Pelosi's Visit to Taiwan Attracts Beijing's Scorn

**But Bipartisan Support** 

Hosts Welcome Trip | China Puts Pressure

in Ouiet Defiance

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TAIPEI, Taiwan — In Washing on, there has been anxious de ate over whether Speaker Nancy Pelosi should risk the visit. In Bei-

ing, there have been anger and

threats. In Taiwan, where Ms. Pelosi landed late Tuesday, the

Politicians from Taiwan's two support for the trip, a sentiment echoed by many in the self-ruled democracy of more than 23 mil-lion people, which China claims as

its own. While China released videos of planes and missiles flying to

menacing music, one popular meme in Taiwan remade Ms. Pelosi as a powerful Taoist god-

dess. A Taiwanese politician wagered a chicken cutlet giveaway

Inured to living in one of the

have largely taken the prospect of the visit in stride. That steely non-

chalance belies a political reality that has been hardening over the

that has been hardering over the past decade: Many in Taiwam have grown weary of China's threats and crave support from the United States.

Ms. Pelosi's trip is the highest-

level visit by an American official in 25 years, and a diplomatic coup,

if mostly a symbolic one, for Tai-wan. Such prominent demonstra-

tions of international support are

rare for Taiwan, which Beijing has

are for larwas, which Beiging has ystematically worked to isolate rom global institutions and diplo-natic recognition.

The talk of a visit has not been

eithout its anxieties for Taiwan on Tuesday morning, its military said it would strengthen combat readiness in anticipation of a po-tential response from China, while the island's stock market fell al-

most 2 percent over geopolitical

on Island's Trade

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TAIPEI, Taiwan — Nancy Pelosi, the speaker of the House, arrived in Taiwan on Tuesday, asting aside private warnings

from the Biden administratio

about the risk that her high-profil

prompting a sharp response from the Chinese government, includ-ing new trade restrictions on Tai-

wan and an announcement of mil

A United States military jet car-rying Ms. Pelosi landed in Taipei late at night following weeks of speculation about her travel

plans. Her decision to proceed

with the trip makes her the high est-ranking congressional official to come to the disputed island in a quarter-century and sets up a tense standoff with China that

American officials said could lead

Foreign Minister Joseph Wu

23 million people of Taiwan is

nore important today than eve is the world faces a choice be ween autocracy and democracy,

she said in a statement issued as

she was greeted by Joseph Wu, Taiwan's foreign minister, adding that the visit did not contradict

Inited States policy on Taiwan.

While the planning for the trip was shrouded in secrecy, its start was characterized by more of a carnival atmosphere. Ms. Pelosi

arrived to a live video feed, lit-up

greetings on Taipes's tallest build ing, and packs of supporters an

protesters in front of her hotel.

ture with a police escort to meet

welcoming Speaker Nancy Pelosi in Taipei on Tuesday

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Pelosi Visits Taiwan, Defying China

A plane descending toward an airstrip in the Amazon. Aircraft carrying equipment and ores are modified to avoid detection

# GUTTING AMAZON

Small Planes Enable an Illegal Mining Crisis

dreoni, Blacki Migliozzi, Pablo Ro-bles and Denise Lu.

BOA VISTA, Brazil — From ,500 feet in the air, the dirt airstrip is just a crack in a seemunded by modely mining nits that bleed toxic chemicals into a

iverbed.

The airstrip is owned by the Brazilian government — the only way for health care officials to reach the Indigenous people in the nearby village. But illegal miners to ferry equipment and fuel into areas where roads don't exist. And when a plane the miners don't recognize approaches, they spread fuel canisters along the irstrip to make landing impossi-

"The airstrip now belongs to the miners," said Junior Hekarari, an Indigenous health care official.

The miners have also built four other airstrips nearby, all illegally, peopelling such a rapid expansion of illegal mining on the suppos-edly protected land of the Yanomami people that crime has grown out of centrol and governent workers are too scared to re

urn. This is just a small cluster of the clandestine airstrips pushing the illegal mining of gold and tin ore into the most remote corners of the Arnazon rainforest. Carved into the dense, hish landscape, they are part of vast criminal net-works that operate largely un-checked because of the neglect or intellections of the degree most. ineffectiveness of enforcement and regulatory agencies in Brazil,

including the military.

The New York Times identified
1,269 unregistered airstrips
throughout Brazil's Amazon rainforest in the last year, many of
which supply a thriving illicit industry that has surged under President Jair Bolsonaro of Brazil.

Mr. Bolsonaro has faced con-stant global criticism for allowing the Amazon to be pillaged during his administration. Officials say the rapid spread of illicit mining lions of people whose livelihoods rely on the Amazon's rivers and Continued on Page A12 damage that had been done to the Taliban's nascent govern-ment, which had tried to shelter

## SECRET AIRSTRIPS A Quiet Balcony Became al-Zawahri's Downfall Inside the C.I.A.'s Long

#### and ERIC SCHMITT

WASHINGTON - Intelligence WASHINGTON — Intelligence officers made a crucial discovery this spring after tracking Ayman al-Zawahri, the leader of Al Qaeda, to Kabul, Afghanistan: He liked to read alone on the balcony of his safe house early in the

Analysts search for that kind of pattern-of-life intelligence, any habit the C.I.A. can exploit. In al-Zawahri's case, his long balcony isits gave the agency an opportu ould avoid collateral damage.

and THOMAS GIBBONS-NEFF

drone strike killed the leader of Al Qaeda, Ayman al-Zawahri, in downtown Kabul, Taliban securi-

Hours after an American

ty forces rushed to seal off the

site. Green tarps were throw

points were put up, and shops

But there was no hiding the

were closed.

Hunt for the Leader of Al Qaeda

the worst's most wanted terror-ists, stretches back to before the Sept. II attacks. The C.I.A. contin-ued to search for him as he rose to the top of Al Queda after the death of Osama bin Laden and after the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan last year. And a misstep during nity for a clear missile shot that the chase, the recruitment of a The hunt for al-Zawahri, one of bloodiest days in agency history

The Taliban sealed off the site of a drone strike that killed Avman al-Zawahri, the leader of Al Qaeda

Taliban Entering a New Era of Global Isolation

from the eyes of the American

The strike early Sunday morn-

rist attacks in the heart of

ing — and the public revelation that the Taliban had sheltered a

key plotter of the Sept. 11, 2001.

the Afghan capital - was a wa-

tershed moment for the group's

new government. And it under scored the reality of their rule:

The Taliban have not fundamen

he would try to return to Afghanistan. Senior officials had told the White House they would be able to maintain and build informant networks inside the country from afar, and that the United States threats there. For the agency, finding ai-Zawahri would be a key test

views with current and former American and other officials, independent analysts who have studied the decades-long hunt and Continued on Page A9

tally reformed from their first

regime in the 1990s, when their hard-line policies and relation-

ship with Al Qaeda turned the

Retaliation against Al Queda and the Taliban allies who shel

tered the terrorist group drove the United States to invade Af-ghanistan in 2001, beginning a

aged the country. Now, the Tal-

iban seem to be once more treading the same path, fueling criti-

two-decade-long war that ra-

cism that their government. Continued on Page A9

country into a pariah state.

oncerns about the trin that broadly dragged down global theres

President Tsai Ing-wen of Tsiwan has tread carefully in the fraught political moment. She has made no public comment about a cautious and pragmatic opera-

Some support has come from mexpected corners. Two stal-carts of the generally Chinafriendly Kuomintang, former President Ma Ying-jeou and the

### Kansas Retains Abortion Rights In Critical Post-Roe Referendum

and KATTE GLUECK

OVERLAND PARK, Kan ided against removing the right tion from the State Constiattation, according to The Associ-ated Press, a major victory for the abortion rights movement in one of America's reliably conservative

The defeat of the ballot referendum was the most tangible dem-onstration yet of a political back-lash against the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, the landmark decision that had protected abortion rights throughout the country. The deci-Iltroughout the country. The deci-sive margin came as a surprise, and after frenzied campaigns with both sides pouring millions into advertising and knocking on Department moved to protect doors throughout a swellering 6-

#### Decisive Voter Backlash to Court's Decision

"The voters in Kansas have spo ken loud and clear: We will not tol erate extreme bans on abortion," said Rachel Sweet, the campaign manager for Kansans for Con tutional Freedom, which led the

Ms. Sweet told supporters that a willingness to work across partisan lines and ideological differ-ences helped their side win. Continued on Page A17

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Business & Finance

Robinshood is slashing about 23% of its full-time staff, the second round of layoffs this year, as the ordina from a sharp slowdown in customer trading activity. At

• Equifax provided inaccu-

- Credit-card issuers are crease credit-card balances defying recession fears. Bi
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- and improved its financi performance in the company's latest quarter. Bt Jetiline posted a second-quarter less but said x ex-pects to return to profitals)-sty in the current quarter. III.
- Major U.S. stock indexe and Kasdaq losing 1,2%, 0.7 and 0,2%, respectively, 88
- BP reported strong second-quarter profit, boosts by the highest energy prior in more than a decade, 83 AMD posted a shurp in-crease in quarterly sales but issued a mated outlook

for the current period. B4 World-Wide

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Russian shells struck Ukraman-held territory in Ukrama's south, according to local efficials, as both sides shift their attaction toward a looming fight for the urea. Aid.

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. Died: Vin Scully, 94, long time Dodgers broadcaster A5

#### exercises could further unocerane or ready tense U.S. China relations. The prospect of geopolitions also spooled revenues President stock investors, with the military exercises mot with Tribwanese President stock investors, Tsai Ing-wen on Wodnesday in benchmark 5&P 5 what she called a show of 0.7% on Tuesday.

as 'vibrant democracy'

as Beijing says it plans which is wary that the trip

**Tactical Questions Follow** 

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