

Blast of Heat Brings Britain To a Standstill

Wave Moves North as Europe Battles Fires

By MARK LANDLER LONDON — Trains stopped at a crawl. Schools and doctors' offices shut their doors. The British Museum closed its galleries...



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

Much of Britain took an involuntary sabbat on Monday as merciless heat filtered north from a fire-ravaged continental Europe...

The Tub 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 place."

Wind Farm May Rise on Spanish Seascape That Inspired Dalí

By DAVID GELLES PORT LLIGAT, Spain — Moisés 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.

As Green Energy Plans Expand, Tensions Flare in Europe

Spain that is still highly dependent on fossil fuels, but fundaments are altering the character of a region that has changed little over the time when Dalí walked the hills.

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

Democrats Take Abortion Battle To Black Voters

By ZOLAN KANNO-YOUNG As the other faith leaders sat last month with Vice President Kamala Harris to discuss the implications of the Supreme Court's overturning Roe v. Wade...

Manchin's 'No' Risks Derailing Global Tax Deal

By ALAN RAFFENPORT and JIM TANKERSLEY WASHINGTON — In June, months after reluctantly signing on to a global tax agreement brokered by the United States...



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 SCHWITZ BUCHA, Ukraine — For the first time since the war began, the Stanzlavchak family was together again. Yehor was leading his parents, Natalcha and Sashka, his sister, Tanya, and his grandmother, Lyudmila...

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 this was a regular summer Saturday in July. White hydrangeas were blooming, and the cherry, apple...

What's News

Business & Finance

Goldman Sachs said its second-quarter profit fell 47%, capping an earnings season where weak and volatile markets crushed investment-banking revenue, but boosted trading. AI... Rising interest rates are splintering the brakes on a global housing boom...

Sweltering Heat Wave Triggers Emergency Warning in U.K.



RELIEF: A police officer gives water to a British soldier on guard duty outside Buckingham Palace on Monday, as temperatures in the U.K. this week were forecast to set a record, leading the government to declare a national emergency. AP

Global Housing Boom Slows As Central Banks Raise Rates

Rising interest rates are splintering the brakes on a global housing boom that has pushed home prices to record levels in many countries. The second-quarter adjusted average home price in Canada was down nearly 8% in June from a peak earlier this year...

Goldman Trading Surges As Profit Falls 47%

Volatile markets crimp investment banking and overall earnings at big Wall Street firms. Goldman Sachs Group Inc. said second-quarter profit fell 47%, capping an earnings season where weak and volatile markets crushed investment-banking revenue...

Taliban Rule Puts Strains on Maternity Healthcare

KABUL—Decades of progress in maternal and neonatal health care in Afghanistan are eroding because of hunger, fleeing hospital staff and curbs on women's freedom, doctors and international organizations said. The Pentagon leadership is reviewing an assessment of the Taliban's role in the Afghan conflict but hasn't decided if aspects of the highly classified document will be released...

Carvana Loan Revenue Hit

Rising interest rates are sapping his revenue online used-car dealer Carvana. Carvana's share price fell 94% from a peak in late 2021. The company reported a loss of \$1.2 billion in the second quarter...

Air Travel Is Breaking Down At All Levels This Summer

Each problem creates ripples, leading to delays, cancellations, lost bags and gate passengers from checking in, through flight delays. When intragations and cancellations at hub airports are short-staffed, passengers have sometimes had to wait on planes, an issue that affected 2,700 flights arriving in Toronto in May. At this moment pilots and flight attendants work longer days and that there is less time for overnight maintenance. Over time, crew and equipment shortages tally. Airlines around the world that received pandemic bailout money or benefits from government-supported foreign shippers hoped to avoid such headaches. They started planning their fall return to the air as soon as they were largely grounded in early 2020.

A DIY Project to Die For: Build Your Own Coffin

Merchants offer ready-to-assemble kits for final resting place: 'so much fun'. Visitors to Leona Oceania's home near Portland, Maine, might notice the pine bookshelves perched in one corner of her living room. Guaranteed by white lights, the shelves hold neat rows of books by her favorite authors, including Mark Twain and Edward Gorey, along with katelectrics, such as a snow globe with a skull inside.

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

By JAMES R. HANREY from IRENA, but it will eventually be a coffin. The shelves are designed to be removed easily, and one day the two sections of the bookcase are to be joined with hinges to serve as Mr. Oceania's final resting place. To prepare for the inevitable, they have built their own coffins. There are two, one for the other, such as including a skull inside. build their own coffin—and use them as part of their lives. interrupted me—I don't think it in a weird way," she says. Please turn to page A10.

Market data table with columns for Dow Jones, NASDAQ, S&P 500, etc. and their respective values and changes.