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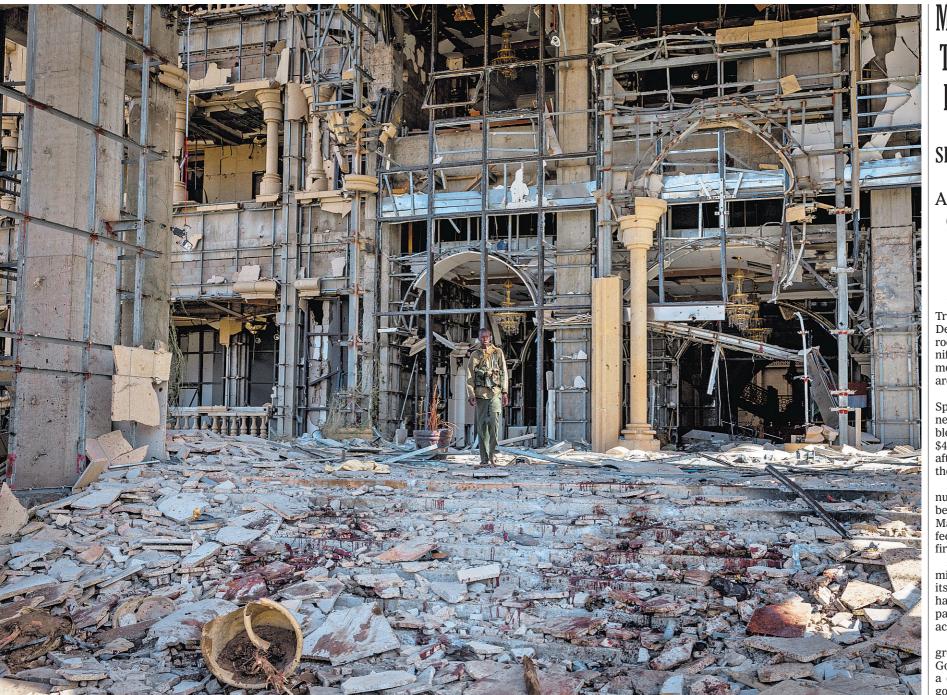
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Prices in Canada may be higher \$4.00



A soldier on the bloodstained steps of the presidential palace in Khartoum, Sudan, where a missile killed four state TV workers and two military officers on Friday.

G.O.P. Warms To More Help For Children

By CLAIRE CAIN MILLER

Democrats have long looked to the government to support their families through public programs and spending. Increasingly, Republicans want the same.

The details of how they want the government to help vary. But the growing bipartisan agree ment reflects a belief among parents that American families are in crisis and something has to change. In a variety of surveys in recent years, majorities of both Democrats and Republicans show support for family policies like paid leave, affordable child care and tax credits for parents. Large majorities are in agreement that the government should do more to regulate social media use for young people. And Americans think that K-12 education needs to be fixed. The latest evidence is a poll of 1,300 parents released on Monday by Common Sense Media, a nonprofit. In it, 73 percent of Democrats, 65 percent of independents and 55 percent of Republicans said the federal government spends too little on programs that benefit children. Even having a small majority of Republicans embrace government spending on children is a notable shift, analysts say. It's a recognition that American families are struggling, especially those who are working class, a growing share of Republican voters. Most parents in the new survey said things were fair or poor for families like theirs. In a second survey released on Monday by Common Sense, of 1,100 children ages 12 to 17, just 4 percent said things were excellent for families like theirs. "I'm not surprised at all to see Republicans looking more like Democrats," said Kristen Soltis Continued on Page A20

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the president has promised.

U.S. product makers are weighing the

A Holiday Tradition for Sale

The White House has moved to turn its

Easter Egg Roll into a brand showcase

risks, and possible payoffs, of the tariffs

In Khartoum's Ruins, Signs of Shift in Civil War Airstrike Plan

By DECLAN WALSH

KHARTOUM, Sudan — At the battle-scarred presidential palace in the heart of Sudan's shattered capital, soldiers gathered under a chandelier on Sunday afternoon, rifles and rocket launchers slung over their shoulders, listening to their orders.

Then they trooped out, down a red carpet that once welcomed foreign dignitaries, and into the deserted center of the city on a mission to flush out the last pockAs Government Retakes Capital's Core, Peace Still Seems Far Off

dead, it has taken control of most of central Khartoum, marking a momentous change of fortunes that is likely to change the course of Sudan's ruinous civil war.

By Sunday, the military had seized the central bank, the head-

central Khartoum, or to visit the palace, since the war erupted in April 2023. What we saw there made clear how decisively the events of recent days have shifted the direction of the war, but offered little hope that it will end soon.

"We will never leave our country to the mercenaries," said Mohamed Ibrahim, a special forces officer, referring to the Rapid Support Forces, or R.S.F. — the paramilitary force that Sudan's army once nurtured, but is now its rival

Airstrike Plan Was Disclosed In Group Text

IVOR PRICKETT FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES

By HELENE COOPER and ERIC SCHMITT

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth disclosed war plans in an encrypted group chat that included a journalist two hours before U.S. troops launched attacks against the Houthi militia in Yemen, the White House said

MUSK IN POSITION TO REAP BILLIONS IN U.S. CONTRACTS

SPACEX STANDS TO GAIN

A Mogul's Role in Cutting Costs Opens the Door to Influence Policy

By ERIC LIPTON

WASHINGTON — Within the Trump administration's Defense Department, Elon Musk's SpaceX rocketry is being trumpeted as the nifty new way the Pentagon could move military cargo rapidly around the globe.

In the Commerce Department, SpaceX's Starlink satellite internet service will now be fully eligible for the federal government's \$42 billion rural broadband push, after being largely shut out during the Biden era.

At NASA, after repeated nudges by Mr. Musk, the agency is being squeezed to turn its focus to Mars, allowing SpaceX to pursue federal contracts to deliver the first humans to the distant planet.

And at the Federal Aviation Administration and the White House itself, Starlink satellite dishes have recently been installed to expand federal government internet access.

Mr. Musk, as the architect of a group he called the Department of Government Efficiency, has taken a chain saw to the apparatus of governing, causing chaos and dread by pushing out some 100,000 federal workers and shutting down various agencies, though the government has not been consistent in explaining the expanse of his power.

But in selected spots across the government, SpaceX is positioning itself to see billions of dollars in new federal contracts or other support, a dozen current and former federal officials said in interviews with The New York Times.

The boost in federal spending for SpaceX will come in part as a result of actions by President Trump and Mr. Musk's allies and employees who now hold government positions. The company will also benefit from policies under the current Trump administration that prioritize hiring commercial space vendors for everything

ets of resistance from the paramilitary fighters with whom they have been clashing for two years.

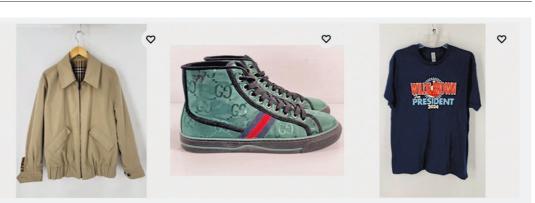
Since Sudan's military captured the presidential palace on Friday, in a fierce battle that left hundreds quarters of the national intelligence service and the towering

Corinthia Hotel along the Nile. Journalists from The New York Times were the first from a Western outlet to cross the Nile, into

i- for supreme control.

As our vehicle raced down a deserted street along the Nile that until a few days ago had been controlled by the R.S.F., the scale of

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Willie Brown, a former mayor of San Francisco, opened his closet for charity with an eBay auction.

Sartorial Flair for the Political, and the Charitable

By ORLANDO MAYORQUÍN

In January 1996, the newly sworn-in mayor of San Francisco noticed something wrong at City Hall. One of his aides was wearing a linen suit in the winter. The mayor, shocked, sent him home to change immediately.

The moral of the story: Abide by the fashion calendar. And style matters a great deal to Willie Brown. Mr Brown

Mr. Brown, who served as mayor of San Francisco from 1996 to 2004, is one of the sharpest dressed political figures in California.

The handkerchief peeks out of his Baldini suit pocket at just the right angle, and is just the right color. And he once raced a Municipal Railway streetcar on Market Street to disprove an article that said pedestrians were faster than the train service — all while wearing a suit, wingtips and a widebrimmed Panama hat.

At the age of 91, Mr. Brown has opened his closet. His green Gucci high-top sneakers? Yours for \$105.50. His ivory Kiton cashmere crew-neck sweater? \$36. About 50 items Mr. Brown used to wear shoes, track suits, T-shirts, sweat-*Continued* on Page A20

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on Monday, confirming an account in the magazine The Atlantic.

The editor in chief of The Atlantic, Jeffrey Goldberg, wrote in an article published on Monday that he was mistakenly added to the text chat on the commercial messaging app Signal by Michael Waltz, the national security adviser.

It was an extraordinary breach of American national security intelligence. Not only was the journalist inadvertently included in the group, but the conversation also took place outside of the secure government channels that would normally be used for classified and highly sensitive war planning.

Mr. Goldberg said he was able to follow the conversation among senior members of President Trump's national security team in the two days leading up to the strikes in Yemen. The group also included Vice President JD Vance and Secretary of State Marco Rubio, Mr. Goldberg wrote.

At 11:44 a.m. on March 15, Mr. Hegseth posted the "operational details of forthcoming strikes on Yemen, including information about targets, weapons the U.S. would be deploying, and attack sequencing," Mr. Goldberg wrote. "The information contained in them, if they had been read by an adversary of the United States, could conceivably have been used to harm American military and intelligence personnel, particularly

in the broader Middle East." In an interview, Mr. Goldberg

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By SHAWN McCREESH

PHILADELPHIA — "All right, Philadelphia, show us your guns! Show us your muscles!"

It was Saturday night in Philly, and Wells Fargo Center was packed with brawny men for the N.C.A.A. men's Division I wrestling championship. "Macho Man" by Village People blared as the stadium's announcer turned the camera back on the crowd and told it to flex.

Down beside the ring sat President Trump and his entourage. There were a few loyal Republican congressmen; his chief of staff, Susie Wiles; his press secretary, Karoline Leavitt; and, as is so often the case these days, Elon Musk.

Mr. Musk wore a black SpaceX hoodie and hovered two seats down from Mr. Trump. Throughout the night, college wrestling champions would approach to meet the president and to get a picture with him. That often meant getting one with Mr. Musk, too. This is very much a two-forthe-price-of-one presidency.

The wrestling fans who made

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Republicans in several states complain that liberal judges are tossing out the laws they pass. Now, conservative legislators are trying to change the rules, and the judges. PAGE A13

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