



Ukrainian officers adding a civilian's body in May to a mass grave for those killed in fighting in Lysychansk, in eastern Ukraine.

When the Smell of Death in a Mass Grave Follows You Home

By NATALIA YERMAK UKRAINE DISPATCH ... LYSYCHANSK, Ukraine — There was a mass grave that held 200 people, and I was standing at its edge. The chalky body bags were piled up in the pit, exposed. One moment before, I was a different person...

TRUMP SAYS F.B.I. SEARCHED HOME IN SOUTH FLORIDA

Focus Said to Be on White House Files — Sign That Inquiries Are Widening

This article is by Maggie Haberman, Ben Protess and Adam Goldman. Former President Donald J. Trump said on Monday that the F.B.I. had searched his Palm Beach, Fla., home and had broken open a safe — an account signaling a major escalation in the various investigations into the final stages of his presidency...



In front of the Myanmar Embassy in Berlin on Monday, protesters held pictures of four activists recently executed by the Myanmar military. Prominent pro-democracy activist Kyaw Min Yu, also known as Ko Jimmy, was among those killed.

War-torn love story ends in execution

The romance of two Myanmar activists had endured a quarter-century of political strife

By REBECCA TAN AND AUNG NAING SOE SINGAPORE — It started with a letter, tightly folded and delivered in secret. She was 24, imprisoned in Myanmar for attending protests against the military's authoritarian regime. He was 23, a third of his way through a 20-year sentence for mobilizing student activists against the state...



Nilar Thein with her husband, Ko Jimmy, in an undated photo.

Faith in Adams Starts to Waver In Anxious City

By EMMA G. FITZSIMMONS Outside Liberty Pool in Jamaica, Queens, near the home where Mayor Eric Adams was raised, Rosa Soriano watched her 8-year-old son play in the sweater of a misdemeanor heat wave.



OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN, 1948-2022

She had chart-topping albums as a singer, and starred in the 1978 hit movie 'Grease.' Page A19.

A Gaza Battle, but Hamas Holds Fire This Time

By PATRICK KINGSLY Militants Are Divided as the Strip's Politics Get Complicated ... The brief weekend conflict over Gaza had a grimy familiar outline: dozens of Palestinians killed, including militant leaders as well as children, and scores of homes damaged or destroyed...

Biden Basks in String of Wins. Will This Be a Turning Point?

By PETER BAKER ... WASHINGTON — President Biden arrived at Air Force One on Monday with a jaunty step, a playful manner and a huge grin. 'Feeling great,' he declared. His first White House address contended that the string of congressional victories — capped by the package of climate, health and tax provisions that finally cleared the Senate over the weekend — compares favorably to the two-year legislative record of most, any other modern president...

TOO COSTLY Even with federal aid, electric cars are out of reach for most Americans. PAGE A15

Spellbinding Author Who Took His Audience to 1776 and Back

By DANIEL LEWIS ... David McCullough, who was known to millions as the award-winning, best-selling author and an appealing television host and narrator with a rare gift for recreating the great events and characters of America's past, died on Sunday at his home in Hingham, Mass., southeast of Boston. He was 89. The death was confirmed by his daughter, Doris Lewison. No specific cause was given. Mr. McCullough won Pulitzer Prizes for two presidential biographies, 'Truman' (1992) and 'The American Caesar' (2001). He received the National Book Award for 'The Path Between the Seas: The Creation of the Panama Canal' (1977) and 'Mornings on Horseback' (1981), about the young Theodore Roosevelt and his family.

Climate projects in bill face tricky road

By STEVEN MURSON ... In some ways, it's a peculiar time for Congress to be debating tax credits on the electric-vehicle industry. Sales of electric vehicles are skyrocketing and recently hit record highs, according to Cox Automotive. General Motors, which lost access to the old U.S. tax credit for electric vehicles three years ago, has sold 70,000 plug-ins since then despite a public relations disaster involving burning batteries. Prius Teles has reached an annual pace of nearly 1 million car sales worldwide. And multibaker order orders have piled up for electric versions of GM's Hummer, SE INCENTIVES ON A10

In the city of loaves, a baguette desert

The summer, when it sizzles, leaves Parisians feeling a bit crusty ... By RICK NOACK PARIS — In normal times, more than 9 out of 10 Parisians live within a five-minute walk of a bakery. Some people have a choice between two or three on their street. Don't want to cross the road? Not to worry. In many spots, there's a boulangerie on either side. But these aren't normal times. It's August in Paris. This is the period when most Parisians escape the city for their month-long annual holidays. And the capital of the baguette — home to more than 1,000 bakeries and patisseries — can feel like a boulangerie desert. In the city's 15th arrondissement, what's usually a five-minute walk required a 15- or, mon Dieu, 20-minute trek in the summer heat last week — at least for this correspondent, an untrained baguette hunter. Three out of 7 neighborhood bakeries were already shuttered, with more planning to close in the coming days. The government long sought to avoid such a predicament. With bread considered critical to the capital, bakers have faced restrictions dating back as far as the 1790s on when they could close their shops. Only since 2015, SE BAKERIES ON A24

FBI agents search Trump's safe in documents probe

UNUSUAL MOVE ORDERED BY COURT ... Handling of classified papers under scrutiny ... By DEVLIN BARRETT, MARILYN ALFARO, JOSH DAWNEY AND JACQUELINE ALEMAN ... Former President Donald Trump said Monday that the FBI had raided his Mar-a-Lago Club and searched his safe — activity related to an investigation into the potential mishandling of classified documents, according to two people familiar with the probe. One of those people, who speaks on the condition of anonymity to discuss its details, said agents were conducting a court-

Ukraine military aid is most yet from Pentagon

\$1 billion announcement coincides with Kyiv's effort to reclaim Kherson ... By KAROUN DEMERJIAN ... The Pentagon said Monday that it is sending Ukraine an additional \$1 billion in military assistance, including tens of thousands more munitions and explosives — the largest such package since Russia launched its invasion in February. The announcement comes as Ukrainian forces undertake a counteroffensive aimed at reclaiming the southern city of Kherson. The operation is seen in Kyiv and in Washington as a vital bid to prevent the Kremlin from making good on its vow to absorb occupied territories via planned referendums. Senior U.S. officials have denounced Moscow's announcement as a 'sham.' The new security assistance package includes ammunition for the high-mobility artillery rocket systems known as HIMARS and 75,000 howitzer rounds, as well as mortar systems, surface-to-air missiles, Javelin anti-armor missiles, Claymore mines and demolition equipment. It pushes the total U.S. military support for Ukraine past \$9 billion since the war began, officials said. SE UKRAINE ON A18

Best-selling historian made America's past feel present

By GLENN REISIN ... David McCullough was a young researcher at the U.S. Information Agency when he was named to the Library of Congress in 1961 and chanced upon a 1985 photograph depicting the 1868 flood in Johnstown, Pa., the deadliest in American history. 'I was overwhelmed by the violence revealed in them, the destruction,' Mr. McCullough, who was from the same area of western Pennsylvania, later told the Johnstown Tribune-Democrat. More than 2,300 people died, and a thriving coal-and-steel town was submerged in muddy debris because wealthy industrialists had neglected a dam. The passage of time had reduced the tragedy to a historical footnote, Mr. McCullough discovered, with little if any discernible scholarly study devoted to it. Undaunted by his own inexperience — 'I imagined myself being a writer, but never a writer of history,' he said — he set out to write a book about the Johnstown flood. For years, he dedicated his SE MCCULLOUGH ON A16