

What's News

Business & Finance

- ◆ **Ford reduced** prices on its electric F-150 Lightning pickup truck by up to nearly 17%, the latest sign that swelling inventories and fierce price competition are softening the market for the technology the auto industry is betting its future on. **A1**
- ◆ **Tesla plans** to double the size of its factory near Berlin to produce up to one million electric cars a year, an expansion that could make the plant the largest auto manufacturing facility in Germany. **B3**
- ◆ **Cathie Wood's ARK** has written down its stake in Twitter by 47% since Elon Musk took the social-media company private last year, Wood said in an interview. **B1**
- ◆ **Major U.S. stock indexes** posted gains, with the S&P 500, Nasdaq and Dow Jones Industrials advancing 0.4%, 0.9% and 0.2%, respectively. **B11**
- ◆ **U.S.-based companies** won relief from two pieces of the global minimum tax deal, and the changes will delay or reduce the taxes they are set to pay to foreign countries. **A2**
- ◆ **China's fading** economic recovery has raised expectations that limited new stimulus measures are on the way, including interest rate cuts and more easing in the housing market, but some economists question how effective they will be. **A16**
- ◆ **Binance slashed** its employee benefits last month in the wake of falling profit, a sign of the financial strain hitting the crypto giant. **B1**
- ◆ **Taylor Swift became** the first woman overall and first living artist in nearly six decades to have four albums on Billboard's top 10 list in a single week, according to the magazine. **B4**

World-Wide

- ◆ **A Ukrainian strike** disabled the only road bridge connecting Russia with the occupied Crimean Peninsula, again hitting a major symbol of President Vladimir Putin's rule and constricting Russian supplies to the front lines in southern Ukraine. Deputy Prime Minister Marat Khusnullin of Russia said it would likely take until mid-September to restore partial two-way cargo traffic on the bridge, and until November to fully rebuild the 12-mile-long structure. Russia's National Antiterrorism Committee said Kyiv used two naval drones against the bridge, hitting it at around 3 a.m. local time on Monday. Ukrainian media, citing government sources, also reported that naval drones were involved. Artem Degtyarenko, a spokesman for Ukraine's SBU intelligence service, told news agency Interfax Ukraine that all the details of how the attack had been organized would be made public after Ukraine's victory. "Any illegal structures used to deliver Russian instruments
- ◆ **Russia says it will abandon** the Ukraine grain deal... **A6**
- ◆ **Moscow seizes** Carlsberg, Danone operations..... **A6**
- ◆ **Tesla plans big expansion** of German factory..... **B3**



A still image from video showed a section of the bridge split and listing to one side in the aftermath of the attack.

Ukraine Naval Drones Disable Sole Russian Bridge to Crimea

BY YAROSLAV TROFIMOV

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agency Interfax Ukraine that all the details of how the attack had been organized would be made public after Ukraine's victory. "Any illegal structures used to deliver Russian instruments

of mass murder are necessarily short-lived," said Mykhailo Podolyak, an adviser to President Volodymyr Zelenskyy of Ukraine. Coming in the middle of Crimea's tourism season, Monday's strikes inflicted yet another blow to Putin's prestige in addition to creating formidable logistical hurdles for the Russian war effort. Built at a cost of \$4 billion after Russia annexed Crimea in 2014, the bridge has become a major symbol of his drive to wash away the humiliation he said had been inflicted on Russia by the Soviet Union's collapse. Putin personally opened it in 2018. Ukraine damaged the bridge in October, hours after Putin's birthday. At the time, only one of the two road parts of the bridge collapsed, and alternating traffic on the second two-lane part resumed hours later. Khusnullin, who inspected the site on Monday and reported to Putin, said the

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Activists Move Quickly To Shape AI Guardrails

BY DEEPA SEETHARAMAN

Social media was more than a decade old before efforts to curb its ill effects began in earnest. With artificial intelligence, lawmakers, activists and executives aren't waiting that long.

During the past several months, award-winning scientists, White House officials and tech CEOs have called for guardrails around generative AI tools such as ChatGPT—the chatbot launched last year by Microsoft-backed startup OpenAI. Among those at the table are many veterans of the continuing battle to make social media safer.

Those advocates view the AI debate as a fresh chance to

influence how companies make and market their products and to shape public expectations of the technology. They aim to move faster to shape the AI landscape and learn from errors in the fight over social media.

"We missed the window on social media," said Jim Steyer, chief executive of Common Sense Media, a child internet-safety organization that has for years criticized social-media platforms over issues including privacy and harmful content. "It was late—very late—and the ground rules had already been set and industry just did whatever it wanted to do."

Activists and executives alike are pushing out a range of

Europeans Become Poorer As Americans Get Wealthier

An aging population that values its free time set the stage for economic stagnation. Then came Covid-19 and Ukraine.

BY TOM FAIRLESS

Europeans are facing a new economic reality, one they haven't experienced in decades. They are becoming poorer.

Life on a continent long envied by outsiders for its *art de vivre* is rapidly losing its shine as Europeans see their purchasing power melt away.

The French are eating less foie gras and drinking less red wine. Spaniards are stinting on olive oil. Finns are being urged to use saunas on windy days when energy is less expensive. Across Germany, meat and milk consumption has fallen to the lowest level in three decades and the once-booming market for organic food has tanked. Italy's economic

development minister, Adolfo Urso, convened a crisis meeting in May over prices for pasta, the country's favorite staple, after they jumped by more than double the national inflation rate.

With consumption spending in free fall, Europe tipped into recession at the start of the year, reinforcing a sense of relative economic, political and military decline that kicked in at the start of the century.

Europe's current predicament has been long in the making. An aging population with a preference for free time and job security over earnings ushered in years of lackluster economic and productivity growth.

Then came the one-two punch of the

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Angelo Mozilo, Countrywide Financial's former chief and a face of the 2008 crisis. **B1**

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Late afternoon is the new workday zone when nothing gets done. **A9**

Divorce Parties Are a New Hot Invite. 'A Really Fun Funeral.'

More of the newly uncoupled feel emboldened to celebrate; 'End of an error'

BY LANE FLORSHEIM

After Brandi Stellers finalized her divorce, she invited close friends to a soiree in May. She mixed signature cocktails, hung a "Bye Felicia" banner and handed out fake rose petals to toss in the air.

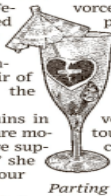
Party decorations included a photo of a pair of penguins, torn down the middle.

"I ripped the penguins in half because penguins are monogamous birds who are supposed to mate for life," she says. "Well, I'm not your penguin anymore." The newly uncoupled

are throwing themselves blowout bashes to mark their liberation from unhappy marriages, almost like reverse bachelorette parties. "I wanted to celebrate not a divorce, but a new chapter, with people whom I love who want the best for me," says Stellers, who works at a cloud-computing company in Columbus, Ohio.

For most of history, divorce hasn't been an event touted to the world. Now, a culture shift is under way.

The U.S. divorce rate has been dipping, but those who get them



Parting favors

Lead Legacy Weighs on AT&T

Shares of AT&T slid to their lowest close in three decades, extending recent losses after a Wall Street Journal investigation into toxic lead cables left behind by telecom companies. **A3, B1**

AT&T stock price



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Why the west must keep lines open to Putin

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The risk in calling out banks for profiteering

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Losing pace China growth falls below 1%

An elderly woman passes a counter selling snacks in Beijing yesterday, on the day China announced that its economy expanded just 0.8 per cent quarter on quarter on the back of weak retail sales and falling exports.

Second-quarter growth was weaker than the 2.2 per cent recorded between January and March as household and business confidence took a hit after an initial boost to the economy following the end of long Covid-19 lockdowns.

The second-largest economy's difficulties will pile pressure on global growth and add to calls on Beijing to step up stimulus measures. Unemployment for those aged 16 to 24 hit a new high of 21.5 per cent, while urban joblessness was stable at 5.2 per cent in June.

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The money manager has said it will give investors the chance to participate as it seeks to rebut US Republicans' claims that it has a "woke" agenda.— PAGE 5; LEX, PAGE 16

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Moscow has withdrawn from a UN plan to export Ukraine's grain around the Black Sea, imperiling global exports.— PAGE 2; SEIZURES, PAGE 5; ALEC RUSSELL, PAGE 15

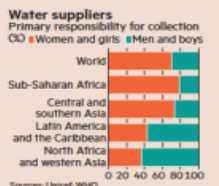
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The carmaker has announced price cuts for its flagship electric pick-up truck, leading shares of electric-vehicle makers lower as a price war intensified.— PAGE 5

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Outspoken foreign minister Qin Gang has not been seen for more than three weeks and has missed meetings, sparking speculation on his whereabouts.— PAGE 4

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A Singapore group accused over an alleged \$500m nickel fraud has claimed that the commodities trader's losses were caused by its "own mischiefs".— PAGE 6

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Brussels and Tunis have agreed to co-operate to curb migration as part of an economic package, in a sign of Europe's urgent effort to curb people smugglers.— PAGE 2

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Globally, women and girls are mainly responsible for fetching water for households that are without their own supply. As a result they lose educational, work and leisure time, according to Unicef and the World Health Organization

Microsoft faces probe by Brussels for bundling Teams with Office software

► Competition fears over video app ► Concessions deemed deficient ► Truce with watchdog breaks

JAVIER ESPINOZA — BRUSSELS

Microsoft is set to be formally investigated by the EU over claims it is unfairly bundling its Teams videoconferencing app with its Office software, as the European Commission turns up the heat on the tech giant.

The commission is expected to open a formal probe next week into allegations that Microsoft is abusing its dominant position — the first such investigation for more than a decade — after deeming concessions by the US group insufficient, according to four people with direct knowledge of the competition watchdog's thinking.

Two of the people added that Brussels might issue formal charges against Microsoft within months.

The Financial Times reported in April that Microsoft had offered in talks with the EU to stop forcing Office customers to have Teams automatically installed on their devices. That followed a complaint in 2020 to Brussels by Microsoft's rival Slack that alleged that such bundling broke EU competition law.

But the people close to the case said those talks had stalled over whether Microsoft's proposed concessions would apply only to the EU, with Brussels call-

'Three years after [Slack's] complaint was lodged, Microsoft's dominant position has grown'

ing for them to be implemented worldwide. The people added that, even though talks to reach a deal were continuing this week, it was "very unlikely" Microsoft would succeed in avoiding a formal investigation.

Microsoft's antitrust problems with the EU loom as the software group appears to be overcoming regulators' objections to its contentious \$75bn purchase of games company Activision Blizzard.

US courts last week overturned the Federal Trade Commission's attempts to block the deal, which has already been approved by the EU, while the UK's Competition and Markets Authority opened the way to clearing the acquisition despite initially prohibiting it.

Brussels has been stepping up anti-trust actions against other large US tech

companies. Apple, Google and Meta are all facing commission probes for alleged anti-competitive behaviour.

But the move against Microsoft, the first such Brussels investigation against the group since the commission charged it with tying Internet Explorer to its Windows operating system in 2009, follows a prolonged truce between the company and European watchdog.

In recent years Microsoft has sought to avoid legal battles in Europe that have resulted in about €2bn in fines in the past. Its efforts to make concessions to head off an investigation in the Teams case contrasts with the aggressive stance it took against the commission when it faced previous competition complaints more than two decades ago.

Microsoft said it was continuing "to

engage co-operatively with the commission in its investigation" and was "open to pragmatic solutions that address its concerns and serve customers well".

Brussels gave "no specific comment", adding that it was still conducting its assessment of the complaint "based on our standard procedures".

Stéphane Von-Courtin, an MEP with the liberal Renew group and a former adviser to the French competition authority, called on the commission last week to step up pressure on Microsoft.

"Three years after the [Slack] complaint was lodged, Microsoft's dominant position in the market has grown, while the complainant is still waiting for meaningful progress," she wrote, adding that Teams had amassed about 270mn users globally while Slack had 20mn.



Typo sends millions of US military emails to Mali

A "typo leak" has exposed sensitive information on the US military and personnel — including diplomatic documents, tax returns, passwords and senior officers' travel details — by misdirecting millions of emails to Mali. First identified a decade ago, the fault results from the similarity between .ML, the suffix to all US military email addresses, and the .ML domain, the country identifier for the west African state that is closely allied with Russia.

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Alzheimer's battle at 'turning point' as Eli Lilly drug shown to slow decline

CLIVE COOKSON — LONDON

Dementia experts have hailed a landmark in the treatment of Alzheimer's after Eli Lilly released trial results that showed its new drug significantly slowed memory loss and cognitive decline.

The US pharmaceuticals group yesterday reported full findings of its phase 3 clinical study of donanemab at the Alzheimer's Association International Conference in Amsterdam, showing that the antibody treatment slowed progression by about 35 per cent in the early stages of the disease.

The peer-reviewed results follow similar findings released in November by US biotech Biogen and Japan's Eisai for lecanemab, another antibody drug, which won marketing approval from the US Food and Drug Administration

this month under the name Leqembi. Eli Lilly said it had submitted donanemab for FDA approval and expected a decision this year. Submissions are under way to other regulators.

Experts on dementia called Eli Lilly's donanemab presentation, published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, a landmark in the field.

"The past eight months have been a real turning point, as two drugs are shown to slow down the progression of the disease after decades of work with no positive findings," said Richard Oakley, associate director of research at UK charity the Alzheimer's Society.

The donanemab trial involved 1,756 participants with an average age of 73 who had mild to moderate symptoms, with half receiving intravenous infusions of the treatment and half a placebo every four weeks for 18 months. The

drug slowed the progression of the disease most effectively in its earlier stages.

Both lecanemab and donanemab are based on antibodies against amyloid, a toxic protein that builds up in the brain as Alzheimer's proceeds, but they worked at different stages, Oakley said.

Lecanemab targets amyloid as it begins to form fibres in the brain, while donanemab is active at a later stage when the fibres have clumped together. The main adverse side effect with both drugs was swelling and bleeding of the brain in a small minority of patients.

Howard Fillit, chief scientist at the US-based Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation, said: "This is a watershed moment but it is just a start. We must continue advancing the drug pipeline to develop the next class centred around the biology of ageing to ultimately stop Alzheimer's in its tracks."

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	Jul 17	Prev	%Chg	Pair	Jul 17	Prev		Yield (%)	Jul 17	Prev	Chg
S&P 500	4520.86	4505.42	0.34	\$/£	1.123	1.124	0/8	US 2 yr	4.75	4.74	0.01
Nasdaq Composite	14125.74	14113.70	0.76	\$/€	1.098	1.112	0.76	US 10 yr	3.82	3.80	0.02
Dow Jones Ind	34587.70	34509.03	0.23	€/£	0.859	0.857	0/8	US 30 yr	3.53	3.51	0.02
FTSEurofirst 300	1813.23	1824.51	-0.62	\$/¥	139.115	138.495	0/4	UK 2 yr	5.15	5.19	-0.04
Euro Stoxx 50	4355.96	4400.11	-1.00	\$/HK\$	181.983	181.685	0/1	UK 10 yr	4.50	4.52	-0.02
FTSE 100	7456.42	7434.57	0.28	\$/INR	0.966	0.967	0/1	UK 30 yr	4.52	4.52	0.00
FTSE All-Share	4038.23	4056.48	-0.45	\$/CNY	7.291	7.291	0/0	JPN 2 yr	-0.04	-0.04	0.00
CAC 40	7291.86	7374.54	-1.12	\$/AUD	1.528	1.528	0/0	JPN 10 yr	0.48	0.48	0.00
Xetra Dax	18068.05	18126.07	-0.23	\$/NZD	1.618	1.618	0/0	JPN 30 yr	1.39	1.39	0.00
Nikkei	32291.26	32419.33	-0.39	\$/BRL	5.258	5.258	0/0	GER 2 yr	3.19	3.20	-0.01
Hang Seng	19413.78	19350.62	0.33	\$/KRW	1311.03	1302.26	0/6	GER 10 yr	2.42	2.41	0.01
MSCI World \$	3617.94	3619.71	-0.06	\$/SGD	1.348	1.348	0/0	GER 30 yr	2.50	2.53	-0.03
MSCI EM \$	1028.49	1020.53	0.78	\$/HKD	7.753	7.753	0/0				
MSCI ACWI \$	696.22	696.01	0.03	\$/TWD	31.232	31.232	0/0				
FT Worldw 2500	5841.15	5853.81	-0.22	\$/NZD	1.618	1.618	0/0				
FT Worldw 5000	45530.30	45634.30	-0.23	\$/AUD	1.528	1.528	0/0				

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YELLOW GOLD WITH "CANNAGE" PATTERN AND DIAMONDS



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Honoring the War Effort, Far From the Front

Chernivtsi, in western Ukraine, has been spared from shelling. But it has become a back office of the country's resistance. Page A4.

LATINO IS CHOSEN AS N.Y.P.D. LEADER

Breakthrough Appointee Is a 32-Year Veteran

By MARIA CRAMER and KAREN ZRAICK

Edward Caban, who grew up in the Bronx as the son of a Puerto Rican transit police detective, on Monday became the first Latino officer to lead the New York Police Department in its 177-year history.

Mayor Eric Adams announced the appointment of Commissioner Caban, who had been serving as acting commissioner, in a morning news conference in front of the 40th Precinct in the South Bronx, where Commissioner Caban began his career as a police officer in 1991.

The move came just over a month after Commissioner Keecham Sewell, the first woman to serve in the role, resigned after only 18 months, frustrated in her attempts to act with autonomy, according to people with knowledge of her experiences in the role.

Commissioner Caban, 55, who had previously served as first deputy commissioner, had remained close to the mayor through Ms. Sewell's tenure. He will oversee roughly 36,000 officers and 19,000 civilian employees.

"This is an amazing moment not only for the Spanish-speaking community — this is an amazing moment for the entire city and country," Mr. Adams said to a crowd of police officers and city leaders who chanted "Eddie, Eddie."

Commissioner Caban, whose rise from the precinct to headquarters was punctuated by run-ins with departmental oversight agencies, is taking over the nation's largest police department at a critical juncture.

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Biden Invites Netanyahu to U.S., Easing Tensions

By MICHAEL D. SHEAR and PATRICK KINGSLEY

WASHINGTON — President Biden on Monday invited Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel to a meeting in the United States for the first time since Mr. Netanyahu re-entered office in December, easing months of tensions about the direction of Israel's government.

Mr. Netanyahu's office said that Mr. Biden made the invitation in a "warm and long" phone call on Monday evening, on the eve of a

On Eve of Herzog's Visit to the White House

visit to Washington by Isaac Herzog, the Israeli president. Until Monday, that visit had been widely seen as a slight to Mr. Netanyahu.

The invitation to the prime minister reversed Mr. Biden's decision in March to avoid meeting Mr. Netanyahu "in the near term." But White House officials said the

prospect of a face-to-face meeting should not be interpreted as Mr. Biden's abandoning his objections to some of the Israeli leader's hard-line positions.

Mr. Biden recently described Mr. Netanyahu's coalition as "one of the most extremist" since the 1970s and voiced particular opposition to Mr. Netanyahu's decisions to undermine the power of Israel's Supreme Court, expand Jewish settlements in the occupied West Bank and retroactively authorize settlements built in the

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In Miami, a Superstar Takeover

Signs of joy that Lionel Messi has come to play soccer are everywhere in South Florida. Page B8.



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Blasts Damage A Vital Bridge In Russia's War

Supply Line to Crimea Is Targeted Again

This article is by Marc Santora, Neil MacFarquhar and Haley Willis.

Predawn explosions hit the only bridge linking the occupied Crimean Peninsula to mainland Russia on Monday, damaging a vital symbol of President Vladimir V. Putin's claims to sovereignty over Ukrainian territory and briefly disrupting a major supply line to Russian troops.

The blasts were the second time the Kerch Strait Bridge has been hit in 10 months. And though these inflicted far less damage than an explosives-laden truck that blew up last October, they exposed the vulnerability of the bridge — and other Russian supply routes far from the front — as Ukraine wages a grueling counteroffensive to retake land.

Russia on Monday accused Ukraine of using maritime drones to assault the bridge, a strategic link for Russian forces fighting in southern Ukraine. Ukrainian officials celebrated the attack, but neither claimed nor denied responsibility for the blasts.

Hours after the attack, Moscow announced that it was pulling out of the Black Sea grain deal, an agreement that had allowed Ukraine to export its grain by sea despite Moscow's naval blockade. Dmitri S. Peskov, the Kremlin's spokesman, said the bridge attack was not related to Russia's decision to suspend its participation in the deal, which had helped keep global food prices stable.

Rail service over the bridge resumed Monday morning. But damage to the car lanes, which appeared to have left part of the road tilting, according to video verified by The New York Times, threatened to constrict Russian logistical operations.

If the bridge were destroyed or severely damaged, Moscow would be left with a single major land route from Russia, along the southern coast of Ukraine, to support tens of thousands of soldiers fighting to hold on to territory captured in the first weeks of its invasion.

Mr. Putin, in a meeting with transportation officials broadcast on state TV, condemned the explosions as "another terrorist attack perpetrated by the Kyiv regime." He said the Ministry of Defense was preparing Russia's response and that Russia's main security agency, the F.S.B., would investigate.

"Given that this is the second terrorist attack on the Crimean bridge," Mr. Putin said, "I am waiting for concrete proposals to improve the security of this strategically important transportation facility."

One bridge segment was destroyed, and another was dislocated.

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AS IT STRUGGLES, CHINA INDICATES A NEW OPENNESS

ECONOMY IS FALTERING

Beijing Charm Offensive Shows It May Know It Needs World

By KEITH BRADSHAW

BEIJING — Three months ago it appeared that China's economy was on track to recover relatively quickly after being closed off to the world during the pandemic. Consumers were spending again. Exports picked up. Even China's beleaguered housing market gave hints it was stabilizing.

That is no longer the case. Official data released Monday revealed that the annual pace of growth in China's economy tumbled to just a little over 3 percent in the spring, well below the government's target.

Now the faltering economy appears to have helped prompt a shift in the willingness of senior Chinese officials to engage in diplomatic talks with geopolitical rivals abroad and show more openness on economic policy at home.

The change in tone is particularly visible in China's relations with the United States. Despite several years of fraying ties and



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Economic growth in China has slowed to just over 3 percent.

concerted efforts to become less dependent on each other, the two countries remain closely linked economically, together accounting for two-fifths of global output.

In the past month, China has welcomed three senior American officials to Beijing, including John Kerry, President Biden's climate envoy, who arrived on Sunday, and Treasury Secretary Janet L. Yellen, who held 10 hours of meetings with top Chinese officials. Up to three Chinese ministers are expected to travel to Washington in the coming weeks, as the two countries have begun discussing everything from climate change to military issues.

The Chinese government has also been on a charm offensive directed at domestic and interna-

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Modi Enthralls Indian Diaspora, Creating Both Buzz and Worry

By DAMIEN CAVE

WASHINGTON — On the final night of his visit to Washington in late June, after 15 standing ovations in Congress and an opulent White House dinner tailored to his vegetarian tastes, Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India set time aside to court and be cheered by another important constituency: the Indian diaspora.

Backstage at the Kennedy Center, as business leaders in bespoke suits and fine silk saris filtered into a 1,200-seat theater, Mr. Modi met with a handful of entrepreneurs. Most were young, educated in India, made rich in America and eager to connect with the man who presents him-

self as a guru to the world, preaching how this is "the century of India."

"Thank you for lifting the image and spirits of Indian Americans," Umesh Sachdev, 37, told the prime minister, explaining that he was the founder of Uniphore, an artificial intelligence business valued at \$2.5 billion, with offices in India and California. Mr. Modi tapped Mr. Sachdev's shoulder and exclaimed "waaah," or wow in Hindi. With an emphasis on national pride, Mr. Modi and his conservative Hindu-first Bharatiya Janata Party have cultivated a surprisingly strong relationship with In-

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A Covid-Era Program in Philadelphia Is Still Preventing Evictions

By AIDAN GARDINER

PHILADELPHIA — In early February, a piece of paper slipped through the mail slot in Ivy Handy's door. She owed her landlord \$2,184.75, it said, and if she did not pay, she would have to leave. "It broke me," Ms. Handy said. She knew what it could mean.

When she was 19, she and her siblings were forced out of their home and into a homeless shelter for nine months. The thought of going through that again at 53 filled her with dread.

Eviction notices are being served to a rising number of people in the United States now that moratoriums, which protected

renters like Ms. Handy early in the pandemic, have ended and billions of federal dollars for rental assistance have stopped flowing.

But Philadelphia, where Ms. Handy lives, has kept in place one key lockdown-era protection program — at least for the moment. Under this program, if a tenant owes less than \$3,000 in back rent,

landlords must try mediation in good faith before eviction. If after 30 days the two sides cannot come to an agreement or a tenant has not shown up to mediation, the landlord can go to court to enforce the eviction. The result seems to be a boon for both parties: Tenants stay in their homes, and land-

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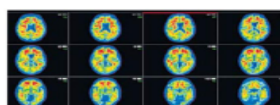
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Dress Code Policing Resumes
In Iran, patrols are again watching for violators after the country's morality police left the streets late last year amid government protests. PAGE A8

U.S. and China Talk Climate
"It is vital that we come together to take action," said John Kerry, President Biden's climate envoy. PAGE A9

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Last of the Boys of Summer
Carl Erskine will be honored by the Hall of Fame for the good he did for his Dodgers career ended. PAGES B6-7



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NICOLE CHICA watches as her family plays near a levee in the San Gabriel River. The National Weather Service advised residents to check on children, elderly people and pets and to reduce exposure to heat.

Another day of wildfire risk and eyeball-stinging heat

'It feels like a blow-dryer in my face,' says a visitor to Death Valley. It's the hottest I've ever felt.'

BY HAYLEY SMITH, SUMMER LIN AND SAUMYA GUPTA

DEATH VALLEY — At the Furnace Creek Visitor Center, a digital thermometer read 123 degrees and counting — within striking distance of the hottest temperatures ever recorded on Earth.

By midday Monday, as Southern Californians wilted under another day of a long, scorching heat wave that has brought triple-digit temperatures and increased fire danger, the canyons and gorges of the vast Death Valley National Park near the California-Nevada border shimmered beneath the white-hot sun. Still, the relentless, eyeball-stinging heat wasn't enough to stop visitors from braving the danger.

'It feels like a blow-dryer in my face,' said Ross Nikides, 31, who had stopped in Death Valley as part of a three-week road trip to see several national parks. 'It's the hottest I've ever felt.'

The temperature at the park Sunday soared to 128 degrees, breaking its daily record of 127 degrees set in 2005 and 1972, according to the National Weather Service.

Death Valley — a long, narrow basin that plunges far below sea level — is tailor-made to bake. Hot air is trapped by surrounding mountains and circulates like a convection oven.

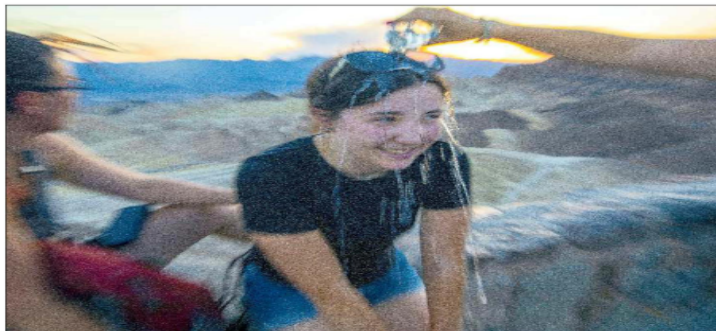
'It's amazing — I can't find the words to describe it,' said Olivier Delecluse, 45, who was visiting the park from France with his wife and two kids.

The park's extreme temperatures draw heat seekers from around the world who come to 'know how it feels, say they survived,' said public information officer Giovanna Ponce. Dozens of people came to take pictures with the thermometer at the visitor center Sunday and Monday.

Ponce noted that when air temperatures climb to 120 or higher, surface temperatures can sizzle even more, with the asphalt capable of climbing above 200 degrees.

And the hots will keep getting hotter as the burning of fossil fuels continues to heat the planet. Seven of Death Valley's hottest summers on record have occurred in the last 10 years, Ponce said.

Meanwhile, in Palmdale, the library's biggest draw Monday was something its patrons couldn't check out [See Heat, A7]



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SUZANNE MORE, right, pours water on her sister, Judith, at Zabriskie Point in Death Valley. 'It's like standing in front of an open oven,' another visitor said.

COLUMN ONE

Modern knights in shining armor

Buhurt, a medieval sport, is catching on in U.S. Fighters wield weapons of yore — and also don latest safety gear.

BY DAVID KELLY REPORTING FROM LOVELAND, COLO.

Pinned against a wooden rail, battered with axes, the knight staggered. Two attackers, clad in armor from head to toe, tried to kick his legs from under him.

There was a flash of steel, and out of nowhere, 280 pounds of man and metal smashed into the surprised assailants, collapsing them in a clanking heap.

The audience howled. This is the world of modern medieval battle, a human demolition derby where men and women wearing up to 100 pounds of armor slash and hammer one another with blunted steel swords, axes and maces — until someone goes down, gives up or loses on points.

'Think of it as a car wreck that goes on for 90 seconds,' said David Arditi, a member of the Dallas Warlords team.

'Or a meat grinder,' fellow fighter Vince Verheyden offered. 'Yeah, that's the word,' Arditi said. 'Meat grinder.'

The next team marched into the arena for another five-on-five [See Buhurt, A10]



MICHAEL BARRY For The Times
'BUHURT' — from an old French word meaning 'to wallop' — is a human demolition derby. Above, fighters in Loveland, Colo., last month.

The armored combat sport of 'buhurt' delivers adrenaline and raw violence that easily surpasses the bashing found in hockey and football. The weapons are blunt; the pain, often sharp.

Russian bridge attacked; 2 killed

The span is a key supply route for Kremlin forces in the war with Ukraine. **WORLD, A3**

Is anti-Asian hate underreported?

Many worry that lower records of racist crimes aren't reflective of reality. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

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A driver can lead a class-action lawsuit despite arbitration clause, state justices say. **BUSINESS, A6**

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Concerns were expressed long before landslide

HOA officials alluded to drainage and other issues during building of Rolling Hills Estates neighborhood.

BY GRACE TOOHEY AND NATHAN SOLIS

Some residents at the Rolling Hills Estates development battered by a destructive landslide raised concerns during the neighborhood's construction years ago about the potential for problems from water and heavy rainfall, city planning documents obtained by The Times show.

Authorities are trying to determine the cause of the slide, which sent multiple homes slipping down a canyon wall.

In the days since, officials have said rain and groundwater could be key to understanding what caused the land to shift. A geologist hasn't yet analyzed the site, but officials have said such an expert should be out by Wednesday to begin that process.

But potential problems were flagged more than four decades ago in what eventually would become the Rolling Hills Estates neighborhood.

In December 1978, when the development's construction was more than two years along, the Rolling Hills Park Villas homeowners board became worried about the progress.

'Now that the development is nearing completion, however, we as homeowners share a rapidly-mounting concern that some aspects of the development fall well short of the minimum requirements of city and county-approved plans,' two homeowners association officials wrote in a letter to the City Council and the county engineer's office.

They were worried about "improperly poured founda-

tions and footings; inadequate gutters/downspouts; roofing problems and "grading and drainage — low spots, standing water, soil erosion and decompaction in several areas are already causing problems with very little rainfall."

The decades-old documents didn't indicate whether officials or developers addressed the letter, or if there was any credibility to the concerns.

Peter Johnson, a spokesperson for the city of Rolling Hills Estates, pointed out that many of these concerns were raised decades ago — and the records The Times reviewed are only the responsive records the city has identified, to date.

[See Landslide, A7]

Migrant women work at record levels

Surge of Ukrainians in particular helps ease shortages in service industries, drives up employment in U.S.

BY DON LEE

WASHINGTON — Below the radar of Washington's highly partisan battles over the U.S.-Mexico border, employment gains for immigrant women in the U.S. are reaching record levels, thanks in part to a surge of Ukrainian refugees.

Many are semi-skilled and highly motivated workers, entering the U.S. legally and through special emergency programs. They are not only easing intense worker shortages in hospitality, retail and other service industries, but are also helping drive up employment for the entire country.

People born outside the U.S. make up just 17.5% of the American working-age population, but foreign-born workers 16 years and older accounted for a whopping 64% of the nation's labor force growth in the two-year period that ended in May, with women making an outsized contribution, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

That compares with a 38% share in the five years to 2019 before the pandemic.

Migrants from abroad have long been an expanding part of the U.S. labor market, offsetting an aging population and other drags on growth. But their labor participation relative to U.S.-born workers has accelerated further since coming out of the pandemic, thanks to a rebound in normal legal immigration and the arrival of hundreds of thousands of refugees, most notably from Ukraine.

Adding to that are emerging social and economic conditions that are driving more immigrant women to work rather than stay at home.

Statistics now show that the labor participation rate of foreign-born women blew past record levels this year and has nearly caught up with that of U.S.-born women, whose numbers are still below pre-pandemic levels.

'We're already seeing immigration becoming increasingly important in supporting labor force growth, and it will become even more important,' said Julia Gelatt, a senior analyst at [See Migrants, A5]

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Kyiv takes out part of key bridge to Crimea

Russia halts grain deal, citing unmet conditions as bar to renewing it

BY FREDRICK KUNKLE, DAVID L. STERN AND MARY ILYUSHINA

KYIV, UKRAINE — Ukraine attacked the Crimean Bridge, a key link from Russia to the illegally annexed Crimean Peninsula, killing two people and disrupting vehicle traffic early Monday, Russian and Ukrainian officials said. A railroad line over the bridge — which is a vital artery for Russian troops and military supplies — escaped damage and quickly resumed service.

The strike on the bridge occurred hours before the Kremlin spokesman, Dmitry Peskov, announced that Russia would resume its military blockade of Ukrainian grain, canceling a deal that has allowed shipments from ports on the Black Sea despite wartime hostilities. The agreement, brokered by Turkey and backed by the United Nations, enabled the military blockade of Ukrainian grain, canceling a deal that has allowed shipments from ports on the Black Sea despite wartime hostilities. The agreement, brokered by Turkey and backed by the United Nations, enabled the military blockade of Ukrainian grain, canceling a deal that has allowed shipments from ports on the Black Sea despite wartime hostilities.

The twin developments Monday showed that Russia's war in Ukraine continues to wreak havoc

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Pittsburgh trial latest test for DOJ over death penalty

Juries, authorities face tough decisions when weighing the punishment

BY DAVID NAKAMURA AND MARK BERMAN

PITTSBURGH — In 2017, a man who had been captivated by the Islamic State militant group's propaganda drove a rental truck onto a crowded bike path in New York City, killing eight people.

About a year later, a man who posted bigoted material on a social media platform popular with neo-Nazis opened fire at a synagogue in Pittsburgh, massacring 11 people.

The attackers unleashed anguish and terror in two U.S. cities, adding to the growing carnage in a nation struggling with violent extremism. Unlike many mass killers, these two men lived to stand trial, raising a pivotal question: What constitutes justice after such nightmarish crimes?

Federal authorities reached the same answer in both cases, concluding that each killer deserved the death penalty.

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Pamela A. Smith shakes hands with D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser after her ceremonial swearing-in as the city's acting police chief at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library. Smith joined the D.C. police in May 2022; the D.C. Council must confirm her as chief.

Bowser chooses police chief

ONETIME LEADER OF PARK POLICE

Pamela Smith nominated as violence rises in D.C.

BY PETER HERMANN AND EMILY DAVIES

D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) on Monday named Pamela A. Smith as the District's next police chief, nominating a former U.S. Park Police chief who recently joined the D.C. department at a time when the nation's capital is struggling with rising homicides and violent crime.

In choosing Smith, the mayor went with a relative newcomer to the city police department. In just 14 months on the job, Smith has served as chief equity officer, overseeing the department's efforts to improve diversity and inclusion, and most recently as an assistant chief in charge of homeland security, one of the most sensitive positions in the nation's capital. If confirmed by the D.C. Council, she would be the second woman and the first Black woman to permanently run the agency since it was founded in 1861.

The 55-year-old Smith, an ordained Baptist minister who lives in Ward 8, takes over at a precarious time. She must ease residents' fears over gunfire, carjackings and homicides — including recent killings of apparently random robbery victims — manage a force struggling with historically low staffing, and navigate a mayor or council sparring over the best way to keep people safe.

At a news conference, Bowser said Smith's background with the two police agencies means she knows the city and the department she would lead. "She is resilient and ready for this role," the mayor said at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library.

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Red Cross lacks oversight of lifeguard certification

BY DOUGLAS MACMILLAN

In August 2020, executives at the American Red Cross gathered to discuss a tragedy. A 6-year-old girl had drowned at a Los Angeles summer camp the year before, and her parents were claiming that shoddy lifeguard training by a Red Cross instructor was partly to blame.

"How bad is it?" one senior executive asked, according to John McCallum, a former quality assurance manager and one of seven people on the video call.

McCallum remembers responding bluntly: "As bad as it could possibly get."

The camp's lifeguards had been certified by an instructor who'd

Father of 6-year-old who drowned says nonprofit missed obvious red flags

gone rogue — shortening the normally 27-hour class to eight hours, skipping the Red Cross-mandated tests and thus, McCallum believed, leaving the young camp counselors dangerously unprepared to guard a pool filled with energetic children.

The Red Cross never tested the instructor, Andrew Cervantes, and failed to catch what McCallum said were obvious red flags. In his application to be a trainer,

Cervantes had listed a neighborhood coffee shop as the location he planned to give lifeguarding classes and, on one of his Red Cross certificates, had listed himself as his own instructor.

Like all Red Cross lifeguard instructors, Cervantes was an independent contractor. And like the vast majority of these instructors, no one at the Red Cross ever audited his work, an investigation by The Washington Post has found.

Cervantes is among dozens of instructors or facilities whose certifications the Red Cross revoked after alleged violations of the rules of its training program, former employees said. Some instructors shortened classes,

skipped over critical content or certified people in subjects they themselves had not been trained in, they said.

But the Red Cross learned about these cases only after complaints or, in the case of Cervantes, tragedy. The nonprofit acknowledges it responds to concerns only as they arise and does not routinely test or scrutinize most of its lifeguard trainers, even though every Red Cross lifeguard certificate includes the words "conducted by the American Red Cross."

Former employees and aquatic safety experts say the Red Cross

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Amara Strande died on April 14. She blamed the "forever chemicals" polluting her town for her rare form of liver cancer and was a powerful force in getting her state to ban their use.

Cancer made her fight 'forever chemicals'

A young activist died at 20, weeks before Minn. lawmakers passed 'Amara's Law'

BY AMUDALAT AJASA

OAKDALE, MINN. — The last time Amara Strande testified in front of Minnesota lawmakers, her voice was shaky, a side effect of the tumor pressing on her throat and the cancer that had spread through her lungs.

It was the fifth time Strande had spoken to state lawmakers in support of legislation to ban a group of toxic chemicals, PFAS, which she blamed for her rare form of liver cancer. She wore a maroon blazer, which covered numerous scars on her body, a legacy of 20 surgeries she underwent after being diagnosed at 15 years old.

While she struggled to speak that March day, the

same was not true two months earlier when she first addressed state lawmakers.

"I have spent the last five years fighting cancer with every ounce of my being. And I will for the rest of my life," Strande said during that testimony. "Through no fault of my own, I was exposed to these toxic chemicals. And as a result, I will die with this cancer."

On April 14, Strande died at age 20, just weeks before lawmakers would pass the legislation now known as "Amara's Law," banning the use of PFAS in Minnesota.

Strande's death resonated in the eastern suburbs of the Twin Cities, where the 3M corporation has its headquarters. She was 20 when she died.

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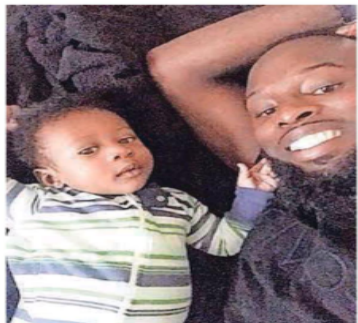
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As family court fails, too many kids die

Warning signs often missed in custody cases

Ken Alltucker
USA TODAY

In 2021, Rashawd Hines knew he had to act when his son cried each time before returning to his mother's house. So the Lakeland, Florida, man wrote a letter to a Polk County clerk's office in Florida requesting a family court hearing to gain full custody of Jayden, just 2. In the letter, Hines wrote he feared for the safety of his boy, but the court did not immediately act on his request. Less than two months later, Jayden suffered blunt-force trauma while under the care of his mother's boyfriend. He had bruises all over his body, cuts and bruises to his liver, brain bleeding caused by a head injury and a human bite mark on his forearm, according to the medical examiner's autopsy. The boyfriend, Alegray Damiah Jones, was charged with first-degree murder and aggravated child abuse in the boy's April 2021 death. Jones pleaded not guilty, and the case is pending in Polk County Circuit Court. An attorney representing Jones did not return requests for comment from USA TODAY.



Rashawd Hines has pushed for stricter child protections after the death of his son, Jayden. PROVIDED BY RASHAWD HINES

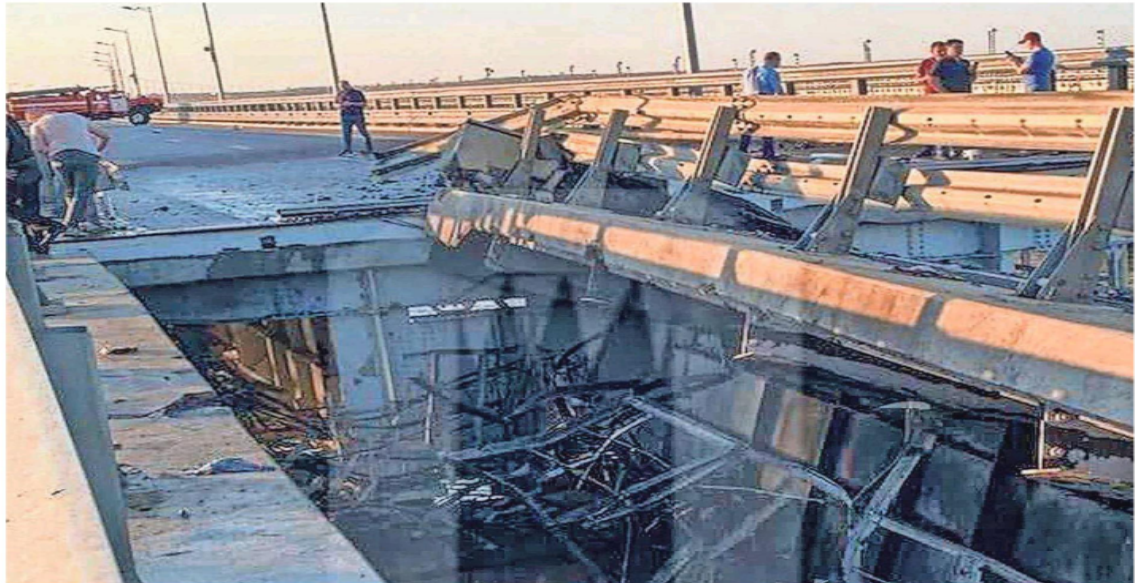
Nearly every six days in the U.S., a child is killed amid a custody dispute, family court lapse, or other mishaps. Each death is a tragedy. Collectively, these cases reveal a national crisis in the family court system that regularly misses warning signs and exposes too many kids to abuse and death, advocates say.

The San Rafael, California-based nonprofit Center for Judicial Excellence's report released Monday found 944 children were killed by a divorcing or separating parent or another parental figure since 2008. Family courts involved in these cases often miss signs of trouble and put children in harm's way through decisions that prioritize parental visitation even in cases where there are signs of abuse, advocates say.

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WAR IN UKRAINE

Crucial Crimean bridge blown up a second time



The Kerch Strait Bridge connects the Crimean Peninsula to mainland Russia and is a lifeline for the Russian military in southern Ukraine. Russia says Ukrainian special forces using drones attacked the 12-mile bridge. OSTOROZHNO NOVOSTI VIA AP

Russian security official urges 'inhumane steps' to retaliate

John Bacon and Kim Hjelmgard
USA TODAY

Authorities in Moscow blamed Ukraine for an apparent attack Monday on a key bridge that connects the occupied Crimean Peninsula with southern Russia and has become a symbol of President Vladimir Putin's rule. It is the second time in less than a year that the 12-mile bridge across the Kerch Strait that connects the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov has been attacked. Russia's Investigative Committee described the strike as a "terrorist attack" and said it was carried out by Ukrainian special forces using naval drones. Two people were reported killed in the explosion. Andriy Yusov, a spokesman for Ukraine's military intelligence, de-

clined to comment on Monday's explosion. But, he said, "the peninsula is used by the Russians as a large logistical hub for moving forces and assets deep into the territory of Ukraine. Of course, any logistical problems are additional complications for the occupiers." The blast may have been a "planned provocation" by Russia, Ukraine Southern Operational Command spokesperson Natalia Humeniuk said. Dmitry Medvedev, deputy chairman of Russia's Security Council, urged the Kremlin to retaliate with "targeted and quite inhumane steps" against those involved in the attack. "Their own homes and the houses of their relatives should be blown up," Medvedev said, adding that Russian authorities must "search for and wipe out their accomplices."

Also Monday:
 • A deal brokered by the United Nations and Turkey that allows Ukraine to export crucial grains and other foodstuffs via its Black Sea ports was set to expire after Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Russia was canceling the agreement because his country was not being allowed to export its food and fertilizers. The West denies claims Russian shipments were being held up.
 • Hundreds of patients and staff were evacuated from a Kyiv hospital after reports that bombs had been planted at the facility.
 • The Russian Defense Ministry has begun removing commanders from some of the military's most effective units, probably because of insubordination, the Washington-based think tank Institute for the Study of War reported.

ELECTIONS 2024

In diverse GOP field, Scott walks a fine line

Phillip M. Bailey
USA TODAY

Sandra Green says she is not aware of ever having been called any of the slurs associated with Black voters who cast their ballots for Republicans. The 54-year-old Texan, a life insurance representative, said her faith and values have always leaned conservative, even when she didn't vote Republican during the Clinton administration. But she is keenly aware of how Black Republican voters and elected officials are sharply criticized as being subservient to white people. "I think it's a power play, and those words are used to keep Black people in line or in check, but to me it's kind of demonic," she said. Green said that as she begins to pay closer attention to the 2024 presiden-



"Minority voters are trending toward the Republican Party," South Carolina Sen. Tim Scott says. "That's great news." CHARLES KRUPA/AP

tial contest, she is increasingly impressed with South Carolina Republican Sen. Tim Scott, who is leaning into debates about race in America in the

early stages of the campaign. "What I like about Tim Scott is that he can engage people and articulate solutions that don't necessarily pit people against each other," Green said. Scott is unwavering in his optimism that race relations in America have improved in comparison with years past as he searches for an opening in the wide array of Republican candidates for president. At a campaign stop in Iowa in May, he accused Democrats of weaponizing race-related issues "not for progress, for power." The South Carolina lawmaker jumps at opportunities to contrast his worldview with that of Democrats. He jostled with the liberal hosts on "The View," who criticized him for not standing up to

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Ambas películas se estrenan pasado mañana; la industria está atenta a los resultados de este experimento, bautizado *Barbenheimer*.

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Alarma en el Gobierno tras la aplastante derrota del peronismo en Santa Fe

PASO. En un clima de fuerte debate interno, Cristina y Massa evitaron referirse al resultado

La histórica derrota del peronismo en Santa Fe y el triunfo de Maximiliano Pullaro sobre Carolina Losada en las elecciones primarias de Juntos por el Cambio tuvieron un alto impacto en el escenario político nacional.

En medio de un fuerte debate interno, la mayor preocupación por la derrota atravesó al peronismo, ya que tanto el precandidato presidencial

Sergio Massa como su compañero de fórmula, Agustín Rossi, habían intervenido intensamente en favor de candidatos de Santa Fe que el domingo terminaron duramente derrotados. En un acto en Ezeiza, Massa y Cristina Kirchner evitaron referirse al resultado, y concentraron sus críticas en Horacio Rodríguez Larreta.

A la vez, la victoria de Pullaro llevó

alivio a las filas de Rodríguez Larreta en un momento en que algunas encuestas mostraban un escenario desfavorable en su pulseada. Por el contrario, en el equipo de Patricia Bullrich, que apoyó a Losada, se acusó el golpe e, incluso, hubo autocríticas, ya que su candidata había desplegado una estrategia de ataque contra el adversario interno. **Página 8**

Pullaro: "El rival es el kirchnerismo"

Matías Moreno

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Martín Rodríguez Yebra

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Aumentan las trabas para pagar servicios al exterior

SIN RESERVAS. Se aprueban, pero sin fecha, y se demoran operaciones

Las empresas no están pudiendo pagar servicios jurídicos o de ingeniería al exterior, entre muchos otros, porque las autorizaciones del sistema oficial (el Sirase) para acceder a los dólares salen aprobadas sin un campo que diga "fecha de aprobación". En su lugar, solo se lee "fecha de emisión". Esta diferencia genera complicaciones para calcular el plazo habitual de 60 días para liberar los fondos, dicen los bancos, que no pueden dar curso a los pagos. La escasez de reservas está detrás de estos problemas. **Página 17**

Rusia se baja del pacto de exportación de granos

INQUIETUD. MOSCÚ (DPA).— En un anuncio que provocó gran inquietud mundial por su posible impacto en los precios de los alimentos, especialmente en los países más pobres, Rusia dijo ayer que no aceptará prorrogar el acuerdo que permite la salida de granos ucranianos a través del mar Negro. La embajadora de Estados Unidos ante la ONU, Linda Thomas-Greenfield, calificó la decisión de "un acto de crueldad". **Página 2**

Tras años de polémica, las Taser llegaron a las calles

ESTRENO. Desde ayer, personal de la Policía de la Ciudad porta las armas de descarga eléctrica. **Página 26**



SIMULADOR. Cristina Kirchner volvió ayer a mostrarse junto al precandidato oficialista Sergio Massa, que usó el acto por los 15 años de la reestatización de Aerolíneas Argentinas para criticar a Horacio Rodríguez Larreta. "Alguno debería inventar un simulador de presidentes", apoyó la vicepresidenta, luego de subirse junto al ministro a un equipo para entrenamiento de pilotos. Además, atacó al FMI por el préstamo otorgado al gobierno de Mauricio Macri. **Página 14**

Un empresario libanés prófugo quiere declarar en la causa AMIA

ATENCIÓN. Hussein Mounir Mouzannar está acusado de ayudar al grupo que voló la mutual judía. **Página 15**

El 83% de los residentes en cardiología pensaron en irse a trabajar a otro país

CRISIS. En otro capítulo de la crisis de los recursos humanos en el sistema sanitario argentino, una encuesta reveló que el 83% de los médicos residentes en cardiología pensaron en irse a trabajar al exterior por la

"falta de horizonte profesional" ante la precarización laboral y los bajos ingresos. Se trata de médicos que se forman durante al menos diez años para atender enfermedades que son la principal causa de discapacidad

y muerte en el país. El relevamiento del Consejo de Residentes en Cardiología también mostró que el 40% de los médicos trabajan más de 80 horas por semana, lo que supera el límite legal. **Página 22**

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Alvaro Costa e Silva Lira em ritmo de Safadão

Como se portou o reizinho Arthur a bordo do cruzeiro de Wesley Safadão? Pagou tudo do próprio bolso? Pensando bem, foi melhor que jornalistas não tenham acompanhado a viagem, pois corriam o risco de serem jogados ao mar dos tubarões. Lira lidera hoje uma escalada anti-imprensa. Opinião A2



João Donato toca piano em sua casa no bairro da Urca, no Rio, em junho de 2008. Alexandre Brum/Agência Enquadrar/O Globo - 21 jun. 2008

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Morre João Donato

Autor de sucessos como 'A Rã' e 'Bananeira', João Donato morreu ontem, aos 88 anos, após internação por pneumonia. Artista uniu bossa nova e música latina e revolucionou a MPB com seu estilo único de tocar piano.

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Tecnologia de conservação e incentivo japonês impulsionam saquê no Brasil

Imposto sobre renda será reformado com cautela, diz Haddad

Indagado sobre elevar tributos em 2024, ministro afirma que corrige distorções e promove 'republicanização'

Após obter aval da Câmara para a primeira parte da Reforma Tributária, o ministro Fernando Haddad (Fazenda) espera dificuldade para aprovar a segunda, que abarca o Imposto de Renda.

Mudanças que envolvam receita e patrimônio, como taxação de dividendos, serão discutidas com cautela, considerando o efeito também sobre as empresas, afirma.

Indagado se firma o compromisso de não elevar impostos em 2024, ele responde que o governo está "corrigindo distorções absurdas". "Estamos promovendo a republicanização do Estado brasileiro", diz o ministro em entrevista a Mônica Bergamo. Diante de temores da classe média, promete deliberação com a sociedade e prazo para adequação.

Haddad considera "um pouco superestimados do ponto de vista das despesas" cálculos do Tesouro Nacional segundo os quais zerar o déficit primário em 2024 exigirá arrecadar R\$ 162,4 bilhões extras. E insiste que, embora "o desafio seja grande", enviará aos parlamentares um Orçamento com previsão de déficit zero para o ano que vem. Mercado A13 e A14

Lula adia PAC diante de dúvida sobre verba com arcabouço

O ministro Rui Costa (Casa Civil) anunciou o adiamento do Novo PAC. O intuito é esperar o fim do recesso parlamentar e reduzir incertezas em relação à verba disponível sob as regras do novo arcabouço fiscal. Mercado A15

STF mina braços da Lava Jato ao anular provas da Odebrecht

A anulação, pelo STF das principais provas derivadas de sistemas da Odebrecht tem minado casos restantes de braços da Lava Jato e beneficiado alvos como o ex-ministro Geddel Vieira Lima e o ex-diretor da Dersa Paulo Preto. Magistrados afirmam que não houve cuidado com preservação de arquivos. Política A4

Suspeito de xingar Moraes influencia política no interior

Suspeito de hostilizar o ministro do STF Alexandre de Moraes, o empresário Roberto Mantovani Filho, 71, é de família conhecida em Santa Bárbara d'Oeste (130 km de São Paulo), foi presidente do clube de futebol da cidade e candidato a prefeito em 2004 pelo PL. Ele deve prestar depoimento hoje à PF. Política A6

Novo ataque a ponte na Crimeia deixa 2 mortos

A Ucrânia atacou pela segunda vez, com um drone, a ponte que liga a península da Crimeia à região russa de Krasnodar. Um casal num carro morreu. A Rússia anunciou que deixará o acordo que permitia a exportação de grãos ucranianos pelo mar Negro. A10

Vivo, Tim e Claro discutem fim do WhatsApp ilimitado

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Fiscalização falha faz publicidade de rua crescer em SP

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CHUVAS FORTES PROVOCAM INUNDAÇÕES E MORTES EM PAÍSES DA ÁSIA

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Adversárias do Brasil na Copa, França, Jamaica e Panamá vêm de crises

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Aliados. Peña dijo al embajador Ostfield que su país es un socio estratégico para el Paraguay.

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Del primer anillo de Sandra a Seprelad

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Alzheimer's rate high at border

Study: 15% of people 65 and older in El Paso County have illness

EXPERIMENTAL DRUG slows Alzheimer's, data shows. **2A**

65 and older in El Paso County have Alzheimer's, making the county the 10th-worst in the nation when compared to counties with at least 10,000 residents older than 64. Miami-Dade County, Fla.; Baltimore County, Md.; and Bronx County, N.Y., tied for the highest prevalence rate, with 16.6% of older adults in each county having the disease.

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By **MARIN WOLF**
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Texas' border counties have higher rates of Alzheimer's disease among older adults than other areas in the state, according to a new study estimating county-level prevalence of the neurodegenerative disease.

An estimated 15% of people

U.S.-MEXICO BORDER

DPS email outlines inhumane treatment

Trooper writes about migrants slashed by razor wire, denied water, pushed into the river

By **AARÓN TORRES**
and **ROBERT T. GARRETT**
Austin Bureau

AUSTIN — A state trooper who was a part of Gov. Greg Abbott's multi-billion-dollar border security operation said troopers are being told to push migrants back into the Rio Grande, he was ordered not to give

some water and he also came across a 19-year-old pregnant woman caught in razor wire in Eagle Pass while she was having a miscarriage, according to an internal email sent earlier this month.

Nicholas Wingate, identified as a trooper and medic for the Texas Department of Public Safety, sent the email July 3, after he had been stationed in Eagle Pass from June 24 to July 1, his email read. Wingate was in the area for Operation Lone Star, Abbott's border security effort that has stretched on for more than two years.

Wingate declined to comment when reached by *The Dallas Morning News* on Monday evening. The existence of the email was first reported by the *Houston Chronicle*.

Wingate wrote in his email that he watched a 15-year-old break his right leg while trying to avoid the razor wire deployed along the U.S.-Mexico border. A 4-year-old passed out from exhaustion and the scorching heat, he wrote to a superior.

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MEXICO



Liesbeth Powers/Special Contributor

"We may be living in Dallas, but our hearts remain very much in Mexico," Tereso Ortiz, founder and president of Casa Guanajuato Dallas-Mexico, said of the sums of money — called remittances — that Mexicans working in the U.S. send to their families in Mexico.



Alfredo Corchado/Staff

Adrian Robles Aguillon of La Saucedá, Guanajuato, Mexico, said he has used money sent by his family in North Texas and Austin to expand his fruit stand.

People here, there feel strong peso's bite

Dollars sent from N. Texas aren't going as far

By **ALFREDO CORCHADO**
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LA SAUCEDA, Mexico — Thanks to the generosity of Guanajuato's sons and daughters living in the U.S., Adrian Robles Aguillon has added coconuts to the mangoes and watermelons he sells at his fruit stand.

His optimism, though, is dampened by a troubling sign: People have fewer pesos

to spend these days. "We all need remittances here. They lift everyone," Robles said. His family in North Texas and Austin send a steady flow of dollars monthly to this town between San Miguel de Allende and the state capital of Guanajuato. The money "spreads all over the community and helps businesses stay afloat," he said. "But I notice people are spending less, and that's

worrisome." Blame the worries on the so-called "super peso," which in recent months has gained on the dollar. The generosity via remittances — the money migrants abroad send home to their relatives — remains steady, even rising. But the overall value of the dollar has fallen steadily.

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DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Timpa civil trial delayed at the wire

Judge reportedly upset by publicity; September start likely, attorney says

By **KELLI SMITH** and **ARIA JONES**
Staff Writers

The long-awaited civil trial for four Dallas police officers in the death of Tony Timpa was delayed Monday morning just as jury selection was scheduled to begin in federal court, according to attorneys.

Seven years ago, officers pinned Timpa to the ground and mocked him as he became unresponsive. He died within about 20 minutes of police arriving.

Vicki Timpa, Timpa's mother, did not respond to a request for comment. She said earlier this month that she had fought for accountability since her son's death on Aug. 10, 2016.

The trial is expected to be reset to September and to remain in Dallas, said Susan Hutchison, the attorney for Timpa's father, Joe Timpa. Court staff said attorneys discussed a possible change in venue because of publicity.

U.S. District Judge David Godbey was upset about media coverage of the case, according to people with knowledge of the proceedings. Godbey's office declined to comment when reached Monday. A judicial assistant in his office said she believes a gag order has been imposed on the case. No order forbidding attorneys from talking about the case could be found Monday in the case file.

The city of Dallas declined to comment Monday. The city represents Dustin Dillard, who knelt on Timpa's back for nearly 14 minutes; Raymond Dominguez; Kevin Mansell; and Danny Vasquez. All but Mansell remain on the force.

On Monday, more than a dozen people, some of whom said they were supporting the Timpas, arrived at the federal courthouse in downtown Dallas. Before proceedings began, court staff told reporters and observers to leave the courtroom for an overflow room to allow room for jury

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METRO & BUSINESS

Gag order issued in trial

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick issued a gag order barring "inflammatory or prejudicial statements" ahead of Attorney General Ken Paxton's upcoming impeachment trial. **1B**

AA sends \$125M to JFK

American Airlines is investing another \$125 million in a terminal at John F. Kennedy International Airport. **3B**

NATION & WORLD

RSV shot OK'd for babies

Federal regulators on Monday approved a shot to protect healthy babies and some vulnerable toddlers against the respiratory ailment RSV. **3A**

WAR IN UKRAINE

Russia pulls plug on key grain deal

Global food prices could spike if goods can't be safely moved

BRIDGE linking Russia to Crimea damaged again. **4A**

By **COURTNEY BONNELL**
The Associated Press

LONDON — Russia on Monday halted a breakthrough wartime deal that allowed grain to flow from Ukraine to countries in Africa, the Middle East and Asia where hunger is a growing

threat and high food prices have pushed more people into poverty.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said the Black Sea Grain Initiative would be suspended until demands to get Russian food and fertilizer to the world are met. An

attack Monday on a bridge connecting the Crimean Peninsula to Russia was not a factor in the decision, he said.

"When the part of the Black Sea deal related to Russia is implemented, Russia will immediately return to the implementation of the deal," Peskov said.

Russian representatives at the operation center for the initiative were more de-

terminative, calling the decision "a termination," according to a note obtained by The Associated Press. Russia has complained that restrictions on shipping and insurance have hampered its agricultural exports, but it has shipped record amounts of wheat since last year.

The suspension marks the end of an accord that the

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Madigan ally fighting to block tapes



Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan, left, with his chief of staff Tim Mapes in the Illinois Capitol in Springfield in 2015. **E. JASON WAMBSGANS/TRIBUNE**

Ousted chief of staff Mapes on dozens of secret recordings in federal perjury trial

By Ray Long and Jason Meisner
Chicago Tribune

Tim Mapes, former chief of staff to ex-House Speaker Michael Madigan, was captured on dozens of undercover FBI recordings talking about his family, political fundraising and whether landing some job following his ouster in a 2018 sexual harassment scandal

might "piss off the women." The conversations, described in a defense motion filed over the weekend seeking to keep them out of Mapes' perjury trial next month, shed new light on the behind-the-scenes maneuvering and relationships among key members of Madigan's inner circle as a series of scandals began to threaten the Democratic speaker's decadeslong grip on power.

Mapes' attorneys argued all or parts of the recordings are prejudicial, unusable hearsay or irrelevant, including one conversation from July 2018 in which Mapes and Michael McClain, the speaker's longtime confidant, allegedly discussed everything from health issues and where they should grab a beer to an unspecified comment about former Chicago White Sox manager Tony La Russa supposedly holding news conferences in the nude. Mapes, who has pleaded not guilty, is charged with lying to a

■ A federal judge dismissed bribery charges against ComEd as part of a deferred prosecution agreement with the U.S. attorney's office. **Business**

grand jury in the federal probe that led to Madigan's indictment last year in a far-reaching racketeering case. Madigan and McClain, a co-defendant in the Madigan case coming up next year, is alleged to have participated in an array of bribery and extortion

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An art teacher by trade, Samantha Oulavong, right, teaches basic English and phrases to migrants Karla Urbino, 45, from Nicaragua, and Brayan Lozano, 28, from Colombia, at a Margaret Hie Ding Lin Park outdoor basketball court under the CTA elevated tracks at 18th and State streets on June 29. Oulavong has been volunteering with a group of people who help to feed and care for migrants arriving at the 1st District police station. **ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

'They come to this country with a dream'

There hasn't been a single day since May that Samantha Oulavong is not thinking of the migrants who stay at the police station in her neighborhood in the South Loop. The children, she said, remind her of her younger self, when her parents made their way from Laos seeking asylum in the Chicago area when she was 5 years old. Of course, in more than one way, their story is not the same, she said, "but our heart is." "They come to this country with a dream," she said. Oulavong has been visiting the 1st District police station almost every day since May,

Woman teaches English to migrants on a basketball court in South Loop

By Laura Rodríguez Presa
Chicago Tribune

when the first families began to seek refuge at the station near her home. She drops off food and clothes and, most recently, has begun to teach basic English to the migrants and their children regardless of a language barrier — she doesn't really speak Spanish — in the bleachers of a basketball court across from the South Loop station. "Most want to know how they can ask for a job," she said. "Busco trabajo, I tell them to say, meaning, 'I'm looking for a job.'" Oulavong is just one of the many Chicagoans who have stepped up to provide more than just food and donations for the thousands of asylum-seekers who have arrived to the city since August of last year, filling

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'Cartel Wife' gets 3.5 years in prison

Woman married to Chicago twin who helped nab 'El Chapo'

By Jason Meisner
Chicago Tribune

It's been nearly 15 years since Viviana Lopez and her family packed up their cars in Mexico and made the harrowing trip across the border, back to her hometown of Chicago.

Carrying her 11-day-old daughter, Lopez was headed into a dangerous unknown. Her husband, Pedro Flores, and his twin brother, Margarito, two of the biggest drug traffickers Chicago had ever produced, were about to be outed as cooperators against notorious Sinaloa cartel boss Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman.

In addition to becoming certain targets of the cartel, the family had left behind most of the riches drug trafficking had brought them — the villa in Mexico with a private zoo, the Bentleys, the Jet Skis and jewelry. But more than the loss of material things, during the trip, Lopez realized for the first time she was going to have to do things on her own.

"When you have 1,400 miles ahead of you and what feels like a lifetime in your rearview mirror, you have a lot of time to think," Lopez said in the 2017 tell-all book "Cartel Wives," which she co-wrote with her sister-in-law, Valerie Gaytan. "I'd never had to step up to the plate and take care of myself. Now I had to do that and protect my daughter."

But the decisions Lopez made after returning to the U.S. didn't lend her a new life. Instead, they landed her in federal court, charged with conspiring to launder hundreds of thousands of dollars in her husband's narcotics proceeds and spending it on private tuition, lavish trips and luxury cars.

On Monday, Lopez, 43, was sentenced to 3½ years in prison, less than half of what federal pros-

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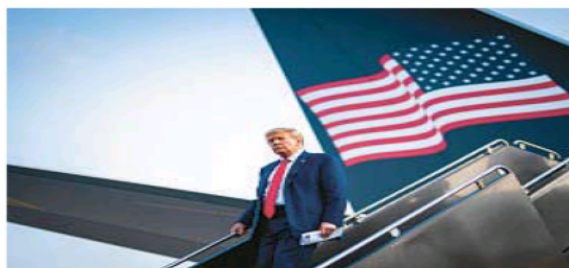
Mayor tours migrant welcoming center

Mayor Brandon Johnson toured a new welcoming center for migrants at a Chicago Public Schools campus on Monday as hundreds of asylum-seekers continue to wait for shelter inside police stations with no immediate end in sight. **Chicagoland**

Russians lose bridge link to Crimea

An assault on a critical bridge linking the occupied Crimean Peninsula to mainland Russia killed two people and forced the span's closure, robbing Russia of an important supply route for its troops in southern Ukraine. **Nation & World**

Trump eyes more presidential clout



If elected, Donald Trump, seen June 13, and his allies plan a vast change in presidential power. **DOUG MILLS/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

Plans to centralize, broaden power if returned to office

By Jonathan Swan, Charlie Savage and Maggie Haberman
The New York Times

Donald Trump and his allies are planning a sweeping expansion of presidential power over the machinery of government if voters return him to the White House in 2025, reshaping the structure of the executive branch to concentrate far greater authority directly in his hands.

Their plans to centralize more power in the Oval Office stretch far beyond the former president's

recent remarks that he would order a criminal investigation into his political rival, President Joe Biden, signaling his intent to end the post-Watergate norm of Justice Department independence from White House political control.

Trump and his associates have a broader goal: to alter the balance of power by increasing the president's authority over every part of the federal government that now operates, by either law or tradition, with any measure of independence from political interference by the White House, according to a review of his campaign policy proposals and interviews with

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Mélenchon dans la stratégie du scandale permanent

L'ex-candidat LFI à la présidentielle multiplie les sorties polémiques, à l'image de sa provocation à l'égard du Crif, et s'isole à gauche, où ses propos sont de plus en plus condamnés.

Pas une journée ne passe sans que Jean-Luc Mélenchon ne se livre à une nouvelle polémique. Après avoir refusé de condamner les émeutes fin juin, dressant simplement une liste d'établissements publics qu'il ne fallait pas at-

taquer, le chef des Insoumis s'est de nouveau illustré dimanche en assimilant sur Twitter le Conseil représentatif des institutions juives à l'« extrême droite ». De quoi provoquer de longs soupirs de lassitude et un nombre

croissant de condamnations au sein de la Nupes. L'ancien candidat à la présidentielle réagissait aux propos de Yonathan Arfi, le président du Crif, tenus lors de son discours pour marquer le 81^e anniversaire de la rafle du

Vél' d'Hiv'. Celui-ci avait critiqué Jean-Luc Mélenchon, l'accusant de se « compromettre loin du pacte républicain » et affirmant que LFI était « prêt à sacrifier la République sur l'autel du communautarisme ».

→ YONATHAN ARFI : « LA RADICALITÉ DE LFI EN FAIT L'IDIOT UTILE DE L'EXTRÊME DROITE »
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Daniel Kretinsky, le nouveau tycoon du capitalisme français

Déjà propriétaire de médias (*Marianne, Elle, Télé 7 Jours...*) et premier actionnaire de Fnac Darty, le milliardaire tchèque est en train de racheter Editis et s'apprête à prendre le contrôle de Casino. PAGES 24 ET 25

ÉDITORIAL par Vincent Trémolet de Villers vtremolet@lefigaro.fr

Danger public

Il parle beaucoup et n'écrit pas moins. On peut donc reprocher à Jean-Luc Mélenchon bien des choses, mais certainement pas d'avancer masqué. Le scandale ? C'est le « piédestal du succès », disait Balzac, et l'Insoumis, qui aime l'accompagner d'une pointe de narcissisme, connaît ses classiques. Il suffit d'utiliser ensuite la bonne vieille méthode trotskiste qui consiste à fasciner tout contradictoire. Ainsi Yonathan Arfi, président du Conseil représentatif des institutions juives de France, et militant antiraciste expérimenté, a-t-il été, le jour de la commémoration de la rafle du Vél d'Hiv', accusé d'être d'« extrême droite ». Cette forme profane de l'excommunication prend ici un tour aussi indécent que délirant. Mais, en vérité, tous ceux qui n'épousent pas la rhétorique de M. Mélenchon subissent le même outrage. La République ? C'est lui ! L'« extrême droite » ? C'est tout ceux qui ne sont pas avec lui.

On aurait tort cependant de voir dans cet antifascisme en état d'ivresse une sortie de route involontaire. Jean-Luc Mélenchon sait très bien ce qu'il dit, et ce qu'il perd en respectabilité médiatique, il compte bien le gagner en potentiel électoral. Pour comprendre sa logique, écoutons-le : « La cause des révoltes ur-

baïnes, dit-il, est dans la lutte des classes. » Tout est social, donc, mais le dialecticien n'oublie rien de l'arrière-fond culturel. Il sait que 70 % des Français de confession musulmane ont voté pour lui en 2022, et il ne manque jamais, derrière le souci « social », de donner quelques signaux communautaires qui, pense-t-il, correspondent à cette part de l'électorat. Disons qu'il joue basement sur les réflexes identitaires, qu'il dénonce pourtant d'estrade en estrade. « La police tue », « le Crif est d'extrême droite », Darmanin est « bolsonariste » : c'est un discours qui, dans sa logique, a le mérite de séduire le gauchisme des centres-villes, les zadistes du soulèvement et la jeunesse islamisée, qui se rejoignent dans la même détestation d'Israël, du capitalisme, de l'Occident.

Quant aux « révoltes urbaines » - qu'en termes élégants ces choses sont dites -, elles sont une forme de violence légitime. « Nous ne sommes pas de ces petits-bourgeois affolés, prévient-il, que l'on a pu déjà voir à la Commune de Paris. » Robespierre, la Commune : nous sommes prévenus.

Emmanuel Macron confirme Elisabeth Borne à Matignon

L'Élysée a fait savoir lundi soir qu'Emmanuel Macron avait informé Elisabeth Borne de son maintien à ses fonctions. Une confirmation à son poste matérialisée, lundi, par la nomination du haut fonctionnaire Jean-Denis Combrèxelle comme nouveau directeur de cabinet à Matignon. Pas de précisions en revanche, ce lundi soir, sur un éventuel remaniement ministériel. Le président est actuellement en déplacement à Bruxelles. PAGE 3

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Clamour to approve drugs hailed as 'turning point' on Alzheimer's

Experts urge regulators to approve 'life-changing' treatment for dementia

Andrew Gregory
Health editor

Health regulators are being urged to rapidly approve two gamechanging dementia drugs to ensure millions of people who could benefit are not "left in limbo". The final results

from a landmark study confirmed that donanemab, made by Eli Lilly, slowed cognitive decline in Alzheimer's patients by 35%.

Trial results published last year showed that a second drug, lecanemab, made by Eisai and Biogen, reduced the rate by 27%.

Health leaders hailed the arrival of the drugs as a "turning point in the fight against Alzheimer's", through which the disease could become just as manageable as conditions such as diabetes or asthma.

Dr Susan Kohlhaas, the executive

director of research and partnerships at Alzheimer's Research UK, told the Guardian it was critical for regulators to act promptly to avoid patients experiencing waits for clinically effective treatments.

"We now have two potentially life-changing Alzheimer's treatments on the horizon and we need to see rapid regulatory decisions so people who could benefit from these treatments aren't left in limbo," Kohlhaas said.

"After 20 years without new Alzheimer's medicines, people affected by this disease deserve to

'We really believe this is the beginning of a whole new era'

Dr Richard Oakley
Alzheimer's Society

have answers about new treatments as quickly as possible."

Eli Lilly has applied for approval for donanemab in the US and will do so in the UK within weeks, according

to a person familiar with the matter. "Submissions to other global regulators are under way," they added.

Yesterday, the health spending watchdog in England, the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE), said it had begun assessing whether donanemab could be used in the NHS. But before NICE can give the green light for NHS use, Eli Lilly must also gain approval for the drug from the UK medicines regulator, the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA). 8 →

Benefit cap exposes deep split in Labour

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Keir Starmer's decision not to scrap the two-child benefit cap if Labour wins power has exposed deep splits within the party as he faces mounting calls to rethink the policy.

With the looming prospect of a battle at this week's national policy forum over the decision, shadow cabinet ministers were sent out to defend his position.

They argued that if Labour wanted to appear fiscally credible at the next election it could not make spending commitments without saying how they would be funded.

But at a bad-tempered meeting of the parliamentary Labour party yesterday, almost every question to the deputy leader, Angela Rayner, was about Starmer's stance on the two-child benefit limit, with frustrated MPs branding it "a mistake" and urging a change.

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People cooling off in Rome yesterday as temperatures continued to reach extreme highs across much of the northern hemisphere. News Page 4 →

Warning AI images could fuel child abuse

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Artificial intelligence could further fuel an epidemic of child sexual abuse, Britain's top law enforcement agency has warned, as it said that one in every 50 men poses a risk to children.

The National Crime Agency (NCA) estimates that up to 830,000 adults - 1.6% of the adult population - represent some degree of sexual danger to children, a figure labelled "extraordinary" by the agency's director general, Graeme Biggar. He added that online abuse images were having a "radicalising" effect that "normalised" such behaviour.

The rapid arrival of artificial intelligence means the threat to young people will only 2 →

