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Today, cloudy, humid, a couple of thunderstorms, high 79. Tonight, cloud cover expected to break, low 69. Tomorrow, patchy cloud cover, high 85. Weather map, Page B11.

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Hotter Europe Poses a Threat To Older Adults

Extreme Temperatures Are the New Covid

By GAIA PIANIGIANI

ROME — As a light, hot breeze blew through her living room and her gray hair, Donata Grillo, a 75year-old cancer survivor with a pacemaker and serious sight problems, sat next to her balcony,

a damp sponge on her lap.

It was all she had to keep cool this week as temperatures topped nearly 106 degrees Fahrenheit, or 41 Celsius, in her native Rome. She does not own any air conditioning or fans, or even a functioning refrigerator, in her two-bedroom apartment in a public housing complex on the city's periphery,

next to a hospital and highway.

"It is the feeling of straining pasta all day long," Ms. Grillo said, twirling her hands to mimic the pouring of boiling water from a pot. A visit from a social worker was about the only contact she'd had in days, the heat having shunted her inside.

"Don't go anywhere, it's too hot and dangerous for you," Carlotta Antonelli, 28, who works with the Roman Catholic charity Caritas, told her during her rounds on Wednesday.

The successive heat waves that have scorched Italy and the rest of southern Europe over the past week have forced those who can afford it to seek shelter in air-conditioned homes and offices or at



Tourists in Rome, where it was about 106 degrees Fahrenheit.

seaside retreats. But for many seniors, heat has become the new Covid. The searing temperatures have settled over the continent another indiscriminate plague, reinforcing the isolation of many older people and the threats to their health, and pushing governments and social services to take extraordinary steps to try to protect them.

"These days, they are even more alone," Ms. Antonelli said, as she drove her car through two large, low-income suburban areas where her charity routinely assists dozens of residents. She visits Ms. Grillo once a week to help her with daily chores and assist with medical appointments and legal problems.

As temperatures rise, the threat Continued on Page A9

Armed with machetes and

chain-saws, hacking through fall-

en trees and wading through

dense scrub, the archaeologists

cleared a path down rocky trails. At last, they reached their desti-

nation in Mexico's Yucatán Penin-

sula: a hidden city where pyra-

mids and palaces rose above

crowds over 1,000 years ago, with

a ball court and terraces now bur-

Mexico's National Institute of

Anthropology and History hailed

their work late last month, saying

they had discovered an ancient

Maya city in "a vast area practi-

cally unknown to archaeology."

ied and overgrown.

Ruin of Maya City Is Discovered

In 'Empty Zone' of the Yucatán

By ALAN YUHAS



Donata Grillo, 75, who has no air-conditioners or fans in her apartment, tried to cool off with a damp sponge on Wednesday in Rome.

POLITICAL MEMO

Biden's Taunts Target Trump, Not Charges

By REID J. EPSTEIN

WASHINGTON — For months, President Biden has appeared to delight in needling Donald J. Trump and his Republican allies, trying at every turn to make MAGA and ultra-MAGA a shorthand for the entire party.

This week, Mr. Biden cheekily highlighted a video in which Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene of Georgia derisively ticks through his first-term accomplishments and likens him not positively — to Franklin Delano Roosevelt. "I approve this message," the president commented on the video, which was viewed more than 43 million times in 24 hours.

Mr. Biden recently did a victory lap when Senator Tommy Tuberville of Alabama promoted local spending in the bipartisan infrastructure bill, which Mr. Tuberville had voted against.

And his campaign took a shot at Mr. Trump for not visiting Wisconsin during his current presidential bid, accusing him of a "failure to deliver on his promised American manufacturing

But when it comes to the topic dominating the presidential race Continued on Page A15

"These stories about 'lost cities

in the jungle' — very often these things are quite minor or being

spun by journalists," said Simon

Martin, a political anthropologist

who was not involved in the work.

"But this is much closer to the real

discovered the ruins named them

Ocomtún, using the Yucatec Maya

word for the stone columns found

The Mexican institute de-

scribed the site, in Campeche

State, as having once been a major

center of Maya life. During at least

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around the ancient city.

The team of archaeologists who

Lawyer's Novel Tactics Put Bull's-Eye on Big Oil

By DAVID GELLES

LARES, P.R. — Missy Sims carefully picked her way through a field of ruined tombs in central Puerto Rico, in a cemetery where walls of water from Hurricane Maria had smashed open some coffins and sent others careering into a nearby stream.

Six years later, the burial place in Lares, where more than 1,700 graves were damaged, is still shattered.

"This is apocalyptic, end of the world, end of times stuff," said Ms. Sims, an attorney who is representing 16 Puerto Rican municipalities that are seeking to hold the fossil fuel industry responsible for the damage caused by a series

Puerto Rico Case Is New Front in Fight Over Climate Change

of storms, including Maria.

Ms. Sims wiped away a tear as she surveyed the broken graves and absorbed the pain of the grieving families. But she also vowed to hold those responsible to

Ms. Sims, 54, may be the most surprising legal figure to emerge as the world grapples with the devastating impacts of a warming planet. An Armani-and-Rolex wearing observant Catholic from

a small Midwest town who talks to God as she mulls her complex legal cases, Ms. Sims is also a constant TikTok poster whose dog has more followers than some celebrities And she is now the singular

force behind a creative legal gambit to make oil and gas companies pay for the devastation being wrought by climate change in Puerto Rico. Her strategy is being carefully watched by the fossil fuel industry and environmental groups as well as other lawyers and municipalities.

The lawsuit she filed in November goes after a who's who of the fossil fuel industry - Exxon Mobil, Chevron, Royal Dutch Shell,

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Fast Start for the Hosts

The Women's World Cup began with 1-0 wins by Australia, above, and New Zealand. Page B7.

BIPARTISAN BOOST TO AIRLINE TRAVEL PASSES THE HOUSE

CONSUMER SAFEGUARDS

Barriers to Reauthorizing F.A.A. Fall Away, but the Senate Awaits

By KAYLA GUO

WASHINGTON — The House on Thursday overwhelmingly passed bipartisan legislation to reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration for the next halfdecade, moving at a time of growing dysfunction and disruption in the system to make a number of changes that affect passengers.

The bill would address airlines' refunds and reimbursement obligations to passengers, enhance protections for passengers with disabilities, boost hiring of air traffic controllers, shore up aviation safety, unlock funding to modern-ize airport infrastructure, invest in upgrades to the agency's technology and more. The House passed it on a vote of 351 to 69, sending it to the Senate.

"Today, the House voted to bolster America's global aviation leadership," Representative Rick Larsen of Washington, the senior Democrat on the Transportation Committee, said in a statement. "This good faith process yielded a bipartisan bill that will create a safer, cleaner, greener and more accessible U.S. aviation system. It will maintain our gold standard in safety and innovation, make a more sustainable and resilient aviation sector a reality and improve accessibility and consumer protections for all passengers."

A number of sticking points had threatened to hold up a final agreement, including disputes over proposed changes to a pilot training rule and an increase to their mandatory retirement age. Republicans and the airline industry largely oppose new regulations proposed by Democrats and aimed at strengthening consumer protections. And Washingtonarea representatives have said they would block the measure if it allowed for more long-distance flights in and out of Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, just outside the capital.

But the House dispensed with some obstacles on Wednesday night before passing the bill on Thursday. It rejected, 229 to 205. a bipartisan proposal to add seven round-trip flights to Reagan Na-The House also approved a bi-

partisan amendment that would maintain the current standards for pilot training, blocking a proposal supported by Representative Sam Graves, the Missouri Republican who leads the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, that faced opposition in the Senate.

The battles had threatened to muck up Congress's opportunity to try to improve air travel for consumers amid thousands of flight delays or cancellations, an uptick in near collisions on runways, a strained air traffic controller work force and a surge in travel coming out of the coronavirus pandemic. Disruptions are only expected to worsen as climate change leads to more extreme weather that

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A Polygon and a Chevy: How the Gilgo Beach Suspect Was Found

By WILLIAM K. RASHBAUM and JOSEPH GOLDSTEIN

They called it the polygon. Using phone records and a sophisticated system that maps the reach of cell towers, a team of investigators had drawn the irregular shape across a map of treelined streets in the Long Island suburb of Massapequa Park. By

2021, the investigators had been able to shrink the polygon so that it covered only several hundred homes.

In one of those homes, the investigators believed, lived a serial A decade before, 11 bodies had

been found in the underbrush around Gilgo Beach, a remote stretch of sand five miles away on

Identifying One Among 150,000 Commuters

the South Shore. Four women had been bound with tape or belts or wrapped in shrouds of camouflage-patterned burlap, the sort that hunters use for blinds. They

had worked as escorts and had gone missing after going to meet a client.

Each, shortly before she disappeared, had been in contact with a different disposable cellphone. Investigators eventually determined that during the workday, some of the phones had been in a small area of Midtown Manhattan

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The families of pediatric cancer patients face the dual agonies of serious illness and a country beset by conflict. PAGE A10

Titan Was Doomed by Design

Engineers pointed out several weak points that were cost-saving departures from submersible norms.

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Biden to Make Drilling Costlier

The rates paid by oil, gas and coal companies for the right to drill and mine on federally owned land have not changed since 1920. New fees would raise \$1.8 billion by 2031.

Tornado Destroys Pfizer Plant

Extensive damage at a drug manufacturing site in North Carolina may threaten crucial supplies, possibly exacerbating shortages. PAGE A15

U.S. Homicides Down 10%

A survey of 30 cities shows killings have fallen but remain well above PAGE A16 prepandemic levels.



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Air Travel Remains Strong

Three large U.S. carriers are benefiting from strong demand, high fares and relatively low fuel prices.

TV Writers Lose Ground

Hollywood studios are increasingly separating writing from production, limiting the roles writers play. PAGE B1

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Daniel Snyder was found to have sexually harassed a female employee and withheld revenue when he owned the Washington Commanders.

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Daring Lesbian Crusader

Lilli Vincenz made her mark as a newspaper editor, documentary filmmaker and psychotherapist devoted to L.G.B.T.Q. issues. She was 85. PAGE A20

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Christopher Nolan's new film offers a complex, vivid portrait of the nuclear scientist J. Robert Oppenheimer, portrayed by Cillian Murphy, above. PAGE C1

