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◆ **U.S. stocks rallied** after a strong round of earnings helped reverse a selloff earlier this week. The S&P 500, Nasdaq and Dow rose 2%, 2.4% and 1.6%, respectively. **B1**

◆ **Intel suffered** its largest-ever quarterly loss and said it would remain in the red as it prepares for the market recovering from the sharp fall in PC sales that hampered its business. **B1**

◆ **Airlines say** travel demand is picking up heading into the summer travel season, fueling their expectations for profits after what was in some cases a more lackluster winter. **B1**

◆ **Snap registered** its first quarterly sales drop and indicated a revenue rebound would be slow as the company grapples with disruptions in the digital ad market. **B4**

◆ **Coinbase said** it would fight the SEC over the agency's claim that much of its business is illegal. **E10**

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◆ **Democrats continued** to say that the nation's borrowing limit must be raised without conditions, waving away Republican demands to begin talks after the House passed a bill coupling an increase in the debt ceiling with sharp spending cuts. **A4**

◆ **Pence testified** Thursday before the grand jury investigating Trump's efforts to remain in power after the 2020 election, according to a person familiar with the matter. **A6**

◆ **A lawyer for Trump** sparred with E. Jean Carroll at a civil trial, questioning the writer over what he said were inconsistencies in her allegations that Trump raped her in the 1990s. **A6**

◆ **Iran's naval forces** seized an oil tanker bound for Texas in the Gulf of Oman, a move that drew condemnation from the U.S. military amid heightened tensions between Tehran and Washington. **A9**

◆ **A judge was considering** Thursday whether to further detain the airman charged with taking and sharing classified intelligence documents, after prosecutors argued he would obstruct their probe if he were freed. **A7**

◆ **Lilly's drug Mounjaro** for Type 2 diabetes helped people who are also overweight or obese lose up to 15.7% of their body weight, in a new study that could pave the way for the firm to promote the drug as a weight-loss treatment. **A3**

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Economy Cools Amid Recession Fears

U.S. gross domestic product grew at 1.1% pace in first quarter, slowing from 2.6%

By AUSTEN HUFFORD

U.S. economic growth slipped in the first quarter in the midst of still-high inflation and rising interest rates, adding to worries about a possible recession later this year.

Gross domestic product, a measure of the value of all the

goods and services produced in the country, rose at an inflation-adjusted and seasonally adjusted 1.1% annual rate from January to March, a significant slowdown from 2.6% growth in the fourth quarter, the Commerce Department said Thursday.

Consumption—the main driver of the economy—was a bright spot. Consumers propped up growth with a surge of buying early in the year, fueled by an ability to spend from higher incomes and built-up savings. That trend has

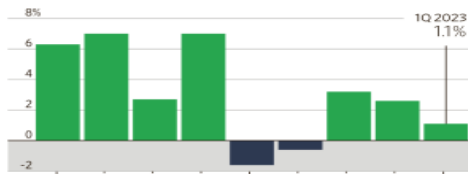
since abated, however.

Businesses pulled back sharply, drawing down inventories, cutting equipment purchases and reducing housing investment.

Stocks rallied Thursday after strong corporate earnings helped reverse a selloff earlier this week, with Facebook parent Meta Platforms Inc. leading the way. The tech-heavy Nasdaq Composite gained

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Annualized quarterly change in U.S. GDP*



*Adjusted for inflation and seasonality Source: Commerce Department

Honey, They Shrank the Secret Service, but Just for the Day



LINE OF DUTY: President Biden hosted Take Your Child to Work Day at the White House on Thursday, as staffers' children played roles such as Secret Service agents. The president also took questions from children of the White House press corps.

Amazon Rebounds, But Woes Hit Cloud

By SEBASTIAN HERRERA

Amazon.com Inc. reported surging growth as the tech giant rebounded from stagnant sales after a postpandemic slowdown, but its cloud-computing business showed further signs of cooling.

Stronger-than-expected performance in its advertising and international businesses was initially greeted warmly by investors.

But shares fell after-hours as the company revealed in a call with investors that Amazon Web Services, or AWS—long a central engine of the tech company's profitability—has seen revenue growth in April fall to about 11%, down from the nearly 16% increase in the first quarter.

The January-to-March growth rate at AWS was the lowest year-over-year increase since the company began separating out the unit's performance in 2015.

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DeSantis vs. Disney Turns Into a Slog

By ARIAN CAMPO-FLORES AND ROBBIE WHELAN

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis suggested it would be a short fight when he first threatened to strip Walt Disney Co. of the power to govern its magic kingdom of theme parks, water slides and hotels around Orlando.

A year later, Mr. DeSantis is enmeshed in a drawn-out conflict with the entertainment giant that has shifted from the political realm into the courts, with no end in sight.

The battle pits Mr. DeSantis, a rising Republican star and likely 2024 presidential candidate, against Robert Iger, a heavyweight chief executive

who recently took back the reins from Bob Chapek at the company he previously ran for 15 years.

Mr. Iger's return has given Disney's lobbyists more confidence they can persevere in the fight, according to people who work with them, and legal experts say it will be a long one.

Meanwhile, some lawmakers in the GOP-dominated legislature, which has backed the Republican governor, say they have begun to question Mr. DeSantis's strategy on Disney.

Mr. DeSantis signed laws in the past year meant to undermine Disney's control of the special tax district encompassing Walt Disney World Resort

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China Ratchets Up Pressure Campaign On Foreign Firms

By LINGLING WEI

Chinese authorities have embarked on a campaign to bring foreign businesses to heel, just months after Beijing delivered an open-for-business message to global investors.

In recent weeks, Chinese authorities have questioned staff at consulting firm Bain & Co.'s Shanghai office in a surprise visit, launched a cybersecurity review of imports from chip maker Micron Technology Inc., detained an employee of Japanese drugmaker Astellas Pharma Inc. and

raided the Beijing office of U.S. due-diligence company Mintz Group.

The government has broadened its spy law to counter perceived foreign threats, including allowing for the inspection of baggage and electronic devices of those suspected of espionage, significantly raising the risks for Western companies operating in China.

For the past few years, Xi Jinping, the Chinese leader who has long distrusted capitalist forces, has been on a campaign to seal in China's

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A Battle Over Refrigerating Butter

Soft butter is easy to spread, but is it safe to keep out?

By KRISTINA PETERSON

Butter evangelist Joelle Mertz is spreading the word. The 49-year-old small-business owner, author and mother of three is on a mission to convince American households and federal officials that it is safe and preferable to keep butter at room temperature instead of refrigerated, particularly for those with a taste for it on toast.

Her quixotic crusade would liberate butter sticks from a lifetime in the cold, moving from refrigerated trucks to the chilled dairy case of grocery stores to built-in refrigerator

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Office-Building Values Sink in San Francisco

Vacancies soar and quality of life weighs on the market, which a sale is about to test

By PETER GRANT AND JIM CARLTON

Before the pandemic, San Francisco's California Street was home to some of the world's most valuable commercial real estate. The corridor runs through the heart of the city's financial district and is lined with offices for banks and other companies that help fuel the global tech economy.

One building, a 22-story glass and stone tower at 350 California Street, was worth around \$300 million in 2019, according to office broker estimates.

That building now is for sale, with bids due soon. They are expected to come in at about \$60 million, com-

mercial real-estate brokers say. That's an 80% decline in value in just four years.

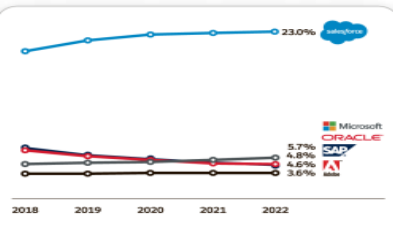
This is how dire things have become in San Francisco, an extreme form of a challenge nationwide. Nearly every large U.S. city is struggling, to some degree, with reduced office-worker turnout since the pandemic spurred remote work. No market was hit harder than San Francisco, for reasons including its high costs, reliance on a tech industry quick to embrace hybrid work, and quality-of-life issues such as crime and homelessness.

Many of the city's most prominent corporate tenants, from Salesforce Inc. to Face-

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Salesforce. #1 CRM.

Ranked #1 for CRM Applications based on IDC 2022 Revenue Market Share Worldwide.



Source: IDC, Worldwide Semiannual Software Tracker, April 2023.

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Turkey poll Germany blow for Erdogan

Expat Turks arrive at their consulate in Berlin for early voting in their country's general election, which takes place in Turkey on May 14.

Berlin yesterday rejected Ankara's request to double the number of voting booths in Germany on security grounds, dealing a blow to Recep Tayyip Erdogan, who boasts strong support among the 1.5m expat Turks in the country.

The decision risks reigniting bilateral tension, but offers the Turkish president a fresh opportunity to round on Europe in the final weeks of the hardest campaign of his 20 years in power.

Erdogan himself has cancelled campaign events in the past two days after falling ill on live television. Ankara, however, has rejected rumours of severe health problems and the president's Justice and Development party dismissed the speculation as "immoral false news".

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Deutsche Bank hit by wild swings amid recent turmoil

The lender said a "speculative attack" that sent its shares diving last month prompted clients to withdraw cash, showing the chaos that swept the sector. — PAGE 5

Fired Carlson lashes out

Rightwing firebrand news anchor Tucker Carlson has launched a tirade against the lack of "honest" US political debate, days after being fired by Fox News. — PAGE 7

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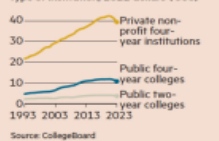
Mankind IPO lifts market

India's biggest condom group has raised \$529m in the country's largest listing in 2023. Two wealth funds led a rush to invest in the well-known brand. — PAGE 8

Datawatch

US college fees are falling

Average published tuition costs by type of institution, 2022 dollars (2000)



After a decade of decline in the number of students enrolling for private US college degrees, fees are falling too. The current academic year is the third in a row where the cost of studying has fallen in real terms, a trend not seen since the 1970s.

US growth slows as Fed gains ground in battle against rampant inflation

◆ GDP climbs 1.1% ◆ Further quarter-point rate rise expected ◆ Consumer spending remains strong

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US economic growth slowed sharply in the first quarter of 2023 despite strong consumer spending, as the Federal Reserve ploughed ahead with its historic monetary tightening campaign.

The world's largest economy grew 1.1 per cent on an annualised basis between January and March, according to preliminary data released by the commerce department yesterday.

The figures marked an abrupt deceleration from the 2.6 per cent pace registered in the final three months of last year and came in well below economists' expectations of a 2 per cent rise.

Other countries have outperformed expectations in the first quarter, with

China growing at an annual rate of 4.5 per cent driven by a consumer spending rebound after Beijing ended the zero-Covid policy.

The eurozone figures for January to March will be published today and are expected to show annual growth of 1.4 per cent. Belgium and Sweden yesterday both exceeded expectations.

The US slowdown suggests that the Fed's year-long push against rampant inflation is starting to take effect. Since

'This looks like a fairly robust GDP report despite the weak headline number'

Aditya Bhavne, Bank of America

March last year, the US central bank has lifted its benchmark policy rate from near zero to just under 5 per cent, the fastest increase in decades.

Officials are set to deliver another quarter-point rate rise next week, which would lift the federal funds rate to a target range of 5-5.25 per cent. They are then expected to consider a pause in their tightening campaign. Other western economies, however, are still grappling with soaring prices. Official data in the UK this month showed inflation had fallen less than expected in March, staying stubbornly in the double digits.

US government bonds sold off on the GDP data, pushing the two-year Treasury yield — which closely tracks interest rate expectations — up 0.13 percentage points to 4 per cent. The benchmark 10-

year yield rose 0.09 percentage points to 3.52 per cent.

Despite the ebbing momentum, the US data reflected pockets of strength. "Really peeling back the layers, it is very positive in terms of consumer spending," said Kristina Hooper, chief global markets strategist at Invesco.

Consumer spending rose at a 3.7 per cent adjusted annual rate, up from 1 per cent in the last quarter of 2022.

"This looks like a fairly robust GDP report despite the weak headline number," said Aditya Bhavne, senior US economist at Bank of America. "The concern is that a lot of the strength was driven by what happened in January. The handoff to the second quarter doesn't look particularly encouraging."

The resilience of the US consumer,

buoyed by a tight labour market, has kept officials on edge. But early signs of cooling in jobs gains and wage growth have provided some comfort that the worst of the inflation shock has passed.

Officials maintain that returning inflation to the Fed's longstanding 2 per cent target will require a period of "below-trend growth and some softening in labour market conditions", but they have stopped short of forecasting a recession.

As of March, most officials expect inflation-adjusted GDP growth to slow to 0.4 per cent in 2023, before rebounding to 1.2 per cent the following year.

The unemployment rate, meanwhile, is projected to peak at 4.6 per cent in 2024, according to most officials, up from its current level of 3.5 per cent.

Waning appetite for cheese lollipops sparks fears over Chinese economy

LEO LEWIS — TOKYO

Goldman Sachs has lost its faith in China's appetite for cheese — and the snacking habits of its children — in the latest reassessment of the country's consumer tastes.

At the centre of Goldman's volte face is a stock recommendation on Milkground, China's leader in the competitive culinary realm of the cheese lollipop — a delight that combines cheese with sweet flavours such as chocolate and banana, is aimed at the under-12s and claims to have solid nutritional value.

In June 2022, Goldman initiated analyst coverage on Milkground with a "buy" recommendation, a punchy 12-month price target and a 40-page thesis on the lucrative trajectory for per capita cheese consumption in the world's second-biggest economy. Children's snack-

ing was expected to be the main driver of "multyear cheese market growth".

Less than a year later Goldman is less bullish. Investors are "underestimating the pace and magnitude of deceleration in cheese penetration", the bank said this week as it switched its view on Milkground to a "sell".

Its analysts blamed the effect of the softer macro backdrop on volatile spending power. Sales of cheese lollipops, in particular, were hit by the tightening of family-purse strings.

Markets are struggling to assess the prospects for China's economy after zero-Covid curbs ended last year. While first-quarter economic growth was better than expected, investors have dumped Chinese stocks on signs that consumer confidence remains weak.

Underpinning Goldman's original optimism was an estimate that, by 2030,

mainland China's per capita cheese consumption would move from 0.18kg per year towards 0.5kg per year, or roughly where Taiwan's is today — still just a slice of the 17.3kg per year in the French cheese market.

With the tailwind of general dietary change, the analysts estimated that China's cheese market would double from \$3.6bn in 2022 to \$7.3bn in 2026.

Milkground, formerly known as Guanglez Dairy, listed in 2016, introducing its version of the cheese lollipop, and soaring to the leading position against rivals Yili, Milkana and Dr. Cheese.

Goldman now sets a 12-month share price target for Milkground of Rmb17.4, some 64 per cent below what it told investors to expect last year. Milkground shares closed yesterday at Rmb26.11 and Goldman's is the only "sell" recommendation.



Microsoft investors move past Activision deal block

Microsoft's investors have brushed off the blocking by the UK regulator of its \$75bn deal to buy Activision Blizzard. The US software giant's shares rose 7 per cent on a resurgence in its cloud computing unit and after it reiterated its intention to build on its generative AI lead. This is a sign that the tech landscape has shifted in the 15 months since the bid shocked the gaming world and that the deal for the Call of Duty maker is now seen as peripheral.

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World Markets											
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Pair	Apr 27	Prev	%Chg	Pair	Apr 27	Prev	%Chg	Yield (%)	Apr 27	Prev	Dtg
S&P 500	4102.85	4095.99	1.16	\$/£	1.101	1.104	-0.28	4.07	3.94	0.13	
Nasdaq Composite	12052.43	11854.35	1.67	\$/€	1.247	1.247	0.00	3.51	3.43	0.08	
Dow Jones Ind	33695.80	33001.87	0.86	\$/¥	0.883	0.886	-0.35	3.75	3.68	0.07	
FTSE100	1837.30	1833.65	0.20	\$/HK\$	134.125	133.345	0.58	3.81	3.74	0.07	
Euro Stoxx 50	4357.47	4347.71	0.22	\$/INR	167.234	166.268	0.58	3.53	3.85	0.07	
FTSE All-Share	4259.15	4267.92	-0.20	\$/KRW	0.987	0.983	0.40	4.11	4.04	0.08	
CAC 40	7483.84	7466.66	0.23	\$/RUB	129.140	129.140	0.00	0.06	0.04	0.02	
Nikkei	28457.68	28416.47	0.15	\$/BRL	5.242	5.242	0.00	13.09	13.02	0.02	
Hang Seng	19840.28	19767.27	0.42	\$/AUD	1.524	1.524	0.00	2.86	2.79	0.07	
MSCI World \$	2779.71	2783.54	-0.35	\$/NZD	1.584	1.584	0.00	2.46	2.39	0.06	
MSCI EM \$	967.85	965.60	0.23	\$/SGD	1.344	1.344	0.00	2.54	2.48	0.05	
MSCI ACWI	642.74	644.61	-0.29	\$/HKD	7.751	7.751	0.00				
FT Wilshire 2500	5238.75	5259.92	-0.40	\$/TWD	31.101	31.101	0.00				
FT Wilshire 5000	40938.22	41005.22	-0.41	\$/CNY	7.126	7.126	0.00				
				COMMODITIES							
				Pair	Apr 27	Prev	%Chg				
				Oil WTI	74.71	74.30	0.55				
				Oil Brent	78.01	77.72	0.37				
				Gold	2003.00	1987.40	0.78				

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Failure of Push To Add Homes Deepens Crisis

Picture of Dysfunction in New York Capitol

By LUIS FERRÉ-SADURNÍ and MIHIR ZAVERI

ALBANY, N.Y. — It seemed like 2023 would be the year that New York would finally take the most consequential steps in decades to address the state's dire housing shortage.

Rising rents and homelessness had made housing a top issue for voters. Gov. Kathy Hochul had unveiled a grand plan, focused on cajoling communities to build more homes through new mandates that was met with praise from housing experts and pro-development groups. And her fellow Democrats in control of the State Capitol had pledged to make housing a priority.

Yet the plan collapsed last week amid closed-door budget negotiations between Ms. Hochul and Democratic lawmakers, dragging down nearly every major housing proposal with it, in a spectacular failure that has prompted a game of intraparty finger pointing and now threatens to deepen one of the worst housing crises in the nation.

The disintegration underscored Albany's often dysfunctional policymaking process and marked a significant setback for a new governor who had made housing a top focus. But it also raised fears that the trends that threaten the economies of New York City and the state could continue unchecked, including the outflow of middle-class workers, like teachers and nurses; the departure of families and subsequent decline of public schools; and a rise in homelessness.

"It's irresponsible to walk away from this at this moment in time," said Rachel Fee, the executive director of the New York Housing Conference, a nonprofit group that advocates more affordable housing.

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DEAL Leaders in Albany reached a handshake agreement on a \$229 billion budget. PAGE A19



Judith Harry's parents grew only maize and tobacco, but she has added crops like peanuts, above.

Climate Shocks Force Small Farmers to Reinvent

By SOMINI SENGUPTA

MCHINJI, Malawi — When it comes to growing food, some of the smallest farmers in the world are becoming some of the most creative farmers in the world. Like Judith Harry and her neighbors, they are sowing pigeon peas to shade their soils from a hotter, more scorching sun. They are planting vetiver grass to keep floodwaters at bay.

They are resurrecting old crops, like finger millet and forgotten yams, and planting trees that naturally fertilize the soil. A few are turning away from one legacy

In Malawi, Ideas Such as Varying Crops Are Vital for Survival

of European colonialism, the practice of planting rows and rows of maize, or corn, and saturating the fields with chemical fertilizers.

"One crop might fail. Another crop might do well," said Ms. Harry, who has abandoned her parents' tradition of growing just maize and tobacco and added the peanuts, sunflowers and soy to

her fields. "That might save your season."

It's not just Ms. Harry and her neighbors in Malawi, a largely agrarian nation of 19 million on the front lines of climate hazards. Their scrappy, throw-everything-at-the-wall array of innovations is multiplied by small subsistence farmers elsewhere in the world. This is out of necessity.

It's because they rely on the weather to feed themselves, and the weather has been upended by 150 years of greenhouse gas emissions produced mainly by the industrialized countries of the

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For President, Crucial Choice On Debt Limit

A Stance Against Cuts Is Put to the Test

By JIM TANKERSLEY

WASHINGTON — This week's vote by House Republicans to couple deep spending cuts with an agreement to raise the debt limit for one year has put President Biden on the defensive, forcing him to confront a series of potentially painful choices at a perilous economic moment.

Mr. Biden has long maintained that he would not negotiate spending cuts or other efforts to reduce the federal debt as part of discussions over raising the nation's debt limit, which must be raised in order for the United States to keep borrowing money to pay its bills.

But business groups, fiscal hawks and some congressional Democrats are calling on Mr. Biden to begin negotiating in earnest toward a deal that would avoid a default on the debt, which could come as soon as June or July.

Mr. Biden and his aides now must choose how quickly to engage with Speaker Kevin McCarthy of California — along with Senator Chuck Schumer, Democrat of New York, the majority leader; Senator Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the minority leader; and Representative Hakeem Jeffries of New York, the House minority leader — and on what terms.

The president faces a cascading set of decisions as the nation, which has already bumped up against its \$31.4 trillion debt limit, barrels toward default. He will need to find what, if any, common ground on spending cuts he has with Republicans, who do not share his preference for reducing the nation's debt path largely by raising taxes on corporations and the rich. He will need to determine if he is prepared to sign any debt limit increase that is attached to conditions demanded by House conservatives.

Ultimately, he may need to decide how aggressively to intervene in the delicate politics of House leadership. A potential debt-limit agreement could spur revolt by Mr. McCarthy's most

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ECONOMY GROWS AT SLOWER PACE; SPENDING SURGES

G.D.P. RISES 1.1 PERCENT

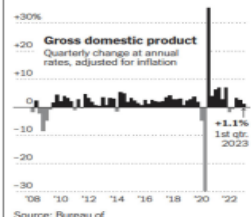
Consumers Provide Lift, but the U.S. Housing Market Shrinks

By BEN CASSELMAN

The housing market is slowing. Businesses are pulling back on hiring and investment. But American consumers are keeping the economy out of a recession — at least for now.

Gross domestic product, adjusted for inflation, rose at a 1.1 percent annual rate in the first quarter, according to preliminary data released by the Commerce Department on Thursday. That was down from a 2.6 percent rise in the last three months of 2022 but nonetheless a third straight quarter of growth after output declined in the first half of last year.

The Federal Reserve's efforts to cool off the economy are having an effect. The housing sector shrank for the eighth consecutive quarter, and business investment in equip-



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis THE NEW YORK TIMES

ment fell for the second quarter in a row. Both areas are heavily influenced by interest rates, which policymakers have raised repeatedly over the past year to tamp down inflation.

But those declines were more than offset by robust spending by consumers, which rose at an annual rate of 3.7 percent, the fastest growth since mid-2021, when the Covid-19 vaccine rollout lifted the economy. Consumers have been buoyed by a strong job market and rising wages, which have helped them weather the combination of rising prices and higher borrowing costs.

"You never want to bet against the U.S. consumer is what you learn over and over again," said Stephen Juneau, an economist at Bank of America.

Spending on services such as travel and restaurant meals continued to rebound from pandemic lows, and spending on goods also rose after four straight quarters of declines.

It isn't clear how long that resilience can continue, however. Spending slowed as the quarter progressed, and forecasters said it could weaken further amid headlines about layoffs, bank failures and warnings of a possible recession. Savings rates have been edging higher, a sign that consumers may be growing more cautious, and more Americans are falling

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CAROLYN BRYANT DONHAM, 1934-2023

A Storekeeper Who Doomed Emmett Till With Her Words

By MARGALIT FOX

Only two people knew exactly what happened during the minute they were alone together in the general store in Money, Miss., on Aug. 24, 1955. One, Emmett Till, a Black teenager visiting from Chicago, died four days later, at 14, in a brutal murder that stands out even in America's long history of racial injustice.

The other was Carolyn Bryant. She was the 21-year-old white proprietress of the store where, according to her testimony in the September 1955 trial of her hus-

band and his half brother for the murder, Emmett made a sexually suggestive remark to her, grabbed her roughly by the waist and let loose a wolf whistle.

Now Mrs. Bryant, more recently known as Carolyn Bryant Donham, has died at 88. On Thursday, Megan LeBoeuf, the chief investigator for the Calcasieu Parish coroner's office in Louisiana, sent a statement confirming the death, on Tuesday, in Westlake, a small city in southern Louisiana. Ms. LeBoeuf did not provide further information.

With Mrs. Bryant's death, the truth of what happened that August day may now never be clear. More than half a century after the murder, Timothy B. Tyson, a Duke University historian who interviewed her, wrote that she had admitted to him that she had jumped herself on the witness stand to make Emmett's conduct sound more threatening than it actually was — serving, in Dr. Tyson's words, as "the mouthpiece of a monstrous lie."

"She said with respect to the physical assault on her, or anything menacing or sexual, that that part isn't true," Dr. Tyson told "CBS This Morning" in 2017.

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Emmett Till, who was murdered in Mississippi in 1955.



Holding Out Hope in Ukraine The Arch of Freedom in Kyiv, once dedicated to Russia's friendship. More coverage, Page A8.

Where Award Shows, Hallmark Dramas and Reality TV Meet

By ELENA BERGERON

The N.F.L. has televised its draft since 1980, and soon after, sports leagues realized they could sell rights to their selection shows to emerging cable networks thirsty for content. In the decades since, football's rookie roll call has far eclipsed those of its sports peers, giving the N.F.L. draft pop-

N.F.L. Draft Is About More Than Football

ularity on a par with whoever headlines the Grammys and bigger than HBO's "Succession."

For three days, a sport built on violent collisions holds what

amounts to a football festival that traffics in heart-tugging stories and innocent fun. At last year's draft, N.F.L. Commissioner Roger Goodell — a brawny former player himself — turned to greet Devin Lloyd, the 6-foot-3 line-backer who'd just been selected, and offered the customary handshake and hug. To Mr. Goodell's shock, Mr. Lloyd leaned in and snatched his new boss off the

ground in a motion so fluid that Mr. Goodell simply tucked his feet back and broke out into a laugh.

Mr. Lloyd's mother, Ronyta Johnson, said she'd told him to do it on a whim. "I just wanted to see

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Missed warnings about a sexual predator

Santa Monica police knew of employee's arrest but still let him be a youth volunteer.

BY RICHARD WINTON

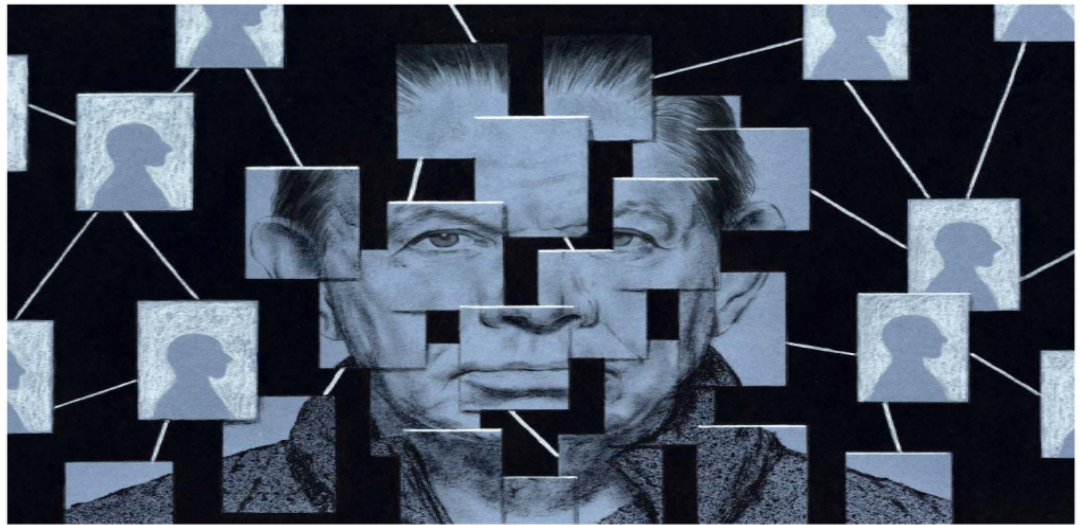
Santa Monica police allowed a civilian employee to volunteer in a youth program — where he went on to molest more than 200 children — despite a 1991 background check that revealed he was arrested as a teen for molesting a toddler he babysat, according to a report reviewed by The Times.

Beginning in the late 1980s, Eric Uller preyed on the most vulnerable children in the predominantly Latin neighborhoods of Santa Monica, often traveling in an unmarked police vehicle or his personal SUV, which was outfitted with police equipment, according to court records. It took decades for Uller to be exposed before he was ultimately arrested and charged in 2018.

This week, the Santa Monica City Council approved a \$122.5-million payout to settle hundreds of claims against the city's top systems analyst, who died by suicide before his first court appearance. The total settlements now top \$29 million — the most costly single-perpetrator sexual disbursement for any municipality.

Revelations that police knew of the teenage arrest heightened growing concerns about why Santa Monica police missed repeated warnings that Uller was a predator.

News of the report was especially unsettling for John AM Doe, one of hundreds of former Police Activities League youths who sued the city over sexual [See Uller, A7]



EDWARD KINSELLA For The Times

COLD CASE HEATS UP AFTER 42 YEARS

Were it not for his sister's killing, Roy Rodriguez might have left Camarillo.

Rachel Zendejas was sexually assaulted and slain in the small, sleepy city in Ventura County in 1981, her naked body found across the street from the apartment she shared with Rodriguez. Every year on Jan. 18 — the anniversary of her death — Rodriguez made the solemn call to detectives, asking for updates and begging to continue the search for her killer.

He kept calling long after the case went cold. His parents died without any answers. His brother too, Rodriguez could not move away. He wondered whether the killer lived in the area or was someone he knew.

Now, 42 years after her killing, police say the man who ended Zendejas' life was close at hand for all those years. Tony Garcia, a children's karate instructor, was arrested Feb. 9 in Oxnard, about 10 miles from where Zendejas' body was dumped.

The 68-year-old Navy veteran was charged

Two unsolved killings left police and families frustrated. A breakthrough finally led to an arrest.

By Noah Goldberg

with murder not only in Zendejas' slaying but also in the death of another woman, Lisa Gondek, the same year.

"It's just like she died all over again," Rodriguez said. "It just makes you wonder if we ever were in the same place. ... He was hiding in plain sight. We used to drive by that karate place all the time."

While prosecutors have not provided a specific motive in the slayings, Ventura County Deputy Dist. Atty. Richard Simon said Garcia — whom he called a "serial killer" — had been suppressing his violent tendencies.

"He's been holding it in. The desires that he has, the urges that he has, have been held in for a long time," Simon said in court.

Garcia has denied the charges, which include an enhancement for rape.

The search for Zendejas' and Gondek's killer has been an odyssey spanning generations of detectives in Ventura County, one filed with starts and stops and a misstep [See Cold case, A12]

Airman accused of leak spoke of mass killing, officials say

Prosecutors call Jack Teixeira a threat, flight risk. Defense argues he should be released.

BY ALANNA DURKIN RICHER, ERIC TUCKER AND TARA COPP

WORCESTER, Mass. — The Massachusetts Air National Guardsman accused of leaking highly classified military documents kept in arsenal of guns and said on social media that he would like to kill a "ton of people," prosecutors said in arguing Thursday that Jack Teixeira should remain in jail for his trial.

The judge at Teixeira's detention hearing put off an immediate decision on whether he should be kept in

custody or released to home confinement or under other conditions. Teixeira, 21, was led away from the court in handcuffs, black rosary beads around his neck, pending that ruling.

Court filings raise new questions about why Teixeira, who held the rank of airman 1st class, had such a high security clearance and access to some of the nation's most classified secrets. Prosecutors said he may still have material that hasn't been released, which could be of "tremendous value to hostile nation states that could offer him safe harbor and attempt to facilitate his escape from the United States."

The defense argued that the government has not shown he intended the leaked information to be widely disseminated, but [See Teixeira, A7]



MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ Associated Press

HOMELAND SECURITY officials expect the number of migrant arrivals to skyrocket after Title 42 orders end May 11. Above, the border crossing in Tijuana.

Colombia, Guatemala to host U.S. migrant centers

Officials brace for record arrivals once Title 42 ends

BY ANDREA CASTILLO

WASHINGTON — The United States will establish regional processing centers for migrants in Colombia and Guatemala in an effort to reduce arrivals at the southern border after a pandemic-era policy ends next month, Biden administration officials announced Thursday.

The administration is also in talks with additional Latin American countries about the possibility of establishing more processing

centers, said Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro N. Mayorkas.

Several thousand migrants will be screened at the centers each month for eligibility under the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program and other humanitarian and labor pathways. At a news conference with Mayorkas, Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken said he expects many more people to stay near the regional centers and wait for their chance to seek legal protections.

Blinken said Spain and Canada will accept referrals

from the regional centers.

"Migration is the definition of a challenge that no country can solve alone," he said.

The announcement comes two weeks before the expected end of Title 42 orders, which were implemented amid the COVID-19 pandemic and prevented migrants from requesting asylum, allowing border agents to return many of them swiftly back to Mexico. Migrants have been expelled from the U.S. nearly 2.8 million times under Title 42 [See Migrants, A4]

A new voting system reality

Shasta County, which ditched Dominion, learns hand-counting will come at a cost.

BY JESSICA GARRISON

Weeks after deciding to dump Dominion Voting Systems and become the largest government entity in the U.S. to hand-count its votes, Shasta County officials are now grappling with the complex logistics of actually carrying out that approach, accurately and legally, in a county of 200,000 people.

In a Board of Supervisors meeting Tuesday spiced with angry personal attacks — and during which Supervisor Kevin Crye was served with recall papers on the day's midsession — county staff told board members that hand-counting ballots could cost an additional \$3 million over two years. The board ultimately voted to fund seven more staff positions to carry out the effort, even as flabbergasted citizens in the audience bemoaned what they said were absurd new expenses for a county struggling to provide healthcare and homeless services.

The board's decision earlier this year to sever the county's long-standing relationship with Dominion, one [See Voting, A9]

Panthers draft Young with No. 1 pick
Alabama quarterback heads to Carolina. Chargers tap receiver Quentin Johnston at No. 21. **SPORTS, B10**

Jerry Springer, king of trash TV

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Musk broke a Twitter hallmark

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Fissures emerge on abortion in red states

Thwarted S.C., Nebraska bills show infighting on how far limits should go

BY BRITTANY SHAMMAS, DAN ROSENZWEIG-ZIFF, RACHEL ROUBIN AND CAROLINE KITCHENER

Strict new abortion restrictions failed to advance in two conservative-dominated state legislatures Thursday, signaling a mounting fear among some Republicans that abortion bans could lead to political backlashes.

A near-total ban on abortion failed in South Carolina, just hours before a six-week ban fizzled in Nebraska. Abortion remains legal in both states until 22 weeks of pregnancy.

In lengthy and often impassioned speeches on the South Carolina Senate floor, the state's five female senators — three Republicans and two Democrats — decried what would have been a near-total ban on abortion.

One, Sen. Sandy Senn (R), likened the implications to the dystopian novel "The Handmaid's Tale," in which women are treated as property of the state.

Abortion laws, Senn said, "have always been, and every one of them, about control — plain and simple. And in the Senate, the males have all the control."

While it was women who helped defeat the measure in South Carolina, in Nebraska it was an 80-year-old man who stalled it.

Sen. Merv Riepe, a longtime Republican who would have been the decisive vote to advance

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Va. diversity chief talks down 'equity' in VMI visit

BY IAN SHAPIRA

Virginia's chief diversity officer was blunt. He took the stage last Friday at Virginia Military Institute — a college embroiled in a tense debate over racism, sexism and diversity reforms — and slammed the whole concept of diversity, equity and inclusion.

"Let's take a moment right now to kill that cow. DEI is dead," said Martin D. Brown, who was appointed by Gov. Glenn Youngkin (R) in November. "We're not going to bring that cow up anymore. It's dead. It was mandated by the General Assembly, but this governor has a different philosophy of civil discourse, civility, treating — living the golden rule, right?"

Brown, a Black Republican who is a former Heritage Foundation fellow and worked for two previous GOP governors, was the featured speaker at a mandatory annual "inclusive excellence" training session for VMI's faculty and staff members. VMI recorded the speech and made it available after The Washington Post asked to see it.

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After a long drought, record snowmelt may be poised to flood ill-prepared farm towns



MELINA MARA/THE WASHINGTON POST

In California, rising fears of a doomsday deluge

BY BRIANNA SACKS IN CUTLER, CALIF.

Jayden Martinez walked across the cracked mud of the canal that flooded his family's home last month, his Pokemon-themed Crocs crunching on pieces of concrete and rocks. Standing on the bank, the 9-year-old looked at the channel, partially clogged with trash, and recounted how the surging water broke through, turning his street into a river and leaving his family and neighbors 10 minutes to grab what they could and get out.

Jayden, his mother, Juanita Martinez, and dozens of other residents in this central California farming town are trying to rebound from a flood brought on by relentless

rain, a shock after enduring years of extreme drought. Now, as wet mattresses and furniture still dry out in front yards, some residents who live along the canal, including Martinez, had no idea that immense amounts of water might impact their lives again.

In the coming weeks and months, Cutler, located about three hours north of Los Angeles in Tulare County, and other towns in the San Joaquin Valley are facing the prospect of catastrophic flooding from what could be the largest amount of snowmelt in state history — and much of

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A girl stands on the bank of a stream in Cutler, Calif., that overflowed this month during relentless rain. The dilapidated infrastructure here may be put to a test with billions of gallons of water coursing through already saturated waterways.

CAROLYN BRYANT 1934-2023

Her accusation led to murder of Emmett Till

Wife of one of boy's killers was central to episode that helped spur civil rights movement

BY EMILY LANGER



In August 1955, 14-year-old Emmett Till stopped in the Mississippi grocery owned by Carolyn Bryant's husband while she was in the store and was said to have wolf-whistled at her. Days later, Roy Bryant and his half brother abducted, tortured and shot Till.

had propositioned her — a transgression that would have been unforgivable to a White man in the Jim Crow era.

Despite an avalanche of incriminating evidence, an all-White jury in Sumner, Miss., acquitted Bryant and Milam after little more than an hour of deliberation. One juror remarked that they would have reached a verdict more quickly had they not "stopped to drink pop." Shortly thereafter, the defendants confessed to the murder in a paid interview with Look magazine.

Mrs. Bryant, a central and ultimately elusive figure in a lynching that stunned the nation with its brutality and helped spur the civil rights movement, died April 25 at her home in Westlake, La. She was 88.

Her death was confirmed by the Calcasieu Parish coroner's office in Lake Charles, La. No cause was given in the state-

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Growth in GDP slows sharply

TEPID FIGURE FUELS GLOOMY OUTLOOK

Expansion rate of 1.1% reveals 'growing cracks'

BY ABHA BHATTARAI

The U.S. economy wobbled in the first months of 2023, growing at an annual rate of 1.1 percent, as higher interest rates and a banking crisis dragged down activity across sectors.

The latest figures, released Thursday by the Bureau of Economic Analysis, mark a sharp slowdown at a time when Wall Street is already bracing for recession, in part because of fears that the banking sector's troubles will curtail lending. By comparison, the U.S. economy grew at an annual rate of 2.6 percent in the last three months of 2022.

"The economy is in a very unsettling, dicey situation," said Joseph LaVorgna, chief economist at SMBC Nikko Securities America. "All forward-looking measures are pointing to significant slowing."

Three years after the 2020 coronavirus recession — the steepest and shortest on record — the U.S. economy remains resilient but shaky. Businesses are hiring, people are getting raises, and families are continuing to spend.

But retail sales have fallen for two months in a row, manufacturing output is slumping, and bank

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Carroll cites #MeToo as inspiration to go public

BY SHAYNA JACOBS, KIM BELLWAVE AND MARK BERMAN

NEW YORK — E. Jean Carroll, who has accused Donald Trump of raping her two decades before he became president, testified Thursday that the #MeToo movement inspired her to speak out after years of remaining silent.

"Woman after woman stood up," Carroll said. "I thought, well, this may be a way to change the culture of sexual violence. . . . I thought, we can actually change things if we tell our stories." Taking the stand for a second day as part of her civil lawsuit against Trump, Carroll was questioned by Joe Tacopina, the former president's attorney, who appeared focused on picking apart her allegations and generally weakening her credibility with jurors.

Carroll, a writer and former advice columnist, said Trump raped her during a chance encounter at a Manhattan department store in the mid-1990s. She publicly accused him in 2019.

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State medical board failed to protect people from sexual misconduct. **In Weekend Extra**

5 MLB trends that could stick around

We're only a month into season, but these seem to bring the signal as much as the noise. **In Sports**

YARA SHAHIDI AS TINKERBELL PROVIDED BY DISNEY



'Peter Pan & Wendy' updates characters

Live-action version of 1953 classic injects some modern sensibilities, corrects racist stereotypes. **In Life**

Leak suspect kept an 'arsenal'

No immediate ruling on whether to release him

Bart Jansen and Tom Vanden Brook
USA TODAY

Prosecutors argued that Jack Teixeira, the Air National Guardsman accused of releasing Pentagon secrets on social media, had an "arsenal" of weapons and could flee the country if released from jail, during his detention hearing Thursday.

Teixeira, 21, of North Dighton, Massachusetts, is charged with unauthorized retention of national defense information and unauthorized removal of classified documents.

U.S. Magistrate Judge David Hennessy didn't rule immediately whether to release Teixeira with conditions, as his lawyers requested, or keep him jailed until trial.

'A virtual arsenal of weapons'

In a court filing Wednesday, prosecutors said he kept a gun locker near his bed that held weapons including handguns, bolt-action rifles, shotguns and an AK-style high-capacity weapon. FBI agents searched the dumpster outside his house and found a military-style helmet, a mounting bracket used to attach a camera to the helmet and a GoPro camera.

"A search of the Defendant's primary and secondary residences — that of his mother and father — also revealed the existence of a virtual arsenal of weapons, including bolt-action rifles, rifles, AR and AK-style weapons, and a bazooka," prosecutors said.

Teixeira also appeared fixated on mass killings, according to prosecutors:

• In November 2022, he said he would "kill a (expletive) ton of people" because it would be "culling the weak-minded."

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After years of drought, California saw its snowpack hit a record high of 237% of normal, according to state officials. While that's helping to replenish depleted reservoirs, melting snow has raised concerns about flooding. MARIO TAMA/GETTY IMAGES

The 'Big Melt' begins as temps rise in California

Snowpack, meet heat wave. With near-record highs expected this weekend, California is starting to experience what has been called the "Big Melt." And although the snowpack has helped quench the state's drought for now, experts, state officials and residents are concerned the water will be too much of a good thing. Winter storms contributed to a snowpack that stands at 237% of average — equivalent to 61 inches of water. The snow won't melt all at once, of course, but the water has already caused two rivers to run high, leading officials to order closures of parts of Yosemite National Park. The hot weather won't last too long, forecasters say, but the cooldown could bring rainstorms that exacerbate flood risks.

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Martha DeJulian Ronquillo works at a hotel in Wilmington, N.C. In 2019, she found out she was at risk for uterine cancer. KEN BLEVINS/USA TODAY NETWORK

Latino women see 'staggering' increase in uterine cancer

Nada Hassanein
USA TODAY

For six years, Martha DeJulian Ronquillo suffered anemia and depression. The mother of two in her late 30s often called out of work as a housekeeper because of fatigue and pain.

In those years, Ronquillo bled daily and heavily outside of her periods. The blood loss led to chronic depression and so much iron deficiency that she needed three iron transfusions.

Clinicians prescribed medicines to stem the bleeding, but they didn't work.

"It was a very terrible time," said Ronquillo, who lives in Wilmington, North Carolina. "I didn't want to exist anymore. I just wanted to die."

Finally, in the summer of 2019, doctors referred her to a specialist who took a biopsy. Ronquillo's uterus had precancerous cells that probably would progress into cancer, the doctor told her.

Two months after turning 39, Ronquillo had a hysterectomy.

"I feel very grateful," said Ronquillo,

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Debt limit showdown begins in earnest

White House's message to GOP: 'We pay our bills'

Candy Woodall
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — After House Republicans narrowly passed their debt limit plan, the White House reminded them why the celebration should be short lived.

The bill, which would raise the debt limit into May 2024 and slash spending, is "dead on arrival" in the Senate, according to Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, and President Joe Biden has said he would veto it.

Despite the pats on the back in the House chamber Wednesday evening, lawmakers are no closer to increasing the government's borrowing power and preventing the U.S. from defaulting on its debt.

In a statement after the vote, White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre called on House Republicans to "act immediately" to avoid default.

Republicans have said they will not raise the debt limit without getting spending cuts in return, and the presi-

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Drew Barrymore, de actriz de comedia a nueva reina del talk show

Su humor y espontaneidad la convirtieron en una referente para las nuevas generaciones.



Esta vez, la Feria del Libro abrió sin estridencias políticas

—cultura

A diferencia del año pasado, el discurso inaugural no buscó la provocación; la gran cita cultural ofrece una nutrida agenda. **Página 24**



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Cristina respaldó a Massa y culpó al FMI por la corrida cambiaria y la inflación

ACTO. Llamó a reformular el acuerdo; insinuó que no será candidata y confrontó con Milei

En su reaparición en un acto público después de 40 días, la vicepresidenta Cristina Kirchner expresó su respaldo a la gestión del ministro de Economía, Sergio Massa, y responsabilizó al Fondo Monetario Internacional (FMI) por la corrida cambiaria porque demoró en habilitar la intervención del Banco Central en el

mercado. En un acto en el Teatro Argentino de La Plata, con formato de clase magistral que se extendió durante casi una hora y media, dijo que hay que reformular el acuerdo con el FMI, al que calificó de "inflacionario". Después criticó largamente la propuesta de dolarización de Javier Milei, a quien definió como un here-

dero de Domingo Cavallo. Ante un auditorio militante que varias veces cantó "Cristina presidenta", la vicepresidenta buscó desactivar la hipótesis de una candidatura. "Yo ya di lo que tenía que dar", fue la frase más clara. No hizo ninguna mención al corrimiento electoral de Alberto Fernández. **Página 8**

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Una "clase" para condicionar

Claudio Jacquelin

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Suben otra vez la tasa y se acentúa la sangría de reservas

MERCADOS. El BCRA vendió US\$79 millones; el interés pasó del 81% al 91% anual

El Banco Central (BCRA) cedió ayer otros US\$79 millones de sus reservas netas. Acumuló así el segundo saldo negativo consecutivo, algo inédito en tiempos de dólar soja, al sacrificar en esos dos días US\$128 millones. Al mismo tiempo, con el objetivo de calmar el mercado cambiario, volvió a subir ayer la tasa de interés de referencia solo una semana después de haberla actualizado. La tasa anual fue llevada del 81% al 91%, lo que implica una tasa efectiva anual de 141% para depósitos a plazo fijo, por encima de las expectativas de inflación del mercado (120%). **Página 16**

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Un ministro dispuesto a todo para llegar a agosto

Florencia Donovan

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Revolución Maratea: \$324 millones en 7 horas



R. PRISTUPLUK

deportes— Santiago Maratea lanzó ayer la colecta para ayudar a Independiente y sacudió no solo al ambiente del fútbol. El influencer fue optimista y estimó que "en 10 o 15 días" se podrían conseguir los más de US\$20 millones que adeuda el club de Avellaneda. La gente reaccionó inmediatamente y en unas 7 horas se recaudaron más de \$324 millones. En medio de la crisis, varios exfutbolistas de la entidad, como Miguel Ángel Santoro, respaldaron la causa.

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Trenes, subtes y colectivos en el AMBA, con faltas de inversión y flotas obsoletas

La movilidad en el sistema de transporte público del área metropolitana de Buenos Aires (AMBA) funciona bajo un estrés permanente, con la sensación de que cualquier

eslabón en malas condiciones puede provocar un desastre. En esa área geográfica, se realizan más de 10.000 viajes diarios, los trenes transportan 930.000 personas por

jornada y más de 300.000 recurren a los subtes. Los subsidios atrasados, las flotas sin renovar y hasta paros por diversos reclamos afectan la vida cotidiana. **Página 22**

Pérsico dijo que van a ir a "apretar" a empresarios

PRECIOS. El funcionario y dirigente piquetero Emilio Pérsico reveló que el ministro de Economía, Sergio Massa, les pidió a los movimientos sociales y gremios que salgan a "apretar" a empresarios para bajar los precios. El referente del Movimiento Evita dijo que el mensaje de Massa fue parte de la reunión con gremios y organizaciones de piqueteros para impulsar un acuerdo de precios y salarios. **Página 14**

Não aceitamos focinheira ou coleira, afirma líder do MST

Em entrevista à Folha, o coordenador nacional do MST, João Paulo Rodrigues, 43, defendeu autonomia dos sem-terra em relação ao governo Lula e disse que a criação de CPI contra o movimento é inconstitucional. "Já passamos por quatro CPIs, e o MST saiu mais forte de todas elas", disse ao defender as invasões do abril vermelho e cobrar ações para reforma agrária. **Política A10**

STF suspende julgamento sobre correção do FGTS

O ministro do STF Kassio Nunes Marques pediu vista no julgamento que discute possível mudança na correção de valores depositados no FGTS. A ação debate a constitucionalidade das atuais regras, e o resultado pode elevar os recursos a que trabalhadores têm direito. **Mercado A19**

STJ decide que qualquer salário é garantia de dívida

Decisão, para a qual cabe recurso, diz que o salário de qualquer valor pode ser garantia de dívida. Regra atual só libera penhora de quem ganha acima de 50 salários mínimos. **A19**

Ilustrada C1 e C8

Jards quer amor e paz

"Estava na hora de fazer um disco de amor como gesto político", diz Jards Macalé, 80, que lança "Coração Bifurcado", seu 13º de inéditas. O álbum conta com Ná Ozetti, no lugar de Gal Costa, e Maria Bethânia.

Ilustrada C2

Maurício de Sousa perde cadeira na ABL para o filólogo Ricardo Cavaliere

China acusa EUA e Seul de afrontarem Kim Jong-un

Um dia após Joe Biden receber o sul-coreano Yoon Suk-yeol, a China advertiu os dois países a não provocarem tensão nuclear com a Coreia do Norte. **A14**

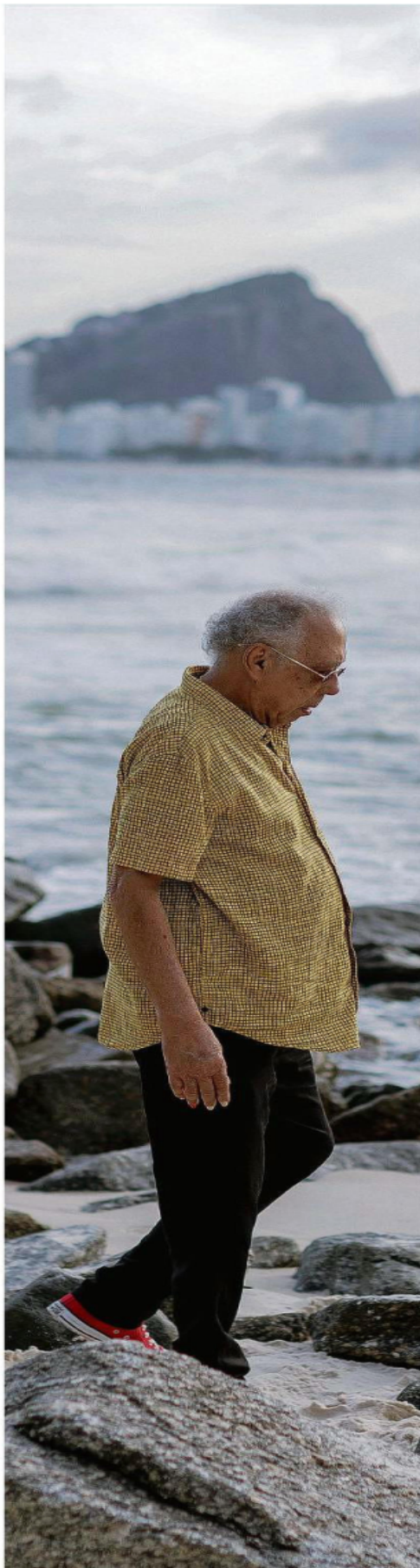
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Jards Macalé anda pelo Leme, no Rio de Janeiro; novo disco do cantor trata das diferentes formas do amor **Eduardo Anzibelli/Folhapress**

Cortar isenção como prevê marco fiscal é inviável, diz Receita

Documento sigiloso de 2019 detalha complexidade que pode prejudicar planos de Haddad de elevar arrecadação

Uma nota técnica da Receita Federal à qual a Folha teve acesso dá uma ideia das dificuldades que o ministro da Fazenda, Fernando Haddad, pode ter em seu objetivo de reduzir o chamado gasto tributário, que corresponde à perda de arrecadação provocada por benefícios e isenções fiscais.

O documento foi produzido em novembro de 2019 e mantido em sigilo.

Editado ainda na gestão Bolsonaro, o estudo destrincha a complexidade da estrutura das desonerações, que permanece inalterada. Segundo economistas consultados pela reportagem, o documento, neste aspecto, permanece atual.

As isenções representam uma perda estimada de R\$ 456 bilhões para a União neste ano e devem chegar a R\$ 486 bilhões em 2024.

Segundo técnicos da Receita, é inviável reverter renúncias tributárias de maneira linear e sem um período de transição. Eles desaconselham também alterações pontuais e isoladas. Isso atrairia a oposição de setores econômicos e do Congresso, colocando em risco a revisão mais eficiente das desonerações dentro da forma que interessa, na reforma tributária. **Mercado A17**



Banco Central não pode considerar que suas ações são apenas técnicas

Simone Tebet
ministra do Planejamento

O que importa na economia não é a Selic

Campos Neto
presidente do Banco Central

Se economia continuar desacelerando, vamos ter problemas fiscais

Fernando Haddad
ministro da Fazenda

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Esgoto para todos

O maior retrocesso na regulação econômica patrocinado até agora pelo governo Lula foi a revisão de pontos essenciais do marco legal do saneamento, de 2020.

Há que deixar para trás o estatismo que hoje mantém quase metade da população sem acesso a esgoto — direito básico e serviço essencial para a saúde pública.

Documentos mostram alertas da Abin sobre violência em 8/1

O então chefe do GSI, Gonçalves Dias, e o Ministério da Justiça, já sob Flávio Dino, foram alertados pela Abin sobre a possibilidade de ações violentas e invasão a prédios públicos nos atos de 8 de janeiro deste ano.

Mensagens às autoridades estão registradas em documentos obtidos pela reportagem da Folha. Os avisos foram enviados em 6 de janeiro, dois dias antes dos ataques golpistas na capital federal. **Política A4**

Renato Terra

Não foi Bolsonaro, foi seu eu lírico

Diante da inextinguível repercussão negativa das desculpas esfarrapadas sobre golpismo e seu desgoverno, tomo a liberdade de sugerir ao ex-presidente Bolsonaro uma padronização das respostas. Algo que pelo menos lhe garanta uma linha de raciocínio coerente. **Ilustrada C10**

Lula indica que vai nomear general Amaro para o GSI

Em reunião com ministros, o presidente disse que deverá nomear o general Marcos Antonio Amaro para chefiar o Gabinete de Segurança Institucional, no lugar de Gonçalves Dias, que pediu demissão. Amaro trabalhou com a ex-presidente Dilma Rousseff (PT). **Política A5**

A conta não fecha, diz Arminio Fraga sobre arcabouço

No Senado, o ex-presidente do Banco Central criticou o arcabouço fiscal proposto pelo governo Lula (PT). Para ele, as metas são insuficientes. "Não é suficiente zerar o primário. É fundamental caminhar na direção de um saldo primário maior. A aritmética não fecha." **Mercado A18**

Justiça manda Google tirar do ar links sobre Melhem

A pedido de Leticia Spiller, a Justiça do Rio ordenou que o Google tire do ar links da entrevista em que a atriz fala das denúncias contra Melhem. **A12**

Caso Cuca reflete rigor da sociedade contra abusos

Para especialistas, a saída do técnico do Corinthians mostra que futebol não é isento de mudanças sociais, sobretudo em relação à violência de gênero. **B5**



Amanda Perobelli/Reuters

FOGO NA FAVELA DO PAU QUEIMADO

Incêndio de grandes proporções atingiu a comunidade Kamapala Chaparral na madrugada desta quinta, na zona leste de São Paulo, e deixou dois feridos e 50 famílias desabrigadas

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- El 98 fue el año en que más cantidad de personas sufragaron.

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Logement : la nouvelle crise qui alarme le gouvernement

La hausse des taux d'intérêt a déstabilisé le marché de l'immobilier : déjà surréglementée, la construction est en berne, et l'accession à la propriété devient de plus en plus difficile.

À entendre le président du Medef, Geoffroy Roux de Bézieux, relayant les signaux d'alarme répétés des professionnels de l'immobilier, « la France va au-devant d'une catastrophe dans le domaine du logement ». En raison de la hausse des taux d'intérêt, les ménages ont de moins en moins accès au crédit et ne peuvent plus acheter. Un grand nombre d'entre eux se trouvent contraints de quitter les centres-villes et d'habiter loin de leur lieu de travail. Cette chute de la demande, ajoutée à une réglementation de plus en plus tatillonne sur la construction, fait des dégâts dans le secteur de la construction. Avec des ventes dans le neuf en baisse de 25% l'an dernier, les promoteurs sont dans la tourmente et le gouvernement a décidé d'envoyer la Caisse des dépôts à leur secours.

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Le monde agricole empoisonné par la criminalité organisée

En 2022, les exploitations agricoles ont été la cible de 16 000 atteintes aux biens, soit près d'un fait toutes les trente minutes. Les gendarmes traquent ces bandes qui volent GPS ou batteries et siphonnent le carburant. PAGES 8 ET 9

GENDARMERIE/SIPA/IF GARCIA

Comment Borne a fait céder Macron sur la loi immigration

Perçu comme la future grande épreuve du feu après la réforme des retraites, le projet de loi sur l'immigration devait voir le jour avant l'été. Le président l'avait confié en début de semaine. Son annonce était même la plus attendue de la feuille de route de la première ministre. Or Elisabeth Borne a acté son report à l'automne. De quoi, d'un même coup, agacer le président, Gérard Darmanin et les Républicains. PAGES 2 ET 3

ÉDITORIAL par Gaëtan de Capèle gdecapelle@lefigaro.fr

Péril en la demeure

Le grand débat sur le pouvoir d'achat a jusqu'ici fait une surprenante impasse sur l'une des préoccupations majeures des Français. Pour beaucoup d'entre eux, se loger correctement, à un prix accessible, est un combat perdu d'avance. Contrairement aux deux ans de travail supplémentaires de la réforme des retraites, aisés à matérialiser et à comptabiliser, la douleur insidieuse du mal-logement ne fait descendre personne dans la rue. Elle n'en constitue pas moins une souffrance quotidienne pour tous ceux, nombreux, contraints d'habiter loin de leur lieu de travail, pour qui les centres-villes sont devenus inabordable. Une angoisse pour ceux, tout aussi nombreux, qui arrivent à la fin de leur vie active sans avoir eu la possibilité de s'acheter un toit. Une colère, enfin, pour ceux qui ne pourront jamais habiter dans leur région, près de leur famille et de leurs racines, victimes de prix devenus dissuasifs. Des voix de plus en plus nombreuses s'élèvent pour alerter sur les dangers de cette crise du logement, qui grossit à vue d'œil. Il faut les entendre. Car, derrière elle, se profile le risque d'une autre crise, sociale celle-là,

hautement inflammable dans un pays à fleur de peau.

On connaît les causes de cette lente dérive, qui nous éloigne chaque jour davantage du rêve sarkozyen d'une « France des propriétaires ». Prix excessifs, hausse des taux d'intérêt et frilosité des banques écartent d'emblée une grande partie des candidats – surtout les plus jeunes – à l'acquisition.

L'inflation de règlements imposés aux promoteurs, aux propriétaires et aux collectivités au nom d'impératifs climatiques ou prétendument sociaux achève de gripper le marché. Soyons humbles : il n'existe pas de remède miracle à un problème d'une telle ampleur, fruit de changements de mode de vie profonds et d'une frénésie normative irréflective. On doute que la mobilisation de la Caisse des dépôts, décrétée par le gouvernement, suffise. En revanche, une remise à plat de la politique du logement – 40 milliards par an... – ainsi qu'un inventaire critique de la réglementation restent autant du bon sens que de l'urgence. ■



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Watchdog: Met may be failing to spot serial killers

Emine Sinmaz

The Metropolitan police could be failing to spot serial killers and identify murders because they are not properly investigating unexpected deaths, the inspector of constabulary has warned.

Matt Parr's comments came after a damning report concluded Britain's largest force had still not learned from its "calamitous failures" in the case of the serial killer Stephen Port and said "history could repeat itself".

Port, 48, drugged, raped and murdered four men - Anthony Walgate, 23, Gabriel Kovari, 22, Daniel Whitworth, 21, and Jack Taylor, 25 - before dumping their bodies near his flat in Barking, east London, between June 2014 and September 2015.

Parr said the murders of the last three men had been "entirely preventable" had the Met's investigation been "competent and professional

from the outset". He said despite "glaringly obvious" similarities, officers had failed to link the cases or even realise the men had been murdered at first. He added: "Port went on to kill three more people [when] they [police] should have, frankly, had him locked up after the first murder.

"If they're not good enough at identifying, or they're not suspicious enough about unexpected deaths in the first place, the chance of missing the odd isolated one, or indeed, another serial killer cannot be discounted. I couldn't possibly put a figure on how often it happens, but it stands to reason that it happens occasionally."

His comments came in response to a scathing report by His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS), which found the Met had not learned from its failings in the Port case and must urgently improve. It was commissioned after inquests in 2021 concluded that



Grant's claim Actor says Sun burgled flat to gain private information

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Delays to crackdown on gambling 'will cost lives'

Rob Davies
Emily Dugan

More gambling addicts will die as a result of a year-long delay to reforms, the government was warned, as experts branded proposals published yesterday a "missed opportunity".

The Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) published a 268-page white paper laying out a shake-up of existing regulations, which date from before smartphones put access to 24-hour casino games and sports betting in every pocket.

The content of the proposals, which have already

King Charles's family link to slavery revealed

David Conn
Rachel Hall

Direct ancestors of King Charles bought and exploited enslaved people on tobacco plantations in Virginia, according to new research shared with the Guardian.

A document discovered in archives reveals that a direct ancestor of the king was involved in buying at least 200 enslaved people from the Royal African Company (RAC) in 1686.

The document instructs a ship's captain to deliver the enslaved Africans to Edward Porteus, a tobacco plantation owner in Virginia, and two

other men. Porteus's son, Robert, inherited his father's estate before moving his family to England, in 1720.

Later a direct descendant, Frances Smith, married the aristocrat Claude Bowes-Lyon. Their granddaughter was Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, the late queen mother.

The documents establishing these royal roots were found by the researcher Desirée Baptiste while she was investigating links between the Church of England and enslavers in Virginia for a play. The revelation follows the Guardian's publication of a document

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