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THE WEATHER
Today, cloudy, humid, a couple of showers, thunderstorms, high 84. Tonight, clearing, humid, low 75. Tomorrow, some sunshine, hot, high 92. Weather map is on Page A22.

Prices in Canada may be higher \$4.00

A Trial Misstep Abruptly Ends Baldwin's Case

Judge Dismisses Over Withheld Evidence

By JULIA JACOBS

SANTA FE, N.M. — A judge in New Mexico dismissed the case against Alec Baldwin on Friday after finding that the state had withheld evidence that could have shed light on how live rounds got onto a film set where the cinematographer was fatally shot.

The dismissal was with prejudice, meaning that the prosecution of Mr. Baldwin is over. If he had been convicted of involuntary manslaughter, Mr. Baldwin would have faced up to 18 months in prison.

"There is no way for the court to right this wrong," Judge Mary Marlowe Sommer said in court as Mr. Baldwin wept.

It was a stunning end to the trial of Mr. Baldwin, who was rehearsing with a gun on the "Rust" film set in 2021 when it fired a live round, killing Halyna Hutchins, the movie's cinematographer. Mr. Baldwin had been told the gun was "cold," meaning it had no live ammunition.

The dismissal followed a dramatic scene when the lead prosecutor, Kari T. Morrissey, went from questioning witnesses to taking the stand herself. She gave an account of why a batch of ammunition that had been turned in to the state several months ago by a witness who claimed it was related to the "Rust" shooting had been put in an entirely different case file and was not handed over to the defense.

"It was my impression that they did not match the live rounds from the set of 'Rust,'" Ms. Morrissey said on the stand, saying that she had only viewed a photo of the ammunition.

But when the ammunition was brought into the courtroom earlier Friday at the judge's request it became

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Hostage Recalls Terror in Gaza Over 8 Months

By ISABEL KERSHNER

RAMAT GAN, Israel — Idling away the hours in a darkened room in Gaza with two other hostages, Andrey Kozlov sometimes heard one of his captors on the other side of the door typing away on a laptop.

The man was a constant presence in the apartment, while other guards worked shifts and went out to the market, Mr. Kozlov said in an interview, from a hotel room in a Tel Aviv suburb a month after his rescue from captivity.

The guards were unmasked, but they were careful not to reveal their names, telling the hostages to call them all Muhammad.

To differentiate between them, Mr. Kozlov said the hostages gave them nicknames like Big Muhammad and Little Muhammad. Their main jailer had a rounded face, so they called him "Muhammad H'dudim," Hebrew slang for "Muhammad Chubby Cheeks."

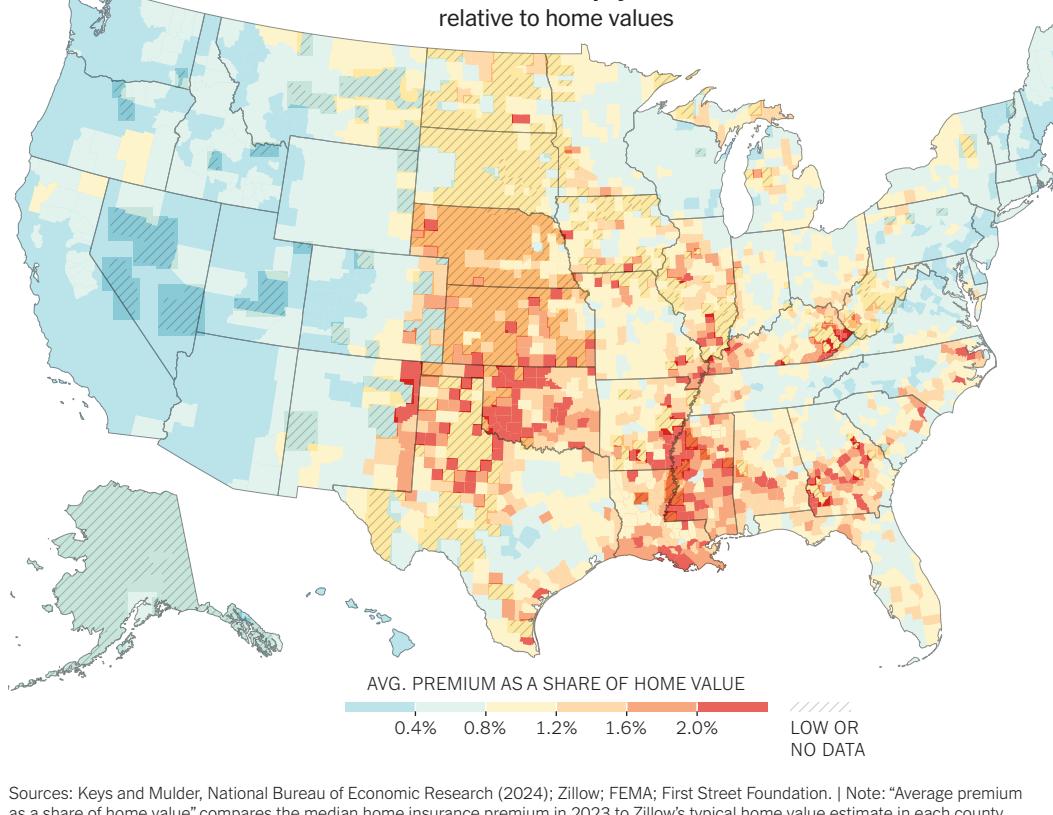
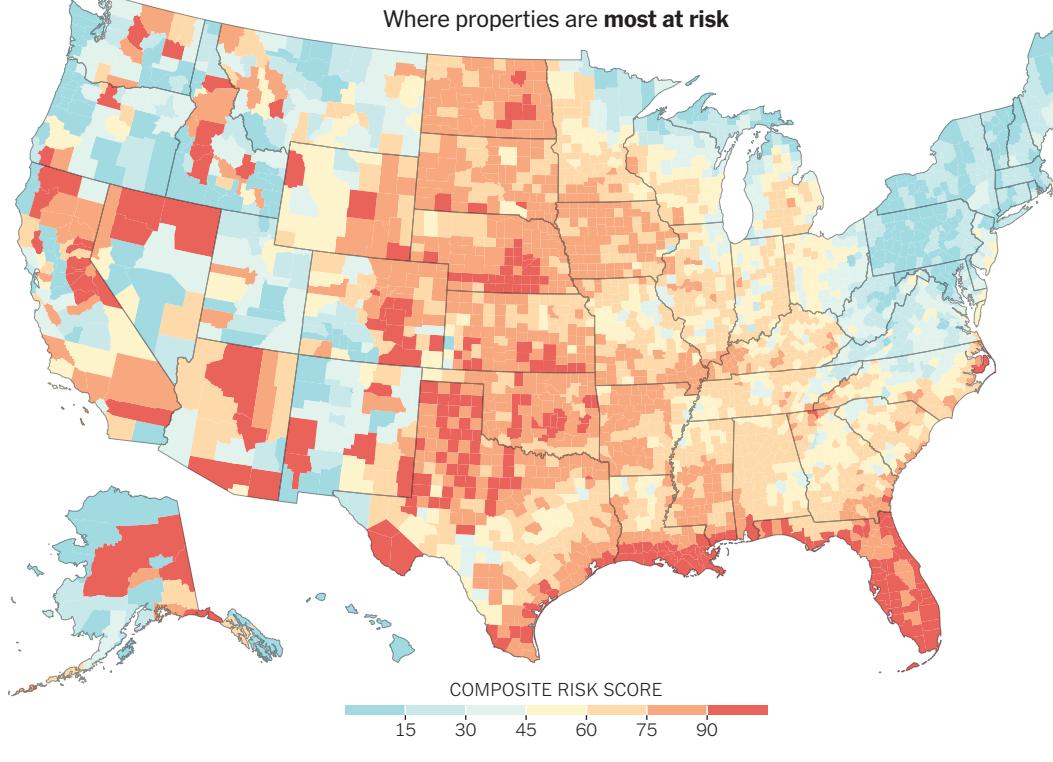
Mr. Kozlov, 27, a Russian Israeli, provided an exceptionally detailed account of his total of eight months in captivity, together with Almog Meir Jan, 22, and Shlomi Ziv, 41.

He described being held in six locations in the first two months, finally moving to the apartment in mid-December. In some places, he and the other hostages had only a pail for a toilet, and food was scarce. Mr. Kozlov said he lost about 20 pounds.

They were rescued from the apartment, a low-rise concrete

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Climate change is driving rates higher, but not always in areas with the greatest risk.



Sources: Keys and Mulder, National Bureau of Economic Research (2024); Zillow; FEMA; First Street Foundation. | Note: "Average premium as a share of home value" compares the median home insurance premium in 2023 to Zillow's typical home value estimate in each county. The state average is shown in counties with few or no observations.

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Big Distortions Found in Home Insurance Rates

By CHRISTOPHER FLAVELLE
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ENID, Okla. — Surrounded by farms about 90 minutes north of Oklahoma City, Enid has an unwelcome distinction: Home insurance is more expensive, relative to home values, than almost anywhere else in the country.

Enid is hardly the American community that is most vulnerable to damaging weather. Yet as a share of home prices, insurance costs more in parts of Enid than in New Orleans, much of which is below sea level. More than in Paradise, Calif., which was destroyed by the Camp fire in 2018. More

When Rules Are Loose, Costs in Some Places Exceed Actual Risk

than in the Florida Keys, which are frequently wracked by hurricanes. Even more than in the Outer Banks of North Carolina, where houses have begun slipping into the rising sea.

Enid's plight reveals an odd distortion in America's system of pricing home insurance. As a warming planet delivers increasingly damaging weather, the cost

of home insurance has jumped drastically. But companies are charging some people, especially in the middle of the country and parts of the southeast, far more than other homeowners with similar levels of risk, an examination by The New York Times has shown.

Industry experts offer several reasons for the disparities, including the fact rural states have fewer homeowners to share risk, and states have varying rates of insurance fraud, which can drive up premiums.

But recent research points to a striking pattern: Higher premiums

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Seeking Relief From Heat

At home in Houston, above. Many western U.S. cities are investing in cooling centers. Page A11.

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Europe, eyeing China and a possible Trump return, is considering doing more for its own defense.

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Berlin Honors Earliest Settlers

Archaeologists found some 4,000 skeletons. After years of study, they were reinterred in a solemn tribute.

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The bankruptcy case of the former New York City mayor and lawyer for Donald J. Trump was dismissed, making him more vulnerable to creditors.

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In 1921, an Army veteran who stopped in Tulsa, Okla., was caught in one of the worst racial attacks in history.

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The D.I.Y. Orient Express

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In France, there was hope that parliamentary elections would bring change, but many fear the struggle to pay bills will continue.

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Money Guru's New Priorities

Jonathan Clements, a longtime personal finance columnist for The Wall Street Journal, isn't mad that cancer will keep him from spending his savings.

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L.G.B.T.Q. and on the Move

Laws targeting gender-affirming care have uprooted thousands. But states that are more tolerant and supportive can also be expensive.

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A Modern Gothic Heroine

Shelley Duvall's performance in "The Shining" was perhaps misunderstood, as much in her life would be.

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Going Back to Prison by Choice

Ex-inmates shot the film "Sing Sing" in a decommissioned correctional facility they hoped to never see again.

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Tadej Pogacar and Jonas Vingegaard, who have split the past four titles, are set to duel in the mountains.

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A Top Pick From Down Under

Travis Bazzana, an infielder schooled in cricket in Australia, could be chosen first in M.L.B.'s draft.

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