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**THE WEATHER**  
Today, partly sunny, not as warm, high 76. **Tonight**, mostly clear early, mostly cloudy late, low 64. **Tomorrow**, becoming partly sunny, high 76. Weather map appears on Page B12.

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Claudia Sheinbaum at a polling site on Sunday. Her margin of victory was the largest in a Mexican presidential election in decades. FRED RAMOS FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES

## Cracks Emerge In Hard Right Across Europe

**By EMMA BUBOLA**  
ROME — Nationalists are surging and expected to make big gains when voters from 27 nations cast ballots starting this week for the European Parliament. But the prospect of success is already raising the question among far-right parties of how far is too far. That question has become pressing as popular hard-right parties, especially in Italy and France, try to make themselves more palatable to the mainstream, splitting those who have sanitized and gained acceptability from those who are still considered taboo.

Today, the hard right is a movement marbled by fissures and shifting alliances. Last year, Marine Le Pen, the French nationalist, seemed to disparage Italy’s hard-right prime minister, Giorgia Meloni, who since coming to power has tried to make herself a trustworthy partner for mainstream conservatives.

“Meloni is not my twin sister,” she had told the Italian newspaper La Repubblica, making it clear she considered herself more hard line.

Now, Ms. Le Pen has offered to form an alliance in the European Parliament, though it is not clear if Ms. Meloni wants to allow her to ride her coattails, as Ms. Le Pen’s party is still scorned by many in the European center right.

Ms. Le Pen, for her part, has distanced herself from Alternative for Germany, or AfD, a far-right party that appears to have become too extreme even for its fellow travelers.

In May, Ms. Le Pen and her group in the European Parliament, none of them shy about nationalism.

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## Holocaust Museums Weigh How to Discuss War

**By DANA GOLDSTEIN and MARC TRACY**  
ATLANTA — At a Holocaust museum in Atlanta, staff members had typically ended their tours by saying that many survivors of the death camps immigrated to Palestine. But after the start of the Israel-Hamas war, the guides noticed that some students would ask a simple but complicated question: Is this the Palestine that we’ve been hearing about? So staff members at the museum, the Breman, made a few changes, according to Rabbi Joseph Prass, the museum’s education director. Now, docents explain to visitors that many Holocaust survivors found refuge in

### Hard Questions Asked on Roots of Conflict and Gaza Deaths

“the British Mandate of Palestine” or “the area that would become the country of Israel.” Each year, roughly two dozen Holocaust museums in the United States teach millions of visitors — often students on field trips — about the Nazi genocide of six million Jews, a history that is fading from living memory. Since the Oct. 7 Hamas attacks in Israel and the ensuing war, that mission has felt especially urgent, as the number of bias incidents

against Jews has risen across the country. The Israel-Hamas war has also forced museums to confront one of the most emotional and divisive issues within the Jewish community: how to discuss the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Many Holocaust museums include the story of Israel’s founding in 1948, depicting the country as a refuge for Jewish survivors. But they often do not mention, or address only in guarded terms, a subject that increasingly interests some visitors: the Nakba, Palestinians’ term for their displacement amid Israel’s founding. “The question is always context,” said Debórah Dwork, a Holocaust historian at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York. Continued on Page A20



**A Defensive Stance in Kharkiv**  
Ukrainians evacuating a man near the Russian border, where Moscow is retaking land. Page A12. FINBARR O'REILLY FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES

## Stuck in a Starter Home as High Interest Rates and Prices Collide

**By RUKMINI CALLIMACHI**  
If buying a home is an inexorable part of the American dream, so is the next step: eventually selling that home and using the equity to trade up to something bigger. But over the past two years, this upward mobility has stalled as buyers and sellers have been pummeled by three colliding forces: the highest borrowing

rates in nearly two decades, a crippling shortage of inventory and a surge in home prices to a median of \$434,000, the highest on record, according to Redfin. People who bought their starter homes a few years ago are finding themselves frozen in place by what is known as the “rate-lock effect”: They bought when interest rates were historically low, and trading up would mean a doubling

### Upward Mobility Stalls for Growing Families

or tripling of their monthly interest payments. They are locked in, and as a result, families hoping to buy their first homes are locked out. “Home affordability is the worst

I’ve ever seen it,” said Daryl Fairweather, Redfin’s chief economist. A year ago, Chris and Alison Wentland were eager to sell their townhouse in the coveted Lincoln Park neighborhood of Chicago, so they hired a real estate agent who sent a photographer to take slick photos of the house, including a 3-D video that panned from room to room. Continued on Page A19

## Mexico Gives Leftist Party Tighter Grip

### Landslide to Usher In First Female President

**NEWS ANALYSIS**  
This article is by Simon Romero, Natalie Kitroeff and Emiliano Rodríguez Mega.  
MEXICO CITY — The margin of Claudia Sheinbaum’s election as Mexico’s president was the biggest in decades, and even as the votes were still being counted on Monday, it became clear that Mexico’s leftist governing party and its allies could be in a position to reshape the country’s political landscape. They appear on the verge of claiming large enough majorities in Congress to enact proposals to change the Constitution that have alarmed the opposition, including advancing contentious legislation that could potentially dismantle crucial checks on presidential power.

Ms. Sheinbaum, the first woman and first Jewish person to be elected president, beat her opponent on Sunday by a stunning 30 percentage points or more, early returns show. She and her Morena party had been expected to win, but their resounding victory outperformed pre-election polls. “We’re taking the whole shebang in these elections,” Mario Delgado, the head of the Morena party, said in a speech on Sunday. The election served as a referendum on the nearly six-year term of Andrés Manuel López Obrador, the current president, reflecting that a solid majority of the electorate has endorsed his stewardship of the country. Preliminary results show Morena taking seven of the nine governorships up for grabs — including the most prominent, Mexico City’s — and winning supermajorities in at least 22 of the 32 state legislatures. During Mr. López Obrador’s tenure, millions of people were brought out of poverty, the minimum wage doubled and pensions became available to many more Mexicans. But he also empowered the military, prioritized fossil fuels and pushed measures that critics say could weaken Mexico’s democratic institutions. Still, concerns over such moves did little to sway most voters from supporting Ms. Sheinbaum, who is Mr. López Obrador’s protégée, and their party. “Voters gave Claudia a mandate that only a very few dared to predict,” said John Feeley, deputy chief of mission at the U.S. Embassy in Mexico. Continued on Page A10

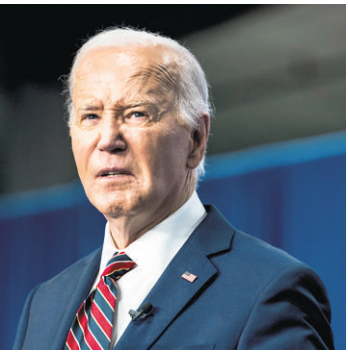
## BIDEN PREPARING ORDER TO LET HIM SEAL OFF BORDER

### MIRRORS A FAILED BILL

#### Restrictions Would Take Effect During Surges of Asylum Seekers

**By HAMED ALEAZIZ and ZOLAN KANNO-YOUNGS**  
President Biden is expected to sign an executive order on Tuesday allowing him to temporarily seal the U.S. border with Mexico to migrants when crossings surge, a move that would suspend long-time protections for asylum seekers in the United States. Mr. Biden’s senior aides have told members of Congress in recent days to expect him to sign the order at the White House alongside mayors from South Texas, according to several people familiar with the plans.

The restrictions would kick in once the number of illegal crossings exceeds 2,500 in a day, according to several people who have been briefed on the order. Daily totals already exceed that number, which means that Mr. Biden’s executive order could go into effect immediately. The border would reopen to asylum seekers if the number of crossings stays below 1,500 for a certain period of time, the people said. They asked for anonymity because the executive order has not been officially announced. The order would be the most restrictive border policy instituted by Mr. Biden, or any other modern Democrat, and echoes an effort in 2018 by President Donald J. Trump to curb migration that Democrats assailed and federal courts blocked. Although the executive action is almost certain to face legal challenges, Mr. Biden is under intense political pressure to address illegal immigration, a top concern of voters before the presidential election in November. The decision shows how the president is preparing for a worst-case scenario. Continued on Page A16



HAIYUN JIANG FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES  
President Biden faces intense pressure on illegal migration.

## As Electric Vehicles Get Cheaper, Buyers Are No Longer Just Elites

**By JACK EWING**  
Alex Lawrence, a dealer in Salt Lake City who specializes in used electric cars, has seen a change over the last year in the kinds of customers who are coming into his showroom. They used to be well-heeled professionals who could drop \$70,000 on a Rivian luxury pickup truck. Recently, Mr. Lawrence said, customers have been snapping up used Teslas for a little over \$20,000, after applying a \$4,000 federal tax credit. “We’re seeing younger people,” Mr. Lawrence said. “We are seeing more blue-collar and entry-level white-collar people. The purchase price of the car has suddenly become in reach.” Regarded by conservative politicians and other critics as playthings of the liberal elite, electric

vehicles are fast becoming more accessible. Prices are falling because of increased competition, lower raw-material costs and more efficient manufacturing. Federal tax credits of up to \$7,500 for new electric cars, often augmented by thousands of dollars in state incentives, push prices even lower. At the same time, technology is improving quickly and making electric vehicles more practical. Cars that can travel more than 300 miles on a fully charged battery are becoming common, and charging times are dropping below 30 minutes. Continued on Page A20

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