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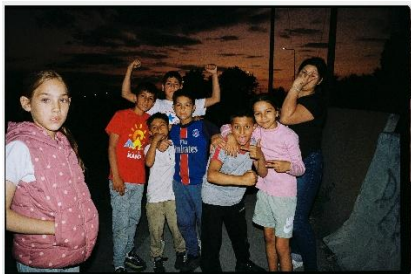
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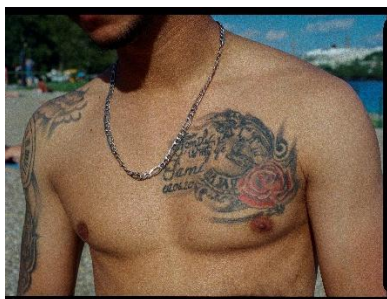
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AFRICA

SINGLES

Title: *When Giants Fall*

© **Halden Krog**, for *Daily Mail*



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Daily Mail

Caption:

Professional hunters shoot a family of elephants identified for culling. Sango Wildlife Conservancy, Savé Valley Conservancy, Zimbabwe, 23 October 2025.

Story:

In 2025, the government of Zimbabwe authorized the culling (killing for the purpose of population control) of 50 elephants in the Savé Valley Conservancy. This decision followed a 2024 cull of 200. Authorities say the growing population has surpassed what the land can sustain, worsening human-wildlife conflict as drought drives elephants searching for food and water into closer contact with people. Wildlife organizations dispute claims of overpopulation and condemn culling. They have raised concerns including the fracturing of elephant social structures, and the trauma inflicted on surviving animals, which could increase aggression toward humans.

Title: *Joburg Ballet School*

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Caption:

Young dancers from the Joburg Ballet School backstage at the Soweto Theatre during their year-end performance. Soweto, South Africa, 7 December 2025.

Story:

In apartheid South Africa, ballet was the preserve of white culture, inaccessible to people of color. Today, the Joburg Ballet School offers subsidized training to children from historically disadvantaged backgrounds, with locations in Soweto, Alexandra, and Braamfontein. Parents describe seeing their children learn ballet as something they never thought possible.

Title: *Children Who Do Not Exist*

© **Kiana Hayeri**, for *The New York Times*



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The New York
Times

Caption:

Edith Magomere Ingasiani and her daughter Blessings Iminza (9), at their home. Blessings was born in Saudi Arabia without a birth certificate. Vihiga County, Kenya, 30 August 2025.

Story:

Tens of thousands of Kenyan women migrate to Saudi Arabia for domestic work, where many endure abusive conditions, including passport confiscation and withheld wages. While working there, Edith Magomere Ingasiani hid her pregnancy; unmarried women who give birth risk arrest. She delivered her daughter Blessings alone in January 2016, raising her in the shadows for years. When Edith tried to return home to Kenya, Blessings' lack of documents trapped them in bureaucratic limbo. In 2024, they finally made it back. "Home is always the answer," she says. "It took eight years to get there."

STORIES

Title: *Sudan's War: A Nation Trapped*

© **Abdulmonam Eassa**, for *Le Monde*

Story:

After a 2019 revolution overthrew decades of dictatorship, Sudan's democratic hopes were crushed by a military coup in 2021. Two years later, the army and paramilitary forces turned on each other, beginning a war that has spiraled into one of the world's worst humanitarian crises. As famine spreads and essential services collapse, foreign powers continue to fuel the conflict with weapons. Over 13 million people have been displaced, and at least 150,000 killed. The UN reports that civilian killings more than doubled in 2025 compared with the previous year.



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Abdulmonam
Eassa-for Le
Monde

Caption:

Alhaja Abdallah, a displaced woman from Bara, shows her scars from a fire at Al-Mohad camp. Paramilitary forces have set multiple displacement camps ablaze. El-Obeid, Sudan, 10 December 2025.



005-Africa-STO-
Abdulmonam
Eassa-for Le
Monde

Caption:

A group of soldiers passes through a damaged market in Sudan's second most populous city, a site of continuous fighting since April 2023. Omdurman, Sudan, 25 October 2024.



006-Africa-STO-
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Eassa-for Le
Monde

Caption:

A soldier descends from a building as fighting continues. Frontline images like this are rare, due to heavily restricted access for journalists. Omdurman, Sudan, 1 November 2024.



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Eassa-for Le
Monde

Caption:

Students take exams at the war-damaged Omdurman Islamic University. Schools and universities have been attacked and mostly closed since fighting began. Omdurman, Sudan, 4 December 2025.

Title: *Farīsāt: Gunpowder's Daughters*

© **Chantal Pinzi**, Panos Pictures

Story:

Tbourida is a UNESCO-recognized Moroccan equestrian tradition dating back to the 16th century. Troupes gallop in unison, firing rifles in a choreographed performance of cavalry warfare. Historically excluded, female riders have fought for inclusion since Morocco's 2004 family code reforms strengthened women's legal rights. Today, seven all-female troupes now ride among some 300. These *farīsāt* (horsewomen) bear significant personal costs, funding their own horses, costumes, and gunpowder permits. Their perseverance stands as a powerful claim to women's rightful place in Moroccan cultural heritage.



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Chantal Pinzi-
Panos Pictures

Caption:

Ghita Jhiate manages her unruly stallion. Long forbidden by her father to participate in Tbourida, she finally realized her dream of riding alongside pioneer Zahia Aboulait in 2025. Sidi Rahal, Morocco, 6 August 2025.



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Caption:

A portrait of Bouchra Nabata's troupe. Her determination as one of Tbourida's first female riders helped pave the way for the seven all-female troupes that exist today. Rabat, Morocco, 13 August 2025.

 010-Africa-STO- Chantal Pinzi- Panos Pictures	Caption: Noura attempts to control her horse after firing, the most dangerous part of the performance. Riders risk injury from gunpowder or falling and being trampled. Sidi Rahal, Morocco, 8 August 2025.
 011-Africa-STO- Chantal Pinzi- Panos Pictures	Caption: A Tbourida festival where only one of the performing troupes was made up of women. Sidi Rahal, Morocco, 8 August 2025.

Title: *Madagascar's Gen Z Protests*

© **Luis Tato**, Agence France-Presse

Story: In September 2025, students began protesting across Madagascar over failing public services, corruption, and economic hardship. When President Andry Rajoelina dissolved his government but refused to resign, demonstrations intensified. On 11 October, the CAPSAT military unit defected to join the protesters, the same force that had installed Rajoelina in a 2009 coup. Days later, the military seized power, promising elections within two years. In a pattern seen across Gen Z uprisings in Bangladesh, Nepal, and Bulgaria, Madagascar's youth forced regime change, but were excluded from shaping the political transition that followed.	
 012-Africa-STO- Luis Tato- Agence France- Presse	Caption: A student holds the flag adopted by Gen Z protesters globally. The symbol comes from the Japanese manga One Piece, in which pirates stand up to corrupt rulers. Antananarivo, Madagascar, 9 October 2025.

 013-Africa-STO- Luis Tato- Agence France- Presse	Caption: Members of the Malagasy Gendarmerie drag a severely beaten protestor during clashes that killed at least 22 people and injured more than 100 others. Antananarivo, Madagascar, 9 October 2025.
 014-Africa-STO- Luis Tato- Agence France- Presse	Caption: Members of the CAPSAT military unit ride a pickup truck as protesters celebrate their arrival, following clashes between demonstrators and security forces. Antananarivo, Madagascar, 11 October 2025.
 015-Africa-STO- Luis Tato- Agence France- Presse	Caption: Protesters cheer and wave flags outside City Hall as members of the CAPSAT military unit ride on an armored vehicle. Antananarivo, Madagascar, 11 October 2025.

LONG-TERM PROJECTS

Title: *Moon Dust*

© **Mohamed Mahdy**, Arab Documentary Photography Program

Story:

More than 30,000 residents of Wadi El-Qamar, also known as Moon Valley, in western Alexandria, Egypt, live less than 15 meters from a cement factory that fills their homes with toxic dust. Children are born with asthma. Families suffer from lung disease and irreversible respiratory damage. In 2016, the photographer – who lives nearby and has asthma himself – began documenting their stories and ongoing legal battles.

 016-Africa-LTP- Mohamed Mahdy-Arab Documentary Photography Program	Caption: Dust on the floor of a Moon Valley home. If windows are left open for just half an hour, nearly one centimeter of dust accumulates. Alexandria, Egypt, 18 March 2018.
 017-Africa-LTP- Mohamed Mahdy-Arab Documentary Photography Program	Caption: Amal holds an X-ray of her lungs. She moved to Moon Valley at three years old and developed asthma within months. Alexandria, Egypt, 31 January 2018.
 018-Africa-LTP- Mohamed Mahdy-Arab Documentary Photography Program	Caption: Ahmed (11), photographed with his father Saeed, was born with asthma and uses a ventilator three times a day. He plays goalkeeper in football as it requires less physical strain. Alexandria, Egypt, 31 January 2017.
 019-Africa-LTP-	Caption: Awady, who was born with asthma, raises pigeons as a hobby. "Every day, I am afraid I won't be able to play football again," he says. Alexandria, Egypt, 14 February 2018.

Mohamed Mahdy-Arab Documentary Photography Program	
 020-Africa-LTP- Mohamed Mahdy-Arab Documentary Photography Program	Caption: Plastic bags cover windows throughout Moon Valley, a common measure residents take to prevent cement dust from entering their homes. Alexandria, Egypt, 11 December 2025.
 021-Africa-LTP- Mohamed Mahdy-Arab Documentary Photography Program	Caption: Abdelrahman prepares to have fluid removed from his lungs. Funds for his treatment were raised through this project. Alexandria, Egypt, 9 January 2018.
 022-Africa-LTP- Mohamed Mahdy-Arab Documentary Photography Program	Caption: Ahmed (now 20) and Saaed. They won their lawsuit after years of legal battles – a rare victory and the first environmental case won in Egyptian courts. Alexandria, Egypt, 13 December 2025.

	Caption: Abdelrahman (42) speaks with his lawyer after winning his two lawsuits. He received 200,000 Egyptian pounds (about €3,640) in compensation after years of illness and legal struggle. Alexandria, Egypt, 11 December 2025.
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ASIA-PACIFIC AND OCEANIA

SINGLES

Title: *Bondi Beach Terror Attack*

© **Edwina Pickles**, *The Sydney Morning Herald*

	Caption: An overwhelmed police officer leans over near the bodies of Boris (69) and Sofia (61) Gurman. During the Bondi Beach Terror Attack, the couple were killed while attempting to disarm one of the shooters. Sydney, Australia, 14 December 2025.
024- AsiaPacificAn dOceania-SIN- Edwina Pickles-The Sydney	Story:

Morning Herald	During Bondi Beach's 'Chanukah by the Sea,' a community event celebrating the Jewish holiday, two armed men motivated by ISIS ideology attacked participants, killing 15 people. The first victims were Boris (69) and Sofia (61) Gurman, a Ukrainian-Jewish couple who had migrated to Australia decades earlier. Dashcam footage revealed that Boris approached one of the attackers and successfully wrested a rifle away. Shortly after, Syrian-Australian shopkeeper Ahmed al-Ahmed charged the second gunman and disarmed him. In their struggles against the gunmen, al-Ahmed was shot twice and wounded, and the Gurmans were killed. According to authorities, these collective acts of defiance delayed the shooters and saved lives. Prime Minister Anthony Albanese called the mass shooting an antisemitic attack and the deadliest terrorist incident on Australian soil ever. The shooting has prompted a significant re-evaluation of public security and religious freedom protections in Australia.
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Title: *Mountain Resident of Wanglang*

© **Rob G. Green**, National Geographic Society, Henry Luce Foundation

 025-AsiaPacificAndOceania-SIN-Rob G. Green-National Geographic Society-Henry Luce Foundation	Caption: A wild giant panda is captured by a camera trap in the Wanglang National Nature Reserve. Sichuan, China, 11 November 2025. Story: Recent population estimates suggest that fewer than 2,000 pandas remain in the wild, and only a few dozen individuals live within Wanglang National Nature Reserve's 323-square-kilometer territory. This rare sighting was made possible through a pilot exchange program between the National Geographic Society and wildlife biologists, aimed at supporting wildlife monitoring efforts and fostering cross-cultural cooperation in conservation. Established in 1965, Wanglang is one of China's oldest wild panda nature reserves
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	and today serves as a key site for education and scientific research collaboration within the larger Giant Panda National Park system.
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Title: *A Desperate Plea*

© **Tyrone Siu**, Reuters

 026- AsiaPacificAn dOceania-SIN- Tyrone Siu- Reuters	Caption: Mr Wong cries out in anguish as fire engulfs the Tai Po housing complex he calls home. Moments earlier, he phoned his wife, who was trapped in the building, and they exchanged what would be their final words. Hong Kong, 26 November 2025. Story: A massive fire at the Wang Fuk Court housing complex in Tai Po claimed 168 lives, becoming Hong Kong's deadliest fire since 1948. While no official cause has been reported, investigations by Hong Kong authorities found that bamboo scaffolding, construction netting, and flammable Styrofoam boards on windows acted as accelerants for the fire, trapping residents inside. More than 2,000 firefighters were involved in rescue efforts, killing one and injuring twelve.
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Title: *Wedding in the Flood*

© **Aaron Favila**, Associated Press

Story:

When Typhoon Wipha hit the Philippines and flooded Barasoain Church, Jade Rick Verdillo and Jamaica Aguilar faced a difficult decision: should they cancel their wedding or proceed with the marriage? The couple carried on despite high waters, a testament to love and resilience in the face of severe weather. Located on a delta, Bulacan province is vulnerable to more frequent and extreme floods caused by aging drainage systems, dredging projects, overextraction of groundwater, and climate change.



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Caption:

Bride Jamaica Aguilar prepares to enter the flooded Barasoain Church for her wedding. The Barasoain Church, a national landmark, is situated in a region where nearly 75% of the population is exposed to flooding hazards. Malolos, Bulacan province, Philippines, 22 July 2025.



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Caption:

Inside the church, young guests look on attentively. The intensity of tropical cyclones and associated rainfall that has hit the Philippines has significantly increased since 2012. Malolos, Bulacan province, Philippines, 22 July 2025.



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Caption:

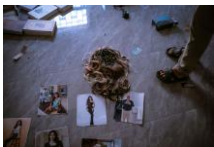
Groomsmen and guests wearing *barong tagalog*, the national dress of the Philippines, stand knee-deep in floodwaters. Local advocates increasingly link flooding to systemic failures in infrastructure and

STO-Aaron Favila- Associated Press	resource management. Malolos, Bulacan province, Philippines, 22 July 2025.
 030- AsiaPacificAn dOceania- STO-Aaron Favila- Associated Press	Caption: The newlyweds share a kiss as guests cheer. The couple have been together for ten years. According to Verdillo, “This is just one of the struggles that we’ve overcome.” Malolos, Bulacan province, Philippines, 22 July 2025.

Title: *Scam Hub Under Siege*

© **Jes Aznar**, for *The New York Times*

Story: On 21 November 2025, the Karen National Liberation Army captured Shunda Park, a massive cyber-scam compound in Myanmar’s Karen State. As the country’s civil war intensifies, lawless border regions have become hubs for a lucrative online scam industry. Hundreds of thousands of people from around the world have been trafficked into Southeast Asia and forced into labor for these illegal enterprises. When rebel forces ousted the junta-allied militia guarding the park, thousands of workers from 30 nations were stranded in Myanmar.	
 031- AsiaPacificAn dOceania-	Caption: Offices in Shunda Park were left in disarray after a surge of fighting between the Myanmar military and the opposition militia nearby. Some parts of the complex resembled professional executive suites; others trapped workers in a “Sisyphean loop” of 12-hour shifts. Min Let Pan, Myanmar, 5 December 2025.

STO-Online- Jes Aznar-for The New York Times	
 032- AsiaPacificAn dOceania- STO-Online- Jes Aznar-for The New York Times	Caption: Photographs and props used to fake online personas and build relationships with victims. Min Let Pan, Myanmar, 5 December 2025.
 033- AsiaPacificAn dOceania- STO-Online- Jes Aznar-for The New York Times	Caption: Stranded workers at a makeshift shelter near the Moei River. Many workers had their documents and passports seized by the scam center bosses and could not cross the border into Thailand. Min Let Pan, Myanmar, 5 December 2025.
 034- AsiaPacificAn dOceania- STO-Online- Jes Aznar-for The New York Times	Caption: A Karen National Liberation Army soldier patrols the Shunda Park compound. Approximately 900 Chinese employees remained barricaded here for weeks after the raid, fearing that repatriation could lead to immediate arrest by Chinese authorities. Min Let Pan, Myanmar, 5 December 2025.

Title: *The Last Dolphin Hunters*

© **Matthew Abbott**, Oculi, for *The New York Times*

Story:

Fanalei, a low-lying island in the Solomon Islands, stands at a crossroads between contested tradition and a changing economy. For generations, dolphin hunting provided food and income, with dolphin teeth used as ritual currency for bride-price and other forms of local exchange. Today, as rising sea levels displace the community and threaten its future, seaweed farming is providing an economic alternative to the seasonal hunt. As seaweed farming expands, fewer people are available for the collective efforts upon which dolphin hunting depends. This story captures a community reshaped by environmental pressure and shifting traditions.



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Matthew
Abbott-Oculi-
for The New
York Times

Caption:

Fanalei Island has been reduced to a narrow strip of sand and coral by rising seas. Residents believe the settlement, once home to dozens of families, will become uninhabitable in the near future. South Malaita, Solomon Islands, 6 February 2025.



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Matthew
Abbott-Oculi-

Caption:

A young man drags a dolphin toward the shore in Walande. While Fanalei struggled this season, the larger sister community of Walande successfully landed a catch to share across the Surodo Lagoon. Maramasike Island, 11 February 2025.

for The New York Times	
 037- AsiaPacificAn dOceania- STO-Online- Matthew Abbott-Oculi- for The New York Times	Caption: Paralyzed for the past two years, Eddie Sua is confined to a hut that floods during high tides. He notes that without food and income from dolphin teeth, the community would starve. Fanalei Village, Fanalei Island, 16 February 2025.
 038- AsiaPacificAn dOceania- STO-Online- Matthew Abbott-Oculi- for The New York Times	Caption: Crowds in Fouele discuss seaweed farming with MP Rick Houenipwela. This new source of income offers a path away from the traditional but controversial dolphin hunt, providing families with a more reliable means of supporting themselves. Fouele Village, Maramasike Island, 12 February 2025.

LONG-TERM PROJECTS

Title: *Motherhood at 60*

© **Wu Fang**

Story:

After the death of her only child, retired doctor Sheng Hailin sought in vitro fertilization treatment (IVF) and gave birth to twin girls named Zhizhi and Huihui at the age of 60. This story follows Sheng Hailin's family over 15 years, offering a portrait that is both extraordinary and mundane, but always filled with enduring love. In China, Sheng Hailin is only one of many *shīdú*, parents who have lost their only child born during China's one-child policy era.



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Caption:

Sheng Hailin prepares for delivery at a hospital in Hefei. At 60 years old and over seven months pregnant, she faced pain, hemorrhaging, and other physical hardships to bring her twin daughters into the world. Hefei, Anhui Province, China, 25 May 2010.



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Caption:

Returning from a work trip, Sheng Hailin is greeted by her daughter, Huihui. To support her young family, the retired doctor went back to work, traveling across China giving lectures on health. Hefei, Anhui Province, China, 5 March 2012.



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Online-Wu Fang

Caption:

Zhizhi with her father, Wu Jingzhou, at kindergarten. The couple's decision to have children in their 60s sparked debates online over the ethics and responsibilities of elderly parenthood. Hefei, Anhui Province, China, 7 September 2013.



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Caption:

Sheng Hailin combs her daughters' hair before school. As the girls grew, Sheng Hailin faced the increasing challenge of managing

AsiaPacificAnd Oceania-LTP- Online-Wu Fang	their daily needs while navigating her own diminishing physical capabilities. Hefei, Anhui Province, China, 21 May 2018.
 043- AsiaPacificAnd Oceania-LTP- Online-Wu Fang	Caption: Zhizhi and Huihui attend dance training. The cost of the girls' education and extracurricular activities placed a significant financial burden on the aging family. Hefei, Anhui Province, China, 23 May 2021.
 044- AsiaPacificAnd Oceania-LTP- Online-Wu Fang	Caption: Zhizhi and Huihui carry their father's portrait during his funeral procession. Wu Jingzhou passed away in late 2022, leaving the 72-year-old Sheng Hailin to raise their teenage daughters alone. Hefei, Anhui Province, China, 8 December 2022.
 045- AsiaPacificAnd Oceania-LTP- Online-Wu Fang	Caption: Zhizhi and Huihui celebrate their 15th birthday. Hefei, Anhui Province, China, 12 June 2025.
 046- AsiaPacificAnd Oceania-LTP- Online-Wu Fang	Caption: Sheng Hailin presents her daughters with flowers after completing their high school entrance exams. At 75, Sheng Hailin continues to document her life online to support her family's future. Hefei, Anhui Province, China, 16 June 2025.

EUROPE

SINGLES

Title: *Russian Attack on Kyiv*

© **Evgeniy Maloletka**, Associated Press



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Associated
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Caption:

Valeria Syniuk (65) sits near her badly damaged home. She was asleep when a Russian missile destroyed the building opposite hers. Kyiv, Ukraine, 24 April 2025.

Story:

On 24 April 2025, Russia launched one of the deadliest attacks on Kyiv since the start of its full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022. Hours after international peace negotiations stalled again, missiles and drones struck at least five residential neighborhoods, killing 13 people and wounding 90. Russia's intensifying air campaign continues to devastate life across the country, systematically targeting infrastructure, hospitals, and educational institutions. By December 2025, at least 14,775 civilians had been killed since the invasion began. April 2025 was the worst month for child casualties in nearly three years.

Title: *Emma the Social Robot*

© **Paula Hornickel**



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Hornickel

Caption:

Waltraud talks with Emma, a social robot that recognizes faces and remembers past conversations. Though skeptical at first, Waltraud says she felt connected to Emma over time. Albershausen, Germany, 3 July 2025

Story:

Germany's care homes are facing two crises: staff shortages and loneliness. A 2023 study found that one in five residents aged 80 and older describe themselves as "severely lonely." This reality has prompted trials of social robots like Emma, developed by a Munich-based startup. Waltraud, a resident of Haus im Wiesengrund in Albershausen, had her doubts but over time formed a bond with Emma. "When she tells her jokes, that's really good. That's my kind of humor," says Waltraud, though she emphasizes that human contact is always preferable.

Title: *Polar Bear on Sperm Whale*

© **Roie Galitz**



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Caption:

A female polar bear feeds on a sperm whale carcass in the polar pack ice north of the Norwegian archipelago, Svalbard. 82° North, International Waters, 8 July 2025.

Story:

Polar bears are primarily seal predators, but as ice retreats in the summer and hunting becomes harder, they increasingly rely on opportunistic scavenging. Near Svalbard, the ice-free season has lengthened by 20 weeks in the last 30 years. Sperm whales typically

	avoid ice-covered polar waters, so this carcass was a rare sight. Scientists speculate that after dying, the male sperm whale drifted north, carried by winds and currents. The photographer spent two days observing the scene from a small boat, capturing it by drone to reveal a scale difficult to grasp from sea level.
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STORIES

Title: *Burned Land*

© **Brais Lorenzo**, EFE, Revista 5W, *El País*

Story: 2025 was a record year for wildfires in Europe. More than 200,000 hectares burned across Galicia during Spain's worst fire season in about three decades. The increasingly severe fires in this region are attributed to drought and heat intensified by climate change, rural depopulation, and shortsighted forest management policies, including the widespread planting of highly flammable non-native species. Born in Ourense, the photographer grew up with the smell of smoke every summer and has documented Galician wildfires since 2011.	
 050-Europe-STO-Brais Lorenzo-EFE-Revista 5W-El País	Caption: A man fights a wildfire with a branch in Cualedro. When resources are stretched, residents use whatever is available to extinguish flames, including branches, farming tools, and water hoses. Ourense, Galicia, Spain, 15 August 2025.
 051-Europe-STO-Brais	Caption: Two women run with a bucket of water to help fight a wildfire in Carballeda de Avia. Ourense, Galicia, Spain, 17 August 2025.

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 052-Europe- STO-Brais Lorenzo-EFE- Revista 5W-EI País	Caption: The Larouco wildfire, the worst in Galicia's recorded history, burns through the night as flames reach O Courel – a mountain range of great biodiversity. Sierra de O Courel, Galicia, Spain, 19 August 2025.
 053-Europe- STO-Brais Lorenzo-EFE- Revista 5W-EI País	Caption: Aerial view of San Vicente de Leira, one of the areas most severely affected by the Larouco wildfire, the worst in Galicia's recorded history. Ourense, Galicia, Spain, 21 August 2025.

Title: *Drone Wars*

© **David Guttenfelder**, *The New York Times*

Story:

Ukraine's battle against the Russian invasion is reshaping modern combat. Hobby drones are being repurposed into remote-controlled weapons, and mass-produced first-person-view (FPV) drones are piloted from kilometers away with deadly precision. These developments have triggered an unrelenting drone arms race and turned vast areas of Ukraine into "kill zones". Civilians are targeted and displaced, and soldiers spend most of their time in underground bunkers or basements, unable to be resupplied or casualty-evacuated. This story documents Ukraine's efforts to advance its drone capabilities, and the impact of Russian drone attacks on civilians.

 054-Europe- STO-David Guttenfelder- The New York Times	Caption: A soldier from Ukraine’s 93rd Brigade scans for Russian FPV drones while speeding through Kostyantynivka, a strategic gateway to Ukraine’s last major defensive belt in Donetsk. Kostyantynivka, Ukraine, 19 June 2025.
 055-Europe- STO-David Guttenfelder- The New York Times	Caption: Yulia Vasiakina embraces Kamelia, her 20-year-old horse, killed when Russian long-range drones struck their neighborhood and destroyed most of the surrounding city block. Odesa, Ukraine, 11 July 2025.
 056-Europe- STO-David Guttenfelder- The New York Times	Caption: Ukrainian civilians, their identities concealed behind masks, assemble FPV drones in a basement factory. Both Ukraine and Russia now manufacture millions of battlefield drones a year. Central Ukraine, 6 September 2024.
 057-Europe- STO-David Guttenfelder- The New York Times	Caption: A Ukrainian soldier, known by the call sign “Ara,” uses his partially amputated arm to steady a drone being fitted with a grenade. Wounded in 2022, he now trains recruits in drone operations. Donetsk region, Ukraine, 5 August 2024.

Title: *Engla Louise*

© **Sanna Sjöswärd**, for *Corren*

Story:

Engla Louise, a former dancer, has lived with severe anorexia nervosa since she was ten years old. At 46, she weighs less than 25 kilograms and has been tube-fed since 2019. Researchers increasingly describe anorexia as a disease of both body and mind. Its causes – not fully understood – are thought to involve neurobiological, genetic, and environmental factors. After decades of treatment, Engla Louise is now considered therapy-resistant and receives palliative care at home. This project aims to broaden the discussion about care for people living with severe eating disorders.



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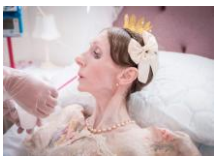
Engla Louise celebrates her 46th birthday on a day trip to Löfstad Castle with her father, Hans Ericsson. "Severely ill anorexia patients do not receive proper care in Sweden," he says. Norrköping, Sweden, 28 September 2025.



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Caption:

Engla Louise gathers lilacs from the Linköping Garden Society park beside her home. Being surrounded by beauty is important to her. Linköping, Sweden, 14 May 2025.



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Caption:

An assistant helps Engla Louise drink through a straw. She previously had daily visits from nurses; now her care relies on a special arrangement involving healthcare services and the municipality. Linköping, Sweden, 2 May 2025.



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061-Europe-STO-Sanna Sjöswärd-for Corren	Engla Louise's "bed ballet" – movements performed lying down – keeps her connection to dance alive. Every day at a specific time, she watches ballet on her iPad. Linköping, Sweden, 22 December 2025.
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LONG-TERM PROJECTS

Title: *Extramuros*

© **William Keo**, La Bibliothèque Nationale de France, *Die Zeit*

Story: In the peripheral neighborhoods of France's <i>banlieues</i>, migrant families navigate postcolonial legacies, higher rates of unemployment, and structural inequality. France's integration system requires migrants to culturally assimilate while prejudice persists, leaving communities caught between exclusion and belonging. Yet these communities are also spaces of creativity and resilience that shape contemporary French culture. Documenting his friends and family, the photographer – born to Cambodian refugees – portrays lives in which community and solidarity are the clearest markers of identity.	
 062-Europe-LTP-William Keo-La Bibliothèque Nationale de France-Die Zeit	Caption: Young men gather on a rooftop in the Briques Rouges, one of Verneuil-sur-Seine's largest social housing projects. France, 21 July 2023.



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Caption:

Younes and Sandra embrace in a car close to Villepinte. Seine-Saint-Denis, France, 18 April 2024.



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Caption:

The Chêne Pointu housing project, where riots began in 2005 following the deaths of Zyed Benna and Bouna Traoré, two teenagers of Maghrebian and West African descent who were electrocuted while fleeing police. Clichy-sous-Bois, France, 16 April 2022.



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Caption:

Mehdi, a young boxer of Algerian origin, with friends at the Bosquets housing project. Montfermeil, France, 6 July 2024.



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Caption:

Mehdi, of Algerian origin and originally from the Bosquets housing project in Montfermeil, competes in a street fight organized by CanalPourss, a local initiative that uses boxing to reduce violence. Marseille, France, 27 July 2024.

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 067-Europe- LTP-William Keo-La Bibliothèque Nationale de France-Die Zeit	Caption: Local resident Ysnear sits on the roof of École élémentaire Paul Langevin in the La Zup housing project. Fontenay-sous-Bois, France, 19 July 2023.
 068-Europe- LTP-William Keo-La Bibliothèque Nationale de France-Die Zeit	Caption: Sudanese migrants spend the afternoon playing cards at the Ecluse camp, an unofficial settlement opposite the Stade de France. Saint-Denis, France, 12 November 2020.
 069-Europe- LTP-William Keo-La Bibliothèque Nationale de France-Die Zeit	Caption: Young people argue with police officers who have ordered them to disperse for “illegal assembly.” Creil, France, 10 May 2024.

NORTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA

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Title: *Columbia University Pro-Palestine Protests*

© **Alex Kent**, for *The New York Times*



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Caption:

Barnard College alumna Jesse Pearce is arrested outside Columbia University's commencement ceremony. Along with current students, alumni protested the institution's ongoing financial ties to Israel. New York City, New York, United States, 21 May 2025.

Story:

Facing intense political pressure to limit pro-Palestine demonstrations, many US universities became focal points in a national conflict over free speech and institutional independence. At Columbia University, the Trump administration suspended \$400 million in federal funding to force a crackdown on campus protests, causing severe administrative upheaval. The students were caught in this institutional crossfire, but many members of the graduating class of 2025 as well as alumni chose to exercise their first amendment rights in protests and demonstrations.

Title: *Portland Protests ICE*

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Caption:

Officers from the Department of Homeland Security and other federal agencies clash with demonstrators outside an ICE processing center.

071- NorthAndCent ralAmerica- SIN-Jan Sonnenmair	The intense summer protests centered on opposing the administration’s escalating mass-deportation agenda. Portland, Oregon, United States, 24 June 2025. Story: In 2025, the Trump administration shifted its immigration enforcement from the border to the US interior, aiming for 3,000 arrests per day and abandoning protections for schools, hospitals, courthouses, and places of worship. In response, Portland, a “sanctuary city” that prohibits its own state and local law forces to cooperate with federal immigration enforcement, became a flashpoint for resistance. During the nationwide “No Kings” demonstrations in June, localized protests escalated into nightly clashes outside the city’s Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) facility.
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Title: *The Trials of the Achi Women*

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 072- NorthAndCent ralAmerica- SIN-Victor J. Blue-for The New York Times	Caption: Doña Paulina Ixpatá Alvarado stands with other Achi women outside a Guatemala City court. That afternoon, three ex-civil defense patrollers were found guilty of rape and crimes against humanity and sentenced to 40 years in prison each. Guatemala City, Guatemala, 30 May 2025. Story: For four decades, a group of Indigenous Maya Achi women in Rabinal lived in the same communities as the men who had raped them, sometimes as neighbors. Guatemala’s civil war led to the genocide
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Magazine	of thousands of Maya Achi people by the military and local state-backed paramilitary forces, who used sexual violence as a systematic weapon to subjugate Indigenous communities. In 2011, 36 women broke their silence, launching and winning a 14-year legal battle against their abusers. Their collective resilience is transforming a legacy of wartime impunity into a historic victory for justice.
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Title: *ICE Arrests at New York Court*
© **Carol Guzy**, ZUMA Press, iWitness, for *Miami Herald*

Story: In 2025, shifts in US immigration policy transformed courthouses into focal points for mass deportation efforts by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Masked ICE agents detained undocumented migrants immediately following their hearings, often leading to deeply traumatic family separations. These aggressive tactics, coupled with severely overcrowded and unsanitary conditions at the 10th-floor holding facility in the Jacob Javits Federal Building in New York, prompted fierce public protests, class-action lawsuits, and the arrest of local elected officials demanding accountability.	
 073-NorthAndCentralAmerica-STO-Carol Guzy-ZUMA Press-	Caption: Distraught girls cling to their father, Luis, as ICE detains him following an immigration hearing. Luis served as the sole breadwinner for his family. New York City, New York, United States, 26 August 2025.

iWitness-for Miami Herald	
 074- NorthAndCent ralAmerica- STO-Carol Guzy-ZUMA Press- iWitness-for Miami Herald	Caption: Masked federal officers wait outside courtrooms holding target photographs. While ICE claims masks protect the identity of agents and their families, critics argue the practice erodes accountability and public trust. New York City, New York, United States, 8 July 2025.
 075- NorthAndCent ralAmerica- STO-Carol Guzy-ZUMA Press- iWitness-for Miami Herald	Caption: A woman is led in shackles through the Jacob Javits building's 10th floor. A 2025 injunction required ICE to improve "deplorable" conditions at this facility, which was off-limits to inspectors until 19 December 2025. New York City, New York, United States, 2 October 2025.
 076- NorthAndCent ralAmerica- STO-Carol Guzy-ZUMA Press- iWitness-for Miami Herald	Caption: A security guard breaks down while witnessing a family separation. Security personnel frequently find themselves caught between federal agents, desperate families, and protesters in the increasingly volatile courthouse environment. New York City, New York, United States, 20 August 2025.

Title: *Los Angeles on Fire*

© **Ethan Swope**, for Associated Press

Story:

In January 2025, severe drought and 100-mph (roughly 160-kph) Santa Ana winds fueled 14 devastating wildfires across Los Angeles, destroying over 18,000 buildings and displacing 200,000 residents. While officials reported 31 direct fatalities, public health studies estimate 440 excess deaths linked to toxic smoke and disrupted medical care. In the disaster's aftermath, a stark wealth divide has defined recovery efforts, with lower-income residents facing displacement while wealthier communities leverage private resources to rebuild.



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Caption:

A senior center resident evacuates as the Eaton Fire approaches. Wildfires release massive amounts of toxic particles and carbon monoxide, causing severe respiratory issues that linger for weeks. Altadena, California, United States, 7 January 2025.



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Caption:

The Palisades Fire ravages a neighborhood amid high winds. The Los Angeles blazes inflicted between \$28 and \$53.8 billion in property damage, disrupting thousands of local businesses. Los Angeles, California, United States, 7 January 2025.

 079- NorthAndCent ralAmerica- STO-Ethan Swope-for Associated Press	Caption: A man walks past a business ruined by fire. The Eaton Fire heavily impacted working-class neighborhoods, where many underinsured homeowners now face gentrification and displacement. Altadena, California, United States, 8 January 2025.
 080- NorthAndCent ralAmerica- STO-Ethan Swope-for Associated Press	Caption: The devastation of the Palisades Fire is visible at sunset. Experts emphasize that the extended, drier fire seasons in Southern California are exacerbated by human-caused global warming trends. Los Angeles, California, United States, 14 January 2025.

Title: *Tanner's Song*

© **Jahi Chikwendiu**, *The Washington Post*

Story: Diagnosed with Stage 4 colon cancer at age 25, Tanner Martin and his wife, Shay, raced to build a family despite a terminal prognosis. This intimate story documents the final months of Tanner's life, culminating in the birth of his daughter, AmyLou, just 41 days before his death at age 30. His experience puts a human face on a staggering global trend: people born in 1990 now face a 200 to 300% increased risk of some early-onset cancers compared to previous generations.
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Caption:

Shay and Tanner view sonogram images of their daughter during a prenatal checkup. Tanner's one last wish was to fight cancer long enough to see his baby. Provo, Utah, United States, 15 April 2025.



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Caption:

Tanner and Shay hold hands after a family dinner. While cancer primarily affects those over 65, incidence rates for US-citizens under 50 have risen steadily since the late 1990s. South Jordan, Utah, United States, 9 February 2025.



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Caption:

Tanner cradles AmyLou two days after her birth. Too weak to stand, Tanner held his daughter on his lap while Shay filmed a father-daughter dance for their daughter's future wedding. American Fork, Utah, United States, 17 May 2025.



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Caption:

Star Wars stickers, placed by family and friends, cover Tanner's casket during his viewing. Tanner passed away at the age of 30. American Fork, Utah, United States, 3 July 2025.

LONG-TERM PROJECTS

Title: *Mexico, A Changing Climate*

© **César Rodríguez**, Norwegian Red Cross, SNCA, *The New York Times*

Story:

Mexico is especially vulnerable to climate extremes, with 52% of its territory situated in arid or semi-arid zones. Over the last two decades, environmental disasters have internally displaced approximately 2.7 million people, a figure projected to reach up to 8 million by 2050. This project documents the enormous cost of these changes on a human scale: from the rapid erosion of Tabasco's coastlines, where sea levels are rising three times faster than the global average, to the systemic water scarcities in Monterrey and the State of Mexico, where renewable water availability has plummeted by 81% since 1950.



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Caption:

Antonio Mayoral and Guadalupe Cobos pose for a portrait at their home. They are among the last residents of El Bosque. More than 60 families have already relocated inland, losing access to the sea and their traditional fishing livelihoods. El Bosque, Tabasco, Mexico, 13 December 2024.



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Caption:

A dog wanders the vanishing coastline of Las Barrancas. Fishermen and families who depend on the ocean struggle to survive; many are forced to relocate. Veracruz, Mexico, 10 March 2025.



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Caption:

Enrique, a local fisherman, stands before his home. Marine warming and habitat degradation have forced fishing communities to travel significantly further offshore as traditional species migrate north to cooler waters. Las Barrancas, Veracruz, Mexico, 10 March 2025.



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Caption:

A portion of Enrique's catch. Fishing is becoming increasingly difficult in the area as beaches erode and changing conditions in the sea drive fish species elsewhere, transforming the marine ecosystem of the Gulf of Mexico. Las Barrancas, Veracruz, Mexico, 12 March 2025.



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089- NorthAndCentra IAmerica-LTP- César Rodríguez- Norwegian Red Cross-SNCA- The New York Times	A tourist boat sits grounded after the La Boca dam dropped to 8.5% capacity during the 2022 drought. Monterrey remains caught between extreme water scarcity and catastrophic, climate-driven flooding. Santiago, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, 20 June 2022.
 090- NorthAndCentra IAmerica-LTP- César Rodríguez- Norwegian Red Cross-SNCA- The New York Times	Caption: Residents in Monterrey line up for water. Some blocked streets to demand water service. In response, large trucks delivered water daily to the city's most vulnerable neighborhoods. Nuevo Leon, Mexico, 21 June 2022.
 091- NorthAndCentra IAmerica-LTP- César Rodríguez- Norwegian Red Cross-SNCA- The New York Times	Caption: A child runs up to the second floor of a partially submerged home. The 2024 floods affected 7,000 residents. Many families lost personal belongings like photographs and other cherished items. Chalco, State of Mexico, Mexico, 19 August 2024.
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092- NorthAndCentra IAmerica-LTP- César Rodríguez- Norwegian Red Cross-SNCA- The New York Times	A forest fire burns on Cerro de San Juan. Fueled by drought, the fires consumed over 950 hectares, threatening the biodiversity of the Nayarit highlands. Tepic, Mexico, 17 April 2023.
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SOUTH AMERICA

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Title: *A Territory of Hope*
© **Priscila Ribeiro**

 093- SouthAmerica- SIN-Online- Priscila Ribeiro	Caption: Sandra Mara Siqueira rests with her grandchildren, Micael, Davi, Ana Flávia, and Vitória. Living in the Parque dos Lagos occupation since 2013, the family seeks land regularization to guarantee access to basic infrastructure. Colombo, Paraná, Brazil, 15 November 2025. Story: Millions of Brazilians lack safe and affordable housing, with a national shortage of 5.9 million homes forcing approximately 16.4 million people into informal settlements. In the city of Colombo, the Parque dos Lagos occupation is home to 200 families living without official access to water, sewage disposal, or electricity. This project
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	examines the struggle for land regularization, the legal process of converting informal possession into property rights. For Sandra Mara Siqueira and these communities, legal tenure is the essential gateway to credit, permanence, and dignity.
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Title: *Funeral for “The Four of Malvinas”*

© **Santiago Arcos**, for Reuters

	Caption: Teammates mourn Ismael Arroyo (15) who was tortured and murdered by Air Force personnel. Families, neighbors, and residents of Las Malvinas accompanied the coffins from their homes to the cemetery, turning the funeral into a massive public act of grief and protest. Guayaquil, Ecuador, 1 January 2025. Story: Ecuador’s militarized crackdown on transnational gangs has transformed vulnerable communities into targets for state violence. In December 2024, four Afro-Ecuadorian boys – aged 11 to 15 – disappeared after a neighborhood football practice in Guayaquil. The government initially denied involvement, then attempted to label the children as criminals. The discovery of their burned remains near an air force base shattered the Las Malvinas community and exposed the dangers of security policies that racially profile and criminalize marginalized youth.
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Title: *Milei’s Argentina*

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Caption:

Police detain Father Jorge “Chueco” Romero during a pensioners’ protest. Members of the “Opción por los Pobres” (Option for the Poor) clergy have joined weekly demonstrations against pension freezes and cuts to essential medical coverage. Buenos Aires, Argentina, 14 May 2025.

Story:

In Argentina, aggressive austerity measures aimed at curbing 200% inflation have plunged the nation's older people into a desperate struggle for survival. With the minimum pension hovering around \$300 – less than half the estimated basic cost of living – many retirees are forced to ration food and forgo essential medical treatments. Every Wednesday, pensioners gather outside the National Congress to protest low pensions and cuts to free medication programs. These demonstrations are frequently met with heavily militarized police responses, drawing international condemnation.

STORIES

Title: *Those Who Carry the Dead*

© **Eduardo Anizelli**, *Folha de S.Paulo*

Story:

In October 2025, a massive police operation targeting the Comando Vermelho criminal syndicate unfolded in Rio de Janeiro’s Complexo do Alemão and Penha favelas. Deploying a record 2,500 local and military officers, the raid was the deadliest police operation in Brazilian history. Of the 122 who were killed, the vast majority were

Afro-Brazilians. In the aftermath, authorities failed to deploy forensic teams, forcing the community to bear the physical and emotional weight of carrying their own dead.	
 096- SouthAmerica -STO-Eduardo Anizelli-Folha de S.Paulo	Caption: Suspects sit with their heads bowed to protect their identities. Authorities targeted over 50 individuals in the operation, but only a few of these were arrested and none were killed. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 28 October 2025.
 097- SouthAmerica -STO-Eduardo Anizelli-Folha de S.Paulo	Caption: A woman breaks down after finding her husband among the deceased. The 17-hour operation claimed 122 lives, surpassing the 1992 Carandiru prison massacre as Brazil's deadliest police action. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 29 October 2025.
 098- SouthAmerica -STO-Eduardo Anizelli-Folha de S.Paulo	Caption: Municipal workers wash away blood in São Lucas Square. Despite the unprecedented death toll and failure to apprehend key gang leaders, the state government declared the operation a success. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 29 October 2025.

Title: *Manacillos: A Return to Life*
 © **Ever Andrés Mercado Puentes**

Story: Juntas is an Afro-descendant community deep in the Colombian Pacific rainforest, accessible only by a ten-hour boat journey up the Yurumanguí River. Settled by descendants of enslaved Africans brought to the region in the 1700s, the community

faces threats from illegal mining, logging, and armed conflict. Fiesta de los Manacillos is a traditional ritual enacted by the community during Holy Week activities that blends Catholicism with African spiritual traditions. More than just a celebration, the festival is a homecoming for a diaspora, representing a profound affirmation of cultural resilience.



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Caption:

Eider Calimeño is one of 33 men who act as *Matachín*: those who commit to participating in the Manacillos. This responsibility is inherited from close male relatives and honors deceased or displaced ancestors. Juntas, Buenaventura, Colombia, 29 March 2024.



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Caption:

Two people carry an exhausted Manacillo. Tradition dictates that Manacillos cannot sleep for the first 48 hours of the festival; those who fall asleep are ritualistically whipped. Juntas, Buenaventura, Colombia, 19 April 2025.



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Caption:

Mercedita and others sing traditional songs during a house-to-house tour. Her singing plays an important ritual role, creating a mystical trance that invokes ancestral presences. Juntas, Buenaventura, Colombia, 30 March 2024.



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Caption:

Participants return to their daily lives. For the Yurumanguí diaspora, returning for Manacillos is a cultural and political act that reaffirms

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Title: *Name the Absence*

© **Ferley A. Ospina**

Story: Colombia has the world's highest rate of single mothers. The photographer and his family experience this reality not as a statistic but as a "recurring wound." In 1999, Ferley Ospina's father was murdered in the border region of Norte de Santander, forcing him to flee with his mother. Photographing the women in his extended family, Ospina seeks to understand the "weight of absence" and the systemic and personal impact of "growing up incomplete."	
 103- SouthAmerica -STO-Ferley A. Ospina	Caption: Valeria (5) plays behind a curtain at her aunt's house. She is raised solely by her mother. In her region, 30% of households are headed exclusively by women. Los Patios, Norte de Santander, Colombia, 10 September 2025.
 104- SouthAmerica -STO-Ferley A. Ospina	Caption: A photograph of the photographer's father, Ferley. He deserted the Colombian army to raise his son but was murdered during the 1999 paramilitary massacres in Norte de Santander. Los Patios, Norte de Santander, Colombia, 18 December 2025.
 105- SouthAmerica	Caption: María (20), the photographer's cousin, watches television with her grandmother, Orfelina. In Ospina's family, there are 12 women, including mothers, sisters, and daughters, but only three adult men. Los Patios, Norte de Santander, Colombia, 9 December 2025.

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 106-SouthAmerica -STO-Ferley A. Ospina	Caption: Gabriela (12) hides behind a cloth at her grandmother's house. The house was built by her grandfather and uncle, who died in 2016 and 2023 respectively. Los Patios, Norte de Santander, Colombia, 22 September 2025.

LONG TERM PROJECTS

Title: *The Human Cost of Agrottoxins*

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Story: In 1996, Argentina approved genetically modified, herbicide-resistant soybeans paired with glyphosate-based herbicides, a policy adopted without independent research. In three decades, pesticide use skyrocketed from 40 million to 580 million liters annually. Today, 60% of Argentina's cultivated land is sprayed, affecting 14 million people. Despite independent studies linking exposure to increased risks of cancer and congenital malformations, regulations continue to loosen even as agrochemical usage moves closer to human settlements. This project documents the human cost of an economic model that prioritizes agro-industrial profit over the lives of its rural citizens.	
 107-SouthAmerica -LTP-Pablo E. Piovano-	Caption: Former land applicator Alfredo Cerán shows his burned fingernails. After years of mixing chemical products without adequate protection, he developed non-alcoholic cirrhosis and underwent a liver transplant. Cordoba, Argentina, 23 September 2015.

Manuel Rivera-Ortiz Foundation- Philip Jones Griffiths Foundation- Lawen.doc	
 108- SouthAmerica -LTP-Pablo E. Piovano- Manuel Rivera-Ortiz Foundation- Philip Jones Griffiths Foundation- Lawen.doc	Caption: Anita Sosa, born with hydrocephalus and spina bifida, plays with her sister. Doctors attributed her condition to pesticides used in the soybean fields that surround her town of 3,000 inhabitants. Chaco, Argentina, 29 November 2014.
 109- SouthAmerica -LTP-Pablo E. Piovano- Manuel Rivera-Ortiz Foundation- Philip Jones Griffiths	Caption: Maribella Alexandra Duarte (centre) was born with congenital malformations. Her family lives 30 meters from soybean fields. Entre Ríos, Argentina, 22 November 2014.

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 110- SouthAmerica -LTP-Pablo E. Piovano- Manuel Rivera-Ortiz Foundation- Philip Jones Griffiths Foundation- Lawen.doc	Caption: Biologist Rafael Lajmanovich studies deformed frogs at the National University of the Littoral. His research finds higher frequencies of animal malformations near agricultural sites that intensively use agrochemicals. Santa Fe, Argentina, 1 October 2025.
 111- SouthAmerica -LTP-Pablo E. Piovano- Manuel Rivera-Ortiz Foundation- Philip Jones Griffiths Foundation- Lawen.doc	Caption: Fabián Tomasi, a former agrochemical worker, suffered from severe toxic polyneuropathy and became a global face of the fight against agrotoxins. He passed away in 2018. Entre Ríos, Argentina, 25 October 2016.
 112- SouthAmerica -LTP-Pablo E.	Caption: Workers harvest potatoes in Cordoba. Potato cultivation in Argentina is intensive, with official reports indicating that up to 40 different agrochemicals are applied. Cordoba, Argentina, 17 September 2015.

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 113- SouthAmerica -LTP-Pablo E. Piovano- Manuel Rivera-Ortiz Foundation- Philip Jones Griffiths Foundation- Lawen.doc	Caption: The coalition “Basta es Basta” (Enough is Enough) protests in Entre Ríos. In 2024, the province enacted laws allowing pesticide spraying as close as 10 meters from homes. Entre Ríos, Argentina, 30 September 2025.
 114- SouthAmerica -LTP-Pablo E. Piovano- Manuel Rivera-Ortiz Foundation- Philip Jones Griffiths Foundation- Lawen.doc	Caption: Mirta María Velzi visits the grave of her daughter, who died from a brain tumor at age 17. Her father worked for years on farms exposed to multiple chemical substances. Entre Ríos, Argentina, 21 November 2014.

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Title: *Nepal's Gen Z Uprising*

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Caption:

Fire and smoke engulf Singha Durbar after protesters stormed and set the government complex alight during violent demonstrations. Kathmandu, Nepal, 9 September 2025.

Story:

A government ban of 26 social media platforms on 4 September 2025 was the breaking point for Nepal's youth. On 8 September, thousands took to the streets, part of a generation of young people around the world refusing to accept systems that perpetuate corruption, unemployment, and economic hardship. Within two days, 76 people were dead, most of them young demonstrators killed by police. Thousands more were injured. On 9 September, following Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli's resignation, protesters stormed and set fire to Singha Durbar, the historic complex at the heart of Nepal's government.

Title: *Aid Emergency in Gaza*

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Caption:

Palestinians climb onto an aid truck as it enters the Gaza Strip via the Zikim Crossing in an attempt to get flour, during what the Israeli military called a “tactical suspension” in operations to allow humanitarian aid through. 27 July 2025.

Story:

In 2025, famine took hold amid what a UN Commission has concluded is a genocide in Gaza, which Israel disputes. Israeli authorities imposed a complete aid blockade in March, a tactic described by humanitarian organizations as the weaponization of starvation. The UN reports that between 27 May and 31 July at least 1,373 Palestinians seeking food were killed at or near aid distribution sites. Despite a ceasefire agreement in October, more than 75% of the population still face hunger and malnutrition. The photographer was born in Gaza and has documented life there since 1997.

Title: *A Daughter’s Grief in Kashmir*
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Caption:

Sanam Bashir (21) collapses with grief at her mother’s funeral. Nargis Begum (45) died from shrapnel wounds after a mortar shell struck while the two were fleeing their home. Uri, Jammu and Kashmir, India, 9 May 2025.

Story:

The Kashmir region has been contested between India and Pakistan since the 1947 partition of British India, a territorial dispute that has

	fueled decades of conflict. On 22 April 2025, an attack on tourists in Pahalgam killed 26 people. India blamed Pakistan-backed militant groups and responded with strikes on 7 May. Four days of intense cross-border shelling, drone attacks, and airstrikes followed. Thousands of civilians were displaced, dozens killed, and homes and infrastructure along the Line of Control (the de facto border) were destroyed. Widespread international pressure secured a ceasefire on 10 May, averting further escalation between the two nuclear-armed rivals.
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STORIES

Title: *“I’m Afraid”: Afghan Women Face US Aid Cuts*
© **Elise Blanchard**, for *TIME*

Story: In Afghanistan’s remote Daikundi province, US aid cuts have left pregnant women without access to care, forcing many to give birth at home in a country with one of the world’s highest maternal mortality rates. The cuts have led to the suspension or closure of 422 health facilities nationwide, including small community clinics staffed by a single midwife, many of whom are now working without salary or supplies. This crisis compounds an already critical situation under Taliban rule; girls are banned from education beyond primary school, preventing a new generation from training as health workers.	
 118- WestCentralA ndSouthAsia- STO-Elise	Caption: Gulshaman visits Fatemah, whose daughter Yasmin was born the previous day. Waras, Shahrستان district, Daikundi province, Afghanistan, 27 July 2025.

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 119- WestCentralA ndSouthAsia- STO-Elise Blanchard-for Time	Caption: Women wait to see Gulshaman, the only midwife at the Waras Family Health House, working without a salary since US aid cuts ended the clinic's funding. Shahristan district, Daikundi province, Afghanistan, 20 July 2025.
 120- WestCentralA ndSouthAsia- STO-Elise Blanchard-for Time	Caption: Atifa assists in what she says will be her last delivery, having run out of medication and the means to continue, at the Malmastok Family Health House. Shahristan district, Daikundi province, Afghanistan, 22 July 2025.
 121- WestCentralA ndSouthAsia- STO-Elise Blanchard-for Time	Caption: Zahira walks back from visiting a pregnant woman who is worried she might have to give birth without a midwife. Dahan-e-Tokhomak, Miramor district, Daikundi province, Afghanistan, 24 July 2025.

Title: *A Syrian City Rebuilds, Still Divided*

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Story:

Long neglected by the Syrian state and one of the first cities to rise up in the 2011 revolution, Deir al-Zour endured years of siege, bombardment, and successive occupation by government forces, ISIS, and Kurdish-led fighters. The conflict left around 75% of the city's infrastructure damaged or destroyed. In 2025, the Euphrates River marked a divide; the government controlled one bank, the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) the other, complicating daily movement, trade, and access to services. For those who remained, and those who returned, rebuilding continued regardless.



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Caption:

Abdelatif Daham Al Hummada (right) sits with his sons and nephew on the street outside their heavily damaged home, where the family often sleeps. Deir al-Zour, Syria, 20 August 2025.



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Caption:

A shepherd herds his flock of sheep on the banks of the Euphrates River. The river divides forces loyal to the new Syrian government and the SDF. Deir al-Zour, Syria, 21 August 2025.



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Caption:

Day laborers prepare cement for mixing at a construction site next to destroyed buildings. Deir al-Zour, Syria, 21 August 2025.

STO-Nicole Tung-VII Photo-for The New York Times	
 125- WestCentralA ndSouthAsia- STO-Nicole Tung-VII Photo-for The New York Times	Caption: A son of Abdelatif Daham Al Hummada climbs through the kitchen window of the family's heavily damaged home, stripped of copper wiring, tiles, and fittings by looters. Deir al-Zour, Syria, 20 August 2025.

Title: *Witnessing Gaza*

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Story: In 2025, civilians in Gaza endured starvation, famine, and relentless bombardment as the death toll surpassed 75,000 and Israeli authorities severely restricted the flow of humanitarian aid. A ceasefire agreement in October has yet to bring meaningful relief. Palestinian journalists – living through the reality they document – are the world's few witnesses to what a UN Commission has concluded is a genocide. Israel disputes this. The photographer worked under immense danger, driven by a refusal to let the world turn away. "Even when everything around me told me to stop, I couldn't – silence would mean surrender."	
 126- WestCentralA ndSouthAsia-	Caption: The Mushtaha Tower collapses in a military strike, amid hundreds of makeshift tents sheltering displaced Palestinians, as Israel's offensive on Gaza City intensified. Gaza Strip, 5 September 2025.

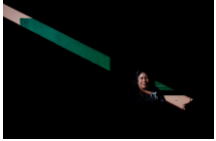
STO-Saher Alghorra-for The New York Times	
 127- WestCentralA ndSouthAsia- STO-Saher Alghorra-for The New York Times	Caption: Tamer Hassan al-Shafei and his family break their Ramadan fast in the remains of their home. Food shortages meant only basics were served instead of the usual spread. Beit Lahia, Gaza Strip, 4 March 2025.
 128- WestCentralA ndSouthAsia- STO-Saher Alghorra-for The New York Times	Caption: Palestinians at Al-Mawasi displacement camp wait for a meal. Local charity kitchens were one of the only food sources for many of Gaza's displaced. Khan Younis, Gaza Strip, 21 September 2025.
 129- WestCentralA ndSouthAsia- STO-Saher Alghorra-for The New York Times	Caption: Palestinian detainees and prisoners arrive at Nasser Hospital after being released from Israeli custody as part of the ceasefire agreement. Israel freed nearly 2,000 Palestinians. Khan Younis, Gaza Strip, 13 October 2025.

LONG TERM PROJECTS

Title: *Hijacked Education*

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Story: Across the world, war, extremism, and displacement deny children the right to education. Schools are destroyed, teachers killed or forced to relocate, textbooks burned, and classrooms turned into barracks. The UN estimates that 85 million of the 234 million school-age children affected by conflict worldwide have no access to education at all. The consequences extend far beyond the classroom, impacting physical, emotional, social, and cognitive development. Since 2011, the photographer – son of a teacher and father of an 11-year-old – has documented this crisis across nine countries, from Western and South Asia, to Europe and South America.	
 130- WestCentralA ndSouthAsia- LTP-Diego Ibarra Sánchez	Caption: Girls attend an informal open-air school in Chaparhar District. The ban on girls attending school continues to undermine the right to education, affecting nearly 2.2 million students. Afghanistan, 12 November 2025.
 131- WestCentralA ndSouthAsia- LTP-Diego Ibarra Sánchez	Caption: Yousef (12) dreams of becoming a police officer. His school was heavily damaged during the battle for Mosul from 2016 to 2017. Mosul, Iraq, 6 March 2022.
 132-	Caption: A Ukrainian soldier from the Ares battalion, 129th Territorial Defense

WestCentralAndSouthAsia- LTP-Diego Ibarra Sánchez	Brigade, gazes out of a kindergarten window at the southern front. Donetsk region, Ukraine, 2 August 2023.
 133- WestCentralAndSouthAsia- LTP-Diego Ibarra Sánchez	Caption: Nora Nancy, a teacher, photographed at her school in Samaniego. In 2008, four teachers were murdered by FARC rebel forces in nearby Guachavés, forcing her to flee her home. Colombia, 25 July 2016.
 134- WestCentralAndSouthAsia- LTP-Diego Ibarra Sánchez	Caption: Female students attend class at their school, which was attacked by the Taliban on 21 December 2012 as part of a campaign to prevent girls from accessing education. Swabi, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan, 4 June 2013.
 135- WestCentralAndSouthAsia- LTP-Diego Ibarra Sánchez	Caption: Hundreds of textbooks burned by ISIS extremists inside Hani Hakuf's School. At least a quarter of Syrian schools have been damaged or destroyed. Al-Shaddadi, Syria, 11 April 2016.
 136- WestCentralAndSouthAsia-	Caption: A young Syrian refugee attends a class on the outskirts of Aarsal. Limited resources, residency issues, and work restrictions on parents deny many refugee children access to education. Lebanon, 31 October 2017.

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 137- WestCentralA ndSouthAsia- LTP-Diego Ibarra Sánchez	Caption: Students walk to Miadad Primary School in Khartanai Village. Hundreds of children across Afghanistan travel long distances on foot to attend classes. Haska Meyna District, Afghanistan, 13 November 2025.

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