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#### Still at war, **Israelis** take time to mourn

One year after attack by Hamas, violence and displacement continue

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JERUSALEM — Israeli communities near the Gaza Strip awoke Monday to commemorate the first anniversary of the Hamas attacks in the same way they were roused on Oct. 7, 2023: to the sound of air raid sirens.

At 6:32 a.m. — almost to the minute of the surprise assault last - militants in Gaza launched four rockets toward those same kibbutzim, sending Israelis into shelters and highlighting how the battle continues to rage 12 months after that fateful morning.

Israeli forces said they intercepted most of the projectiles and immediately responded by striking targets inside Gaza. At least two minor injuries were reported in Kibbutz Kfar Chabad when a second barrage was fired later in the morning. With evening approaching, a missile from Yemen was intercepted and sirens sounded briefly in Tel Aviv.

As Israel's military attacked Hezbollah sites across Lebanon on Monday and the government continued deliberations over how to respond to last week's Iranian SEE ISRAEL ON A14

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Students at Columbia University protest the war in Gaza and in support of Israel on the anniversary of the Hamas attack on Israel.

## Campuses again pulse with marches and vigils

BY SUSAN SVRLUGA, LAURA MECKLER AND KARLA MARIE SANFORD

NEW YORK — One year after Hamas militants orchestrated a violent attack in Israel, activists took to college campuses and city streets across the country to mark the anniversary, with some launching pro-Palestinian "week of rage" protests and others hosting remembrances of Israelis who were killed or taken hostage.

For many Jewish college stu-

estinian activists, Monday was a fresh opportunity to protest the SEE PROTESTS ON A11 D.C. mourns: Events across region

mark devastating anniversary. **B1** 

dents, it was a day to remember those killed a year ago and to pray for and demand the release of hostages being held in Gaza by Hamas. Virtually every campus Hillel planned a vigil of some kind, and Jewish federations planned hundreds of other community events. For some pro-Pal-

Students for Justice in Palestine host an interfaith vigil at the University of Maryland to mourn those killed in the war in Gaza.

# Milton imperils reeling region

#### **HURRICANE REACHES** RECORD STRENGTH

'24/7' Helene cleanup in Fla. amid projectile risks

#### BY LORI ROZSA. MOLLY HENNESSY-FISKE AND BRYAN PIETSCH

TREASURE ISLAND, FLA. — Hurricane Milton explosively intensified Monday into one of the strongest hurricanes on record as it hurtled toward a highly populated stretch of Florida's coast, where residents were still recovering from another powerful storm less than two weeks ago.

Counties that line the Gulf Coast ordered scores of people to leave in what is expected to be the largest evacuation in the state since at least Hurricane Irma in 2017. By the afternoon, highways were beginning to clog and long lines had formed at gas stations.

Forecasters warned that where Milton will make landfall is uncertain, but there was increasing alarm that the storm will strike the Tampa Bay area, which has not suffered a direct hit from a major hurricane since 1921. The region is home to more than 3 million people and is one of the most vulnerable metropolitan areas in the United States to storm surge.

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# High court leaves Tex. abortion ruling as is

BY ANN E. MARIMOW AND CAROLINE KITCHENER

The Supreme Court on Monday refused to require doctors in Texas to perform certain emergency abortions when the procedure would conflict with the state's strict abortion ban.

The justices left in place a lower-court ruling that rejected the Biden administration's claim that federal law requires access to emergency abortion care even in states that restrict the procedure.

As is common when the court refuses to review a lower court's decision, the order - issued on the first day of the Supreme Court's new term - did not explain the justices' reasoning. There were no noted dissents.

The court's action comes just months after the justices intervened in a similar case in Idaho and reflects continued fallout and confusion from its decision in 2022 to overturn Roe v. Wade and eliminate the nationwide right to abortion after nearly 50 years.

In the Idaho case, the justices in June temporarily cleared the way for doctors to terminate pregnancies in emergency situations without being subject to prosecution under that state's abortion ban. At the time, abortion rights SEE COURT ON A7

New term: Court is set to hear oral arguments in ghost guns case. A7

# Voracious data centers running into small-town resistance

BY CAROLINE O'DONOVAN

PECULIAR, MO. - The day in June that Wendy Reigel received a shipment of 200 "No data center" yard signs, she learned they were obsolete. The developer she had been fighting to keep out of Chesterton, Ind., announced it was pulling out.

But the signs would find new life a few weeks later. Reigel packed them into cardboard boxes and shipped them to Peculiar, where a similar fight against a data center was underway. On Wednesday, locals there celebrated an announcement by the city that they said left the data center proposal as good as dead. "This is

incredible for the people of Peculiar," Reigel said on hearing the

The victories spring from a growing community-level resistance to the tech industry's massive expansion of data centers. The nondescript warehouses packed with racks of servers that power the modern internet have

proliferated in recent years as companies such as Meta and Google have expanded their influence, and the race to compete in artificial intelligence has driv-

Many state and local officials welcome the tax dollars and infrastructure these projects can bring, and tech companies say

en a surge of new investment.

they need the facilities to advance AI and keep the United States competitive with China. But over the past year, resistance to data centers has sprung up in places such as Fort Worth; Burns Harbor, Ind.; and Fayette County, Ga.

The campaigns have similarities to local fights against wind SEE DATA CENTERS ON A24



'Enough is enough'

People gather near a school serving as a polling place in Sopore, in Indian-controlled Kashmir. After a six-year delay, the region is holding legislative elections, and many residents say casting a ballot is their only way to speak out against repression by Indian authorities. Story, A10

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### Democrats' ad dollars rule online, except on X

BY TRISHA THADANI AND ADRIANA NAVARRO

SAN FRANCISCO — Democrats are massively outspending Republicans on internet campaign ads, but one social network is a notable exception: X, owned by Elon Musk, who has increasingly used the platform to elevate his chosen candidate, former president Donald Trump.

Accounts backing Republican candidates spent three times as much on political ads on X than those backing Democrats from March 6 to Oct. 1 - \$3 million to \$1 million — according to an analysis of company data by AdImpact and The Washington

The biggest political ad buyer on X is the official account for Trump, who has formed a close political alliance with Musk in recent months and was joined by

the entrepreneur onstage at a rally Saturday. Vice President Kamala Harris's campaign has not bought a single ad on the X.

Democrats dominate the much heavier campaign ad spending on the larger internet platforms such as Google, which owns YouTube, and Meta, which owns Facebook and Instagram.

Overall, Harris has significantly outspent Trump on TV and digital advertising since President Joe Biden announced in late July that he was dropping out, and she jumped into the

X's emergence as a red bubble dominated by spending in support of the Republican Party provides a snapshot of how the platform has changed since SEE ADS ON A19

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