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Nato hopes Kyiv bridle at 'absurd' delay

World leaders gather for Nato's "family photo" session yesterday at the alliance's annual summit in Vilnius, Lithuania.

The leaders agreed that Ukraine's "future" was in Nato but failed to provide a timeline, provoking an angry response from Ukrainian president Volodymyr Zelenskyy, who slammed the communiqué as "absurd".

Jens Stoltenberg, Nato secretary-general, said the commitment would "change Ukraine's membership path from a two-step to a one-step process". Ahead of his arrival in Vilnius, Zelenskyy retorted: "For Russia, this means motivation to continue its terror."

Nato is also discussing weapons provision as Kyiv seeks to push forward its counter-offensive against Russia.

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Canada's Justin Trudeau walks towards Estonia's Kaja Kallas and Denmark's Mette Frederiksen, far left, as Europe's leaders line up for the photo — Markus Pielack/Getty

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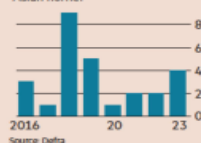
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Confirmed UK sightings of Asian hornet



There have been 24 confirmed sightings of the Asian hornet in the UK since 2016. The species is thought to pose a threat to the European honey bee, of which it can eat 50 each day. Hornets have been seen as far north as the city of Newcastle

Microsoft bears down on Activision as judge rebuffs regulator's challenge

► US court rejects FTC's block ► \$75bn deal for 'Call of Duty' maker ► UK watchdog open to discussions

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Microsoft has moved closer to securing its \$75bn purchase of Activision Blizzard after a US federal judge rejected the Federal Trade Commission's attempt to halt the deal and the UK's competition watchdog signalled it was open to discussing a merger it had rejected.

Shares in Activision, the group behind video games including *Call of Duty*, were up more than 11 per cent at \$92 in midday trading in New York, their closest to the \$95 a share offer price since Microsoft announced its bid in January 2022.

"The FTC has not shown it is likely to succeed on its assertion the combined firm will probably pull *Call of Duty* from Sony PlayStation, or that its ownership of Activision content will substantially

lessen competition in the video game library subscription and cloud gaming markets," Judge Jacqueline Scott Corley wrote in her decision.

The FTC has until Friday to appeal against the decision. The agency had sought an injunction to block the deal pending the outcome of a separate challenge it mounted in its in-house court.

The ruling deals a heavy blow to one of the most high-profile antitrust challenges under Joe Biden's administration,

This ruling 'signals a path to full regulatory approval around the globe'

Bobby Kotick, Activision chief

which has appointed progressive officials such as FTC chair Lina Khan to tackle anti-competitive conduct.

Douglas Farrar, FTC spokesperson, said the agency was "disappointed in this outcome, given the clear threat this merger poses to open competition in cloud gaming, subscription services, and consoles".

The FTC has previously dropped cases after losing a request for an injunction. Deals are typically harder to challenge and break apart after they close.

The judge's decision clears the way in the US for Microsoft and Activision to close their deal before July 18, the deadline set when they announced the deal.

The two companies still face an obstacle in the UK, where the Competition and Markets Authority blocked the deal

in April, arguing it would hamper growth in cloud gaming.

But the CMA followed yesterday's US court ruling with a statement saying it was ready to "consider any proposals from Microsoft to restructure the transaction in a way that would address" its concerns, a sharp departure from its initial decision.

The CMA added that it had agreed with the companies that "a stay of litigation in the UK would be in the public interest". Hearings had been scheduled to begin at the UK's appeals tribunal on July 28.

Brad Smith, Microsoft vice-chair and president, said he was "grateful" for the decision in California, adding that "our focus now turns back to the UK". While Microsoft disagreed with the CMA's con-

cerns, he said, "we are considering how the transaction might be modified in order to address those concerns in a way that is acceptable to the CMA".

Bobby Kotick, Activision's chief executive, told staff that the ruling in California "signals a path to full regulatory approval elsewhere around the globe".

The FTC claimed that the acquisition would hurt competition in the video game consoles market, where Microsoft's Xbox trails Sony's PlayStation. The software company would have a strong incentive to boost Xbox sales by withholding games such as *Call of Duty* from rival consoles, it warned.

The agency also argued the deal potentially allowed Microsoft to dominate the nascent market for streaming games over the internet, or cloud gaming.

Scientists near proof of new geological age where human action is irreversible

MARTHA HUIR

Scientists believe they are on the brink of proving the Earth has entered a new era for the first time in 11,700 years with the advent of the Anthropocene epoch, or the point when humanity's influence on the planet's geology became irreversible.

A small lake in an area outside Toronto has been identified as the site to provide the formal reference point for the new era, after research by the international Anthropocene Working Group, made up of geologists and historical scientists.

The group was formed in 2009 and set itself the challenge of establishing the Anthropocene era in relation to Earth's 4.6bn-year timeline. The current Holocene epoch began at the end of the last ice age.

The scientists say changes to the

planet can no longer be explained without taking into account human activity and interventions, the effects of which have been evident since the 1950s.

"We can see that humans have basically created a new Earth sphere beyond the biosphere," said Jürgen Renn, a scientific member at the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, referring to the areas of Earth where life exists.

"If we really want to understand the system, we have to not only take into account the traditional Earth spheres, like hydrosphere, the atmosphere and the biosphere, but also the human technosphere," he said.

The concept of the Anthropocene was first introduced by Nobel Prize-winning chemist Paul Crutzen in 2000 and has slowly gained acceptance in the scientific community. In the past three years, the working group has sought to find a

"golden spike" location, or point that defines the start of a new geological era.

To test whether signs of the Anthropocene are present across the planet, the team assessed 12 sites, including the Antarctic peninsula, Ernesto Cave in Italy, Flinders Reef in Australia and Crawford Lake in Ontario, Canada.

Crawford Lake displayed the most evidence of changes in species and human activity in fossils over time, since its depth of almost 24 metres means matter is well preserved.

Platinum markers in the rocks allowed scientists to identify the start of the cold war, since radioactive material fell out of the atmosphere during weapons testing. They also saw evidence of rapid geological change owing to fossil fuels, indicating that the Anthropocene may have begun in the 1950s.

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Sandwich shop holds clues to missing nickel scandal

A half-billion-dollar nickel trading scandal that leads to a sandwich shop in an alley near Hong Kong's bustling Tsim Sha Tsui shopping district has raised questions over due diligence at Tráfico. A business registered in the shop owner's name is one of seven companies the Singapore-based trading group has accused in London's High Court of duping it into buying more than a thousand shipping containers of non-existent nickel.

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S&P 500	4428.26	4409.53	0.44	\$/£	1.089	1.088	\$/¥	0.910	0.911	US 2 yr	4.89	4.87	-0.02
Nasdaq Composite	13733.24	13685.48	0.35	\$/€	1.290	1.282	€/¥	0.775	0.780	US 10 yr	3.98	4.01	-0.03
Dow Jones Ind	34156.83	33944.40	0.63	\$/HK\$	0.852	0.856	\$/C\$	1.174	1.188	US 30 yr	4.02	4.04	-0.01
FTSE100	1788.42	1776.62	0.66	\$/¥	140.915	141.095	\$/¥	154.542	155.520	UK 2 yr	5.42	5.34	0.08
S&P 500 VIX	4286.71	4286.51	0.71	\$/¥	181.252	181.262	\$/¥	82.423	82.786	UK 10 yr	4.72	4.70	0.03
FTSE 100 VIX	2782.52	2773.79	0.12	\$/¥	0.970	0.975	\$/¥	1.138	1.139	UK 30 yr	4.66	4.63	0.03
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CAC 40	7270.01	7143.89	1.07		Jul 11	Prev	%chg	JPN 10 yr	0.45	0.47	-0.02		
Nikkei	15790.34	15673.15	0.75	Bitcoin (\$)	30491.00	30419.54	0.23	JPN 20 yr	1.31	1.33	-0.02		
Hang Seng	16520.97	16189.73	0.04	Ethereum	1869.36	1880.61	-0.65	GER 2 yr	3.30	3.29	0.02		
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MSCI EM \$	981.89	980.06	0.12		Jul 11	Prev	%chg	GER 30 yr	2.65	2.64	0.01		
MSCI ACWI \$	674.94	673.44	0.22	Oil WTI \$	74.05	72.99	2.27						
FT Wilshire 2500	5715.31	5683.02	0.56	Oil Brent \$	79.20	77.69	1.94						
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Flooding in Montpelier, Vt. The lack of a national rainfall database and of up-to-date flood maps hamper preparations for major storms.

Floods Expose Failure to Meet Climate Threat

By CHRISTOPHER FLAVELLE and RICK ROJAS

This week's flooding in Vermont, in which heavy rains caused destruction even miles from any river, is evidence of an especially dangerous climate threat: Catastrophic flooding can increasingly happen anywhere, with almost no warning.

And the United States, experts warn, is nowhere close to ready for that threat.

The idea that anywhere it can rain, it can flood, is not new. But rising temperatures make the problem worse: They allow the air to hold more moisture, leading to more intense and sudden rainfall, seemingly out of nowhere. And the implications of that shift are enormous.

"It's getting harder and harder to adapt to these changing conditions," said Rachel Cleetus, policy director for the climate and energy program at the Union of Concerned Scientists. "It's just everywhere, all the time."

The federal government is already struggling to prepare American communities for severe flooding, by funding better storm drains and pumps, building levees and sea walls and elevating roads and other basic infrastructure. As seas rise and storms get worse, the most flood-prone parts of the country — places like New Orleans, Miami, Houston, Charleston or even areas of New York City — could easily consume the government's entire budget for climate resilience, without solving the problem for any of them.

Federal flood maps, which governments use as a guide to determine where to build housing and infrastructure, are supposed to be updated regularly. But they often

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Study Details the Climate Change Down Below

By RAYMOND ZHONG

CHICAGO — Underneath downtown Chicago's soaring Art Deco towers, its multilevel roadways and its busy subway and rail lines, the land is sinking, and not only for the reasons you might expect.

Since the mid-20th century, the ground between the city surface and the bedrock has warmed by 5.6 degrees Fahrenheit on average, according to a new study out of Northwestern University. All of that heat, which comes mostly from basements and other underground structures, has caused the layers of sand, clay and rock beneath some buildings to subside or swell by several millimeters over the decades, enough to worsen cracks and defects in walls and

Structures Leak Heat Into Ground, Putting Buildings at Risk

foundations.

"All around you, you have heat sources," said the study's author, Alessandro F. Rotta Loria, walking with a backpack through Millennium Station, a commuter rail terminal underneath the city's Loop district. "These are things that people don't see, so it's like they don't exist."

It is not just Chicago. In big cities worldwide, humans' burning of fossil fuels is raising the mercury at the surface. But heat is also pouring out of basements,

parking garages, train tunnels, pipes, sewers and electrical cables and into the surrounding earth, a phenomenon that scientists have taken to calling "underground climate change."

Rising underground temperatures lead to warmer subway tunnels, which can cause overheated tracks and steam-bath conditions for commuters. And, over time, they cause tiny shifts in the ground beneath buildings, which can induce structural strain, whose effects are not noticeable for a long time until suddenly they are.

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SWELTERING In Arizona, the relentless stretch of 110-degree days is testing residents. PAGE A11



Anger Reignites Over Israeli Judicial Plan

Protests erupted nationwide after Parliament moved to limit Supreme Court powers. Page A10.

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Russia Leaves Rotting Bodies And Old Socks

Ukraine Pushes South, Into a Foe's Detritus

By ANDREW E. KRAMER

NOVODARIVKA, Ukraine — A bottle of syrup made from Siberian berries, legions of dirty socks and a military-issued tea bag stamped with "For Victory!"

For Ukrainian soldiers, one advantage of achieving at least creeping advances in the now month-old counteroffensive in southern Ukraine is appropriating real-made fortifications from the retreating Russians, who in months of preparations dug deep, well-protected trenches.

For the Ukrainians, eerily enough, it also means living and fighting in positions long held by the Russians — with a huge sprawl of military debris and personal items of Russian soldiers scattered about.

"It's not very pleasant," said Pvt. Maksim, a soldier with Ukraine's 36th Marine Brigade, who has collected a number of curiosities, including what he thinks was a talisman: several bullets covered in sparkles and attached to a key ring.

"It's our land but it's not very comfortable to be here," said the private, who like the other soldiers gave only his first name and rank for security reasons. "It doesn't feel like home."

In early June, Ukrainian troops, including thousands of soldiers trained and equipped by the United States and other Western allies, began a counteroffensive aimed at driving a wedge through Russian-occupied southern Ukraine. Lying in wait were thousands of Russian troops stationed in miles of trenches and other fortifications amid tank traps and thousands upon thousands of mines.

The Ukrainian forces are attacking in at least three locations on the Russian defensive front. At their farthest point of advance, they have pushed south to form a bulge about five miles into the defensive lines.

Ukrainian commanders want to reach the Sea of Azov, about 55 miles away across open plains that offer little cover. If they succeed, they will divide the Russian occupied south into two zones, cutting the land bridge from Russia to the occupied Crimean Peninsula and greatly compromising Russia's ability to resupply its forces farther west.

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WITHOUT DETAILS, NATO VOWS TO ADD UKRAINE SOMEDAY

RESISTS CALL TO HURRY

Support for Biden's Plan Dismays Some Allies in Eastern Europe

This article is by Steven Erlanger, David E. Sanger and Lara Jakes.

VILNIUS, Lithuania — NATO declared on Tuesday that Ukraine would be invited to join the alliance, but did not say how or when, disappointing its president but reflecting the resolve by President Biden and other leaders not to be drawn directly into Ukraine's war with Russia.

In a communiqué agreed to by all 31 NATO nations, the alliance said that "Ukraine's future is in NATO," and it will be allowed to join when the member countries agree that conditions are ripe — but it did not offer specifics or a timetable. It promised to continue supporting Ukraine in its fight against Russia and to engage the alliance's foreign ministers in a periodic review of Ukraine's progress toward reaching NATO standards — in both democratiza-



Leaders at NATO's summit on Tuesday in Vilnius, Lithuania.

tion and military integration.

The wording meant that Mr. Biden, who declared last week that "Ukraine isn't ready for NATO membership," and like-minded allies had prevailed over Poland and Baltic nations that wanted a formal invitation for Ukraine to join the alliance as soon as the war ends. NATO leaders released the document, a compromise product after weeks of argument, at a summit meeting in Vilnius, Lithuania.

Hours earlier, President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine, apparently aware of what it would say, issued a blast at the NATO leadership. "It's unprecedented and absurd when a time frame is not set, neither for the invitation nor for Ukraine's membership," he wrote on Twitter before landing in Vilnius.

The NATO commitment went somewhat beyond its vague statement in 2008 that Georgia and . . . Continued on Page A6

Trump Bid to Delay Florida Trial Poses Key Early Test for Judge

By ALAN FEUER and MAGGIE HABERMAN

Lawyers for former President Donald J. Trump asked a federal judge on Monday night to indefinitely postpone his trial on charges of illegally retaining classified documents after he left office, saying that the proceeding should not begin until all "substantive motions" in the case had been presented and decided.

The written filing — submitted 30 minutes before its deadline of midnight on Tuesday — presents a significant early test for Judge Aileen M. Cannon, the Trump-appointed jurist who is overseeing the case. If granted, it could have the effect of pushing Mr. Trump's trial into the final stages of the

presidential campaign in which he is now the Republican front-runner or even past the 2024 election.

While timing is important in any criminal matter, it could be hugely consequential in Mr. Trump's case, in which he stands accused of illegally holding on to 31 classified documents after leaving the White House and obstructing the government's repeated efforts to reclaim them.

There could be complications of a sort never before presented to a court if Mr. Trump is a candidate in the last legs of a presidential campaign and a federal criminal defendant on trial at the same . . . Continued on Page A17

Overnight Success of Twitter Rival Threads May Yet Slip Away

By MIKE ISAAC

SAN FRANCISCO — A big tech company with billions of users introduces a new social network. Leveraging the popularity and scale of its existing products, the company intends to make the new social platform a success. In doing so, it also plans

to squash a leading competitor's app.

If this sounds like Instagram's new Threads app and its push against its rival Twitter, think again. The year was 2011 and Google had just rolled out a social network called Google+, which was aimed as its "Facebook killer." Google thrust the new site in front of many of its

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users who relied on its search and other products, expanding Google+ to more than 90 million users within the first year.

But by 2018, Google+ was relegated to the ash heap of history. Despite the internet search giant's enormous audi-

ence, its social network failed to catch on as people continued flocking to Facebook — and later to Instagram and other social apps.

In the history of Silicon Valley, big tech companies have often become even bigger tech companies by using their scale as a built-in advantage. But as . . . Continued on Page A18



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At Mount Saint Bernard Abbey, monks bless the bottles as they help make Britain's only Trappist brew. PAGE A4

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UKRAINE LEADER SLAMS NATO ON TIMING

'Absurd,' Zelensky says of plan to put off admission until 'conditions are met.'

BY CHRIS MEGERIAN, SEUNG MIN KIM AND KARL RITTER

VILNIUS, Lithuania — NATO leaders said Tuesday that they would allow Ukraine to join the alliance "when allies agree and conditions are met," hours after President Volodymyr Zelensky blasted the organization's failure to set a timetable for his country as "absurd."

"We reaffirmed Ukraine will become a member of NATO and agreed to remove the requirement for a membership action plan," NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg told reporters, referring to a key step in joining the alliance.

"This will change Ukraine's membership path from a two-step path to a one-step path," he said.

Although many NATO members have funneled arms and ammunition to Zelensky's forces, there is no consensus among the 31 allies for admitting Ukraine into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Instead, alliance leaders decided to remove obstacles on Ukraine's membership path so that it can join more quickly once the war with Russia is over.

Zelensky pushed back sharply against the decision. "It's unprecedented and absurd when time frame is not set neither for the invitation nor for Ukraine's membership," Zelensky tweeted as he headed to Vilnius for NATO's annual summit. "While at the same time, [See Ukraine, A4]



SUSAN WALSH/Associated Press

WITH Lithuanian President Gitanas Nausėda, left, President Biden reviews an honor guard in Vilnius, which is hosting a NATO summit. Sharp divisions have arisen in the alliance over Ukraine's bid to become a member.

Watching home, mementos slowly slip away in landslide

Rolling Hills Estates man had only minutes to pack up a lifetime

BY GRACE TOOHEY

From his unfamiliar hotel room Tuesday morning, Weber "Wei" Yen instinctively looked for his favorite coffee mug — the one he's used almost every day for the last 25 years.

"I can't get it anymore," said Yen, who had returned to his Rolling Hills Estates neighborhood to check on his collapsed home. He got the mug on a trip to Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia. "It's that kind of stuff," he said. "You try to reach for something that's no longer there."

Yen, 73, can't even begin to list everything he and his family have probably lost since their home began slipping into the canyon it overlooked on Peartree Lane. Officials still don't know what caused the clear-day landslide that forced the evacuation late Saturday of 12 homes, many now completely lost. At [See Homeowner, A6]



WALLY SKALIJ/Los Angeles Times

WEBER "WEI" YEN looks at his neighborhood in Rolling Hills Estates on Tuesday. His home has fallen at least 15 feet into a canyon.



STAN LIM/Pool Photo

LESLIE Van Houten was "released to parole supervision," the state's Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation said. Above, with attorney Rich Pfeiffer in 2017.

Leslie Van Houten freed after 5 decades in prison

Ex-Manson 'family' member, 73, was serving life for 1969 LaBianca killings.

BY CHRISTIAN MARTINEZ, SUMNER LIN, SALVADOR HERNANDEZ AND RICHARD WINTON

Capping a decades-long quest for freedom, former Manson "family" member Leslie Van Houten was released from prison Tuesday after more than five decades behind bars for horrific murders that stunned the nation.

The California Department of Corrections and Re-

habilitation said Van Houten, 73, was "released to parole supervision." She had been serving a life sentence for her role in the murders of Leno and Rosemary LaBianca in Los Angeles in 1969.

Gov. Gavin Newsom denied Van Houten's parole three times, and Gov. Jerry Brown also had denied Van Houten's parole when he was in office.

But Newsom was overruled by a California appeals court this year, and on Friday, he said he would not challenge its decision to allow parole for Van Houten.

Newsom was "disappointed by the Court of Appeals' decision to release Ms. Van Houten," Erin Mellon,

communications director for the Office of the Governor, said Tuesday in a statement.

Legal experts called Van Houten's release rare in light of previous parole denials. "I don't think most people thought any member of the Manson family would get out alive," said Laurie Levenson, professor of law at Loyola Law School. "The crime was horrific, but I think the governor realized he wasn't likely to overturn the parole commission and the Court of Appeals."

A former homecoming queen from Monrovia, Van Houten became involved with the Manson family in the 1960s. Supporters de- [See Van Houten, A6]

Ousted Skid Row receiver was donor to city attorney

Mark Adams hosted fundraiser for L.A. official who later backed him for post.

BY LIAM DILLON AND DOUG SMITH

Standing in a City Hall conference room in late March, Mayor Karen Bass and City Atty. Hydee Feldstein Soto announced they'd found the best person to prevent 1,500 formerly homeless Skid Row tenants from losing their homes once again.

After years of mismanagement, the tenants' nonprofit landlord, Skid Row Housing Trust, had financially collapsed. The pair petitioned a judge to put the trust's 29 buildings under a receivership led by Mark Adams.

"He is the most experienced health and safety receiver we were able to locate in the state of California," said Feldstein Soto, who spearheaded the decision, as Adams looked on behind her. "He has the breadth and depth of expertise that we think we need."

What the city attorney did not mention was that Adams had hosted a political fundraiser for her in October, with Adams and his associates contributing at least \$8,500 to her election bid, campaign finance records show.

Three months after the news conference announce- [See Receiver, A12]



GENARO MOLINA/Los Angeles Times
CITY ATTY. Hydee Feldstein Soto defended her choice: "He was the only possible solution."

'To miss all these red flags, I think is troubling. When you take that on top of the campaign contributions, the public has a right to be upset.'

— SEAN MCMORRIS, transparency, ethics and accountability program manager for California Common Cause, a good-government nonprofit

State to launch heat safety PSAs

\$20-million campaign will conduct outreach in every county, more than 30 languages.

BY HAYLEY SMITH

As California braces for its most intense and prolonged heat wave of the year, state officials are investing in new methods to warn residents of the dangers of soaring temperatures.

Extreme heat is among the deadliest of all weather-related events, with the National Weather Service recording more heat-related fatalities than deaths from hurricanes, tornadoes, floods and other climate hazards in 2022.

In California, state officials have been criticized for their response to extreme heat, which disproportionately affects children and the elderly, people with chronic illnesses, disabled people and those who are pregnant. A 2021 Los Angeles Times investigation found that heat probably caused about 3,900 deaths in the state over the previous decade — six times the official tally.

The \$20-million "Heat Ready CA" campaign, launched by Gov. Gavin Newsom's Office of Community Partnerships and Strategic Communications on Tuesday, aims to help rectify that through improved outreach, advertising and communication efforts.

"The impacts of climate change have never been more clear — the hots continue to get hotter in our state and across the West, putting millions of Californians at risk," Newsom said in a statement. "California is launching Heat Ready CA as a state tool in the state arsenal to protect people from extreme heat. We're asking everyone to stay alert to changing weather and take the necessary steps to keep themselves and their families safer from deadly heat waves."

The campaign is part of the governor's \$404-million investment in extreme heat, guided by the Extreme Heat Action Plan unveiled last year. The Heat Ready campaign will partner with 121 community-based organizations to conduct outreach in every county in more than 30 languages through door-to-door canvassing, home banking and other community activations, officials said.

Louis Blumberg, a climate policy advisor with the nonprofit group Climate Re- [See Heat, A9]

Deputy tattoos inquiry halted

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In Senate, PGA Tour defends Saudi deal

Documents reveal origins of a plan that would upend pro golf

BY RICK MAESE

PGA Tour officials defended their shocking partnership with the Saudi Public Investment Fund during a Senate investigative subcommittee hearing Tuesday. But even as the hearing underscored the fragility of that relationship, a trove of documents released by the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations showed the parties discussing several dramatic proposals that would significantly alter the pro golf landscape.

Among the proposals that were floated: a global "World Golf Series" team event that would conclude in Saudi Arabia; LIV Golf continuing to operate as an independent circuit with its schedule confined to the fall season; Greg Norman being sidelined and removed from his role as LIV Golf chief executive; Tiger Woods and Rory McIlroy being given ownership of LIV Golf teams and participating in events; two elevated PGA Tour events branded by the PIF or Saudi oil company Aramco; and a membership to Augusta National Golf Club for Yasir Al-Rumayyan, the governor of the PIF who is poised to become one of the most powerful men in professional golf if the partnership is finalized.

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Trump seeks delay in Fla. trial, citing 2024

BY DEVLIN BARRETT

Former president Donald Trump's lawyers invoked the 2024 presidential campaign in court papers late Monday, arguing that for a host of legal and political reasons, Trump's classified documents trial should be pushed far past the December time frame proposed by the Justice Department.

In a 12-page filing, lawyers Christopher Kise and Todd Blanche claimed that putting the former president on trial later this year for alleged mishandling of classified papers and obstruction — even as he seeks the Republican nomination to return to the White House — would be "unreasonable, telling, and would result in a miscarriage of justice."

The lawyers asked U.S. District Judge Allen M. Cannon in Florida not to set a date for the trial for the time being, while the two sides work through pretrial motions and hearings. They suggested that to ensure an impartial jury, the trial should not be held

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Streets in downtown Montpelier, Vermont's capital, were underwater after intense storms that started Sunday brought six to nine inches of rain to certain areas. The search for people stranded by flooding in the rural, mountainous state was expected to take several days.

Dozens rescued from flooding in Vt.

BY JUSTINE MCDANIEL AND JOANNA SLATER

WESTON, Vt. — Intense flooding across Vermont trapped residents in their homes, washed out roads and set off widespread rescue efforts, a crisis that officials warned would continue at least through week's end.

More than 100 people had been rescued statewide by Tuesday morning, while crews on boats and in helicopters searched for others who were stranded in the rural, mountainous state, officials said. Rescuing those who were trapped was expected to take several days, state authorities said, and they feared that

Crisis that has deluged homes, businesses, roads is 'nowhere near over'

more rain starting Thursday could bring further devastation.

Flash floods Monday from heavy rainfall turned to river flooding Tuesday as the rain stopped and rivers across the state rose, including in the state capital, Montpelier, and throughout the Green Mountains. Some surpassed major flood stage at record-breaking levels, and a few dams neared capacity, including

in hard-hit Montpelier.

The extent of the storm's damage to roads, buildings and other infrastructure remained far from clear, but thousands of people had lost homes and businesses, and countless roads had been washed out, Gov. Phil Scott (R) said at a news briefing Tuesday.

"The devastation and flooding we're experiencing across Vermont is historic and catastrophic," Scott said. "This is nowhere near over."

Residents described seeing waterfalls, mudslides, blocked roads and washed-away bridges. People across large swaths of the state were unable to leave their homes, hemmed in by water or damaged

roads.

"We were totally blocked in," said Stacey Alexander, 48, whose house sits on a curve of the West River in Londonderry. It overflowed its banks, covering the road out with several feet of water. Alexander and her husband, Huzon, rushed to move their belongings to high shelves as they watched the raging river carry away tires, trash cans and propane tanks.

A nearby bridge was closed after being damaged, while parts of roads in the area had collapsed, leaving giant scalloped edges where water still flowed beneath.

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Zelensky decries NATO timeline

SPAT OVERSHADOWS LITHUANIA SUMMIT

Bloc says Kyiv can join when 'conditions are met'

BY TOLUSE Olorunnipa, Emily Rauhala, Meryl Kornfield and Michael Birnbaum

VILNIUS, LITHUANIA — Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky on Tuesday jolted a summit of NATO leaders by blasting their joint statement on his country's prospective membership, decriing its lack of a concrete timeline as "unprecedented and absurd."

In a fiery tweet, Zelensky frustrated Ukraine's advocates inside the alliance who believed they had secured a win for Kyiv by pushing the United States, Germany and other reluctant countries to consent "to extend an invitation to Ukraine to join the alliance when allies agree and conditions are met," in the words of the declaration painstakingly hammered out through negotiations among the 31 NATO members.

Ukraine has demanded a definitive timeline for NATO membership that includes specific steps and milestones. But many NATO countries are cautious about risking direct war with Russia, and they have been searching for a way to balance Ukraine's hopes with pragmatic security calculations.

Zelensky's angry intervention — which came before the final agreement Tuesday but after the language had started circulating — suggested the alliance had not yet found a way to satisfy both sides. NATO diplomats had hoped to issue a unified declaration on Ukraine's membership prospects Tuesday as a triumphal

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Protesters take to the streets in Israel

Demonstrators in Tel Aviv confront an Israeli police officer during a "day of disruption" linked to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's move to restart a judicial system overhaul. Story, A14

Tracing a tragedy in the Mediterranean

How hundreds of migrants drowned on Greece's watch

BY IMOGEN PIPER, JOYCE SOHYUN LEE, CLAIRE PARKER AND ELINDA LAERPOPOULOU

The earliest of more than a dozen distress calls came the morning of June 13. On a boat overpacked with migrants, water had run out, and the situation was deteriorating.

Yet the Greek coast guard did not call for a high-priority rescue operation. In subsequent hours, officials maintained the vessel was proceeding with a "steady course and speed" and people on board didn't want help. Greek officials deny responsibility for what happened that night, when the migrant boat, a fishing trawler known as the *Adriana*, capsized and sent as many as 750 people into the Mediterranean Sea.

The conflicting accounts of the *Adriana*'s final minutes are the most fraught — whether the boat capsized as a result of a panic-induced shift in weight, as the coast guard contends, or it overturned while being towed by the coast guard, as some survivors have described.

But an investigation by The Washington Post also casts doubt on the other main claims by Greek officials and suggests that the deadliest Mediterranean shipwreck in years was a preventable tragedy.

Contrary to the coast guard account that the boat was making steady progress and determined to get to Italy, The Post found the boat's speed fluctuated dramatically — in line with passenger recollections of engine problems — while circling back on its route.

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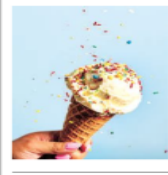
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Tough choices confront NATO

War in Ukraine could be at crucial juncture

Francesca Chambers
USA TODAY

VILNIUS, Lithuania — President Joe Biden's attendance at a NATO summit in Vilnius comes at a turning point for both Russia and Ukraine and at a critical moment for the U.S. president, who has staked his reputation on his leadership on the world stage.

Biden entered the summit having made a controversial decision to send Ukraine cluster munitions, which are banned by many NATO nations, to keep Ukraine from running out of ammo during its counteroffensive. U.S. senators at the summit want him to persuade those same allies to spend more money on NATO's defense.

The alliance faces tough choices about whether to allow Ukraine to join NATO. Without a clear framework, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy waited until the last minute to show up for the summit this week in Lithuania — a vulnerable former Soviet nation in the Baltic region.

"It seems there is no readiness neither to invite Ukraine to NATO nor to make it a member of the alliance," he said. "This means that a window of opportunity is being left to bargain Ukraine's membership in NATO in negotiations with Russia. And for Russia, this means motivation to continue its terror." Zelenskyy was responding to draft language of a statement NATO released later in the day that said member countries would be in a "position to extend an invitation to Ukraine to join the Alliance when Allies agree and conditions are met." The conditions included unspecified democratic and security reforms.

The Ukrainian leader derided the statement, which did not contain a time frame for membership, as "unprecedented and absurd" and said the conditions for inviting Ukraine to join the alliance were too vague.

"Uncertainty is weakness. And I will openly discuss this at the summit," Zelenskyy said.

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IN SPORTS

PGA-LIV merger under scrutiny

As Congress continues to review the proposed merger between the PGA Tour and Saudi-funded LIV Golf, two Tour executives testified before the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations on Capitol Hill. Senators questioned the way the deal came together and expressed concerns about the Saudi Arabian government trying to seize power in an American sports league. **1C**

PUBLIC HEALTH



Stacy Wistock, who lives on a small farm in Iowa, milks one of her goats, Babe. PHOTOS BY TONY LEYS FOR KFF HEALTH NEWS

States make raw milk legal despite warnings

Demand grows amid distrust of officials who say it's dangerous



Wistock offers a sample of chilled, unpasteurized goat milk.

Tony Leys
KFF Health News

LORIMOR, Iowa — Babe the goat is trendier than she looks.

Babe lives a quiet life on a hillside farm in southern Iowa, where she grazes on grass with a small herd of fellow goats. Her owner, Stacy Wistock, milks her twice a day.

Wistock takes precautions to keep the milk clean, but she rarely pasteurizes it. Until recently, she gave it away to family and friends. Now, she'll make a little money off it. Iowa legislators decided this spring to join dozens of states in allowing small producers to sell unpasteurized milk from cows, goats and sheep.

Public health authorities and major dairy industry groups oppose the practice, saying such milk can be tainted with dangerous bacteria, including E. coli, salmonella, and listeria. But in state after state, those warnings have been overwhelmed by testimonials from fans of "raw milk," who contend pasteurized milk is more difficult to digest because the process alters enzymes and kills helpful bacteria.

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"By limiting the size of the farm and the methods of distribution, this bill will meet the niche market demand while requiring strong local connections between consumers and producers."

Sen. Jason Schultz about Iowa's new law

US children regressing in reading, math

Allia Wong
USA TODAY

An analysis of national test score data Tuesday further confirms a dismal reality facing schools: Academically, kids aren't where they would have been before the pandemic, and they aren't progressing at the pace needed to catch up.

According to the analysis, in fact, students this past school year made fewer academic gains than they did

"Not only have we not made progress toward recovery (after COVID-19), we're actually a bit worse off."

Karyn Lewis
Director at NWEA, a K-12 assessment organization

the year before — when classrooms were still dealing with frequent quarantines and learning disruptions.

"We have interrupted the progress that we were making until the fall of this

(school) year," said Karyn Lewis, co-author of the analysis and a director at NWEA, a K-12 research organization that develops assessments. "Not only have we not made progress toward recovery, we're actually a bit worse off than we were at the start of the year."

"This isn't news anybody wanted to hear."

The analysis focuses on roughly 6.7 million students in grades three

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Svitolina, una historia más allá del tenis: la guerra y la maternidad

La ucraniana, un símbolo en temas sensibles, llegó a las semifinales de Wimbledon tras ganarle a Swiatek.

Una escuela deberá pagarle a una alumna que sufrió *bullying*

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La Justicia ordenó indemnizarla con \$6,5 millones por los trastornos que le ocasionó esa situación; es un fallo inédito. **Página 21**

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Massa acelera el reparto de fondos públicos en plena campaña electoral

MEDIDAS. Ayer anunció créditos blandos para jubilados; refuerza ataques contra la oposición

El ministro de Economía, Sergio Massa, extrema apariciones públicas y anuncios de gestión para empujar su candidatura presidencial, mientras en paralelo despliega una campaña del miedo contra los candidatos de Juntos por el Cambio.

Ayer se mostró junto a Fernando Raverta, titular de la Anses, en

el lanzamiento de una línea de créditos flexibles para jubilados y pensionados. Fue una de las múltiples actividades que anuncia el Gobierno diariamente para apuntalar su postulación. En el acto no estuvo el presidente Alberto Fernández.

En simultáneo, Massa lanzó un spot donde dice que la oposición

quiere cerrar el PAMI, en un nuevo giro de la campaña del miedo que inauguró el lunes cuando dijo que Juntos por el Cambio quería "represión y ajuste". También buscó vincular a Patricia Bullrich con la agrupación Montoneros y a Horacio Rodríguez Larreta con la muerte del médico René Favaloro. **Página 8**

La CGT se unificó detrás del postulante oficialista

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EL ANÁLISIS

Ante una guerra que nadie quiere ver

Joquín Morales Solá

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En qué curva del camino pasado quedó la ancha avenida del medio que le gustaba recorrer a Sergio Massa? Desde el lunes, el ministro de Economía ha señalado como su enemiga electoral a Patricia Bullrich, convencido, tal vez, de que en política están importantes saber elegir los amigos como los adversarios. Está seguro de otra cosa, además: con Horacio Rodríguez Larreta sería un combate pobre, porque competirían por el mismo espacio, supuestamente el de la moderación, mientras que con Bullrich podría polarizar con lo que ahora Massa llama la "extrema derecha". **Continúa en la página 11**

Perpetua a tres policías por matar con "odio racial"



FABIÁN MARELLI

seguridad—El asesinato en Barracas del futbolista juvenil Lucas González fue un homicidio agravado por "odio racial", según consideró el tribunal que condenó a prisión perpetua a los oficiales de la Policía de la Ciudad Juan José Nieva (con campera beige en la foto), Gabriel Isassi y Fabián López (con campera bordó), y decidió penas de entre cuatro y ocho años para seis uniformados por encubrimiento. Cinco policías fueron absueltos. **Página 24**

Ahora, El Niño. Un cambio drástico después de la histórica sequía

Junio fue el mes más caliente desde que hay registros globales y la Argentina no está exenta; de noviembre a enero esperan temporada de lluvias

Después de tres años seguidos del fenómeno de La Niña (sequía), se estima "inminente" la llegada de El Niño, su contraparte, que cambiará drásticamente en la región el tremendo panorama vivido.

La temporada de lluvias que traerá este cambio se extenderá, según los expertos, entre noviembre y enero. El clima global ha despertado la alarma de la Organización Meteorológica Mundial (OMM),

que confirmó que junio fue el mes más caliente del planeta desde que hay registros. La semana pasada se superó al menos tres veces el récord de temperatura promedio global, que llegó a 17,18°C, superando al de entre 15°C y 16°C del 14 de agosto de 2016. **Página 20**

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Se despertó el dólar blue y roza otra vez los \$500

RÉCORD. Tras haber estado prácticamente estable durante tres meses, por intervenciones oficiales sobre los tipos de cambio financieros y una fuerte suba de tasas de interés, el dólar blue avanzó ayer \$3, se negoció a \$498 y marcó un nuevo récord nominal, rozando los \$500. Inciden el alza constante de los precios, la emisión monetaria y la falta de reservas en el Banco Central. **Página 16**

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Empresas sofrem com queda no caixa e alta da despesa financeira

Levantamento com mais de 400 companhias listadas na Bolsa mostra que a geração de caixa, que mede a capacidade de injetar dinheiro no negócio, tem caído desde 2022, e despesas financeiras, como tomada de crédito, estão em alta. Cenário preocupa, diz coordenador do estudo. A17

'Ogronegócio' para Marina Silva, ruralistas visam melhorar imagem

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Governo quer regular plantio de Cannabis medicinal

O governo Lula (PT) pretende regular o plantio de Cannabis para fins medicinais no Brasil. A liberação da plantação, sem depender de autorização judicial, será prioridade na pauta do Conad (Conselho Nacional de Políticas sobre Drogas). Cotidiano B3

Pablo Acosta

Quanto custaria preservar a Amazônia?

Se a área estimada da floresta em risco em determinado ano fosse de 12.200 km² (área perdida em 2021) e se essa área fosse totalmente protegida, de US\$ 5 bilhões a US\$ 10 bilhões precisariam ser desembolsados. Ambiente B2

Preços caem, e inflação de 12 meses é a menor desde 2020

Alimentos puxam recuo de 0,08% em junho; setor de serviços tem alta resistente

A inflação registrou em junho o primeiro número negativo em nove meses.

Segundo o IBGE (Instituto Brasileiro de Geografia e Estatística), o Índice de Preços ao Consumidor ficou em -0,08%. Com isso, a taxa acumulada nos últimos 12 meses é a menor desde setembro de 2020, em 3,16%.

A última vez que o Brasil registrara deflação fora em setembro, quando o IPCA recuou 0,29% após cortes de tributos promovidos pelo então presidente Jair Bolsonaro (PL) antes das eleições.

Desta vez, a queda foi puxada sobretudo pela diminuição nos preços de alimentação e bebidas e transporte.

No segundo caso, pesou o programa do governo federal de desconto em carro popular — a inflação dos automóveis novos caiu 2,76%.

Com o arrefecimento do IPCA nos últimos meses, analistas consideram viável a inflação anual ficar dentro da banda de tolerância da meta de 3,25%, que vai até 4,75%.

Economistas alertam para a persistência da inflação dos serviços, o que pode limitar cortes de juros. O índice saltou de -0,06% para 0,62% em junho com a alta das passagens aéreas. Mercado A15

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Reforma pode ganhar trava para alíquota de imposto

O relator da Reforma Tributária no Senado, Eduardo Braga (MDB-AM), avalia criar uma trava para a alíquota dos novos tributos criados pela proposta. A cobrança sobre o consumo de bens e serviços precisaria respeitar limites mínimos e máximos definidos no texto. Mercado A16

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Sob pressão de aliados do presidente da Câmara, Arthur Lira (PP-AL), Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT) liberou a negociação de cargos para PP e Republicanos em estatais e estaria disposto a oferecer dois ministérios. Desenvolvimento Social e Esporte estão na mira das siglas. Política A4

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Fiscales allanaron 12 de las 13 estancias que usaban los miembros del grupo

La estructura criminal del clan Pavão estaba intacta

La madre, la esposa y el hijo, que tiene prisión domiciliaria en el Brasil, y el padrastro de Jarvis mantenían vivo y operativo el esquema delictivo, según los investigadores.

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Starring roles for Rangers

The Rangers' Marcus Semien greeted Make-A-Wish recipient Brayden Friberg during his run around the bases before the All-Star Game on Tuesday in Seattle. Six Rangers played. Nathan Eovaldi pitched a scoreless inning, and Adolis Garcia made two leaping catches at the outfield wall. The National League won 3-2. (SportsDay, 1C)



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LEGISLATURE '23 | SPECIAL SESSION

Property tax cuts one step closer

House panel OKs plan, but no teacher raises or renter aid irks some

By ROBERT T. GARRETT and PHILIP JANKOWSKI
Austin Bureau

AUSTIN — A House panel unanimously advanced a compromise tax-relief plan Tuesday

after a key lawmaker from Dallas promised Texas teachers a pay raise will be taken up in a third special session this fall.

Dallas GOP Rep. Morgan Meyer also assured skeptical Democrats that renters would benefit from the tax cuts, as landlords would pay less in property tax and be able to pass along the savings to tenants.

The \$18 billion tax cut package, which the state's "Big Three" leaders hammered out over the weekend, broke a monthlong deadlock over how best to pour much of a gigantic state surplus into tax relief.

Assuming lawmakers bless it, the compromise could bring

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'This is the Super Bowl for us'

Key Amazon facility shifts into overdrive for Prime Day



Photos by Tom Fox/Staff Photographer

Workers sorted early Prime Day packages as they arrived at one of the country's largest Amazon distribution centers in Lewisville early Tuesday. The crew will move and deliver roughly 172,000 packages during the two-day sale.

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To Amazon customers, the company's annual Prime Day members-only sale lasting two days means a simple click of a "buy" button.

To Amazon workers in Lewisville, it's showtime.

The company's distribution center there is often the final stop an item makes before arriving at a customer's house, Amazon spokesman Scott Seroka said on Tuesday, as packages moved through the facility en route to homes in Dallas-Fort Worth.

In all, the Lewisville facility will handle and deliver roughly 172,000 packages Tues-

day and Wednesday.

"This is the Super Bowl for us," said Daniel Martin, another Amazon spokesman.

After a customer places an order, the item is picked in a fulfillment center by Amazon's associates and robots and brought to facilities like the one in Lewisville. The package is then loaded into a tote to the delivery van and sent out to the customer's home.

Hugo Morillo, Amazon senior regional director, said each tote gets sorted through Amazon's software and algorithms. Amazon's navigation system will then plan the most efficient route for drivers to follow.

"All the planning and forecasting comes to-



The Lewisville facility has 70 electric delivery vans, a small chunk of the 5,000 Rivian designed for Amazon.

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NATO

Date for Ukraine to join not set

Zelenskyy calls lack of timetable 'absurd' as alliance meets

By CHRIS MEGERIAN, SEUNG MIN KIM and KARL RITTER
The Associated Press

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"This will change Ukraine's membership path from a two-step path to a one-step path," he said.

Although many NATO members have funneled arms and ammunition to Zelenskyy's forces, there is no consensus among the 31 allies for admitting Ukraine into NATO's ranks. Instead, alliance leaders decided to remove obstacles on Ukraine's membership path so that it can join more quickly once the war with Russia is over.

Zelenskyy pushed back sharply against the decision.

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Federal prison woes continue with stabbing

Despite vows to fix the broken prison system, the stabbing of disgraced former sports doctor Larry Nassar shows the federal Bureau of Prisons is still struggling with violence, understaffing, abuse and misconduct. 2A

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The confirmation of President Joe Biden's pick for chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and other military promotions are stalled by a Republican senator over abortion policy. 4A

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PGA Tour defends decision

LIV deal is about survival, board official tells Senate panel

By JOSEPH MORTON
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WASHINGTON — PGA Tour representatives on Tuesday defended their settlement with Saudi-backed LIV Golf as a desperate bid for the tour's survival rather than the amoral money grab alleged

by critics.

"We faced an existential threat," Ron Price, the tour's chief operating officer, testified Tuesday before a Senate subcommittee.

"Our sole purpose was to ... preserve our existence so that we could continue to benefit our constituents, our players and charity and our ability to continue to lead professional golf."

The golf world and many beyond it were shocked by the

tour's announcement last month that it had resolved an acrimonious legal battle with LIV Golf and agreed on a framework for a joint venture with the rival circuit.

The deal represented an about-face for the tour, which had harshly criticized LIV and suspended players who opted to play in its events.

Critics of the deal cite human rights abuses by Saudi

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Ukraine: NATO timetable 'absurd'

Zelensky wants to join pact soon, but that move is put off

By Chris Megerian, Seung Min Kim and Karl Ritter
Associated Press

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Zelensky pushed back sharply against the decision as he headed to the annual NATO summit in Vilnius.

"It's unprecedented and absurd when a time frame is set neither for the invitation nor for Ukraine's membership," Zelensky tweeted. "While at the same time, vague wording about 'conditions' is added even for inviting Ukraine. It seems there is no readiness to invite Ukraine to NATO or to make it a member of the Alliance."

NATO membership would afford Ukraine protection against a giant neighbor that annexed its Crimean Peninsula almost a decade ago and more recently seized vast swaths of land in the east and south. Joining NATO would also oblige Kyiv to reform its security institutions, improve governance and curb corruption — work that would also ease the country's path into the European Union.

Asked about Zelensky's concerns, Stoltenberg said the most important thing now is to ensure that his country wins the war, because "unless Ukraine

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Ryan Field is the home of the football program at Northwestern University in Evanston. As the Northwestern community grapples with fallout from the hazing scandal, experts say policies and training often aren't enough to break the cycle of hazing, as these rituals can be long-standing and ingrained in the culture of teams or organizations. **BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

NORTHWESTERN HAZING ALLEGATIONS

Tools were in place, so what went wrong?

Calls to halt \$800 million rebuild of Ryan Field come amid scandal fallout

By Robert Channick
Chicago Tribune

The Northwestern football hazing scandal and the fumbled firing of head coach Pat Fitzgerald have brought new calls to reassess the athletic culture at the Big Ten school, and at least temporarily halt the proposed \$800 million rebuild of Ryan Field.

While some Evanston neighbors have voiced concerns about noise and congestion at the new stadium, opposition may be coalescing around the larger issue of whether Northwestern needs a new home for its football program, or just a thorough housecleaning.

"If we invest \$800 million in a new football stadium, that will distract university leaders' attention from the most urgent problem that is in front of them, which is what seems to

be a culture problem in Northwestern athletics," Caitlin Fitz, a Northwestern history professor, said Tuesday. "I think we need to get our own house in order first, before we put \$800 million into building a new one."

Fitz is one of six faculty members who sent a letter Monday to Northwestern President Michael Schill, athletic director Derrick Gragg and board chair Peter Barris, asking the stadium rebuild be put on hold in the wake of the hazing scandal. Community groups, students and others have expressed similar sentiments.

The fallout from the fast-moving situation has been dizzying, and potentially devastating to the private, academically elite

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Fired NJ coach Pat Fitzgerald exploring breach-of-contract claims, lawyer Dan Webb says.

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Paul Sullivan

Four unanswered questions in the Northwestern football hazing scandal.

Chicago Sports

Anti-hazing class among university requirements

By Angie Leventis Lourgos and Vivian La
Chicago Tribune

Northwestern University's anti-hazing policies and prevention tools are extensive, including an online hazing education course all incoming undergraduates are required to complete during their first term of enrollment.

Despite these measures, an investigation of hazing by university football players recently revealed a toxic team culture that persisted for years, unchecked. At least 11 current or former football student-athletes "acknowledged that hazing has been ongoing within the football program," including "nudity and sexualized acts of a degrading nature" that team members were forced to participate in, according to a university statement released Monday.

In a letter to administrators, a half-dozen professors called for greater transparency of the investigation's findings and more accountability of the athletic department, as well as university support for students who endured hazing or trauma.

"We see these students in our classes; we have contact with them all the time. We hate to think that

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"We see these students in our classes; we have contact with them all the time. We hate to think that this is what they're going through elsewhere on campus."

— Amy Stanley, Northwestern history professor

Feds detail wiretaps of Madigan confidant



Tim Mapes, former chief of staff to House Speaker Michael Madigan, at the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse on Oct. 13, 2022. **BRIAN CASSELLA/TRIBUNE**

'Let me put you on with the boss. OK?' says ex chief of staff

By Jason Meisner and Ray Long
Chicago Tribune

Federal prosecutors for the first time have detailed wiretapped conversations capturing Tim Mapes, the indicted former chief of staff to ex-House Speaker Michael Madigan, discussing issues key to the investigation that rocked Illinois state government — from how to handle a burgeoning sexual harassment scandal to Mapes' ouster from the speaker's team and his startling encounter with the FBI.

The 65-page filing Tuesday comes as prosecutors are seeking to play many of the recordings at Mapes' trial next month on charges he lied to a federal grand jury investigating Madigan and his relationship with longtime confidant Michael McClain.

Included in the filing are excerpted transcripts of a call in which Mapes allegedly talked to McClain about being approached by the FBI in 2019 and how he later shared a memo he wrote about the encounter with one of Madigan's criminal defense attorneys. The feds say Mapes lied about it to the grand jury to protect Madigan.

Other calls detailed in the

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\$1 million approved to save buildings

Chicago's Driehaus Foundation approved funding for a Landmarks Illinois program that revives historic buildings on the city's South and West sides. **Business**

Northeast braces for more flooding

A storm that dumped up to two months of rain in two days brought more flooding Tuesday to communities marooned by water. **Nation & World**





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Pela primeira vez no ano, o Brasil registrou deflação, em junho, quando o índice médio de preços caiu. O recuo foi de 0,08%, puxado pela baixa de preços de alimentos e combustíveis e pelo programa de descontos em veículos. O resultado reforça a tendência de início do corte da taxa de juros pelo Banco Central em agosto, mas, segundo analistas do merca-

do, há indicativos de que a queda seja moderada, de 0,25 ponto. A taxa hoje está em 13,75%. Ajuda a explicar essa cautela o fato de o chamado "núcleo da inflação", que desconsidera fatores circunstanciais como o subsídio a veículos, seguir em patamar elevado. A deflação, de todo modo, serviu para o presidente Lula reforçar a pressão sobre o BC. **PÁGINA 11**

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Dizer "sim" quando queremos dizer "não", seja no trabalho, com os amigos ou com filhos, alimenta a ansiedade, a raiva e provoca doenças, argumenta a autora americana Melissa Urban, que lança no Brasil um guia sobre estabelecer limites. **PÁGINA 17**

Os quatro homens resgatados de navio no litoral capixaba cruzaram o oceano num compartimento de dois metros cúbicos, enfrentando temperaturas que chegavam a dez graus. Nos últimos dias da viagem, não tinham o que comer e beber. **PÁGINA 9**



Um silêncio conveniente na CPI

Ex-ajudante de ordens de Jair Bolsonaro e apontado como um possível elo do ex-presidente com incitações a um golpe de Estado, o coronel Mauro Cid se recusou a responder aos parlamentares da CPI dos Ataques Golpistas. O presidente do colegiado, Arthur Maia, prometeu denunciá-lo ao STF pela postura. **PÁGINA 6**

Governo acelera veto a militares e policiais federais nas eleições

Planalto visa atacar nichos bolsonaristas com PEC que obriga militares a se desligarem para disputar eleição e projeto que proíbe a filiação de policiais federais a partidos políticos. **PÁGINA 4**

Indicado pelo PP de Lira é favorito para assumir a Caixa

Em busca de mais espaço no governo, o PP de Arthur Lira pressiona pela indicação de Gilberto Occhi para voltar à presidência da Caixa. Ele já foi ministro de Dilma e de Temer. A atual presidente do banco, Rita Serrano, tem tido desgastes com o Planalto, e sua situação é considerada delicada por aliados de Lula. **PÁGINA 7**

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Agulha que tece enredos do audiovisual brasileiro

Criadora da novela de sucesso "Vai na Fé", ROSANE SVARTMAN lança "Vicky e a musa", primeiro musical do Globoplay, e livro com sua pesquisa sobre folhetins na TV. **SEGUNDO CADEIRNO**



Um clássico portenho para espantar a crise no Vasco

O experiente argenteo RAMÓN DÍAZ, ídolo como jogador e técnico do River Plate e com passagens mais recentes por times árabes, chega ao Vasco para tirar o time da zona de rebaixamento. **PÁGINA 24**



A diretora de ópera mais disputada do país

A carioca JULIANNA SANTOS leva a partir deste fim de semana ao Theatro Municipal sua leitura da ópera "Carmen". Ela encenará seis espetáculos em palcos brasileiros em 2023. **SEGUNDO CADEIRNO**

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« Sans la liberté de blâmer, il n'est point d'éloge flatteur » Beaumarchais



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Vent de fronde contre le « pacte vert » européen

Le projet de loi sur la restauration de la nature examiné au Parlement européen ce mercredi impose de nouvelles normes écologiques qui inquiètent la droite et les agriculteurs.

Cela fait plusieurs mois qu'une petite musique critique monte en Europe et à Bruxelles contre le « pacte vert », porté par la présidente de la Commission, Ursula von der Leyen. Lequel vise à faire de l'Europe le premier conti-

nent neutre pour le climat d'ici à 2050. La fronde se cristallise sur la restauration de la nature, une loi emblématique qui pourrait être retoquée, ce mercredi, au Parlement européen. Ce texte, plaide la droite du PPE, alliée pour l'oc-

sion à l'extrême droite, impose trop de contraintes aux agriculteurs. Il compte, à l'inverse, de nombreux partisans dans les rangs politiques de la gauche et du centre, mais aussi parmi les grandes entreprises. Jugé crucial, ce vote

engage l'avenir du « Green Deal », avec d'autres textes clés à venir, notamment sur les pesticides. La Cour des comptes européenne a récemment émis des réserves sur la capacité de l'UE à tenir ses engagements climatiques.

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Notre-Dame retrouve sa charpente

Trois fermes d'environ 7 tonnes, qui constitueront une partie de l'ossature de la cathédrale, sont arrivées mardi par la Seine. L'une d'elles a déjà été grutée au sommet, pour préparer l'installation de la nouvelle flèche. PAGE 22

L'Otan temporese sur la demande d'adhésion de l'Ukraine

Revendiquant la « clarté », les pays membres de l'Otan se sont pourtant contentés d'une formule alambiquée pour répondre à la demande pressante de l'Ukraine d'être « invitée » dans l'Alliance atlantique : « Nous serons en position d'inviter l'Ukraine à rejoindre l'Otan quand les alliés seront d'accord et quand les conditions seront réunies », indique le communiqué. Volodymyr Zelensky a déploré dans un tweet l'« indécision » de l'Otan, la jugeant « absurde ». PAGES 2 à 5

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Overdose normative

Trop vite, trop haut, trop fort... La colère gronde chez les athlètes de la grande course au zéro carbone en 2050. Qui sont-ils ? Des citoyens, des entreprises, et maintenant des parlementaires européens prêts à se révolter contre la mise en place du « pacte vert » européen. Ne nous méprenons pas : tous ou presque se préoccupent de sauver la planète, mais chaque nouveau texte proposé par la Commission pour y parvenir se traduit par de nouvelles contraintes, dépenses, habitudes, qui les menacent, les irritent, les braquent... À trop agiter le chiffon vert, ils voient rouge. Face au défi climatique, Bruxelles est légitime à vouloir agir avec ambition, mais se doit aussi d'écouter les voix inquiètes. Celle par exemple de Carlos Tavares, le patron du géant automobile Stellantis, qui déclarait la semaine dernière au Figaro : « Brutalité est le mot qui convient pour décrire l'amplitude du changement qui nous est imposé dans un espace-temps très limité. » Dans ce contexte, les Vingt-Sept doivent avancer, bien sûr, mais en tentant par tous les moyens de rechercher le juste équilibre entre vitesse de changement et capacité

des entreprises et des citoyens à l'absorber. N'est-il pas temps d'envisager une autre stratégie, de privilégier la responsabilité de tous les acteurs, plutôt que de vouloir les étouffer dans des carcans réglementaires délirants ? Il en est ainsi de la taxonomie bruxelloise qui a longtemps hésité à inscrire le nucléaire parmi les « espèces énergétiques » qui n'émettent pas de CO₂. Et que dire du texte sur la restauration de la biodiversité actuellement en débat, qui va jusqu'à définir la longueur des cours d'eau libres, la réhabilitation des tourbières, les quantités de bois mort de nos forêts... ?

Après les industriels qui redoutent la concurrence chinoise ou d'ailleurs, la peur est en train de gagner les agriculteurs et les pêcheurs. Pour espérer relever le défi de la neutralité carbone dans trente ans, l'urgence est de faire adhérer les Européens. Dans cette compétition aussi, « l'essentiel est de participer »... ■

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No extra cash for pay in the public sector, warns Hunt

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Jeremy Hunt has told ministers there will be no extra money to give millions of public sector workers an average 6% pay rise, which would potentially force departments to choose between raising salaries or cutting frontline services.

The Guardian understands the chancellor has ruled out providing a further cash injection beyond what is already budgeted if Rishi Sunak decides to implement the recommendations of independent pay review bodies that are expected as soon as tomorrow.

Government sources insisted the decision over whether to back the proposal for no extra funding would only be made once the prime minister was back from the Nato summit in Vilnius tonight and had gone over the figures. "There's definitely still contention in this," one said.

Cabinet ministers have been urging Sunak to agree to adopt the recommendations against a backdrop of the rising cost of living and amid concerns that public sector strikes

could continue in the run-up to the next general election.

Senior Tories are concerned they will have to cut frontline services across education, health and policing if they are expected to fund the estimated £5bn difference between budgeted increases of 3.5% and the pay review bodies' recommendations.

However, Treasury insiders warned that the salary proposals for 2023-24, which sources said ranged from 5% to 6.5%, could fuel further inflation and even set off a wage-price spiral, where increasing disposable income raises demand for goods.

In his Mansion House speech on Monday night, Hunt said any pay rises must not be funded from additional borrowing or tax rises. Treasury sources suggested his words were aimed as much at his fellow Conservative ministers as at the wider public.

"Delivering sound money is our number one focus. That means taking responsible decisions on public finances, including public sector pay, because more borrowing is itself inflationary," Hunt said. "It means recognising that bringing down inflation puts more

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Ukrainian star Svitolina pulls off stunning win

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Mortgage stress likely to worsen, says IMF

Kalyeena Makortoff
Larry Elliott

UK mortgage payers grappling with the most expensive home loans in 15 years have been warned by the International Monetary Fund to brace themselves for still higher borrowing

costs over the coming months. With pay growth registering its fastest since modern records began more than two decades ago, the IMF used its annual health check on the economy to back the Bank of England in whatever tough action it deems necessary to bring inflation under control.

Met asks BBC to pause inquiry into presenter

Jim Waterson
Media editor

The Metropolitan police have asked the BBC to pause inquiries into a suspended male presenter while officers decide whether there is any justification for a criminal investigation.

The BBC director general, Tim Davie, said the Met had taken control of the inquiry, although the police were still at the "scoping" stage and may decide there is no criminal case to answer.

The Sun newspaper triggered a crisis for the broadcaster on Friday night when it accused a male

presenter of paying a crack cocaine user "more than £35,000 since they were 17 in return for sordid images".

Further claims emerged yesterday, with BBC News publishing entirely separate allegations that a person in their early 20s had been "threatened" by the same prominent presenter after they met on a dating app.

Last night sources at the Sun moved to try and distance the newspaper from any suggestion that the BBC presenter had received photographs when the individual was a child, which might be a criminal matter. They

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