000 followers, some so enthusiastic about her posts that they pay \$9.99 a month for more photos.
Over the years, Elissa has fielded all kinds of criticism and knows full well that some people think she is exploiting her daughter. She has even gotten used to receiving creepy messages, but these — from “Instamodelfan” — were extreme. “I think they’re all pedophiles,” she said of the many online followers obsessed with her daughter and other young girls.
Elissa and her daughter inhabit the world of Instagram influencers whose accounts are managed by their parents. Although the site prohibits children under 13, parents can open so-called mom-run accounts for them, and they can live on even when the girls become teenagers.
But what often starts as a parent’s effort to jump-start a child’s modeling career, or win favors from clothing brands, can quickly descend into a dark underworld dominated by adult men, many of whom openly admit on other platforms to being sexually attracted to children, an investigation by The New York Times found.
Thousands of accounts exam-

This box represents a real photo of a 9-year-old girl in a golden bikini lounging on a towel. The photo was posted on her Instagram account, which is run by adults.

Comments:

- WOOOWWW
- Mama mia
- Great body
- Love
- Perfect bikini body
- Mmmmmmmmm take that bikini off
- You’re sooooo hot
- Y’all are dogs! She’s a child.

In Gaza’s Cascade of Crises, Toilet Shortage Imperils Thousands

By RAJA ABDULRAHIM
In a sprawling tent encampment in Gaza, the Israeli bombs fall close enough to hear and feel. But daily life is also a struggle against hunger, cold and a growing sanitation crisis.
A lack of sufficient toilets and clean water, as well as open sewage, are problems that displaced Palestinians have struggled with since the early days of Israel’s assault on Gaza.
For two months after Salwa al-Masri, 75, and her family fled to the city of Rafah, at the southernmost tip of Gaza, to escape Israel’s military offensive, she said she would walk 200 yards to reach the nearest bathroom. If she was lucky, younger women in line would let her jump ahead. Other times, she might wait up to an hour to use a dirty toilet shared

with thousands of other people.
“It’s horrible,” Ms. al-Masri said via WhatsApp recently from her family’s ramshackle tent, which they made out of wood and plastic sheeting. “I wouldn’t drink water. I would stay thirsty so I wouldn’t have to go to the bathroom. I stopped drinking coffee and tea.”
Many other Gazans, already facing hunger and thirst as a result of Israel’s more than four-month siege of the territory, say they, too, have tried to cut back on eating and drinking even more to avoid an uncomfortable and unsanitary visit to the toilet.
Recently, Ms. al-Masri’s son and other relatives bought a cement toilet basin and dug a hole behind their tent, where the sewage gathers. It is a closer bathroom and one she shares with fewer people.
But the challenges of getting water to wash with and of the ac-

Haley Is Dealt Stinging Loss In Home State

Fails to Stop Trump in South Carolina Vote

By MICHAEL GOLD
COLUMBIA, S.C. — Former President Donald J. Trump easily defeated Nikki Haley in South Carolina’s Republican primary on Saturday, delivering a crushing blow to her hopes of gathering strength in her home state and casting grave doubt on her continued viability.
Mr. Trump’s victory, called by The Associated Press, was widely expected, and offers fresh fodder for his contention that the race is effectively over. The former president has swept the early states, and he is barreling toward the nomination even as a majority of delegates have yet to be awarded.
With 83 percent of the estimated votes reported late Saturday, Mr. Trump had won 60 percent. He said in his victory speech in Columbia that he had “never seen the Republican Party so unified as it is right now.”
Throughout his speech, Mr. Trump made it clear that he was eager to turn his attention to the general election, at one point telling the crowd: “I just wish we could do it quicker. Nine months is a long time.”
He did not mention Ms. Haley by name, alluding to her only twice: once to knock her for a disappointing finish in a Nevada primary contest with no practical value, and once for supporting an opponent of his in 2016.
In Ms. Haley’s election-night speech in Charleston, she congratulated Mr. Trump on his victory. But she said the results demonstrated that “huge numbers of voters” were “saying they want an alternative.”
Ms. Haley, the state’s former governor and a United Nations ambassador during the Trump administration, had hoped to buck the odds, but her loss at the hands of voters who are arguably the most familiar with her politics will fuel further uncertainty about her path forward.
During her speech, Ms. Haley sounded more serious and less upbeat than she had after defeats in Iowa and New Hampshire. But she said she would still be in the race on Super Tuesday, on March 5, arguing that Americans deserved a chance to choose a candidate.
“In the next 10 days, another 21

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New Yorkers Mourn Neighbor They Could All Look Up To

By ED SHANAHAN
Pjetar Nikac has been the superintendent at 267 West 89th Street, an eight-story apartment building near Riverside Park, for 30 years. What happened there Friday made it a day he wouldn’t forget.
Mr. Nikac was returning from a trip to the store at around 5 p.m. when he noticed an object on the ground in the building’s courtyard space.
“I thought it was a rock,” he said. “I came closer and I saw: Owl!”
Mr. Nikac knew immediately that it was not just any owl, but Flaco, the Eurasian eagle-owl who just three weeks ago passed the one-year mark of living in the relative wilds of Manhattan after leaving the Central Park Zoo. Someone had cut open the mesh on his enclosure in an act of vandalism that remains unsolved.

NEW SHIELD LAWS ALLOWING WOMEN ABORTION ACCESS

CIRCUMVENTING BANS

Providers Mailing Pills Out of State After Virtual Visits

By PAM BELLUCK
Behind an unmarked door in a boxy brick building outside Boston, a quiet rebellion is taking place. Here, in a 7-by-12-foot room, abortion is being made available to thousands of women in states where it is illegal.
The patients do not have to travel here to terminate their pregnancies, and they do not have to wait weeks to receive abortion medication from overseas.
Instead, they are obtaining abortion pills prescribed by licensed Massachusetts providers, packaged in the little room and mailed from a nearby post office, arriving days later in Texas, Missouri and other states where abortion is largely outlawed.
This service and others like it are operating under novel laws enacted in a half-dozen states — Massachusetts, Washington, Colorado, Vermont, New York and California — that have sought to preserve abortion access since the Supreme Court overturned the nationwide right to abortion in June 2022.
The laws have been in use only since the summer and have not been tested in the courts, but they are already providing abortion access to tens of thousands of women in states with bans, especially low-income patients and others who cannot travel.
Called telemedicine abortion shield laws, they promise to protect doctors, nurse practitioners and midwives licensed in those six states who prescribe and send abortion pills to patients in the nearly two dozen states that ban or sharply restrict abortion.
The laws stipulate that officials and agencies of their states will not cooperate with another state’s efforts to investigate or penalize such providers — a stark departure from typical interstate practices of extraditing, honoring subpoenas and sharing information, legal experts on both sides of the abortion issue say. Many expect them to ultimately be challenged in federal court.
Abortion opponents see the laws as brazen infringement on state sovereignty.
“You have states not just picking their own strategy but really

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Flaco lived as a free bird in Manhattan for just over a year.

Now, Flaco had apparently crashed into the building. Although he was still alive when Mr. Nikac found him and, with Alan Drogin, a birder and building resident, rushed to get him help, Flaco was soon pronounced dead.
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Many drivers in Canada’s largest city are fed up, and some are getting creative about deterrence, such as by installing bollards in driveways. **PAGE 4**

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New airstrikes in Yemen were meant to deter the Iran-backed group from targeting global shipping routes. **PAGE 6**

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Mike Favor spent 13 years addicted to cocaine. Running a dog shelter has helped him stay clean. **PAGE 1**



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A Costly Dream
Want to bleed money? Buy a small English soccer team. Lower leagues offer a tempting entry to ownership. But the sport’s economics mean even multimillionaires can struggle. **PAGE 1**

