mid, high 91. **Tonight,** partly cloudy,

low 78. Tomorrow, sunshine and clouds, humid, dangerous heat, high 94. Weather map is on Page B8.

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Blast of Heat Brings Britain To a Standstill

Wave Moves North as Europe Battles Fires

By MARK LANDLER

LONDON — Trains slowed to a crawl. Schools and doctors' offices shut their doors. The British Museum closed its galleries. Buckingham Palace curtailed the changing of the guard. And the government urged people to work from home

Much of Britain took an involuntary siesta on Monday as merciless heat filtered north from a fire-ravaged continental Europe, driving temperatures close to triple digits Fahrenheit in many areas and reaching the hottest mark ever recorded in Wales

The authorities placed most of the country under a "red" warning for heat for the first time in history, with the mercury hovering around 100 degrees Fahrenheit (37.5 degrees Celsius) across London and the country's south and Midlands. Britain's top reading, 100.6, did not quite reach the record of 101.7 set in Cambridge in July 2019, but to a sweltering nation, that felt like a distinction without a difference. On the sweltering London Un-

derground — most lines are not air-conditioned - Georgia Mc-Quade, 22, lugged a heavy suitcase as she made her way to Victoria bus station, where she planned to catch a bus home to

"The Tube is really hot right now," Ms. McQuade said. But she added, "I don't want to get an Uber, because using cars so much is what caused this heat in the first

She expected to encounter even more ferocious temperatures in Paris, as a mass of hot air has baked Italy and Spain over the past week and fanned wildfires in France and other parts of Europe, before spilling across the English Channel.

On Monday, French firefighters were battling two enormous wildfires that had torn through 55 square miles of dry pine forest in

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Democrats Take **Abortion Battle** To Black Voters

By ZOLAN KANNO-YOUNGS

As she and other faith leaders sat last month with Vice President Kamala Harris to discuss the implications of the Supreme Court's overturning Roe v. Wade, the Rev. Najuma Smith-Pollard, a pastor at a Black church in Los Angeles, reflected on the complex feelings in her community about abortion.

While Black voters remain overwhelmingly allied with the Democratic Party, some, especially older churchgoers, have a conservative streak when it comes to social issues like abortion. The best way to communicate to them, Ms. Smith-Pollard and other faith leaders said not long before the court ruled to eliminate the constitutional right to abortion, would be to frame the response as not just a matter of abortion, but rather as part of broader movement to restrict individual rights, including voting, marriage and control over one's own body.

The most effective message "would be like having to have the conversation without the word abortion," Ms. Smith-Pollard later said in an interview.

"We were all clear that this is about abortion, but this is not just about abortion," Ms. Smith-Pollard said, adding that it was imperative to focus on "the implica-Continued on Page A13

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Rehydrating a soldier at Buckingham Palace. The changing of the guard ceremony was scaled back as London neared 100 degrees.

Wind Farm May Rise on Spanish Seascape That Inspired Dalí

By DAVID GELLES

PORT LLIGAT, Spain - Moises Tibau clambered aboard his small wooden boat at dawn, pushing off from a craggy outcropping in front of the house where Salvador Dalí composed some of his most famous Surrealist paintings.

Mr. Tibau, one of the two remaining fishermen in this speck of a Mediterranean town about 100 miles north of Barcelona, was hoping for a haul of lobster, langoustine and scorpionfish. But as he slowly motored into an otherwise deserted bay, he was preoccupied by the looming threat of modern-

Government officials are set to approve construction of a huge floating wind farm just offshore, and international energy companies are already jockeying to harness the volatile northerly winds in the area known as la Tramon-

The push comes as a deadly summer heat wave made worse by climate change is breaking temperature records in England and sparking wildfires in France, Spain, Portugal and Greece.

Dozens of turbines could soon be marching across the horizon, providing urgently needed renewable energy to Catalonia, a part of

As Green Energy Plans Expand, Tensions Flare in Europe

Spain that is still highly dependent on fossil fuels, but fundamentally altering the character of a region that has changed little from the time when Dalí walked the

The contentious project on the Spanish coast is emblematic of a push-and-pull taking place throughout Europe as officials rush to reduce planet-warming

emissions by phasing out fossil fuels and rapidly building utilityscale renewable energy projects. The war in Ukraine has added urgency to the effort, as European policymakers try to break free from their dependence on Russian oil and gas

Yet from the coast of Spain to the rivers of Albania, efforts to deploy large wind, solar and hydroelectricity projects are running into roadblocks that include NIMBYism, environmentalist concerns and a bureaucracy that hampers quick action.

Complicating matters is the fact that big wind and solar projects Continued on Page A6

MUTED WARNINGS AS VIRUS SURGES ACROSS COUNTRY

SPIKE IN A SUBVARIANT

With Public Weary and Data Murky, Officials Hesitate to Act

This article is by Julie Bosman, Thomas Fuller and Edgar Sandoval.

CHICAGO — Covid-19 is surging around the United States again, fueled by what experts consider the most transmissible variant of the pandemic yet.

But something is different this time: The public health authorities are holding back.

In Chicago, where the county's Covid warning level was raised to "high" last week, the city's top doctor said there was no reason for residents to let the virus control their lives. The state health director in Louisiana likened a new rise in Covid cases there to a downpour — "a surge within a surge" — but characterized the situation as concerning but not

And the public health officer in King County, Wash., Dr. Jeffrey Duchin, said on Thursday that officials were discussing reissuing a mask mandate but would prefer that the public mask up voluntarily. "We're not going to be able to have infinite series of mandates forcing people to do this, that and the other," he said.

The latest surge, driven by a spike of BA.5 subvariant cases in this country since May, has sent infections rising in at least 40 states, particularly in the Great Plains, West and South. Hospitalizations have climbed by 20 percent in the past two weeks, leaving more than 40,000 people in American hospitals with the coronavirus on an average day.

More than two years after the pandemic began, though, public health officials are sounding only quiet warnings amid a picture that they hope has been changed by vaccines, treatments and rising immunity. Deaths are rising, but only modestly so far in this new wave. And state and local public health officials say they also must now factor in a reality that is obvious along the streets from Seattle to New York City: Most Americans are meeting a new Covid wave with a collective shrug, shunning masks, joining crowds indoors and moving on from the endless barrage of virus warnings of months past.

"I feel strongly that you can't just kind of cry wolf all the time," said Dr. Allison Arwady, the commissioner of the Chicago health department, who said she would wait to see whether hospitals become strained before considering another citywide mask mandate. "I want to save the requirements around masks or updating vaccine requirements for when there's a significant change."

Complicating the country's understanding of this BA.5 wave is a dearth of data. Not since the earliest months of the pandemic has there been so little precise infor-

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Manchin's 'No' Risks Derailing Global Tax Deal

By ALAN RAPPEPORT and JIM TANKERSLEY

WASHINGTON — In June, months after reluctantly signing on to a global tax agreement brokered by the United States, Ireland's finance minister met privately with Treasury Secretary Janet L. Yellen, seeking reassurances that the Biden administration would hold up its end of the

Ms. Yellen assured the minister, Paschal Donohoe, that the administration would be able to secure enough votes in Congress to ensure that the United States was in compliance with the pact, which was aimed at cracking down on companies evading taxes by shifting jobs and profits around the

It turns out that Ms. Yellen was overly optimistic. Late last week, Senator Joe Manchin III, Democrat of West Virginia, effectively scuttled the Biden administration's tax agenda in Congress - at least for now — by saying he could not immediately support a climate, energy and tax package he had spent months negotiating with the Democratic leadership. He expressed deep misgivings about the international tax deal, which he had previously indicated he could support, saying it would put American companies at a dis-

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FROM LEFT: BEN GARVIN FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES; OLDENBURG VAN BRUGGEN STUDIO; PETER DASILVA FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES

CLAES OLDENBURG, 1929-2022

An influential Pop artist, he transformed ordinary objects into extraordinarily imposing sculptures, including, from left, "Spoonbridge and Cherry," "Shuttlecocks" and "Cupid's Span." Page B12.

At Site of Atrocities Near Kyiv, Family Copes With War's Trauma

By MICHAEL SCHWIRTZ

BUCHA, Ukraine - For the first time since the war began, the Stanislavchuk family was together again.

Yehor was leading his parents, Natasha and Sasha, his sister, Tasya, and his grandmother, Lyudmila, on a tour of Bucha, the quaint suburb of Kyiv that has become synonymous with Russian savagery.

Here was the school where

Yehor had hid for two weeks as Russian troops bombed and murdered their way through the town. There, at the entrance to the school basement, was where a Russian soldier had shot a woman in the head just because he could. And over there, on top of the vellow crane, was where the sniper sat, picking off civilians as they scrounged for food and water.

Yehor, 28, spoke calmly, and no one expressed surprise. These stories are well known now in Ukraine.

Reunion After Months of Being Separated

It was cool and cloudy, and if you squinted you might be able to ignore the incinerated cars and piles of brick and ash that once were homes and imagine that it was a regular summer Saturday in July. White hydrangeas were blooming, and the cherry, apple

and plum trees were laden with unripe fruit. At a cafe called Mr. Coffee, the young barista was doing brisk business, selling lattes and fresh croissants to families and hipsters with neck tattoos. Children were being pushed in strollers and riding scooters and

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HIDDEN ENEMY Ukraine's president signaled a bolder approach in rooting out spies. PAGE A8



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Several venues in New York City offer spaces where anyone and everyone can let loose and enjoy Middle Eastern and North African music. PAGE A11



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Joe Davis, 34, took over for Vin Scully. Now, he will replace Joe Buck in the Fox booth for Tuesday's All-Star Game and the World Series. PAGE B6

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Honoring Abe's Legacy

Prime Minister Fumio Kishida of Japan says he will pursue Shinzo Abe's goals, such as a stronger military. But he is also setting himself apart.

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Satire, Surrealism and Race In recent books, Chinelo Okparanta,

above, and other authors of color have turned to sometimes biting humor to explore racism.

