

## What's News

Business & Finance

- ◆ **OpenAI is launching a business version of its ChatGPT tool, putting the artificial-intelligence startup in direct competition with Microsoft, its largest backer and partner. B1**
- ◆ **Germany continues to wrestle with stagnant industry and output as the IMF projects that the country will be the sole major economy to contract in 2023. A1**
- ◆ **3M's board approved a \$6 billion settlement to resolve claims that its earplugs caused hearing loss among veterans, putting a long-awaited price tag on a large chunk of the company's legal troubles. B1**
- ◆ **Gasoline prices have retreated slightly from recent 2023 highs but remain elevated, potentially complicating the Fed's effort to cut inflation to 2%, economists say. A2**
- ◆ **Major U.S. stock indexes kicked off the week with gains as the S&P 500 and Dow both rose 0.6% and the Nasdaq advanced 0.8%. B11**
- ◆ **Mallinckrodt disclosed that it faces a grand jury subpoena over sales of controlled substances as it filed for bankruptcy for the second time in three years to reduce by roughly \$1 billion a prior pledge to pay compensation for its alleged role in the opioid crisis. B1**
- ◆ **American Airlines was fined \$4.1 million for keeping passengers on dozens of flights stuck on the ground for more than three hours. B3**
- ◆ **Exxon said the global effort to curtail greenhouse-gas emissions isn't on track to keep the planet's temperature from rising beyond the target of an increase of 2 degrees Celsius by 2050. B1**

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- ◆ **Trump's trial on charges that he conspired to overturn his 2020 election loss is set to start March 4, one day before Super Tuesday, when voters in 14 states will cast primary ballots for the next presidential election. A1**
- ◆ **Meadows told a court he was acting in line with his duties as Trump's White House chief of staff when he set up meetings and called Georgia officials asking about alleged election fraud in the state after Trump's 2020 loss. A4**
- ◆ **The U.S. and China agreed to set up new communication channels for economic and commercial issues, Commerce Secretary Ramonondo said, including a bilateral forum to discuss export-control measures to reduce misunderstanding of national-security policies. A9**
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- ◆ **Student-loan borrowers at the end of pandemic relief will start owing interest as of Friday, and are learning of new payment schedules from servicers they might have never heard of. A1**
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## Nation Remembers King's 'I Have a Dream' at 60



**NOW IS THE TIME:** Solomon Bolden, 10, recites Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s 'I Have a Dream' speech in Austin, Texas, to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the speech and the March on Washington, where it was delivered.

## Germany's Shrinking Economy Sparks a Struggle for Solutions

BERLIN—Two decades ago, Germany revived its moribund economy and became a manufacturing powerhouse of an era of globalization.

By *Bojan Pancevski, Paul Hancock and William Boston*

Times changed. Germany didn't keep up. Now Europe's biggest economy has to reinvent itself again. But its fractured political class is struggling to find answers to long-term headaches and short-term crises, leading to a growing sense of malaise.

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## Trump's Federal Trial in D.C. Set For March

Charges of election meddling to be heard a day before Super Tuesday primaries

WASHINGTON—Former President Donald Trump's trial on charges that he conspired to overturn his 2020 election loss is set to start March 4—one day before Super Tuesday, when voters in 14 states will cast their primary ballots for the next presidential election.

"My primary concern here is the interest of justice in the case. I've balanced the defendant's right to adequately prepare" with the need for an efficient trial, U.S. District Judge Tanya Chutkan said as she set the trial date at a Monday hearing in Washington.

Chutkan declined a request from Trump, the current front-runner for the 2024 GOP presidential nomination, to push off his trial until April 2026, saying defense attorneys didn't need two years to examine the extensive evidence in the case. But she also said prosecutors' request for a Jan. 2, 2024, start date—two weeks before the first Republican contest will be held in Iowa—didn't give defense attorneys enough time to prepare.

Trump can't appeal the trial date, but he can seek to delay it through pretrial motions, which his lawyers have signaled they intend to do.

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## Owners Forgo Home Insurance

By *VERONICA DAGHER*

Homeowners are increasingly forgoing home insurance, gambling that the likelihood of a disaster isn't high enough to justify the cost of a policy.

Some skipping insurance said they are doing so because they can no longer afford the rising premiums. The national average for home insurance based on \$250,000 in dwelling coverage increased this year to \$1,428 annually, up 20% from 2022, according to Bankrate.

Others, particularly among the wealthy, said they have enough money saved to rebuild or move elsewhere should their home be destroyed.

The risks of forgoing a policy are significant. When you don't have insurance and your home is destroyed by fire, you don't just lose your house and its contents. You might also have to pay for removing your home's remains as well as the costs to rebuild it.

Few people can financially withstand the loss of an uninsured home, according to financial advisers. It is particularly precarious considering the high price to rebuild or buy a home in many areas of the country.

"It is a risky proposition to go without home insurance, and you need to fully understand the financial consequences if you lose your home," said Noah Damsky, a financial adviser in Los Angeles.

A standard insurance policy typically covers the cost of replacement of the home and some of its contents in the event of damage or theft. Most mortgage lenders require borrowers to have home insurance, so those skipping a policy often

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## The Spy Who Came in From the Cold, Then Took 50,000 Steps

CIA's fitness challenge bans electronic gadgets; the Red Hot Chili Steppers

By *WARREN P. STROBEL*

LANGLEY, Va.—Spies want to be healthy too. But tracking your exercise is tricky when you work inside a SCIF—Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility—handling highly classified data and walled off from the internet-connected outside world.

Fitbit? Forget it. Apple Watch? Nope. Smart-phone with steps tracker? Not a chance.

The Central Intelligence Agency has solved the problem by going retro. In a word, pedometers. Good old-fashioned analog pedometers.

Each June, there's a bit of extra bustle in the normally subdued halls of CIA's expansive headquarters buildings as intelligence analysts and technological wizards try to outdo each other in the spy agency's annual Pedometer Challenge.

It's one of the most exclusive athletic events around, and the competition is feisty. "Trash talk" is in the air, says Greg, who helps oversee the Challenge, in which participants rack up steps by the hundreds of thousands on pedometers clipped to their

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## Heating Oceans Force Change in Industries

Rising temperatures turn lobstermen into kelp farmers

By *ERIC MILLER*

In Maine, lobsters are heading north and some lobstermen are moving into kelp farming. On the West Coast, fishermen are worried about a blob of warm water developing off the Oregon and Washington coastlines, fearing a repeat of an ocean heat wave that devastated salmon harvests from 2014 to 2016.

The heating of the world's oceans is disrupting ecosystems and industries that depend on the sea for life.

This summer, nearly half the world's oceans are experiencing a marine heatwave, defined as warmer than 90% of previous temperature observations on the same date, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The Mediterranean Sea reached a record 87 degrees in July, attracting stinging jellyfish and lionfish, while threatening coral reefs and tropical marine life nearby.

Marine heatwaves are expected to become stronger and more frequent, according to a consensus of oceanographers and climate scientists.

One of the fastest-warming waters is the Gulf of Maine, forcing lobstermen to change tactics to save their businesses.

Summer surface temperatures between July and September in the gulf have risen four times the global ocean average since 1982. The entire region is warming more rapidly than 97% of the ocean's surface because of overall climate warming and a shift in local currents, according to the Gulf of

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## Student-Loan Freezes Are Ending, Leaving Borrowers Confused

By *GABRIEL T. RUBIN AND JULIA CARPENTER*

Student-loan borrowers are finding out that restarting a \$1.6 trillion federal program is much more confusing than switching it off.

With pandemic relief ending, borrowers are scheduled to start owing interest as of Friday. They are learning of new payment schedules, often via email, from servicers they might have never heard of—and could be reluctant to pay. That is because about 4 in 10 borrowers' loans transferred to a new servicer during the pause that began in March 2020, according to government data.

Millions more have graduated or otherwise left school during the pause and have never been required to make a payment until now. And many must consider a flurry of enticing, but novel, Biden administration changes to repayment plans and debt-forgiveness programs.

The first payments are due as soon as Oct. 1.

Gerri Critchley, a 75-year-old former nonprofit employee, is among those attempting to navigate the system. She paid graduate-school loans for more than 20 years. She has \$14,000 left, but no clarification as to what she will owe each month and how to pay.

After three years of no payments, she called her loan servicer and the Education Department to ask about forgiveness options, payment deadlines and amounts. But getting through to a human at

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## In fine feather Windrush remembered

A performer at the Notting Hill Carnival in London yesterday wore hundreds of thousands of people filled the streets for the final day of the annual celebration of Caribbean music and culture.

This year's event marked the 75th anniversary of the arrival at Tilbury docks near London of the Empire Windrush carrying hundreds of passengers from the West Indies. The voyage came to symbolise the start of the wave of postwar migration that transformed the UK into a multiracial society.

It was members of the "Windrush Generation" who started the Notting Hill Carnival in 1958 in a defiant show of cultural celebration after an outbreak of racist attacks in the district.

The carnival is the biggest street party in Europe, with brightly costumed dancers, music groups and elaborately decorated floats parading through the streets.



HELE AGARWAL/REUTERS

### Briefing

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Japanese drugmaker Shionogi has called on developed nations to "show leadership" on fixing the market or run the risk that more pharma groups will leave the field for more lucrative areas. — PAGE 6; BIG READ, PAGE 13; LEX, PAGE 16

**Ukraine forces progress**  
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**Hunger strike in kiss row**  
The mother of Luis Rubiales has shut herself in a church to protest his innocence, as an inquiry began into the Spanish football chief accused over kissing a female player. — PAGE 4; SIMON KUPER, PAGE 14

**Israel talks unsettle Libya**  
Protests have erupted in Tripoli after Israel unilaterally revealed it had held "historic" talks with the Libyan foreign minister. Strongly pro-Palestinian Libya does not recognise Israel. — PAGE 4

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Money supply in the region has shrunk as private sector lending stalls and deposits decline. The data will feed into the European Central Bank's next rates meeting on September 14. — PAGE 2

**Gou unveils Taiwan run**  
Foxconn founder Terry Gou has said he will be an independent candidate in the presidential race in January, throwing into uncertainty an election of crucial geopolitical significance. — PAGE 4

**Premier League push**  
The richest football competition has said it will take a tougher stance on illegal streaming as it prepares for a multibillion-pound auction of television rights in its UK home market. — PAGE 6

**Amrani succession plan**  
Reliance Industries has appointed chair Mukesh Amrani's children to its board, as Asia's wealthiest man rolls out a choreographed succession plan at India's most valuable company. — PAGE 7

# Chinese property giant Evergrande's shares dive 87% on return to trading

17-month market suspension ends • Talks with creditors deferred • First-half losses hit \$4.5bn

THOMAS HALE — SHANGHAI  
HUDSON LOCKETT — HONG KONG

Evergrande shares fell as much as 87 per cent yesterday after trading in the Chinese property developer's stock resumed for the first time in almost a year-and-a-half and the company delayed crucial restructuring meetings with creditors.

The world's most indebted developer over the weekend disclosed first-half losses of Rmb35bn (\$4.5bn) in order to partially fulfil Hong Kong stock exchange requirements to lift a 17-month trading suspension. According to exchange rules, a company whose shares have been suspended for 18 months faces possible delisting.

Evergrande, which is entangled in more than 2,000 lawsuits involving about Rmb555bn, delayed for another

month meetings with international creditors in Hong Kong, which were expected to lead to a vote on a restructuring plan this week.

Proposals outlined this year aimed to compensate international investors with notes linked to the company's listed Hong Kong subsidiaries, including its electric vehicle company and a property management business. Those stocks had also recently resumed trading in Hong Kong after suspensions.

**With liabilities of more than \$500bn, Evergrande has come to embody the sector's liquidity crisis**

The fate of the meetings was being closely watched for signs of progress across the Chinese property sector, which has been paralysed by inactivity and a lack of funding, as well as for any precedents for future or parallel restructurings.

With liabilities of more than \$500bn, Evergrande has come to embody the sector's liquidity crisis following its default in 2021. A wider property slowdown has weighed on China's economic growth for almost two years as dozens of its peers also defaulted.

Beijing has stopped short of providing direct bailouts or stimulus, despite renewed fears of spillovers from property into the wider financial system.

Country Garden, one of China's largest private developer by sales, this month

missed payments on its international bonds, triggering a 30-day grace period, while Zhongrong, an investment group, missed payments on savings products.

Evergrande, which did not disclose its financial position for 2022 and much of this year, said last month that it lost \$81bn over 2021 and 2022. Its liabilities now stand at Rmb2.59tn.

As well as the disclosure of financial results, the requirements for its trading resumption include addressing issues raised by its former auditor, PwC, which resigned in January. Those include estimates of off-balance sheet liabilities.

Prism Hong Kong and Shanghai, which replaced PwC as auditor, did not issue a conclusion on the first-half results, citing "multiple uncertainties relating to going concern". Evergrande

filed this month for Chapter 15 bankruptcy protection in the US.

On its legal cases, Evergrande said on Sunday that "various parties have filed litigation against the group" over issues including unpaid borrowings, outstanding construction and delayed projects.

The company added it was "actively communicating with relevant creditors and seeking various ways to resolve these litigations".

The broader Chinese stock market was given a boost yesterday when Beijing halved a stamp duty levy on share trading to 0.05 per cent in an effort to bolster investor confidence. The benchmark CSI 300 index climbed as much as 5.5 per cent in early trading before closing 1.2 per cent higher.

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## Trump's trial for election interference set for eve of Super Tuesday in March

LAUREN FEDOR — WASHINGTON

Donald Trump's federal criminal trial on charges of alleged election interference in the run-up to the January 6 Capitol riot is set to start in March next year, posing a fresh challenge for the former president as he campaigns for another four years in the White House.

US District Judge Tanya Chutkan in Washington rejected Trump's efforts to delay the trial until after next year's presidential election, and instead set a trial start date of March 4, 2024.

That is one day before "Super Tuesday", when Republican voters in more than a dozen states head to the polls to select the party's nominee for president.

Chutkan said the former president would "have to make the trial date work, regardless of his schedule".

Trump is the undisputed frontrunner

in a crowded field of Republicans vying for the party's nomination for president in 2024. But his bid for another four years in the White House has been complicated by four separate criminal cases.

He has suggested that if elected president, he might pardon himself of any federal criminal convictions.

Trump's lawyers had sought to delay the federal trial in Washington, over his alleged efforts to overturn the 2020 presidential election, until April 2026.

Jack Smith, special counsel appointed by US attorney-general Merrick Garland to oversee the former president's cases, had suggested the trial start in January next year, days before the Iowa caucuses that kick off the Republican contest. Chutkan dismissed both.

The federal case in Washington is one of four criminal proceedings against the former president, who has now been

indicted on 91 separate charges in total.

Trump is also facing a case in Manhattan relating to his alleged falsification of business records to cover up "hush money" paid to a porn star, and a separate federal case in Miami stemming from his alleged mishandling of classified documents. A trial is set to begin in the Manhattan case in March 2024, and in May for the classified papers case.

Trump and 18 others were indicted this month in Georgia over his alleged efforts to overturn the results of the 2020 election. Trump turned himself in to authorities in Georgia last week, where he posed for a mugshot.

His poll numbers have risen with each indictment. His campaign said at the weekend that it had brought in just over \$7m of donations since Thursday.

Self-styled young Trump page 4  
Gideon Rachman page 15



## Europe struggles to meet water scarcity challenge

Wildfires across Europe this summer are a stark sign of a rapidly worsening water scarcity problem. The continent is warming faster than any other. Flows of Alpine meltwater are ebbing and dry soil is not retaining rainwater, even the wettest nations struggle. Through the rainy, cool winters of the past, the issue was given little thought. Most [water] regimes are legacies from times of plenty. They now need to be reformed to reflect scarcity, warns one expert.

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### World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				GOVERNMENT BONDS			
	Aug 28	Prev	%Chg	Pair	Aug 28	Prev	%Chg	Yield (%)	Aug 28	Prev	Chg
S&P 500	4420.89	4405.71	0.34	\$/£	1.081	1.077	0.4%	US 2 yr	5.06	5.08	-0.02
Nasdaq Composite	13646.23	13590.65	0.41	\$/€	1.258	1.255	0.2%	US 10 yr	4.22	4.25	-0.03
Dow Jones Ind	34520.64	34346.90	0.53	\$/¥	0.859	0.858	0.1%	US 30 yr	4.29	4.29	-0.01
FTSE 100	4293.18	4293.25	-0.02	\$/HK\$	0.071	0.071	0.0%	UK 2 yr	4.97	4.97	0.00
MSCI World	7238.58	7233.63	0.07	\$/INR	0.018	0.018	0.0%	UK 10 yr	4.54	4.54	-0.01
FTSE All-Share	3998.05	3997.66	0.01	\$/KRW	0.001	0.001	0.0%	JPY 2 yr	0.00	0.00	0.00
CAC 40	7324.71	7229.60	1.23	\$/BRL	0.001	0.001	0.0%	JPY 10 yr	0.86	0.85	0.01
Xetra Dax	15782.61	15631.82	1.03	\$/AUD	0.66	0.66	0.0%	JPY 30 yr	1.67	1.66	0.01
Nikkei	32180.99	31624.28	1.72	\$/NZD	0.60	0.60	0.0%	GER 2 yr	3.06	3.03	0.03
Hang Seng	16130.74	17956.38	0.97	\$/SGD	0.70	0.70	0.0%	GER 10 yr	2.58	2.56	0.02
MSCI World \$	2911.99	2906.25	0.20	\$/HKD	0.001	0.001	0.0%	GER 30 yr	2.67	2.66	0.02
MSCI EM \$	971.04	982.31	-1.15	\$/CNY	0.14	0.14	0.0%				
MSCI ACWI \$	670.23	669.87	0.05	\$/MXN	0.02	0.02	0.0%				
FT Wilshire 2500	5696.32	5659.21	0.66	\$/INR	0.001	0.001	0.0%				
FT Wilshire 5000	44390.70	44104.90	0.65	\$/GBP	0.78	0.78	0.0%				
				\$/CHF	0.84	0.84	0.0%				
				\$/JPY	1915.50	1917.05	-0.08				

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Perfect Time for a Dip? 4 A.M. In Dubai, United Arab Emirates, where oppressive heat is the norm, beaches like Umm Suqeim allow swimmers at all hours. Page A4.

## For Spaniards, A Forced Kiss Tests Progress

By JASON HOROWITZ and RACHEL CHAUNDLER

Laura Marqués has never been much interested in soccer. She doesn't watch the Spanish league games or know the names of the players. She didn't even watch the Spanish women's team win the World Cup final this month. But after the president of Spain's soccer federation forcibly kissed one of the players during the medals ceremony, setting off a momentous national debate about feminism, equality and abuse, soccer is all she has been thinking about.

"We've been talking about soccer a lot this week," Ms. Marqués, a 26-year-old lawyer, said as she walked in downtown Zaragoza with a friend. She said she considered the unwanted kiss an all-too-common act of casual aggression, an abuse of power by an authority figure and a shameful eclipsing of the women's moment of glory by the country's stubborn, if fading, culture of machismo, the often-ingrained sense of masculine pride and entitlement.

"Everything that happened showed what the players have been complaining about for a long time, and nobody believed how serious it was," she said. "It's the straw that broke the camel's back."

The celebratory and non-consensual kiss on the lips that Luis Rubiales, the president of Spain's soccer federation, pressed on Jennifer Hermoso, one of the team's star players, has come to embody the generational and cultural fault line between deep traditions of machismo and the more recent progressivism that has put Spain in the European vanguard on issues of feminism and equality.

Some commentators have taken to calling it Spain's #MeToo moment.

On Monday, Spanish prosecutors said they had opened a preliminary investigation into whether Mr. Rubiales, 46, could be charged with committing a crime that could constitute sexual aggression. The group he leads, the Royal Spanish Football Federation, called on him to resign. In a statement after meeting for hours on Monday to discuss the issue, it cited "the unacceptable behaviors that have seriously damaged the image of Spanish football."

Against the politically charged

## After Loss of Son, Coach Faces a Terrible Truth

By JOHN BRANCH

Michael Locksley was helping coach Alabama to a national championship in 2017 when his 25-year-old son, Meiko, was shot and killed.

His father is now the head coach at the University of Maryland. Michael Locksley has mourned Meiko's loss, in part, by leading discussions about mental health and trying to destigmatize it among the young men he coaches.

One thing he has not said publicly, until now: Meiko had chronic traumatic encephalopathy, or C.T.E., the degenerative brain disease caused by repeated blows to the head and often associated with football.

C.T.E. can only be diagnosed, with certainty, posthumously. "I always thought, like, how do you go from a normal 21-year-old Division I football-playing person to, literally six months later, saying you hear people in the basement of an apartment where you

### A Deadly Brain Disease Opens a Life Built Around Football

lived on the eighth floor and you don't have a basement?" Locksley said.

He continued: "That didn't make sense to me. So I just always would go back to saying, 'Maybe it had something to do with these concussions.'"

Locksley said that he did not know the precise role that C.T.E. played in Meiko's decline, and he is right. Researchers cannot make direct links, either. Were Meiko's severe symptoms and mental-health issues caused by, exacerbated by or unaffected by C.T.E.?

A direct and personal — deeply personal — link to C.T.E. would be the most inconvenient of truths. Locksley still coaches, leading a major program in a major conference.

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TOUGH GOING Sappers clearing a field near Kherson, signs of a dense Russian defense. Page A7.

## In Europe, Pockets of Pro-Russia Voices Persist

By ROGER COHEN

PARIS — Nicolas Sarkozy, the former French president, was once known as "Sarko the American" for his love of free markets, freewheeling debate and Elvis. Of late, however, he has appeared more like "Sarko the Russian," even as President Vladimir V. Putin's ruthlessness appears more evident than ever.

In interviews coinciding with

### Sympathies Found on Political Extremes

the publication of a memoir, Mr. Sarkozy, who was president from 2007 to 2012, said that reversing Russia's annexation of Crimea was "illusory," ruled out Ukraine joining the European Union or NATO because it must remain "neutral," and insisted that Russia

and France "need each other."

"People tell me Vladimir Putin isn't the same man that I met. I don't find that convincing. I've had tens of conversations with him. He is not irrational," he told Le Figaro. "European interests aren't aligned with American interests this time," he added.

His statements, to the newspaper as well as the TF1 television network, were unusual for a former president in that they are pro-

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## Trial for Trump Is Set for March In Federal Case

### Judge Refuses to Delay Election Prosecution

By ALAN FEUER and GLENN THRUSH

A federal judge on Monday set a trial date of March 4 in the prosecution of former President Donald J. Trump on charges of conspiring to overturn the 2020 election, rebuffing Mr. Trump's proposal to push it off until 2026.

The decision by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan to start the trial in March amounted to an early victory for prosecutors, who had asked for Jan. 2. But it potentially brought the proceeding into conflict with the three other trials that Mr. Trump is facing, underscoring the extraordinary complexities of his legal situation and the intersection of the prosecutions with his campaign to return to the White House.

The district attorney in Fulton County, Ga., has proposed taking Mr. Trump to trial on charges of tampering with the election in that state on March 4 as well. Another case, in Manhattan, in which Mr. Trump has been charged with more than 30 felonies connected to hush-money payments to a porn actress in the run-up to the 2016 election, has been scheduled to go to trial on March 25.

And if the trial in Washington lasts more than 11 weeks, it could bump up against Mr. Trump's other federal trial, on charges of illegally retaining classified documents after he left office and obstructing the government's efforts to retrieve them. That trial is scheduled to begin in Florida in late May.

The March 4 date set by Judge Chutkan for the federal election case at a hearing in Federal District Court in Washington is the day before Super Tuesday, when 15 states are scheduled to hold Republican primaries or caucuses of

Judge Chutkan said that while she understood Mr. Trump had both other trial dates scheduled next year and, at the same time, was running for the country's highest office, she was not going to let the intersection of his legal troubles and his political campaign get in the way of setting a date.

"Mr. Trump, like any defendant, will have to make the trial date work regardless of his schedule," Judge Chutkan said, adding that "there is a societal interest to a speedy trial."

Mr. Trump has now been indicted by grand juries four times in four places — Washington, New

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## BID TO MOVE CASE

Mark Meadows, ex-chief of staff, sought a shift to federal court. PAGE A12

## UPTICK IN COVID BRINGS REMINDER VIRUS NEVER LEFT

### CASES GENERALLY MILD

#### As Hospitalizations Rise, Officials Urge Some Precautions

By JULIE BOSMAN

CHICAGO — A late-summer wave of coronavirus infections has touched schools, workplaces and local government, as experts warn the public to brace for even more Covid-19 spread this fall and winter.

Hospitalizations have increased 24 percent in a two-week period ending Aug. 12, according to the most recent data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Wastewater monitoring suggests a recent rise in Covid infections in the West and Northeast. In communities across the United States, outbreaks have occurred in recent weeks at preschools, summer camps and office buildings.

Public health officials said that the latest increase in Covid hospitalizations was still relatively small and that the vast majority of the sick were experiencing mild symptoms comparable to a cold or the flu. And most Americans, more than three months after the Biden administration allowed the expiration of the 2020 declaration calling the coronavirus a public health emergency, have shown little willingness to return to the days of frequent testing, mask wearing and isolation.

But for Americans who have become accustomed to feeling that the nation has moved beyond Covid, the current wave could be a rude reminder that the emerging New Normal is not a world without the virus.

"We're in almost the best place we've been in the pandemic since it began," says Michael T. Osterholm, the director of the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy at the University of Minnesota. "But we are caught in the

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A summer wave of Covid-19 suggests more trouble this fall.

## Cambodia's Cyber Scam Mills Hide Trafficking in Plain Sight

By SUI-LEE WEE

Around the world, reports of cyber-scam schemes targeting unsuspecting victims online have proliferated rapidly. Southeast Asia has become a center of gravity for those criminal syndicates, often in remote and war-torn corners. But in Cambodia, the scam industry has been flourishing well within the reach of officials.

For much of last year, dozens of nations reported that criminal gangs operating in Cambodia had lured tens of thousands of people into the country with the promise of high-paying jobs and free housing. Instead, they were forced to work for online scam mills while under intense surveillance in nondescript compounds, part of a multibillion dollar industry that has entrapped victims on both

sides. Under pressure, Cambodia announced a crackdown in August 2022. Since then, the authorities have said they have rescued more than 2,000 citizens from other countries, shut down five companies and detained 95 people. But New York Times interviews with law enforcement, rights groups and rescued victims detail how the shadowy industry has nonetheless continued to thrive because of powerful businessmen with close ties to senior officials in the Cambodian government, and a system of patronage that protects the mills from being investigated by the police.

Despite the crackdown and

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**COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS** push wheelbarrows on their way to clean up after Tropical Storm Hilary floodwaters inundated parts of Cathedral City. Many areas in Southern California were flooded by the storm.

## California failed to collect most water from Hilary

While record rainfall pulled last major part of state out of drought, officials say, storm didn't give big boost to supplies

By GRACE TOOHEY

Almost all of California is finally drought-free, after Tropical Storm Hilary's rare summer drenching added to this winter's record-setting rainfall totals.

But despite all that drought-busting precipitation, California continues to capture only a percentage of that water. Much of the

abundance in rain from Hilary ended up running off into the ocean — not captured or stored for future use, when California will inevitably face its next drought.

"We're not even coming close to capturing all the runoff," said Mark Gold, the director of Water Scarcity Solutions for the Natural Resources Defense Council. He still called Hilary's rain-

fall "an unexpected boon" for Southern California's local water supplies, but said too much of the storm's water washed away — the latest reminder of the state's urgent challenge to better capture rainwater to help refill vital groundwater resources.

"The potential is really there for us to do even better," Gold said. "We can definitely do a lot more than what we're doing."

After the torrent of winter storms from a parade of atmospheric rivers, much of California pulled out of drought conditions after three of the state's driest years on record. And Hilary continued to build on that trend — pulling one of the state's driest regions out of such dire conditions.

"Most of that lingering drought ... has been essen-

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## Ridley-Thomas gets 42-month prison term in corruption case

Sentence marks a shameful coda to his influential career in Los Angeles politics.

By MATT HAMILTON AND JULIA WICK

A federal judge has sentenced Mark Ridley-Thomas, once a towering figure in Los Angeles politics, to 42 months in prison, marking a devastating coda to his long career as a local power broker and advocate for civil rights and racial equity.

The sentence was issued Monday morning by U.S. District Judge Dale Fischer, who presided over Ridley-Thomas' criminal trial in March. In addition to the 3½-year prison term, the former politician was fined \$30,000 and will be subject to three years of supervised release.

"Ridley-Thomas has committed serious crimes, has not accepted responsibility and has shown no remorse," Fischer said. "There is simply no justification for monetizing one's office."

Ridley-Thomas, 68, had asked the judge to spare him any prison time and instead sentence him to probation and other alternatives to incarceration. Federal probation officials recommended 18 months in prison. Public corruption prosecutors at the U.S. attorney's office in L.A., meanwhile, had requested a six-year term.

Fischer and the prosecutors said the length of Ridley-Thomas' sentence should send an unequivocal message that public corruption has serious consequences, with the judge remarking, "The entire community has been victimized by the defendant's crimes."

Jurors had convicted Ridley-Thomas of seven felonies — bribery, conspiracy, four counts of honest serv-

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## DISTRICT SUED FOR TRANS STUDENT POLICY

The state says Chino schools violate rights by requiring parents to be told of gender identity changes.

By MACKENZIE MAYS

SACRAMENTO — California Atty. Gen. Rob Bonta filed a lawsuit Monday against the Chino school district, ordering an end to a policy that requires notifying parents if their children change their gender identity, alleging it is discriminatory and violates civil rights and privacy laws.

The "parental notification" policy, which has been proposed by a handful of conservative-leaning districts in California, puts transgender and gender-nonconforming students in "danger of imminent, irreparable harm" by potentially forcibly "outing" them at home before they're ready, according to the lawsuit.

"They are in real fear that the district's policy will force them to make a choice: either 'walk back' their constitutionally and statutorily protected rights to gender identity and gender expression, or face the risk of emotional, physical and psychological harm from nonaffirming or unaccepting parents or guardians," states the lawsuit, which asks the San Bernardino County Superior Court to immediately ban the practice.

The state's lawsuit against Chino Valley Unified escalates culture war debates playing out on some school boards in red pockets of deep-blue California and puts districts that have proposed similar policies, including Murrieta Valley Unified and Orange Unified, on alert.

"I refuse to stand by and allow Chino Valley or any district board of education to put our children at risk or infringe upon their rights, especially not one of our most vulnerable at-risk groups," Bonta said at a news conference in Los Angeles. "Across the country and in our own backyard, the LGBTQ+ community is under attack, and transgender and gender-nonconforming students are on the

[See Chino, A7]

## The run-up to the Oscars is fraught after actors walk

Film fests won't create the same buzz without stars, which could boost 'Barbenheimer.'

GLENN WHIPP

The last time Bradley Cooper took a movie to the Venice Film Festival, his leading lady, Gaga, made a grand entrance by boat twice. On the red carpet, the two stars held hands and reveled in a sudden rainstorm; at a news conference, they talked about how hopelessly devoted they were to each other.

"There can be 100 people in the room and 99 don't

believe in you, and you just need one to believe in you, and that was him," Gaga said for the first time — but not the last, as she'd repeat the line about Cooper ad infinitum while promoting the movie.

When Cooper's directorial follow-up, the Leonard Bernstein biopic "Maestro," premieres at Venice on Saturday, he won't be on the Lido to talk about it, bask in the glow of a standing ovation after the movie ends or speak of his admiration for co-star Carey Mulligan, who plays Bernstein's wife, Chilean actor Felicia Montalegre. Mulligan won't be attending either, nor will most of the stars headlining movies premiering at the event. The ongoing actors' and writers' strikes have them sitting on the sidelines this year.

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**THE TASK** of supplying electricity is becoming an increasingly intractable problem in the Mideast. Above, a wildfire in Lebanon during a July heat wave.

## A summer of discontent in the sizzling Mideast

Some countries have resorted to shutdowns to cope with electricity demand during extreme heat

By NABIH BULOS | REPORTING FROM BEIRUT

At the beginning of this month, as a thermal dome pushed temperatures in parts of the Middle East past 122 degrees, Iran ordered a two-day shutdown of schools, banks and public institutions, which helped relieve the burden on the nation's faltering power grid.

Authorities in Iraq did much the same in the country's sizzling southern regions a few days later, while Jordan, where such shutdowns are rare, decreed work stoppages during peak heat hours.

Egypt told public employees to work from home one day a week for August. The government has rationed electricity since July, with rolling blackouts that have left many Egyptians sweaty and frustrated.

As the world grows hotter and blistering summer days become routine, the task of supplying electricity is becoming an increasingly intractable problem across the Middle East. Soaring demand for cooling — fans, air conditioners, fridges and freezers — is overtaxing electrical grids long beset by war damage, mismanagement or corruption.

And it's set to get worse. Already, the heat index, which measures the combined effect of temperature and humidity, has reached 152 degrees in some parts of the region, near the limits of human tolerance. Scientists predict that by 2050 much of the Middle East will suffer extreme heat — a

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### Trump gets March 4 trial date

U.S. judge says decision couldn't take into account former president's run to regain office. **NATION, A5**

### 'A death angel' kept knocking

Even before recent shootings, Watts housing project had seen its share of grief. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

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The 2,400 job cuts at the insurer come amid the industry's wariness in California. **BUSINESS, A8**



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## Cluster bombs plant fields of worry

Ukraine readily exploits 'profoundly troubling' gamble by Biden

BY JOHN HUDSON AND ANASTACIA GALOUCHKA

KHARKIV REGION, UKRAINE — A few feet away from a pile of U.S.-made cluster bombs, an ear-splitting boom goes off 50 times a day, marking the latest volley from a Ukrainian artillery crew seeking to hold back advancing Russian forces.

"When we start firing the cluster munitions, the Russians disappear under hard cover. They won't even poke their noses out," said Stanislav, a Ukrainian military official standing a few miles from the front line in a blackened forest still smoldering from Russian shelling.

The artillery crew first received U.S.-made cluster munitions a few weeks ago following President Biden's decision to send the weapon in the most controversial arms transfer of his presidency. The bombs are outlawed in more than 120 countries under a 2008 international treaty, but not in the United States, Russia and Ukraine.

Human Rights Watch called Biden's decision "profoundly troubling." Germany, France, Canada, the Netherlands and several other NATO allies publicly opposed the move, citing the potential for civilian casualties. Forty-nine House Democrats, alongside 98 Republicans, voted in favor of a defense bill amendment that would have sought to block the transfer.

But the deployment of the weapon has caused little SEE UKRAINE ON A10

Disrupted trains: Poland probes for possible links to Russia. A9

## Tough line for Kremlin on funeral of Prigozhin

Rumors of Putin role in Wagner deaths muddle calls for military honors

BY ROBYN DIXON

RIGA, LATVIA — The Kremlin on Monday said it would not attend the funeral of Wagner chief Yevgeniy Prigozhin, mercenary commander Dmitry Utkin and other members of the group rested largely with their families, after patriotic hard-liners called for Prigozhin to be buried with full military honors, in a sign of the ongoing fissures in Russia over the war in Ukraine.

Prigozhin, Utkin and others in their entourage were killed when their private jet crashed last week following what Western intelligence agencies assessed to be an onboard explosion. Russian investigators on Sunday said they had confirmed Prigozhin's death using DNA.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Monday that no decision had been made on the funerals or whether President Vladimir Putin would attend. The swirling SEE PRIGOZHIN ON A11

## New digs to start the school year



SARAH L. VOISIN/THE WASHINGTON POST

Teacher Anne Jarmon greets students as they arrive for the first day of classes at the newly built Hyattsville Middle School. There was a lot to figure out as students and staff began settling into the new facility, but overall the reviews were positive. Some youngsters noticed the bathrooms and cafeteria, declaring their school "way better." Story, B1

## Some fear commercial real estate bust may spiral

BY RACHEL SEGEL

In Indianapolis, the technology giant Salesforce is paring back a quarter of its office space in the tallest building in Indiana, where it has been a key tenant for the past six years. In Atlanta, the private investment giant Starwood Capital defaulted on a \$212 million mortgage on a 29-story office tower. And in Baltimore, a landmark building sold for \$24 million last month, roughly \$42 million less than it fetched in 2015.

All across the country, downtown, office spaces and shop-

### The 'urban doom loop' could pose the next economic hazard

ping centers are at risk of becoming ground zero for a new economic hazard: the urban doom loop. The fear is that a commercial real estate apocalypse could spiral out and slow commerce, wrecking local tax revenue in the process. Ever since the pandemic drove a boom in remote work, hubs such as New York and San

Francisco have drawn attention for their empty offices in previously bustling skyscrapers. But many economists are even more worried about midsize cities that have fewer ways to offset the blow when a major company slashes office space, the sale price of a building cratered, or a downtown turns into a ghost town.

The worst-case scenario would go like this: With more people working from home, companies from Milwaukee to Memphis are rethinking their leases or pulling out of them altogether. That drives vacancy rates up and makes it harder for landlords to

attract new tenants or sell buildings for a healthy price.

Then property owners might struggle to pay off their mortgages or clear other debt. Business districts would dry up, stifling tax revenue from commercial properties or employee wages. Shoppers and tourists would have fewer reasons to venture downtown to eat or shop, choking off spending and forcing layoffs at restaurants and retail stores.

"Once those offices are empty, there are few alternatives and not a lot of life after hours," said Stijn Van Nieuwerburgh, a professor of SEE DOOM LOOP ON A15

## Ignored by police, twins pursued harasser on own

When weak laws stymied action, sisters filed suit and searched web for clues to sexual cyberstalker

BY ARI SCHNEIDER

A decade ago, Madison Conrads received an alarming message from a Facebook account she didn't recognize: Nude photos of the then 24-year-old were all over the web.

The photos of Madison, who was just starting a marketing job in Florida, were from behind the scenes of a shoot she had done in college — a blip in her former modeling and acting career. Any photos that showed her nude were not supposed to be public. She suspected they had been obtained when the photographer's proofing site was probably hacked a year earlier in a campaign targeting similar photographers' portfolios. Now the photos along with her name and contact information were on 4chan, a lawless website that allows users to post anonymously about topics as varied as music and white supremacy.

"My heart dropped," Madison said. "It's scary thinking, 'How did someone get these? Where did they get them? Who else are they sending these to?'"

Whoever was spreading the photos wanted more: Facebook users registered under fake names such as "Joe Bummer" sent her direct messages demanding that she send new, explicit photos, or else they would further spread the already leaked photos.

Some pictures landed in her father's Instagram messages, while marketing clients told her about the nude images that



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Madison Conrads, left, and her twin sister, Christine Messier, in Bradenton, Fla., in March 2022. Each was victimized by someone posting intimate photos on the internet.

came their way. Madison was at a friend's party when she got a panicked call from the manager of a hotel restaurant where she had worked: The photos had made their way to his inbox.

After two years, hoping a new Florida law against cyberharassment would finally end

the torture, Madison walked into her local Melbourne police station and shared everything. But she was told that what she was experiencing was not criminal.

What Madison still did not know was that other women were in the clutches of the SEE SISTERS ON A6

## Trump's D.C. trial set for March 4

POLITICAL, LEGAL TIMELINES COLLIDE

Obstruction case to begin on eve of Super Tuesday

BY DEVLIN BARRETT, RACHEL WEINER AND PERRY STEIN

The federal judge overseeing the case against former president Donald Trump for allegedly obstructing the results of the 2020 election said Monday that she plans to begin his trial on March 4 — a date that collides with both Trump's 2024 presidential bid and key dates in two other criminal cases against him.

March 4 is one day before Super Tuesday, when more than a dozen states will hold primaries or caucuses to pick the Republican presidential nominee. It is not as soon as the Jan. 2 trial date proposed by prosecutors from the office of special counsel Jack Smith, but it is far closer than the April 2026 date Trump's attorneys requested.

U.S. District Judge Tanya S. Chutkan said prosecutors had given her no example of such a high-profile case going to trial within five months of indictment, but she likewise said she had never seen such a case set for trial more than two years into the future. And she said Trump would have to "make the trial date work for his campaign schedule just like" any other high-profile defendant.

"If this case involved a professional athlete, it would be inappropriate to schedule a trial to accommodate her schedule," Chutkan said. "Mr. Trump will be treated with no more or less deference." SEE TRUMP ON A4

## In Georgia, U.S. court hears from Meadows

Former Trump aide says questioning election was part of his federal duties

BY HOLLY BAILEY AND AMY GARDNER

ATLANTA — Mark Meadows, Donald Trump's final White House chief of staff, testified in a federal courtroom in Georgia on Monday that he helped question the 2020 presidential election results out of a federal interest in "free and fair elections" intended to build national trust in the outcome and bring on a peaceful transfer of power.

Over nearly four hours of testimony, Meadows defended his participation in meetings and extrajudicial calls described by prosecutors as part of a plot to subvert Joe Biden's victory, repeatedly insisting there was a "federal nexus" to all of his actions. He said his duties managing the president's calendar and extracting him from lengthy meetings necessitated participating in hundreds if not thousands of conversations each month. SEE MEADOWS ON A4

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**Cross-border shooting** A National Guard soldier in Texas fired across the boundary, wounding a man in Mexico. A7

**D.C. youth crime** A stabbing in an alleged dispute over McDonald's sweet and sour sauce is the latest in what the mayor has deemed an emergency of youth violence. B1

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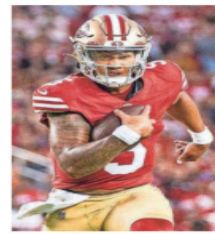
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**TROPICAL STORM IDALIA**

**'Catastrophic surge' could wallop Florida**



A Daytona Beach public works employee helps residents stock up on sandbags Monday as Tropical Storm Idalia approached Florida and was expected to gain hurricane strength. DAVID TUCKER/USA TODAY NETWORK

**Gulf Coast braces for hurricane force to make landfall**

John Bacon and Kate Cimini  
USA TODAY

FORT MYERS, Fla. – Tropical Storm Idalia was intensifying and threatened to slam across Florida's Gulf Coast sometime Wednesday as a major hurricane with "life-threatening storm surge and dangerous winds," the National Hurricane Center said.

The storm was forecast to reach hurricane strength by Tuesday, the hurricane center said.

Ryan Truchelut, chief meteorologist at Florida-based WeatherTiger, said conditions remained ripe for rapid intensification starting Tuesday morning. He projected landfall by midday Wednesday somewhere along the Big Bend and Nature Coast. Idalia could become just the second Category 3 or higher hurricane to make landfall there in the past 170 years, he said.

"Idalia will likely bring catastrophic surge to a broad swath of the west-central Florida and Big Bend coastline and a core of destructive winds to an unlucky but still unknown swath of North Florida," said Truchelut, who provides forecasts for the USA TODAY Network.

Hurricane watches were in effect along more than 300 miles of the Florida Coast – from Longboat Key, 60 miles south of Tampa, to the Ochlockonee River near Tallahassee. A major hurricane is a Category 3, 4 or 5 storm or higher on the Saffir-Simpson hurricane wind speed scale; a storm becomes a Category 3 hurricane when maximum wind speeds reach at least 111 mph.

Tampa Mayor Jane Castor declared a state of emergency. A surge of up to 7 feet is possible in the Tampa Bay area, and any shift of the storm's path eastward could increase the dangers for the sprawling metropolitan area.



**Josiah Wetmore directs traffic at the Costco gas pumps in Fort Myers as residents prepared for Idalia. The storm was forecast to hit Florida's Gulf Coast as a major hurricane Wednesday with high winds and storm surge.**

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USA TODAY NETWORK

**"I think everyone's a little more hypervigilant about doing those things this time. Since it's so uncertain and it is in the Gulf, people are trying to get the basics taken care of."**

**Julia Simpson**  
Secretary of nonprofit charitable organization Matlacha Hookers, on people in Pine Island's St. James City, Fla.

Pasco County, north of Tampa, issued a mandatory evacuation order for some areas – and throughout the county of almost 600,000 people for those living in manufactured or mobile homes or RVs. The county will have shelters open by Tuesday morning.

"Please consider riding out the storm with family or friends," county officials said in a statement. "If that's not an option, you can evacuate directly to a Pasco County shelter."

The storm's center was expected to reach the southeastern Gulf of Mexico by early Tuesday after sweeping over or near western Cuba. Idalia was forecast to gain speed and turn north-northeast toward Florida. Up to 11 feet of ocean water could surge over the Florida shoreline and along inland rivers and creeks as the storm rolls in, raising concerns for flooding that could be extensive.

In Pine Island, the island's entire electrical grid was taken down less than a year ago by Hurricane Ian. Fire District chief Ben Mickuleit said he wasn't as concerned about the potential for power grid damage as he was for homes hit by Ian that had not yet been fully repaired. Mickuleit advised residents prepare their homes by moving outdoor furniture inside. Sand and sandbags would be available at the firehouse, he said.

Julia Simpson, secretary of nonprofit charitable organization Matlacha Hookers, said people in Pine

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**ELECTION CONSPIRACY CASE**

**Trump's trial is set to begin on March 4**

Arguments over 2020 charges will come at height of 2024 race

Bart Jansen USA TODAY

WASHINGTON – A federal judge tentatively scheduled a March 4 start for Donald Trump's trial on charges he conspired to steal the 2020 election, placing it in the heat of the 2024 presidential campaign and ignoring his proposal to wait until 2026.

U.S. District Judge Tanya Chutkan chose the date for the four- to six-week trial after hearing arguments from prosecutors who sought a Jan. 2 start and Trump's defense lawyers, who requested a start in April 2026.

"The public has a right to prompt and efficient resolution of this matter," Chutkan said. "I want to note here that setting a trial date does not depend and should not depend on the defendant's personal or professional obligations."

The date is one day before the Super Tuesday presidential primaries and caucuses in 15 states as

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**Post-pandemic alternatives for education thrive**

Four families choose different paths for schooling their kids

Kayla Jimenez USA TODAY

Distance. Cost. Curriculum. Educators. These factors and countless others are what drive American parents to choose one type of schooling for their kids over another. And once the pandemic shattered the steady rhythm of in-person learning, even more parents found themselves wanting an option outside of the public education system.

Public school enrollment dipped nearly 3% nationwide from 2019 to 2020 and hasn't rebounded, though declining birthrates and immigration patterns were projected to cut into this population long before the pandemic.

Homeschooling surged, and though it has dipped some since the height of enrollment, the option is still more popular than before the COVID-19 crisis. Charter schools gained and retained hundreds of thousands of students. National data showcasing private school enrollment predates the pandemic, but some surveys suggest enrollment increased at these institutions, too. Other options such as learning pods, which group together as few as three students, are also showing they have staying power.

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Reeve Mora, lower left, is sending her two sons to a charter school in New Mexico. PROVIDED BY REEVE MORA



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**deportes**

**Las claves de Báez para disfrutar del mejor año de su carrera**

El tenista, de 22 años, de gran crecimiento en 2023 y tres títulos ATP, llega en alza a su debut, hoy, en el US Open.



**Alertan que, por falta de insumos, se suspenden turnos de tomografías**

—sociedad

Los centros de diagnóstico advierten que, por las trabas para importar, no hay sustancias de contraste para estos estudios. **Página 23**

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## Amplio rechazo empresario y político a las medidas de Massa

**CAMPAÑA.** Gobernadores e intendentes dudan de poder pagar el bono salarial; el sector privado cree que es una "imposición"

Gobernadores, intendentes, cámaras empresarias, entidades agropecuarias y de medicina prepaga y sindicatos expresaron ayer su enérgico rechazo a las medidas anunciadas por el ministro de Economía y candidato presidencial, Sergio Massa, para compensar los efectos de la devaluación y la inflación sobre los ingresos y sostener su campaña electoral.

Los representantes de provincias y municipios se quejaron de la decisión de otorgar un aumento salarial

de suma fija para empleados públicos y privados debido a que, en su visión, no tuvo en cuenta la situación de las finanzas en esos distritos.

Los empresarios de la Cámara de Comercio (CAC), la UIA y la CAME cuestionaron que el Estado imponga aumentos por fuera de las paritarias, consideradas "el ámbito natural" para estas decisiones. "Buena parte de las empresas del país se encuentran en una delicada situación", expresó la CAC.

Desde el campo, CRA señaló que

las medidas para el sector generan "incertidumbre" e "imprevisibilidad", mientras que los prestadores de servicios de salud calificaron de "catastrófico" el congelamiento de las cuotas. En tanto, economistas privados calculan en \$730.000 millones el costo fiscal del paquete, lo que complicaría cumplir las metas con el FML. **Página 8**

**Repartir hasta lo ajeno para pagar el costo de la devaluación**  
Francisco Jueguen. **Página 10**

**CRÍTICAS GENERALIZADAS**

► **Gobernadores e intendentes**

Hicieron llegar su reclamo porque la Nación les impuso el aumento sin tener en cuenta sus finanzas.

► **Empresarios**

La UIA, la Cámara de Comercio y la CAME rechazaron el plus salarial por fuera de las paritarias.

► **Medicina privada**

Las empresas de salud calificaron de "catastrófica" la decisión de congelar los precios del sector.

► **En el campo**

Las entidades creen que las medidas para el sector son "parches y no soluciones de fondo".

## La imagen que reavivó el escándalo del beso



**deportes** — MADRID. — Si el beso no consentido que Luis Rubiales, el presidente de la Federación Española de Fútbol, le dio a la campeona del mundo Jenni Hermoso desató todo tipo de condenas, un nuevo video acentuó ayer la indignación. En la secuencia, Rubiales se echa encima de Hermoso, lo que desmiente su defensa, que alegaba que la iniciativa había sido de la jugadora. Ayer, una multitud se movilizó en las calles de Madrid en apoyo de Hermoso.

## Melconian será ministro de Economía de Bullrich

**ELECCIONES.** Terminaron de acordar el plan que implementarán si ganan

La candidata presidencial Patricia Bullrich llegó ayer a un acuerdo con Carlos Melconian para que sea su ministro de Economía si Juntos por el Cambio gana las elecciones. Melconian tendrá el desafío de enfrentar las propuestas económicas de Javier Milei, que considera inviables. Entre los ejes que definieron para llevar adelante figuran levantar el cepo y las retenciones "lo antes posible", presentar un presupuesto equilibrado e impulsar medidas para aumentar el empleo privado. **Página 17**

## Fue a saludar a un amigo por el cumpleaños y lo asesinaron

**JOSÉ C. PAZ.** Roberto Ortega, un remisero de 66 años, recibió un tiro en la cabeza cuando se resistió a que le robaran el auto

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## El Presidente eligió candidatos a jueces de manera irregular

**"INCONSTITUCIONAL".** La ACIJ impugnó los nombres porque no estaban en las ternas aprobadas

El presidente Alberto Fernández envió al Senado tres candidatos a jueces que no figuran en las ternas vinculantes que había confeccionado luego de los concursos el Consejo de la Magistratura. Así lo denunció la ONG Asociación Civil por la Igualdad y la Justicia (ACIJ), que impugnó las propuestas. Según la organización, el Poder Ejecutivo envió a otros candidatos, ligados al kirche-

risimo, de una lista complementaria. La ACIJ detectó tres casos de cobertura de vacantes "de manera irregular" en fueros estratégicos donde se definen conflictos entre empresarios y el Estado. "Esto significa que el Poder Ejecutivo se apartó de la regulación constitucional y legal para la designación de magistrados y magistradas", dijo la organización. **Página 18**

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Popularidade de misses esquentada rede de negócios

Concursos atraem 4.000 participantes por ano e movimentam áreas de vestuário, cursos e eventos.

**Esporte B7**  
Messi transformará futebol dos EUA, aposta Klinsmann

**Ilustrada C1**  
Diversidade é ativo do mercado de arte e se exhibe em SP

**Comida C8**  
Whey vira guloseima e conquista público fora da maromba

**Tony Goes**  
Desinformados e a fila do transplante

Ese, em vez de reclamar de uma injustiça imaginária, você doasse os seus próprios órgãos? A primeira coisa é avisar a família sobre a sua vontade. Quando as doações aumentarem, as filas irão diminuir, e celemos como esta, em torno de Fausto Silva, cessarão de existir. **Corrida B8**



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## ESPUMA FAZ CEDAE INTERROMPER FORNECIMENTO DE ÁGUA NO RIO

Estação Guandu (foto) foi paralisada após surgimento de espuma, provavelmente causada por vazamento de rejeito industrial; normalização do sistema pode levar até 3 dias **B4**

## Lula assina MP para cobrar imposto sobre fundos de super-ricos

Modalidade abrange cerca de 2.500 brasileiros; Executivo envia ao Congresso projeto para tributar renda em offshore

O presidente Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT) assinou ontem medida provisória para tributar de 15% a 20% o rendimento de fundos exclusivos a investidores com milhões em carteira. De acordo com o governo, a cobrança será realizada duas vezes ao ano, e não apenas no resgate, como ocorre hoje. Assim, espera-se arrecadar R\$ 24 bilhões até 2026.

Além disso, o Planalto informou que encaminhou ao Congresso o projeto de lei para taxar, com alíquotas progressivas até 22,5%, offshores e trusts que gerenciam no exterior cerca de US\$ 200 bilhões pertencentes a cidadãos brasileiros. Rendimentos anuais até R\$ 6.000 estariam isentos, e aqueles entre esse patamar e R\$ 50 mil pagariam 15%.

Os deputados resistem à pauta, e o Executivo evocou urgência constitucional. Em cerimônia, o ministro Fernando Haddad (Fazenda), que aposta na arrecadação para manter as contas no arcabouço fiscal, refuta a ideia de revanchismo. **Mercado A13**

**Disputa por mercado marca debate sobre rotativo do cartão A15**

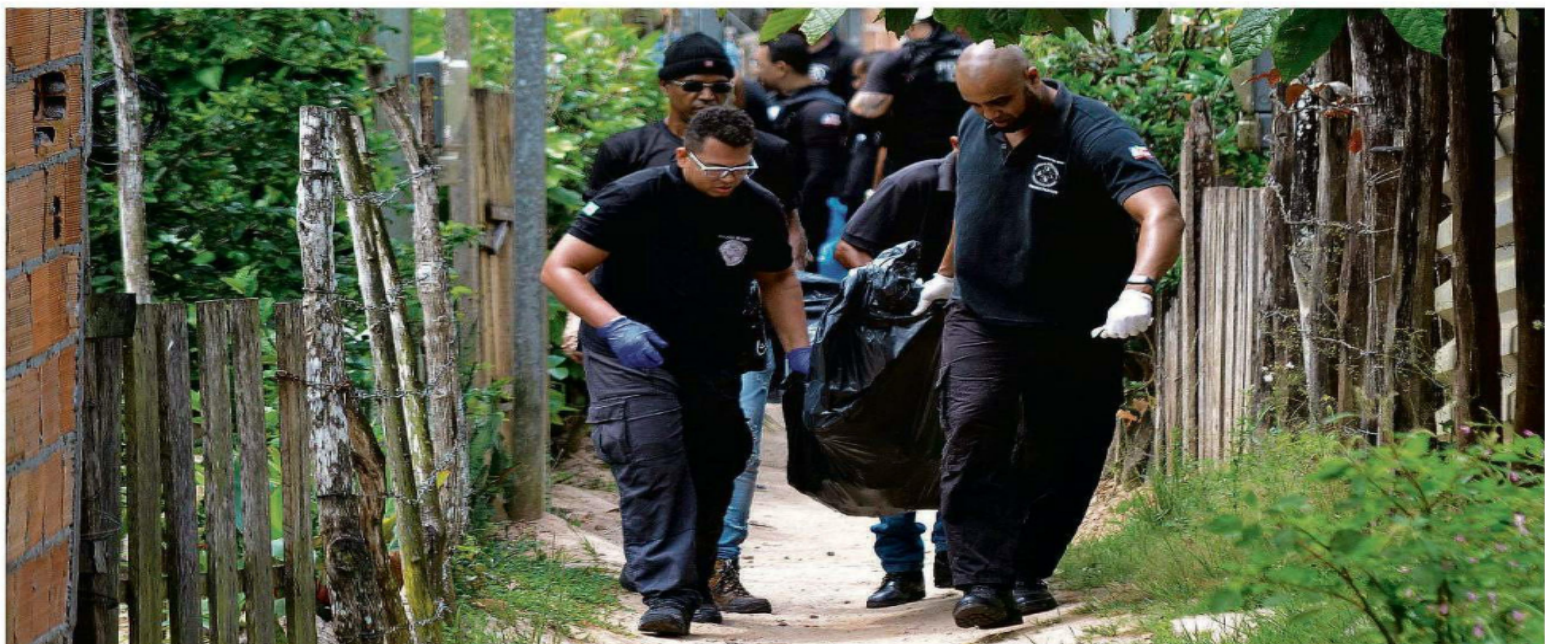
## Dados errados podem ter levado a apagão, aponta ONS

Informe do Operador Nacional do Sistema Elétrico (ONS) sobre a apuração do apagão do dia 15 aponta que geradores não enviaram informações corretas sobre o desempenho de seus equipamentos ao órgão. A imprecisão teria comprometido o funcionamento do sistema. Análises prosseguem.

O ONS não disse quais empresas e fontes —hidrelétricas, térmicas, eólicas ou solares— forneceram os dados, mas já alterou a operação, com mais hidrelétricas para elevar a estabilidade das redes. Falha em linha de transmissão no Ceará foi apontada como evento zero do corte de luz. **Mercado A16**

**PAINEL S.A.**  
Governo decide entregar Caixa a aliada de Lira

O governo decidiu que a ex-deputada federal Margarete Coelho (PP-PJ), ligada a Arthur Lira, será a presidente da Caixa Econômica Federal, no lugar de Rita Serrano. A mudança visa a destravar votações no Congresso. **Mercado A14**



Agentes retiram corpo de casa em Mata de São João, na Grande Salvador; polícia investiga possível chacina em meio ao aumento da violência na Bahia **Romildo de Jesus/Futura Press/Folhapress**

## Ortega avança sobre universidade na Nicarágua

Tomada pelo governo, a Universidade Centroamericana, uma das mais prestigiadas da Nicarágua e gerida por jesuítas, se tornou o símbolo do avanço da ditadura de Daniel Ortega sobre o ensino. Academia era vista como última fronteira do livre pensamento no país. **Mundo A10**

## Nove pessoas são encontradas mortas em duas casas na Bahia

Polícia encontra sete corpos carbonizados (dos quais três crianças) em casa incendiada em Mata de São João, na Grande Salvador, e duas mulheres mortas a tiros em imóvel vizinho. Investigação aponta para chacina. **Cotidiano B2**

## Com medo de operação da PM, moradores deixam Guarujá

**Cotidiano B1**

## Cerimônia do Sete de Setembro vai ligar militares à democracia

No primeiro Dia da Independência após o governo Jair Bolsonaro, a gestão petista vai explorar as cores da bandeira e lançar mensagem de união nacional, buscando reverter a partidização da data e das Forças Armadas. **Política A4**

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**Não foi golpe**  
Sobre Lula e o impeachment de Dilma Rousseff.

**Pecados taxados**  
A respeito de tributação de produtos nocivos.

## ATMOSFERA





**El asesino de Katia estaba por ser sobreesido por un caso de violencia anterior**

# Uso de tobilleras es una vieja promesa que no se cumple

El ministro del Interior, Enrique Riera, reconoció que muchas vidas se hubieran salvado si es que la ley en cuestión se implementaba tras su promulgación, cinco años atrás.

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## EEUU destaca valor de la prensa



DANIEL DUARTE

**Visita.** Leanne Connors y Jatna García, de la Embajada de EEUU, intercambiaron puntos de vista con el director de Última Hora, Arnaldo Alegre.

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**Eddie and Alma Aragonéz** — whose house is next to TUPPS Brewery's 25,000-square-foot production facility, which is set to open next month — have lived in East McKinney their entire lives and worry they will eventually be priced out of their home because of development.

## MCKINNEY

### Worries brew on east side

Residents welcome development but fear they'll be forced out

By **HAEVEN GIBBONS**  
Staff Writer  
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**A**lma and Eddie Aragonéz Jr. used to watch thunderstorms roll in from the front porch of the blue pier-and-beam McKinney home where they've lived for nearly 30 years. Now they see a huge four-story metal building and hear constant humming coming from the facility where beer is kept cold.

TUPPS Brewery's 25,000-square-foot production facility, about a hundred feet from their front door, is slated to open in September. It sits on about 4 acres

of what used to be the site of an old grain mill. The brewery's new site is allowing the company to expand, as it has outgrown its current space at 721 Anderson St. in McKinney.

The Aragonézes are excited for TUPPS and other development coming to their neighborhood. It's a chance for the east side to finally be noticed. The gravel road in front of their house will be paved, and they hope other improvements to the area will follow.

"The east side has always been the black sheep of McKinney — crime and drugs and all that — but it's gotten better," Eddie Aragonéz Jr. said. "Our street is finally going



Jason Janik/Special Contributor

"I don't think there's any doubt that the east side is going to explode," said Keith Lewis, founder and president of TUPPS. "The city hall is the business side of it, and then TUPPS is the fun side of it."

to get worked on. I've been fighting with the city to get the street fixed as long as I've been there — and nothing. Then all of a sudden TUPPS comes, and we're going to fix the street now."

City leaders say the brewery will serve as a gathering place and help spur development east of State Highway 5, a mostly industrial

area where the city's predominantly Black and Hispanic legacy neighborhoods are located. Here, development has historically lagged behind the rest of the city.

But there also are plans for the city's new municipal center, redesign at Old Settler's Park and rede-

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## CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES

### Sexual abuse reports at issue

Lawyers for foster children say histories were missing, petition judge to fine Texas

By **ROBERT T. GARRETT**  
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**AUSTIN** — Lawyers for children in long-term foster care ratcheted up pressure for a federal judge to sanction Texas for not obeying orders, saying "a significant percentage" of caregivers aren't adequately informed about youngsters' histories of sexual abuse.

Those monitoring the state's progress noted that a review of cases found that documents and signatures aimed at ensuring that caregivers are aware of such histories occurred "just more than half" of the time.

The omission is critical, as children who have been victimized while in state custody can become sexual aggressors, the lawyers say.

Making timely transfers of such information among adult caregivers is a key to seeking therapies and averting further harm, they stressed.

State officials insist Texas has achieved "substantial compliance" with U.S. District Judge Janis Graham Jack's orders, including her insistence that caregivers are promptly notified of the children's sexual abuse histories and trained in how to spot and report sexual abuse.

In a recent motion that Texas be fined for noncompliance, lawyers for the more than 10,000 children in long-term foster care accused the state of foot-dragging and obfuscation.

"Abused children are especially vulnerable," lead plaintiffs' lawyer Paul Yet-



**JANIS GRAHAM JACK**  
has been asked to fine Texas.

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## SCIENCE

### Discovery blows lid off what we know of moon

SMU researchers find evidence of a volcano on the lunar far side

By **LILA LEVINSON**  
Special Contributor

Matt Siegler, a planetary scientist at SMU, was digging into old data to figure out how hot it is under the moon's surface when he came upon something surprising: evidence of a massive, ancient volcano.

The moon has always sparked the human imagination — the first known story of explorers landing on the moon was written nearly

2,000 years ago. In work published in *Nature* this summer, Siegler and his team have added to that legacy.

The best explanation for a large chunk of granite that Siegler identified is volcanic activity. "It's the fossil of a volcano," Siegler said. And it's an unexpectedly large fossil. This granite body would stretch approximately from downtown Dallas to downtown Fort Worth.

"It's so weird that this thing is here," said Siegler, who is also a researcher at the Planetary Science Institute in Arizona and is affiliated with multiple NASA satellite missions.

Although there are other ancient volcanoes on the moon, this one has puzzling features that make it stand out. It's also on the far side of the moon and distant from most lunar volcanoes.

Siegler says his findings are significant because they can help us understand the history of the moon. In turn, this can help us learn about what happened billions of years ago on Earth and other nearby moons and planets.

Because of ongoing geopolitical tension, NASA scientists such as Siegler can't

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## HOUSTON ISD

### State takeover of city schools fuels anxiety

Students, parents, teachers worry about ex-DISD chief's push

By **JUAN A. LOZANO**  
The Associated Press

**HOUSTON** — The library at Houston's Lockhart Elementary had been a refuge for 8-year-old Sydney, who has struggled because of dyslexia. The school's librarian, Cheryl Hensley, curated a space that encouraged her to read.

But now Texas has taken over Houston's public school district, and her refuge has been repurposed as a space to be used in part for discipline. While students

can still check out books, there will be no one to guide them. Hensley, the librarian, is gone.

"I'm hurt ... and now to know that Ms. Hensley is no longer on the campus, the library has been shuttered?" said Sydney's mother, Lauren Simmons. "I'm at a point where, do I take my baby to school Monday because what's going to happen to her?"

Simmons as well as other parents, teachers, students and local officials have expressed anxiety and fear over what to expect as the new school year begins.

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The Associated Press

**Ancient volcanoes** have been found on the moon before, but they've all been on the side facing Earth.

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## METRO

### SEAL accused of assault

A Navy SEAL was accused of assaulting a hotel security officer while intoxicated and calling the officer a racial slur, a police report says. **1B**

## BUSINESS

### AA fined for tarmac delays

American Airlines was fined \$4.1 million for leaving passengers on the tarmac too long, with most of the long delays happening at DFW. **3B**

## NATION & WORLD

### Utility says it had part in fire

Hawaii's electric utility acknowledged its power lines started a wildfire on Maui, but it also faulted county firefighters. **3A**



Baseball fans enter through metal detectors for a game between the White Sox and Athletics at Guaranteed Rate Field in Chicago on Saturday. **JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

## Federal election trial set for Trump

Judge rebuffs dates that prosecutors, defense suggested

By Eric Tucker, Lindsay Whitehurst and Michael Kunzelman  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A judge on Monday set a March 4 trial date for Donald Trump in the federal case in Washington charging the former president with trying to overturn the results of the 2020 election, rejecting a defense request to push back the case by years.

U.S. District Judge Tanya Chutkan rebuffed claims by Trump's attorneys that an April 2026 trial date was necessary to account for the huge volume of evidence they say they are reviewing and to prepare for what they contend is a novel and unprecedented prosecution. But she agreed to postpone the trial slightly beyond the January date proposed by special counsel Jack Smith's prosecution team.

"The public has a right to a prompt and efficient resolution of this matter," Chutkan said.

If the current date holds, it would represent a setback to Trump's efforts to push the case back until well after the 2024 presidential election, a contest in which he's the early front-runner for the Republican nomination.

The March date would also ensure a blockbuster trial in the nation's capital in the heat of the GOP presidential nominating calendar, forcing Trump to juggle campaign and courtroom appearances and coming the day before Super Tuesday — a crucial voting day when more than a dozen states including California and Texas will hold primaries and when the largest number of delegates are up for grabs.

"I want to note here that setting a trial date does not depend and should not depend on the defendant's personal or professional obligations," Chutkan said. "Mr. Trump, like any other defendant, will have to make the trial date work regardless of his schedule," she said.

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## Top cop: Shots likely from inside ballpark

Game continued after two women were wounded while sitting in bleachers

By Sam Charles  
Chicago Tribune

A shooting incident that wounded two people at a Chicago White Sox game over the weekend most likely involved a gun going off inside Guaranteed Rate Field, the interim Chicago police superintendent said Monday.

Two women suffered gunshot wounds as they sat in the left-field bleachers of Guaranteed Rate Field during the Friday night game between the White Sox and Oakland A's. Officials have so far said little about where the bullets came from, or if someone brought a gun into the stadium, but interim Superintendent Fred Waller on Monday said investigators have nearly ruled out the possibility that the shots came from outside the ballpark.

"We're dispelling a lot of things," Waller said during a brief press availability after a CPD graduation and promotion ceremony at Navy Pier. "(A shot) coming from outside is something we've almost completely dispelled. We're still looking at every avenue. It's still under investigation. Something from inside, it could've happened that way. We're looking at every avenue, exploring every lead and everything that we can get."

Waller added that CPD did initially request that the game be halted after the shooting was discovered.

"At one point in time it was requested as a precaution, but we had no active shooter information, no flare-up, as I said, from a weapon, so we didn't have all of the information," Waller said. "We made that request initially because we did not know what was

going on. We had reports of people being shot at Sox Park, but that wasn't confirmed and so we allowed the game to continue (and) not to create a panic."

Mayor Brandon Johnson said he was made aware of the shooting shortly after it occurred Friday, but he declined to say whether he was part of the decision to allow the game to continue or whether in hindsight that was the right choice.

"Obviously, this is an ongoing investigation and the Chicago Police Department has done a remarkable job of gathering all the evidence and as more information becomes available, that information will be reported," Johnson said.

Both women, 26 and 42, were expected to recover from the incident at the Armour

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## Pritzker, Johnson eye fast-track work authorization for migrants

Aldermen advance new housing in city for asylum-seekers

By A.D. Quij  
Chicago Tribune

Highlighting both the plight of migrants who can't legally hold jobs and the unabated arrival of more asylum-seekers from the Southern border, Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker and Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson sent a joint letter Monday to the federal government requesting streamlined work authorization that would let Illinois sponsor noncitizens to work in industries facing labor shortages.

"As we continue to receive new arrivals who often lack sponsors, shelter, and have no immediate legal pathways to work, we have come to understand that this is not a short-term crisis, but rather a long-term reality," reads the letter to U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas.

The joint ask is for Homeland Security to grant asylum-seekers parole through the "Significant Public Benefit" designation, in which states would sponsor individuals to work in critical industries. Among the

industries identified in Illinois, according to the letter, are "food processing, clean energy, health care (including in nursing and dentistry), transportation, warehousing and more."

"As the asylum-seekers we serve have begun to build lives for themselves and their families in Illinois, we have witnessed the dangerous work conditions and exploitation that often result when individuals lack access to legal work and the protections that come with it," the letter says. "The precarious legal status of noncitizen workers exposes them to a higher risk of mistreatment, especially when employers wield the power to determine the legal presence of an employee. It is our strong recommendation that in the development of this program, worker safety and worker choice is prioritized, and a worker's legal presence is not solely tied to their employment by a single employer."

Other existing parole programs for

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Scale Marketing employees work at their desks in their new office space in River North on Wednesday. **EILEEN T. MESLAR/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

## Amid downsizing in Loop, a 'jackpot' trend emerges

Bargain rates are drawing fresh new batch of tenants

By Brian J. Rogal  
Chicago Tribune

It's no secret that companies have been downsizing their spaces in the wake of the pandemic and, in many cases, leaving the Loop for trendier digs in Fulton Market.

But a budding trend is unfolding in the wake of those moves. The Loop spaces companies are leaving behind are available for lease at bargain rates, making it possible for smaller firms and nonprofits to move into nicer spaces than they would otherwise be able to afford.

"There is such a high vacancy rate in the Loop that now is a good time for any organization to take advantage of the great deals out there," said Valerie Hawthorne-Berry, senior director of facilities for Heartland Alliance, a Chicago-based human rights organization. Heartland Alliance is moving this November from an old office property at 208 S. LaSalle St. into a bright modern location in the East Loop with advanced conference facilities, a new fitness club and a giant food court.

"That deal could not have gotten done a couple of years ago when things were really hot," said Andrew Davidson, executive managing director of Transwestern,

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## Florida braces for likely hurricane

Florida residents loaded up on sandbags and evacuated from homes in low-lying areas along the Gulf Coast as Tropical Storm Idalia intensified Monday.

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## DESAFIO FISCAL

# Governo taxa fundos e corre para viabilizar meta do arcabouço

### Lula edita MP e prepara pacote por aumento de receitas às vésperas de enviar Orçamento de 2024

Prezionado pelo compromisso de zerar o déficit público no ano que vem e às vésperas de enviar ao Congresso a proposta do Orçamento de 2024, o governo tenta acelerar medidas que garantam um salto da arrecadação para cumprir as metas assumidas no novo arcabouço fiscal. O presidente Lula assinou ontem em medida pro-

visória que eleva a tributação sobre os fundos exclusivos (fechados para alta renda) e um projeto de lei para taxar as offshore. A Fazenda conta ainda com uma lista que inclui desde a taxa de apostas esportivas a vitórias em disputas fiscais no 'Carif' para estimar uma alta de R\$ 173 bilhões nas receitas em 2024. [>>>>>](#)

## Corrida ao STF afunila entre Dantas e Messias

Enquanto Cristiano Zanin está sob críticas da esquerda por sua atuação no STF, o presidente Lula já avança na escolha do substituto de Rosa Weber. Ele tem consultado aliados e políticos sobre a indicação, e dois nomes chegam à meta final como favoritos: o advogado-geral da União, Jorge Messias, e o presidente do TCU, Bruno Dantas. [>>>>>](#)

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## Câmara deve separar 'jabuti' de PL da desoneração

A Câmara deve votar hoje o projeto de lei que proíbe a desoneração da folha de pagamento dos setores que mais geram empregos. Inserido no PL, um benefício previdenciário a todos os municípios do país deve ser votado separadamente, defendem líderes do governo no Congresso e o relator do PL, deputada Amylton. [>>>>>](#)

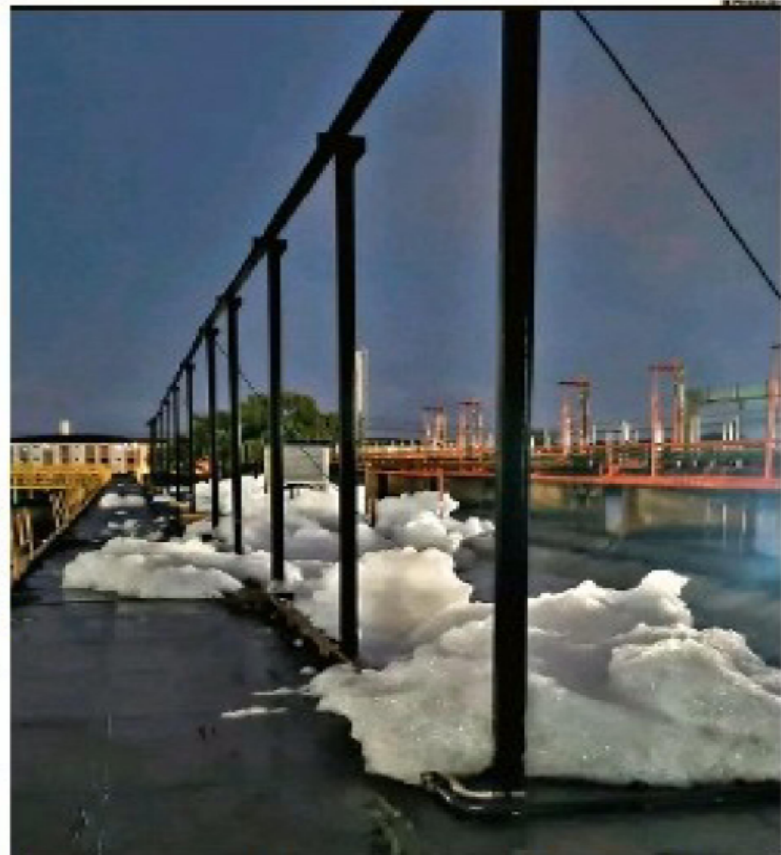
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## Espuma suspeita afeta fornecimento de água no Rio

Captação de água em Guandu ficou parada por 24 horas, e corte ainda pode prejudicar milhões de pessoas nos próximos dias. Polícia e Ibra suspeitam de despejo criminoso de detergentes. [>>>>>](#)

## Três meses após reunião, renegociação de dívida com Venezuela segue estagnada

Depois de reaproximação com a Venezuela, marcada pelo encontro entre Lula e Maduro, forma de quitar débito superior a R\$ 6 bilhões não teve avanço. Governos em questão adiaram reunião sobre o tema que seria em agosto. [>>>>>](#)

## Chacina com nove mortos, sendo três crianças, agrava crise de segurança na Bahia

A guerra do tráfico é a principal linha de investigação sobre chacina na Região Metropolitana de Salvador na madrugada de ontem, ampliando lista de episódios violentos. Sete corpos estavam carbonizados. Um menino sobreviveu. [>>>>>](#)

## Zelensky cogita modificar legislação para evitar suspensão das eleições de 2024

Com popularidade em queda, o presidente da Ucrânia defende a realização em março das eleições no país, por ora vetadas pelas leis locais por causa da invasão russa. Objetivo é ganhar legitimidade para negociar a paz. [>>>>>](#)

## A ciência atesta: canja de galinha faz bem

Estudos científicos comprovaram que as aves contêm em suas carnes a receita para curar resfriados. Ao combater fungos, vegetais e arroz, ela traz um alívio completo que ajuda a reforçar o sistema imunológico. [>>>>>](#)

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## Aux États-Unis, premiers doutes sur l'aide à l'Ukraine

L'absence de percée militaire durant l'été nourrit les interrogations du Pentagone, de plusieurs candidats républicains à la présidence et d'une partie de l'opinion publique.

Pour la première fois depuis le début de la guerre en Ukraine, l'opinion américaine tangué. Un sondage divulgué au début du mois par CNN a frappé les esprits à Washington : 55 % des personnes interrogées (et 72 % des républicains) se déclarent désormais hostiles à

une rallonge financière pour Kiev. Selon le cercle de réflexion conservateur Heritage Foundation, les États-Unis ont déjà contribué à la guerre contre la Russie pour le montant vertigineux de 113 milliards de dollars, soit 900 dollars par foyer.

Le général Mark Milley, chef d'état-major américain, ne cesse de répéter que le conflit sera « sanglant, long et lent », alimentant les inquiétudes sur la durée de l'aide américaine. Des voix s'élevaient au Congrès pour constater que « les Ukrainiens ne gagnent pas » et esti-

mer que « nous avons fait ce que nous pouvions ». Au moins trois des candidats républicains à la Maison-Blanche, à commencer par Donald Trump, préconisent de se concentrer sur les priorités domestiques. L'Amérique, traversée de courants contradictoires, n'a

pas encore lâché l'Ukraine, loin de là. L'Administration de Joe Biden s'emploie d'ailleurs à rassurer ses alliés européens. Mais la campagne présidentielle promet d'accroître la pression sur le président sortant et le camp démocrate. **PAGES 10 ET 11**



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### Interdiction de l'abaya à l'école : la bataille commence pour Gabriel Attal

Le ministre de l'Éducation nationale a affiché sa fermeté en bannissant le port de cette longue robe traditionnelle musulmane dans les écoles. Mais le gouvernement cherche la bonne méthode pour déjouer les recours juridiques. **PAGES 2, 4, 6 ET L'ÉDITORIAL**

**ÉDITORIAL** par Vincent Trémolet de Villers vtremolet@lefigaro.fr

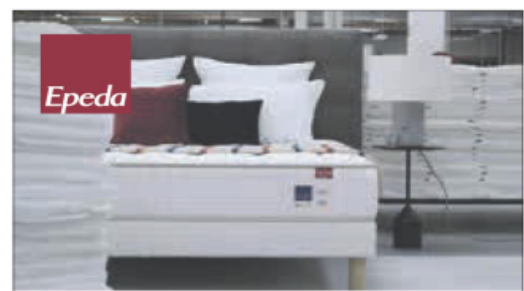
### Lueur d'autorité

Un peu de clarté dans le brouillard du « en même temps », d'autorité dans les faiblesses du louvoisement : en quelques mots, Gabriel Attal a tranché une question que son prédécesseur a laissée traîner pendant 365 jours. Le port de l'abaya est interdit dans les établissements scolaires. C'est ce que recommandait le bon sens, la logique, l'unité nationale, mais, comme aujourd'hui une décision raisonnable tient du miracle, il faut d'abord s'en féliciter. Répondre ensuite aux représentants de la « gauche Médine » qui dénoncent « une nouvelle guerre de religion » et la crispation « islamophobe ». Emportés par leurs grossiers appétits électoralistes, ils ne mesurent pas qu'en évoquant « une police du vêtement » ils établissent une équivalence entre la décision éclairée du ministre de l'Éducation et l'épouvantable milice des mœurs qui, en Iran, surveillance, menace, emprisonne les femmes qui veulent se débarrasser du « bout de tissu » qui les opprime. Aujourd'hui, Tartuffe est membre de La France insoumise et sa fausse dévotion est islamiste. Rappelé enfin que la bataille engagée par le ministre de l'Éducation sera longue et difficile. L'abaya, en effet, c'est beaucoup plus que

l'abaya. Ce vêtement communautaire, c'est la conséquence d'une immigration incontrôlée, d'une intégration désintégrée. C'est le symbole d'une école qui ne sait plus transmettre les richesses de l'intelligence, les délices de la liberté, la fierté d'un héritage commun. Une école dont le principe s'apparente de plus en plus au slogan publicitaire d'une chaîne de fast-food : « Venez comme vous êtes ». L'abaya, c'est le produit d'une extension infinie des droits individuels que renforcent chaque jour un peu plus nos différents cours de justice. Tartuffe est membre de La France insoumise. Bientôt, le Conseil d'État sera saisi par une des mille associations qui s'appuient sur notre logique victimaire pour faire avancer l'islam politique. Rappelons qu'il y a quelques mois Emmanuel Macron y a nommé, à la tête de la section de l'intérieur, un multiculturaliste assumé. Un détail qui nous dit que, partout, le « en même temps » va tenter d'annuler la décision de Gabriel Attal. Le jeune ministre a montré qu'il avait du talent et du culot. Il va lui falloir désormais faire preuve de constance et de courage. ■

### Été record pour le tourisme en France

L'inflation laissait craindre une saison en retrait. Les professionnels du tourisme dans l'Hexagone redoutaient les retombées négatives de la météo compliquée - canicule au sud, pluie au nord. Finalement, selon les estimations du gouvernement dévoilées par Le Figaro, l'été 2023 devrait battre de nouveaux records historiques. Les visiteurs étrangers sont de retour et la fréquentation des lieux touristiques par les Français est restée excellente. Les recettes devraient atteindre 65 milliards d'euros, contre 58 milliards l'an dernier. **PAGES 20 ET 21**



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## Rivers at risk as Gove rips up rules on new housing

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Michael Gove is planning to rip up water pollution rules that housebuilders have blamed for exacerbating England's housing crisis but which environmental groups say are essential for protecting the country's rivers.

The housing secretary, alongside Thérèse Coffey, the environment secretary, will announce the move to scrap "nutrient neutrality" rules today, according to several people briefed on the plans, alongside hundreds of millions of pounds of extra funding to mitigate the potential impact on England's waterways.

The decision is set to spark anger among environmentalists, who say it will further add to water pollution, with water companies already dumping raw sewage into rivers and seas. Political advisers say water pollution has already become a major political issue in coastal areas, and has the potential to cost the Conservatives important seats at the next election.

It will delight major developers who say the rules are being applied so strictly they are unable to build new homes in large parts of England. Building industry projections say housebuilding in England is forecast soon to fall below levels not seen since the second world war.

Doug Parr, policy director at Greenpeace UK, told the Guardian: "Who would look at our sickly, sewage-infested rivers and conclude that what they need is weaker pollution rules? No one, and that should include our government. Scrapping or weakening limits on chemicals from sewage and farm runoffs would be a sure sign that ministers have completely given up on saving our great waterways and the precious wildlife they host."

He added: "Instead of allowing housebuilders to cut corners, the Sunak administration should make sure we have the right infrastructure to handle our sewage so we can build new homes without sacrificing our rivers' health. But that would require them to do what they've spectacularly failed to do so far - forcing water firms and housebuilders to invest their profits 5 →



Thousands took to the streets yesterday to celebrate Notting Hill carnival in the 75th anniversary year of the Windrush landing. **Eyewitness Pages 20-21 →**

## Spanish FA leaders call for Rubiales to resign

Ashifa Kassam  
Madrid

The Spanish football federation's regional presidents have demanded that Luis Rubiales "immediately resign", days after its members heartily applauded his vow to stay on.

More than a week after Rubiales grabbed forward Jenni Hermoso by the head and planted a kiss on her lips, the federation's regional presidents were summoned yesterday to an "extraordinary and urgent" meeting in Madrid to assess the impact of the crisis.

Six hours later they 11 →

## Flight chaos could last days, travellers warned

Gwyn Topham  
Transport correspondent

Airline passengers have been warned flight disruption could persist for days, after a technical meltdown in UK air traffic control yesterday left hundreds of thousands of passengers

stranded or delayed on the summer bank holiday.

Returning holidaymakers and those hoping to travel out of British airports alike faced cancellations and delays of up to 12 hours after takeoffs and inbound flights were suspended because of a "network-wide" computer failure.

A limited number of flights were able to operate but air traffic was severely restricted as engineers struggled to rectify the problem.

With staff forced to input flight plans manually, about 500 flights were cancelled and others delayed for hours even before Nats (formerly National Air Traffic Services) announced at 3.15pm it had "identified and remedied" the issue, which had arisen almost four hours earlier.

Passengers at airports in the UK and around Europe reported being left in limbo, with travel plans wrecked and 7 →