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Aseel al-Hamad, one of Saudi Arabia's few female race-car drivers, at the

Reem International Circuit in Riyadh Photograph by Ayesha Malik for

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Ohoud al-Haqbani, 35, took her first drive in Riyadh on June 24. Photograph by Ayesha Malik for TIME

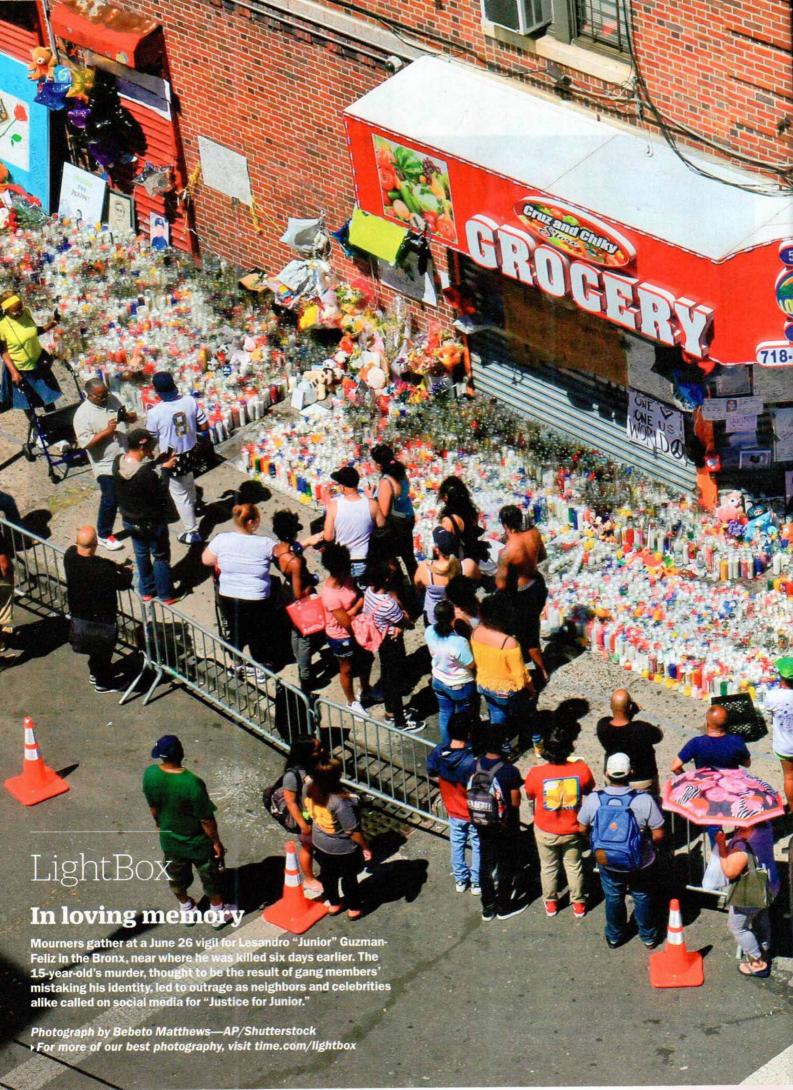
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THE VIOLENT SITUATION IN WEST AFRICA THAT COULD BE WORSENED BY CLIMATE CHANGE

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Farm laborers wait on the Mexican side of the border in hopes of crossing into the U.S., circa 1954

Seven moments from U.S. history that matter now

The dates most Americans remember (July 4, 1776, for example) work as shorthand for signal events. If change takes place across decades, individual moments remind us what came before and how we got to where we are. So, with Americans celebrating their country at a time of widespread disagreement about what it stands for, TIME asked top historians to nominate moments that resonate now—moments that just might serve as the mnemonic devices the nation seems to need. On these pages, several explain their choices.

1954: The U.S. begins mass deportation of Mexican immigrants

In 1954, the federal government carried out one of its first mass deportations of Mexican immigrants from the U.S. Operation Wetback, as it was known, ended up separating parents from their children, stranding deportees in the deserts of northern Mexico without food or water, and damaging the U.S.'s reputation at home and abroad. For decades prior, the southwestern borderlands had prospered under a more fluid, humane and practical definition of boundaries, driven in large part by the wants and needs of the blended, binational border communities. In deference to these local interests, the federal government had resisted engaging in draconian deportation measures.

Those reservations fell by the wayside as a wave of anti-Mexican animus, triggered by an economic recession, led the Immigration and Naturalization Service to adopt a highly militarized approach to immigration law enforcement, with Operation Wetback at its center. Since 1954, mass deportations have become so routine that the American public now takes them for granted. We have forgotten that there was a time in U.S. history when the removal of hundreds of thousands of immigrants by the federal government was unthinkable. —S. DEBORAH KANG

Kang, an associate professor of history at California State University, San Marcos, is the author of The INS on the Line: Making Immigration Law on the U.S.-Mexico Border, 1917–1954

Supreme Court

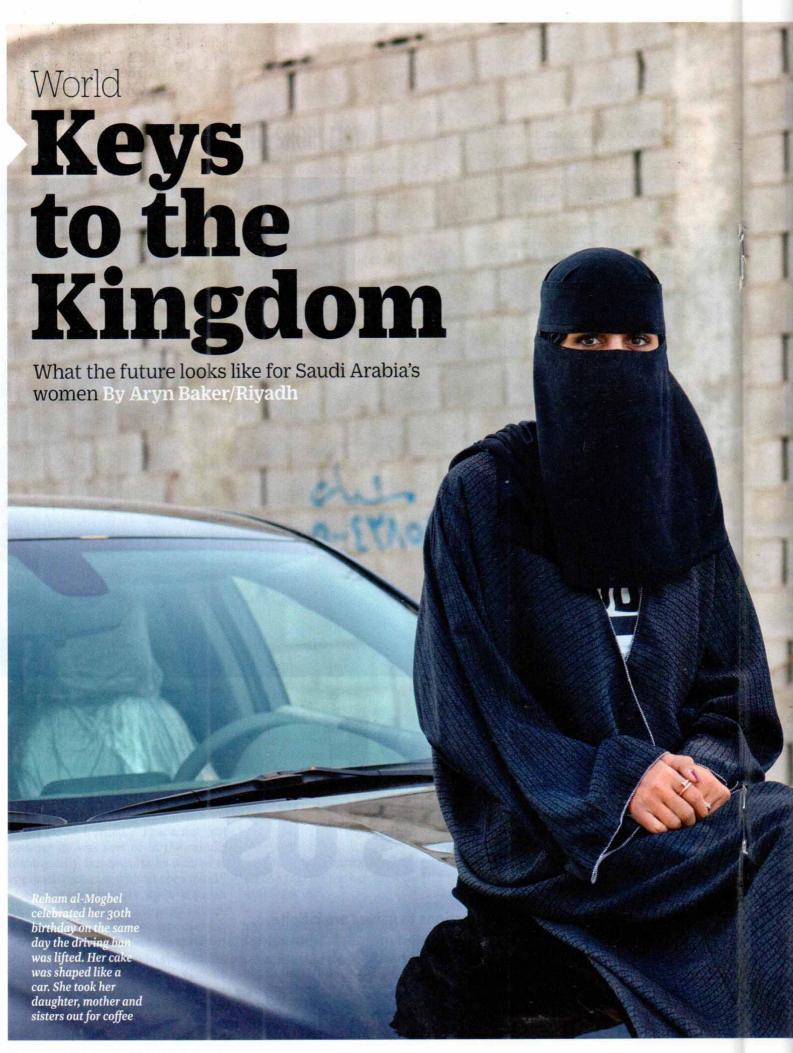
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The unpredictable Anthony Kennedy's retirement presages a more conservative era on the Supreme Court

BY MASSIMO CALABRESI

Kennedy, 81, has cast key votes on abortion, free speech, race, gay rights and other issues

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On a warm spring day, 21 people—some who love their AR-15s, some who would never touch a firearm—gathered to look for middle ground in the life-or-death debate over gun control. Here's what they found out

BY BEN MONTGOMERY, KELLEY BENHAM FRENCH AND THOMAS FRENCH



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Coal smoke is suffocating Mongolia's capital By JOSEPH HINCKS/ULAN BATOR

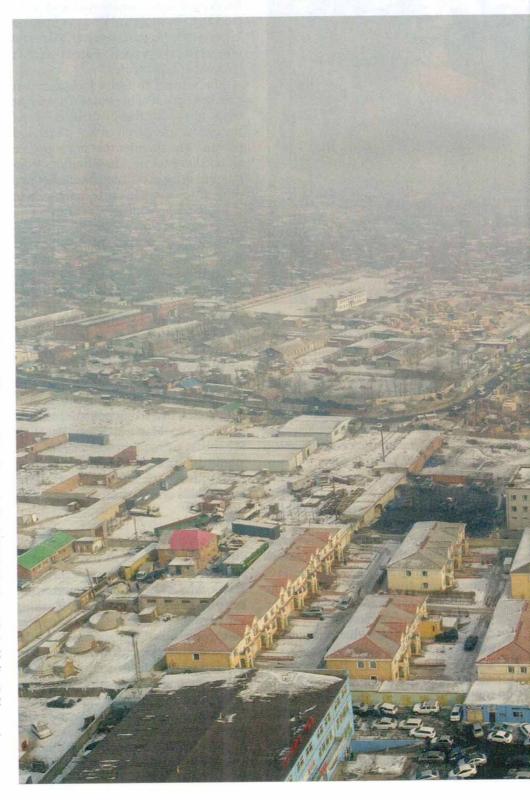
T's -11°F (-24°C) OUT-side, but the stove is burning and baby Almasbek Toltalkhan is warm in his family's yurt, or ger as the nomadic tentlike home is known in Mongolia. His mother Nursaule scoops him from a crib engraved with pictures of coconut palms and joggles him on her knee while the doctor readies his shot.

Eleven months old when TIME visits, Almasbek is just past the nebulous state of babyhood. He cannot say mom or dad but knows bain uu, the greeting with which Mongolians answer the phone, and he wears tartan felt pajamas. He also has a puglike wheeze every time he breathes out and has been hospitalized eight times.

"Our youngest is sick very often," says Nursaule, 25, who like many Mongolians goes by her first name. Almasbek was initially diagnosed with bronchitis in September. Pneumonia followed, and the family ended up spending most of November and December in the hospital. "We would go to the hospital for 10 days of treatment. Then after four or five days at home, we would have to go back again," she says. "Last time, they took him into intensive care."

Pneumonia is now the second leading cause of death for children under 5 in Mongolia. In Ulan Bator, the capital, respiratory infections have increased at a rate of 270% over the past 10 years, and children living in the city have a 40% lower lung function than those living in rural areas, according to UNICEF.

Like Beijing, Ulan Bator was built in a river valley, and surrounding mountains trap smog like soup in a pan. But locals say winter air pollution was barely noticeable until the mid-2000s. Now, the city has among the world's highest





THE TIMELY SICARIO SEQUEL SOLDADO RETURNS TO THE BORDER AT MOMA, A VISIONARY CONGOLESE ARTIST FINALLY GETS HIS DUE A BUZZY NEW NOVEL REIMAGINES TRANSGENDER HISTORY