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## Donald Trump, el primer presidente de EE UU imputado

### El jurado considera que el exmandatario violó las normas de financiación de la campaña de 2016 para comprar el silencio de una actriz porno

MARÍA ANTONIA SÁNCHEZ-VALLEJO  
Nueva York  
Donald Trump va a convertirse en el primer presidente de Estados Unidos que se enfrenta a cargos penales. El gran jurado votó ayer a favor de imputar a Trump por el pago secreto de 130.000 dó-

lares a la actriz porno Stormy Daniels a cambio de su silencio durante la campaña electoral de 2016, que lo llevó a la Casa Blanca, según fuentes de la Fiscalía citadas por los medios estadounidenses. La acusación concreta se conocerá en los próximos días, pe-

ro según el jurado se violaron las normas de financiación de campañas electorales. El magnate utilizó al exabogado Michael Cohen para pagar a la mujer, que afirmaba haber tenido una aventura con él en 2008, cuando su esposa Melania se recuperaba del parto del

hijo de ambos. El expresidente niega esa relación. Si Trump acepta entregarse, se podrá producir la imagen inédita de un expresidente custodiado por agentes secretos mientras es fotografiado y se le toman las huellas dactilares en un juzgado.

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Donald Trump, en un acto con seguidores en Davenport (Iowa), el pasado día 13. / JONATHAN ERNST (REUTERS)

Portugal, Reino Unido y Canadá permiten este tipo de gestación

## Cómo pagar un vientre de alquiler altruista

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La gestación mediante vientres de alquiler es ilegal en España, aunque el PP y Ciudadanos plantean el debate de regularla cuando se realicen de forma altruista. Tres países occidentales, Portugal, Reino Unido y Canadá, lo prevén así. Con diferencias en cada caso, en especial sobre un punto

delicado: la compensación de gastos a la madre biológica, lo que está acotado en Portugal y Canadá, no tanto en el Reino Unido. En este país se propone una reforma para hacer la práctica "más atractiva" y facilitar la nueva tutela inmediata tras el parto. La norma portuguesa, del Gobierno de izquierdas, espera su desarrollo reglamentario.

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## La inflación frena en marzo al 3,3%, la tasa más baja en año y medio

ÁLVARO SÁNCHEZ, Madrid  
Frenazo en seco de la inflación. Los precios se dieron la vuelta en marzo con más intensidad de la esperada y la inflación cerró el primer trimestre en un sorprendente 3,3%, lejos de los dos dígitos registrados en los primeros meses de la guerra en Ucrania. La inflación española —la más baja de Europa— se modera por el abaratamiento de la energía, pero sobre todo por un efecto estadístico: la fuerte subida de hace justo un año, al inicio de la guerra, se deja sentir ahora en lo que los analistas llaman *efecto base*, aunque los expertos avisan de futuros repuntes por el espejismo. Es el mayor descenso mensual desde 1977. La mejora de marzo no se deja notar aún en la cesta de la compra, marcada por los alimentos.

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## Laura Borràs es condenada a cuatro años pero el tribunal pide el indulto

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Barcelona

Laura Borràs, presidenta de Junts per Catalunya y suspendida como presidenta del Parlament, fue condenada ayer a cuatro años y medio de cárcel, 13 de inhabilitación y una multa de 36.000 euros por falsedad en documento oficial y prevaricación por trocar contratos de la Institució de les Lletres Catalanes, entre 2013 y 2018, para adjudicárselos a dedo a un informático. La sala del Tribunal Superior de Justicia de Cataluña pide su indulto parcial para que la pena de prisión no exceda de dos años, por considerarla desproporcionada.

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- Les dernières manifestations ont été marquées par la présence plus visible dans les cortèges de représentants des lycéens et des étudiants
- Cette mobilisation, loin d'être massive, concerne les franges « protestataires » et « révoltées », mais n'a atteint pas les « désengagés », note Olivier Galland
- Selon le chercheur du CNRS, on constate une acceptation plus grande de la violence chez une partie de ces jeunes, éloignés du système politique
- L'exécutif essaie d'envoyer des signaux positifs à ces catégories, avec des annonces sur la revalorisation des bourses étudiantes
- Le chef de l'Etat veut s'extraire du dossier des retraites et porter le débat sur d'autres sujets, avec l'annonce de son « plan eau »

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► A six semaines de la présidentielle, le dirigeant est fragilisé sur plusieurs fronts

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Le président Erdoğan, au Parlement, à Ankara, le 29 mars.  
ADEM ALTAN/AFP

## Economie Le blocage au long cours de la raffinerie de Donges

LA RAFFINERIE de TotalEnergies, située en Loire-Atlantique, est en grève depuis le 7 mars pour protester contre la réforme des retraites. Les opérateurs ont décidé de prolonger le mouvement au moins jusqu'à vendredi et ne désarment pas. Les effets de ce blocage, ponctué d'évacuations par les forces de l'ordre suivies du retour des grévistes sur place, se font sentir à la pompe. La France comptait mercredi 15% de stations à court d'essence ou de gazole, et la tension était plus importante dans le Grand Ouest, le Sud-Est et l'Île-de-France.

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En une semaine, des menaces ou des actes de malveillance contre des militants de la préservation du climat et des océans ont été constatés, une recrudescence inquiétante

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Le Parquet national anti-terroriste a demandé le renvoi de cinq djihadistes ayant participé au système carcéral cruel de l'organisation terroriste

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Ces religieux, historiquement affiliés à Moscou, essaient d'éviter l'expulsion de leur monastère, le site le plus sacré du pays

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# TRUMP INDICTED

## THE FIRST EX-PRESIDENT TO FACE CRIMINAL CHARGES

### Key Moments in the Investigation

May 2018

Sept. **Aug. 21** Michael D. Cohen, Donald J. Trump's former personal lawyer and fixer, says he arranged hush-money payments for the president, and the investigation begins.

May **August** The office of the Manhattan district attorney, Cyrus R. Vance Jr., subpoenas the Trump Organization.

Sept. **Sept. 19** Mr. Trump's lawyers sue to protect his tax returns, arguing that a sitting president cannot be criminally investigated.

May **July 9** Mr. Vance wins his first key victory at the U.S. Supreme Court.

Sept. **Feb. 22** The Supreme Court denies Mr. Trump's final bid to block the release of his returns.

May **March 1** The investigation's focus turns to Allen H. Weisselberg, the Trump Organization's long-serving C.F.O.

Sept. **July 1** The Trump Organization is charged with running a 15-year tax scheme.

Jan. 1 **Jan. 1** A new Manhattan district attorney, Alvin L. Bragg, takes office, expressing reservations about the case.

Feb. 23 **Feb. 23** Two of the investigation's leaders, Mark F. Pomerantz and Carey Dunne, resign, leaving the investigation's future in doubt.

May **Aug. 18** Mr. Weisselberg pleads guilty and agrees to testify against the Trump Organization.

Sept. **Dec. 6** The Trump Organization is convicted.

Jan. 6 **January 6** Mr. Bragg impanels a new grand jury.

Midwinter **Midwinter** Prosecutors signal that an indictment is likely, offering Mr. Trump a chance to testify.

March 30 **March 30** Grand jury votes to indict Mr. Trump.

BY JONAH E. BROMWICH AND ANDREW SOBERN/THE NEW YORK TIMES



DOUG MILLS/THE NEW YORK TIMES

In a statement, former President Donald J. Trump said he was "a completely innocent person."

### Top Republicans Rush to Defend the Defendant

By MICHAEL C. BENDER and MAGGIE HABERMAN

Republican leaders in the House lamented the moment as a sad day in the annals of United States history. Conservative news outlets issued a call to action for the party's base. One prominent supporter of Donald J. Trump suggested that the former president's mug shot should double as a 2024 campaign poster.

Even Gov. Ron DeSantis of Florida, widely viewed as Mr. Trump's leading potential presidential primary rival, rushed to condemn the prosecutor who brought the Manhattan case that led to the his-

### Calling the Prosecution Political, and Helpful to His Candidacy

justice flowed from both backers and critics of the former president, even before the charges had been revealed. Many said Mr. Trump could benefit from a wave of sympathy from across the party, with a base of supporters likely to be energized by a belief that the justice system has been weaponized against him.

"The unprecedented indictment of a former president of the United States on a campaign finance issue is an outrage," former Vice President Mike Pence told CNN.

In some quarters, there was a darker reaction. On Fox News, the host Tucker Carlson said the rul-

Up and down the Republican Party, anger and accusations of in-

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### Focus on Porn Star Payment — Surrender May Come in Days

This article is by Ben Protess, Jonah E. Bromwich, William K. Rashbaum, Kate Christobek, Nate Schweber and Sean Piccoli.

A Manhattan grand jury indicted Donald J. Trump on Thursday for his role in paying hush money to a porn star, according to people with knowledge of the matter, a historic development that will shake up the 2024 presidential race and forever mark him as the nation's first former president to face criminal charges.

On Thursday evening, after news of the charges had been widely reported, the district attorney's office confirmed that Mr. Trump had been indicted and that prosecutors had contacted Mr. Trump's attorney to coordinate his surrender to authorities in Manhattan.

Mr. Trump is expected to turn himself in on Tuesday, at which point the former president will be photographed and fingerprinted in the bowels of a New York State courthouse, with Secret Service agents in tow. He will then be arraigned, at which point the specific charges will be unsealed. Mr. Trump faces more than two dozen counts, according to two people familiar with the matter.

Mr. Trump has for decades avoided criminal charges despite persistent scrutiny and repeated investigations, creating an aura of legal invincibility that the indict-

ment now threatens to puncture. But unlike the investigations that arose from his time in the White House — which examined his strong-arm tactics on the international stage, his attempts to overturn the election and his summoning of a mob to the steps of the U.S. Capitol — this case is built around a tawdry episode that predates Mr. Trump's presidency. The reality star turned presidential candidate who shocked the political establishment by winning the White House now faces a reckoning for a hush-money payment that buried a sex scandal in the final days of the 2016 campaign.

In a statement, Mr. Trump lashed out at the district attorney.

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Alvin L. Bragg, the district attorney for Manhattan.

### Usual Booking Likely to Look Anything But

By WILLIAM K. RASHBAUM

He will be fingerprinted. He will be handcuffed. In the days ahead, Donald J. Trump is expected to walk through the routine steps of felony arrest processing in New York, now that a grand jury has voted to indict him in connection with his role in a hush-money payment to a porn star. But the unprecedented arrest of a former commander in chief will be anything but routine.

Accommodations may be made for Mr. Trump. While it is standard for defendants arrested on felony charges to be handcuffed, it is unclear whether an exception will be made for the former president because of his status. Most defendants have their hands cuffed behind their backs, but some white-collar defendants who are deemed to pose less of a danger have their hands secured in front of them.

Mr. Trump will almost certainly be accompanied at every step of the process — from the moment he is taken into custody until his appearance before a judge in Lower Manhattan's imposing Criminal Courts Building — by armed agents of the United States Secret Service, who are required by law to protect him at all times.

Security in the courthouse is provided by state court officers, with whom the Secret Service has worked in the past. But the chief

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### A Nation Finds Itself on a Path Never Traveled

By PETER BAKER

WASHINGTON — For the first time in American history, a former president of the United States has been indicted on criminal charges. It is worth pausing to repeat that: An American president has been indicted for a crime for the first time in history.

So many unthinkable firsts have occurred since Donald J. Trump was elected to the White House in 2016, so many inviolable lines have been crossed, so many unimaginable events have shocked the world that it is easy to lose sight of just how astonishing this particular moment really is.

For all of the focus on the tawdry details of the case or its novel legal theory or its political impact, the larger story is of a country heading down a road it has never traveled before, one fraught with profound consequences for the health of the world's oldest democracy. For more than two centuries, presidents have been held on a pedestal, even the ones swathed in scandal, declared immune from prosecution while in office and, effectively, even afterward.

No longer. That taboo has been broken. A new precedent has been set. Will it tear the country apart, as some feared about

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### With an Arrest, the Kremlin Seals Its Isolation

By ANTON TROIANOVSKI

With the arrest of a Wall Street Journal correspondent on Thursday, President Vladimir V. Putin signaled to the world that he was doubling down on Russia's wartime isolation. Russia has expelled foreign journalists in recent years, but in jailing an American reporter, Evan Gershkovich, and formally accusing him of being a spy, the Kremlin

### U.S. Reporter Held on Espionage Charges

took a step with no precedent since the collapse of the Soviet Union. It was a stunningly provocative move, aimed at one of the best-known Western journalists still working inside Russia and his employer, a pillar of the American news media. Even after Russia invaded

Ukraine, Mr. Putin sought to get his message out to Western audiences, apparently betting that he could win some sympathy amid his conflict with their governments. But a long-held assumption that he is keen on trying to keep some lines of communication open with the West is now firmly obsolete.

Instead, Mr. Putin seems to have embraced a state of political, economic and cultural estrangement from the West more

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The reporter Evan Gershkovich left a Moscow court Thursday.

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## Sob pressão, Bolsonaro volta ao Brasil e mira Lula

Jair Bolsonaro (PL) voltou ao Brasil após 89 dias nos EUA e mirou suas primeiras declarações em Lula (PT) ao dizer que o adversário não poderá fazer "o que bem entender" com o país. O ex-presidente também descartou a chance de sua esposa, Michelle, disputar a Presidência e não vê motivos para ser declarado inelegível em razão de ações na Justiça. **Política A4**

## Ex-presidente ouviu aplausos e grito de 'cadeia' em avião

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## Hélio Schwartsman: O que fazer com Jair Bolsonaro?

Precisamos deixar claro de uma vez por todas que assumir o poder não significa receber cheque em branco. Se Bolsonaro não for punido pelos inúmeros abusos e delitos que cometeu, estaremos sinalizando aos políticos que, para ficar no poder, vale mais ou menos tudo. **Opinião A2**

## Fim da prisão especial para diplomados tem maioria no STF

O STF formou maioria para derrubar previsão de prisão especial a pessoas com diploma de ensino superior que não foram condenadas em definitivo. O julgamento da ação, de autoria do então procurador-geral Rodrigo Janot, deve acabar hoje. **Cotidiano B3**

## Partidos criam bloco de 142 deputados que racha centrão e desafia Lira

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## Indiciado, Trump não deve perder direitos políticos

A Justiça de Manhattan aprovou o indiciamento de Donald Trump, acusado de subornar atriz pornô — decisão inédita contra um ex-presidente. Mesmo se condenado, ele não deve se tornar inelegível, pois os EUA não têm lei como a da Ficha Limpa. **Mundo A14**

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# Regra fiscal prevê alta real de gastos e piso para investimento

Regida pela Constituição, despesa com saúde, educação e emendas poderá crescer acima das demais

A nova regra fiscal apresentada pelo governo Lula (PT) assegura crescimento real de despesas (acima da inflação) em todos os anos, estabelece um piso para investimentos públicos e conta com mais arrecadação para melhorar as contas públicas.

O princípio de limite para gastos se mantém, embora mais flexível. O ritmo de alta das despesas em cada ano estará ligado à variação das receitas, com a condição de que se situe no intervalo de 0,6% e 2,5%. Esses serão o piso e o teto de aumento real.

Atendendo a uma demanda política do PT, os investimentos ganham uma blindagem contra cortes e podem ser ampliados de forma extraordinária, fora do limite de gastos, caso a arrecadação supere as melhores expectativas do governo.

Despesas federais com saúde, educação e emendas poderão crescer acima das demais, pois a Constituição exige que esses gastos estejam atrelados à receita. Assim, a nova regra, a ser criada por projeto de lei, não terá como limitá-las.

Fernando Haddad (Fazenda) disse que a fórmula proposta não é uma "bala de prata" para resolver a situação das contas públicas. "Se quem não paga imposto passar a pagar, todos nós vamos pagar menos juros", afirmou. **Mercado A17, A18 e A20**

## Campos Neto vê 'boa vontade muito grande' da Fazenda

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Jair Bolsonaro acena para apoiadores por uma janela da sede do PL, em Brasília, após retorno ao país. **Gabriela Biló/Folhapress**



Rodrigo (que prefere não dar o nome completo), 22, foi abordado pela polícia com uma arma apontada para o rosto e teve de mostrar carteirainha da USP para ser liberado. **Eduardo Anzelli/Folhapress**

## Justiça mantém validade de abordagem preconceituosa

Na falta de provas concretas, prevalece na Justiça a percepção individual de policiais a respeito de acusados de tráfico de drogas. E essa avaliação se dá por noções vagas e muitas vezes preconceituosas sobre a imagem e o comportamento dos réus, aponta estudo do Núcleo de Justiça Racial e Direito da FGV (Fundação Getúlio Vargas). **Cotidiano B1**

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Premier Li Qiang delivers a keynote speech on Thursday at the opening ceremony of the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2023 in Boao, Hainan province. FENG YONGBIN / CHINA DAILY

## China provides certainty in turbulent times, Li says

By CAO DESHENG in Boao, Hainan  
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Premier Li Qiang called on Thursday for building an Asia-Pacific community with a shared future to inject greater certainty into world peace and development, amid a turbulent international landscape and mounting challenges facing humanity.

In a keynote speech delivered at the opening of the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2023 in Hainan province, Li also assured the participants of the certainty of the prospects for China's development, which, he said, will provide strong impetus to economic growth in the Asia-Pacific region and the world.

More than 1,500 political leaders, business executives, scholars and representatives of think tanks from over 50 countries are attending the meeting themed "An Uncertain World: Solidarity and Cooperation for Development amid Challenges".

Li said that in today's world, instability, uncertainty and unexpected scenarios have become normal, which has made it imperative to generate certainty to keep the world moving toward a brighter future.

Facts have proved that the vision of building a community with a shared future for mankind, proposed by President Xi Jinping 10 years ago, has become a guiding trend and a means for the progress of humanity.

The premier urged building an Asia-Pacific community with a shared future to make the region an anchor for global peace and stability, a source for world economic growth and a hub for international cooperation.

### Sound bites from Boao Forum



**Lee Hsien Loong**, Singaporean prime minister

China has become the largest trading partner of almost every country in Asia. It has launched various regional and global initiatives, such as the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, the Belt and Road Initiative and the Global Development Initiative.



**Pedro Sanchez**, Spanish prime minister

It is essential to rebuild trust, dialogue, solidarity and cooperation in this world. I welcome the intensification of diplomatic contact of the Chinese authorities from around the world. It reflects a high degree of responsibility.



**Anwar Ibrahim**, Malaysian prime minister

What we have seen in the past decades and continue to witness today is that there are other equally legitimate ways of viewing the world and different paths of achieving socioeconomic development.



**Patrick Achi**, Cote d'Ivoire prime minister

China's rapid economic growth in the past decades has provided us with experiences in coping with challenges. Leveraging the strength of human resources, the Chinese people have created vast wealth within an unprecedented short time.



**Kristalina Georgieva**, International Monetary Fund managing director

We expect 2023 to be another difficult year with global growth falling below 3 percent. Asia is a source of dynamism. Together, we can navigate the rough waters to reach a safe harbor. Together, we are wealthier and more secure.

CAO DESHENG

He underlined the need for joint efforts to foster a peaceful and stable development environment amid the turbulent world situation, build a more dynamic growth center to contribute to global economic recovery, explore more effective approaches to strengthen solidarity and cooperation to improve global governance, and promote cultural and people-to-people exchanges to enable various civilizations to coexist in harmony.

"In an uncertain world, China's certainty is the mainstay of upholding world peace and development," he said.

Li said that looking ahead, China's development goals and prospects are certain, as the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China had set the central task of advancing national rejuvenation through the Chinese path toward modernization.

Noting that China's economy has strong momentum for robust development, Li said the nation has the confidence and capability to "get the huge economic vessel forging ahead steadily" to make greater contributions to world economic growth.

"No matter how the world evolves, we will, as always, adhere to reform, opening-up and innovation-driven development," Li said.

"As a country maintaining long-term stability and sustained development, a country forging ahead with strong resolve in a down-to-earth manner, and an open and confident country that is always ready to share with others, China is a huge force in the promotion of world prosperity and stability."

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## CPC to launch Party-wide study drive

Campaign, starting in April, to focus on implementation of Xi Jinping Thought

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The Communist Party of China has decided to launch a thematic campaign for the entire Party to study and implement Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era, highlighting the need to advance the Party's self-reform and maintain its advanced nature and purity.

A meeting on Thursday of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee — the Party's central decision-making body — adopted the decision to conduct the campaign within the Party starting from April, focusing on officials at and above the county and director level, according to a statement issued after the meeting.

Xi Jinping, general secretary of the CPC Central Committee, presided over the meeting.

It was pointed out at the meeting that the campaign is to use the Party's new theories to achieve unity in thought, will and action, carry forward the great founding spirit of the Party, and see that the whole Party strives in unity to build a modern socialist country in all respects and advance the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation on all fronts.

The meeting highlighted the significance of the campaign in enabling Party members to comprehensively study, grasp and put in place the guiding principles of the 20th CPC National Congress, apply the new development philosophy, foster a new pattern of development, promote high-quality development and advance the Chinese path to modernization.

It is also instrumental to forging ahead with the Party's self-reform, staying alert and determined to tackle the special challenges that a large party like the CPC faces, always remaining close to the people and maintaining the Party's advanced nature and purity, the statement said.

The campaign is also key to providing strong and powerful political guidance and a political guarantee in forging ahead in the new journey and making greater contributions in the new era, according to the statement.

The meeting laid out the overall requirements and fundamental tasks for the thematic campaign, calling on Party members to apply what they have learned in practice, act on their beliefs, and turn Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era into a powerful force for strengthening ideals, enhancing Party consciousness, guiding practice and advancing work.

The purpose is to ensure that the entire Party can always maintain unity in thought, firm beliefs, coordinated actions and strong vigor, the statement said.

The campaign is expected to attain goals for strengthening the spirit of Party members, building up their character and loyalty, and enabling them to promote development through concrete actions, enhancing the people's well-being through acting on the fundamental purposes of the CPC and promoting clean governance.

The meeting called on Party committees and leading Party members groups at all levels to address the pressing concerns of the people, make special efforts in tackling prominent problems, and ensure that the campaign is carried out in an effective and sustainable manner.

The meeting also deliberated on the regulations on the reporting of personal information by officials.

Reporting personal information to authorities truthfully is a political and organizational discipline that officials must abide by, said the meeting, calling on officials to willingly submit to organizational oversight.

The meeting called on senior officials to take the lead in implementation by reporting their personal information, thereby setting a good example.

## Rallying for unity



Protesters gather in Manhattan as leader of the Taiwan region Tsai Ing-wen arrives at a hotel in New York City on Wednesday. Tsai is scheduled to visit some Central American countries through April 7. China sees her so-called "transit" through the United States as a ploy to propagate "Taiwan independence". JEENAH MOON / REUTERS  
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## SERENE TEMPLES OFFER WELCOME RESPITE FROM CITY LIFE

Visitors attracted by peace and quiet at mountain venues

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Temples provide a welcome change of pace from city life by offering peace and quiet, along with the chance to taste distinctive cuisine.

Visitors can also experience Zen practice at temples — a method through which the mind becomes settled and aware, unencumbered by thoughts, while being capable of more focused thinking.

In September, Beijing resident



Lyu Bingjie, 28, took a three-hour train journey to Dayunfeng Temple, which lies deep in the mountains of Miyun district, northeastern Beijing.

"I had always wanted to visit a temple as a volunteer worker, especially after seeing the disciplined and peaceful experiences shared online by other volunteers," Lyu said.

Pressure from her job at an internet company fueled her desire to visit a temple. "I was working overtime often and my daily routine was irregular. I was looking forward to taking a break," she said.

Lyu decided to put her plan into practice after being involved in a fall, which resulted in her eyelids requiring stitches. "There were so many negative feelings building up inside me that I had to blow off steam," she said.

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## TRUMP INDICTED

He becomes the first former U.S. president to face criminal charges



FORMER PRESIDENT Trump, shown last week, is expected to surrender to Manhattan authorities quietly.

EVAN VUCCI Associated Press

Alleged hush-money payment to porn star is at center of case; 'Political Persecution,' he claims

BY SARAH D. WIRE AND ARIT JOHN

WASHINGTON — Former President Trump was indicted Thursday in New York City on charges related to an alleged hush-money payment made to a porn actor in the final days of the 2016 campaign, marking the first time in history that a former U.S. president has been criminally prosecuted.

The unprecedented indictment, confirmed Thursday by Trump's attorneys, comes as Trump is facing separate investigations into his alleged involvement in 2020 election interference by his supporters and the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol, along with his handling of classified documents after leaving office.

"He did not commit any crime. We will vigorously fight this political prosecution in Court," Trump's lawyers Susan Necheles and Joseph Tacopina said in a statement.

Manhattan Dist. Atty. Alvin Bragg's office said Thursday night that it had reached out to Trump's attorneys to coordinate his surrender. Multiple outlets reported that Tacopina said Trump's arraignment is likely to occur early next week. The indictment is sealed and the exact charges a New York grand jury voted to bring against Trump are still unknown. They are expected to be related to a \$130,000 payment made by his former attorney Michael Cohen to adult film star Stormy Daniels, money allegedly paid to prevent the actor from publicly saying she had an affair with Trump. The former president has been accused of hiding his reimbursement of Cohen by funneling it through his business and recording the payments as legal services.

Trump is a declared candidate for president in 2024, and his Republican allies have sought to portray Bragg's work as politically motivated, with the former president calling on his supporters in a recent social media post to protest and "take our nation back." Over the last year, Bragg revived the investigation, which was initiated in 2018 but was repeatedly placed on the back burner.

There's no set timetable for the indictment to be made public. Bragg could ask a judge [See Trump, A6]

### What's next for Trump and GOP?

A look at the political ramifications of the indictment on the 2024 presidential race and beyond. **NATION, A6**

## Ridley-Thomas convicted on 7 counts in corruption case

In stunning downfall, the veteran L.A. politician is found guilty of conspiracy, bribery and fraud, and could face years in prison

BY MATT HAMILTON

Mark Ridley-Thomas, one of Los Angeles County's most prominent politicians, was found guilty Thursday of federal corruption charges for extracting special benefits for his son from USC while voting in support of motions and a contract sought by the university.

The verdict, which jurors reached in their fifth day of deliberations, marks a devastating fall for a man who for more than 30 years was a power broker in L.A. politics and a staunch advocate for civil rights and racial justice.

Ridley-Thomas, 69, now faces the possibility of years in federal prison and the permanent loss of his seat on the L.A. City Council, from which he has been suspended for the last 17 months.

Of the 19 counts against Ridley-Thomas, jurors found him guilty of seven: conspiracy, bribery, honest services mail fraud and four counts of honest services wire fraud.

As U.S. District Judge [See Verdict, A12]



THE CONVICTION of Mark Ridley-Thomas, shown leaving court Monday, is the most high-profile in a string of victories for federal prosecutors in L.A.

DANIA MAKWELL Los Angeles Times

### Was justice served?

Outcome of the trial doesn't feel that way to Black Angelenos, columnist Erika D. Smith writes. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

### City Council seat opens

Fill-in Hutt could be reappointed; a special election is also possible to fill Ridley-Thomas' seat. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

## DeSantis snoozes, loses to Disney

MICHAEL HILTZIK

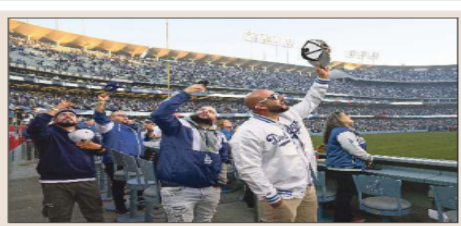
Did you really believe that Florida's arrogant Gov. Ron DeSantis would get the better of Walt Disney Co. in their fight over Disney's supposed "wokeness"?



If so, you don't know your Disney. DeSantis handpicked a board of cronies to take over control of Reedy Creek Improvement District — the quasi-governmental entity that Disney and Florida established more than 55 years ago to control development and management of the land on which Walt Disney World, Epcot and the company's related en-

terprises sit. DeSantis' board has now revealed that, while they were snoozing, Disney executed an agreement with their predecessors that strips the new board of all its powers except the authority to "maintain the roads and maintain basic infrastructure," according to one of the new board members.

Hilariously, the agreement Disney reached will remain in effect at least until 21 years "after the death of the last survivor of the descendants of King Charles III, King of England," currently living. More on this delicious provision in a moment. First, let's get a legal commentator's opinion of where the Disney-DeSantis battle stands. [See Hiltzik, A9]



GINA FERAZZI Los Angeles Times

### PLAY BALL!

Fans celebrate a flyover before L.A.'s opening-day win over Arizona at Dodger Stadium. **SPORTS, B12**

### Fight brews over housing trust

L.A. seeks receiver for skid row properties in disrepair as bank seeks control of nonprofit's finances. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Weather Cloudy, L.A. Basin: 65/47. **B6**

### Health costs rise as inflation dips

Providers seek to make up for soaring labor costs and losses during pandemic. **BUSINESS, A8**

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## Region's COVID emergency ends, but virus lingers

L.A. County officials say infections are at a 20-month low, but the disease is here to stay.

BY LUKE MONEY AND RONG-GONG LIN II

Los Angeles County is officially ending its COVID-19 emergency declaration Friday, a milestone that comes as the region's coronavirus case rate has fallen to its lowest level since summer 2021.

It's perhaps fitting that the nation's most populous county delayed lifting its local declaration, doing so a month after the state. L.A. County has been one of the hardest-hit parts of California — so much so that the National Guard had to transport corpses from overwhelmed hospital

morgues during the pandemic's first winter. Officials also led the nation in sounding the alarm about the danger posed by the Delta variant, which fueled a significant surge in the following summer.

But L.A. County health officials, like their counterparts across the state, say the local declaration has served its purpose and the region is now ready to enter a promising new phase.

"While it remains critical to continue to control the spread of COVID-19 in our homes, workplaces and communities, we no longer need to rely on emergency orders to ensure we have and can use life-saving tools and mitigation strategies," Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer said this month. "Investments made to date have resulted in robust [See COVID, A7]

## L.A. County is still losing people

Population has been slower to rebound from COVID losses than in other areas.

BY TERRY CASTLEMAN AND NATHAN SOLIS

Los Angeles County was one of the urban areas that was hit hardest by significant population drops at the beginning of the pandemic. But while some other urban counties began to rebound in 2021-22 with rising population numbers, Los Angeles County continued to lose people, new data show.

According to a new census report, more than two-thirds of America's largest counties — those with more

than 100,000 people — saw population gains from July 2021 to July 2022.

Los Angeles County lost 90,704 people during that period, one of several big California counties to see a population drop.

Still, the L.A. County declines marked an improvement from the 2020-2021 period, when the county lost 180,394 people.

Demographic experts stressed that the data reflect movements of the population when COVID-19 was still a major concern — and that it is possible Los Angeles County's population could be starting to rebound and that numbers from 2022-23 will bear that out.

Remote work has allowed people in many parts of the [See Population, A7]



## Boca sigue buscando DT Martino, no a Riquelme

El entrenador declinó la oferta y el Consejo de Fútbol tantea candidatos a una semana de la Copa. p. 40



## La primera revisión de los 0 km. será a los 4 años

Es por los cambios que se harán en la VTV. p. 35

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# Cifras oficiales: volvió a subir la pobreza y ya llega al 45% en el Conurbano

El Indec registró en la última etapa de 2022 que hay un 39,2% de personas pobres en todo el país, que suman 18.800.000 en total. Esas cifras empeorarán cuando se releven los datos de este año por el repunte de la inflación en

el primer trimestre. El sector de la población más castigado es el de los jóvenes y niños: un 54,6% de ellos vive en hogares pobres. La única funcionaria que salió a hablar fue la ministra de Desarrollo Social y culpó a la inflación. p. 3

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## Por la crisis de las reservas lanzarán un nuevo dólar para el campo

Economía quiere extender a otros cultivos y segmentos del agro el beneficio que obtuvieron los productores con las dos etapas del dólar soja. Les ofrecerán un dólar más alto que el oficial para que liquiden sus producciones e ingresen divisas al Banco Central. p. 8

## Reuniones en EE.UU.

El Gobierno le pidió a Biden un plan puente para llegar a diciembre.

LA AGENDA DEL CONGRESO

## Se calienta la pelea entre la oposición y Cristina por el control del Senado

El kirchnerismo logró trabar una sesión especial que había propuesto Juntos por el Cambio, pero no consiguió imponer su propio temario. La formación de un bloque de peronistas no kirchneristas le quitó a la vicepresidenta el manejo de la agenda. p. 12

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## Trump irá a juicio por haber mentido sobre el pago a una actriz porno

Es el primer ex presidente procesado en la historia de EE.UU. Lo acusan de pagarle US\$ 130 mil dólares a la mujer para que no revele la relación que tuvieron durante la campaña de 2016. p. 23

Performance. Semidesnudos, gritos y lenguaje crudo en los jardines del Fernández Blanco.



## Por un escándalo, echan a una funcionaria porteña

Fue por una performance del grupo Opera Periférica, que combinaba lenguaje vulgar y porno en el Museo Fernández Blanco. Por eso despidieron a la gerenta de Museos de la Ciudad y desde la Secretaría de Cultura salieron a disculparse con el público. p. 48

UN DETENIDO Y UNA DEMORADA

## Misterio en Retiro: una mujer cayó de un 6° piso y murió

Tenía 28 años y estaba en un departamento de Libertad al 1.500 con un empresario y otra mujer, brasileña. Esta tiene que declarar como testigo y el hombre -que se dedica a los negocios agropecuarios- fue detenido e impu-

tado. Según los vecinos se habían escuchado gritos durante toda la madrugada y las fiestas eran frecuentes. El empresario declaró que la mujer "estaba alterada" y que se habría arrojado a través de una ventana. p. 38

## Trump Indicted Over Hush Money

Criminal case sought by Manhattan DA is first against an ex-president, charges under wraps

By CORINNE RAMEY AND JOE PALAZZOLO

Donald Trump was indicted for his role in paying hush-money to a porn star on the eve of the 2016 election, marking the first time in American

history that a former president has faced criminal charges.

The grand jury returned the indictment of Mr. Trump after a vote on Thursday, kicking off a process in which the former president is expected to come to New York to face the charges. The indictment, sought by the office of Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg, isn't public. In New York, judges routinely keep charges under seal until defen-

dants make their initial appearance in court.

"This evening we contacted Mr. Trump's attorney to coordinate his surrender," a Bragg spokeswoman said.

Mr. Trump is likely to surrender and appear for his arraignment on Tuesday, said Susan Necheles, one of his lawyers.

Ms. Necheles and fellow Trump lawyer Joe Tacopina said, "He did not commit any crime. We will vigorously

fight this political prosecution in court."

Mr. Trump said in a statement that Democrats had "done the unthinkable—indicting a completely innocent person in an act of blatant Election Interference."

"Weaponizing our justice system to punish a political opponent, who just so happens to be a President of the United States and by far the leading Republican candidate for President, has never happened be-

fore," he said.

The case brought by Mr. Bragg, a Democrat, is far from a sure bet. Mr. Bragg's predecessor, Cyrus Vance Jr., and federal prosecutors each passed on charging Mr. Trump in a stand-alone case related to the hush money. If the case goes to trial, a conviction would almost certainly require a jury to credit the testimony of former Trump attorney Michael Cohen, who has faced his own legal troubles and

pleaded guilty to an array of federal felonies in 2018. Among them was a campaign-finance offense for the pornstar payment, as well as charges of lying to a bank and to Congress.

Mr. Cohen says Mr. Trump directed him to pay Stormy Daniels.

◆ Indictment complicates Trump White House bid... A4  
◆ Case will likely hinge on evidence of coverage... A5



Wall Street Journal reporter Evan Gershkovich, inset, is taken by officers from court in Moscow on Thursday.

## U.S. Condemns Russia's Arrest Of WSJ Reporter

The Biden administration condemned the detention of a Wall Street Journal reporter in Russia for what Moscow described as espionage, the first

By Daniel Michaels, Vivian Salama and Jared Malsin

such case of an American journalist detained for allegations of spying since the Cold War. The arrest of 31-year-old Evan Gershkovich, a Russian speaker whose parents came to the U.S. from the Soviet Union, marked the latest diplomatic flashpoint between Moscow and Washington.

The two countries, already on opposite sides of a war in Ukraine, have also clashed over the arrests of each other's citizens and the state of nuclear arms treaties.

President Biden was briefed on the detention of Mr. Gersh-

kovich, White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre told reporters. She reiterated earlier State Department warnings that Americans are urged to avoid traveling to Russia.

"We've been very clear about Americans not going to Russia. It is not safe," Ms. Jean-Pierre said.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken said the U.S. seeks immediate consular access to Mr. Gershkovich so it can provide the appropriate support.

"In the strongest possible terms, we condemn the Kremlin's continued attempts to intimidate, repress, and punish journalists and civil society voices," Mr. Blinken said.

Russia's main security agency on Thursday said it had detained Mr. Gershkovich in the city of Yekaterinburg, around 800 miles east of Moscow, on Wednesday while he was on a

## Celebrities See Red On Twitter Blue Fees

By ALEXA CORSE

Twitter Inc.'s plan to remove legacy blue check marks for verified accounts heralds an end to a longtime social-media status symbol and is prompting complaints from some of the platform's celebrity contributors concerned about potential impersonation.

The departing system, in which Twitter verified notable accounts to confirm their authenticity by adding a blue check mark next to the user's

name, will give way starting April 1 to one in which users must purchase a subscription to be verified, the company has said. Twitter, which previously didn't charge for verification, is only providing it now to those who pay \$8 to \$11 for a monthly subscription, depending on whether it is paid via mobile or web browser.

The revamped subscription program, called Twitter Blue, offers other features including the ability to edit tweets. Elon

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## Bank Fears Hit Small Lenders, Clients

By David Benoit, Rachel Louise Ensign, Peter Rudegeair and Ruth Simon

Scott Anderson answered the doorbell one night in March to find his 8-year-old neighbor waiting with a bag of popcorn. Mr. Anderson, the chief executive of Zions Bank in Utah, had helped the boy open an account on his birthday last year.

"Is my money safe?" the boy asked, Mr. Anderson said at an industry conference last week.

The collapse of a pair of lenders in rapid succession is testing Americans' faith in the regional and community banks that supply credit to a big

chunk of the nation's entrepreneurs and businesses.

Bankers across the U.S. fielded panicky calls and texts after Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank collapsed this month. Their social-media feeds were jammed with stories of people moving their money—or at least talking

about doing so. Deposits flooded into megabanks, whose failure the government would almost certainly prevent.

The 25 biggest U.S. banks gained \$120 billion in deposits in the days after SVB collapsed, according to Federal Reserve data. All the U.S. banks below that level shed \$108 billion over the same period. It was the largest weekly decline in smaller banks' deposits in dollar terms on record.

Meanwhile, more than \$220 billion has flowed into money-

market funds over the past two weeks, according to data from Refinitiv Lipper.

The panic has subsided, but the deposit swings could have long-lasting repercussions for the communities served by smaller banks.

Bankers need deposits to make loans; if deposits fall, lending is almost sure to follow.

Furthermore, the recent turmoil could spur banks to start paying depositors higher interest rates, crimping earnings

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## Sleepovers Are Now A Battleground

Slumber parties get tricky—'I've had parents ask me if we have a water filter'

By LANE FLORSHEIM

Deborah Pagani, a fine-jewelry and hair-accessories designer in Manhattan, says that before her 14-year-old's friends sleep over, their parents often ask the same laundry list of questions: Do she and her husband smoke? Are they planning

to leave the house? Is their liquor locked up? (No, no and, well, no—but their two dogs go ballistic if anyone moves around the apartment at night, limiting the ability of underage guests to snoop around.)

"I've had parents ask me if we have a water filter, which

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## At Railroads, 'Hurry Up and Get It Done'

Norfolk Southern sets guideline to inspect a railcar's wheels and brakes in one minute

By Esther Fung, Kris Maher and Paul Berger

In the world of railroading, keeping the trains moving is paramount, and Norfolk Southern Corp. has little tolerance for late departures.

Supervisors can be penalized for trains that are ready to leave but instead sit in rail yards, according to current and former employees of the Atlanta-based railroad. Train inspection time frames are tight. Employees who seek more-stringent reviews of rail equipment or slow down transport can face discipline.

Scott Wilcox, a sixth-generation railroader who is retired from Norfolk

Southern, said its railcar inspectors used to have five to eight minutes to check a car's wheels and brakes for problems like leaky bearings or damaged components. Now they often have between 30 seconds and a minute, he said.

"So basically all they're doing is connecting air hoses between the cars for the brake system and that's it," he said. "They don't have time to do anything

else. At least not without getting in trouble."

Norfolk Southern's practices are a focus of regulators after a spate of accidents since December 2021. Its derailment in East Palestine, Ohio, on Feb. 3, releasing toxic chemicals, has spurred lawsuits from residents, business owners and the state alleging negligence.

The National Transportation Safety Board opened a special probe into the railroad's safety culture. The Federal Railroad Administration also opened an accident probe.

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## Business & Finance

The failures of Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank are testing Americans' faith in the regional and community lenders that supply credit to a big chunk of the nation's entrepreneurs and businesses. A1  
◆ The White House called for tougher rules for midsize banks after the two collapses earlier this month sent tremors through the banking system. A6  
◆ Billionaire Jack Ma orchestrated from overseas the corporate breakup of the

Alibaba e-commerce empire he built, according to people familiar with the matter. B1  
◆ The average Wall Street bonus fell 26% last year, the biggest percentage drop since the 2008 financial crisis, as a slump in deal making cut into bankers' compensation. B2  
◆ U.S. stocks extended their gains into a second day, with the Nasdaq, S&P 500 and Dow advancing 0.7%, 0.6% and 0.4%, respectively. B11  
◆ Bankman-Fried pleaded not guilty to new federal

charges tied to the collapse of FTX and his lawyer said he planned to challenge the new criminal counts. B10  
◆ Bed Bath & Beyond said it will try to sell up to \$300 million of common stock in the open market while terminating a fundraising deal with hedge fund Hudson Bay. B3

## What's News

### World-Wide

◆ Donald Trump was indicted for his role in paying hush-money to a porn star on the eve of the 2016 election, marking the first time in American history that a former president has faced criminal charges. A1, A4-5

◆ The Biden administration condemned the detention of a Wall Street Journal reporter in Russia for what Moscow described as espionage, the first such case of an American journalist detained for allegations of spying since the Cold War. A1  
◆ Turkey's parliament ratified Finland's entrance into NATO, removing the last obstacle to a historic expansion of the alliance in response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine. A10  
◆ A federal judge in Texas struck down a major part of the Affordable Care Act's re-

quirement that most insurers cover certain preventive health services, in a ruling that applies nationwide and will likely be appealed. A2  
◆ Bolsonaro returned to Brazil on Thursday for the first time since da Silva took office as president in January, vowing to bolster opposition to the country's leftist government. A5  
◆ Nine U.S. soldiers died when two Black Hawk helicopters crashed during a training exercise in Kentucky, the Army said. A3



## N.Y. grand jury indicts Trump

### The throughline of a life: 50 years of investigation on many fronts

BY MARC FISHER

For a half-century, Donald Trump has portrayed himself as the consummate dealmaker — and the ultimate escape artist, a serial entrepreneur turned politician who managed to avoid major consequences despite having been investigated in every decade of his adult life by federal and state agencies, by bankers and casino regulators, by legions of prosecutors and competitors. He's been investigated over matters small and huge: over alleged lobbying violations in New York state and whether he played

a role in the Russian government's effort to interfere with the 2016 U.S. presidential election. He was the only president to be impeached twice, yet he was acquitted both times.

Now, 50 years after federal officials first accused Trump and his father of violating laws that barred racial discrimination in apartment rentals, the former president has been indicted, according to multiple people briefed on the matter. While the indictment has not been made public, a Manhattan grand jury has been investigating the payment of hush

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Former president Donald Trump was indicted Thursday by a Manhattan grand jury, although the charges remain under seal.

### FIRST EX-PRESIDENT CHARGED WITH A CRIME

#### Plans afoot for possible arraignment early next week

BY SHAYNA JACOBS, JACQUELINE ALEMANY, JOSH DAWSEY AND DEVLIN BARRETT

NEW YORK — A Manhattan grand jury has voted to indict former president Donald Trump, making him the first person in U.S. history to serve as commander in chief and then be charged with a crime, and setting the stage for a 2024 presidential contest unlike any other.

The indictment was sealed, which means the specific charge or charges are not publicly

known. But the grand jury had been hearing evidence about money paid to adult film actress Stormy Daniels during Trump's 2016 presidential campaign, allegedly to keep her from saying she'd had a sexual encounter with Trump years earlier. Trump advisers were discussing a possible Tuesday surrender and court appearance, according to a person familiar with the discussions.

Trump, who is campaigning to

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What's next? Breaking down how a historic first is likely to proceed. A6

## To start the season, MLB picks up the pace

### Pitch clock is among new rules debuting on baseball's Opening Day

BY CHELSEA JONES, SCOTT ALLEN, BEN STRAUSS AND GENE WANG

NEW YORK — For more than a century of Opening Days, Major League Baseball held treasured status as the only major team sport not governed by a clock. America's pastime was always unique in — and at times even prouder of — its ability to pause, to proceed unhurried by reality until the game decided it was complete.

But under sunny skies in Washington and Boston, Chicago and New York on Thursday afternoon, a digital clock with yellow numbers gleamed behind home plate and in center field. It was the first day MLB's potentially transformative new rules were used across the field, including a limit on how long pitchers can take between pitches, a ban on infield shifting and bigger bases.

The first official pitch clock violation came in Chicago, where Cubs starter Marcus Stroman watched a 1-2 count on Milwaukee Brewers outfielder Christian Yelich become a 2-2 count when

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### What's new?

A pitch clock is being introduced for the first time in baseball history.

A new, more balanced schedule will have every team play one another at least once, and division foes will play 13 times instead of 19.

A new broadcast infrastructure is likely on the way, which could help MLB in the streaming era.

And after years of testing in the minors, other new rules banning exaggerated shifts and capping the number of pickoff throws will be in place.

Nats drop opener: Abrams, Corbin struggle in 7-2 loss to Braves. D1

### AMERICAN ICON A series examining the AR-15, a weapon with a singular hold on a divided nation



A Colorado Springs police officer at the annual Medal of Valor ceremony in September. The city's police department has responded to several mass shootings in recent years, and many of its officers now carry AR-15s.

## THE POLICING PARADOX

### As officers patrol the nation's gun-saturated streets, the AR-15 can be a deadly threat — or a source of protection

STORY BY ROBERT KLEMKO  
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IN COLORADO SPRINGS

Chris Burns tore the AR-15 out of his patrol cruiser, wrapping the rifle sling around his body, feeling he might be forced to shoot a man for the first time in more than two decades as a police officer.

He was training his weapon on a man who had leaped from a wrecked stolen car and appeared to be carrying a tactical rifle of his own. The man had stopped outside a car parked at a gas station fuel pump. Burns didn't know if anyone was inside the vehicle.

For Burns, it was the nightmare scenario: Hefting the weapon of war he'd started carrying after the 1999 Columbine High School massacre, hoping for a fighting chance as he confronted a threat, knowing the bullet-resistant vests he and his fellow officers were wearing would fail if the man sent a fusillade of high-speed bullets their way.

"We might as well have been naked," he said, recalling that crisp day in April 2021.

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## High-capacity-magazine bans, if they hold up in court, could save lives

BY MARK BERMAN AND TODD C. FRANKEL

The first gunshot cracked through the air just after 1 a.m.

Then came another shot, and another. They kept coming, again and again, each shot thundering across downtown Dayton, Ohio. In just half a minute, more than three dozen gunshots echoed through the crowded streets.

Dion Green recalls hitting the sidewalk next to his father and fiancée, who had come out with him in August 2019. It had been a routine Saturday night: people dancing, drinking, standing in line to get into a bar, waiting for tacos outside. Green barely had time to drop down as the masked shooter ran by and kept firing. All around Green, bullets ripped into people's heads, chests, backs, arms and legs. People ran from the carnage, diving behind

parked cars and scrambling into nearby bars and clubs, piling on top of one another as they huddled on the floor.

"It was like war," Green said. "And I got angry. Because why was there a full-on war going on in the middle of the street?" Thirty-two seconds after that first shot, the barrage ended when police killed the gunman. But the toll was already immense.

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Mark Russell, 1932-2023 The social-political satirist poked fun at foibles and flaws with pithy one-liners and musical ditties. B1

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