

What's News

Business & Finance

- ◆ **OPEC is courting** Guyana to become its newest member in a bid to extend the bloc's influence into a country that has suddenly become the world's fastest-growing oil producer, people familiar with the matter said. **A1**
- ◆ **UnitedHealth will acquire** Amedys for \$101 a share, or nearly \$3.29 billion, pending a prior deal for the home-health provider to combine with Option Care Health. **B1**
- ◆ **Taylor Swift's "Eras Tour"** is on track to become the biggest in concert history, with the potential to gross over \$1 billion and break a record held by Elton John. **A1**
- ◆ **The Supreme Court dealt** a setback to Apple and Broadcom, declining to hear an appeal filed by the companies in a billion-dollar patent case brought by Caltech. **B1**
- ◆ **Major U.S. stock indexes** lost ground, with the S&P 500 and Nasdaq falling 0.4% and 1.2%, respectively, while the Dow slipped 0.04%. **B11**
- ◆ **FTX chief Ray released** a report that alleged an unnamed senior lawyer assisted Bankman-Fried in misusing customer deposits. **B10**
- ◆ **Jesse Watters will be** the new host of Fox News's 8 p.m. hour, succeeding ousted star anchor Tucker Carlson, one of several prime-time changes announced by the network. **B1**
- ◆ **Group Black is in talks** to buy a majority stake in the publisher of Sports Illustrated, according to people familiar with the matter. **B4**
- ◆ **Prologis agreed to pay** Blackstone \$3.1 billion for a portfolio of U.S. warehouses and distribution properties. **B3**

World-Wide

- ◆ **Wagner chief Prigozhin**, who led an abortive military mutiny, defended the short-lived insurrection and claimed on Monday that he wasn't trying to oust Putin, while the Russian president blasted the organizers of a revolt that presented the most serious challenge to his 23 years in power. **A1**
- ◆ **Ukraine said it made** fresh territorial gains in its counteroffensive, as Kyiv looks to take advantage of the disarray gripping Russia. **A6**
- ◆ **North Korea blamed the** U.S. for bringing the Korean Peninsula to the brink of a nuclear war, sharpening its dissatisfaction with Washington as security tensions remain high across the region. **A16**
- ◆ **The White House kicked** off a mass shooting at state governments to spend on internet projects from the \$1 trillion infrastructure law passed in 2021. **A3**
- ◆ **Former Guatemalan first** lady Sandra Torres and congressman Bernardo Arévalo will face off in a runoff election for the nation's presidency. **A16**
- ◆ **The Supreme Court, in** an expected move, dismissed Louisiana's emergency plea to block creation of a new Black-majority congressional district. **A4**
- ◆ **The person accused of** carrying out a mass shooting at an LGBTQ nightclub in Colorado Springs, Colo., last November pleaded guilty to killing five people and wounding numerous others in the attack. **A3**
- ◆ **Died: John Goodenough**, 100, shared the 2019 Nobel in chemistry for his work developing the lithium-ion battery. **B11**

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Summer Enters, Simmering and Shimmering



FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH: A boy cools off in a spray of water at Yards Park in Washington, D.C., on Monday. A heat wave threatening to bring record high temperatures to Texas is expected to expand north and east this week.

OPEC Pursues Guyana for Oil Bloc

South American nation doesn't want to join for now, as it aims to boost output

GEORGETOWN, Guyana—This tiny nation has built ties in recent years with the world's most influential energy companies, financiers and governments following a transformational oil find. Now, it has a powerful new suitor: OPEC.

The oil cartel is courting Guyana to become its newest member, in a bid to extend the bloc's influence into a small South American country that has suddenly become the world's fastest-growing oil producer, people familiar with the matter said.

Both Saudi energy minister Abdulaziz bin Salman and Haitham al-Ghais, OPEC's secretary-general, invited Guyana to join the cartel in recent months, two OPEC delegates

By Collin Eaton, Kejal Vyas and Benoit Faucon

briefed on the approach said. While a formal invitation to be an OPEC member hasn't yet been extended, Guyana said it has decided not to join.

President Bharrat Jagdeo told The Wall Street Journal that the country needs to maximize production—and profit—in the short term, given that oil de-

mand is expected to decline in the coming decades.

"Right now, the idea is to get as much of these resources out of the ground as quickly as possible, given that we are not sure of the window we have in the future," Jagdeo said.

Joining the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, Jagdeo said, would risk Guyana becoming beholden to efforts by Saudi Arabia and other members who have

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More High-Powered People Choose to Work Into Their 80s

By Callum Borchers

Growing numbers of 80-somethings are deciding that if their days are finite, their time is better spent on the job than in retirement.

One said an interview would have to wait because he was traveling to France for the 24 Hours of Le Mans. Another said he would be free after hitting a research deadline and organizing his Harvard Business School class's 65th reunion. A third, available on shorter notice, emailed a physical description before meeting: "In the spirit of YOLO, I have blue hair and tattoos."

President Biden's decision to seek a second term in the White House, which would keep him in office until age 86, has renewed a conversation about how effectively people can work in their ninth decade. In the meantime, about 650,000 Americans over the

Current employment status for ages 80 years and older in the workforce



Note: Unemployed means actively seeking a job. Data are from March 2022. Source: Census Bureau

age of 80 were working last year, according to the Census Bureau, about 18% more than a decade earlier.

Some people have been pressed back into duty by inflation and stock-market volatility, while the fading pandemic made others who took a break feel more comfortable clocking in again. Many cite a simpler reason to keep working: They just want to.

Nearly half log full-time

hours. Though some run a cash register or pump gas to stave off boredom, 80-somethings are more common in professional, managerial and financial roles than in service jobs, federal data show.

These workers joke about getting bored on the golf course or being pushed out of the house by a spouse who won't tolerate idleness.

Beneath the wisecracks is a

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Violence Drives Denver to Return Police to Schools

Parents, students, teachers split over how best to shield campuses

DENVER—Public schools Superintendent Alex Marrero stood at the hospital bed of a 14-year-old boy who

By Sara Randazzo, Dan Frosch and Shannon Najmabadi

had been struck in the face by a stray bullet across from East High School.

A dispute among a group of teenagers had escalated into gunfire on Sept. 7, a few weeks into the start of the school year. The injured boy, who couldn't speak, wrote down a question to Marrero: "Why did I get shot?"

The 40-year-old schools chief had left New York to take the job in 2021, accepting responsibility for the instruction and safety of nearly 90,000 students. "I felt like I had failed for the first time as an educator," he said about the boy.

Denver school authorities would be by the end of the school year, each 15 students around the city bringing guns to campus, a five-year high. The district's board of education had decided to remove Denver police officers from campuses the year before Marrero ar-

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Brainy Band Fronts a Nobel Prize Winner on Harmonica

The CheckPoints rock group has a deep lineup of immunotherapy all-stars

By Brianna Abbott

On a recent night in Chicago, Taylor Swift was in town, along with the annual conference of the American Society of Clinical Oncology.

A few blocks from Soldier Field, where Swift was set to perform, doctors and researchers were crowding into Buddy Guy's Legends club to see The CheckPoints, a cover band of immunotherapy all-stars.

"Glad you came here instead of that other concert," Dr. Thomas Gajewski, the band's lead guitarist and a professor at the University of Chicago Medical Center, said

from the stage.

The band's peer-reviewed fans love The CheckPoints's esteemed lineup: On keyboards, Dr. Patrick Hwu, president and chief executive officer of Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa, Fla. Nobel Prize winner James Allison plays harmonica. Dr. Jedd Wolchok, of Weill Cornell Medicine in New York, drove to Chicago instead of flying so he could bring his tuba.

For those who failed immunology, checkpoint inhibitors are a type of drug that block proteins that prevent the immune system from attacking cancer cells. Alli-

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Two famed New York hotels, the Plaza and the Four Seasons, are plotting revivals. **B1**

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Kids from no-screen homes sometimes go screen-crazy at their friends' houses. **A9**

Taylor Swift's Tour Set To Be Biggest in History

By Neil Shah

Taylor Swift's epic "Eras Tour" is on track to become the biggest in concert history, with the potential to gross over \$1 billion.

That milestone would break the record for global concert tours currently held by Elton John and could up the ante for an era of even higher ticket prices, show grosses and concert-industry revenues.

"What we're seeing on this particular Taylor tour is almost like a once-in-a-lifetime phenomenon," said Jarrod Arfa, executive vice-president and head of global music at Independent Artist Group, who represents Billy Joel, Metallica and other acts.

Over the past week, Swift announced dozens of new in-

ternational dates that will take her to South America, Asia, Australia and Europe. Besides her original 52 U.S. dates, which end in August, she will be playing 54 shows overseas, bringing her to 106 gigs by the last show in London next summer. More dates could be added.

Music executives have been speculating for months about how much Swift's tour has been making. Swift, in an unusual move for the industry, isn't reporting her nightly grosses after the shows to Billboard Boxscore, which tracks such data, but instead planning to report them later, according to Dave Brooks, Billboard's senior director of live music and touring. This has fueled questions about how

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This new industrial age is long overdue
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It's too easy to blame schools for moral panic
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Prigozhin denies trying to oust Putin in his 'masterclass' march on Moscow

Wagner chief rails at army leaders • First comments since rebellion • West sees cracks in Kremlin

POLINA IVANOVA — LONDON

The head of the Wagner militia has denied trying to overthrow the Russian government but redoubled his criticism of the country's defence establishment in his first public comments since Saturday's abortive march on Moscow.

In an 11-minute voice recording posted on Telegram yesterday, Yevgeny Prigozhin said his goal was to protest against a recent decision to disband Wagner and to demonstrate the weakness of Russia's domestic defences.

"We didn't have the goal of toppling the existing regime, which is lawfully elected, as we have said many times," said Prigozhin, who did not refer to President Vladimir Putin by name.

Instead, he wanted to "prevent the destruction" of the paramilitary group and to hold to account those who "with their unprofessional actions, made a huge amount of mistakes" during Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

He said that if the regular army had the same level of training and morale as Wagner, the invasion of Ukraine that began on February 24 last year "may have taken no more than a day".

"We demonstrated the level of organisation that the Russian army should have," Prigozhin said, claiming that his forces crossed a total of 780km and stopped just 200km short of Moscow. "It was a masterclass in how February 24 2022 should've looked."

Until yesterday's message, Prigozhin had been silent since announcing that his convoy would turn back rather than continuing on to Moscow. He was last seen in the back of a vehicle driving away from the southern army headquarters in Rostov-on-Don, a city that his military had taken over on Saturday.

"Our decision to turn around came from two important factors," he added. "The first was that we did not want to spill Russian blood. The second, we were marching to demonstrate our protest, not to unseat the government."

Prigozhin's attempted uprising has been widely seen as the most serious threat to Putin's rule since he took office 25 years ago. US president Joe Biden said



yesterday that the rebellion "was part of a struggle within the Russian system", adding: "We had nothing to do with it."

Josep Borrell, the EU's chief diplomat, described Prigozhin as "the monster acting against his creator" and said the weekend's chaos proved that Putin's "military power is cracking". But Ben

Wallace, UK defence secretary, played down the impact on Putin's authority, maintaining that "we shouldn't necessarily over-credit the destabilisation". But Wallace added that Prigozhin's ability to advance on Saturday with "only about 2,500 people" had exposed how "threadbare" Russia's reserves were.

The Kremlin said at the weekend that the case against Prigozhin "will be ended" and claimed he had agreed to leave for Belarus.

Prigozhin has railed against the leadership of the regular Russian army and against defence minister Sergei Shoigu for many months, accusing them of killing tens of thousands of Russian soldiers through corruption and poor planning.

Russia's defence minister Sergei Shoigu, centre, with senior officers at a command base for the Ukraine war in a picture released by Moscow.

If Putin cannot re-establish a firm grip on power, which seems unlikely, the Russian president will have to find a strong person to guarantee his safe retirement

Chris Donnelly
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Russia's defence minister Sergei Shoigu, centre, with senior officers at a command base for the Ukraine war in a picture released by Moscow.

Prigozhin said Wagner would have been disbanded by July 1 but its commanders and fighters had not wanted to cross over to the regular army.

The Kremlin did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

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The bank has told staff that after two decades in Canary Wharf it will quit the district once its lease ends, aiming to move to the City of London.— PAGE 5; LEX, PAGE 16

► **KPMG axes 5% of US staff**
The Big Four firm has unveiled its second round of job cuts this year, as it struggles with the slowdown in demand for consulting and other services.— PAGE 6

► **Netanyahu gifts 'excessive'**
Hollywood producer Arnon Milchan has admitted that gifts of champagne and cigars may have been "excessive", as he testified at the Israeli premier's trial.— PAGE 4

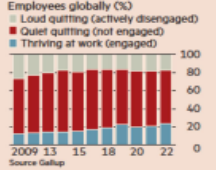
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Japanese chip equipment maker JSR has accepted a \$6.4bn offer from a state-backed fund in what investors saw as a "stunning" act of state intervention.— PAGE 6

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Germany's federal audit office has warned that the central bank might need aid to cover losses from the ECB's bond-buying programme.— PAGE 4

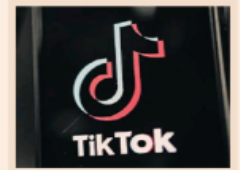
► **Guatemala set for run-off**
A vote tainted by spoilt ballots has failed to find a clear winner, leaving centre-left candidates Sandra Torres and Bernardo Arévalo to fight it out.— PAGE 4

Datavatch

Work commitments



Most employees are 'quiet quitting' — putting in minimum effort and feeling disconnected from their work. However, engagement has improved over the past decade and nearly a quarter of employees now feel engaged at work.



TikTok turns eastwards as US ambitions are clipped

Politicians' anger towards TikTok in the US, culminating in attempts to ban it, have forced the video app to turn its sights on south-east Asia. The region of 700m is now critical to its success as Chinese parent ByteDance seeks to justify its \$300bn valuation ahead of an expected listing. Selling on the platform is projected to surge this year to \$15bn but, even in Asia, scrutiny is rising and TikTok looks vulnerable for the first time, say experts.

Heightened scrutiny — PAGE 7

Drug designed by AI achieves biotech milestone with mid-stage human trials

JAMIE SMYTH — NEW YORK

A biotech company backed by Chinese conglomerate Fosun Group and private equity group Warburg Pincus has begun one of the first mid-stage human trials of a drug discovered and designed by artificial intelligence.

Insilico Medicine, founded by Latvian-born scientist Alex Zhavoronkov, said it had dosed a patient in China with a novel therapy to treat the chronic lung disease idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF). The company said the drug was the first entirely "AI-discovered and AI designed" drug to begin a phase 2 clinical trial and represented a milestone for the industry.

"For Insilico, it is the moment of truth ... but it is also a true test for AI and the entire industry should be watching," said Zhavoronkov in an interview. "Our

company, and it's a big, bold claim, can double the productivity of pretty much every big pharma company."

Insilico is one of a new generation of biotechs that have collectively raised billions of dollars to develop AI tools aimed at revolutionising drug development. It is part of a race by Big Pharma and investors to capitalise on a \$50bn market opportunity for AI in the sector, according to a Morgan Stanley report.

Zhavoronkov said Insilico's AI platforms could potentially halve the time it took to discover drugs and slash the cost of bringing medicines to market — estimated by Deloitte at \$2.3bn on average per therapy. Sanofi, Fosun and Johnson & Johnson were among several companies with partnership deals providing access to Insilico's technology, he said.

AI platforms can crunch vast amounts of data to rapidly identify drug

targets — proteins in the body associated with particular diseases — and molecules that can be made into medicines.

Several biotechs have announced drugs discovered or developed using AI and machine-learning tools that have progressed to clinical trials, including Excelsienta, Verge Genomics and Recursion Pharmaceuticals. Insilico uses generative AI to rapidly select novel drug objectives and then design molecules that can target a particular disease.

Eric Topol, founder of the Scripps Research Translational Institute, said AI had shown great promise in cutting the time and cost of drug development, despite the fact regulators had not yet approved a drug entirely developed by AI. "Every major pharma company has invested in partnerships with at least one, if not multiple, AI companies," he said.

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World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				GOVERNMENT BONDS					
	Jun 26	Prev	%Chg	Pair	Jun 26	Prev	Pair	Jun 26	Prev	Yield (%)	Jun 26	Prev	Chg
S&P 500	4348.01	4348.33	-0.01	£/€	1.091	1.088	£/¥	0.917	0.919	US 2 yr	4.76	4.78	-0.02
Nasdaq Composite	13465.81	13492.52	-0.20	\$/€	1.271	1.271	\$/¥	0.797	0.797	US 10 yr	3.72	3.74	-0.02
Dow Jones Ind	33740.84	33727.43	0.04	\$/£	0.859	0.856	\$/€	1.165	1.166	US 30 yr	3.81	3.82	-0.01
FTSE 100	7584.47	7598.03	-0.09	\$/¥	143.545	143.745	\$/€	156.594	156.430	UK 2 yr	5.13	5.18	-0.05
Euro Stoxx 50	4280.41	4271.81	0.21	\$/¥	182.446	182.693	\$/€	82.181	81.993	UK 10 yr	4.36	4.38	-0.03
FTSE 100	7453.58	7461.87	0.11	\$/¥	0.976	0.977	\$/€	1.137	1.142	UK 30 yr	4.35	4.42	-0.07
FTSE All-Share	4046.94	4053.85	-0.17	\$/¥	1.165	1.166	\$/€	1.165	1.166	JPN 2 yr	0.59	0.58	-0.01
CAC 40	7194.35	7183.42	0.29	\$/¥	1.165	1.166	\$/€	1.165	1.166	JPN 10 yr	0.25	0.27	-0.02
Nikkei	15913.06	15929.94	-0.11	\$/¥	1.165	1.166	\$/€	1.165	1.166	JPN 20 yr	1.18	1.21	-0.03
Hong Kong	20268.81	20791.54	-0.25	\$/¥	1.165	1.166	\$/€	1.165	1.166	GER 2 yr	3.08	3.10	-0.02
Hang Seng	18794.13	18889.97	-0.51	\$/¥	1.165	1.166	\$/€	1.165	1.166	GER 10 yr	2.31	2.35	-0.05
MSCI World \$	2962.34	2930.37	0.96	\$/¥	1.165	1.166	\$/€	1.165	1.166	GER 30 yr	2.38	2.40	-0.02
MSCI EM \$	891.91	893.14	-0.52	\$/¥	1.165	1.166	\$/€	1.165	1.166				
MSCI ACWI \$	676.20	676.20	0.00	\$/¥	1.165	1.166	\$/€	1.165	1.166				
FT Wilshire 5000	5614.59	5680.83	-0.82	\$/¥	1.165	1.166	\$/€	1.165	1.166				
FT Wilshire 5000	43765.70	44130.70	-0.83	\$/¥	1.165	1.166	\$/€	1.165	1.166				

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Bigger Deluges Threaten Pipes Across the U.S.

50% More Rain Than Systems Can Take

By RAYMOND ZHONG

As climate change intensifies severe rainstorms, the infrastructure protecting millions of Americans from flooding faces growing risk of failures, according to new calculations of expected precipitation in every county and locality across the contiguous United States.

The calculations suggest that one in nine residents of the lower 48 states, largely in populous regions including the Mid-Atlantic and the Texas Gulf Coast, is at significant risk of downpours that deliver at least 50 percent more rain per hour than local pipes, channels and culverts might be designed to drain.

"The data is startling, and it should be a wake-up call," said Chad Berginnis, the executive director of the Association of State Floodplain Managers, a nonprofit organization focused on flood risk.

The new rain estimates, issued on Monday by the First Street Foundation, a nonprofit research group in New York, carry worrying implications for homeowners, too: They indicate that 12.6 million properties nationwide face significant flood risks despite not being required by the federal government to buy flood insurance.

The nation is set pour hundreds of billions of dollars into new and improved roads, bridges and ports in the coming years under the bipartisan infrastructure plan that President Biden signed into law in 2021. First Street's calculations suggest that many of these projects are being built to standards that are already out of date.

Matthew Eby, First Street's executive director, said he hoped the new data could be used to make these investments more future-proof, "so that we don't spend \$1.2 trillion knowing that it's wrong." The threats to American infrastructure from intense rain have been on stark display in recent years. In Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York, the remnants of Hurricane Ida overwhelmed drains and turned streets into rivers in 2021. In Houston and southeast Texas, flood after flood has shut down highways and stranded people away from their homes.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the agency under the Commerce Department that produces the precipitation estimates used by planners and engineers across the country, declined to comment.

NOAA's estimates are "the floor," Continued on Page A14



Collecting empty shells from a howitzer in the Donetsk region. Ukraine is eager to progress in the south, but momentum has stalled.

A.I. Outshines In Health Care. At Paperwork.

By STEVE LOHR

Dr. Matthew Hitchcock, a family physician in Chattanooga, Tenn., has an A.I. helper.

It records patient visits on his smartphone and summarizes them for treatment plans and billing. He does some light editing of what the A.I. produces, and is done with his daily patient visit documentation in 20 minutes or so.

Dr. Hitchcock used to spend up to two hours typing up these medical notes after his four children went to bed. "That's a thing of the past," he said. "It's quite awesome."

ChatGPT-style artificial intelligence is coming to health care, and the grand vision of what it could bring is inspiring. Every doctor, enthusiasts predict, will have a superintelligent sidekick, dispensing suggestions to improve care.

But first will come more mundane applications of artificial intelligence. A prime target will be to ease the crushing burden of digital paperwork that physicians must produce, typing lengthy notes into electronic medical

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A Counteroffensive Gets Off to a Halting Start

By ANDREW E. KRAMER and ERIC SCHMITT

ZAPORIZHZHIA, Ukraine — The column of Bradley armored vehicles rumbled forward, filled with Ukrainian soldiers, bringing a new and potent American weapon to the war's southern front.

But then one hit a mine. The explosion blew off one of the vehicle's bulldozer-like tracks, immobilizing it. The entire Ukrainian column reversed direction, pulling back.

Three weeks into a counteroffensive critical to Ukraine's prospects against Russia, its army is encountering an array of vexing challenges that complicate its plans, even as it wields sophisticated new Western-provided weapons. Not least is a vast swath

Russia Clutters South With Mines, Making Travel Treacherous

of minefields protecting Russia's defensive line, forming a killing field for Ukrainian troops advancing on the open steppe of the south.

"Everything is mined, everywhere," said Lt. Ashot Arutunian, the commander of a drone unit, who watched through a drone's video link as the mine exploded under the Bradley and halted the column's advance.

Over the weekend, a mutiny on Russian soil by mercenary forces raised hopes in Ukraine that its army might find the going a bit

easier, even though the rebellion quickly died out.

But Ukrainians still face hurdles that differentiate this campaign from their swift push through the Kharkiv region in September and even from the more arduous offensive that recaptured Kherson in November.

The terrain in the southeast is mostly flat, open fields, in contrast to the rolling hills of the Donbas or the heavily forested north, depriving Ukraine's troops of cover. The Russians have also been dug in for months in expansive trench lines, making uprooting them more difficult.

In addition, KA-52 Russian attack helicopters have been able to slip past air defenses, slowing Ukrainian movements while damaging or destroying Western-

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RICHARD RAVITCH, 1933-2023

Crisis Conqueror in New York, Saving Subways and Finances

By SAM ROBERTS

Richard Ravitch, a politically savvy, civic-minded developer and public citizen who helped rescue New York City from the brink of bankruptcy and its decaying subways from fiscal collapse, died on Sunday in Manhattan. He was 89.

His death, in a hospital, was



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confirmed by his wife, Kathleen M. Doyle.

Mr. Ravitch never won elective office. But he left an outsized mark on government at every level as one of the backstage wise men recruited to stave off the financial collapse of New York's Urban Development Corporation in 1975 and, a few months later, of New York City's own overdrawn municipal accounts.

By rallying public support for inventive means of raising revenue, he was also instrumental in rejuvenating the city's mass transit system in the 1980s as the chairman of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

He later served as New York's lieutenant governor, enlisted by

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Catch Him if You Can

An annual rodeo in the Philippines includes riding, lassoing and running with the cattle. Page A10.

The Vast Biotech Fortune Behind Ramaswamy's Presidential Bid

This article is by Jonathan Weisman, Rebecca Robbins and Maureen Farrell.

On the campaign trail, as he lays out why he is a different kind of presidential candidate, Vivek Ramaswamy calls himself a Harvard-trained "scientist" from the lifesaving world of biotechnology.

"I developed a number of medicines," Mr. Ramaswamy, an entrepreneur and conservative writer, told a gathering at a construction firm this month in Davenport, Iowa. "The one I'm most proud of is a therapy for kids, 40 of them a year, born with a genetic condition who, without treatment, die by the age of 3."

The reality of Mr. Ramaswamy's business career is more

complex, the story of a financier more than a scientist, and a prospector who went bargain hunting, hyped his vision, drew investment and then cashed out in

two huge payouts — totaling more than \$200 million — before his 35th birthday.

Mr. Ramaswamy's enterprise is best known for a spectacular failure. As a 29-year-old with a bold idea and Ivy League connections, he engineered what was at the time the largest initial public offering in biotechnology history —

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Big Paydays Fueled by Hype and Hope

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Creator of Lithium-Ion Battery

The work of John B. Goodenough, a Nobel Prize recipient, became crucial to many devices. He was 100. PAGE B8

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Sriracha another casualty of global warming

Shortage leads to sky-high prices and sadly bland meals. Drought is to blame.

BY NATHAN SOLIS

Last summer, Uyen Le, owner and chef at Be U Vietnamese Street Food in East Hollywood, was scraping out her Sriracha bottles and trying to ration her supply. Huy Fong Foods had announced a shortage of the red chile peppers it uses to make the sauce, and the world was taking notice. One of her employees suggested asking the public for help. Be U offered free meals in exchange for Huy Fong Sriracha sauce, and it got around 300 bottles during the promotion. A year later, the restaurant still has about 100 bottles left.

"I was always aware of supply chain issues related to climate change, and I understood that it's something you have to adapt to. It's the reality we have to live with," Le said. "When we heard about the last shortage, we stocked up. I was like, 'Oh my goodness, is this too much?' But, it turned out to be prescient."

Now, in another summer, the world is a little more bland as the makers of the famous Sriracha hot sauce, with its iconic green cap and the rooster on the bottle, say they still don't know when their supply will bounce back.

In the Bay Area, some desperate Sriracha lovers have taken to swiping bottles from Filipino restaurant chain Señor Sisig. SP Gate reported. A 28-ounce bottle was listed for \$29.99 at an Asian grocery in Oakland this month, with a limit of two per customer.

At 168 Market in Alhambra, dozens of imitation Huy Fong Sriracha bottles line the shelves, but the section [See Sriracha, A7]



MEMBERS of the Tachi Yokut and other tribes sing during a ceremony at Tulare Lake, which saw a rebirth after winter storms. Photographs by ROBERT GAUTHIER, Los Angeles Times

Body of water, spirit reawakened

Tachi Yokut Tribe calls for the preservation of California's Tulare Lake, saying its return should help heal an ecosystem drained by agriculture

By Ian James | REPORTING FROM LEMOORE, CALIF.

When Leo Sisco was growing up on his tribe's reservation, he heard elders' stories about the great lake that once sustained their people, and how it was drained and taken away from them.

This year, Sisco has been witnessing a remarkable transformation as Tulare Lake has reappeared on low-lying farmland near the reservation.

The chairman of the Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi Yokut Tribe has been coming regularly to the lakeshore to offer prayers and look out over the water, which stretches to the horizon.

"I am very happy the lake is back," Sisco said. "It makes me swell with pride to know that, in this lifetime, I get to experience it. My daughters, my grandson get to experience the lake, and the stories that we heard when we were kids, for us it comes to fruition."



A VEHICLE travels along the flooded Garces Highway as Tulare Lake was reappearing in March after a historic series of storms.

Pa'ashi, they call it, the life-giving lake that once provided for their ancestors.

The water that has streamed in from the rain and snow this year has for the first time allowed many Tachi people to see the ancestral lake they consider sacred — the center of their creation story, a natural wonder that was obliterated long ago to become lucrative farmland in the southern San Joaquin Valley.

Sisco and other Indigenous leaders say they believe Tulare Lake should be allowed to remain rather than being drained once again to re-establish agriculture, as was done so many times before, including after floods in 1969, 1983 and 1997. They say allowing it to stay would improve life in the valley by providing water storage and allowing the area's original ecosystem to take root again.

[See Lake, A5]



OLIVER MORIN AP/Getty Images

A FEMALE killer whale chases herrings near Tromsø, Norway. Orcas may be engaging with boats because they are curious about the vessels, one expert says.

Is ramming yachts just a way for killer whales to spout off?

Experts doubt it's revenge for humans' mistreatment

BY SUSANNE RUST

The attacks started suddenly and inexplicably in the spring of 2020 — pods of endangered killer whales began ramming yachts and fishing boats in European waters, pushing some off course and imperiling others.

Since then, there have been more than 500 reports of orca encounters off the Iberian Peninsula, the most recent occurring Thursday when a trio of whales rubbed against and bumped a racing sloop in the Strait of Gibraltar.

In most cases, the financial and structural damage has ranged from minimal to mod-

erate: Boats have been spun and pushed, and rudders have been smashed and destroyed. Three vessels have been so badly mauled, they've sunk.

As the encounters continue, shaky video captured by thrilled and fearful seafarers has ignited a global internet sensation, while experts have struggled to explain the behavior and its timing. The seemingly militant whales have also won over a legion of adoring fans — many transfixed by the notion that the mammals are targeting rich people and exacting revenge for all the wrongs humanity has waged on their species and their ocean home.

Others wonder if the unusually large pods [See Orcas, A7]

From Romanian politician to Southland ATM crook

Virgil Negru is just one of many from his country accused of stealing from poor Californians.

BY REBECCA ELLIS AND CRISTINA RADU

It's been nearly three months since anyone in the small coastal city of Eforie, Romania, has seen Virgil Negru.

The politician has been missing all spring from the

quiet town of fewer than 11,000 along the Black Sea, a popular summertime destination for families escaping the heat of Bucharest, a few hours inland.

Rumors began to surface after Negru, a member of the Eforie City Council, stopped showing up to meetings at City Hall. On a breezy day in mid-May, just as tourist season was about to begin, the predominant theory among locals was that he was in a jail cell far from Eforie. Romanian TV stations said as much but offered few details.

Another local news outlet reported the council mem-

ber was "nowhere to be found."

While his townspeople speculate, Negru, 40, has spent the last 88 days in custody some 6,600 miles from home, in Ventura County's Main Jail, accused of attempting to steal cash meant for low-income Californians.

Around 8 a.m. on April 1, Simi Valley police staking out an ATM arrested Negru, who allegedly possessed forged cards loaded with taxpayer funds. He is among dozens of Romanian citizens who have come to the [See Fraud, A10]



Russian Defense Ministry Press Service

MOSCOW DECRIES REVOLT

Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu, right, flies to Ukraine on Monday after Wagner Group troops' brief mutiny over the weekend. **WORLD, A3**

A transformation in Leimert Park

The neighborhood can again be a Black-owned destination for culture, Erika D. Smith writes. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Catalina tours go on after Titan

The submersible tragedy won't stop these local passengers; they're going only 8 feet below, after all. **BUSINESS, A6**

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Partly sunny.
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Two tracks for DOJ in 2020 probe of Trump

Focus is on 'fake electors' and vote fraud claims in fundraising pitches

BY JOSH DAWSEY AND DEVLIN BARRETT

The Justice Department's investigation of efforts by Donald Trump and his advisers to overturn the 2020 election results is barreling forward on multiple tracks, according to people familiar with the matter, with prosecutors focused on ads and fundraising pitches claiming election fraud as well as plans for "fake electors" that would swing the election to the incumbent president.

Each track poses potential legal peril for those under scrutiny, but also raises tricky questions about where the line should be drawn between political activity, legal advocacy and criminal conspiracy.

A key area of interest is the conduct of a handful of lawyers who sought to turn Trump's defeat into victory by trying to convince state, local, federal and judicial authorities that Joe Biden's 2020 election win was illegitimate or tainted by fraud.

Investigators have sought to determine to what degree these lawyers — particularly Rudy Giuliani, Jenna Ellis, John Eastman, Kurt Olsen and Kenneth Chese-

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DeSantis used panel to flip Fla. high court

Secretive group led by Federalist Society figure vetted candidates

BY BETH REINHARD AND JOSH DAWSEY

For decades, the ambitions of Florida's Republican governors were stymied by the liberal-leaning state Supreme Court.

That is, until Ron DeSantis was elected. The court let him erase a congressional district with a large Black population. It opened the door to a law making it easier to impose the death penalty. Now, it's poised to rule on the governor's plan to outlaw most abortions in the third-most-populous state.

The hard-right turn was by design. DeSantis seized on the unusual retirement of three liberal justices at once to quickly remake the court. He did so with the help of a secretive panel on A4

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Biden's carbon-capture plan hits a wall of angry allies

In La., where Black communities flank refineries, environmentalists raise issues of safety and justice

BY TIMOTHY PUKO IN DONALDSONVILLE, LA.



TOP: A plant in Donaldsonville, La., a majority-Black town of 7,000 west of New Orleans. ABOVE: Resident Ashley Gaignard doubts official assurances about carbon capture. "Don't do it in my neighborhood. Do it where you live," said the 2020 Biden voter.

by numerous climate scientists and lawmakers, sees carbon capture as a key tool to reduce emissions from businesses that have few other options. But that position pits major Biden administration priorities against one another. Many environmental justice advocates view the issue as a test case for President Biden's commitment to their cause.

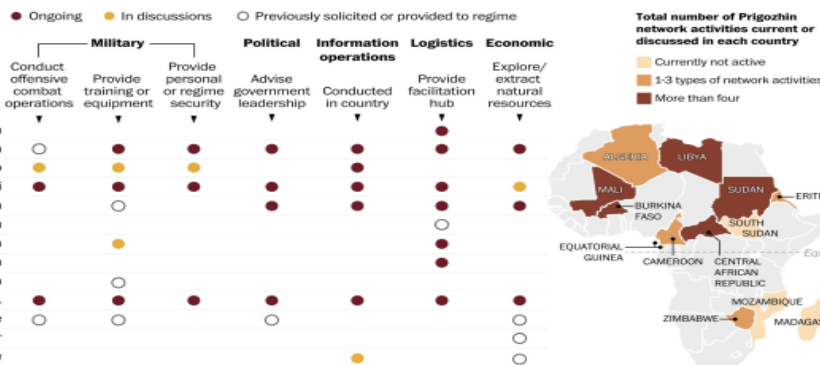
"What they're trying to do to Louisiana now is I think the worst of anything we've been exposed to, because of all the uncertainty," said Beverly Wright, executive director of the Deep South Center for Environmental Justice in east New Orleans and a member of the White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council.

"In the real world, this is an experiment," Wright added. "And this experiment is going to be conducted on the same communities that have suffered

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Rebellion raises questions about Wagner's footprint in Africa

Prigozhin network involvement in Africa



Graphic based on information from leaked classified material that was circulated in a Discord chatroom and obtained by The Washington Post

BY RACHEL CHASON, JOHN HUDSON AND GREG MILLER

DAKAR, SENEGAL — The aborted rebellion in Russia has brought unseemly to large swaths of Africa where leaders who have turned to the Wagner mercenary group to bolster their hold on power now face the prospect that the private paramilitary organization could be weakened or even dismantled, according to experts on the region as well as Western officials and analysts.

The world's attention has largely focused on the turbulence within Russia, where the aura of President Vladimir Putin is widely perceived to have been damaged by the short-lived insurrection of Wagner's leader, Yevgeny Prigozhin. But a Kremlin crackdown on Wagner would also have far-reaching consequences in Africa and the Middle East, where Wagner supplied lethal firepower to despots and strongmen while ad-

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College football coaches starting to lean younger

Barely older than players, this group has moved to front of line to become assistants. **In Sports**

Hotel healer lets guests make ancient medicine

Hawaiian resort offers workshops focusing on native plants and indigenous healing. **In Money**

Director's life inspired acclaimed 'Past Lives'

Celine Song, left, making her directorial debut, and star Greta Lee talk about filming movie, which centers on bittersweet love triangle. **In Life**



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RUSSIA UNREST

Putin, Prigozhin address uprising

John Bacon and Jorge L. Ortiz
USA TODAY

Calling the perpetrators of the weekend uprising "enemies of Russia and neo-nazis," Russian President Vladimir Putin on Monday emphasized the role of the country's unity in defeating the uprising led by Yevgeny Prigozhin, founder of the mercenary Wagner Group.

In a five-minute-long televised address, Putin extolled Russian patriotism as the reason for the quick end to the burgeoning coup attempt, saying it would have been suppressed if it had continued.

"I thank all our military personnel, law enforcement officers, and special servicemen who stood in the path of the rebels, remained faithful to their duty, oath, and their people," Putin said in his first appearance since the rebellion ended Saturday. "The Russian society made a decisive step and made it possible for us together to overcome a most difficult situation."



Wagner Group owner Yevgeny Prigozhin, seen in a video screenshot, says the march was a protest. AP

Putin also thanked most of the mercenaries for not letting the situation deteriorate into "bloodshed," saying many of them were loyal Russians who were misled, apparently putting most of the blame on Prigozhin, his former ally who took a deal to flee to Belarus.

Earlier Monday, Prigozhin issued his first statement since the aborted weekend march, saying he halted his campaign because he didn't want to spill Russian blood and because the goal was protest, not regime change.

Prigozhin did not take responsibility for killing more than a dozen soldiers and other Russians during his brief revolt, saying they attacked his troops. And he said that if Russian troops had marched on the first day of invading Ukraine as far as his Wagner troops marched in 24 hours, the war that has stretched to more than 16 months would have ended in one day.

"We started our march because of an injustice," Prigozhin said in an 11-minute video statement.

Prigozhin's march began Friday and ended the next day. Under the deal with Belarus, Prigozhin would go to Belarus and neither he nor his troops would face charges. Russia's RIA Novosti state news agency, however, cited unidentified sources in the prosecutor general's office as saying the criminal case against Prigozhin hasn't been closed.

Contributing: The Associated Press

For millions across the USA in remote communities, there is no 'golden hour' of survival in an emergency



Melissa Peddie drives the lone ambulance for Liberty County in rural north Florida. Often, the EMS director says, she must call two or three neighboring counties for help. ALICIA DEVINE/USA TODAY NETWORK

Ambulance 'deserts' plague rural America

Nada Hassanein
USA TODAY

Melissa Peddie, EMS director and paramedic, drives the single ambulance that serves Liberty County in rural north Florida.

During any shift, there are just two full-time paramedics driving the lone truck around the 1,176-square-mile sparsely populated county.

Just a couple of weeks ago, Peddie and her husband, the local fire chief, drove their own car to stabilize an older man who fell and was unable to get up — the ambulance was on another call. The couple waited with the

"We're forgotten about. The moment someone needs us, they think about us. ... After that, it's just a fading thought."

Melissa Peddie
EMS director and paramedic,
Liberty County, Fla.

patient and his family until an ambulance from a county 30 minutes away could come to take him an hour east to Tallahassee, the state capital and home to the nearest trauma center hospital.

"We've done that quite often," she said. "Jump in my car and go to the scene and stabilize, maintain until a crew or somebody can get there."

Often, she must call two or three neighboring counties to find an ambulance for mutual aid.

Nearly 4.5 million people across the U.S. live in an "ambulance desert"

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Pence seeks to lose the No. 2 label

Former vice president is splitting from Trump

Maureen Groppe
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — As Donald Trump's No. 2, Mike Pence knew not to overshadow his boss.

When Trump wondered why he wasn't the one delivering a get-tough-on-China speech that was generating attention, Pence reminded him they'd gone over every line together.

After Trump realized millions of people were tuning in to the COVID-19 briefings led by the vice president, he reclaimed the spotlight.

And when Trump said his schedule wouldn't allow him to address abortion opponents at their 2017 March for Life, Pence — one of the movement's top champions — gingerly responded, "Well, you know, they actually invited me, too."

Now that Pence is running against Trump (and many others) for the 2024 Republican presidential nomination, might he start taking more credit for his role in their administration?

There are accomplishments, such as a 2017 package of tax cuts, for which



Vice President Mike Pence took the spotlight as leader of the White House's coronavirus task force when COVID-19 exploded in March 2020. EVAN VUCCI/AP

Pence can legitimately say he helped Trump close the deal, said Scott Jennings, a Republican adviser who has worked for President George W. Bush and Kentucky Sen. Mitch McConnell.

The problem for Pence, Jennings said, is the buck always stops with the president.

"I think it's a difficult thing to argue," he said, "because of the structural nature of how we view the presidency

and the vice presidency."

For Pence, whose approach to the vice presidency was rooted in his belief in "servant leadership," it's also not in his nature to say, "Hey, I did this thing," said Marc Short, a top Pence adviser who served as his chief of staff.

"But I think you'll see a natural separation, because Mike will still

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Allanan el estadio de Newell's por la bandera de Los Monos

El telón gigante, desplegado durante el partido homenaje a Maxi Rodríguez, en presencia de Messi y otros ídolos, aludía al control de la tribuna del club y a la unidad en la cúpula de la banda. **Página 26**



EL CAMPAMENTO DE LAS "SWIFTIES": TODO VALE PARA VER A TAYLOR

—sociedad

Los tres shows son en noviembre, pero unas 200 fanáticas instalaron cuatro iglús en las puertas de River para ocupar los primeros lugares. **Página 25**

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ELECCIONES PASO 2023

Cristina arremetió contra el Presidente y apoyó a Massa, pero le recordó la inflación

Dijo que aceptó la candidatura del ministro "por la unidad" y ante la amenaza de PASO de Fernández y Tolosa Paz, a quienes denostó por presionar por lugares en la lista; elogió a De Pedro



Sergio Massa y Cristina Kirchner, ayer, en el Aeroparque Jorge Newbery

CAPTURA

El principal blanco de sus dardos fue, nuevamente, Alberto Fernández. Ni siquiera aplaudió un breve video con las palabras del Presidente durante un acto convocado por la repatriación de un avión usado para los denominados "vuelos de la muerte" de la dictadura.

En su primera aparición pública

desde el frenético cierre de listas, Cristina Kirchner aprovechó para revelar la trastienda de la negociación; volvió a defender a Eduardo "Wado" de Pedro, su candidato frustrado; admitió que conversó con Daniel Scioli, que finalmente dio un paso al costado, y reservó sus ataques más virulentos para Alberto

Fernández y la ministra de Desarrollo Social, Victoria Tolosa Paz. Del Presidente, dijo que "se embanderó en hacer unas PASO" y le adjudicó "la derrota parlamentaria más importante de la democracia".

"Para ganar hay que apostar", dijo Cristina Kirchner, en referencia a la elección de Sergio Massa como

candidato único. Pero no hubo elogios para el ministro de Economía, a quien incluso sometió a una presión indisimulada: leyó un título periodístico que afirmaba que para el FMI el aumento de las ganancias de las empresas explica buena parte de la inflación global. "Teléfono para el ministro y candidato", dijo. **Página 8**

Por las fallas, Juez no acepta la derrota en Córdoba

El candidato esperará el escrutinio definitivo; abren una investigación

CÓRDOBA (De un enviado especial).—Luis Juez, candidato a gobernador de Córdoba por Juntos por el Cambio, ratificó ayer que no aceptará su derrota frente al peronista Martín Llaryora hasta no tener el escrutinio definitivo del domingo. Se justificó en las demoras en el recuento de votos por problemas en la transmisión de datos. El Tribunal de Justicia cordobés iniciará una investigación. **Página 14**

Fuerte suba de acciones y bonos tras el cierre de listas

En la Bolsa hubo alzas de hasta 16%; los títulos avanzaron cerca de 5% **Página 10**

El Gobierno no descarta cambios en las retenciones

Sin dar detalles, el secretario de Agricultura dejó abierta la posibilidad de "evaluar" el esquema. **Página 11**

La pregunta que deja la rebelión en Rusia: ¿y si Putin pierde el poder?

GUERRA. Para los analistas, su figura como garante de la seguridad quedó notablemente debilitada tras el levantamiento del líder mercenario

Anton Troianovski
THE NEW YORK TIMES

El presidente Vladimir Putin siempre se presentó como el gran garante de la estabilidad de Rusia y como un protector inculdicable de su soberanía. Pero el fin de semana pasado la estabilidad no aparecía por ninguna parte, y tampoco Putin, que después de su breve declaración del sábado por la mañana

se perdió de vista durante la mayor parte de los sucesos que marcaron el desafío más grave a su autoridad en los 23 años que lleva en el poder. Su ausencia, interrumpida ayer por un conciso discurso a la nación, hizo que los pasmados rusos se preguntaran cómo había hecho el líder mercenario Yevgeny Prigozhin para montar una sublevación armada que amenazaba con marchar sobre Moscú. **Continúa en la página 3**

Caso Cecilia: investigan más arañazos de César Sena

CHACO. La Justicia también avanza sobre el patrimonio del clan piquetero. **Página 19**

Mercenário afirma que não queria derrubar Putin

O líder do grupo mercenário Wagner, Ievguêni Prigojin, disse ontem que o motim promovido por suas forças não visava derrubar Vladimir Putin, mas "responsabilizar aqueles que cometeram erros" na Guerra da Ucrânia. Após acordo, Putin disse que os homens de Prigojin podem se unir ao Exército ou ir para Belarus. **Mundo A10**

Com Fernández, Lula defende moeda comum

Após encontro com o presidente argentino em Brasília, Lula voltou a defender moeda comum e crédito para fomentar exportações ao país vizinho. **A18**

Ciência B6

Origem de tudo

O telescópio James Webb detectou pela primeira vez, segundo a Nasa, o cátion metila (CH₃⁺), molécula responsável por formar outras de carbono essenciais ao surgimento da vida.

Equilíbrio B5

Felicidade depende das relações que cultivamos, diz professor de Harvard



Integrante do Batalhão da Guarda Presidencial boceja enquanto aguarda o presidente argentino Alberto Fernández, que atrasou mais de 2 horas **Gabriela Blá/Folhapress**

Câmara de SP aprova revisão do Plano Diretor com folga

Mudança facilita construir prédios mais altos, mas decisões específicas ficam para lei de zoneamento

Por 44 votos a favor e 11 contra, a Câmara Municipal de São Paulo aprovou ontem a revisão do Plano Diretor, lei que rege o crescimento da cidade e fixa regras para construir edifícios. A mudança, entre outras coisas, amplia a área para prédios mais altos.

Contudo, os critérios para a verticalização, principal polêmica desta nova versão do plano, foram deixados para o debate da lei de zoneamento, próxima pauta urbanística da Câmara. O texto segue para sanção do prefeito Ricardo Nunes (MDB).

Entre os pontos alterados em relação ao plano original, de 2014, está o aumento de 600 para 700 metros do raio em torno das estações de metrô, e de 300 para 400 metros no caso dos corredores de ônibus, onde o limite de altura é mais frouxo.

A oferta de vagas de garagem também é favorecida na revisão. Mas como essas diretrizes serão aplicadas em cada quadra —por exemplo, uma área vizinha a vila, com veto de altura, e que esteja no eixo de transporte— caberá à lei de zoneamento.

Opositores da nova versão do plano esperam disputa ainda mais acirrada nesse debate previsto para os próximos meses. **Cotidiano B1**

Joel P. da Fonseca
SP precisa ser mais densa, e texto é avanço **A9**



Harrison Ford em cena do filme 'Indiana Jones e a Relíquia do Destino', de James Mangold **Divulgação**

Ilustrada C1, C4 e C5

A jornada do herói

Harrison Ford dá adeus a Indiana Jones em "A Relíquia do Destino", com cenas nas quais é rejuvenescido por inteligência artificial, críticas ao passado e, pela primeira vez, sem direção de Steven Spielberg.

Comida C8

Sobremesas pouco doces do Japão ganham espaço no açucarado Brasil



Mochi de frutas vermelhas da Hanami Confeitaria (SP) **Gabriel Cabral/Folhapress**

Vera Iaconelli

Tempo mágico de infinitas escolhas?

Acreditar que o futuro só esteve em aberto na juventude é uma fantasia comodista e alienante, que mantém o sujeito repetindo no presente o que ele supõe ser uma escolha do passado. Enquanto vivermos, a repetição e a ruptura continuarão a ser de nossa responsabilidade. **Cotidiano B2**

EDITORIAIS A2

Motim na Rússia

Sobre rebelião de mercenários em meio à guerra.

STF decide que indenização pode furar limite da CLT

O STF decidiu que indenização por dano moral trabalhista pode ultrapassar limites previstos na CLT inseridos pela reforma trabalhista de 2017, como a reparação de até 50 vezes o último salário. O ministro Gilmar Mendes, relator, diz que os critérios são orientativos. **Mercado A18**

Perdas e danos

Acerca de custos da política antidrogas no país.

MÔNICA BERGAMO

À Folha Bolsonaro evita ungrir sucessor e diz ter bala de prata

Em entrevista à Folha às vésperas do julgamento que pode torná-lo inelegível, o ex-presidente Jair Bolsonaro (PL) evitou endossar Tarcsio de Freitas e Michelle Bolsonaro como sucessores à frente da direita e disse que um juízo justo o isentaria.

"Eu tenho a bala de prata, mas não vou revelar. Para 2026. O que plantamos ao longo de quatro anos não foi blábláblá", afirmou. Ele discorreu sobre seus três meses nos EUA e citou convite para ser garoto propaganda de imóveis naquele país. **C2**

Defesa do ex-presidente contesta provas e atenua fala a diplomatas

Política A4

Assessor de Lira e fornecedor de kits estiveram juntos no MEC

Um assessor de Arthur Lira (PP-AL) e um sócio de empresa de kits de robótica estiveram na sede do FNDE ao mesmo tempo. As visitas coincidem com liberação de verba. **A8**

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Le sort de Prigojine en suspens

Invisible depuis sa marche vers Moscou, le chef de Wagner a diffusé un message audio où il affirme ne pas avoir voulu « renverser le pouvoir » mais « empêcher la destruction » de son armée privée.

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À Marseille, Emmanuel Macron confronté à la criminalité quotidienne

Près de deux ans après l'annonce du plan Marseille en grand et sa pluie de milliards d'euros (15 dont 5 apportés par l'État) pour sortir la ville de la « panade », Emmanuel Macron

se confronte aux réalités tenaces de la Cité phocéenne. Pour le premier jour de son déplacement, qui se poursuivra jusqu'à mercredi, le chef de l'État met l'accent sur le régional. PAGE 6



Sébastien Lecornu : « Il faut adapter nos capacités aux guerres de demain »

À la veille de l'examen au Sénat de la loi de programmation militaire pour la période 2024-2030, le ministre des Armées défend, dans un entretien au Figaro, la cohérence

des choix du gouvernement. Il plaide notamment pour la prise en compte des « évolutions en matière de cyber, de spatial, d'intelligence artificielle et de quantique ». PAGE 2

ÉDITORIAL par Philippe Gélie pgelie@lefigaro.fr

La nuit des longs couteaux

Remis de la stupeur et du tremblement qui l'ont saisi face au coup de force d'Evgueni Prigojine, le maître du Kremlin doit maintenant réagir. Dans l'univers impitoyable de Vladimir Poutine, il est impensable de laisser ceux qui vous ont défié prospérer comme si de rien n'était. Ce serait se mettre encore plus en danger qu'il ne l'est déjà.

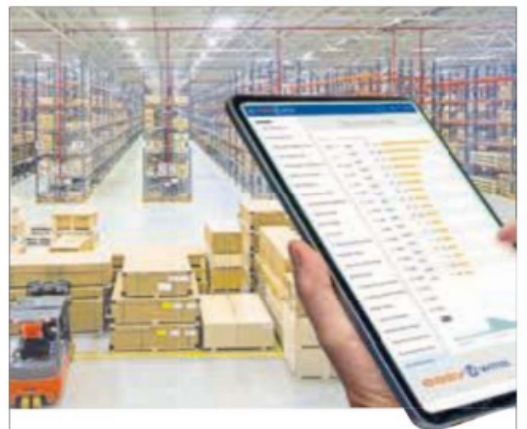
Le chef de la milice Wagner, après avoir menacé directement le pouvoir du président, s'est volatilisé pendant deux jours, restant invisible (mais pas inaudible) en Russie comme en Biélorussie, destination désignée de son bannissement. La peur a changé de camp : ses colonnes de blindés relevaient de la simple « manif », pas du coup d'État, dit-il. Son entreprise de mercenariat et de désinformation fonctionne « normalement ». Sergueï Lavrov, le chef de la diplomatie, assure qu'elle continuera à sous-traiter la politique étrangère russe en Afrique. À voir.

Les poursuites contre Prigojine et ses miliciens n'ont pas encore été annulées comme promis. L'heure des règlements de comptes approche. Ce ne sont pas des divergences idéologiques qui déchirent le système de pouvoir en Russie, mais de brutales guerres

de clans. Le mercenaire a montré la fragilité de l'édifice politico-militaire qui entoure le pseudo-tsar. De quoi nourrir la tentation, chez lui ou chez d'autres, de recommencer s'ils ne sont pas mis au pas. Il faut donc s'attendre à une nuit des longs couteaux à Moscou, d'où que vienne le bras armé.

Le monde entier a constaté avec stupéfaction le dénuement de l'autocrate russe. De Washington à Pékin, on a tremblé devant l'hypothèse que l'arsenal nucléaire échoie à un voyou nationaliste encore pire que Poutine. Les régimes autoritaires ne cachent pas une pointe de déception devant cet allié finalement si faible. Cela aussi doit être corrigé.

À court terme, la nébuleuse des profiteurs en Russie aurait intérêt à se réconcilier sur le dos du peuple et des soldats laissés sans voix. Mais ce n'est pas le plus probable : la loyauté qui permet de tisser l'écheveau des alliances et des vassalités a pris un coup de poignard. Chacun à Moscou peut se voir comme la prochaine victime - poussée à agir en conséquence. ■



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Enemies wanted Russia to 'choke in bloody civil strife', says Putin

Wagner leader defends failed mutiny claiming 'society demanded it'

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Vladimir Putin has claimed that Wagner chief Yevgeny Prigozhin's uprising was "doomed to fail" and said the country showed unity in the face of a "treacherous" rebellion.

In an unscheduled late night televised address yesterday, a visibly angry Putin said: "Any blackmail or way to bring confusion to Russia is doomed to failure ... I made steps to avoid large-scale bloodshed."

In his first public appearance since Prigozhin abandoned his armed mutiny on Saturday evening, the Russian president thanked Wagner fighters and commanders whom he said had stood down to avoid bloodshed. Without mentioning Prigozhin by name, Putin said the organisers of the rebellion "betrayed their country,

their people". He said that the enemies of Russia "wanted Russian soldiers to kill each other, to kill military personnel and civilians, so that in the end Russia would lose, and our society would split, choke in bloody civil strife".

He appeared to suggest that the Wagner group would still be shut down, saying its fighters had the choice to sign a contract with the ministry of defence or relocate to Belarus as part of a settlement negotiated with its leader, Alexander Lukashenko.

The Kremlin previously said that it

guaranteed Prigozhin safe passage to Belarus but Putin's remarks indicated that other Wagner fighters could also go there. "The majority of Wagner commanders and fighters are patriots. They were used covertly against their brothers-in-arms," he said.

Shortly after, the Kremlin released a video showing Putin meeting security officials including the defence minister, Sergei Shoigu, who Prigozhin had vowed to remove during his rebellion.

Putin's unscheduled appearance came just hours after Prigozhin

issued a defiant 11-minute statement in which he defended the uprising and denied that he had sought to topple the Russian president.

Prigozhin said the rebellion had shown that there were "serious problems with security on the whole territory of our country" and that "society demanded it" because of the failures of Russia's military leadership in the invasion of Ukraine.

"It was not our goal to overthrow the regime," Prigozhin said in the voice memo uploaded to the Telegram app. It was his

Rwanda plan 'could cost £169k per person'

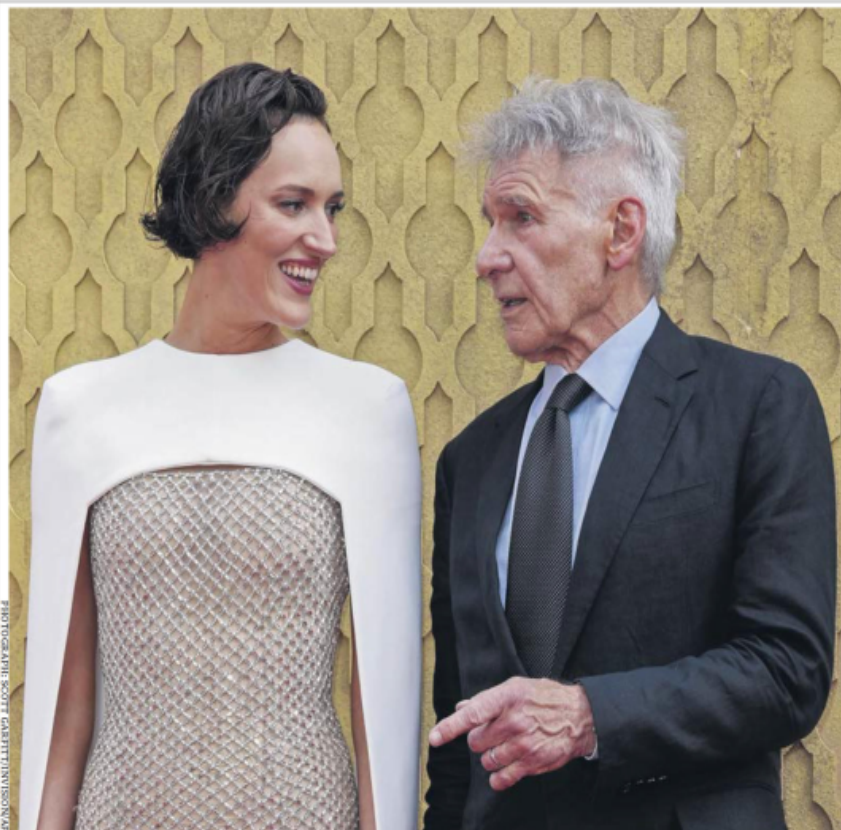
Rajeev Syal
Home affairs editor

The cost of sending just one person seeking asylum to Rwanda could be £169,000, according to an analysis by the government that immediately reignited bitter rows over the controversial scheme.

But a long-awaited "impact assessment" of the illegal migration bill has conceded that ministers do not know for sure the overall costs of implementing plans to detain and deport anyone who arrives by irregular means in the UK.

The disclosure comes at the start of a pivotal week for the government's flagship policy, which is meant to "stop the boats" - one of Rishi Sunak's key pledges.

Peers have already threatened to derail the bill when it returns to the upper chamber tomorrow. Then, on Thursday, the court of appeal is expected to rule on whether it is legal to deport people seeking asylum, including women and children, to Rwanda.



Phoebé Waller-Bridge and Harrison Ford on the red carpet for the premiere of *Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny* in London's Leicester Square last night.

Racism and sexism rife in cricket, says report

Sean Ingle
Chief sports reporter

English cricket suffers from "widespread and deep-rooted" racism, sexism, elitism and class-based discrimination at all levels of the game and urgently needs reform, a report has found.

The 317-page report from the Independent Commission for Equity in Cricket (Icec), which drew on evidence from more than 4,000 players, coaches, administrators and fans, also urges the sport to face up to the fact "that it's not banter or just a few bad apples" causing the problems.

The England and Wales Cricket Board responded to the report by issuing an unreserved apology for its failure to adequately tackle discrimination and said the findings were "a seminal moment". It pledged to respond to 44 recommendations made by Icec within three months.

However, Cindy Butts, the Icec chair, said fundamental change was needed quickly. "Our findings are unequivocal," she