

What's News

Business & Finance

- ◆ **The SEC approved sweeping new rules** aimed at overhauling the way private-equity and hedge funds deal with their investors, one of the biggest regulatory challenges in years. **A1**
- ◆ **Chip maker Nvidia** reported revenue soared to a company record in its latest quarter and projected that surging interest in AI is propelling its business faster than expected. **A1**
- ◆ **Juul plans to lay off** about 30% of its workforce, whittling down operations as the e-cigarette maker seeks to raise capital or sell the company. **B1**
- ◆ **Mallinckrodt signed** a deal to hand lenders control of the drug company through its bankruptcy filing while reducing its opioid settlement payments. **B1**
- ◆ **Peloton shares slid** 23% to record lows after the company reported another decline in subscribers and said the costs of a recall were denting its profit. **B3**
- ◆ **Wall Street firms** such as BlackRock are struggling in a China market that once promised riches, as deal flow and the nation's economic growth slow. **B1**
- ◆ **Ford faces complaints** that speakers in its pickups and SUVs are generating a loud, abnormal and distracting noise. **B1**
- ◆ **Nielsen plans to use** viewing data from streamers for live programming, a move that will likely boost the ratings for Amazon's Thursday NFL package. **B1**
- ◆ **Esmark said it is** abandoning its attempt to acquire U.S. Steel amid pressure from the steelworkers union, which backs a rival bid from Cleveland-Cliffs. **B5**
- ◆ **Stocks rose**, as the S&P 500 gained 1.1% in its best daily performance since June. The Dow was up 0.5% and the Nasdaq 1.6%. **B11**

World-Wide

- ◆ **Wagner chief Prigozhin**, whose mercenaries bolstered the Russian war effort in Ukraine before he led a mutiny in June, was killed in a plane crash. Social-media channels close to him said Russian air defenses downed the jet. **A1**
- ◆ **Ukraine said it captured** a Russian helicopter and the crew that landed on its soil. **A8**
- ◆ **Eight GOP presidential candidates** sought to gain traction on Trump in their first primary debate, while the former president appeared in a prerecorded interview with Tucker Carlson. **A1**
- ◆ **India became the first** country to land a craft on the moon's south pole, a triumph for the country's space program days after a similar Russian mission ended with a crash. **A18**
- ◆ **Giuliani turned himself** in to Georgia authorities and was booked on charges that he led an effort to illegally keep Trump in power, after negotiating a \$150,000 bond. **A4**
- ◆ **Studies showed significant** advances for computer systems that allow people who have suffered paralysis to control devices using signals from brain implants. **A3**
- ◆ **Russia and China** used the opening of the Brics summit of emerging economies to set out the case for an alternative international order. **A18**
- ◆ **Zimbabwe held a** presidential election clouded by years of high inflation and intimidation from a ruling party that has been in power for more than four decades. **A18**
- ◆ **South Carolina's highest** court upheld a state ban on abortion after about six weeks of pregnancy. **A4**

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An image posted on a Wagner-linked Telegram channel showed the wreckage of the plane carrying Yevgeny Prigozhin. Below, Prigozhin is shown in a video image from the Telegram account on June 24, just after his mutiny.

Paramilitary Leader Prigozhin Is Killed in Crash, Russia Says

By Yaroslav Trofimov and Thomas Groves

Shortly after 6 p.m. Moscow time on Wednesday, an Embraer jet carrying Wagner paramilitary group owner Yevgeny Prigozhin—who led a short-lived June uprising that challenged Russian President Vladimir Putin's authority—abruptly disappeared from flight-tracking radar screens northwest of Moscow. Videos posted by bystanders showed the plane, missing a wing, spiraling to the ground.

About an hour later, Putin—who since the abortive mutiny has sought to project the strength of his grip on power—stepped up to a lectern in Kursk, about 500 miles away. He made no reference to the crash and instead launched into a speech glorifying Russia's victory over the Nazis in World War II and lauding the men now fighting his war in neighboring Ukraine.

It was the end of the latest chapter, and likely the start of the next one, in Russia's vi-

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Ukraine's Pivot Proves Slow and Risky

After armored assaults failed, units move on foot to attack one position at a time

By James Marston

ZAPORIZHZHIA, Ukraine—The Ukrainians on the front lines of the counteroffensive were crouched in the woods when they spotted the Russian patrol. The five troops had left behind their U.S.-supplied armored vehicles, which proved easy targets for Russian artillery. Instead, after walking for hours, they

were aiming to retake territory by yards. The company had already seized three trenches in close-quarter combat. Winning in the woods would move them another small step toward the Azov coast, their ultimate goal, which would slice the Russian occupying army in two. After a brief skirmish, the Ukrainians withdrew, fearful that a larger Russian force could be lurking, two of them re-

called. Then they realized one of their comrades was missing. As the Ukrainians moved back, he came crawling toward them, his left leg bloodied and limp. A member of the unit dragged the injured man away as others opened fire. A 48-year-old journalist nicknamed Re-

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Eight of the Republican presidential candidates took the stage Wednesday in Milwaukee.

GOP Rivals Spar In First '24 Debate

By Alex Leary and John McCormick

MILWAUKEE—The large field of GOP presidential hopefuls gave Donald Trump what he wanted in their first debate: two hours of infighting and bickering and only brief criticism of the absent frontrunner. Wednesday's two-hour debate was the first opportunity for those challenging Trump to make an impression on the nation and, more specifically, Re-

publican primary voters. With Trump, who holds a huge polling lead, skipping the debate for an alternative interview with host Tucker Carlson on X, his GOP rivals had to decide how to treat what moderator Bret Baier of Fox described as the "elephant not in the room" whether to embrace him or hammer him. In the interview, Trump largely ignored his challengers, focusing his criticism on President Biden and his record as if

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Buildings Add Art for Dogs, 'Yappy Hours'

Developers hope crazy pet perks attract renters

By Maggie Eastland

The beauty pageant was in full swing outside an apartment complex in an Atlanta suburb. Deeked out contestants pranced up and down a red carpet, while dozens of residents cheered and snapped photos. The winner, who wore a custom-tailored red gown made by one of the tenants, went by the name Choupette. The gown didn't quite cover her tail. It's unlikely Choupette under-

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Giuliani turns himself in and is booked on 2020 election charges in Georgia. **A4**

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Ford truck owners complain of abnormal noise coming from the vehicle's speakers. **B1**

Nvidia Revenue Surges to Record On Strength of AI Chip Demand

By Asa Fitch

Chip maker Nvidia said revenue in its recently completed quarter more than doubled from a year ago, setting a new company record, and projected that surging interest in artificial intelligence is propelling its business faster than expected.

Nvidia is at the heart of the boom in artificial intelligence that made it a \$1 trillion company this year, and it is forecasting growth that outpaces even the most bullish analysts' projections.

The company's chips are the computational muscle behind lots of popular AI tools, including OpenAI's ChatGPT and similar language-generation systems made by Google,

Microsoft and others. Nvidia has invested in making chips and software for AI for more than a decade and has no competitors who can yet match it. "The race is on to adopt generative AI," Chief Executive Jensen Huang said, describing a new computing era where companies are transitioning from general-purpose computing to digital infrastructure geared for AI.

Nvidia's stock, already the top performer in the S&P 500 this year, rose 7.5% in after-hours trading following the results, which would be about \$87 billion in market value. The company said revenue more than doubled in its fiscal second quarter to about \$13.5 billion, far ahead of Wall Street forecasts in a FactSet survey.

More strikingly, it said revenue in its current quarter would be around \$16 billion, besting expectations by about \$3.5 billion.

Net profit for the company's second quarter was \$6.19 billion, also ahead of forecasts.

The results show that a week of investment in artificial intelligence, which began late last year with the arrival of OpenAI's ChatGPT language-generation tool, is gaining steam. Companies and governments are increasingly seeking to harness AI's power in business and everyday life. Many companies see AI as in-

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ANALYSIS

GOP rivals up against spirit of Trump

Eight at the first 2024 presidential debate contend with absent leader, one another.

By SEEMA MEHTA AND DAVID LAUTER

MILWAUKEE — Like a chorus line awaiting its leading man, eight Republican presidential hopefuls opened their first debate Wednesday night without the party's main attraction, hoping to show they can solve a puzzle that has bewildered GOP politicians for eight years: how to get past Donald Trump.

For most of the first hour of the two-hour confrontation, however, the candidates largely tried to ignore Trump's dominating presence. Instead, it was the campaign's political newcomer, Vivek Ramaswamy, who quickly became the center of attention, rebutting accusations by former Vice President Mike Pence that he's unqualified.

"We don't need to bring in a rookie," Pence said, the first of several times during the debate's opening hour in which he focused on the 38-year-old entrepreneur, who has risen in recent polls.

A few minutes later, as Ramaswamy declared himself the "only candidate not bought and paid for," former New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie fired back.

"I've had enough already tonight of a guy who sounds like ChatGPT," he said.

It was not until nearly an hour into the debate that the focus turned to the man who is currently far ahead of all other candidates. Moderators Bret Baier and Martha [See Debate, A8]



L.A. HAS seen a recent string of armed robberies targeting street food sellers. The crime wave comes after laws decriminalized street vending and eased the permitting process, creating more targets.

Photographs by FRANCINE ORR Los Angeles Times

Robbers aim for food vendors

A rash of incidents targeting L.A.'s trucks and stands — including six in mid-August — has had a chilling effect on the industry

By Daniel Miller, Ruben Vives and Richard Winton

It was nearly midnight, and Saul Martinez was cleaning up Tacos Los Chemas' kitchen, a cramped space fragrant with the scent of pork roasted on the trompo.

Just as Martinez, who owns the food truck, was about to put away a salsa container, he saw two men in hooded sweatshirts approach. He didn't give them a second thought, assuming they were hungry customers looking for a last-minute bite.

Then, Martinez later recalled, a commotion erupted on the sidewalk.

He saw one of the men jab a handgun into the back of a taquero's head.

"Give me all your money or I'll kill your friend," the gunman told Martinez.

Martinez emptied his apron, handing over the day's earnings. It was hundreds of dollars. But the robber wasn't satisfied.

"Toda la feria," he kept repeating in stilted Spanish — *All the money*.

In late May and early June, Tacos Los Chemas and four nearby food stands in South L.A. were targeted by

armed robbers. On July 9, four more vendors in the area were hit in less than an hour. A third string of attacks occurred Aug. 16, when six mobile sellers were robbed in Echo Park, Hollywood and downtown L.A.

Food vendors say they are scared, but can't afford to stay home from work. "It's making me rethink selling food," said Gladys Lopez, 51, a carne asada vendor in Westlake who uses the extra cash from the job for rent [See Vendors, A14]

In unusual move, studios go public with offer to WGA

If the strategy was meant to appeal to the striking writers, it appears to have failed.

By MEG JAMES AND WENDY LEE

Signaling increasing frustration with the Writers Guild of America, Hollywood studios took the unusual step of publicizing their latest offer to the guild.

Late Tuesday, top studio executives met with WGA's negotiators to encourage them to accept a deal that would end the 114-day WGA walkout, which has crippled film and television production. But after WGA leaders refused to bend, the studios made their deal points public — despite the usual practice of honoring a news blackout during negotiations.

The decision appeared aimed to force cracks in the resolve displayed by Hollywood's labor unions throughout the summer of strikes.

But the strategy seemed to have backfired, sparking a torrent of criticism from

WGA members.

"They made an enormous tactical error because they just made everybody mad," prominent showrunner Mike Royce said Wednesday. "They are trying to leapfrog over an important part of the deal-making process by going around our negotiating committee. This just raises red flags."

The studios' gambit — and the hostile response it provoked — laid bare the bitterness and a lack of trust between the two sides, which prompted the walkout in early May and has stymied efforts to bring labor peace to Hollywood.

One legal expert said the decision by the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers to release details of its offer could run afoul of laws governing collective bargaining. A National Labor Relations Board rule forbids management from circumventing union negotiators because both sides have a duty to negotiate in good faith.

"They are trying to appeal to the union membership directly, which is a violation of the duty to bargain in good faith," said Andrea [See Studios, A11]



YEVGENY PRIGOZHIN led a mutiny against the Russian government in June. His reported death sparked speculation of possible Kremlin involvement.

Russia says Wagner chief among the dead in jet crash

By LAURA KING AND NABIH BULOS

Yevgeny Prigozhin, the notorious mercenary chieftain who led a failed uprising against Russian President Vladimir Putin's government two months ago, was aboard a private jet that crashed north of Moscow on Wednesday with no survivors, Russian officials

said. His Wagner Group also reported the death.

Russia's Tass news agency said the Federal Air Transport Agency published the names of all passengers and crew members who were on board the Embraer aircraft that was traveling from the capital to St. Petersburg — including the 62-year-old Prigozhin.

A channel on the messaging app Telegram linked to

Prigozhin's Wagner Group mercenaries forces described him as a "true patriot of his Motherland" who had "died as a result of the actions of traitors to Russia."

"But even in Hell, he will be the best!" said the statement from the Grey Zone channel, paraphrasing one of the group's slogans.

Prigozhin's reported death, which has yet to be [See Russia, A4]

Maui fire crews left site of blaze

They were sent elsewhere after threat was deemed gone. It then turned deadly.

By JULIA WICK AND RONG-GONG LIN II

LAHAINA, Hawaii — In the first hours of what would become the Maui firestorm, firefighters had a fateful choice.

After responding to an initial small fire on the edge of town shortly after sunrise, officials determined that it had been fully contained and the danger to the historic town of Lahaina had passed.

With other fires burning elsewhere on the island, emergency personnel made the decision to move on. But within an hour or two of the last firefighters leaving the scene, the blaze began to flare up, according to witnesses.

With no defense, and fueled by forecast intense winds from the northeast, the fire became a monster, scorching a town that had stood for centuries. In a short span of time, it burned all the way to the ocean, ultimately reducing much of Lahaina to ash and leaving entire families — including the elderly and children — trapped in cars or homes. Officials warned that the bones of some of the dead are so charred that their remains may never be recovered.

It probably will take months for authorities to conduct a full review of the decisions made on the day of the fire, as well as past preparedness efforts. Still, the move to pull fire crews from the blaze shortly before it began its deadly spread has become a flashpoint as questions mount over whether government institutions could have done more to stave off the massive losses of property and lives.

Among the best practices in fighting wildfires is the "mop-up," the difficult task of extinguishing burning materials all the way down to the mineral soil and cooling ash pits, which can take several days after a fire [See Wildfire, A11]

At least 4 dead in O.C. shooting

Six others are hospitalized after a gunman opens fire at a biker bar in Trabuco Canyon, CALIFORNIA, B1

Ex-USC star is suing the NCAA

Roggie Bush says the organization defamed him — and he wants his Heisman Trophy back. SPORTS, B10

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Putin rival Prigozhin may be dead after crash

BY MARY ELVUSHINA,
ROBYN DIXON
AND FRANCESCA EBEL

RIGA, LATVIA — Two months to the day since he launched an audacious challenge to Russian President Vladimir Putin's rule, Wagner mercenary chief Yevgeny Prigozhin was on the passenger list of a plane that crashed northwest of Moscow, killing all 10 people aboard, according to Russian aviation authorities.

It was not immediately clear whether Prigozhin, who led the short-lived mutiny in June, was on the Embraer business jet when it went down in the Tver region, but Rosaviatsiya, the country's air transport agency, said his name was on the flight manifest.

"An investigation has been launched into the crash of the

LISTED AS PASSENGER ABOARD BUSINESS JET Mercenary chief led uprising against Kremlin in June

Embraer aircraft," the agency said in a statement. "According to the list of passengers, among them is the name and surname of Yevgeny Prigozhin."

There was no confirmation of his death Wednesday from Russian or U.S. officials, or from Prigozhin's press service, which has not posted online since June. One Telegram channel associated with the Wagner Group urged against publishing "unverified data and messages" about Prigozhin's fate.

But later Wednesday, Grey Zone, another Wagner-linked Telegram channel, posted an obit-

uary: "The head of the Wagner Group, Hero of Russia, a true patriot of his Motherland - Yevgeny Viktorovich Prigozhin died as a result of the actions of traitors to Russia," the post read. "But even in Hell he will be the best! Glory to Russia!"

If confirmed, Prigozhin's death would cap a meteoric rise and fall for a convict turned restaurateur turned warlord. He used his mercenary army to expand Russian influence in Africa and the Middle East and came to Putin's rescue during his stalled invasion of Ukraine, only to rebel against the country's military leadership and

be branded an enemy of the state. On June 23, Prigozhin launched what he called "the march of justice" — pulling his mercenary fighters from the front lines in Ukraine and sending them toward the Russian capital. The rebellion sent shock waves through Russia's elite and posed an unprecedented challenge to Putin's authority.

President Biden speculated in July that Prigozhin could be a target of assassination, like a number of Russian dissidents and journalists in the past, including opposition leader Alexei Navalny, who survived a poisoning in 2020.

"I'd be careful what I ate. I'd keep my eye on my menu," Biden said last month.

His comments were echoed by CIA Director William J. Burns at



Wagner Group head Yevgeny Prigozhin departs the military district headquarters in Rostov-on-Don, Russia, on June 24. **Gen. Armageddon:** Russian officer demoted in apparent purge. A11

ELECTION 2024

Republicans pull no punches in a fiery first debate

In front-runner's absence, rivals attack each other

BY DAN BALZ

MILWAUKEE — The first Republican presidential debate provided a vivid reflection of the party's lopsided nomination contest.

Former president Donald Trump was in one place and everyone else in another.

In this case, it was Trump's absence from and the others' presence on the debate stage Wednesday night in Milwaukee that highlighted the chasm in support that exists between the front-runner and his would-be rivals scrambling to challenge for the nomination.

But instead of taking advantage of a stage without Trump, the eight candidates onstage quickly descended into disagreement, insults and name-calling that left one another as scathed as the former president.

It took nearly an hour for the Fox News debate to turn to Trump. But when the issue of his multiple indictments, including two for trying to subvert the 2020 election, came to the fore, it quickly became clear why he



Candidates for the 2024 Republican presidential nomination take part in the party's first primary debate Wednesday night in Milwaukee.

Candidates look for breakthrough as Trump skips

BY JOSH DAWSEY,
MICHAEL SCHERER
AND MARIANNE LEVINE

MILWAUKEE — Republican presidential contenders came out swinging Wednesday in a combative first debate in which they targeted each other as much as they did the absent front-runner, Donald Trump, with a series of heated clashes reflecting the fierce competition to emerge as the main alternative to the former president.

Trump's decision to skip the event, a choice that highlighted his commanding polling lead, left him without a defense over two hours that marked the official start of the nomination battle. His biggest consolation came when all but one of the candidates onstage raised their hands to signal they would support Trump if he won the nomination and was convicted of a crime in a court of law. Trump has been indicted four times and faces 91 criminal charges and will surrender in Georgia on Thursday. The debate more often pivoted around other fiery exchanges between candidates who are seeking

Near moon's south pole, a soft landing for India

First touchdown in coveted area thought to hold water as ice

BY CHRISTIAN DAVENPORT

India landed a robotic spacecraft on the moon Wednesday, a feat that came just days after a Russian vehicle crashed into the surface after firing its thrusters for too long.

India's spacecraft, without any astronauts on board, landed about 8:30 a.m. Eastern time near the moon's south pole, an area that several nations covet because it contains water in the form of ice in permanently shadowed craters.

Shortly after the lander touched down, the Indian space agency released a photo of the lunar surface taken from the craft but did not provide details about the health of the vehicle. Indian news reports indicated that a



Indian students and families in Kolkata watch a live broadcast of the Chandrayaan-3 spacecraft in action on Wednesday. India joins the United States, Soviet Union and China in the lunar club.

At Georgia jail, Giuliani is defiant as he's booked

Crime-fighting past contrasts sharply with election-related charges

BY AMY GARDNER,
HOLLY BAILEY,
JOSH DAWSEY
AND JACQUELINE ALEMANY

Rudy Giuliani, who rose to prominence decades ago as a crime-fighting federal prosecutor and the mayor of New York City, turned himself in at an Atlanta jail Wednesday on charges that he and former president Donald Trump oversaw a vast conspiracy to illegally keep Trump in power after the 2020 election.

Giuliani's criminal booking on a \$150,000 bond marked the most dramatic consequence yet for his role in trying to reverse Trump's loss to Joe Biden nearly three years ago. Authorities in



Rudy Giuliani's booking photo, taken Wednesday in Atlanta. New York and Washington have sought to disbar him. He is the subject of at least three defamation lawsuits by election workers and voting technology companies. He has claimed to be financially strapped, struggling to find a lawyer in Georgia to defend him. **Federal probe:** Man indicted in Ga. allegedly attacked agent in Md. A4

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When there's a picket line, what are workers' rights?

Talk of labor strikes raises questions about what salaried employees can and can't do. **In Money**

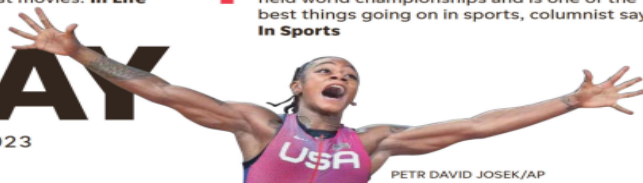
Top superhero films from 'Avengers' to 'Superman'

With "Blue Beetle" the latest to arrive in theaters, we rank the 50 best movies. **In Life**

Sha'Carri Richardson a force on, off track

She became the fastest woman at track and field world championships and is one of the best things going on in sports, columnist says. **In Sports**

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ELECTION 2024 THE REPUBLICAN PRIMARY DEBATE

A race like no other is off and running

Calendar of key events will shape the outcome



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More debate coverage

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Coming Friday: Political analysis and key takeaways from the debate.

The Milwaukee debate launched the battle for the Republican presidential nomination Wednesday night, even though front-runner Donald Trump chose not to show up. So what's next?

Trump won't have the option of skipping the next big moment of the campaign, a command appearance Thursday at the Fulton County jail in Atlanta to be booked, photographed and fingerprinted on criminal charges of trying to overthrow the 2020 election.

From now until the Iowa caucuses in five months, a string of major developments will determine which contenders survive into next year; who (if anyone) gets traction to challenge Trump; whether the nomination will take

months to sort out or will be effectively settled almost as soon as it begins; and where Republicans will stand on some divisive issues for the general election.

After the first debate is over and scored, here's what to watch for next.

Thursday: Out on bail, again

Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis gave Trump and his 18

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Pride flag shooting follows sad precedent

Attack outside LA came after hateful rhetoric

Will Carless
USA TODAY

For months, social media accounts under the name Travis Ikeguchi posted incessantly on social media about hatred for – and fear of – the LGBTQ+ community.

An account on X, formerly Twitter, retweeted conspiracy theories spread by far-right extremists. It mixed anti-abortion posts and Bible verses with posts equating "Pride Month" to the word "demon." One post said same-sex marriage was "at war" against family values. Another post – pinned atop the list – showed a pride flag in flames.

Then, on Friday, authorities say, 27-year-old Ikeguchi shot and killed Laura Ann Carleton, a mother of nine – after shouting slurs and ripping down the pride flag she flew outside her small store in the Cedar Glen neighborhood of Lake Arrowhead, California, a resort town in the mountains east of Los Angeles. Soon afterward, Ikeguchi was shot and killed by sheriff's deputies not far from the store.

As shocking as the shooting was, to experts who study extremism it was also sadly predictable. It's just the latest attack by someone apparently steeped in far-right extremist rhetoric and conspiracy theories about the LGBTQ+ community.

"Unfortunately it's really not all that surprising, given what we've been

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Flowers and pride flags cover the Mag.Pi storefront window in Lake Arrowhead, Calif., after the store's owner, Laura Ann Carleton, was killed last week. ANJALI SHARIF-PAUL/AP

Wastewater disease surveillance is a rising public health tool, and Wisconsin leads the way



Angela Schmoltd, manager of research services at the Great Lakes Genomics Center, observes as research specialist Melissa Schussman tests wastewater samples. University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's School of Freshwater Sciences is part of a statewide effort to use wastewater to track diseases such as COVID, flu and RSV. JOVANNY HERNANDEZ/USA TODAY NETWORK

Sewage testing cheap, reliable, expanding

Devi Shastri
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel | USA TODAY NETWORK

In September 2020, the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, public health officials and researchers started hunting for signs of the virus' spread in an unexpected place: our poop.

Samples of municipal wastewater provided a wealth of information that – combined with diagnostic lab testing, hospitalization rates, and other disease surveillance data – could warn officials of a rise in cases, help them track evolving forms of the virus and inform public health policy.

In Wisconsin, a trio of research and public health organizations collaborated to expand wastewater disease testing like never before.

At the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, molecular biologist Sandra McLellan emerged as a national expert, bringing some 20 years of experience researching wastewater and what happens when it gets into our lakes and rivers to the state's new surveillance system.

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A wastewater engineer emerges from a manhole after retrieving samples for University of Wisconsin-Madison's Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene research study that sought to track COVID-19 variants in sewage. PROVIDED BY JAN KLAWITTER/UW-MADISON

"There is so much potential in wastewater for public health, but we have to also resist the tendency to expand by simply testing more diseases in more places without careful thought."

Ian Pray
Coordinator of the Wisconsin Wastewater Surveillance Program at DHS

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Tras un 3-3 muy cambiante con Cincinnati, Inter Miami volvió a ganar en la tanda de remates. **Página 3**

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Admiten más de 150 intentos de saqueo en el conurbano y refuerzan la seguridad

TENSIÓN. El gobierno bonaerense reconoció los ataques a comercios que había negado la vocera presidencial; hay 94 detenidos; muchos negocios activan medidas de prevención

Después de que la vocera presidencial negara la existencia de ataques contra comercios, el gobierno bonaerense reconoció ayer oficialmente que hubo más de 150 intentos de saqueos en el conurbano, con un saldo de 94 detenidos. A eso se suman los episodios registrados en Mendoza, Neuquén, Río Negro

y otras provincias del país. Hay tres causas judiciales abiertas por los actos de violencia, mientras el Gobierno insiste en culpar a sectores de la oposición por el clima de agitación social. Una fiscal pidió que se investiguen cuentas de redes sociales para intentar determinar el origen de convocatorias que

circularon para cometer saqueos.

Ayer no se reportaron nuevos episodios, pero en muchas zonas del Gran Buenos Aires se mantenía un clima de tensión y los comerciantes tomaban medidas preventivas, desde el adelantamiento de los horarios de cierre hasta la atención a puertas cerradas. **Página 8**

Utilizaron a menores de hasta 12 años para robar

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Furia en el entorno de Massa con la portavoz

Damián Nabot

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Aprueban alquileres por 2 años y ajustes cada 4 meses

REFORMA. Diputados votó un cambio en la ley y ahora pasó al Senado

La Cámara de Diputados dio media sanción ayer a la reforma de la ley de alquileres en dos aspectos centrales que reclamaban dueños e inquilinos. Con 125 votos afirmativos, 112 en contra y 3 abstenciones, el proyecto reduce de 3 a 2 años el plazo de los nuevos contratos y a 4 meses el plazo para aumentar los valores, actualmente fijado en un año. El kirchnerismo y los diputados de Milei se unieron en contra de la reforma. **Página 16**



GONZALO COLINI

"ENTRÓ HASTA UNA MAMÁ CON UN BEBÉ A ROBAR MERCADERÍA". Marcela De Angelis no lo podía creer. Ya había anochecido, el martes, cuando un grupo de personas entró a su local de ropa, en Moreno, para saquear los estantes. Ayer, mientras intentaba reponerse, contó lo sucedido. **Página 13**

El líder mercenario que desafió a Putin murió tras la extraña caída de su avión

SOSPECHAS. El rebelde Grupo Wagner denunció que la aeronave fue derribada

MOSCÚ.- Yevgeni Prigozhin, fundador del Grupo Wagner y líder del máximo desafío al régimen de Vladimir Putin, murió ayer al estrellarse el avión privado en el que se trasladaba, en medio de crecientes sospechas de que Moscú estuvo de-

trás del incidente. Las diez personas que estaban a bordo del jet murieron al precipitarse la aeronave en la región rusa de Tver, al norte de Moscú. Según la organización paramilitar, habría sido derribado por las fuerzas rusas. Hace exacta-

mente dos meses, Prigozhin, un exaliado de Putin, protagonizó la mayor rebelión contra el Kremlin en más de dos décadas del líder en el poder. La mediación de Bielorrusia le permitió evitar un castigo en aquel momento. **Página 2**



El Embraer, en llamas

AFP

El FMI envió los dólares y estableció nuevas metas

DEUDA. Giró US\$7500 millones, pese a que no se alcanzaron los objetivos

WASHINGTON.- Tras cuatro meses de tratativas, el FMI aprobó las revisiones del acuerdo con el país y, tras una reunión de directorio, aprobó el envío de US\$7500 millones, que servirán para recomponer las flacas reservas del Banco Central e intentar estabilizar el mercado cambiario con un esquema de bandas de intervención. Además, aprobó cambios en las metas que debe cumplir el Gobierno. **Página 18**

Grandes firmas rechazan los controles de precios

Francisco Jueguen

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Giuliani é detido por tentar fraudar pleito em 2020

O ex-advogado de Donald Trump Rudolph Giuliani compareceu a uma unidade prisional em Atlanta para ser acusado formalmente de tentar reverter o resultado da eleição de 2020 em favor de Trump no estado da Geórgia. Ele teve de pagar fiança de US\$ 150 mil (cerca de R\$ 730 mil) para ser solto. **Mundo A14**

Saques a mercados se espalham na Argentina

Ataques a estabelecimentos chegam a Buenos Aires — já são ao menos 150 na área metropolitana — e expõem crise econômica e de segurança no país. **A14**

Cresce declaração à Receita de compras internacionais

A Receita identificou aumento no número de remessas de varejistas internacionais declaradas ao Fisco. O país recebe mais de 1 milhão de pacotes por dia, dos quais 2% a 3% eram devidamente registrados. Segundo o órgão, esse percentual está chegando a 30%. **Mercado A19**



Destroços do avião de Ievguêni Prigojín. Reprodução/RIA Novosti

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Documentário do diretor de 'Bacurau' passeia por cinemas de rua de Recife

Turismo C8
Bariloche, que tem neve até setembro, volta a atrair turistas brasileiros em massa

Ciência B4
Índia pousa no sul da Lua
Com alunissagem da Chandrayaan-3, país repete feito só obtido por Rússia, EUA e China

Líder de motim contra Putin morre em queda de avião, diz Kremlin

Aliados de Ievguêni Prigojín acusam Moscou de sabotagem; mortes suspeitas de dissidentes russos se multiplicam

Ievguêni Prigojín, ex-aliado que em junho liderou um motim contra o presidente russo, Vladimir Putin, morreu ontem quando viajava em um de seus jatos executivos, disse o Kremlin. A aeronave, um Embraer Legacy 600 de fabricação brasileira com dez pessoas a bordo, caiu ontem perto de Moscou por motivos desconhecidos.

Apoiadores de Prigojín afirmam que o jato foi abatido e citam um vídeo feito por moradores da região onde a aeronave caiu — o histórico de mortes suspeitas entre dissidentes de Putin é longo. Não é possível, porém, confirmar se houve ataque ou acidente; o governo se limitou a confirmar a queda e a identidade das vítimas.

O empresário de 62 anos liderava o Grupo Wagner, mercenários que atuavam para o governo russo em diversos países e que se mostrou crucial no conflito com a Ucrânia até a ruptura, pouco antes do levante há exatos dois meses. O principal comandante militar da facção, Dmitri Utkin, também estava a bordo. **Mundo A12**

Mandei, e daí?, diz Bolsonaro sobre mensagem contra STF

O ex-presidente Jair Bolsonaro (PL) confirmou a Igor Gielow o teor de mensagem com ataques ao Supremo que enviou ao empresário Meyer Nigri em junho de 2022. "Eu mandei para o Meyer, qual o problema?", afirmou em voo de Brasília a São Paulo, onde se internou para exames.

Bolsonaro disse que reafirmava sua posição pelo voto impresso. Foi intimado pela Polícia Federal a depor, na semana que vem, sobre difusão de fake news a respeito do processo eleitoral. No voo, ele foi aplaudido e vaiado. Horas depois, declarou que fará três cirurgias em setembro. **Política A4**

Governo busca resolver concessões com problemas

O governo tem buscado renegociar contratos de concessões com problemas, como obras atrasadas, para que as empresas sigam à frente das operações. O objetivo é evitar a reliberação do ativo para novo leilão, um processo visto como lento e complexo. **Mercado A15**



Crianças em escola de Ahmedabad, oeste na Índia, exibem cartazes enquanto rezam pelo sucesso da missão espacial Chandrayaan-3, festejada pelo governo de Narendra Modi. Amit Dave/Reuters

Mirian Goldenberg Separações após os 50 aumentam

A escritora chilena Isabel Allende ilustra um fenômeno cada vez mais recorrente: o "divórcio grisalho". No Brasil, em 2021, segundo o IBGE, 25,9% das pessoas que tiveram divórcio confirmado tinham mais de 50. Nessa faixa etária, é mais comum que o pedido venha da mulher. **Corrida B8**

Senador e ministro, Francisco Dornelles morre aos 88

Sobrinho de Tancredo Neves, Dornelles foi político de destaque no início da redemocratização do país, em 1985, e ministro da Fazenda de José Sarney. Foi também deputado constituinte, senador, ministro no governo FHC e vice-governador do Rio, onde será velado hoje. **Política A9**

Morre João Carlos Cauduro, designer do Metrô de SP

Morreu ontem, aos 88, o arquiteto João Carlos Cauduro, expoente do design gráfico moderno no Brasil. Ao lado do sócio Ludovico Martino, morto em 2011, foi responsável por projetos icônicos, como a identidade visual do Metrô de São Paulo e o mobiliário da av. Paulista. **Ilustrada C7**

Para 94%, itens nocivos à saúde deveriam ter alta de impostos

O aumento de impostos sobre produtos nocivos à saúde, como cigarros e bebidas alcoólicas, tem apoio de 94% dos brasileiros.

Segundo pesquisa Datafolha, a maioria (73%) também é favorável a que o valor dessa arrecadação extra seja destinado ao SUS. **B1**

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Resta o mais difícil Sobre a aprovação da regra fiscal pelo Congresso.

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Fiscalía denuncia a Quiñónez por no reclamar una millonaria póliza de seguro

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Jefe del Grupo Wagner, Yevgueni V. Prigozhin, murió en un accidente aéreo

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FENTANYL EPIDEMIC

Teen dealer gets 8 years

He supplied pills laced with drug to Carrollton, FM high schoolers

By **KEVIN KRAUSE**
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The defendant with the boyish face stood out from the usual parade of felons ushered into federal court in orange jumpsuits and shackles.

Stephen Paul Brinson, 18, is barely older than the Flower Mound and Carrollton high school students he supplied with deadly fentanyl-laced pills.

"You know you're just a kid ... who committed old-people crimes," U.S. District Judge Ed Kinkeade told Brinson at his sentencing hearing Wednesday morning in Dallas.

Brinson faced up to 40 years in prison for supplying high school students and others with fake M30 pills laced with fentanyl. Authorities said he sold the drug from his parents' Flower Mound home.



Smiley N. Pool/Staff Photographer

A fake oxycodone M30 pill like many found to be laced with fentanyl is shown Feb. 15 at a Dallas law enforcement media event.

Kinkeade gave him eight years and four months. The judge called the case a tragic example of the "horrible scourge" of fentanyl and said many of the overdose victims looked like "sweet-

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IMPEACHMENT

Paxton tops list of trial witnesses

Real estate developer and woman in alleged affair also are named

By **PHILIP JANKOWSKI** and **LAUREN MCGAUGHY**
Austin Bureau

AUSTIN — House managers plan to call Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton to the witness stand during his upcoming impeachment trial, according to confidential wit-

WHISTLEBLOWER accuses two in Texas Attorney General's Office of sexual harassment. **1B**

ness lists obtained by *The Dallas Morning News*.

Paxton tops the list of potential witnesses to be called by the managers, a group of House lawmakers and outside lawyers who will put on the case against Paxton, according to the document. The at-

torney general's lawyers have said Paxton will not testify. The managers have argued Paxton must take the stand if subpoenaed but can refuse to answer questions by exercising his constitutional right against self-incrimination.

Nate Paul, the Austin real estate developer at the center of the impeachment allegations, and Laura Olson, a

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DUNCANVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Athlete's autistic brother motivates him on and off the field



Elias Valverde II/Staff Photographer

For highly recruited Duncanville defensive lineman Colin Simmons, half-brother Clayton Roberts, 8, is always top of mind. Simmons said he wants to take care of his family, especially Clayton.

Playing for love

By **LIA ASSIMAKOPOULOS**
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Colin Simmons watched Steve Sarkisian make a break for the 30-yard line at Darrell K Royal Texas Memorial Stadium. That's when he knew he was home.

The five-star recruit out of Duncanville sat on the sidelines during his official visit to the University of Texas in late June, as the Texas head coach, alongside the recruiting staff and graduate assistants, chased his 8-year-old brother Clayton during a game of tag in front of more than 100,000 empty seats.

Simmons can go to college anywhere he wants, and dozens of programs across the nation did whatever they



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could to recruit him. As the top player in Texas and a top-10 recruit nationally, he's trending toward the NFL.

But his decision became rather simple after seeing the way the Texas staff interacted with his little brother, despite his differences.

"I feel confident in myself that I could

go to the league wherever I go," Simmons told *The Dallas Morning News* last week. "It doesn't matter what school I would have committed to.

"It's just a matter of which one would take care of my family before they take care of me."

Simmons' half-brother Clayton Roberts was diagnosed with autism at the age of 5 when Colin was still in middle school. Colin has since taken responsibility to care for his brother and help provide for his family, as he chases his dreams of playing football at the highest level.

As one of the best recruits to come

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DALLAS COUNTY

Judge blocks move to view juvenile info

Commissioners lack authority to access observation records

By **JOSEPHINE PETERSON**
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The Dallas County Juvenile Department does not have to turn over thousands of records detailing whether children are kept in isolation for the majority of the day after a judge ruled Wednesday that county commissioners do not have the authority to demand the information.

State District Judge Eric Moyé said the commissioners failed to prove that they had legal standing to subpoena the juvenile department for "ob-

servations sheets," where guards record about every 10 to 15 minutes the location of children locked up in the detention center.

"This court makes a determination that the commissioner's court has failed to show the requisite statutory authority to do precisely what it wants to do," he said in the hearing. "The motion to compel is denied."

State statute dictates that the juvenile department and its facilities are overseen by the Dallas County Juvenile Board. Moyé said state laws provide "no safe harbor" for commissioners' arguments, but does outline the authority of the ju-

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RUSSIA

Report: Putin rival dies in crash

Experts speculate explosions payback for Prigozhin's coup

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Yevgeny Prigozhin, the notorious mercenary chieftain who led a failed uprising against Russian President Vladimir Putin two months ago, was aboard a private jet that crashed north of Moscow on Wednesday with no survivors, Russian officials said.

Russia's Tass news agency said the Federal Air Transport Agency published the names of all passengers and crew members who were on board the Embraer aircraft that was traveling from St. Petersburg to the capital — including the 62-year-old Prigozhin.

Interfax, citing emergency officials, reported early Thursday that all 10 bodies had been recovered at the site of the crash and the search operation had ended.

The Grey Zone, the Wagner mercenary force's Telegram channel, confirmed Prigozhin's death, describing him as a "true patriot of his Motherland" who had "died as a result of the actions of traitors to Russia."

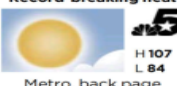
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YEVGENY PRIGOZHIN led the Wagner mercenaries.



Record-breaking heat



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A Dallas entrepreneur has created a "super app" that brings together all of the digital tools that real estate agents use. **3B**

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Rangers insider Shawn McFarland: As the AL West race tightens, here's how a possible Rangers playoff could work out. **1C**

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Clash over abortion
The Republican candidates vying to be the alternative to Donald Trump tangled on abortion at the first GOP primary debate. **3A**

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Jury hears closing remarks in lying case

It will decide on Mapes' fate regarding perjury, obstruction of justice

By Jason Meisner and Ray Long
Chicago Tribune

After three weeks of trial full of intrigue and Springfield political scandal, a jury is now deliberating the fate of Tim Mapes, the long-time aide to former Democratic House Speaker Michael Madigan accused of lying to a federal grand jury to protect his boss.

The jury of six men and six women was sent back at 4:35 p.m. Wednesday after hearing about five hours of closing arguments. Less than 10 minutes later, the panel sent U.S. District Judge John Kness a note requesting to go home for the day. "Leave: Now? Return: 9 a.m. 8/24," the note read.

"I think that is admirably concise and informative," said Kness, who granted the request.

Mapes, 68, of Springfield, is charged with perjury and attempted obstruction of justice in an indictment accusing him of repeatedly lying during his appearance before the grand jury investigating Madigan and his vaunted political operation.

He faces up to 20 years in prison on the obstruction count, while the perjury charges carry up to five years behind bars.

In her closing argument Wednesday, Assistant U.S. Attorney Julia Schwartz told the jury that Mapes, who had served as Madigan's chief of staff for more than 25 years, was an insider "who was behind the curtain" of Madigan's often-secretive political organization, and could have given the grand jury key insight when he testified under a grant of immunity on March 31, 2021.

Many of the allegedly misleading statements had to do with Mapes' failure to recollect anything about Madigan's relationship with long-time confidant Michael McClain, and whether Madigan continued to give McClain political "assign-

Turn to Trial, Page 6



Bridget Perez, right, plays in the spray of an open fire hydrant at 38th Street and Winchester Avenue in Chicago on Wednesday. High temperatures and humidity were expected to continue into Thursday. **TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Temps get hot, hotter and worst yet to come

Excessive heat warning spreads; Chicago adds ambulances, anticipating calls for help

By Rebecca Johnson and Deanease Williams-Harris
Chicago Tribune

Blistering heat blanketed the heart of the country Wednesday, from the central U.S. to the Gulf Coast states, breaking a daily temperature record in Chicago as sweltering temperatures and high humidity were expected to continue into Thursday with a heat index approaching 115 degrees, according to meteorologists.

Wednesday marked the first excessive heat warning for the year in Chicago, said Kevin Birk, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Romeoville.

UPCOMING FORECAST

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
HOT			
High 101 Low 72	High 83 Low 68	High 77 Low 62	High 76 Low 61

Complete Chicagoland forecast on Page 14

He said the weather service issues a warning when the heat index climbs above 110 degrees in the afternoon, with little relief at night.

The heat index measures relative humidity and air temperature, meaning it better represents

how it actually feels outside, Birk said.

He noted it's the high humidity — measured using dew point temperatures — more so than high temps driving Wednesday's oppressive heat. High humidity limits the ability of the body to

cool itself, he added. "Right now the dew point temperature at O'Hare is 80 degrees. And that's only happened a handful of times in the history of Chicago," Birk said Wednesday morning. "The highest that we have recorded on record is 83 for the dew point in Chicago, and that was on July 30, 1999."

By Wednesday afternoon, the temperature at O'Hare International Airport reached 98, setting a new daily record high in Chicago for Aug. 23, said Zachary Yack, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service in

Turn to Heat, Page 2



Eric Pillado, who is in his sixth year of a seven-year residency in vascular surgery, talks about his educational loan debt of over \$400,000 at his Streeterville apartment with his dog, Cooper, on Aug. 16. **JOHN J. KIM/TRIBUNE**

Staring down a financial cliff

After long pause, student loan payments return for 1.6M Illinoisans this fall

By Ilana Arougheti and Talia Soglin
Chicago Tribune

Brianna Nesbitt took out her first round of federal student loans in 2010 as an 18-year-old freshman at Carthage College in Wisconsin. Her parents had declared bankruptcy three weeks before school started, she said, so she knew the only way forward was through borrowing.

Nesbitt took on private Sallie Mae loans the following year, finishing her undergraduate degree with close to \$80,000

in debt. In graduate school for personnel administration, her tuition was covered by on-campus work, but she took out loans to cover her living expenses and help with her younger sister's undergraduate tuition.

Nesbitt finished her education with about \$102,900 in outstanding private and federal student loans. Despite making monthly payments of close to \$500 for 13 years, she now owes over \$107,000 — more than she owed when she graduated. That's because \$23,000 of those loans were private and kept accruing

interest through the federal loan freeze.

Nesbitt is one of more than 1.6 million people in Illinois — more than 1 in 10 residents — who were in debt because of federal student loans as of this spring, according to Department of Education data. All in all, Illinoisans owed \$63.7 billion in outstanding federal student loans.

Like many borrowers, Nesbitt got a reprieve when payments on federal student loans were frozen during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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India 4th country to land on the moon

NASA congratulates effort, first to get to south pole region

By Ashok Sharma and Krutika Pathi
Associated Press

NEW DELHI — India became the first country to land a spacecraft near the moon's south pole Wednesday — a historic voyage to uncharted territory that scientists believe could hold reserves of frozen water, and a technological triumph for the world's most populous nation.

After a failed attempt to land on the moon in 2019, India now joins the United States, the Soviet Union and China as only the fourth country to achieve this milestone. A lander with a rover inside touched down on the lunar surface at 6:04 p.m. local time, sparking celebrations across In-

dia, including in the southern city of Bengaluru, where scientists at the tracking and control center erupted in cheers and applause.

The successful mission showcases India's rising standing as a technology and space powerhouse, and it dovetails with the image that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is trying to project: an ascendant country asserting its place among the global elite.

"India is now on the moon. India has reached the south pole of the moon — no other country has achieved that. We are witnessing history," Modi said as he waved the Indian tri-colored flag while watching the landing from South Africa, where he is participating in the BRICS nations summit.

Accolades poured in from around the world to acknowledge

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CHICAGO TRIBUNE

McMichael's Hall of Fame breakthrough

Former Bears great Steve McMichael, stricken with ALS, is almost certain to be enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2024 after the seniors committee selected him as one of three finalists. **Chicago Sports**

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Líder de facção que desafiou Putin morre em queda de avião na Rússia

Prigojin, do Grupo Wagner, liderou motim contra o Kremlin e engrossa lista de mortes suspeitas no país

O chefe do grupo paramilitar Wagner, Yevgeny Prigojin, que há dois meses lidera uma tentativa de motim contra a cúpula do Exército russo e desde então era considerado um traidor por Vladimir Putin, morreu ontem quando seu avião particular caiu pouco após decolar de Mos-

cou em direção a São Petersburgo. Sua presença no avião, junto a outras nove pessoas que também não sobreviveram, foi confirmada pelas autoridades russas. O episódio amplia a lista de mortes suspeitas de adversários de Putin, que inclui políticos e empresários. **BRUNO**

Em busca de mais influência, Brics deve anunciar expansão inédita com até seis membros

Deferida pelo presidente Lula, Argentina é dada como certa no bloco, que também deve incorporar Arábia Saudita, Egito, Emirados Árabes Unidos, Indonésia e Irã. **BRUNO**

NOVA CORRIDA ESPECIAL

Índia celebra pouso histórico na Lua

O Chandrayaan-3 tornou-se o primeiro módulo espacial a pousar no quase total silêncio polo sul da Lua. O feito vai facilitar a busca de água no satélite. **BRUNO**

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Argentina vive onda de saques a supermercados **BRUNO**

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Governo quer antecipar taxaça de fundos fechados para ampliar isenção do IR

Com o entrave no Congresso à tributação das chamadas *offshores*, o governo vai tentar antecipar a taxaça dos "fundos fechados", exclusivos para alta renda, como forma de garantir os recursos que cobrirão a perda de receita estimada com o aumento da fatia de tempo do Imposto de Renda. **BRUNO**

MALI GASPARI

Decisão do STF sobre parcerias de juizes foi debate emergente **BRUNO**

MÉRIAM LEITÃO

As mudanças pensadas pelo relator da Reforma Tributária **BRUNO**

Aliados amplificaram fake news enviada por Bolsonaro com posts nas redes sociais

Ex-presidente admitiu ser o autor de mensagens pedindo redistribuição de tópicos com mentiras e ataques ao processo eleitoral em 26 de junho de 2022. Ao menos sete aliados e caratas conservadoras, somando mais de 300 mil seguidores, publicaram a mensagem no mesmo dia nas redes sociais, seguidos de orientações. **BRUNO**

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'Não há conciliação' para questões técnicas, diz Marina sobre Foz do Amazonas

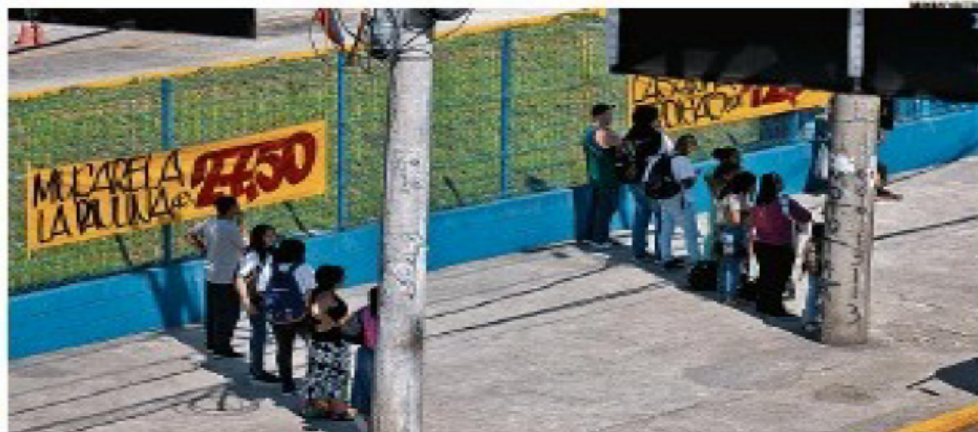
Após o ministro de Minas e Energia sugerir uma "mesa de negociação" com a Petrobras e o Ilheus para debater a exploração de petróleo na Foz do Amazonas, a ministra Marina Silva reagiu de forma contrária, afirmando que o órgão ambiental não toma decisões "políticas", apenas técnicas. **BRUNO**

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A sombra de um inverno escaldante

No Rio, a sombra do poste é refúgio para o verão fora de época, que eleva as temperaturas por todo o Brasil. O inverno escaldante, efeito do El Niño, apressou a liquidação de roupas de frio e antecipou as vendas de ar-condicionado e ventiladores. **BRUNO**



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Longa trajetória dedicada à vida pública

Nascido em família mineira e ocupada para a política, como o tio Tancredo Neves, Dornelles foi ministro, senador, deputado federal, vice e governador do Rio, e era presidente de honra do PP. **BRUNO**



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L'ombre de la Russie derrière la mort annoncée de Prigojine

La dernière image du patron de la milice Wagner, qui prétendait, en début de semaine, être en Afrique.

Les autorités russes ont confirmé, hier soir, la présence du patron de la milice Wagner à bord d'un avion qui s'est écrasé entre Moscou et Saint-Petersbourg. Proche de Poutine, cet homme haut en couleur s'était rebellé contre le maître du Kremlin, fin juin. PAGE 6

La gauche se déchire pour sa rentrée politique

En cette fin de mois d'août, les partis de la Nupes s'affichent en ordre dispersé à leurs universités d'été respectives : au Havre pour EELV et dans la Drôme pour LFI. Les divergences en vue des européennes et les polémiques sur la présence du

rapporteur Médine - accusé d'antisémitisme - éclipsent totalement leur rentrée politique, les rendent inaudibles en cette période de canicule et exposent au grand jour leurs fractures stratégiques et idéologiques.

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Macron veut réunir l'ensemble des partis

Le chef de l'État a esquissé mercredi les contours de son « initiative politique d'ampleur », censée débloquer une situation complexe au Parlement : il recevra le 30 août l'ensemble des formations politiques représentées au Parlement, RN et LFI com-

pris. Ces échanges pourraient déboucher, selon l'Élysée, sur des projets de loi transpartisans, voire des référendums. Le président souhaite, par ailleurs, avancer la rentrée scolaire pour les élèves en difficulté et réduire l'immigration légale. PAGE 4

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Médine, le révélateur

La polémique autour de Médine en dit long sur l'état de la gauche française aujourd'hui. Ce rappeur de 40 ans, provocateur patenté et fier de l'être, est invité à s'exprimer aux universités d'été des écologistes, ce jeudi au Havre, et à celles de La France insoumise, ce samedi dans la Drôme. Il est aussi, début septembre, attendu en concert à la Fête de l'Humanité. Accusé d'antisémitisme, d'homophobie, de prosélytisme islamique et antilaïque, ce proche de Dieudonné et de Tariq Ramadan est loin de faire l'unanimité dans les rangs. Médine a beau esquiver, ces dernières heures, un semblant de mea culpa en admettant des erreurs et maladresses, personne n'est dupe. Avec d'autres, les maires EELV de Bordeaux et de Strasbourg, par exemple, ne feront pas le voyage du Havre.

« Le problème, ce n'est pas Médine, c'est nous », résume la tête de liste écologiste aux prochaines européennes, Marie Toussaint. Avec ce rappeur, on est bien loin de la gauche de Jean Ferrat chantant Aragon, Nuit et brouillard en mémoire des victimes des camps de concentration ou la révolte

de Prague contre le stalinisme. Médine, c'est le révélateur d'une autre gauche, qui fracture le pays depuis des années. Celle du communautarisme, de l'islamo-gauchisme, des revendications identitaires et du wokisme. Celle qui a relégué le monde du travail au second rang au profit de la défense des « minorités opprimées » et dans laquelle ne se reconnaissent pas nombre de sympathisants. Celle que Jean-Luc Mélenchon, inventeur de la Nupes, veut imposer à tous, mais qui commence à être désavouée par beaucoup. Seuls les affidés du patron de LFI, dont certains sont pourtant bien malmenés, ne bronchent pas. Sauf, comme d'habitude, pour dénoncer une « cabale ignoble menée par l'extrême droite ». Misérable ritournelle qui sert de cache-sexe idéologique !

La gauche islamo-gauchiste montre un peu plus son vrai visage

À mille lieues des canons de la République, cette gauche sectaire montre un peu plus son vrai visage avec Médine. ■

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Wagner chief Prigozhin reported dead after jet crash near Moscow

Russian authorities say attempted coup leader among 10 onboard plane

Andrew Roth

Yevgeny Prigozhin, the Wagner par-military chief who launched an armed mutiny in June, was onboard a private jet that crashed near Moscow yesterday killing all passengers, according to Russia's civil aviation authority.

Rosaviatsia said Prigozhin and senior Wagner commander Dmitry Utkin were among 10 people travelling on the Embraer business jet that crashed in the Tver region.

The cause of the crash was not immediately clear, but Prigozhin's longstanding feud with the military and the armed uprising he led in June that challenged Vladimir Putin's authority would give the Russian state ample motive to take action against him.

Media channels linked to the Wagner group quickly suggested that a Russian air defence missile had shot down the plane.

The jet was heading from Moscow to St Petersburg - Prigozhin's home city. Video footage posted online apparently showed it falling to the ground in a plume of smoke and erupting in flames.

The plane, with the tail number RA-02795, **4** →



▲ The wreckage of the plane that crashed in the Tver region last night, with Yevgeny Prigozhin reportedly onboard PHOTOGRAPH: TELEGRAM/@GREY_ZONE/AFP/GETTY

MPs take over £180,000 of corporate giveaways

Exclusive
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More than 100 MPs have enjoyed free hospitality to concerts and sporting events worth over £180,000 in total this summer, with tickets given away

by banks, oil companies, the gambling industry and media firms.

The chancellor, Jeremy Hunt, the deputy prime minister, Oliver Dowden, and the Labour leader, Keir Starmer, are among those who have benefited from a growing trend of politicians accepting giveaways.

Critics said the free tickets could

leave MPs open to influence from the companies providing benefits, and questioned whether it was appropriate in a cost of living crisis to be taking thousands of pounds in hospitality not available to ordinary members of the public.

Several ministers have been hosted for nothing by companies. Hunt was taken to the Chelsea flower show by Lloyds Banking Group in a benefit worth more than £600, as well as accepting theatre and opera tickets.

Paul Scully, a science and technology minister, accepted £1,100 worth of tickets to a Billy Joel concert from

the Betting and Gaming Council, and Wimbledon hospitality to the tune of £1,560 from the oil and gas company BP, while Andrew Griffith, a Treasury minister, accepted a £400 ticket to the Ashes and £2,000 of hospitality at Silverstone from his former employer, the broadcaster Sky.

Dowden declared five sets of free tickets including a £1,210 trip to the Chelsea flower show courtesy of Fenchurch Advisory, an investment firm run by the Tory donor Malik Karim, as well as trips to Ascot, the Royal Opera House and Formula One. **8** →

From Labour, Starmer

India lands capsule on moon's pole

Jubilant as country becomes fourth to land spacecraft safely on lunar surface

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