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Business & Finance

Google reported a second straight drop in advertising revenue, extending a rare decline as the company navigates economic concerns and tries to capitalize on recent advances in artificial intelligence. **A1**

◆ **First Republic Bank** shares lost about half their value a day after the lender reported first-quarter results that showed a deposit hemorrhage in March that was worse than expected. **B1**

◆ **U.S. stocks declined**, with the S&P 500, Nasdaq and Dow falling 1.6%, 2% and 1%, respectively. **B3**

◆ **Microsoft** said its growth remained subdued last quarter as economic concerns cooled consumer demand and corporate orders for its software and cloud services. **B1**

◆ **GM** raised its full-year profit outlook, citing consumers' willingness to spend big on high-end models, and said it would drop the Chevrolet Bolt from its lineup. **B1**

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◆ **BAT** agreed to pay more than \$635 million to resolve charges that it conspired to violate U.S. sanctions by selling cigarettes to North Korea. **A3**

◆ **3M** said it is cutting thousands more jobs as part of a restructuring meant to focus on fast-growing parts of its business. **B4**

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◆ **Biden** opened his 2024 re-election campaign by casting Republicans as a danger to democracy and abortion rights, while the GOP countered that the presidential contest would pivot on the faltering economy and Mr. Biden's age. **A1**

◆ **Russian jet fighters** and drones are harassing U.S. forces in Syria with increasing frequency, U.S. officials said, creating new risks of a deadly miscalculation between the two military superpowers. **A1**

◆ **Russia** is piling pressure on Ukraine and Western governments over a deal that reopened key Ukrainian ports for vital grain exports, renewing threats to back out of the pact. **A8**

◆ **Nikki Haley** called for the Republican Party to be more pragmatic in its approach to abortion and to work harder to find consensus with Democrats in an effort to reduce the frequency of the procedure. **A4**

◆ **Senators** will introduce a bipartisan bill Wednesday that would require the Supreme Court to create its own code of conduct within a year, following media reports that raise questions about whether Justices Thomas and Gorsuch properly disclosed their financial activities. **A6**

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Biden Opens Re-Election Bid

Oldest-ever president's decision to seek second term sets up potential rematch with Trump

By CATHERINE LUCEY AND KEN THOMAS

WASHINGTON—President Biden opened his 2024 re-election campaign by casting Republicans as a danger to democracy and abortion rights,

while the GOP countered that the presidential contest would pivot on the faltering economy and Mr. Biden's age.

Mr. Biden formally launched his bid for a second term Tuesday with a video message, a declaration that puts him on the path to a potential rematch with the man he beat in 2020—former President Donald Trump. The 2024 campaign will play out in an era of political polarization, with both parties fighting over a small num-

ber of battleground states and the narrow slice of the electorate that isn't firmly in one camp or the other.

In the video, Mr. Biden, a Democrat, frames the election as a question of "whether in the years ahead we have more freedom or less freedom, more rights or fewer. I know what I want the answer to be and I think you do, too. This is not a time to be complacent. That's why I'm running for re-election." He cites abortion access,

same-sex marriage and voting rights as examples of freedoms under threat.

The three-minute video opens with images of the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol, and then references the Supreme Court's overturning of Roe vs. Wade before Mr. Biden says the word: "Freedom," pointing to the American value.

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Belafonte, Star Who Fought for Civil Rights, Dies at 96



LEGACY: Harry Belafonte, who transcended racial barriers through his music and films, died Tuesday. Mr. Belafonte, shown in Paris with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1966, used his stardom to galvanize support for the civil-rights movement. **A2**

Slur by Carlson Helped Seal Fate

By KEACH HAGEY, JOE FLINT AND ISABELLA SIMONETTI

Several weeks ago, as Fox News lawyers prepared for a courtroom showdown with Dominion Voting Systems, they presented Tucker Carlson with what they thought was good news: They had persuaded the court to redact from a legal filing the time he called a senior Fox News executive the c-

word, according to people familiar with the matter.

Mr. Carlson, Fox News's most-watched prime time host, wasn't impressed. He told his colleagues that he wanted the world to know what he had said about the executive in a private message, the people said. Mr. Carlson said comments he made about former

President Donald Trump—"I hate him passionately"—that were in the court documents were spoken during a momentary spasm of anger, while his dislike of this executive was deep and enduring.

The messages were part of a trove of emails and texts from Fox executives and hosts that were made public as a result of Dominion's defamation

lawsuit. The voting-machine company accused Fox networks of airing false claims by hosts and guests that Dominion helped rig the outcome of the 2020 presidential election in favor of Joe Biden. Fox News parent Fox Corp. last

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U.S. Says Russia Endangers Its Forces In Syria

By DION NISSENBAUM

Russian jet fighters and drones are harassing U.S. forces in Syria with increasing frequency, U.S. officials said, creating new risks of a deadly miscalculation between the two military superpowers.

Over the past two months, armed Russian warplanes have repeatedly violated longstanding agreements with the U.S. by flying dangerously close to U.S. jet fighters over Syria and over U.S. forces working in the country, the officials said late Monday.

"It's a ripe situation for us to see some sort of miscalculation," said Air Force Lt. Gen. Alexis Grynkevich, who oversees U.S. military operations in the skies above Syria and 20 other nations in the Middle East and Southeast Asia as head of the U.S. Air Forces Central Command.

"It signals a breakdown in professionalism that I have never seen out of the Russian Air Force," he said.

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IKEA Chops and Lightens Its Bestsellers to Cut Costs

Inflation sends bookcases, beds and chairs back to the drawing board

By TREFOR MOSS

ÄLMHULT, Sweden—Amid IKEA's colorful staged living rooms, piles of unlaut-laden housewares and endless rows of flat-pack boxes is furniture that can have shoppers wondering: How does that chair cost only \$35?

IKEA grew into a furniture behemoth with a relentless focus on keeping costs low, but that goal has become more challenging. The price of metal, glass, wood and plastic have spiraled up, as have shipping costs. Inflation

has squeezed consumers' wallets. Managers at IKEA knew that something had to change to keep prices down and profits up, so in the past couple of years they have taken some of their products back to the drawing board.

Designers experimented with ways to reduce IKEA's reliance on wood—even in its trademark wooden furniture—to cut material and shipping costs. Lighter, less expensive plastics, they discovered, could be used instead in cabinet doors and drawers.

They learned that they could substitute

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Ice Cubes in the Family Bathtub: Amateurs Dip Into Cold Therapy

Seek alleged health benefits of ice-water bathing: 'We just thought he was insane'

By JULIE WERNAU

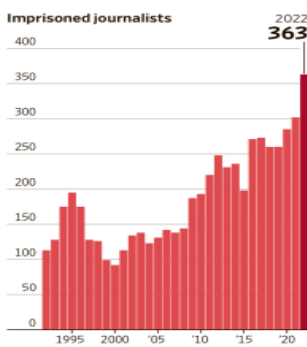
Justin Mullner, a 40-year-old doctor, emptied his family's two ice makers into the bathtub at his home in Orlando, Fla., added cold water, checked the temperature with a thermometer, stripped down to his swim trunks and hopped in.

His wife, Blair Heinke, heard him screaming less than a minute later. "I thought he was a wimp," said Dr. Heinke, a former marathoner. "The ice cubes all melted. That's not cold."

Ice-water bathing once was the bone-chilling specialty of Scandinavian health fanatics and pro athletes with aching muscles. Now, thanks to social-media influencers such as Dutch extreme athlete Wim Hof, aka "Iceman," actress Gwyneth Paltrow, and ultramarathoner David Goggins, it is having a mainstream moment.

Amateurs like Dr. Mullner are checking out for themselves the alleged health benefits of cold-water immersion, includ-

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Fears For Press Freedom Increase

The Committee to Protect Journalists criticized the European Union, among the world's strongest backers of media freedom, for not doing enough to protect reporters. A record 363 journalists were jailed globally in 2022, according to the group. Russia detained the WSJ's Evan Gershovitch in March. **A12**

Source: Committee to Protect Journalists

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Biden asks for 'time to finish the job' with a second term in White House

◆ 2024 re-election bid confirmed ◆ Prospect of rematch with Trump ◆ No serious Democratic rival

LAUREN FEDOR — WASHINGTON

Joe Biden has announced he will seek a second term in the White House, ending months of speculation and firing the starting gun on a 2024 re-election campaign that could result in a rematch of his 2020 clash with Donald Trump.

In a video posted to social media yesterday that sought to depict him as the voice of moderation against rightwing Republicans and signalled the themes of his campaign, the president said: "This is not a time to be complacent; that is why I am running for re-election."

Against images of the January 6 2021 attack on the US Capitol, Biden said the question the US was facing "is whether in the years ahead we have more freedom or less freedom, more rights or fewer". He added that "around the country... extremists are lining up to take on those bedrock freedoms".

Biden has long hinted that he would seek a second term but the official launch of his campaign quells doubts that the 80-year-old president would run for re-election and allows him to begin fundraising aggressively to support his campaign apparatus.

The Biden campaign began soliciting donations from grassroots supporters almost immediately. Biden is expected to convene a meeting of deep-pocketed donors in Washington this week.

"It's time to finish the job," Biden said in a speech before an audience of trade unionists in Washington yesterday, a few hours after the launch.

Vice-president Kamala Harris featured prominently in his re-election video, underscoring the central role she is likely to play in the re-election bid.

A serious primary challenge from within party ranks is unlikely: the only Democrats to launch presidential bids so far are Marianne Williamson, the self-help author, and Robert F Kennedy Jr, an environmental lawyer and scion of the Kennedy family who is prominent for his anti-vaccine views.

However, Biden is still likely to face an uphill battle in the general election against a Republican opponent. The electorate is sharply divided, and Biden



has battled persistently low approval ratings for much of his presidency. Allies argue that Biden and the Democrats defied low expectations in last year's midterm elections and can do so again in 2024, especially if Trump is at the top of the Republican ticket.

Trump, 76, remains the apparent

frontrunner in the Republican primary field, although several challengers, including Florida governor Ron DeSantis, have yet to enter the race formally.

In a statement after Biden's announcement, Trump said: "With such a calamitous and failed presidency, it is almost inconceivable that Biden would even think of running for re-election. There has never been a greater contrast between two successive administrations in all of American history. Ours being greatness, and theirs being failure."

Most national opinion polls suggest Biden would beat Trump in a rematch but would be more likely to struggle against another Republican candidate.

Yesterday's announcement came

exactly four years after Biden launched his successful 2020 bid for the presidency. The longtime US senator from Delaware ran unsuccessfully for president in 1988 and 2008. Barack Obama eventually chose him as vice-president.

Biden is the oldest serving president in US history. If re-elected, he would be 82 at the start of his second term and 86 at the end of his White House tenure.

Alongside the launch, Biden said that longtime Democratic aide Julie Chavez Rodriguez would serve as campaign manager, with Quentin Fulks, who ran Raphael Warnock's successful Senate campaign in Georgia last year, as deputy.

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Joe Biden launches his bid yesterday: the question for the US 'is whether in the years ahead we have more freedom or less freedom, more rights or fewer' *YouTube/Reuters*

“Many rashly assume that Joe Biden can easily beat Donald Trump. However, thinking that history will repeat itself would be a dangerous mistake”
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Some 43 per cent of China's top 100 listed companies were private at the end of last year, down from the peak of 55 per cent in mid-2021. A regulatory crackdown that year wiped hundreds of billions of dollars from private market capitalisations

BAT pays \$635mn US penalty over violating sanctions on North Korea

OLIVER BARNES — LONDON
STEFANIA PALMA — ROME

British American Tobacco is to pay US authorities at least \$635mn after a subsidiary entered a guilty plea yesterday over violations of US sanctions on North Korea.

The sanctions breaches relate to activities in North Korea between 2007 and 2017, the UK tobacco group said.

The deferred prosecution agreement was struck between BAT, the world's second-biggest tobacco group, and the US Department of Justice.

BAT also struck a civil settlement agreement with the US Office of Foreign Assets Control, which enforces US sanctions. An indirect Singaporean BAT subsidiary entered into a plea agreement with the DoJ.

BAT chief executive Jack Bowles said:

"We deeply regret the misconduct arising from historical business activities that led to these settlements, and acknowledge that we fell short of the highest standards rightly expected of us."

Bowles added that BAT had "transformed" its compliance and ethics programme, which oversees sanctions and anti-money laundering processes, in recent years. BAT had already set aside \$540mn to pay the fine, according to company filings.

The US has a wide-ranging sanctions regime targeted at North Korea over its nuclear and ballistic missile programme. Last year, the US led a push on the UN Security Council to ban exports of tobacco products as well as crude oil and fuel exports to North Korea, but the move was vetoed by Russia and China.

BAT, which is behind the Lucky Strike

and Dunhill brands, did not give further details on the nature of the violations. The justice department did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Owen Bennett, an analyst at Jefferies, said the announcement was positive. "Following the UK's Serious Fraud Office closing a corruption case in 2022, today's resolution now means all major sanctions and corruption cases are out of the way" for the company, with the exception of a case in Nigeria for which BAT has set aside £79mn.

BAT's deal with US authorities comes as the DoJ takes a tougher stance on corporate malfeasance. It has heightened scrutiny of companies' conduct after they enter deferred prosecution agreements, which postpone criminal charges to give businesses a chance to show they can rectify the wrongdoing, often in exchange for a financial penalty.



Green transition spurs deep-sea mining battle

A UN-backed regulator is preparing to consider the first deep-sea mining application as the search for deposits vital to a low-carbon future leaves the land for the ocean. But some diplomats say the International Seabed Authority is too pro-mining and accuse Michael Lodge, its British chief, of seeking to assert its supremacy over a UN treaty on biodiversity. Environmentalists and scientists are also raising red flags over the threat to seabed ecosystems. *Stirred into action* — PAGE 4

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World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				GOVERNMENT BONDS					
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Nasdaq Composite	11903.88	12037.20	-1.11	\$/€	1.240	1.246	£/¥	0.806	0.802	US 10 yr	3.42	3.52	-0.10
Dow Jones Ind	33724.15	33875.40	-0.45	€/£	0.885	0.885	€/¥	1.130	1.130	US 30 yr	3.65	3.73	-0.08
FTSEurofirst 300	1850.35	1857.32	-0.38	¥/£	133.865	134.435	¥/€	146.961	148.275	UK 2 yr	3.74	3.80	-0.06
Euro Stoxx 50	4379.82	4401.80	-0.50	¥/€	166.014	167.545	€ index	79.148	78.968	UK 10 yr	3.92	3.91	-0.09
FTSE 100	7891.13	7912.20	-0.27	\$/¥	0.979	0.980	\$/¥/€	1.107	1.108	UK 30 yr	4.00	4.07	-0.08
FTSE All-Share	4285.93	4296.89	-0.23						JPN 2 yr	-0.04	-0.04	0.00	
CAC 40	7531.81	7573.86	-0.56						JPN 10 yr	0.47	0.47	0.01	
Xetra Dax	15872.13	15883.95	-0.05						JPN 30 yr	1.34	1.35	-0.01	
Nikkei	28620.07	28563.52	0.09						GER 2 yr	2.84	2.97	-0.14	
Hang Seng	19617.88	19650.94	-1.71						GER 10 yr	2.38	2.50	-0.12	
MSCI World \$	2636.85	2623.07	0.13						GER 30 yr	2.45	2.56	-0.11	
MSCI EM \$	977.38	980.74	-0.34										
MSCI ACWI \$	663.15	662.61	0.08										
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Office Market In Dire Straits In Manhattan

Buffeted by High Rates and Remote Work

By MATTHEW HAAG

New York City's biggest corporate landlords had it great for years — benefiting from a booming economy in a city where companies clamored to set up offices and from low interest rates that buoyed the economics of an industry built on debt.

Those days are over. Three years into the pandemic, floors of office buildings throughout Manhattan have been emptied by tenants who have shrunk their footprint and employees who work from home.

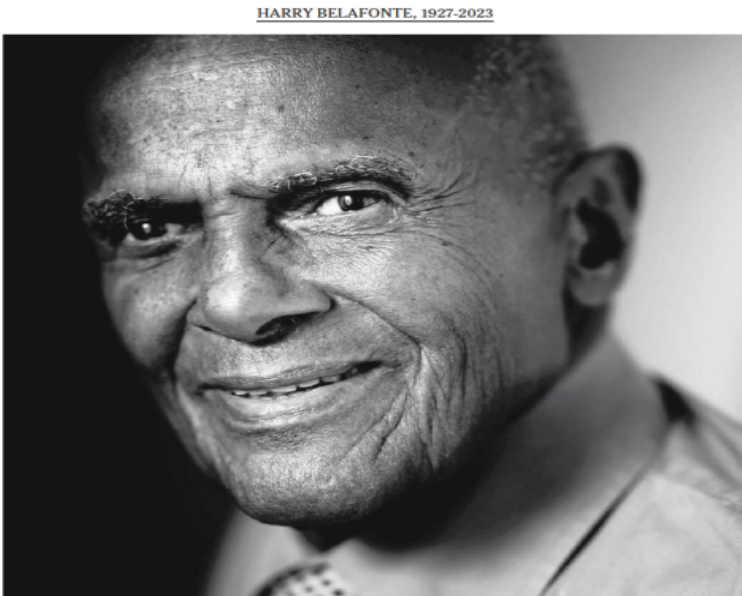
Now, there is another problem. Rapidly rising interest rates have intensified concerns that the New York City office market, the largest in the country and a pillar of the city's economy, could be at grave risk. That one-two punch could be worse than anything corporate landlords have experienced before, experts on the sector say, leading major banks and real estate analysts in recent weeks to warn that languishing properties along with falling property values and higher borrowing costs could increase the chances of a recession nationally and a budget crisis for the city.

More than two-thirds of all commercial real estate loans are held by small and medium-size banks, prompting concern that regional banks might be unable to withstand a wave of defaults if landlords cannot pay off loans. Some analysts have forecast a dim future for city centers, likening the crisis to the slow death of many American shopping malls.

In the latest snapshot of the nation's most significant office market, New York City's largest office landlord, SL Green Realty Corporation, revealed that during its first months of 2023. Across its 25 buildings, including some of the city's premier office buildings, 90.2 percent of the space is occupied, down from 95.5 percent at the start of 2020.

The consequences extend far beyond the balance sheets of the city's landlords, who borrowed billions at low rates in the years before the pandemic to build, buy and upgrade offices and attracted

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HARRY BELAFONTE, 1927-2023

Harry Belafonte in 2016. He ignited a craze for Caribbean music with the 1956 album "Calypso."

A Spellbinding Voice in Music and Civil Rights

By PETER KEEPNEWS

Harry Belafonte, who stormed the pop charts and smashed racial barriers in the 1950s with his highly personal brand of folk music, and who went on to become a dynamic force in the civil rights movement, died on Tuesday at his home on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. He was 96.

The cause was congestive heart failure, said Ken Sunshine, his longtime spokesman.

At a time when segregation was still widespread and Black faces were still a rarity on screens large and small, Mr. Belafonte's ascent to the upper echelon of show business was historic. He was not the first Black entertainer to transcend racial boundaries; Louis Armstrong, Ella Fitzgerald and others had achieved stardom before him. But none had made as much of a splash as he did, and for

As He Broke Barriers, Folk Star Had Larger Goals in Mind

a while no one in music, Black or white, was bigger.

Born in Harlem to West Indian immigrants, he almost single-handedly ignited a craze for Caribbean music with hit records like "Day-O (The Banana Boat Song)" and "Jamaica Farewell." His album "Calypso," which included both those songs, reached the top of the Billboard album chart shortly after its release in 1956 and stayed there for 31 weeks. Coming just before the breakthrough of Elvis Presley, it was said to be the first album by a single artist to sell more than a million copies.

Mr. Belafonte was equally successful as a concert attraction: Handsome and charismatic, he held audiences spellbound with dramatic interpretations of a repertoire that encompassed folk traditions from all over the world — rollicking calypso like "Matilda," work songs like "Lead Man Holler," tender ballads like "Scarlet Ribbons." By 1959 he was the most highly paid Black performer in history, with fat contracts for appearances in Las Vegas, at the Greek Theater in Los Angeles and at the Palace in New York.

Success as a singer led to movie offers, and Mr. Belafonte soon became the first Black actor to achieve major success in Hollywood as a leading man. His movie stardom was short-lived, though, and it was his friendly rival Sidney Poitier, not Mr. Belafonte, who became the first bona fide Black

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Home Cooking Becomes a Hot-Button Issue in Arizona Politics

By JACK HEALY

PHOENIX — Milagros Cruz was down to her last \$75, and sleeping in a car, when she heard her mother's voice guiding her in a dream: My girl, make tamales.

Arizona did not make it easy. Though the state promotes itself as a low-tax, low-regulation haven for private enterprise, it does not allow the sale of perishable foods made at home.

So for years, a thriving economy of working-class, mostly Latina home cooks has operated underground, selling tacos, tres leches cakes and chile-dusted corn illegally from living rooms and outside laundromats and soccer games.

Ms. Cruz, 41, sells her pillowy green-chile and pork tamales near a Phoenix auto parts store, and she worries about being cited under a state law that punishes home cooks who break the rules with a \$500 fine and six months in jail. She said she would gladly operate legally if she could, but the state offered no way for her to do so.

This month, Republicans, who control the state's fractious Legislature, came together with Democrats in a moment of unusual bipartisan accord to try to change all that. They passed a bill that would let Arizona's home cooks



CATILIN OSHARA FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES

A bill to give people like Alexandra Herrera a way to legally sell perishable food was vetoed.

register with the state to legally sell perishable foods like salsas and tamales.

But Katie Hobbs, the state's new Democratic governor, vetoed the measure last week, citing concerns about the potential for foodborne illnesses, as well as rats and insects in home kitchens.

Her veto set off a ferocious culinary and cultural backlash from the Capitol to kitchens across Arizona, offering a political lesson for the new governor: Do not mess with the tamale makers.

"I respect our governor — but this veto, I do not agree with," said

Imelda Hartley, who started her culinary career making tamales from home and now runs her Happy Tamales business in a commercial kitchen. "It's hurting our Latino community," Ms. Hartley said of the veto.

She said cooking from home

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Biden Declares 2024 Bid; Possible Rematch in Sight

NEWS ANALYSIS

Liabilities? Yes. But Solid Footholds.

By JONATHAN WEISMAN

Nearly seven in 10 Americans believe their country is on a "wrong track." The incumbent president will be 81 on Election Day 2024. More than half of the voters in his own party don't want him to run for re-election.

Yet as President Biden embarks on his campaign for a second term, Democratic officials firmly believe he is on ground that is far more solid than his personal standing indicates. Democratic unity has stiffened even the hint of an intraparty insurgency.

The issues dominating the nation's politics have largely worked in the Democrats' favor. And a battleground that has narrowed to only a handful of states means, at least for now, that the 2024 campaign will be waged on favorable Democratic terrain.

"I'm always going to be worried because we're a very divided country, and presidential races are going to be close, no matter who is in it," said Anne Caprara, who helped lead Hillary Clinton's super PAC in 2016 and is now chief of staff to Gov. J.B. Pritzker of Illinois. "But for the first time in my career, I think Republicans have painted themselves into a terrible position. They're losing and they can't seem to see that."

Without doubt, Mr. Biden's personal liabilities are tugging at the Democrats' well-worn worry strings. Despite low unemployment, a remarkably resilient economy and an enviable record of legislative accomplishments in his first two years, the octogenarian president has never quite won over the nation, or even voters in his party. A new NBC News poll has Mr. Biden losing to a generic Republican presidential candidate, 47 percent to 41 percent.

"President Biden is in remarkably good shape for an incumbent running for re-election," said Bill McInturf, a veteran Republican pollster who co-directs the NBC News poll.

Republicans plan to play on those uncertainties, harping on Mr. Biden's age and frailty, and painting the weaker incumbent president to run for re-election since Jimmy Carter 44 years ago. The campaign of former President Donald J. Trump is already looking past the coming Republican nomination fight to contrast what it sees as the strength of personality of

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Arguing That Trump Still Poses Threat to Democracy

By PETER BAKER

WASHINGTON — President Biden formally announced on Tuesday that he would seek a second term, arguing that American democracy still faces a profound threat from former President Donald J. Trump as he set up the possibility of a climactic rematch between the two next year.

In a video that opens with images of a mob of Trump supporters storming the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, the president said that the "fight for our democracy" has "been the work of my first term" but is incomplete while his predecessor mounts a comeback campaign for his old office that Mr. Biden suggested would endanger fundamental rights.

"Around the country, MAGA extremists are lining up to take on those bedrock freedoms," Mr. Biden said, using Mr. Trump's Make



President Biden would be 86 at the end of a second term.

America Great Again slogan to describe the former president's allies. "Cutting Social Security that you've paid for your entire life while cutting taxes for the very wealthy. Dictating what health care decisions women can make, banning books and telling people who they can love. All while making it more difficult for you to be able to vote."

"When I ran for president four years ago," he added, "I said we were in a battle for the soul of America. And we still are."

In a speech later in the day to a supportive labor group in Washington, Mr. Biden focused more on bread-and-butter issues, boasting of his record of creating jobs and financing new roads and bridges. "Let's finish the job," he said, repeating his slogan of late to a crowd that obligingly chanted, "Four more years!"

The official declaration finally ended any lingering suspense over Mr. Biden's intentions and effects.

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Outcry Over Inclusive Beer Ad Points to Peril for Big Business

By CHARLES HOMANS

When she was named Anheuser-Busch's marketing vice president, Alicia Heinerscheid explained in a recent podcast interview, "I had this super clear mandate: We need to evolve and elevate this incredibly iconic brand." Doing so, she said, "means having a campaign that's truly inclusive."

But the limits of that mandate, and of how Anheuser-Busch defined "inclusive," became apparent Friday when the company announced that Ms. Heinerscheid and her boss, Daniel Blake, were on a leave of absence after a wave of right-wing outrage over a Bud Light marketing campaign that involved the transgender influencer Dylan Mulvaney.

The backlash and subsequent scrambling provide a lesson in the

newly unsettled politics of corporate America. In the last decade, major companies have learned that liberal social politics that are increasingly anathema to their longstanding G.O.P. allies and the consumers who vote for them.

Bud Light's trials this month have underscored the difficulty of straddling that divide. Ms. Heinerscheid's efforts reflected the company's aspirations of shoring up years of eroding market share among consumers in predominantly liberal urban areas. Ms. Heinerscheid did not respond to a request for comment.

The resulting furor, however, has led to double-digit sales declines in rural red-state markets, where a broader revolt against

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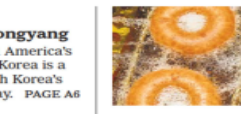
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A Resumption of 'Rust'

Alec Baldwin, above, and others are back at work on the film halted in 2021 after a crew member was killed by a shot from the actor's prop gun. PAGE C1

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Can Fox stay on top sans Carlson?

Ouster leaves cable news leader without its top-rated host, but it's a familiar script for Murdoch's network.

By Stephen Battaglio

The end of a long-running hit show can be a sobering moment for a TV network.

The finale of "Friends" ended the seemingly unstoppable run of NBC's "Must See TV." HBO had to brace for a future without "Game of Thrones."

Now Fox News is facing the same challenge after its most-watched prime-time personality, Tucker Carlson, was suddenly yanked from his perch Monday amid the scandals and lawsuits facing Rupert Murdoch's conservative network.

Guest host Brian Kilmeade, a co-host on "Fox & Friends," filled in for Carlson on Monday night, and others will rotate until a permanent replacement is named for the 8 p.m. Eastern hour.

Is it the beginning of the end for Fox News' run as the cable news ratings leader since 2002 and as a powerful and disruptive influence in political discourse?

Not likely, history shows.

Liberals hate Fox News and critics call it right-wing propaganda. But Carlson's departure won't end its status as a refuge for an audience wanting to marinate in "anti-woke" commentary, Hunter Biden embarrassments, immigration and any other outrage of the day bugabooing conservative pundits.

The Fox News viewer chooses that environment even with a different voice delivering those missives. When Bill O'Reilly, Megyn Kelly and Glenn Beck were shown the door, the network replaced them without missing a beat.

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Maybe this is a good week for news media after all

MARY McNAMARA

For those of us who hoped that things had changed, that all the post-Harvey Weinstein #MeToo pledges from the entertainment and media industries to "do better, be better" were sincere, Monday was a very complicated day.

On Sunday, NBCUniversal Chief Executive Jeff Shell was ousted for what he called having an "inappropriate relationship." On Monday, that was revealed to be the subject of a sexual harassment suit filed by CNBC correspondent Hadley Gamble. That same day, both ends of the political spectrum took hits with the near-simultaneous firings of Fox News host Tucker Carlson and CNN host Don Lemon.

There are myriad possible causes for Carlson getting canned — his role in the Dominion lawsuit that cost Fox \$787 million revealed his contempt for not only the truth and human decency but also for many of his Fox News colleagues and superiors. But many with insider knowledge are citing a lawsuit filed by his former producing producer Abby Grossberg accusing Carlson of harassment and sexism.

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"LET'S FINISH the job! ... We're on the cusp of major change," President Biden said at a labor conference in Washington on Tuesday after his announcement video went live. He was met with chants of "four more years!"

BIDEN KICKS OFF RUN FOR 2ND TERM

He dismisses concerns about his age, framing 2024 as a 'battle for the soul of America.'

By Courtney Subramanian

WASHINGTON — President Biden announced Tuesday that he will seek the presidency again in 2024, dismissing doubts about whether he'll be fit to start a second term when he's 82, and imploring Americans to let him "finish the job" of preserving a democracy he says is threatened by Republican extremism.

The president announced his campaign in a three-minute video posted to his Twitter account.

"I said we are in a battle for the soul of America, and we still are," Biden said in a video featuring images of him and Vice President Kamala Harris — who will be on the ticket again — crisscrossing the country.

The 2024 election is a choice between "more freedom or less freedom. More rights or fewer," he said.

The much-anticipated announcement sets up a potential rematch between Biden and former President Trump, who has already declared his candidacy and leads the field of Republican 2024 hopefuls.

Biden, a self-described "great respecter of fate," has weighed the decision for months amid speculation about whether he would run again at his age: The nation's oldest president, he will be just shy of 82 on election day in 2024.

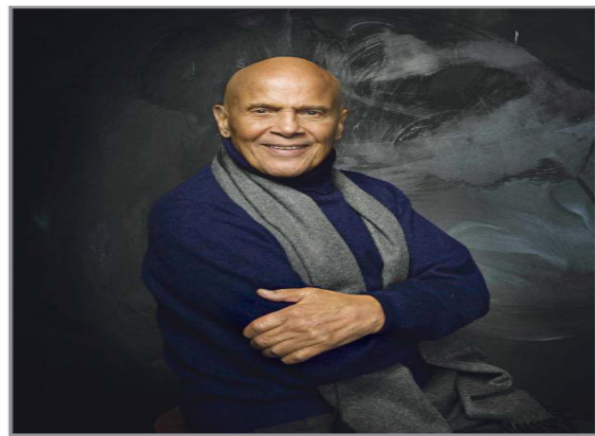
Seventy percent of Americans, including 51% of Democrats, said in an NBC poll released Sunday that they didn't want Biden to seek a second term, compared with 26% of Americans who said they want him to run. Nearly half of all voters in the poll who said they didn't want Biden to run again pointed to his age as a major reason.

Similarly, about half of Democrats surveyed think Biden should run for a second term, an increase from the 37% who said in January that he should seek office again, according to an Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research poll released Friday. But 81% of Democrats said they would probably support him.

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HARRY BELAFONTE, 1927 - 2023

Trailblazing singer and actor was a key ally in fight for civil rights



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With his charm and Caribbean folk songs, Harry Belafonte shot to stardom in the 1950s, becoming the first artist with an album to go platinum. His Tony and Emmy wins were firsts for a Black man.

"KING OF THE GREEK": For decades, Angelenos flocked to Griffith Park to see Belafonte, Greg Braxton writes. CALENDAR, B1

By Dennis McLellan

Segregation was rampant, doors were closed and, in 1950s America, the odds of a Black entertainer ascending to the Broadway stage, concert venues and screens large and small seemed impossibly long.

Yet with cool confidence, a magnetic charm and an armload of wistful Caribbean folk songs, Harry Belafonte beat those odds in a historic rise to stardom — the first Black man to win a Tony, the first Black man to win an Emmy, the first artist to record an album that sold 1 million copies.

Well aware of the battles still to be fought, Belafonte also became a civil rights activist, a confidant to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., a friend of the marginalized and a globe-trotting humanitarian.

"I've got to be a part of whatever the rebellion is that tries to change all this," he told the New York Times in 2001. "The anger is a necessary fuel. Rebellion is healthy."

Long a symbol of what was right and decent in the world, Belafonte died Tuesday at his home in New York of congestive heart failure with his wife, Pamela, at his side, his longtime spokesman Ken Sunshine said. Belafonte was 96.

Belafonte, who fueled an international calypso craze in the 1950s with his addictive version of "The Banana Boat Song," squeezed so much into his decades-long career that it was difficult to fathom it all.

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Newsom visits flood-threatened Central Valley

Governor pledges aid ahead of an expected heat wave that will accelerate snowmelt.

By Hayley Smith

CORCORAN, Calif. — Water lapped Tuesday at the edges of 6th Avenue, where thousands of acres of once-fertile farmland sat sodden beneath several feet of stagnant floodwater.

The problem, state officials said, is only going to get worse in the days and weeks to come as temperatures rise and record-deep snowpack in the southern Sierra Nevada begins to melt and make its way downhill.

"You can look at a scene like this and think the worst

is going to recede, the worst is behind us, but in fact, quite the contrary," said Gov. Gavin Newsom, who was visiting Corcoran to survey flood damage from winter storms. In the distance, a farmer steered a boat through the flooded Tulare Lake Basin, which only weeks ago was home to cotton plants, corn, wheat, tomatoes and other crops.

"Every day, you're seeing an incremental half-inch or inch of more water, new water, present itself here in this basin," Newsom said. "As a consequence, we not only need to maintain our vigilance, but we can't be impatient in terms of the impending floods and the damage that will occur here in a very short order."

The flooding that has already occurred...

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GOV. GAVIN NEWSOM on Tuesday visits a field in Alpaugh, Calif., that flooded from storms. More water is entering the Tulare Lake Basin every day, he said.

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Clippers get boot in playoffs

Fourth-quarter rally not enough as L.A. loses opening series to Phoenix. SPORTS, B12

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Suspect in 2021 Kabul blast killed by Taliban

Officials say ISIS figure planned attack at airport during chaotic U.S. exit

BY DAN LAMOTHE

The suspected mastermind of a gruesome suicide bombing during the United States' pullout from Afghanistan was killed by the Taliban in recent weeks, U.S. officials disclosed Tuesday, an extraordinary development spotlighting the Biden administration's newfound reliance on a former battlefield adversary to help confront terrorist threats.

An estimated 170 Afghans and 13 American troops died in the 2021 attack near the Abbey Gate at Kabul's airport. Biden administration officials identified the suspect as a leader within the Islamic State's Afghanistan chapter, known as Islamic State-Khorasan or ISIS-K. They declined, however, to reveal the person's name and how the person was killed, citing concerns that doing so could jeopardize the U.S. government's ability to collect information about future activities in the region.

White House spokesman John Kirby characterized the suspect's death as "another in a series of high-profile leadership losses" for the terrorist group. "He was a key

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ELECTION 2024

For Biden, a final run to cap a long career

BY TOLUSE OLORUNNIPA, TYLER PAGER AND MICHAEL SCHERER

President Biden officially announced his bid for reelection Tuesday morning, saying in a solemn launch video that he wants to "finish the job" he started when the country was besieged by a deadly pandemic, a reeling economy and a teetering democracy.

Claiming that his presidency has pulled the country back from the brink on all those fronts, Biden underlined his ambition to turn what he had once pitched as a transitional presidency into something far more transformational.

"The question we are facing is whether in the years ahead we have more freedom or less freedom, more rights or fewer," Biden said in the video. "I know what I want the answer to be. This is not a time to be complacent. That's why I'm running for reelection."

For Biden, 80, the announcement marks a pivotal moment in a political career that has spanned a half-century. The decision may defy the wishes of some

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The Debrief: Launch video seeks to reclaim "freedom" from right. **A8**

The Take: Biden's campaign sees Trump as a valuable foil. **A9**



JOHANNA KULEZA FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Hit with early-stage Alzheimer's, but refusing to surrender

BY LAURIE MCGINLEY

BROOMFIELD, Colo. — When Rebecca Chopp was diagnosed with early-stage Alzheimer's disease, she and her husband did the only thing that seemed to make sense: They went to their favorite Mexican restaurant, held each other in a back booth and drank margaritas. And cried. After a while, they helped each other back across the street to their home.

Chopp, at 67, was chancellor of the University of Denver, at the pinnacle of a career powered by a daunting intellect and relentless work. She was also an ordained minister, prolific author and former president of Swarthmore Col-

lege and Colgate University. Sometimes, Chopp thought of herself as a brain with a body attached.

Now she was crushed, facing the loss of that beautiful mind. She worried she would soon be an empty shell, drooling and unkempt, a burden to the people she loved. "There is a sense that when you are diagnosed, you are immediately going to descend into madness," Chopp said.

When she relinquished the job she loved, Chopp fell into deep despair, confounded by the prescription given to her by an empathetic doctor: "Live with joy!" She had nightmares about going insane. But, eventually, she began to

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HARRY BELAFONTE | 1927-2023

Barrier-breaking entertainer and global activist

Rising to stardom from poverty, he became King's ally and a pugnacious champion of human rights

BY ADAM BERNSTEIN

Harry Belafonte, the singer whose dynamic a cappella shout of "Day-O!" from "The Banana Boat Song" and other music from world folk traditions propelled him to international stardom, and who used his entertainment fortune to help bankroll the civil rights movement at home and human rights causes worldwide, died April 25 at his home in Manhattan. He was 95.

The cause was congestive heart failure, said his spokesman Ken Sunshine.

Mr. Belafonte was born to Jamaican immigrants, grew up in poverty in Depression-era Harlem and became a major Black crossover success in popular music. He went on to smash a series of barriers during five decades as a movie, TV and stage star. His artistic and humanitarian work frequently overlapped, reflecting his belief that "the role of art isn't



JOHN MCCORMACK FOR THE WASHINGTON POST
Harry Belafonte, shown in 1978, used his wealth and fame as a singer to promote human rights, including by attacking apartheid in South Africa.

just to show life as it is but to show life as it should be."

A confidant of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., Mr. Belafonte spent years as a liaison between the civil rights movement and the entertainment capitals of Hollywood and New York City. He also used his clout to promote the anti-apartheid struggle in South Africa and famine relief through efforts such as the "We Are the World" recording and concerts in 1985.

Mr. Belafonte once said he spent his life "in a constant state of rebellion." He sharply rebuked American presidents — Democrats and Republicans — as not doing enough to end squalor in the United States or end conflicts abroad. He criticized George W. Bush's White House over the 2003 invasion of Iraq and created a furor when he likened Colin Powell, also of Jamaican parentage and secretary of state at the time, to a "house slave."

He also was critical of the nation's first African American president, saying that "for all of his smoothness and intellect, Barack Obama seems to lack a fundamental empathy with the dispossessed, be they White or Black." Providing fuel to his detractors, Mr. Belafonte associated himself with oppressive left-wing leaders such as Fidel Castro of Cuba and Hugo Chávez of Venezuela.

"I wasn't an artist who'd become an activist," Mr. Belafonte liked to say. "I was an activist who'd become an artist."

Virtle and sinewy, with a rakish smile and husky voice, Mr. Belafonte had burst to fame in the 1950s with a bold sensuality that flouted sexual taboos in an era of racial segregation. In concerts and on TV, he was presented

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Appreciation: Belafonte's biggest hit was the song of freedom. **C1**

Default fears are on the rise

DEBT CEILING VOTE NEARS IN HOUSE

Wall Street braces for a lengthy, costly standoff

BY TONY ROMM

Investors on Wall Street are bracing for the prospect of a protracted, costly standoff in Washington over the debt ceiling, underscoring the economic risks as House Republicans prepare to vote on new legislation as soon as Wednesday.

In recent weeks, two key developments — including a drop in yields on government bonds set to mature imminently — have suggested a growing panic that the GOP's demands could cause the country to default, touching off what analysts widely believe would be another U.S. recession.

The uncertainty has added to the challenge facing House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) as he looks to assuage some Republicans' last-minute reservations over a bill that Democrats uniformly oppose. The GOP proposal would slash federal spending dramatically and unwind some of President Biden's top priorities, including student debt cancellation, in exchange for an increase in the debt ceiling — the statutory cap on how much the U.S. government can borrow to pay its bills.

With no resolution in sight — and the deadline drawing closer by the day — some on Wall Street have started to contemplate the possibility of a default. Joseph Brusuelas, the principal and chief economist at RSM, an accounting firm, said this week that "financial markets are now moving to begin pricing in the more difficult

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FOREIGN SERVANTS

Former NSA chief won deal with Saudis

BY CRAIG WHITLOCK AND NATE JONES

Retired Army Gen. Keith Alexander, who led the National Security Agency under Presidents Barack Obama and George W. Bush, secured \$2 million in consulting deals with foreign governments after leaving office, including a \$700,000 contract to advise Saudi Arabia on cybersecurity after the 2018 killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi, newly released records show.

Alexander's consulting firm also won a \$1.3 million contract from the government of Japan to provide advice on cyber issues, according to additional documents obtained by The Washington Post as part of a Freedom of Information Act request.

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'Archetypal' leaker Daniel Ellsberg of Pentagon Papers fame, now 92 and dying, reflects amid the Discord disclosures. **A14**

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In Sudan, a fourth cease-fire has faltered, with millions of people trapped on the front lines and desperate to escape. **A11**

Venezuelan opposition figure Juan Guaidó, "expelled" by Colombia, arrived in Miami to seek "refuge" in the United States. **A15**

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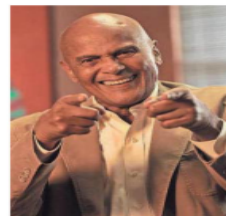
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Planning to buy a home? Fee changes are coming

Starting May 1, credit scores and down payments will affect upfront costs. **In Money**

MLB attendance so far shows promising outlook

Most teams have drawn more fans to their lowest-attended game than year ago. **In Sports**



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Enduring legacy of 'King of Calypso'

Singer and actor Harry Belafonte will be remembered for his work as a civil rights activist. The entertainer died Tuesday at age 96. **In Life**

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Will Biden get 4 more years?

President Joe Biden, who formally launched his reelection campaign Tuesday, has more in common at the moment with recent predecessors who won than those who didn't, Susan Page writes.

3 clues to track in 2024 race, 4A



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College scoring tool gets an update

Salary prospects, debt, inclusivity will be added

Kayla Jimenez
USA TODAY

As more Americans debate the value of college and decide whether to take on student loan debt, new national data aims to help students decide whether a school will help them earn a competitive salary, if they'll find other students and professors who look like them, and whether they'll have to borrow money to attend.

"Students deserve to know which colleges deliver education at a great value, reflect a diverse student population, and equip their graduates for success."

Roberto J. Rodriguez
U.S. Department of Education

The Education Department unveiled changes Tuesday to its College Scorecard, shared first with USA TODAY, that include data on what graduates make four years after completing their degrees, faculty-to-student racial and ethnic background ratios and student debt trends.

"We need a system that's inclusive, that delivers value and that produces equitable outcomes," Education Secretary Miguel Cardona said. "We need transparency in data more now than ever before."

When President Joe Biden announced his far-reaching plan for student loan debt forgiveness last fall, now in the hands of the Supreme Court, he

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New border rules could still be hard on migrants



Title 42, the Trump-era health policy that allows the U.S. to quickly expel people who crossed the border illegally, is set to expire May 11. Authorities expect the end of the rule will bring another surge of asylum-seekers. JOHN MOORE/GETTY IMAGES

Some fear end of Title 42 will bring fresh array of obstacles



Migrants who crossed the Rio Grande near El Paso in December approach the Texas National Guard to ask when they will be allowed to be processed by Customs and Border Protection authorities. OMAR ORNELAS/USA TODAY NETWORK

Rick Jervis
USA TODAY

Title 42, the public health policy that quickly expels border-crossers – imposed by then-President Donald Trump and continued under President Joe Biden – is set to expire May 11.

But advocates and attorneys say that even without Title 42, a raft of other proposed border policies by the Biden administration could make seeking asylum at the border equally challenging.

Public health powers allowed Trump to implement the policy in March 2020 as a way of preventing the spread of COVID-19.

Since then, nearly 3 million asylum-seekers have been expelled to Mexico or their home countries, though many tried to recross into the U.S., according to statistics from U.S. Customs and Border Protection. Under Title 42, migrants are expelled quickly without having their asylum claims heard. They often end up in dangerous northern Mexican

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Babies from skin cells? It could happen

New science called IVG has ethicists uneasy

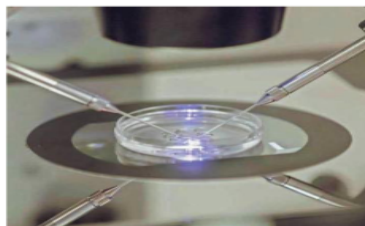
Karen Weintraub
USA TODAY

Scientists are getting closer to the possibility of making a new person from skin or blood cells – without the need for sex.

This approach goes well beyond in vitro fertilization, which combines egg and sperm in a laboratory, because it doesn't require natural eggs or sperm.

Called in vitro gametogenesis, or IVG, the technology promises to someday provide a cure for many types of infertility, to slow or even turn off biological clocks, and to enable the kind of embryo selection that sends chills up many people's spines.

In a three-day meeting last week at the National Academies of Sciences,



In vitro fertilization, or IVF, combines egg and sperm in a laboratory, but scientists are close to new technology that goes beyond that. SANG TAN/AP

researchers eagerly discussed their work, advocates laid out their vision for making IVG useful, and ethicists squirmed in their seats.

"The search for a 'perfect' race, 'perfect' baby, 'perfect generation' is not science fiction," Amrita Pande, a sociologist at the University of Cape Town in South Africa, told the group.

The technology for making babies from cells other than eggs and sperm still remains a decade away or more.

But now – before the science turns possibility into reality – is a good time for the public to consider the implications of IVG, said I. Glenn Cohen, an expert on the intersection of law and bioethics at Harvard Law School.

"There's certainly a lot of publications and a lot of interest in the scientific community, and it's great that we're introducing it to a larger community," Cohen said after the conference's first day of presentations.

"If people have serious ethical concerns, this is the time to spell them out."

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La historia del argentino que le marcó 4 goles a Real Madrid

Taty Castellanos, el mendocino que no jugó aquí, fue el verdugo de los "merengues" en el 4-2 para Girona.



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Harry Belafonte. Artista de los derechos humanos

—espectáculos

El cantante y actor impulsó la música caribeña en EE.UU. con su álbum *Calypso*, que vendió un millón de copias; colaboró con Martin Luther King e impulsó el proyecto *USA for Africa*. **Página 3**



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El dólar blue rozó los \$500 y Massa busca intervenir en el mercado

INESTABILIDAD. El paralelo saltó ayer otros \$33 y cerró a \$495; el BCRA salió a vender bonos para frenar la escalada de los dólares financieros; Economía habló de "operaciones sospechosas" y dijo que recurriría a la Justicia; pedido al FMI

El dólar blue anotó ayer su séptima rueda consecutiva al alza, se acercó a los \$500 y la brecha cambiaria superó el 120%. Sin embargo, los tipos de cambio financieros redujeron su avanzada tras fuertes intervenciones del Gobierno a través de operaciones con bonos y de la venta de dólares.

Fue otro día de incertidumbre, rumores y nervios en la City, donde el precio del dólar informal cerró a \$495. Fueron \$33 más que en la rueda anterior, el salto porcentual más fuerte desde el 4 de julio, tras la renuncia de Martín Guzmán al Ministerio de Economía.

La crisis forzó a Sergio Massa a hacer declaraciones, vía Twitter, luego de una semana sin referirse al tema. Allí anunció que se utilizarán "todas las herramientas del Estado para ordenar esta situación", afirmó que el FMI fue notificado sobre "las restricciones que pesan sobre la Argentina" y que se avanzará en una "rediscusión del programa". El Fondo dijo que la negociación "avanza de manera constructiva".

Massa anticipó que acudirá a la UIF y la CNV para el análisis de "operaciones vinculadas con el lavado de dinero". **Página 8**

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La turbulencia financiera ya se hace sentir en los comercios de la calle Florida

SANTIAGO FILIPUZZI

Desconcierto y otra mañana frenética en la Casa Rosada

Fernández ratificó a Pesce en el Banco Central y acusó a la oposición

El Gobierno atravesó ayer otra jornada de desconcierto y nerviosismo, con llamadas que cruzaron de la Casa Rosada al Ministerio de Economía en busca de explicaciones frente a una nueva escalada desenfrenada del dólar. El Presidente salió a ratificar la continuidad de Miguel Ángel Pesce al frente del Banco Central, y anunció represalias contra las "prácticas permanentes de la derecha argentina", como una estrategia para echar culpas frente a la inestabilidad financiera. **Página 9**

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Internas y culpas ante una crisis que se adelanta

Francisco Jueguen

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Se agudiza el conflicto tras un despido en la Corte

JUICIO POLÍTICO. El exadministrador apuntó a tres miembros del tribunal; dura réplica. **Página 19**

Pese a su edad, Biden anunció que irá por la reelección con críticas a Trump

EE.UU. Si vence en las presidenciales de 2024, gobernará hasta los 86 años

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WASHINGTON.— Joe Biden buscará otros cuatro años en la Casa Blanca. Tras meses de especulaciones sobre

un eventual paso al costado que se diluyeron con el tiempo, Biden anunció ayer que irá por la reelección el año próximo con un mensaje en un video en el que reiteró una frase que se convertirá en el lema de su nueva

campaña: "Terminemos el trabajo". A sus 80 años, Biden ya es el presidente más viejo en la historia de Estados Unidos y si logra imponerse en los comicios de 2024 gobernará hasta los 86 años. **Continúa en la página 2**

Sube en mayo a \$506.230 el piso salarial de Ganancias

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O senador Cid Gomes (PDT-CE) exhibe dados de inflação e juros ao falar de cenário no Brasil e nos EUA. Pedro França/Agência Senado

Não há mágica para equilibrar contas, afirma Campos Neto

Chefe do BC sugere que sem disciplina não haverá crescimento sustentável; em Madri, Lula volta a criticar taxa de juros

Em audiência pública na Comissão de Assuntos Econômicos do Senado, o presidente do Banco Central, Roberto Campos Neto, disse que o crescimento sustentável do Brasil não depende de "mágica" nem de uma "bala de prata", mas de disciplina das contas públicas. O convite ao chefe da instituição veio após críticas do presidente Lula (PT) ao nível de juros no país em meio à desaceleração econômica e ao aumento da inadimplência. Nesta terça-feira (25), em viagem à Espanha, o líder brasileiro voltou a reclamar da Selic, afirmando ser "impossível fazer investimentos com uma taxa de juros de 13,75%".

Campos Neto também reforçou aos senadores elogio que já havia feito, de que o arcabouço fiscal proposto pelo governo foi um "movimento na direção certa", que remove o risco de uma piora significativa na trajetória da dívida pública. Por outro lado, ele chamou a atenção para a falta de relação automática entre a apresentação da nova regra fiscal e o corte de juros. Durante a sessão, o senador Cid Gomes (PDT-CE) associou o chefe do Banco Central ao ex-presidente Jair Bolsonaro (PL) e pediu sua renúncia do posto — o economista tem mandato à frente do órgão até dezembro de 2024. Mercado A16

Por 8 a 2, STF torna réus pelo 8/1 cem dos denunciados

Sete ministros do Supremo seguiram o entendimento do relator, Alexandre de Moraes, e tornaram réus cem acusados de serem executores e autores dos atos de 8 de janeiro. Indicados por Bolsonaro, Kassio Nunes Marques e André Mendonça divergiram de Moraes. Política A10

Câmara aprova trâmite rápido de PL das Fake News

A Câmara ignorou pressão das big techs e aprovou urgência do projeto de lei para regulamentar redes sociais e impor sanções a plataformas que não retirarem do ar, em até 24 horas, conteúdos ilícitos após decisão judicial. A previsão, agora, é a de que o texto seja votado na terça (2). Política A4

Wilson Gomes Comprar brigas, queimar pontes

Insistir na hostilidade aos conservadores religiosos e ao agro não parece vantajoso para o governo. Grandes forças eleitorais, os grupos prosperam mesmo com o bolsonarismo em baixa e criaram cultura política avessa à esquerda, parte da qual ainda semeia inimizade com eles. Ilustrada C8

Em carta, clube dos países ricos reprova diretrizes do Carf

A OCDE, o "clube dos países ricos", contestou as regras do Conselho Administrativo de Recursos Fiscais, que julga disputas entre empresas e União sobre impostos, e sugeriu que o governo volte a ter poder de desempate. A carta reforça posição do ministro Fernando Haddad. Mercado A15



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COMPANHIA JAPONESA PERDE CONTATO COM SONDA SEGUNDOS ANTES DE POUSO NA LUA

Equipe da ispace reage ao ficar sem sinal da Hakuto-R a 30 segundos da alunissagem; para a empresa, sonda não fez o pouso, que seria o 1º particular no satélite. Ciência B4

Chuvas que geram desastres são mais frequentes no país

Dados históricos e projeções indicam que chuvas extremas, como as que causaram 65 mortes no litoral norte de São Paulo em fevereiro, estão cada vez mais comuns em áreas com a maior parcela da população, como grandes cidades do litoral e regiões do Sudeste e do Sul. Ambiente B1

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Cuca foi reconhecido como estuprador por vítima, diz advogado dela no caso de 1987

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Semana de Design de Milão reflete crises do clima e imobiliária com a frieza do inox



Harry Belafonte em Paris, em 1976. 26.out.76/Pressens Bild/AFP

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Morre Harry Belafonte, 96

Expoente da luta por direitos civis nos EUA, o músico e ator emplacou sucessos na década de 1950, entre os quais a canção tradicional jamaicana "Day-O (The Banana Boat Song)". Ele morreu por insuficiência cardíaca em Nova York.

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Hôpital: les solutions pour sortir de la crise des urgences

Alors qu'Emmanuel Macron défendait ce mardi sa stratégie pour le système de santé, « Le Figaro » recense les pistes qui permettraient de désengorger les urgences en dix ans.

Le 17 avril, le chef de l'État promettait aux Français de « désengorger les urgences ». Hier, dans le Loir-et-Cher, il assurait vouloir tout faire pour « sauver du temps médical » en faveur de la médecine de ville. Conscient que le système de soins est

« à bout de souffle » et victime d'une « crise sans fin », Emmanuel Macron s'est engagé à le rebâtir, et Elisabeth Borne doit détailler mercredi la feuille de route gouvernementale. Régler la crise des urgences, comme celle de la médecine de

ville, n'ira pas sans repenser l'ensemble du système de santé, devenu obsolète avec le vieillissement de la population, l'augmentation du nombre de maladies chroniques et la hausse de la consommation médicale. Et, si certaines mesures peuvent

être prises très vite (alléger la charge administrative des médecins, faciliter le recours à d'autres professionnels...), d'autres (améliorer l'éducation à la santé, former plus de médecins...) ne porteront leurs fruits que dans plusieurs années.

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Alors que la démolition des bidonvilles a été suspendue par décision de justice et que les Comores refusent de faire accoster leurs ressortissants, l'opération Wuambushu, qui vise à lutter contre l'immigration illégale, patine. PAGES 2, 4 ET L'ÉDITORIAL

ÉDITORIAL par Yves Thréard ythreard@lefigaro.fr

Le piège de la générosité

Gérald Darmanin est un homme pressé et ambitieux. On ne lui en fera pas le reproche, mais, parfois, pareille énergie conduit à confondre vitesse et précipitation. Le fiasco de l'évacuation d'immigrés clandestins à Mayotte s'ajoute à d'autres opérations annoncées avec tambours et trompettes récemment et qui ont échoué, faute de préparation suffisante. On se souvient de l'expulsion de l'imam Iqououssen vers le Maroc : celui-ci avait finalement pris la poudre d'escampette en Belgique. On n'oublie pas, non plus, les migrants débarqués à Toulon de l'« Ocean Viking » : retenus dans un centre d'hébergement, ils s'étaient tous évanouis dans la nature, ou presque. À chaque fois, les louables intentions du ministre de l'Intérieur sont contrariées par la justice, qui trouve toujours le diable dans les détails de procédures labyrinthiques. De ratés en déconvenues reste une impression de cafouillage. À Mayotte, nul ne peut contester la pertinence de l'intervention ministérielle. Sur cet archipel, devenu le 101^e département en 2011, l'immigration clandestine est un

fléau. Au large de l'Afrique, les prestations sociales distribuées sur ce bout de France attirent toute la misère de la région. On s'y presse pour y faire naître ses enfants, qui, grâce au droit du sol, obtiennent la nationalité française, et les avantages qui vont avec. À cette générosité républicaine s'opposent pourtant les mauvaises dispositions à notre endroit et la mauvaise volonté des États voisins. Notamment de l'Union des Comores - d'où affluent la plupart des étrangers - qui ne veut pas reprendre ses ressortissants. La moitié du gouvernement de ce petit pays africain jouit pourtant de la double nationalité franco-comorienne, et Paris reste le premier pourvoyeur de fonds et d'aides humanitaires de Moroni. Sortir de cet imbroglio, de cette nasse, sera très difficile. D'autant qu'Azali Assoumani, le président des Comores, est aussi l'actuel président de l'Union africaine, institution d'un continent où la France n'est guère en odeur de sainteté. ■

Israël fête les 75 ans de sa création sur fond de tensions politiques

Israël célèbre, ce mercredi, la mémoire de ses morts et le 75^e anniversaire de sa naissance. Militairement, le pays est plus puissant que jamais. Son économie, bien que ballottée ces derniers mois, est devenue florissante, tirée par le secteur du high-tech. Mais, si les Israéliens restent unis face à la menace sécuritaire, les divisions internes fracturent le pays en profondeur. PAGES 8 ET 16

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Charles 'undermined queen over plan to sue Murdoch', says Harry

Duke says deal was done to gain Sun's support for accession and Camilla

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Queen Elizabeth II threatened Rupert Murdoch's media firm with legal action over phone hacking only to be undermined by the then Prince Charles, the high court has heard.

Prince Harry says his father intervened because he wanted to ensure the Sun supported his ascension to the throne and Camilla's role as queen consort, and had a "specific long-term strategy to keep the media on side" for "when the time came".

The Duke of Sussex made the claims yesterday as part of his legal action against News Group Newspapers (NGN). The legal case lays bare his allegations of the deals between senior members of the royal family and tabloid newspapers.

He also revealed that his brother,

Prince William, secretly received a "very large sum of money" from the publisher to settle a phone-hacking claim in 2020.

The prince said his father, now king, had demanded he stop his legal cases against UK newspaper outlets when they were filed in 2019. Court filings state: "I was summoned to Buckingham Palace and specifically told to drop the legal actions because they have an 'effect on all the family'." This was "a direct request (or rather demand) from my father" and senior royal aides.

Harry blamed press intrusion for collapses in his mental health and destroying many of his relationships with girlfriends, and said British tabloid journalists fuelled online trolls and drove people to suicide. He said: "How much more blood will stain their typing fingers before someone can put a stop to this madness?"

He also suggested press intrusion by the Sun and other newspapers led to his mother - Diana, Princess of Wales - choosing to travel without a police escort, ultimately leading to her death in 1997.

In 2017 Harry decided to seek an apology from Murdoch's News UK, publisher of the Sun and now defunct News of the World, for phone hacking. His submission said: "William was very understanding and supportive and agreed that we needed to do it. He therefore suggested that I seek permission from 'granny'."

"I spoke to her shortly afterwards and said something along the lines of: 'Are you happy for me to push this forward, do I have your permission?' and she said: 'Yes!'"

Having received the 15



A group of Greek nationals evacuated from Sudan arrive at the airport in Elefsina, south of Athens, yesterday PHOTOGRAPH: HIS MESSINIS/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

RAF flies Britons out of chaos in Sudan

Dan Sabbagh Patrick Wintour Peter Walker

A first British evacuation flight from Sudan landed in Cyprus last night, after Germany gave permission for Britain to fly a plane from an airfield near Khartoum that it has been controlling to coordinate its own rescue.

Two more RAF flights were expected to leave overnight, although the numbers airlifted to safety were far fewer than the 2,000-plus Britons believed to have been trapped in the country when a civil war broke out nearly two weeks ago.

The first flight landed in Larnaca with about 40 people on board, according to Cyprus's foreign ministry. The total number initially forecast to be evacuated was about 260, in an evacuation that began as Germany and 6

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