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## Billions feel deadly intensity of heat waves

Scorching temperatures fueled by climate change break over 1,000 records

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Dozens of bodies were discovered in Delhi during a two-day stretch last week when even sun-down brought no relief from sweltering heat and humidity. Tourists died or went missing as the mercury surged in Greece. Hundreds of pilgrims perished before they could reach Islam's holiest site, struck down by temperatures as high as 125 degrees.

The scorching heat across five continents in recent days, scientists say, provided yet more proof that human-caused global warming has so raised the baseline of normal temperatures that once-unthinkable catastrophes have become commonplace.

The suffering came despite predictions that a year-long surge of global heat might soon begin to wane. Instead, in just one week, billions felt heat with climate change-fueled intensity that broke more than 1,000 temperature records around the globe. Hundreds fell in the United States, where tens of millions of people across the Midwest and Eastern Seaboard have been sweltering amid one of the worst early-season heat waves in memory.

"It should be obvious that dangerous climate change is already upon us," said Michael Wehner, a climate scientist at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. "People will die because of global warming on this very day."

That much of last week's heat  
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## Public memories. Private struggles.

As one man aims to preserve civil rights sites, their Black owners ponder what's best

Hank Thomas settled into the recliner in his living room, drifting in and out of sleep. His wife, Yvonne, pulled a blanket over his chest. It was decorated with colorful photos of friends and relatives, and, in the center, a black-and-white image of him, standing outside a smoking Greyhound bus.

A White mob had bombed the vehicle because Thomas was on it. In 1961, Thomas was one of the original 13 Freedom Riders — an interracial group who sat beside one another on Greyhounds to enforce integration laws along the interstate. After Thomas, who is Black, slid out the window of

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IN STONE MOUNTAIN, GA.

the flaming bus in Anniston, Ala., a White man struck him with a baseball bat. "I'll never forget that experience," he told Yvonne. He was 19 years old then.

He is 82 years old now. Deep voice. Good humor. Fading memory. Sometimes, though, when he sits and looks at the blanket, recollections he once suppressed come back to him. He wants those memories to come back, because so few people who are living

today experienced them. Only two of the original Freedom Riders are still alive.

"Me, and Charles Person," he said. "And Charles, he was from Alabama." "Atlanta," Yvonne corrected him gently.

A man named Phillip Howard sat in a chair nearby, hoping to hear a revelation. When he first met Thomas a few years back, Howard was so moved by his bravery that he quit his state government job. Instead, he joined an organization attempting to preserve the history of the civil rights movement. Sifting through the memories of

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DaVine Hall-McGuire, left, walks with her parents on their family farm, which was one of four campsites in Alabama that hosted people who were marching in 1965 from Selma to Montgomery to demand voting rights.

## Financially, Gen Z may be worse off than millennials

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Move over, millennials. There's a new generation being walloped by the economy.

Generation Z has been disproportionately pummeled by rising prices, higher housing costs, larger student loan balances and more overall debt than the millennials before them.

While both generations came of age in the midst of an economic upheaval, Gen Z is spending more on necessities than millennials did at the same age, according to a Washington Post analysis of Bureau of Labor Statistics data. While millennials are between 28 and 43, Gen Z generally refers to those ages 12 to 27.

So far, Gen Z workers are more likely to go to college, have jobs and make more money than millennials did. But they are also paying 31 percent more for housing than their counterparts were a decade ago, after adjusting for inflation. Spending on car insurance by people 16 to 24 more than doubled between 2012 and 2022, BLS data shows, while health insurance spending for that age group is up 46 percent after inflation.

By comparison, inflation-adjusted earnings for the cohort have risen much less in the same period, by 26 percent, federal data

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U.S. Army veteran Jose Marquez stands outside his New York City apartment building after his return to the United States. He had been deported to the Dominican Republic in 2005.

## A veteran served U.S. Then a battle came.

After being deported 19 years ago, Jose Marquez fights to return home

BY MARIA SACCHETTI

NEW YORK — Jose Marquez served three years in the U.S. Army and five years in the reserves, but because of convictions for drug crimes, federal judges ordered him deported to the Dominican Republic, the country he left as a child.

His lawyer, voice cracking, told

Marquez in a New York detention center that he would be barred from the United States forever. Marquez refused to accept that he would never return, even as immigration officers escorted him onto the airplane.

He kept thinking about the mantras he learned in the military.

"It's not over," he said then, nearly 20 years ago.

In 2005, Marquez became one of the estimated hundreds of veterans deported from the United States over the past few decades, though U.S. officials have acknowledged that they have never counted them all. Many were deported because they were arrested for crimes involving drug abuse, which veterans advocates

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## Trump campaign scrambles to preempt revolt on far right

Bid to upend nomination process alarms, confuses some Arizona delegates

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PHOENIX — Arizona delegates to the Republican National Convention gathered this month in a Phoenix suburb, showing up to get to know each other and learn about their duties.

Part of the presentation included a secret plan to throw the party's nomination of Donald Trump for president into chaos.

The instructions did not come from "Never Trumpers" hoping to stop the party from nominating a felon when delegates gather in Milwaukee next month. They instead came from avowed "America First" believers hatching a challenge from the far right — a plot to release the delegates from their pledge to support Trump, according to people present and briefed on the meeting, slides from the presentation and private messages obtained by The Washington Post.

The delegates said the gambit would require support from several other state delegations, and it wasn't clear whether those allies had been lined up. One idea, discussed as attendees ate finger

foods, was for co-conspirators to signal their allegiance to one another by wearing matching black jackets.

The exact purpose of the maneuver was not clear — and left some delegates puzzled and alarmed. People familiar with the meeting, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss private conversations, said that perhaps the intent was to block an undesirable running mate. Most of the dozen GOP officials or activists interviewed by The Post even ventured that the aim may have been to substitute former national security adviser Michael Flynn for Trump if the former president is sentenced to prison time.

Among some on the far right, suspicions have intensified that the former president has surrounded himself with too many advisers beholden to the "deep state."

Whatever the goal, the Trump campaign rushed to head off the stunt and replace the delegates. One campaign staffer involved in the cleanup described it to at least two Republicans as an "existential threat" to Trump's nomination next month, two people familiar with conversations told The Post. To another Republican, the staffer described the scenario

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