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Protests Grow On Campuses Across the U.S.

Clashing Over Speech and War in Gaza

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A wave of pro-Palestinian protests spread and intensified on Wednesday as students gathered on campuses around the country, in some cases facing off with the police, in a widening showdown over campus speech and the war in Gaza.

University administrators from Texas to California moved to clear protesters and prevent encampments from taking hold on their own campuses as they have at Columbia University, deploying police in tense new confrontations that already have led to dozens of arrests.

At the same time, new protests continued to erupt in places like Pittsburgh and San Antonio. Students expressed solidarity with their fellow students at Columbia, and with a pro-Palestinian movement that appeared to be galvanized by the confrontations on other campuses and the looming end of the academic year.

Protesters on several campuses said their demands included divestment by their universities from companies connected to the Israeli military campaign in Gaza, disclosure of those and other investments and a recognition of the continuing right to protest without punishment.

The demonstrations spread overseas as well, with students on campuses in Cairo, Paris and Sydney, Australia, gathering to voice support for Palestinians and opposition to the war.

As new protests were emerging, House Speaker Mike Johnson visited the Columbia campus in New York, where university officials said they had arrested a student. Continued on Page A13



Clockwise from top: Posing for a wedding photographer in Kharkiv, Ukraine; a Russian strike took out a heat and power plant in Kharkiv; the city's School No. 134 was occupied in 2022 by Russian special forces before the Ukrainian military pushed them back.

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JUSTICES DIVIDED OVER ABORTIONS IN AN EMERGENCY

IDAHO CLASH IN FOCUS

Case Weighs Federal Law Against Near-Total State Bans

By **ABBIE VANSICKLE**

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court appeared sharply divided on Wednesday over whether federal law should allow doctors to perform emergency abortions in states with near-total bans on the procedure, in a case that could determine access to abortion in emergency rooms across the country.

The lively, two-hour argument focused on a clash between Idaho, whose law limits access to abortion unless the life of the pregnant woman is in danger, and federal law. Questioning by the justices suggested a divide along ideological — and possibly gender — lines.

"What Idaho is doing is waiting for women to wait and deteriorate and suffer the lifelong health consequences with no possible upside for the fetus," said Solicitor General Elizabeth B. Prelogar, arguing on behalf of the federal government. "It just stacks tragedy upon tragedy."

Justice Elena Kagan interjected that the current situation seemed untenable: "It can't be the right standard of care to force somebody onto a helicopter."

Although the collision between the two laws affects only those women who face dire medical complications during pregnancy, a broad decision could have implications for more than a dozen states that have enacted near-total bans on abortion since the court overturned a constitutional right to abortion in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* in June 2022.

The dispute was the second time in less than a month that the Supreme Court has grappled with abortion. It is a potent reminder that even after Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr. vowed in 2022 that the issue would return to elected representatives, it continues to make its way back to the court. In late March, the justices considered the availability of the abortion pill mifepristone.

The federal law at issue, the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act, or EMTALA, enacted by Congress in 1986, mandates that hospitals receiving federal funds provide patients with emergency medical care. Continued on Page A16

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Scientists Eye Fasting's Effect On Longevity

By **DANA G. SMITH**

If you put a lab mouse on a diet, cutting the animal's caloric intake by 30 to 40 percent, it will live, on average, about 30 percent longer. The calorie restriction, as the intervention is technically called, can't be so extreme that the animal is malnourished, but it should be aggressive enough to trigger some key biological changes.

Scientists first discovered this phenomenon in the 1930s, and over the past 90 years it has been replicated in species ranging from worms to monkeys. The subsequent studies also found that many of the calorie-restricted animals were less likely to develop cancer and other chronic diseases related to aging.

But despite all the research on animals, there remain a lot of unknowns. Experts are still debating how it works, and whether it's the number of calories consumed or the window of time in which they are eaten (also known as intermittent fasting) that matters more.

And it's still frustratingly uncertain whether eating less can help people live longer as well. Aging experts are notorious for experimenting on themselves with different diet regimens, but actual longevity studies are scant and difficult to pull off because they take, well, a long time.

Scientists don't exactly know why eating less would cause an animal or person to live longer, but many hypotheses have an evolutionary bent. In the wild, animals experience periods of feast and famine, as did our human ancestors. Continued on Page A15

Arizona Indicts Allies of Trump Over 2020 Vote

By **DANNY HAKIM** and **MAGGIE HABERMAN**

Rudolph W. Giuliani, Mark Meadows, and a number of others who advised Donald J. Trump during the 2020 election were indicted in Arizona on Wednesday, along with all of the fake electors who acted on Mr. Trump's behalf there to try to keep him in power despite his loss in the state.

Boris Epshteyn, one of Mr. Trump's top legal strategists, was also among those indicted, a complication for Mr. Trump's defense in the criminal trial that began this week in Manhattan over hush money payments made to a porn star, Stormy Daniels.

The indictment includes conspiracy, fraud and forgery charges, related to alleged attempts by those charged to overturn the 2020 election results. Arizona is the fourth swing state to bring an elections case involving the activities of the Trump campaign in 2020, but only the second after Georgia to go beyond the fake electors whom the campaign deployed in swing states lost by Mr. Trump. The former president was also named an unindicted co-conspirator in the Arizona case.

"I understand for some of you today didn't come fast enough, and I know I'll be criticized by others for conducting this investigation at all," Kris Mayes, Arizona's Democratic attorney general, said in a recorded statement. "But as I have stated before and will say here again today, I will not allow American democracy to be undermined. It's too important." Continued on Page A16

Battered but 'Unbreakable,' Kharkiv Carries On

By **MARC SANTORA**

KHARKIV, Ukraine — The espresso machine was warming up and Liliia Korneva was counting cash at the coffee shop in Kharkiv where she works when a powerful Russian bomb detonated nearby, sending up a deafening explosion and knocking her to the floor.

"I can't describe in words how it felt, it was terrifying," said Ms. Korneva, 20. She was not hurt, though the courtyard where the bomb fell was destroyed and a man riding a bicycle nearby was killed, according to city officials.

Just a day later, the cafe was open again. Kharkiv, Ukraine's second largest city, is open for business, too, despite a sustained bombing campaign that is among the most devastating of the entire war and growing fears that Russia might launch a renewed offensive aimed at taking the city.

Russia's Daily Attacks Deepen City's Fears and Its Resolve

Russian attacks have destroyed all three major power stations, but residents continue to live and work with only a few, often unpredictable, hours of electricity each day. More than 100 schools have been damaged or destroyed but classes go on, deep underground in subway stations. Dozens of fire and paramedic stations have been blown up, putting emergency workers in daily jeopardy but failing to deter them from their jobs.

"When a rocket hits, within three to four hours, all the glass is cleaned up, all the central roads are cleared," said Andrii Dronov, the 39-year-old deputy chief of the Kharkiv Fire Department. "By Continued on Page A6

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Concern Increases as Evolving Bird Flu Infects More Mammals

By **APOORVA MANDAVILLI** and **EMILY ANTHERS**



SEBASTIAN CASTANEDA/REUTERS

A worker tested an otter for bird flu on a beach in Peru in 2023. Doctors fear the virus is edging closer to spreading among people.

In her three decades of working with elephant seals, Dr. Marcela Uhart had never seen anything like the scene on the beaches of Argentina's Valdés Peninsula last October. It was peak breeding season; the beach should have been teeming with harems of fertile females and enormous males battling one another for dominance. Instead, it was "just carcass upon carcass upon carcass," recalled Dr. Uhart, who directs the Latin American wildlife health program at the University of California, Davis.

H5N1, one of the many viruses that cause bird flu, had already killed at least 24,000 South American sea lions along the continent's coasts in less than a year. Now it had come for elephant seals.

Pups of all ages, from newborns to the fully weaned, lay dead or dying at the high-tide line. Sick pups lay listless, foam oozing from their mouths and noses. Dr. Uhart called it "an image from hell." In the weeks that followed, she and a colleague — protected head to toe with gloves, gowns and masks, and periodically dousing themselves with bleach — carefully documented the devastation. Team members stood atop the nearby cliffs, assessing the toll with drones.

What they found was staggering: The virus had killed an estimated 17,400 seal pups, more than 95 percent of the colony's young animals. The catastrophe was the latest in a bird flu epidemic that has whipped around the world since Continued on Page A8

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