

## What's News

### Business & Finance

- ◆ Investors are growing more concerned the 2023 stock rally will end after Powell suggested the Fed will likely keep rates high for the foreseeable future and as rising bond yields dent the attractiveness of equities. **A1**
- ◆ Central bankers from around the world voiced uneasiness about inflation is slowing, after their meeting in Wyoming. **A2**
- ◆ Utilities across the West are pushing to get power shut-off plans in place as wildfire risk rises, making outages likelier for customers in the future. **A1**
- ◆ 3M is nearing a settlement to resolve 300,000 claims from veterans who say earplugs made by the company failed to protect them from hearing loss. **B1**
- ◆ Nvidia's earnings showed strong demand will likely carry its chip business to new heights, but concerns persist about how long the boom will last. **B1**
- ◆ Crowdfunding, usually associated with artists and startups, is being increasingly used by big manufacturers to gauge consumer interest in products. **B3**
- ◆ Subpar results from retailers including Macy's and Dick's indicate consumers, pressed by debt and inflation, are redirecting spending from certain products. **B3**
- ◆ Alumni of Fidelity, a 77-year-old cornerstone of traditional finance, have become some of the most prominent players in cryptocurrency. **B1**
- ◆ Dating-app companies such as Match Group and Grindr are adding new premium tiers, hoping users will pay more for love. **B4**
- ◆ A Brookfield-backed carbon-capture venture has been blocked by a California restriction on pipelines, an example of uncertainties for clean-energy investors. **B7**

### World-Wide

- ◆ Ideology is driving China's economic policy to a degree not seen since the country's opening to the West nearly half a century ago, deterring its leaders from taking steps to spur the stalling economy. **A1**
- ◆ Countries around the world are already contemplating what would happen if Trump returns as president, with U.S. allies nervous even as other nations see benefits. **A1**
- ◆ A 21-year-old man was identified as the white shooter who killed three Black victims at a dollar store in Jacksonville, Fla., in what police called a racist attack. **A3**
- ◆ The death of Prigozhin in a plane crash was confirmed by the Kremlin, which said genetic testing was able to identify all 10 people who were aboard the aircraft. **A8**
- ◆ Zimbabwe's president was declared the winner of a second term, after the fairness of the national election was criticized by international observers. **A18**
- ◆ Tropical Storm Idalia gained strength and speed as it moved toward the Florida Gulf Coast, and was threatening to reach hurricane status by midweek. **A3**
- ◆ Three U.S. Marines were killed in the crash of their Osprey aircraft on a remote island in Australia as they supported a training exercise. **A18**
- ◆ Commerce Secretary Raimondo arrived in Beijing to begin a four-day visit to China aimed at easing tense trade relations. **A4**
- ◆ Died: Bob Barker, 99, long-time host of the game show "The Price Is Right." **A5**

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## Mourners Turn Out as Prigozhin Death Confirmed



**MAKESHIFT MEMORIAL:** People gathered at a tribute in Moscow to Yevgeny Prigozhin, who headed the Wagner paramilitary group and whose death Russia officially confirmed Sunday. The leader of a short-lived rebellion was killed in a plane crash. **A8**

## Utilities Face Major Dilemma: Shut Off Power or Risk Fires

By KATHERINE BLUNT

About three years before the fires in Hawaii, hot, dry winds threatened to sweep western Oregon and elevate the risk of wildfire. State officials advised utility companies to do something unusual: preemptively shut off power lines to prevent sparks. PacifiCorp, a utility company serving parts of Oregon and other Western states, didn't shut off its lines. Three years later, the unit of Berkshire Hathaway is embroiled in

litigation over whether it was negligent in failing to take that step, a wildfire prevention measure that to date has rarely been used outside California. Oregon's 2020 Labor Day fires burned more than 1.2 million acres, destroyed more than 5,000 homes and businesses, and killed nine people. PacifiCorp's power lines are believed to have played a role in several of the fires, though official investigations are pending and the company denies negligence. Now, utilities across the

West are pushing to get shut-off plans in place as wildfire risk—exacerbated by heat, drought and climate change—increases alongside litigation risk. Industry executives and observers expect companies to employ this strategy more frequently, making it likely that more utility customers will experience outages during fire season for years to come. "Climate change is driving much more extreme conditions," said Ryan Murphy, director of electric operations at Puget Sound Energy, which

serves 10 western Washington counties. "As the risks change, so must our tools and so must our processes." Murphy said the company began last year assessing its riskiest circuits and conferring with customers, local officials and others about how to best communicate the need for outages and minimize their impact. It aims to have an initial shut-off plan in place by next year. **A6**

## A Sperm Donor's Quest to See Kids

Man chases a role in the lives of the 96 children he fathered

By AMY DOCKSER MARCUS

Dylan Stone-Miller took a 9,000-mile road trip this summer to see some of his 96 children. Emotionally, logistically, in all ways, it is complicated for the kids, their families and for Stone-Miller, a prolific 32-year-old sperm donor. His road trip is part of a larger odyssey—to figure out how he fits in the lives of the boys and girls he fathered in absentia. It began three years ago, when he first saw a photo of one of his biological children, a toddler named Harper who had his blue eyes and his sister's blond curls. He got tears, he

recalled, and unexpected feelings of kinship. "I think of her as my first child," Stone-Miller said. He met Harper when she was 3 and decided he wanted to foster relationships with as many of the children as possible. He quit his job as a software engineer and has funded his quest with savings. So far, Stone-Miller has met 25 of his biological children. Because tracking progeny from a donor isn't always reliable, "I will never know for sure how many children I have," he said. Stone-Miller's mission is itself an accident of birth, springing from the unforeseen. **A10**

*'Look, Muffy, A Book For Us'*  
1980s Preppy Handbook is again a must-read

By JOHN CLARKE

G. Daniel Brown, a retired teacher in Saginaw, Mich., paid about \$100 for a paperback not long ago. That is jaw-dropping considering that the volume, "The Official Preppy Handbook," was published in 1980, retailed for \$3.95 and is now out of print. "It is worth every cent to have this little gem in my library," says Brown, who describes his sartorial leanings. **A6**

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Joanna Stern searches for the best EV under \$60,000. **A12**

## Ideology Drives Plans For China's Economy

By LINGLING WEI AND STELLA YIFAN XIE

HONG KONG—Ideology is driving China's economic policy to a degree not seen since the country's opening to the West nearly half a century ago, deterring its leaders from taking steps to spur the sputtering economy. Economists and investors have been calling on Beijing to make bolder efforts to boost output—especially by promoting consumer spending, if necessary, by offering cash handouts, as the U.S. did during the pandemic. Accelerating China's transition to a more consumer-led economy—such as that of the U.S.—would make growth more sustainable in the long term, economists said. But top leader Xi Jinping has deep-rooted philosophical

objections to Western-style consumption-driven growth, people familiar with decision-making in Beijing said. Xi sees such growth as wasteful and at odds with his goal of making China a world-leading industrial and technological powerhouse, they said. Xi believes Beijing should stick to fiscal discipline, especially given China's deep debt. That makes stimulus or welfare policies akin to those in the U.S. and Europe less likely, the people said. Also unlikely are major market-oriented changes, or a dramatic reversal in the multi-year shift toward more centralized control of the economy. Although Beijing has eased off efforts to clamp down on private companies, **A4**

## Three Marines Killed in Crash



Survivors were transported to Darwin after the crash of an Osprey aircraft killed three U.S. Marines on a remote island in northern Australia during a training exercise Sunday. **A18**

## World Mulls Prospect Of a New Trump Term

The U.S. presidential election is more than a year away, but allies and adversaries around the world have already begun to contemplate—and even plan for—the possible return of Donald Trump to the White House.

By Stacy Meichtry in Paris, Atina Ramirez in Hong Kong and Bojan Pancevski in Berlin

For many foreign capitals, the possibility of a second Trump administration is a source of anxiety. Allies from Paris to Tokyo regard Trump, the front-runner for the GOP nomination, as an erratic leader with little interest in cultivating long-term ties to counter Russian and Chinese expansionism.

Others, including Beijing and Moscow, see potential benefits from Trump, whom they view as a transactional leader who might be willing to strike deals to ease tensions in hot spots such as Ukraine and Taiwan, according to analysts. Nationalist and populist politicians also voice support for Trump's ambitions. Policy makers and politicians were reluctant to make public statements that might rile the current administration or an incoming one. But officials interviewed by The Wall Street Journal did share their thoughts about what a Trump return to the world stage would mean. **A4**

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## Taking a stand Sponsors balk at football kiss

Spanish football fans hold banners in support of women's team player Jenni Hermoso at a match this weekend, after the head of the country's sporting federation was suspended for forcibly kissing her after the World Cup final.

Luis Rubiales has resisted stepping down despite public outrage after he grabbed Hermoso as Spain's players received their medals after their World Cup win last weekend. Hermoso said the kiss was not consensual. Rubiales disputed that. The incident has triggered a #MeToo moment for Spanish sport, with the hashtag #SeAcabo — meaning "It's over" — trending on social media.

Corporate sponsors moved yesterday to distance themselves from Rubiales, who has been suspended for three months by global governing body Fifa.

The Spanish football association will hold an urgent meeting today to discuss the situation.



### Briefing

**Use of ESG factors to set chiefs' pay angers investors**  
Asset managers have lashed out at the growing number of US blue-chip companies that are using environmental and social factors to decide bonuses for senior executives. "They are subjective, fluffy and easily gamed," said Ben Colton at State Street Global Advisors. — PAGE 6

**Prigozhin confirmed dead**  
Russian authorities have confirmed the death of Wagner paramilitary leader Yevgeny Prigozhin as speculation rose about potential successors and the future of the group. — PAGE 2

**US trade visit to China**  
Commerce secretary Gina Raimondo has arrived in Beijing on a visit to boost business ties despite Washington's move to ban US investment in sensitive Chinese technologies. — PAGE 4

**Yandex founder appeals**  
Russian billionaire Arkady Volozh has asked the EU to lift sanctions against him in a big test of whether the bloc will reward figures who condemn the Ukraine war. — PAGE 2; GILLIAN TETT, PAGE 19

**Arm to fill Son war chest**  
Analysts have projected that SoftBank's listing of the UK chip designer could boost Masayoshi Son's deal ammunition to \$65bn after the investor's boss vowed to pursue expansion. — PAGE 6

**Zimbabwe vote doubts**  
President Emmerson Mnangagwa has been re-elected after a vote that international observers said was marred by irregularities. The opposition indicated it would not "roll over and accept lies". — PAGE 4

**Riyadh Air in niche focus**  
Tony Douglas, chief executive of the new airline, has detailed its plan to focus on the market for flights to and from Saudi Arabia rather than competing with Gulf neighbours' hubs. — PAGE 10

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# China's sluggish economy will weigh on global trade, western groups warn

Chemicals and travel vulnerable • Stimulus efforts bear no fruit • Swift recovery 'not expected'

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China's gloomy business outlook threatens to have global repercussions as the world's second-largest economy recovers weakly from Covid-era lockdowns, western companies have warned.

Recent corporate reports from a disparate array of companies around the world have documented their worries over China, which has for decades provided a booming market for everything from chemicals to cars, healthcare and travel.

"Demand in China is sluggish," said Joel Smejak, chief executive of US semiconductor manufacturer Vishay Inter-technology. José Ferreira Neves, chief of

UK ecommerce fashion group Farfetch, agreed: "The recovery is not as explosive as everyone thought it would be."

California lab instrument maker Agilent suffered a revenue drop in the latest quarter for which its China business was "the major driver", according to chief executive Mike McMullen, prompting the company to lower its annual growth targets.

China's economy lost momentum in the second quarter of this year, data last

"This isn't just a simple, cyclical issue. It looks like something secular and structural"

month showed, as falling exports, weak retail sales and a moribund property sector weighed on growth.

Gross domestic product expanded 0.8 per cent in the three months to June, down from 2.2 per cent in the first three months of this year.

In an effort to stimulate the economy Chinese authorities announced a package of financial market reforms this month and have cut interest rates, but by less than expected. Spending has failed to pick up, exports are down and consumer prices fell last month.

Qi Wang, chief investment officer of MegaTrust Investment, which specialises in domestic Chinese stocks, said he could not remember a time when consumer, real estate and business confidence had been so low. "This isn't just a

simple, cyclical issue. It looks like something secular and structural."

"Chinese people are not so happy and confident with their own government," said Martin Brudermüller, boss of chemicals group BASF, one of the largest foreign investors in China.

"They have a 20 per cent unemployment rate of young people now. They have lost a lot of money in real estate. And they are simply cautious on spending... The fundamentals for the next decades are not changing but [the government action] is not kicking in, in the second half."

Matthias Schuch, chief financial officer of German chemicals group Evonik, described China's recovery as "very slow", noting construction was still in crisis and "unemployment, especially for

younger people, seems to be a real issue".

Markus Stellemann, chief executive of Covestro, a rival, reported a profit drop of nearly a third on the year before, saying a "quick recovery in China in the second half" was "not to be expected".

Chinese tourists are going abroad less, travel group Booking Holdings said this month. "China is still not producing significantly," said chief executive Glenn Fogel. "I don't expect a recovery in China for us for some time. [a] significant time, probably." But consumer groups such as Apple, Walmart, Starbucks and Ralph Lauren are upbeat, with some having reported strong sales growth.

Additional reporting by George Steer, Ian Smith and Euan Healy  
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## Namibia oil push threatens to be double-edged sword

Both Shell and Total have stepped up exploration efforts off Namibia's southern coast and, if they succeed in identifying commercial volumes of oil, the country could become one of the world's newest petroleum states. But while initial finds have raised hopes of an economic windfall that will help boost Namibia's development, some industry figures have voiced concerns over encouraging a sector that, at least in the long term, is in secular decline.

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# Drinkers' fading thirst for wine lands France with €200mn bill to drain glut

LEILA ABOUD — PARIS

Drinkers' diminishing appetite for French wine has left farmers with a glut that the government is planning to spend €200mn on destroying.

The French agriculture ministry has obtained approval and financial support from the EU to pay so-called crisis distillation aid, which is expected to go mostly to the regions of Bordeaux and Languedoc. Under the programme, wine is distilled into ethanol that can be sold for industrial uses such as making perfume or hydroalcoholic gel.

The move comes as France's grape harvest, Les Vendanges, gets under way, mobilising hundreds of thousands of temporary workers. It is part of a wider government effort to help wine producers who are struggling to adapt to falling

demand among French drinkers, competition on the export market and weaker sales in China.

French people's consumption of red wine fell 32 per cent in the decade to 2022, according to a study from market researcher Kantar, with steep declines among young people, many of whom prefer spirits and beer or are simply drinking less alcohol.

This year's wine surplus is set to be as much as 3mn hectolitres, according to industry estimates. That would amount to 7 per cent of last year's production of 42mn hectolitres.

Farmers are also being compensated for ripping up vineyards and converting the land to woods or leaving it fallow. About 1,000 farmers in Bordeaux have applied to remove 9,200 hectares of vines, about 8 per cent of the total growing area in the region.

Agriculture minister Marc Fesneau said the government was seeking "to stop the collapse of prices and [help] winemakers find new sources of revenue". He added that farmers needed to "adapt to changes in consumption and adjust production to the demand of tomorrow".

Appetite for premium wines and champagne has held up better than more affordable table wine, so some French producers have moved upmarket. Rosé wines have also grown more popular, prompting big groups such as JFMMH and Pernod Ricard to snap up names such as Whispering Angel and Sainte Marguerite en Provence.

Wine and spirits remain among France's top export industries, earning €17.2bn last year, according to the Federation of French Wine and Spirits Exporters.

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### World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				GOVERNMENT BONDS					
	Aug 25	Prev	%Chg		Aug 25	Aug 18			Aug 25	Aug 18	Chg		
S&P 500	4376.04	4376.31	-0.01	\$/£	1.077	1.087	£/\$	0.929	0.920	US 2 yr	5.08	4.99	0.09
Nasdaq Composite	13431.50	13463.07	-0.24	\$/¥	1.255	1.272	¥/\$	0.787	0.786	US 10 yr	4.25	4.21	0.03
Dow Jones Ind	34179.21	34059.42	0.23	\$/€	0.958	0.954	€/€	1.165	1.171	US 30 yr	4.29	4.29	0.00
FTSE100	1788.54	1788.61	0.00	\$/₹	146.580	145.240	₹/\$	157.874	157.925	UK 2 yr	4.97	4.94	0.03
Euro Stoxx 50	4237.84	4232.22	0.13	\$/₪	183.979	184.868	₪/\$	82.240	82.770	UK 10 yr	4.54	4.51	0.03
FTSE 100	7338.58	7333.63	0.07	\$/₹	0.995	0.958	₹/¥	1.113	1.122	UK 30 yr	4.61	4.60	0.00
FTSE AEX-Share	3980.05	3987.86	0.21						JPN 2 yr	0.00	0.00	0.00	
CAC 40	7229.60	7214.46	0.21						JPN 10 yr	0.05	0.04	0.01	
Xetra Dax	19631.82	19621.49	0.07						JPN 30 yr	1.66	1.65	0.01	
Nikkei	31624.28	32287.21	-2.05						GER 2 yr	3.03	2.97	0.06	
Hang Seng	17996.38	18212.17	-1.40						GER 10 yr	2.56	2.51	0.05	
MSCI World \$	2906.25	2907.78	-1.57						GER 30 yr	2.86	2.81	0.04	
MSCI EM \$	982.31	970.20	1.25										
MSCI ACWI \$	693.87	675.46	-0.83										
FT Wilshire 2500	5659.21	5738.85	-1.35										
FT Wilshire 5000	44104.90	44703.40	-1.35										

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## Wagner Future Is As Shadowy As Its Business

### Group With Tentacles Beyond Its Fighters

By PAUL SONNE and VALERIE HOPKINS

Its leader is officially dead, as is its founding commander. President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia is claiming it doesn't exist.

Wagner, the once-powerful Russian private military company that fell out of favor with the Kremlin after an aborted mutiny in June, has been cast into even greater uncertainty since Wednesday, when its leader, Yevgeny V. Prigozhin, died in a plane crash.

The Russian authorities said Sunday that DNA tests, conducted on bodies recovered from the site in the Ivor region, confirmed that Mr. Prigozhin and nine other people listed on the plane's manifest had died in the suspicious crash.

Now attention is shifting to whether Wagner, which Mr. Prigozhin built over nearly a decade into a global empire that benefited Moscow as well as his own wallet, ultimately will die, too.

U.S. and Western officials say that the Kremlin is considering ways to bring Wagner under more direct control of the Russian state but hasn't made any final decisions on what to do with the group. It is unlikely that Russia wants to squander the trained fighters, geopolitical inroads and business interests that Mr. Prigozhin cultivated since Wagner's founding in 2014. His outfit has operated in at least 10 countries.

But finding a way to neutralize an armed organization that posed one of the biggest threats to Mr. Putin's tenure in 23 years, while also retaining its fighting power and global links, is a difficult task, particularly given the longstanding enmity between fighters with the private military company and the Russian government.

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## U.S. Drug Laws Threaten a Site That Aids Users

By SHARON OSTERMAN

During his afternoons at work, Bryan Ortiz wraps tourniquets around the arms of intravenous drug users to help them find a good vein. If asked, he will even insert the needle, and pull the plunger back, before letting the user push the drug in.

Mr. Ortiz, 29, is the "responsible person in charge" — his official title — on the late shift at OnPoint NYC in East Harlem, one of only two openly operating supervised drug consumption sites in the country. He oversees the stuffing of the tips of crack pipes with copper filters, checks off paperwork that lists what illicit drug is being consumed, and cleans up used syringes while wearing a puncture proof glove.

And most days, at least once, he brings someone back from an overdose, administering oxygen or naloxone to a user who has passed out, working on them until their eyes flutter open.

Once an emergency medical technician on a city ambulance, Mr. Ortiz now works in a liminal legal space. OnPoint is officially sanctioned by the city, but threatened by federal authorities who say the services Mr. Ortiz and his colleagues provide are illegal.

OnPoint appears to run afoul of federal law — the so-called crack house statute makes it illegal to maintain a property where illicit drugs are consumed — and has also angered some of its neighbors, who fear the center has

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**Alienation for Soccer Chief**  
Luis Rubiales retained public supporters after forcibly kissing a soccer player, but some are reconsidering. PAGE A7

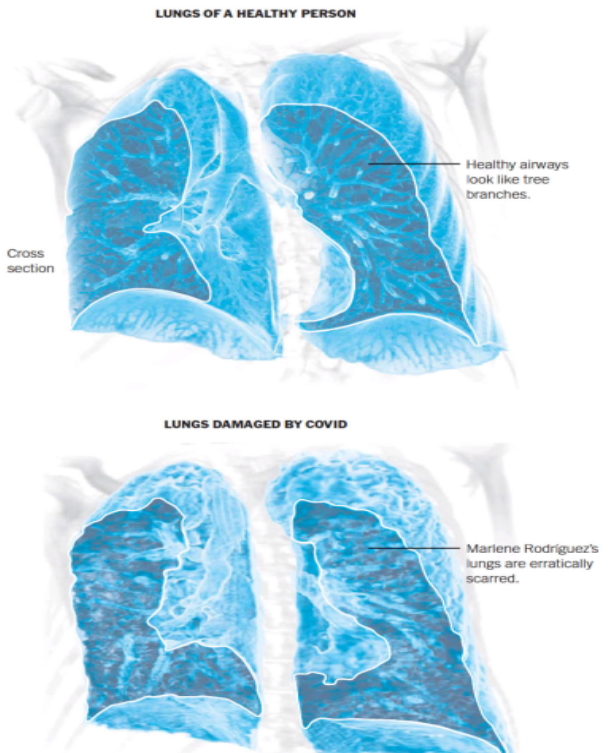
### Slowing Wildfires in Canada

A movement to employ Indigenous techniques that make forests more resilient is gaining ground. PAGE A4



## A View of Covid's Damage, From Inside

Lung scans of real patients, rendered in 3-D, offer a rare look at the shrunken airways, scarred tissue, and other injuries to those who contracted severe Covid-19 early in the pandemic and still struggle with its lasting effects. Pages A12-14.



Sources: Houston Methodist Outpatient Center; U.C.L.A. Medical Center  
Note: The healthy lung scan shows the lungs of a 54-year-old Midwest woman.

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## After War and Quakes, Syrians Feel Forgotten

By RAJA ABDULRAHIM

JINDIRES, Syria — On the spot where a three-story building completely collapsed after a devastating earthquake struck northwest Syria in February, a small tent encampment has sprung up. Residents call it "the camp of the forgotten."

In one of the tents — which feels like a sauna during the daytime — sleep Fatima al-Miree, 61, and her family of seven. It's pitched outside their single-story home, which still stands next to the encampment, but with cracks running threateningly up and down

### Political Turmoil Has Complicated Efforts to Provide Relief

the walls. She said she had lost count of how many aid groups had come, photographed the damage and left.

"We haven't seen even five liras from them," Ms. al-Miree said. "We don't have the money to make the repairs ourselves. If we work, we eat. If we don't work, we don't eat."

More than six months after a

powerful earthquake hit northwestern Syria and southern Turkey, many of those affected in Syria feel forgotten: There have been limited repairs and almost no rebuilding. And while the death and destruction in neighboring Turkey was far greater, the recovery effort in Syria is far more complicated.

In Syria, according to the United Nations, the quake killed more than 6,000, destroyed some 10,000 buildings and left about 265,000 people homeless. And it also cut across the front lines of a 12-year war, striking areas controlled by the government and by

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Fatima al-Miree and her family are living in a tent next to their damaged house in Jindires, Syria.

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On an island where Christianity and Buddhism are also vital, many are finding strength in traditional Hawaiian spirituality and culture. PAGE A10

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The authorities ruled a homicide the death of Eric Duprey, who was fleeing on a motorbike when a police sergeant threw a cooler, causing a crash. PAGE A15

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## Georgia Defendants Spar Over Trial Dates and Sites

### Lawyers for Trump and Others Tangle Case — Some Seek Move to Federal Court

By RICHARD FAUSSET and DANNY HAKIM

ATLANTA — Even as former President Donald J. Trump and his 18 co-defendants in the Georgia election interference case turned themselves in one by one at an Atlanta jail last week, their lawyers began working to change how the case would play out.

They are already at odds over when they will have their day in court, but also, crucially, where. Should enough of them succeed, the case could split into several smaller cases, perhaps overseen by different judges in different courtrooms, running on different timeliness.

Five defendants have already sought to move the state case to federal court, citing their ties to the federal government. The first one to file — Mark Meadows, Mr. Trump's chief of staff during the 2020 election — will make the argument for removal on Monday, in a hearing before a federal judge in Atlanta.

Federal officials charged with state crimes can move their cases to federal court if they can convince a judge that they are being charged for actions connected to their official duties, among other things.

In the Georgia case, the question of whether to change the venue — a legal maneuver known as removal — matters because it would affect the composition of a jury. If the case stays in Fulton County, Ga., the jury will come from a bastion of Democratic poli-

tics where Mr. Trump was trounced in 2020. If the case is removed to federal court, the jury will be drawn from a 10-county region of Georgia that is more suburban and rural — and somewhat more Trump-friendly. Because it takes only one not-guilty vote to hang a jury, this modest advantage could prove to be a very big deal.

The coming fights over the proper venue for the case are only one strand of a complicated tangle of efforts being launched by a gaggle of defense lawyers now representing Mr. Trump and the 18 others named in the 98-page racketeering indictment. Last week, the lawyers clogged both state and federal court dockets with motions that will also determine when the case begins.

Already, one defendant's case is splitting off as a result. Kenneth Chesebro, a lawyer who advised Mr. Trump after the 2020 election, has asked for a speedy trial, and the presiding state judge has agreed to it. His trial is now set to begin on Oct. 23. Another defendant, Sidney Powell, filed a similar motion on Friday, and a third, John Eastman, also plans to invoke his right to an early trial, ac-

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HEARINGS Judges may begin to address some of the many cases' many complexities. PAGE A15

## Realtors Chief Facing Claims Of Misconduct

By DEBRA KAMIN

One woman said the man put his hands down his pants in front of her. Another woman said the same man texted her a picture of his crotch. A third woman said she had a consensual relationship with the man, only to have him retaliate after it ended.

The man is Kenny Parcell, the president of the National Association of Realtors, a powerful nonprofit organization with more than \$1 billion in assets that controls access to nearly every American home listing. All three women, who worked at the Chicago-based group, said they were sexually harassed by Mr. Parcell, and described a pattern of behavior that included improper touching and lewd photos and texts.

Within the organization, known as N.A.R., and its affiliates, 29 employees and former leaders told The New York Times that even after years of complaints of sexual harassment, discrimination and retaliation by Mr. Parcell and other leaders, little changed. Many of these claims have begun to surface in recent weeks after Janelle Brevard, the former employee who said she had a relationship with Mr. Parcell, sued the group for racial and sexual discrimination and harassment.

"There is the sexual harassment, and then woven into it, this culture of fear," said Stephanie Quinn, the organization's former director of business meetings and events, who worked at N.A.R. for more than a decade.

Ms. Quinn, who quit last year, said Mr. Parcell regularly expected hugs and attempted to arrange meetings with younger colleagues late at night. After an incident where she held out her palm to block a hug, he began questioning her authority over her employees and the decisions she was tasked to make, she said.

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MARY TURNER FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES  
Damian and Catriona Spandley with Jeff, left, and Lucky.

## Ears Perk Up And Tails Wag At Show Time

By DERRICK BRYSON TAYLOR

LONDON — Kab, a 2-year-old Doberman wearing a blue bandanna, is noticeably anxious.

Sometimes called "cupcake," he is roughly the size and weight of a teenage boy and has the energy to match. At the moment, he is being led around the courtyard of a cinema in East London by one of his owners, Luisa Fisher, to wait for his jitters and allow for one last bathroom break before he and a handful of other dogs settle in for something unusual: their first moviegoing experience.

Last weekend, Curzon Cinemas, a chain with 16 locations in Britain, began allowing dogs to attend select movie screenings with their owners, starting with "Strays," an explosive-laden, live-action comedy that follows a group of dogs (voiced by actors including Will Ferrell and Jamie Foxx) that unite to seek revenge on an owner.

London is a paradise for pooches, which are regularly found at the feet of their owners at restaurants, pubs, on trains and in many other public places. Movie theaters may be next to welcome dogs, thanks in part to the pandemic.

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Ukrainian orchestra performs a version of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony well-suited for the moment. PAGE C1

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The members of the Strokes tribute band Juicebox, based in California, have a fan base of their own. PAGE C1

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## Locals are torn, but Maui needs its tourists

As hotel rooms sit empty, Hawaii seeks a return of visitors to stave off economic ruin after wildfire.

By JULIA WICK, JAWREED KALEEM, CHRISTOPHER REYNOLDS AND EMERSON DREWES

KIHEI, Hawaii — The line at Paia Fish Market usually extends so far down the main drag that staffers can't see the end of it through their front window.

But that hasn't been the case as of late, with tragedy on Maui slowing foot traffic in typically busy spots to a trickle.

"Today is the lowest it's been so far," said Lehua Jimenez, 21, a cashier at the popular restaurant in Paia a windsurfing destination on Maui's North Shore. "It's continually decreasing."

Paia is half an island away from Lahaina, where the restaurant's other location was among more than 2,000 structures destroyed in a wildfire this month. But the Paia location was seeing about a fifth of typical sales, said Jimenez. The Maui native and her co-workers were far from the only ones feeling the economic pain.

The restaurant had been open only a few hours on a recent weekday and five people had already come in looking for jobs, Jimenez said. Not that there were any to be had, there or elsewhere.

Immediately after the Aug. 8 blaze devastated the historic town of Lahaina, killing at least 115 people and layering shock and grief across the island, the message from officials and on social media seemed clear: Tourists should stay off Maui.

But nearly three weeks after the deadliest U.S. wildfire in more than a century, the sharp drop-off in visitors is sowing a different kind of fear across an island where [See Hawaii, A6]



LOUIS LAPPE, center, of the El Segundo 12U All Stars celebrates with teammates after hitting the game-winning home run in the Little League World Series championship game in Williamsport, Pa. **SPORTS, D5**

## El Segundo Little League's victory is major hit at home

Crowds gather in parks, bars, restaurants to cheer on the small-town team in the World Series: 'A win for all of us'

By ANDREW J. CAMPA AND RACHEL URANGA

With the game tied in the last inning, El Segundo's leading homerun hitter Louis Lappe had a good feeling as he stepped to the plate.

"I just knew it was gone even before the ball hit the bat," Lappe said shortly after knocking the ball clear across the left field wall to win the Little League World Series on Sunday against Pabao Little League of Willemstad, Curacao, in Williamsport, Pa.

In El Segundo, hundreds of fans who had jammed into downtown's Rock & Brews sports bar to watch the game on big-screen TVs erupted in cheers, high-fived one another and sang "We Are the Champions" as the popular anthem blasted from the bar's speakers.

They continued the celebration in the streets as others [See El Segundo, A5]



BENNIE BORNSTEIN, center, and others watch TV and support their hometown team at Rock & Brews in El Segundo. Hundreds of fans filled the restaurant. **FRANCINE ORR** Los Angeles Times

## Drawn to risky parts of the state

Natural disasters devastate pockets of California on a regular basis. Here's why people don't leave.

By JACK FLEMMING

A landslide struck Laguna Beach's Bluebird Canyon in 1978 — smashing cars, bucking streets and destroying 24 homes. An adjacent swath of earth broke loose in 2005, wiping out 12 more homes.

That wasn't enough to keep Scott Tenney away. In 2010, Tenney and his wife, Mariella Simon, bought a 15-acre hillside ranch near the disaster area despite the listing warning that the property was on the site of an ancient landslide.

"We knew we'd have to do a bit of tracing and retaining, but California is what it is," Tenney said. "It's a dynamic place not just culturally, but geologically." From an outside perspective, his might seem a confounding decision. But in Southern California it's an extremely common one, because that geological diversity, as Tenney calls it, is not just the danger. It's the allure.

Elevation has long been aspirational here — an escape from the urban flats. Since settlers first started pouring in from the relative flatness of the East Coast and Midwest, they were captivated by California's vertiginous landscape. Plain-air painters flocked to capture the light of the arroyos.

Health seekers sought the clean air of the San Gabriel foothills. Folk rockers found inspiration in Laurel and Topanga canyons. And the moneyed elite started building their houses higher and higher above the basin, forever seeking the trophy perch with the show-off view.

But that perch has always come at the risk of catastrophe. Homes slide into a gulch in Palos Verdes. Fires roar over the Malibu hills. A debris flow kills 23 people and destroys 130 homes in Montecito. Heavy snow traps thousands in the San Bernardino Mountains. And winter storms pull fragile bluffs into a rising sea.

These natural disasters sometimes occur where the tectonic plates collided and [See Disasters, A10]

## Cook's Corner's colorful past, uncertain future

Eatery has been an O.C. landmark for generations. Can it move beyond deadly shooting?



A PRAYER vigil is held Friday at Saddleback Church in Lake Forest for the victims of Wednesday's shooting at Cook's Corner in Trabuco Canyon that left three dead and six wounded. **DAMIAN DOVARGANES** Associated Press

By THOMAS CURWEN

Not far from the red-tile roofs and stucco subdivisions of eastern Orange County, Cook's Corner is an anachronism, a throwback to when the county was known mostly for its eponymous trees and its ranches and orchards stretching to the sea. A hamburger stand-turned-roadhouse up against rolling hills, it belongs to plain-air reveries of old California but with dozens of Harley-Davidsons parked out front, glinting in the sun.

That idyll ended abruptly Wednesday when a gunman fired upon a crowd that had gathered to listen to a cover band on spaghetti night at the watering hole, killing three and wounding six. Investigators under a blue tent marked by yellow police tape are piecing together the chain of events that led a retired Ventura police sergeant, John Snowling, to such a rampage.

"I hope it will recover," said Caroline Day, a longtime resident of Modjeska Canyon, one of three rural communities that along with Silverado and Trabuco canyons consider Cook's their own. "It was a terrible thing to happen, so sad these shootings are everywhere and people can't seem to contain themselves."

Day, 77, recalls first visiting the bar in [See Shooting, A5]

### Marine Corps aircraft crashes

The accident on a remote Australian island during a training exercise kills at least three. **PERSPECTIVES, A2**

### U.S. remembers 'Dream' of 1963

Visitors to the Lincoln Memorial note flaws and gains in the nation since King gave his speech. **NATION, A4**

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## A history of trouble at border care ward

Before a child's death, U.S. officials had tried to replace medical provider

BY NICK MIROFF

The company operating the medical ward where an 8-year-old girl died while in U.S. border custody in May was not approved for a new contract last year but remains on the job because U.S. Customs and Border Protection has failed to hire a replacement, federal records show.

The company, Florida-based Loyal Source Government Services, provides medical services for several federal agencies including CBP, which operates dozens of facilities where migrants are temporarily detained.

Loyal Source has obtained CBP contracts worth at least \$630 million since 2015, according to government records. Over the past nine months, the company has slowed the agency's attempts to hire a different medical provider by filing protests about contract requirements, records show.

Loyal Source's quality of care and staffing have been under scrutiny since the May 17 death of Anadith Danay Reyes Alvarez, who was infected with the flu while in CBP custody after crossing the Rio Grande into South Texas with her family. As the child's symptoms worsened and her mother pleaded for urgent care, the medical staff did not call a doctor and mishandled files showing Reyes Alvarez had a heart condition and sickle cell disease, according to a CBP timeline.

Federal court records also show the company is a defendant in a lawsuit filed by a Guatemalan mother alleging Loyal Source staff members and U.S. authorities failed to provide proper medical care. **SEE BORDER ON A6**

With a fast burst of sea level rise, New Orleans's outer defenses confront a major test



## Facing the surge: Wetlands in a state of 'drowning'

BY CHRIS MOONEY, ZOEANN MURPHY, RICKY CARIOTI AND JOHN MUSKENS



TOP: Seventh-generation shrimper Charles Robin, 62, next to his boat in Ysloskey, La. Robin has had to raise the pier height to adjust for rising seas. ABOVE: The Lake Borgne surge barrier, seen from a drone, in New Orleans. **PHOTOS BY RICKY CARIOTI/THE WASHINGTON POST**

Louisiana armed itself against the seas in the years after Hurricane Katrina, working to rebuild a shrinking coastline while factoring in the potential for dire climate change.

But since 2010, the U.S. Gulf Coast has seen a sudden burst of rapid sea level rise, with rates that scientists didn't expect to see until late this century. At its center lie the wetlands that make up the first line of defense for New Orleans, buffering the levees and barriers behind them. The change has put the city and its nearby coastal communities at greater risk from storms.

At Shell Beach, just two miles from commercial fisherman Charles Robin's small boat dock, the sea has risen about seven inches since 2009, according to data from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. "I grew up here in the '60s and the '70s," said Robin recently near his dock in Ysloskey, La., where he was building a ramp to make it easier to board his ever-higher fishing boat. "Our high tide then is our low tide now."

Scientists with the U.S. Geological Survey and the state have been closely monitoring Louisiana's wetlands. They've set up **SEE SEA LEVEL ON A6**

### ANALYSIS

## Prigozhin's popularity is challenge for Putin

BY ROBYN DIXON

Russians mourning the death of Wagner chief Yevgeniy Prigozhin have set up makeshift memorials in nearly two dozen cities across Russia and occupied Ukraine in recent days, a sign of the commander's lingering popularity and a potential challenge for President Vladimir Putin amid divisions within the elite and in the military over the conduct of the war.

Prigozhin and other top Wagner leaders were killed after his Embraer business jet crashed Wednesday evening northwest of Moscow, just two months after Putin branded him a traitor for leading a short-lived rebellion against Russia's military in June. Russia's Investigative Committee in a statement Sunday confirmed the death of the Prigozhin, and the other nine people listed on the flight manifest, after conducting DNA testing on the victims' bodies.

The memorials — while not a **SEE RUSSIA ON A14**

## Shooter in racist attack bought guns legally

Man in Jacksonville killings had prior law enforcement contact but no criminal record, authorities say

BY BRITTANY SHAMMAS, CATIE CADELL AND MAHAM JAVAD

JACKSONVILLE, FLA. — A White gunman who killed three Black people at a Jacksonville Dollar General store Saturday legally purchased the two firearms used in the racially motivated attack, local law enforcement confirmed.

The man, identified Sunday as 21-year-old Ryan Christopher Palmer of Clay County, Fla., on Saturday drove to Edward Waters University, a historically Black college, but was refused entry, according to the school. He then drove to the nearby store, where he opened fire using an AR-15-style rifle inscribed with Nazi insignia, authorities said.

Police described a methodic rampage that lasted less than 11 minutes and killed Angela Michelle Carr, 52; Anolt Joseph La-guerre Jr., 19, a Dollar General employee; and Jerrald De'Shaun Gallion, 29.

Jacksonville police on Sunday said law enforcement had been **SEE JACKSONVILLE ON A8**



Trisha James, center, in black shirt, with Sabrina Rozier and Ieasia Gallion, 4, gather with others affected by the shooting in Jacksonville. The three are relatives of victim Jerrald De'Shaun Gallion. **SAUL MARTINEZ FOR THE WASHINGTON POST**

## Many pilots may be unfit

4,800 SUSPECTED OF FALSIFYING RECORDS

FAA alleges veterans did not report health issues

BY LISA REIN AND CRAIG WHITLOCK

Federal authorities have been investigating nearly 5,000 pilots suspected of falsifying their medical records to conceal that they were receiving benefits for mental health disorders and other serious conditions that could make them unfit to fly, documents and interviews show.

The pilots under scrutiny are military veterans who told the Federal Aviation Administration that they are healthy enough to fly, yet failed to report — as required by law — that they were also collecting veterans benefits for disabilities that could bar them from the cockpit.

Veterans Affairs investigators discovered the inconsistencies more than two years ago by cross-checking federal databases, but the FAA has kept many details of the case a secret from the public.

FAA spokesman Matthew Lehner acknowledged in a statement that the agency has been investigating about 4,800 pilots "who might have submitted incorrect or false information as part of their medical applications." The FAA has now closed about half of those cases, he said, and has ordered about 60 pilots — who Lehner said "posed a clear danger to aviation safety" — to cease flying on an emergency basis while their records are **SEE PILOTS ON A10**

## Wis. court's flip to left roils state's politics

BY PATRICK MARLEY

MADISON, WIS. — Standing in the marble-lined rotunda of the state Capitol earlier this month, the Wisconsin Supreme Court's incoming justice raised her right hand, swore to carry out her job "faithfully and impartially" and launched a new, liberal era on a powerful court long dominated by conservatives.

"The fallout was immediate. Within days, the new majority stripped duties from the court's conservative chief justice and fired its administrative director, a conservative former judge who once ran for the court. The abrupt changes prompted the chief justice to accuse her liberal colleagues of engaging in "nothing short of a coup." Before long, Republican lawmakers threatened to impeach the court's newest member.

Liberal groups, long accustomed to seeing the court as hostile terrain, quickly maneuvered for potential victories on a string of major issues. They filed lawsuits to try to redraw the **SEE WISCONSIN ON A5**

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**Back-to-school shoppers reevaluate as prices rise**

Consumers are paying more for supplies and splurges, but there are ways to save. **In Money**

**Remembering Bob Barker, 'the World's Greatest MC'**

The longtime "Price Is Right" game show host and animal rights activist died at age 99. **In Life**

**Djokovic returns to US Open with purpose**

Serbian tennis player, whose first match is Monday, looks to make up for missed chances at Grand Slam. **In Sports**

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**Meadows to argue for moving charges**

**Face-off with Ga. DA expected Monday**

**Bart Jansen**  
USA TODAY

Lawyers for former White House chief of staff Mark Meadows and Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis are expected to clash Monday in federal court over whether his charges in Donald Trump's election racketeering indictment should be moved to federal court from a county court in Georgia. The hearing before U.S. District

Judge Steve Jones could offer a preview of how two key witnesses will testify at trial. Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger and his office's chief investigator, Frances Watson, were subpoenaed to testify.

Meadows is charged with soliciting Raffensperger to violate his oath of office during Trump's Jan. 2, 2021, call asking him to "find" votes to flip the election. The indictment says Meadows arranged a Trump call to Watson and



**Booking mug shot a first**

Trump using the image to raise funds, **6A**

asked in a text whether the Trump campaign could help pay for ballot certification to speed it up.

At least five of the 19 defendants in the case - Meadows, Jeffrey Clark and

three of the alternate electors who supported Trump despite him losing the state - have asked Jones to move their cases from state to federal court by arguing they were federal officials doing their jobs at the time of the acts outlined in the indictment.

Clark was an assistant attorney general who drafted a letter misstating Justice Department findings about Georgia's election. David Shafer, the Georgia Republican Party chairman, faces eight charges including for being an alternate

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Members of The Mom Walk Collective in Hilo, Hawaii, raise funds for women in their Maui sister group who lost their homes. **ELIZABETH WEISE/USA TODAY**

**In Hawaii, distance is no matter in time of need**

Residents send support in wake of Lahaina fire

**Elizabeth Weise**  
USA TODAY

**HILO, Hawaii** - When word of the devastating wildfires in Maui reached the more than 40 moms of The Mom Walk Collective, they sprang into action. It didn't matter that they were one island away from the tragedy.

"Our group chat lit up," said member Nita Gardipee. "We filled three shipping containers with kid and baby supplies and sent them over on the 10th, two days later."

These "stroller mommies" are part of a national organization and have a sister group in Maui. Two of the women lost their homes in the Lahaina fire and the Hilo moms have been working ever since to help.

Tuesday afternoon they took over a Hilo yoga studio next to a mochi shop to hold a bake sale. Coconut pudding, sourdough scones and brown butter Rice Krispie treats carefully labeled "Made in a home kitchen not regularly inspected by the Dept. of Health" sold briskly and within two hours they had raised \$555.

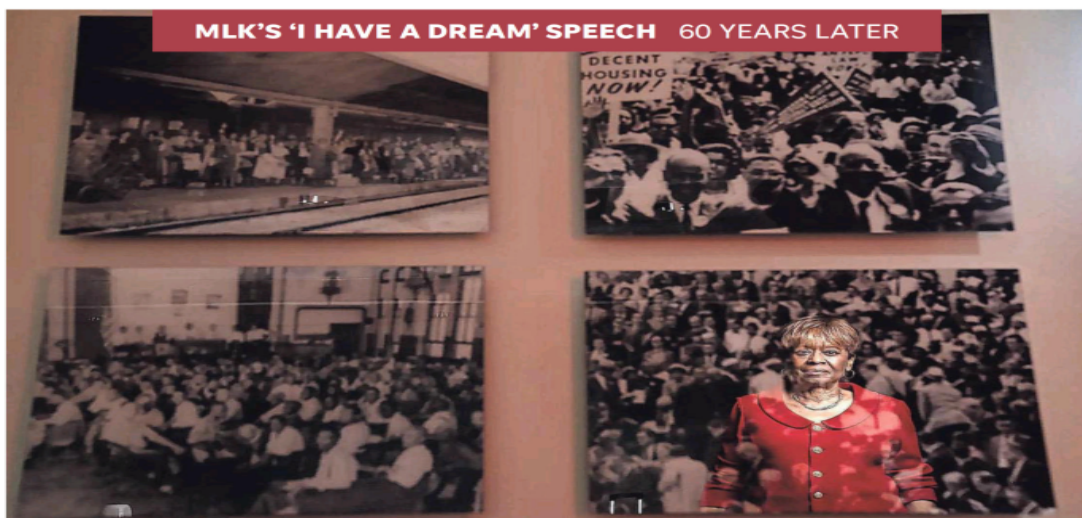
The 30 miles between the islands of Maui and Hawaii don't matter at all, said Gardipee.

"Everyone looks out for one another

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**More than 100 deemed missing say they're OK**

Some people say they are frustrated by the inaccuracy of official lists. **3A**



**MLK'S 'I HAVE A DREAM' SPEECH 60 YEARS LATER**

Clayola Brown, president of the A. Philip Randolph Institute, is reflected in images of events surrounding the Civil Rights Movement. As a teenager, Brown attended the 1963 March on Washington, listening to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s speech from her perch in a tree by the National Mall. **JOSH MORGAN/USA TODAY**

**'Most exciting day of my entire life'**

Those who attended March on Washington share their memories of historic call to action

**Grace Hauck and Marc Ramirez** USA TODAY



**Reflections on dream from King's daughter**

Bernice King recites father's speech, shares insights at [usatoday.com](http://usatoday.com).



King delivers his "I Have a Dream" speech in front of thousands of people gathered near the Lincoln Memorial for the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom on Aug. 28, 1963. **AP**

It's 1963, and 15-year-old Clayola Brown just heard the news on the car radio in Philadelphia: There was going to be a march on Washington.

She recalls the deep, heavy baritone of civil rights activist and march organizer A. Philip Randolph, describing the inequities of Jim Crow America and the promise of freedom and economic justice.

"It was like a calling," said Brown, now 75 years old. "I just knew I wanted to be there."

Brown saved up babysitting money for the Greyhound bus ticket, snuck out of the house early the morning of Aug. 28, climbed a tree along the National Mall and listened in awe as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. described his vision for the future.

"That was the most exciting day of my entire life," said Brown, a labor unionist and civil rights activist.

An estimated quarter of a million people flocked to the Mall that day in what would become the largest civil rights demonstration at the time. Sixty years later, witnesses to The Great March spoke with USA TODAY about what they experienced that day and reflected on the progress - or lack thereof - the United States has made toward King's dream.

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**deportes****El debut de Tevez le trajo algo de alivio a Independiente**

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**Stan Wawrinka, la leyenda que atravesó el descrédito**

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## A dos meses de las elecciones, Massa anunció medidas para tratar de paliar la inflación

**CAMPAÑA.** Habrá un bono para asalariados, plus para jubilados y alivio para monotributistas

Cuando faltan menos de dos meses para las elecciones de octubre, Sergio Massa, ministro y candidato a presidente por el oficialismo, hizo ayer una serie de anuncios cuyo objetivo es tratar de compensar en distintos sectores de la sociedad el fortísimo impacto que está produciendo sobre los

ingresos una inflación desbocada. La lista incluye el pago de una suma fija no remunerativa de \$60.000 (en dos cuotas) para los asalariados registrados con salarios de hasta \$400.000; un bono para jubilados que cobran la mínima de \$37.000, que se pagará en septiembre, octubre y noviembre, y la exención por

seis meses del aporte impositivo para monotributistas de las categorías más bajas, entre otras medidas.

El anuncio de Massa recibió críticas de los candidatos a presidente de la oposición Patricia Bullrich (Juntos por el Cambio) y Javier Milei (La Libertad Avanza), y de distintos analistas económicos. **Página 8**

**Cautela y reparos en el campo**

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**El ministro viajó a Brasil para convencer a Lula**

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## Fuerte caída del consumo por el impacto de la devaluación

Aseguran que se derrumbó casi 20%; más gente va a comedores

El consumo cayó un 19% en la segunda semana de agosto, como último declive de una tendencia sostenida que se acentuó a partir de la devaluación posterior a las elecciones. La crisis también afectó los comedores comunitarios, que tuvieron una suba en su demanda. **Página 8**

## La media maratón, una cita con varios récords



GONZALO COLINI

**sociedad**— Con una cantidad histórica de 23.000 inscriptos, la Media Maratón de Buenos Aires ya se consagró como la competencia más convocante de América del Sur; Roncer Konga Kipkorir (Kenia) y Ababel Yeshaneh Brihane (Etiopía) consiguieron los primeros puestos; ella, además, marcó el tiempo más bajo para una mujer en esta carrera, mientras la argentina Florencia Borelli se quedó con el récord sudamericano. **Página 22**

## Rusia ratifica la muerte del mercenario Prigozhin

**GUERRA.** Dijo que fue confirmado por estudios de ADN. **Página 2**

## Odisea en EE.UU. El donante de esperma que busca un rol en la vida de sus 96 hijos

Inició el recorrido hace tres años, tras la flexibilización del anonimato en el procedimiento

**NUEVA YORK (The Wall Street Journal).**— Cada vez es más fácil conocer la identidad de los donantes de esperma en Estados Unidos. La pérdida de ese anonimato suscita

complejos interrogantes sobre límites, responsabilidades y relaciones ambivalentes. Es el caso de Dylan Stone-Miller, de 32 años, que engendró 96 hijos: a través de un grupo de

Facebook, supo que la mayoría de ellos son de parejas de mujeres o de mujeres solas. Hace tres años inició un recorrido que ya lo llevó a conocer a 25 de sus hijos. **Página 24**

**EL ESCENARIO**

## Dos candidatos complicados para levantarse

Claudio Jacquelin  
—LA NACION—

Les llevó dos semanas empezar a levantarse y todavía caminan tambaleantes, aunque procuran disimularlo con reacciones elementales. Pero la realidad presenta nuevos desafíos y no da tregua. El oficialismo y Juntos por el Cambio están hoy algunos o varios metros más atrás de sus objetivos y pretensiones de lo que habían quedado en la noche del domingo de las PASO. A pesar de todos los intentos de recuperación. **Continúa en la página 13**

## Murió el fiscal Delgado, un crítico de la Justicia

**TRIBUNALES.** Tenía 54 años; investigó la tragedia de Once, entre otras causas de corrupción  
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## TUBARÕES E RAIAS SÃO VENDIDOS NO MAIOR MERCADO DA AMAZÔNIA

No Ver-O-Peso, em Belém, espécie de cação em perigo de extinção é comercializada livremente, movimentando mercado de cerca de 17 toneladas por ano; população desconhece que essa pesca envolve práticas ilegais e ameaça os animais Ambiente B1

## Morto pela PM em Guarujá tinha unhas arrancadas

O corpo do encanador Willians Santana, 36, foi entregue à família com as unhas das mãos arrancadas. Ele foi morto por policiais militares com 6 tiros no barco em que morava em Guarujá no dia 18. Secretária diz que nenhum laudo apontou abuso. Cotidiano B2

## Deborah Bizarria

Por que a 123milhas atraiu tanta gente?

O que vimos na prática foi uma espécie de pirâmide. Consumidores foram iludidos por uma promessa de viagem barata, mas acabaram prejudicados por uma empresa que não tinha condições de cumprir o que oferecia. Política A8  
Passa a escrever às segundas.



O elenco da peça posa na Avenida Paulista; da esquerda para direita, os atores Marcos Kaloy, Christiane Rando, Adilson Barros, Marcos Frota, Lilia Cabral e Denise Del Vecchio Arquivo pessoal

**Ilustrada C1**  
Adaptação teatral de 'Feliz Ano Velho' faz 40 anos entre gritos de liberdade e Aids

**Ilustrada C3**  
Arrastões e prisões geram caos e roubam a cena em show de Alok no Rio

**Folhainvest A18**  
Contas infantis viram novo filão do setor bancário para fidelizar clientela

## Taxação de produto nocivo pode diminuir carga do IVA

Imposto seletivo sobre bebida, fumo e combustíveis permitiria tributação menor sobre as demais mercadorias

Especialistas afirmam que, na Reforma Tributária, o futuro imposto seletivo — a incidir sobre produtos prejudiciais à saúde e ao meio ambiente — poderá ser uma fonte importante de arrecadação e permitir uma alíquota menor para o IVA (Imposto sobre Valor Agregado), que incidirá sobre a quase totalidade das mercadorias e dos serviços.

Segundo o projeto já aprovado pela Câmara dos Deputados, o IVA será dual, gerido por União, na forma de uma contribuição federal, e por estados e municípios.

Teme-se que, ao substituir cinco tributos hoje incidentes sobre o consumo, esse IVA precise ter uma alíquota excessivamente alta, o que dificultaria politicamente sua aprovação.

O imposto seletivo, sobre artigos como tabaco, álcool e gasolina, pode atenuar o problema. O Brasil já arrecadou 2,5% do PIB sobre-taxando produtos nocivos, mas o percentual caiu abaixo de 1% nos últimos anos.

A taxação, que é eficaz e tem boa aceitação social, pode incluir produtos como açúcar e carne. Mercado A15

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Líderes do Congresso reclamam de lentidão na liberação de emendas, principalmente das que dependem de aval de ministros. Lula (PT) já destravou metade do previsto, R\$ 24,5 bi, mas apenas R\$ 2,7 bi são das chamadas emendas extras. Política A8

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**HOT WEATHER**

## Safety laws lag in U.S.

States eye protection policies amid worker deaths in historic heat

By **GABE STERN**  
The Associated Press

RENO, Nev. — Santos Brizuela spent more than two decades laboring outdoors, persisting despite a bout of heatstroke while cutting sugarcane in Mexico and chronic laryngitis from repeated exposure to the hot sun while on various other jobs.

But last summer, while on a construction crew in Las

Vegas, he reached his breaking point. Exposure to the sun made his head ache immediately. He lost much of his appetite.

Now at a maintenance job, Brizuela, 47, is able to take breaks. There are flyers on the walls with best practices for staying healthy — protections he had not been afforded before.

"Sometimes as a worker you ask your employer for protection or for health and safety related needs, and they don't listen or follow," he said

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## The taste of victory



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Judges Tee Leung (left) and Zach Chin took bites of Deep Fried Pho whipped up by concessionaire Michelle Le on Sunday at the 2023 Big Tex Choice Awards at Fair Park in Dallas. Le's twist on the Vietnamese dish won the 'best taste — savory' category. (Story, IB)

**DALLAS MUSEUM OF ART**

## Bonds to boost security fall short

City's planned \$11.5M far from \$36M DMA seeks after break-in, flood; repairs, expansion eyed

By **MICHAEL GRANBERRY**  
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City officials are set to propose just under \$11.5 million for the Dallas Museum of Art as part of the upcoming bond program as the museum seeks to overhaul its security system, which it blames for an embarrassing 2022 break-in.

The proposed figure from the Office of Arts and Culture falls below the \$36 million museum director Agustin Arteaga has requested. The Dallas City Council will review the full bond package, which could grow beyond \$1 billion, before voters decide whether to approve it next year.

Arteaga contends that \$36 million is needed to address the museum's flawed security apparatus, which he and others fault for a burglary in 2022 that left four artworks broken.

The break-in occurred after closing hours on June 1 of last year, with the intruder calling 911 on himself. The DMA's alarm system failed to alert museum officials to what unfolded in a major security breach. Before being apprehended, the alleged assailant shattered four ceramic objects, repairs to which have not been completed, with the fate of one still undetermined.

The DMA is now caught in a period of deep healing, not only from the alleged felony break-in but also from a damaging flood, while at the same time coordinating a multimillion-dollar expansion.

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**SCIENCE**



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Doctoral student Ben Strang measures the size of spiders using a microscope and computer in a lab at Texas Christian University. Strang spent part of the summer in Greenland collecting spiders that will be used to measure the level of mercury in water.

## Spiders, fish make unlikely duo

TCU professor thinks testing arachnids for toxins can keep aquatic food safe

By **LILA LEVINSON**  
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When Matt Chumchal sees a spider in his house, he releases it safely outside. This is partly because his kids make him. It's also because he thinks spiders can help keep our food safe.

Toxins in lakes and streams can make their way into the fish we eat. Some toxins, like mercury, may not make the water itself unsafe, but can accumulate in fish, reaching levels that can be harmful for fish and the humans who eat them.

Chumchal, a biology professor at Texas Christian University, says local authorities monitor fish for contaminants and issue fishing advisories when levels are potentially dangerous.

But when every data point requires catching a fish, he says testing can't be as frequent or widespread as we might want. He and his team think spiders pose some advantages as test subjects and could make mercury monitoring



Nick Dunlop

**Thin-legged wolf spiders**, which live near freshwater, get energy by eating many nutritious bugs. TCU professor Matt Chumchal says spiders also accumulate contaminants from every meal.

easier and cheaper.

"You don't have to get in the water," Chumchal says. He says it only takes about 10 minutes to col-

lect and analyze a spider for toxins to flag any potential issues.

A spider sample may not provide enough information to issue a

fishing advisory, but it could help target testing efforts by being an early warning of mercury in the water.

Most people aren't eating a lot of spiders. So why look to these eight-legged critters for food contamination warnings?

For scientists like Chumchal and David Walters of the U.S. Geological Survey, spiders aren't that different from fish when it comes to toxins.

When Walters, who is interested in aquatic ecosystem conservation, initially started studying contaminants in fish, he noticed his team was never alone on their data collection trips. "We were constantly covered ... in spiders, because they're in the bushes next to the water," he says.

Walters decided to take a closer look at the spiders. "They had similar amounts of pollution in them as fish. ... They're just fish in a bush," he says.

Walters and Chumchal are co-

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**HIGHLAND PARK**

## Demolition of old house sparks outcry

Preservationists, neighbors opposed move; new owner plans to rebuild

By **MITCHELL PARTON**  
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The demolition of a 94-year-old home is prompting an outcry from neighbors and preservationists in the affluent enclave of Highland Park.

The home at 4415 Fairfax Ave. was torn down beginning the morning of Aug. 21, marking the latest in a string of similar demolitions throughout the neighborhood in recent years. At just over 4,900 square feet, the four-bedroom, pier-and-beam home was built in 1929, according to Dallas Central Appraisal District records.

While its architect is unknown, members of Preservation Park Cities — which advocates for historic and architecturally significant homes in Highland Park and University Park — said it reflected the historic character of the community.

"It's not that glamorous and big of a house, but it does reflect the historical development of the community," said Craig Melde, a local preservation architect, founding principal of Architetx and a Preservation Park Cities board member. "I fear what will replace this house, as it contributed a nicely scaled house with historic charac-

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**Storm could hit as hurricane**

Tropical Storm Idalia formed in the Gulf of Mexico on a potential track to come ashore as a hurricane in the Southern U.S., forecasters said. **3A**

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**COVID-19 variants gain steam**

As the latest COVID-19 uptick in North Texas recedes, officials warn two new variants have gained traction in the U.S. in recent weeks. **1B**

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**Rangers fall out of 1st place**

With a 7-6, 13-inning walkoff loss to Minnesota, the Rangers lost their hold on first place in the AL West for the first time since April 8. **1C**





## Sheriff: Shooter had 2017 mental exam

Official tells how white man killed 3 Black people in Fla.

By Russ Bynum and Aaron Morrison  
Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — A 21-year-old white man fatally shot three Black people in Florida with guns he bought legally despite once being involuntarily committed for a mental health exam, the local sheriff said Sunday.

Ryan Palmeter shot one of his victims as she sat in her car outside a Jacksonville store; shot another just after Palmeter entered the store; and shot the third minutes later, Jacksonville's sheriff said. Palmeter killed himself after killing the three victims.

The gunman used an AR-15 semi-automatic rifle and a Glock handgun, Sheriff T.K. Waters said during a news conference.

Palmeter had legally purchased his guns in recent months even though he had been involuntarily committed for a mental health examination in 2017.

Waters identified those shot in Saturday's attack at a Dollar

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## Chicago COVID-19 cases on the rise

Northwestern warns of care gaps for many long-COVID cases

By Jake Sheridan and Angie Leventis Lourgos  
Chicago Tribune

Chicago's COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations are continuing to steadily rise after reaching pandemic lows earlier this summer.

City health officials say the rise doesn't present an urgent threat to the public but shows the coronavirus is still spreading and merits attention.

"It's a good reminder that COVID is here, that COVID can make an impact," said Massimo Pacilli, the Chicago Department of Public Health's disease control deputy commissioner. "The pandemic isn't gone. While there is some desire of putting it behind us, COVID is with us."

The city is averaging 11 hospitalizations per day, up from 7.8 the week before and 1.4 in mid-July, city data released Thursday shows. Similarly, laboratory-confirmed cases have jumped to 119, up from 98 the week prior and 30 in mid-July. The indicators both remain at "low" risk levels, as defined by the Centers for

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## A search for 'Chicago's Best Taco'

Organizers said 10,000 to 15,000 people showed up for this weekend's taco festival on North Southport Avenue, with many vendors competing for a "Best Taco" title. **Chicagoland, Page 3**



## Cost of going from point A to point B

Transit permits drop sharply for seniors, people with disabilities

By Sarah Freishtat | Chicago Tribune

Getting around Chicago has long been difficult for David Zoltan, but nonetheless he once would have jumped on a bus to get a bite to eat. He would take public transit to meet up with friends, and to doctors' appointments in Streeterville.

Zoltan, 46, has spinal stenosis that causes severe back pain and one leg is amputated below the knee, and he qualified for a transit pass that allows him to ride CTA, Pace or Metra for free. But since the pandemic he has rarely used it, limiting trips outside his Rogers Park apartment. When it was necessary to leave, he often turned instead to more private services like ride-share or programs that provide rides, unwilling to get back on public transit because people with disabilities remain at higher risk for COVID-19.

He didn't renew his ride-free pass when it expired in 2022. "Why would you renew a ride-free permit that you're not using, especially when it's so much trouble to go through?" he asked.

For years, eligible Chicago-area seniors and people with disabilities have been able to apply for permits to either ride transit for free or at reduced fares. But the number of free and reduced-fare transit passhold-

ers in the Chicago area dropped sharply in 2022, falling by about 23% from the prior year, according to Regional Transportation Authority data obtained by the Tribune.

The program's application process has always been difficult for some to navigate, advocates said. But 2022 also marked the first year since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic that cardholders were asked

Turn to Transit, Page 6

ABOVE: Atta Zahedi, public relations coordinator at the advocacy organization Access Living, rides on the CTA Brown Line on Aug. 15. Zahedi is going through the process of applying for a reduced-fare permit. **BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

*"People with disabilities and lower-income, older adults, their care is paid for by taxpayer money one way or another. So there is an actual bottom-line cost to people not having freedom of movement as well that I think people need to understand."*

— Adam Ballard, AARP Illinois

## Video tech connects new mothers with families



Maria Cervantes, of Chicago, and her husband, Ricardo Carabez, with newborn twins Violeta, left, and Julieta, smile during a video call to Mexico with Carabez's sister Daysi Cecilia Caravel at St. Anthony Hospital in Chicago on Aug. 17. **ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

St. Anthony Hospital provides link to Mexico

By Nell Salzman  
Chicago Tribune

Maria Cervantes was hours away from giving birth to twin girls.

You never miss your family more than when you're feeling scared or uncertain, said the 34-year-old mother, propped up by pillows on her bed at St. Anthony Hospital in Little Village. Her husband, Ricardo Carabez, paced around, wearing a Yankees hat and a cutoff T-shirt that read "Orlando, Florida."

Cervantes and Carabez, also 34, came to Chicago almost two decades ago from Mexico. Though Cervantes has been back to Mexico, Carabez hasn't been back for 17 years, he said.

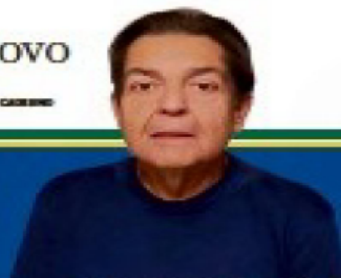
A new technology at St. Anthony Hospital is now connecting mothers and newborns with family and friends across the U.S. and Mexico. The new system is just the latest in an array of services the community hospital is offering to make its patients

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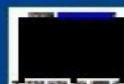


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# Expansão acelerada de benefícios pressiona por nova Reforma da Previdência

Revisão das regras de acesso ao INSS terá de contornar envelhecimento e informalidade

Nas últimas quatro décadas, o ritmo de crescimento do número de beneficiários concedidos pelo INSS, como aposentadorias e pensões, foi três vezes maior do que o aumento da população, mostra pesquisa inédita com base no último Censo. Enquanto em 1980 o país pagava um benefício para

cada 15,3 brasileiros, em 2022 essa relação era de um para cada 5,4. Esse desconhecimento, resultado do envelhecimento da população e da informalidade do mercado de trabalho, que significam menos contribuintes à Previdência, exigirá revisão das regras de aposentadoria já no próximo governo. [leia mais](#)

### Nó na navegação global ameaça o Natal



Efêmeros das resoluções climáticas, como a seca, estão atrapalhando o trânsito de cargas em vias de navegação cruciais para os mercados global e regional, como os rios Reno (Europa), Mississippi (EUA) e Yangtze (China) e o Canal do Panamá. Em, na última semana, tinha 130 navios à espera de passageiros (foto). As restrições ameaçam elevar os preços de produtos para o Natal. [leia mais](#)

### Centro manobra, e CPI do MST terá maioria de oposição

PP e Republicanos articulam substituições de membros, e relatório com indiciamento de aliados de Lula pode ser aprovado. [leia mais](#)

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# L'après-Macron aigüise les ambitions dans la majorité

L'échéance de 2027 attise déjà les convoitises et les tensions au sein du camp présidentiel. Gérald Darmanin, Bruno Le Maire et Édouard Philippe font leur rentrée sous l'œil attentif de l'exécutif.

À quatre ans du scrutin, la course pour 2027 s'engage déjà dans la majorité. L'impossibilité pour Emmanuel Macron de se représenter à un troisième mandat précé-

pite l'expression des ambitions. À l'image du ministre de l'Intérieur, Gérald Darmanin, qui, les yeux déjà rivés vers la prochaine présidentielle, a réuni ses soutiens

à Tourcoing dimanche. Quelques jours plus tôt, c'est le ministre de l'Économie, Bruno Le Maire, qui vantait son bilan et son « envie » lors de sa rentrée politique. Le

tout sous l'œil vigilant de l'Élysée et d'Élisabeth Borne, qui craignent que l'action de l'exécutif soit entravée par ces luttes internes. « Il reste beaucoup à faire », a rappelé

dimanche la première ministre face à Gérald Darmanin, appelant ses ministres à obtenir des « résultats concrets » avant de se projeter vers l'après-Macron.

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## ÉDITORIAL par Yves Thréard ythreard@lefigaro.fr

### Ce n'est qu'un début...

« Quand le moment est venu, l'heure est arrivée. » Ainsi parlait Raymond Barre un an avant l'élection présidentielle de 1988, avec l'assurance qui le caractérisait, lorsqu'on lui demandait s'il serait candidat. Paraphrasant Jean de La Fontaine, il avait ajouté qu'il y avait beaucoup de lièvres dans la course, faisant ainsi référence d'abord à Jacques Chirac, mais que lui préférerait être la tortue. On connaît la suite : et Barre et Chirac seront sur la ligne de départ, mais échoueront face à Mitterrand. Comparaison n'est pas raison. L'ouverture du bal des ambitions pour succéder à Emmanuel Macron en 2027 rappelle néanmoins des épisodes passés, toujours riches d'enseignements. Au sein de la majorité, les prétendants supposés peaufinent leur tactique. Tandis que Gérald Darmanin a des fourmis dans les jambes, Bruno Le Maire se dit « habitué par la patience ». Édouard Philippe va sortir un nouveau livre. D'autres, comme Clément Beaugne et Gabriel Attal, seraient aussi en embuscade. Chacun cherche à se singulariser et agit

des symboles. Quand l'un joue la fibre populaire, l'autre estime que la France a besoin « d'amour ». Certains veulent mettre le curseur plus à droite, d'autres davantage à gauche. Tout le monde fait mine d'être ami, mais se regarde du coin de l'œil. Les petites phrases fusent. Ce n'est qu'un début car, à ce rythme-là, le match - dont on disait qu'il ne commencerait qu'après les européennes et les JO de Paris - va se durcir, se muscler. Dans le rond central du terrain, promue gardienne de l'unité malgré elle, Élisabeth Borne devrait recevoir plus de baisers de la mort que de messages de considération. Pendant ce temps, Emmanuel Macron tente d'inviter tous les partis politiques à dépasser leurs clivages pour faire avancer ses réformes. L'entreprise s'annonce compliquée, voire dépassée. Car l'urgence, pour le chef de l'État, pourrait être bientôt de préserver coûte que coûte son fameux « rôle central » qui risque de tomber en miettes. ■

## Patrick Martin (Medef) : « L'incertitude fiscale est l'ennemie des entreprises »

Le nouveau président du Medef fait sa rentrée ce lundi à l'occasion de la Rencontre des entrepreneurs de France, à Longchamp. Alors que l'exécutif semble vouloir décaler la baisse des impôts de production, promise pour 2024, Martin alerte dans un entretien au Figaro sur les effets néfastes d'un tel revirement. Ce serait « véritablement un coup de canif », dit-il. « On ne peut pas dire qu'il fait valoir l'économie tout en obérant les capacités d'investissement des entreprises. » PAGE 26



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# Ultra-processed foods causing a 'tidal wave of harm', say experts

New research revealing health risks described as a global 'wake-up call'

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Ultra-processed food significantly raises the risk of high blood pressure, heart disease, heart attacks and strokes, according to two major studies that experts say should serve

as a "wake-up call" for governments worldwide.

Global consumption of heavily processed items such as cereals, protein bars, fizzy drinks, ready meals and fast food has soared in recent years. In the UK and US, well over half the average diet now consists of ultra-processed food (UPF). For some, especially people who are younger, poorer or from disadvantaged areas, a diet comprising as much as 80% UPF is typical.

Stark new research adds weight to a growing body of evidence that

experts say exposes a "tidal wave of harm" being caused directly by UPF. Two large studies presented at the world's largest heart conference showed the devastating impact UPF is having on cardiovascular health.

The first study, which tracked 10,000 women for 15 years, found those with the highest proportion of UPF in their diet were 39% more likely to develop high blood pressure than those with the lowest. This was the case even after academics adjusted for the impact of salt, sugar and fat.

High blood pressure increases the

risk of conditions including heart disease, peripheral arterial disease, aortic aneurysms, kidney disease and vascular dementia.

The second study, a gold standard meta-analysis of more than 325,000 men and women, showed those who ate the most UPF were 24% more likely to experience cardiovascular events, including heart attacks, strokes and angina.

Increasing daily calorie intake of UPF by 10% was associated with a 6% increased risk of heart disease. And those with UPF making up less

than 15% of their diet were least at risk of heart problems, according to the research led by the Fourth Military Medical University in Xi'an, China.

The findings were revealed at the annual meeting of the European Society of Cardiology in Amsterdam, where thousands of the world's leading heart doctors, scientists and researchers were briefed on the studies. The results prompted calls from experts for urgent action.

UPFs are products that have gone through a number of processes during their

## PM putting progress on clean air at risk - Khan

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Rishi Sunak could put "a decade of progress on clean air into reverse" and risks "stunting the lungs" of London's children by failing to support the expansion of the capital's ultra-low emission zone, Sadiq Khan has said.

Before the clean air scheme is introduced to all boroughs in the capital tomorrow, the London mayor issued a stark warning to Sunak, who he said risked going down in history as the prime minister who "had the chance to save lives but refused to take it".

Khan, who has accused the government of weaponising air pollution and climate change to win votes, has urged ministers to provide financial support for his policy and its accompanying scrappage scheme, as they do for some other cities in England.

The government has given financial assistance to Bristol, Birmingham and Portsmouth to help fund their clean air zones



The Notting Hill carnival, which more than 2 million people are expected to attend, got under way yesterday with the Children's Day parade. **News Page 7** →

## Moscow confirms death of Prigozhin

**Ashifa Kassam and agencies**

Russian officials have confirmed that the head of the Wagner mercenary group, Yevgeny Prigozhin, was among the people killed in a plane crash last week.

The country's investigative committee said yesterday that after forensic testing, all 10 bodies recovered at the site had been identified, and their identities "conform to the manifest".

Russia's civil aviation authority said previously that Prigozhin and some of his top lieutenants were on the list of those onboard the plane that crashed on Wednesday.

That prompted days of speculation over the fate of Prigozhin. He was known to have body doubles and to use multiple