

## What's News

### Business & Finance

- ◆ **An appeals court ruled** the SEC must reconsider crypto asset manager Grayscale's application to launch the first bitcoin ETF, the latest setback for Gensler's efforts to regulate the industry. **A1**
- ◆ **Employers reported** fewer open jobs last month, adding to signs that the solid labor market is gradually cooling in a higher-interest-rate environment. **A2**
- ◆ **Major U.S. stock indexes** rose for a third consecutive session, with the S&P 500, Nasdaq and Dow advancing 1.5%, 1.7% and 0.8%, respectively. **B12**
- ◆ **Warner Bros. Discovery** is in advanced talks to name Mark Thompson, a former top executive of the New York Times and the BBC, as CNN's new leader. **B1**
- ◆ **Former Qualcomm boss** Paul Jacobs is taking over as chief executive of Globalstar, a satellite company that supports Apple's emergency-communications capabilities. **B1**
- ◆ **Google is selling** broad access to its most powerful AI technology for the first time as it races to make up ground in the cloud-software market. **B4**
- ◆ **U.S. Steel said** it has entered into confidentiality agreements with "numerous third parties" and is starting to share due diligence information as it reviews bids for the company or parts of it. **B2**
- ◆ **Meta said** it took down an online covert-influence operation aimed at advancing China's interests and discrediting its adversaries. **B4**
- ◆ **Best Buy's sales and profit** fell in the second quarter as demand for electronics moderated after gains during the pandemic. **B3**

### World-Wide

- ◆ **The government named** 10 drugs that will be subject to the first ever price negotiations by Medicare, taking aim at some of the most expensive and widely used medicines in the U.S. **A1**
- ◆ **Saudi Arabia is offering** to resume financial support to the Palestinian Authority, Saudi officials and former Palestinian officials familiar with the discussions said, a sign the kingdom is making a serious effort to overcome obstacles to establishing diplomatic relations with Israel. **A1**
- ◆ **A graduate student** was charged with first-degree murder in the fatal shooting of a professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, authorities said. **A3**
- ◆ **An international law-enforcement** operation has dismantled a network of hundreds of thousands of computers that criminals used to launch cyberattacks against critical industries worldwide, U.S. authorities said. **A4**
- ◆ **Wagner chief Prigozhin** was buried in St. Petersburg, his press service and state media reported, days after the jet he was on crashed in Russia, killing him and several top commanders of his paramilitary organization. **A16**
- ◆ **A court in Pakistan** suspended Imran Khan's three-year sentence in a corruption case, a legal victory that comes amid a continuing crackdown on the opposition leader and his political party. **A6**
- ◆ **Air pollution** is the world's top threat to public health, responsible for reducing average life expectancy by 2.3 years worldwide, a report by the University of Chicago's Energy Policy Institute concluded. **A6**

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## Idalia Strengthens as It Whirls Toward Florida



**ON COURSE:** Hurricane Idalia intensified over the Gulf of Mexico on Tuesday and was forecast to make landfall early Wednesday in Florida's Big Bend region, where emergency preparations and evacuations were under way. **A3**

## SEC Setback on Bitcoin ETF Drives Rally in Crypto Markets

By PAUL KIERNAN

WASHINGTON—A federal appeals court ruled Tuesday that the Securities and Exchange Commission must reconsider crypto asset manager Grayscale's application to launch the first bitcoin exchange-traded fund, the latest setback for SEC Chair Gary Gensler's efforts to regulate the upstart industry.

Bitcoin-related assets surged on the news with traders betting the decision would pave the way for broad investor access to the cryptocurrency. Coinbase Global, the largest publicly traded crypto exchange, rose 15%, and bitcoin futures climbed more than 7%.

"The denial of Grayscale's proposal was arbitrary and capricious because the Commission failed to explain its differ-

ent treatment of similar products," Circuit Judge Neomi Rao, who was appointed by then-President Donald Trump, wrote on behalf of the court, noting that the SEC has approved bitcoin futures ETFs. The ruling was unanimous in a panel of three judges, two of whom were appointed by Democratic presidents.

## Saudi Arabia Offers Palestinians Funds As It Courts Israel

By DION NISSENBAUM AND SUMMER SAID

Saudi Arabia is offering to resume financial support to the Palestinian Authority, Saudi officials and former Palestinian officials familiar with the discussions said, a sign the kingdom is making a serious effort to overcome obstacles to establishing diplomatic relations with Israel.

kingdom would sacrifice Palestinian efforts to establish an independent state to advance its own goals. Recognizing Israel is especially sensitive for Saudi Arabia because it hosts Islam's holiest sites, giving it a special status in the Muslim world, where Palestinian statehood remains a rallying cry.

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## A Life in Hiding, Hunted by Taliban

An Afghan interpreter is a target after years working with U.S. Special Forces

By SUNE ENGEL RASMUSSEN

Ahmad Jawed wakes at 7 a.m. in a daily routine that has so far kept him alive. He packs milk and bread into the backpacks of his 9-year-old son and 6-year-old daughter and walks them to school, hoping to pass unnoticed. There and back, he wears sunglasses, a pandemic-era surgical mask and the type of skull cap worn by Pashtuns, the ethnicity of most Taliban.

family's fourth-floor apartment in Kabul, he has breakfast with his wife, Palwasha. After the meal, she leaves for work as a hospital midwife, the family's sole supporter. Jawed spends the rest of the day at home with his 3-year-old daughter, tapping at his laptop and watching TV, afraid to venture outside, trapped in idle humiliation. "I live like a prisoner," he said.

## College Characters Hit Weddings

Fans pay to have mascots attend personal events

By MEGAN TAGAMI

Brianna Dial was taking photos with her family after her wedding ceremony in Aloha, Ore., when she spotted a guest she hadn't previously noticed, or even invited.

## 3M Legal Woes Remain Despite Big Settlements

By JOHN KEILMAN AND BOB TITA

3M reached a \$6 billion settlement this week to end the largest single mass tort in U.S. history, and it agreed in June to pay up to \$12.5 billion to resolve litigation on so-called forever chemicals.

Analysts said those cases could add billions of dollars on top of what 3M has already committed to pay to hundreds of municipal water systems allegedly contaminated by PFAS, and thousands of military veterans who claim earplugs produced by a 3M subsidiary failed to protect their hearing.

## Salesforce. #1 CRM.

Ranked #1 for CRM Applications based on IDC 2022 Revenue Market Share Worldwide.

Year	Salesforce	Microsoft	Oracle	SAP	IBM
2018	18.0%	12.0%	8.0%	6.0%	5.0%
2019	19.0%	11.0%	7.0%	5.0%	4.0%
2020	20.0%	10.0%	6.0%	4.0%	3.0%
2021	21.0%	9.0%	5.0%	3.0%	2.0%
2022	23.0%	8.0%	4.0%	2.0%	1.0%

Source: IDC, Worldwide Semiannual Software Tracker, April 2023.

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## Goldman Sachs bought UK and US companies using Chinese state cash

◆ 'Partnership fund' set up in 2017 ◆ Targets in critical sectors ◆ Deals defy west's unease over Beijing

KAYE WIGGINS — HONG KONG  
WILL LOUCH — LONDON

Goldman Sachs has used a fund set up with Chinese state money to buy a series of US and UK companies, including one with a cyber security business that provides services to the British government, even as tensions rise between Beijing and the west.

The Wall Street bank has struck seven deals using cash from a \$2.5bn private equity "partnership fund" it set up in 2017 with the sovereign wealth fund China Investment Corporation, according to multiple people with knowledge of the fund and its operations.

The deals include a start-up that tracks global supply chains, a consultancy that advises on cloud computing, a drug testing company and a manufacturer of systems used for AI, drones and electric-vehicle batteries. The bank announced it had invested in the companies, but did not say the deals were financed at least partly from the fund.

The deals show how private equity funds have helped sovereign wealth funds build up indirect holdings in companies in critical sectors as western governments ramp up scrutiny of foreign investment, particularly from China.

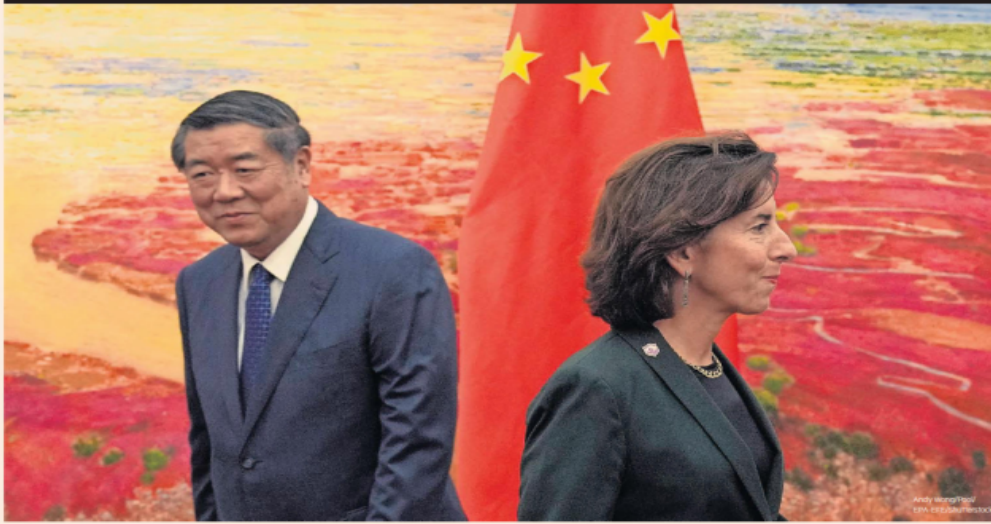
The bank's then-chief executive Lloyd Blankfein launched the China-US Industrial Co-operation Partnership Fund during Donald Trump's state visit to Beijing in 2017. The bank said CIC would be an "anchor investor" and play an active role in helping the companies it bought to expand in China.

Despite fraught ties between Beijing and the west, Goldman has stepped up the fund's activity, making four investments in 2021 and one last year.

In 2021, Goldman used the partnership fund with CIC to help finance its purchase of LRQA, the inspections and cyber unit of UK maritime classification group Lloyd's Register. LRQA carries out certification services, and operates in the aerospace, defence, energy and health industries among others.

The business includes cyber security group Nettitude, which says on its website that it is an approved service provider for the UK government and helps

Issues flagged China risks looking 'uninvestable', warns US



Trade relations: US commerce secretary Gina Raimondo and China's vice-premier He Lifeng head to their seats for a meeting at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing yesterday. Raimondo warned that US companies were beginning to see China as too risky to invest in Beijing urged to reduce risks, Page 4

to "strengthen government and defence organisations across the world". Its work includes "ethical hacking", in which its staff attempt to hack clients' systems to assess their vulnerabilities.

Purchased groups include one with a cyber security arm that provides services to the UK government

In the LRQA deal and others, the Goldman-CIC fund invested alongside private funds that the bank manages, meaning that Beijing's financial involvement was relatively small. But the sovereign fund is more closely involved with the companies it buys than typical investors in most buyout funds.

"China represents 40 per cent of the global certification market and we are currently under-represented there, which is something we are seeking to address in part with assistance from the

Goldman-CIC fund," LRQA said. It said that Nettitude had no business in China and no plans to set up there, and had no interaction with CIC.

Goldman said: "The co-operation fund is a US fund run by a US manager, and is managed to be in compliance with all laws and regulations. It continues to invest in US and global companies, helping them increase their sales into the China market."

The fund has also invested in US companies Cprime, a cloud computing

adviser; Parexel, a drug testing group; Project44, a start-up that tracks supply chains; Aptos, a retail tech group; Visual Comfort & Co, a lighting company, and Boyd Corporation, a maker cooling systems for machine learning.

A UK official said the government could not comment on specific acquisitions, but added that it would not hesitate to use its powers to protect any national security concerns.

Additional reporting by Cheng Leng and James Politi

### Briefing

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### Berlin rent restraints fall to ease pain for city's tenants

Limits on lease increases, including an attempt to impose a cap, and strong tenants' rights are not enough to avert hardship for Berlin's renters. In a city where 84 per cent of households rent, competition is ferocious. The image of the artists' haven has been shattered by an influx of newcomers from tech nomads to health workers, and waves of refugees. As house building trailed demand, rents doubled between 2018 and 2021, tripling in fashionable areas. Soaring demand ► PAGE 3

## Breach at Japan cyber security agency blamed on Beijing-backed hackers

LEO LEWIS — TOKYO

The organisation responsible for Japan's national defences against cyber attacks has itself been infiltrated by hackers, who may have gained access to sensitive data for as long as nine months.

According to three government and private sector sources familiar with the situation, Chinese state-backed hackers were believed to be behind the attack on Japan's National Center of Incident Readiness and Strategy for Cybersecurity, which began last autumn and was not detected until June.

The discovery of the incident and the sensitivity of the target comes at a time of unprecedented scrutiny of Japan's vulnerability to cyber attack. Tokyo is embarking on deeper military co-operation with the US and regional allies,

including work on a joint fighter project with the UK and Italy, in which secret technological data will be exchanged.

Government cyber security experts in both the US and UK have expressed strong reservations about Japan's ability to safely handle data.

This month, The Washington Post reported the discovery of an attack on Japan's defence networks by Chinese military hackers in 2020. In July, the port of Nagoya was temporarily closed in what was believed to be a Russian ransomware attack. But concerns were raised in Tokyo over whether the incident was part of a push by state actors such as China to test Japan's defences.

NISC announced in early August that some personal data linked to email exchanges between October last year and June this year might have leaked after its email system was hacked. The

breach appeared to have been via the account of a staff member, NISC said.

NISC sent a series of emailed notices to private and governmental partners in Japan and overseas warning them that data might have been compromised.

NISC sits within the Cabinet Office, and two people familiar with the attack said it had triggered an investigation into whether the access gained had allowed hackers to target other, highly sensitive servers within the same building in Tokyo.

China's foreign affairs ministry dismissed claims that the country was behind the attack. It said the NISC statement did not mention China and urged Tokyo to look instead at the US, which it said was known for spying on allies.

Additional reporting by Kana Inagaki in Tokyo and Joe Leahy in Beijing  
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### World Markets

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Pair	Aug 29	Prev	%Chg	Pair	Aug 29	Prev	%Chg	Yield (%)	Aug 29	Prev	Chg
S&P 500	4482.38	4433.31	1.11	\$/€	1.083	1.081	0.20	4.89	5.06	-0.17	
Nikkei Composite	33601.28	32705.13	1.57	\$/£	1.259	1.258	0.79	4.12	4.22	-0.09	
Dow Jones Ind	34754.12	34559.98	0.58	€/£	0.850	0.859	-1.03	4.23	4.28	-0.05	
FTSE100	1821.08	1803.07	1.00	\$/¥	184.200	184.660	-0.25	4.95	4.97	-0.01	
Euro Stoxx 50	4327.90	4293.68	0.80	\$/HK\$	184.210	184.439	-1.26	4.51	4.53	-0.02	
FTSE 100	7464.99	7338.58	1.72	\$/INR	81.995	81.996	-0.01	4.60	4.60	0.00	
FTSE All-Share	4867.29	4898.05	-1.23	\$/KRW	279.900	281.880	-1.88	0.91	0.00	0.01	
CAC 40	7373.43	7324.71	0.67	\$/THB	36.163	36.162	0.03	0.84	0.86	-0.02	
Nikkei	15600.88	15792.61	-0.88	\$/BRL	1736.17	1652.37	5.07	1.85	1.67	-0.01	
Hong Kong	32228.97	32169.99	0.18	\$/AUD	1.511	1.511	0.00	3.01	3.06	-0.04	
Hang Seng	18484.03	18130.74	1.95	\$/NZD	1.622	1.622	0.00	2.51	2.58	-0.07	
MSCI World \$	2526.71	2511.99	0.61	\$/SGD	1.341	1.341	0.00	2.82	2.87	-0.05	
MSCI EM \$	970.08	971.04	-0.73	\$/HKD	7.753	7.753	0.00				
MSCI ACWI \$	675.63	670.23	0.81	\$/CNY	7.126	7.126	0.00				
FT Wilshire 2500	5730.01	5696.32	0.64	\$/JPY	151.48	151.48	0.00				
FT Wilshire 5000	44678.20	44390.70	0.65	\$/RUB	80.41	80.10	0.39				
				\$/INR	84.72	84.42	0.36				
				\$/KRW	1915.50	1917.05	-0.08				

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## Guarding Over the Dead

The burial of the mercenary Yevgeny V. Prigozhin was shrouded in misinformation, preventing a public display of support. Page A7.

## Beijing Dispels Economic Pain Felt on Streets

By VIVIAN WANG

SHANGHAI — To the residents and business owners of Chedun, a working-class neighborhood in the southwestern outskirts of Shanghai, the signs of an anemic economy are all around. The factories that once drew workers from around the country have moved away. Those that remain have slashed wages. Around the affordable eateries and motley shops where workers once crowded, employees eagerly latch onto anyone passing by.

"No one has money now, it's obvious," Cherry Qian, 25, said as she sat inside the electronics store she manages. On Sunday afternoon it had seen only one customer.

But there's one place the downturn isn't as obvious: in the government's account of it.

A gulf has emerged between the Chinese economy as many Chinese are experiencing it, and Beijing's narrative of it — and that gulf is only widening. For many ordinary Chinese, one of the worst economic slowdowns the country has faced in decades has translated into widespread pessimism and resignation. But state media and officials continue to declare that any challenges are blips.

Concerns about the economy, propaganda outlets have insisted, have been inflated by Western politicians and media outlets engaged in "cognitive warfare." One social media account backed by China's state broadcaster released a video that purported to

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## Homes Lost, Maui Struggles to Save Its Schools

By NICHOLAS BOGEL-BURROUGHS

KAANAPALI, Hawaii — The flames that ripped through Lahaina needed only a few hours to take nearly everything from Aina Kohler. Her house. Her surfing school and cafe. And her parents' home, where she was raised.

Three weeks later, the flames are gone but they have continued to take, robbing Ms. Kohler's 12-year-old son — and hundreds of other children — of what was supposed to be the first few weeks of the school year.

The deadly fire on Aug. 8 destroyed King Kamehameha III Elementary School in Lahaina and forced all three of the other public schools in town to close until officials determine that the air and

## Parents See Returning to Classroom as Vital to Recovery

water are safe. As of Monday, nearly 60 percent of the 3,000 public school students in Lahaina, a historic town in West Maui, had not enrolled in another public school or signed up for remote classes, essentially vanishing from the school system.

Ms. Kohler's son, Kimo Varona, whose first day of sixth grade was supposed to be the day after the fire, still hasn't returned to class weeks later as his family stays at a West Maui house that was offered

as a refuge by a family they had never met. Kimo, whose education was already upended by Covid-19 closures, longs for some sense of normalcy with his classmates.

"The kids are having to grow up really fast right now," said Ms. Kohler, a firefighter on Maui who helped respond to the Lahaina blaze and has turned her focus to finding an adequate school program for her son.

In recent interviews, parents and teachers said that they lived in West Maui because of the tight-knit community there and that they now fear losing it if the state cannot quickly reopen schools in Lahaina.

There are no obvious solutions

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BAILEY ROBERTS FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES

After the deadly Lahaina fire, Kimo Varona landed a coveted spot at Maui Prep and is back in class.

## Military Pilots Train to Fight Beside Robots

### Tests of A.I. Wingmen Signal Shift for U.S.

By ERIC LIPTON

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — It is powered into flight by a rocket engine. It can fly a distance equal to the width of China. It has a stealthy design and is capable of carrying missiles that can hit enemy targets far beyond its visual range.

But what really distinguishes the Air Force's pilotless XQ-58A Valkyrie experimental aircraft is that it is run by artificial intelligence, putting it at the forefront of efforts by the U.S. military to harness the capacities of an emerging technology whose vast potential benefits are tempered by deep concerns about how much autonomy to grant to a lethal weapon.

Essentially a next-generation drone, the Valkyrie is a prototype for what the Air Force hopes can become a potent supplement to its fleet of traditional fighter jets, giving human pilots a swarm of highly capable robot wingmen to deploy in battle. Its mission is to marry artificial intelligence and its sensors to identify and evaluate enemy threats and then, after getting human sign-off, to move in for the kill.

On a recent day at Eglin Air Force Base on Florida's Gulf Coast, Maj. Ross Elder, 34, a test pilot from West Virginia, was preparing for an exercise in which he would fly his F-15 fighter alongside the Valkyrie.

"It's a very strange feeling," Major Elder said, as other members of the Air Force team prepared to test the engine on the Valkyrie. "I'm flying off the wing of something that's making its own decisions. And it's not a human brain."

The Valkyrie program provides a glimpse into how the U.S. weapons business, military culture, combat tactics and competition with rival nations are being reshaped in possibly far-reaching ways by rapid advances in technology.

The emergence of artificial intelligence is helping to spawn a new generation of Pentagon contractors who are seeking to undercut, or at least disrupt, the long-standing primacy of the handful of giant firms who supply the armed forces with planes, missiles, tanks and ships.

The possibility of building fleets of smart but relatively inexpensive weapons that could be deployed in large numbers is allowing Pentagon officials to think in new ways about taking on enemy forces.

It also is forcing them to confront questions about what role humans should play in conflicts waged with software that is written to kill, a question that is especially fraught for the United States given its record of errant strikes by conventional drones that in fact killed civilians. And gaining and maintaining an edge in artificial intelligence is one element of an increasingly open race with China for technological superiority in national security.

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## U.S. NAMES DRUGS SELECTED TO FACE PRICE BARGAINING

### A FIRST FOR MEDICARE

### Pharmaceutical Industry Among Those Suing Over the Program

By SHERYL GAY STOLBERG and REBECCA ROBBINS

The Biden administration on Tuesday unveiled a long-awaited list of the first 10 medicines that will be subject to price negotiations with Medicare, kicking off a landmark program to reduce drug spending that is being fought by the pharmaceutical industry in court.

The medications — which treat diabetes, cancer and other conditions — are taken by millions of older Americans and cost Medicare billions of dollars annually. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services selected the drugs through a process that prioritized those that account for the highest Medicare spending, have been on the market for years and do not yet face competition from rivals. Additional medications will be selected for price negotiations in the coming years.

### Medicines Up for Negotiation

- Eliquis** Bristol Myers Squibb and Pfizer Preventing strokes and blood clots
- Jardiance** Boehringer Ingelheim and Eli Lilly Diabetes and heart failure
- Xarelto** Johnson & Johnson Strokes and blood clots
- Januvia** Merck Diabetes
- Farxiga** AstraZeneca Diabetes, heart failure and chronic kidney disease
- Entresto** Novartis Heart failure
- Enbrel** Amgen Arthritis, autoimmune conditions
- Imbruvica** AbbVie and Johnson & Johnson Blood cancers
- Stelara** Johnson & Johnson Crohn's disease
- Fiasp and NovoLog** Novo Nordisk Insulin products for diabetes

The list of drugs has some overlap with what experts had expected. Its release was an important moment for Democrats, who have campaigned on a promise to lower the cost of prescription drugs. President Biden marked the occasion with remarks at the White House, in another sign that he intends to make reducing health care costs a theme of his 2024 re-election campaign.

"This is a long time in coming," Mr. Biden declared after being introduced by a Democratic North Carolina man who has a rare blood cancer and diabetes. The president assailed the pharmaceutical industry over the cost of drugs, saying, "We're going to keep standing up to Big Pharma, and we're not going to back down."

In a statement, Stephen J. Ubl, the chief executive of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufac-

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## Trump Divides and Diminishes Michigan G.O.P.

By NICK CORASANTINI

The Michigan Republican Party is starving for cash. A group of prominent activists — including a former statewide candidate — was hit this month with felony charges connected to a bizarre plot to hijack election machines. And in the face of these troubles, suspicion and infighting have been running high. A recent state committee meeting led to a fistfight, a spinal injury and a pair of shattered dentures.

This turmoil is one measure of

## Deniers of Election Keep Donors on Sideline

the way Donald J. Trump's lies about the 2020 election have rippled through his party. While Mr. Trump has just begun to wrestle with the consequences of his fictions — including two indictments related to his attempt to overturn the 2020 results — the vast machine of activists, donors and volunteers that power his party has

been reckoning with the fallout for years.

As the party looks toward the presidential election next year, the strains are glaring. Mr. Trump's election lies spread like wildfire in Michigan, breaking the state party into ardent believers and pragmatists wanting to move on. Bitter disputes, power struggles and contentious primaries followed, leaving the Michigan Republican Party a husk of itself.

The battleground has steadily grown safer for Democrats. No

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## Theaters Thrived on Subscribers, Till They Quit

By MICHAEL PAULSON

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — As a group of stagehands assembled train cars for the set of "Murder on the Orient Express," Ken Martin looked grimly at his email. His first year as artistic director at the Clarence Brown Theater in Knoxville, Tenn., was coming to an end, and the theater had missed its income goals by several hundred thousand dollars, largely because it had lost about half its subscribers since the start of the pandemic.

## Pandemic, Video Apps and Age Contribute

"I've already had to tear up one show, because of a combination of cost and I don't think it's going to sell," he said. "I'm in the same boat as a lot of theater companies: How do I get the audience back, and once I get them in the door, how do I keep them for the next show?"

The nonprofit theater world's

industrywide crisis, which has led to closings, layoffs and a reduction in the number of shows being staged, is being exacerbated by a steep drop in the number of people who buy theater subscriptions, in which they pay upfront to see most or all of a season's shows. The once-lucrative subscription model had been waning for years, but it has fallen off a cliff since the pandemic struck.

It is happening across the nation. Seattle's 5th Avenue Theater had 13,566 subscribers last sea-

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Catherine Arias was shot in the head in January. Now 2, she requires therapy five days a week.

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A community remembers a recent graduate, a "bright soul" and a doting dad, all victims of a rampage.

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At least 155 Arab citizens have died this year in violence largely attributed to organized crime.

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Tommy Paul, a rising American who gives Carlos Alcaraz fits, has taken a bumpy road to tennis success.

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Making these French cookies can be challenging, but it's doable for any home baker, Claire Saffitz says.

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Many men still avoid drinking out of glasses, garnished with fruit and other items, they deem too feminine.

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### Tech Bros Plan a City

Investors from the technology industry with an audacious dream are behind the mysterious purchases of \$900 million worth of remote California land. Now the political fight begins.

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## Aiming to Be the Exception

The creator of the Netflix series "One Piece" hopes to defy a discouraging track record for live-action manga and anime adaptations.

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## Biden targets 10 drug prices

U.S. announces first items for negotiations in an effort to reduce Medicare costs.

By Tom Murphy, Amanda Seitz and Chris Megierian

President Biden touted the potential cost savings of Medicare's first-ever price negotiations for widely used prescription drugs on Tuesday as he tries to convince Americans that he has improved their lives as he runs for reelection.

The drugs include the blood thinner Eliquis, diabetes treatment Jardiance and eight other medications. The negotiation process was authorized under the Inflation Reduction Act, which Biden signed last year, capping decades of debate over whether the federal government should be allowed to haggle with pharmaceutical companies.

Any lower prices won't take effect for three years, and the path forward could be further complicated by litigation from drugmakers and heavy criticism from Republicans.

But the effort is a centerpiece of Biden's reelection pitch as the Democrat tries to show Americans he's deserving of a second term because of the work he's doing to lower costs while the country is struggling with inflation. The drug negotiations, like many of Biden's biggest policy moves, will take time to play out, and his challenge is to persuade the public to be patient.

"For all of you out there, I get it, and millions of Americans get it," Biden said at the White House. "I promise you, I'm going to have your back and I'll never stop fighting for you on this issue."

He noted that he got "no help from the other team" — meaning Republicans — when it came to lowering prescription costs.

The drugs on the list announced Tuesday accounted for \$3.4 billion in out-of-pocket costs for Medicare. [See Medicare, A9]

### New pricing ahead?

The 10 prescription drugs — and their commonly treated conditions — targeted for Medicare's price negotiations:

- **Eliquis:** Prevention and treatment of blood clots
- **Jardiance:** Diabetes; heart failure
- **Xarelto:** Prevention and treatment of blood clots; reduction of risk for patients with coronary or peripheral artery disease
- **Januvia:** Diabetes
- **Farxiga:** Diabetes; heart failure; chronic kidney disease
- **Entresto:** Heart failure
- **Enbrel:** Rheumatoid arthritis; psoriasis; psoriatic arthritis
- **Imbruvica:** Blood cancer
- **Stelara:** Psoriasis; psoriatic arthritis; Crohn's disease; ulcerative colitis
- **Fiasp:** Fiasp FlexTouch; Fiasp PenFill; NovoLog; NovoLog FlexPen; NovoLog PenFill; Diabetes



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### POWERFUL IDALIA

A man carries a woman in Batabanó, Cuba, on Monday as Tropical Storm Idalia neared. On Tuesday, Idalia strengthened to a Category 2 hurricane as it approached Florida's Gulf Coast. **NATION, A4**

## A NEW PACK IN TOWN

Gray wolves return to Giant Sequoia park after 100 years

By Louis Sahagún

**GIANT SEQUOIA NATIONAL MONUMENT, Calif.** — On the morning of July 6, Michelle Harris saw a huge canid with yellow eyes dash across a fire road lined with charred snags and giant sequoias blackened by recent wildfires.

The animal "paused, started to pace and made clipped barking sounds — like it was very worried about something," recalled Harris, a biologist who was working on a restoration project in the area. "Then it tilted its head back and let out a really decent howl."

"All I could think was, 'It doesn't look like a coyote, but it has to be, right?'"

Animal tracks and DNA analysis of scat and hair samples determined it was an adult female gray wolf, the leader of a previously undetected pack settling into Giant Sequoia National Monument — a region of the Southern [See Wolf, A6]



California Department of Fish and Wildlife

**GRAY WOLF OR-93** traveled from Oregon to Southern California in 2021, a journey that presaged the endangered predators' return.



JAE C. HONG/Associated Press

**RESIDENTS OF Maui** worry that tourism won't rebound and they won't be able to find affordable housing. Above, crosses in Lahaina, Hawaii, honor fire victims.

## On Maui, mainland beckons

Some in Hawaii are considering leaving for California or Las Vegas after wildfire.

By Jaweed Kaleem and Sandhya Kambhampati

Since the Lahaina fire incinerated her apartment, Tatiana Kamelamela-Liua has been at a crossroads.

A lifelong inhabitant of the islands who is of Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander heritage, she knows

no home but Hawaii and feels close to "the aloha of the community that you can't find anywhere else."

But she's afraid that the tourism that sustains her family won't return and that after thousands of homes were lost in the deadly fire on Maui, they won't find an affordable place to live.

That's what led Kamelamela-Liua, 26, to broach a previously unthinkable question.

"I asked my husband if we should move to Vegas," she said, suggesting the couple and their toddler could cre-

ate a new life in the desert city affectionately called "the ninth island" for its large population of Hawaiians and former Hawaii residents.

"We have family there," Kamelamela-Liua said. "It's cheaper. And they have a ton of hotels to work in."

The allure of the mainland has long won over people from the state with the nation's highest cost of living. Now, experts fear the fire and the redevelopment that follows could speed up gentrification of Maui and [See Maui, A5]

### ANALYSIS

## Student privacy rights at issue

Does telling a parent their child identifies as trans violate state law? Experts unsure.

By Priscella Vega

As a wave of California public school districts explore policies around students and gender identity, the extent to which state law grants young people privacy rights from their parents has come under a sharp spotlight. And while the state's Democratic leaders contend such privacy rights are clear-cut, constitutional experts say the legal realities are more nuanced, igniting a heated debate likely to move its way through the courts.

The question of what responsibility schools have for alerting parents if students say or do something to identify as gender-nonconforming is popping up on school board agendas in conservative pockets across California. In many cases, the policies are being pushed by a newly elected class of emphatically conservative trustees, ushered in last year as part of a broader revolt in "red" California against COVID-related mask mandates and school closures.

The Chino Valley Unified School District in San Bernardino County in July became the first to adopt a policy requiring schools to inform parents if a student identified as transgender or gender-nonconforming, following a suit filed by Marietta Valley Unified and Temecula Valley Unified in Riverside County. The policy is under discussion in other districts, including Orange Unified.

Under Chino Valley's policy, district staff are required to notify parents in writing within three days if they be- [See Gender, A6]

## Digital footprints are tricky to erase

State Senate bill aims to assist consumers, but business groups are objecting.

By Queenie Wong

John Gilmore knows how tough it is for people to scrub their personal data from the internet, even in California, where consumers have privacy rights.

"It's a very labor-intensive process," said Gilmore, who heads research at DeleteMe, a company that people can pay to remove their information from websites. "There's no way for the

average person to understand whether the efforts they're making help or not."

California was on the cutting edge when it passed a digital privacy law in 2018, but one of the protections it granted has proved difficult for people to use. Though the law gives Californians the right to ask businesses to delete their personal information, it requires making the request one at a time to potentially hundreds of companies. That has made it hard for people to erase their digital footprints, especially because the law has exceptions that allow businesses to deny a deletion request. [See Digital, A5]

### Tears in court for L.A. politician

There was good reason to cry at Mark Ridley-Thomas' sentencing, Erika D. Smith writes. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

### Volunteer pilots save shelter dogs

The nonprofit Amelia Air ferries animals from crowded facilities to rescues. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

### Hottest shows on TV are reruns

As the strikes continue, "Suits" and "Ugly Betty" stream to legions of new fans. **CALENDAR, E1**

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## Concerns grow with teacher vacancies

### Study finds a worsening shortage that leaves schools scrambling

BY MORIAH BALINGIT

Jackson Green, the principal of Charles M. Sumner Education Campus in rural Maine, said he will start the year with just one vacancy. But that achievement was possible only because about 80 percent of open teaching positions this year were filled with long-term substitute teachers after he was unable to find qualified educators. Long-term subs don't need teacher training or a college degree. Many of his new hires lack both.

Last year, desperate for a math teacher, he recruited a waitress from a local restaurant, even though she did not have a college degree. She still works in the district while she earns her college degree.

Research published last week shows that teacher shortages are worsening in several states, and it was not a pandemic aberration. Instead, it seems to be part of a worrisome trend: Teachers are leaving the classroom at higher rates, and the pool of candidates is not big enough to replace them.

Tuan Nguyen, a Kansas State University education professor, last year set out with two colleagues to collect statewide data on teacher shortages. They counted more than 36,500 vacancies in 37 states and D.C. for the 2021-2022 school year. On Aug. 23, they published updated

## She made Booz Allen answerable to the U.S.

### Whistleblower's filing on billing practices brought \$377 million settlement

BY DAVID NAKAMURA

Only a few months into a new finance job, Sarah Feinberg was stunned when a senior manager with a Northern Virginia-based defense contractor called federal auditors "too stupid" to notice overcharging, according to a federal complaint she filed.

Feinberg said she had warned the manager that the company, Booz Allen Hamilton, was losing tens of millions of dollars and, in her view, billing more than it should on U.S. government contracts to cover the losses.

During the ensuing nine months, she repeatedly raised concerns with senior executives, including internal compliance officials and the chief financial officer, according to the 37-page civil complaint she filed against Booz



Feinberg



Internet cafes in the Philippines are now frequented by workers who sort and label data for artificial intelligence models. More than 2 million people in the Philippines perform this type of "crowdwork," according to informal government estimates.

## The AI boom's army works overseas in 'digital sweatshops'

BY REBECCA TAN AND REGINE CABATO

CAGAYAN DE ORO, PHILIPPINES — In a coastal city in the southern Philippines, thousands of young workers log online every day to support the booming business of artificial intelligence.

In dingy internet cafes, jam-packed office spaces or at home, they annotate the masses of data that American companies need to train their artificial intelligence models. The workers differentiate pedestrians from palm trees in videos used to develop the algorithms for automated driving; they label images so AI can generate representations of politicians and celebrities; they edit chunks of text to ensure language models like ChatGPT don't churn out gibberish.

More than 2 million people in the Philippines perform this type of

### What is past as human-free learning relies on plenty of labor

"crowdwork," according to informal government estimates, as part of AI's vast underbelly. While AI is often thought of as human-free machine learning, the technology actually relies on the labor-intensive efforts of a workforce spread across much of the Global South and often subject to exploitation.

The mathematical models underpinning AI tools get smarter by analyzing large data sets, which need to be accurate, precise and legible to be useful. Low-quality data yields low-quality AI. So click by click, a largely unregulated army of humans is transforming the raw data into AI

feedstock. In the Philippines, one of the world's biggest destinations for outsourced digital work, former employees say that at least 10,000 of these workers do this labor on a platform called Remotasks, which is owned by the \$7 billion San Francisco start-up Scale AI.

Scale AI has paid workers at extremely low rates, routinely delayed or withheld payments and provided few channels for workers to seek recourse, according to interviews with workers, internal company messages and payment records, and financial statements. Rights groups and labor researchers say Scale AI is among a number of American AI companies that have not abided by basic labor standards for their workers abroad.

Of 36 current and former freelance

## Drug pricing targets named

### U.S. TO NEGOTIATE PRESCRIPTION COSTS

### 10 medications on list are used by millions

BY AMY GOLDSTEIN AND DANIEL GILBERT

The Biden administration Tuesday identified 10 expensive prescription drugs it has chosen for price negotiations with pharmaceutical manufacturers as the government seeks to ease the financial burden on older and disabled Americans. The announcement marks an unprecedented step in a long political war over the nation's exorbitant drug costs even as the pharmaceutical industry is still trying to block the plan.

More than half the drugs selected for an initial round of price negotiations are medications to prevent blood clots and treat diabetes, and were taken by millions of people on Medicare in the past year, according to a list released by federal health officials who oversee Medicare, the vast public health insurance system. Others are used to treat heart trouble, autoimmune diseases and cancer. Consumers will not see benefits swiftly — the lower, negotiated prices are due

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### Drugmakers react: They decry the caps, but their stocks rise. A15

## Deep racial subtext on Trump's route to jail

### Pride, outrage as Black Atlantans witness trip on history-soaked streets

BY EMMANUEL FELTON, FENIT NIERUPPL AND CAMILA DECHALUS

ATLANTA — Up and down Joseph E. Lowery Boulevard, Atlantans stopped what they were doing to witness history coming again to their community.

Former president Donald Trump was on his way to surrender on charges of having conspired to overturn the 2020 election in Georgia. His motorcade's route from Atlanta's airport to the Fulton County Jail on Thursday evening took him through the heart of predominantly Black neighborhoods with a recurring role in the nation's civil rights struggle.

He passed Lovell Ridge, 39, at the corner of Lowery and TP Burruss Senior Drive, both named, like many of the streets in the area, for local Black pastors.

"I see them bringing people to Rice Street every day," said Riddle, using the colloquial name for the Atlanta jail. "But this was like

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## Idalia gathers strength, hurtles toward Florida

### A troubling proportion of residents plan to ride out the storm despite emergency evacuation orders

BY LORI ROZSA, MOLLY HENNESSY-FISKE, DANIELLE PAQUETTE AND ANNIE GOWEN

CEDAR KEY, FLA. — Rapidly intensifying Hurricane Idalia barreled across the Gulf of Mexico toward its Wednesday impact with Florida's northern Gulf Coast, where it threatened a catastrophic storm surge, tornadoes and flooding across a wide swath of Florida and other states.

The National Hurricane Center said late Tuesday that Idalia intensified as it moved across the warm waters near Florida's upper west coast, with winds of 110 mph. Its forecasters said the hurricane would make landfall as a Category 4 storm.

As Idalia spun and gathered strength, Floridians nailed plywood over their windows, stocked up on supplies or evacuated to higher ground. Officials said 40 shelters — many of them special

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Misty Hurst stacks sandbags in front of Tony's Restaurant in Cedar Key, Fla. The Gulf Coast is bracing for Idalia, which is predicted to land as a Category 3 storm, according to forecasters.

Storm surge: Deluge may render areas uninhabitable for weeks. A20

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**Abortion access** A jury convicted five activists — one of whom kept fetuses in a Capitol Hill home — of illegally blockading a D.C. clinic. B1

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**THE WORLD** Three U.S. lawmakers briefly visited Syria, marking the first such trip since 2018. A9

**Three pilots' deaths** cast a pall over Ukraine, which was already facing a deficit in air power. A12

**THE ECONOMY** Google unveiled a tamper-resistant watermarking tool to help combat disinformation through AI-generated deepfakes. A15

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**STYLE** Millennial mothers, many of whom arrived at parenthood in the age of social media, are under the pressure to live up to an illusory ideal. C1

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Community members gather for prayer in Jacksonville, Fla., after a shooting Saturday at a Dollar General store that killed three people. JOHN RAOUX/AP

**Racist attacks spread unease**

Black communities reel from targeted violence

Deborah Barfield Berry, Terry Collins and Marc Ramirez  
USA TODAY

When MaliVai Washington heard about Saturday's racist attack – a mass shooting in Jacksonville, Florida – his first thought was: *Is it someone I know?* Washington's MaliVai Washington Youth Foundation, which helps hundreds of Black students attend after-school homework and tennis programs, is less than 2 miles from the Dollar General where three Black people were shot and killed by a white former store employee.

"It's still frightening and shocking that in this day and age, we still have this in the United States, in my hometown, in my home state."

MaliVai Washington  
Jacksonville, Florida

"The shooting is tragic and especially hit close to home," said Washington, who in 1996 was the first African-American male tennis player to reach the Wimbledon final since Arthur Ashe in 1975.

Washington said he was stunned that there are still mass murders that are "purely racially motivated. ... Haven't we evolved to a point where we're past that?"

"It's still frightening and shocking that in this day and age, we still have this in the United States, in my hometown, in my home state."

The Jacksonville shooting comes as Black communities are still reeling from other racial attacks, including last year's killing of 10 Black grocery shoppers in Buffalo, New York, and the murder of nine churchgoers in Charleston, South Carolina, in 2015. Some say they worry media attention and intense rhetoric may have emboldened more extremists. And they worry the racially motivated attacks, which hark back to more violent times in the nation's history, will continue.

Renee Watson, director of the Bexar County small business and entrepreneurship program in San Antonio, said

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**Powerful Idalia: It's not to 'mess around with'**



Ominous skies loom over Fort Myers Beach in Florida as Hurricane Idalia curved to the north-northeast and was expected to gain power and speed late into Wednesday with wind speeds of up to 125 mph by landfall. ANDREW WEST/USA TODAY NETWORK

**Florida's Gulf Coast on alert as novel hurricane gains speed**



**Hot waters may make Hurricane Idalia stronger**

Path through warm Gulf of Mexico could give storm burst of energy. 3A

Floridians in Spring Hill on the state's Gulf Coast gather sandbags Tuesday as the storm drew near. "We're staying here," one resident said. "But if it starts coming at us, we're gone."

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John Bacon, Dinah Voyles Pulver and Christopher Cann  
USA TODAY

SPRING HILL, Fla. – Historic Hurricane Idalia intensified to a Category 2 storm Tuesday as it powered through the Gulf of Mexico, a treacherous tropical cyclone driving a potentially deadly storm surge toward the Big Bend area of Florida's west coast.

The National Weather Service warned of a "life-threatening, dangerous situation," saying the storm could make landfall as a major hurricane Wednesday – meaning winds in excess of 110 mph.

"To put this system into the historical context, there are no major hurricanes in the historical dataset going back to 1851 that have tracked into Apalachee Bay. None," the advisory said. "Don't mess around with this."

Idalia was expected to gain power and speed as it curved to the north-northeast late into Wednesday, reaching sustained wind speeds of up to

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**Conservatives assert pop culture influence**

**'Rich Men' strikes chord, stirs up political fervor**

Marco della Cava and Patrick Ryan  
USA TODAY

To call the viral country song "Rich Men North of Richmond" a surprise hit with millions of fans is to court extreme understatement.

Consider it more a lightning rod that just channeled a billion volts of cultural electricity.

Released Aug. 8 on YouTube, Oliver Anthony's raw and controversial paean to the working class quickly caught fire with listeners as well as conservative politicians and pundits.

That spotlight helped land the song at the top spot on the Billboard Hot 100 chart, a virtually unheard feat for a totally unknown and unsigned artist. "Rich Men" then stunningly became the lead-off topic at the recent Republican presidential debate. It retained



Oliver Anthony became an overnight sensation this month when his song "Rich Men North of Richmond" went viral. KENDALL WARNER/THE VIRGINIAN-PILOT

its No. 1 position for a second week and currently has 30 million listens on Spotify and 46 million views on YouTube. Within its first week of release, it sold nearly 150,000 digital downloads, according to entertainment data company Luminate.

But far more significant than those numbers is the way in which "Rich Men" has become another highly visible salvo in the nation's roiling culture wars – even if its unwitting creator didn't intend it as such.

Its success – akin to the surprise box office haul of "Sound of Freedom" and coordinated attempts to restrict access to certain books – speaks directly to ways in which conservative voices are no longer willing to cede the cultural high ground as the nation hurtles towards another election.

"There's absolutely been more of a concerted effort in the conservative world to push into pop culture as one of their big battlegrounds," says Joel Penney, associate professor at Montclair State University and author of "Pop Culture, Politics and the News: Entertainment Journalism in the Polarized Media Landscape."

Late conservative blogger Andrew

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## Doce distritos rechazaron el bono y el Gobierno amenaza a las empresas

**CRISIS.** Varias provincias y CABA alertaron que no pueden pagar más a los empleados públicos

**María Julieta Rumi y Gabriela Origlia**  
LA NACION

Después de los primeros reparos de intendentes y asociaciones empresariales, doce distritos se rebelaron ayer contra la presión de Sergio Massa, candidato presidencial y ministro de

Economía, para que paguen un bono de \$60.000 a los empleados públicos, y se sumaron nuevas cámaras privadas a las críticas contra las medidas.

Ayer se manifestaron así la Unión Industrial Argentina (UIA) y la Federación de Comercio e Industria de la Ciudad de Buenos Aires (Fecoba), entre otras entidades. También

los gobiernos de Santa Fe, Córdoba, Misiones, CABA, San Juan, La Pampa, Entre Ríos, Neuquén, Jujuy, Catamarca, Tucumán y Santa Cruz sostuvieron que no abonarán el refuerzo. El Gobierno respondió con amenazas contra las empresas y aseguró que sancionará a las que no cumplan. **Continúa en la página 8**

**El blue subió \$200 en un mes y se disparan los dólares financieros**

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**Un intento monumental de sobornar a la sociedad**

**Joaquín Morales Solá**  
—LA NACION—

**U**n alto funcionario le preguntó a un importante dirigente empresarial si la economía llegaría en las actuales condiciones al 10 de diciembre, día en que Alberto Fernández le entregará el gobierno a otro presidente (o presidenta). **Continúa en la página 11**

## Con optimismo, arteba desafía la incertidumbre



SANTIAGO FILIPUZZI

**cultura** — Con ventas ya confirmadas (*Bocanada*, de Graciela Sacco, en la foto) y reservas realizadas antes de la apertura de la feria, arteba pone una nota optimista en el contexto económico preelectoral. Ayer, en una recorrida por el montaje en Costa Salguero, se pudo constatar el entusiasmo de los galeristas, que desde el viernes recibirán al público; se podrá pagar en pesos, dólar billete, blue, MEP y un tipo de cambio propio: el dólar arteba. **Página 24**

## Pata Medina: la Justicia falló a favor de todos los exfuncionarios

**"GESTAPO".** No consideró un delito impulsar causas contra el sindicalista

La Cámara Federal anuló todos los procesamientos contra exfuncionarios de Juntos por el Cambio y exintegrantes de la Agencia Federal de Inteligencia (AFI) en el caso conocido como "Gestapo", en el que estaban acusados de haber coordinado el armado de causas contra el sindicalista Juan Pablo "Pata" Medina, exreferente de la Uocra platense. Los jueces entendieron que había motivos para la "preocupación" estatal por la acción de Medina. **Página 16**

## Conmoción por un ataque con machete en una escuela

**ESCOBAR.** Un estudiante de 14 años agredió a una alumna y una docente

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## El Vaticano intenta aplacar las críticas por los elogios del Papa a la "gran Rusia"

**Elisabetta Piqué**  
CORRESPONSAL EN ITALIA

ROMA.—Control de daños. Es lo que el Vaticano se vio obligado a hacer ayer, después de que algunas palabras del Papa, que en un videocon-

ferencia llamó a jóvenes rusos a no olvidarse de su gran herencia histórica y de "la gran madre Rusia", provocaron reacciones airadas de Ucrania. Allí, en efecto, ese elogio al gran pasado ruso, que sumó a los emperadores Pedro el Grande

y Catalina II, y que el Vaticano eliminó de la transcripción del discurso, cayó como una bomba: se interpretó como un respaldo a la agresión rusa, inspirada justamente en los sueños imperialistas de Vladimir Putin. **Continúa en la página 2**

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Moradores atravessam inundações em Batabano, Cuba, onde fenômeno fez estragos; mais forte, ele deve chegar hoje ao sudeste dos EUA, onde há 14 milhões sob alerta Mundo A10

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## Veneza com polêmica

Festival de cinema, com menos estrelas por greve em Hollywood, vai mostrar os novos filmes de Sofia Coppola, Michael Mann e de um trio no ostracismo — Woody Allen, Roman Polanski e Luc Besson.

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Ali Kamel deixará comando do jornalismo da Globo em janeiro

**Esporte B7**

Simone Biles, maior ginasta da história, volta poderosa após dois anos de pausa

## 81% no comércio de SP se opõem a fim de parcelado sem juros

Para 85% de pequenos estabelecimentos na cidade, cliente perderia com o fim da modalidade no cartão, diz Datafolha

Pesquisa feita pelo Datafolha com responsáveis por estabelecimentos comerciais que têm até 49 funcionários na cidade de São Paulo mostra que 81% deles se opõem ao fim da venda parcelada sem juros no cartão de crédito. Aqueles que se manifestaram a favor da ideia são 15%, enquanto 3% se dizem indiferentes e 1% não opinam.

O presidente do Banco Central, Roberto Campos Neto, declarou em 10 de agosto que a entidade cogitava uma tarifa para inibir a compra parcelada a crédito. Dias depois, afirmou que a modalidade é muito importante. Hoje é possível dividir despesas em até 12 vezes sem juro, e 81% dos pequenos comércios o fazem.

Para esses entrevistados, a venda parcelada sem juros perfaz 50% das operações com cartão de crédito e 45% do faturamento mensal. Na pesquisa, cuja margem de erro é de seis pontos percentuais para mais ou para menos, 85% dizem que abolir a prática traria prejuízo aos clientes, e 75%, ao próprio comércio. Mercado A13

## Haddad reitera que Orçamento vai prever déficit zero em 2024

Ministro da Fazenda disse que projeto de Lei Orçamentária Anual irá ao Congresso "equilibrado, com receitas primárias iguais às despesas primárias". Meta é vista com ceticismo por integrantes do próprio governo. Mercado A15

## Câmara aprova urgência para desoneração da folha até 2027

Mercado A15

## 123milhas diz que deve R\$ 2,3 bi e pede recuperação

A plataforma de turismo 123milhas pediu recuperação judicial na 1ª Vara Empresarial da Comarca de Belo Horizonte. Petição admite dívida de R\$ 2,308 bilhões e estima em 250 mil por ano os clientes do plano Promo123, cujos serviços foram interrompidos em 18 de agosto. Mercado A15

## Plano deve visar rentabilidade, diz líder da SulAmérica

Para Raquel Reis, presidente da SulAmérica, planos de saúde têm de priorizar a rentabilidade para superar a crise causada pela discrepância de uso na pandemia e seu rebote, mesmo que abram mão de se expandir. Ela defende flexibilizar franquias e coparticipação. Mercado A17

## Diretor-geral do ONS culpa dados e não agentes por apagão

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## Bernardo Guimarães Imposto sobre fundos exclusivos

A tributação de fundos de investimento exclusivos vem sendo ligada à taxa de grandes fortunas. De fato, há um aumento no imposto sobre o rendimento de quem tem muito capital. Mas essa medida é mais bem descrita como um conserto na regra do imposto atual. Mercado A24

## Lula cria 38º ministério em negociação com centrão

Em meio às discussões da reforma ministerial para abrigar o centrão, o presidente Lula (PT) anunciou a criação do Ministério da Pequena e Média Empresa. Com isso, o total de pastas subirá de 37 para 38 — uma a menos que o máximo de 39 no governo da petista Dilma Rousseff.

Sob Jair Bolsonaro (PL), o máximo foi de 23 pastas. No governo Michel Temer (MDB), houve 29. Política A4

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**Portugal vive êxodo e tem imigração recorde**  
Mais de 2 milhões de portugueses, ou 20% do total, vivem hoje em outros países; 60 mil emigraram em 2021. Já a população de estrangeiros quase dobrou em sete anos. Mundo A12

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Varios de ellos podrían haberse evitado, ya que en la mayoría de los casos existía una denuncia previa de parte de la víctima. En lo que va del año ya asistieron a 4.500 mujeres.

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**SOUTHEASTERN U.S.**

## Floridians flee hurricane's threat

Stoked by warmth of Gulf of Mexico, Idalia hurtles toward land

By DANIEL KOZIN  
The Associated Press

CEDAR KEY, Fla. — Florida residents living in vulnerable coastal areas were ordered to pack up and leave Tuesday as Hurricane Idalia gained steam in the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico and threatened to unleash life-threatening storm surges and rainfall.

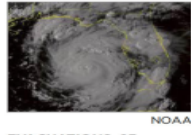
Idalia also pummeled Cuba with heavy rains Monday and

Tuesday, leaving the tobacco-growing province of Pinar del Rio underwater and many of its residents without power.

Idalia strengthened to a Category 2 system on Tuesday afternoon with winds of 110 mph by Tuesday evening. The hurricane was projected to come ashore early Wednesday as a Category 4 system with sustained winds of at least 130 mph in the lightly populated Big Bend region, where the Florida Panhandle curves into the peninsula. The result could

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**Idalia info**



NOAA

**EVACUATIONS:** 23 counties have some sort of order in place.

**EXPECTED STORM SURGE:** 10 to 15 feet in Florida's Big Bend region; up to 6 feet in the Tampa Bay area.

**WINDS:** Hurricane-force winds are expected to extend up to 15 miles from the center of Idalia. Tropical storm-strength winds will extend up to 160 miles from Idalia's center.

The Washington Post

**MEDICARE**

## 10 drugs picked for price negotiations

Effort, years in making and smaller than some hoped, faces resistance

By AMY GOLDSTEIN and DANIEL GILBERT  
The Washington Post

The Biden administration on Tuesday identified 10 expensive prescription drugs it has chosen for price negotiations with pharmaceutical companies as the government seeks to

ease the financial burden on older and disabled Americans.

The announcement marked an unprecedented step in a long fight over the nation's exorbitant drug costs and drew the ire of the pharmaceutical industry, which is fighting it. The lower, negotiated prices are due to become available in early 2026.

More than half of the drugs selected for an initial round of price negotiations are medications to prevent blood clots and

treat diabetes and were taken by millions of people on Medicare in the last year, according to a list released by federal health officials who oversee Medicare. Others are used to treat heart trouble, autoimmune diseases and cancer.

The three highest-cost drugs on the list are Eliquis, a blood thinner; Jardiance, which treats diabetes and heart

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**Higher mortgage rates** don't seem to be standing much in the way of home sales in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Local home prices grew 0.7% from May to June and 4.8% since January, according to the S&P CoreLogic Case-Shiller home price index.

**REAL ESTATE**

## Home prices are holding their own in North Texas

Optimistic outlook persists despite dip from pandemic high

By MITCHELL PARTON  
Staff Writer  
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Dallas-Fort Worth home prices increased for the fifth consecutive month in June, approaching the all-time high set a year earlier, despite higher mortgage rates.

Local home prices grew 0.7% from May to June and 4.8% since

January, according to the S&P CoreLogic Case-Shiller home price index, a much-watched measure of the national housing market and 20 major metro areas.

In March, Dallas-Fort Worth prices saw their first year-over-year decline on the Case-Shiller index since February 2012, of 1.2%. The index shows local prices are still down 4.1%

from their pandemic peak in June 2022. San Francisco, Seattle, Las Vegas and Phoenix saw much larger declines in the same period.

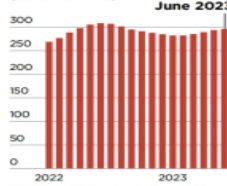
Nationally, prices rose 0.9% from May to June, also rising for the fifth consecutive month, and were stagnant from June 2022.

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**D-FW home prices tick up toward pandemic peak**

Dallas-Fort Worth had five consecutive months of home price increases following an 8.5% decline from June 2022's all-time peak.

**Case-Shiller Index for D-FW** (baseline=100)



SOURCE: S&P CoreLogic Case-Shiller Home Price Index  
Staff Graphic

**EDUCATION**

## Missing math equals lost skills

Schools scrambling to catch kids up as 4th, 8th grade scores slip to 2-decade low

By ARIEL GILREATH  
of The Hechinger Report  
and JACKIE VALLEY  
of The Christian Science Monitor

On a breezy July morning in South Seattle, a dozen elementary-age students ran math relays behind a school.

One by one, they raced to a table, where they scribbled answers to multiplication questions before sprinting back to high-five their teammate. These students are part of a summer program run by the nonprofit School Connect WA, designed to help them catch up on math and literacy skills lost during the pandemic. There are 25 students in the program, and all of them are one to three grades behind.

One 11-year-old child couldn't do two-digit subtraction. Thanks to the program and his mother, who has helped him each night, he's caught up. Now he says math is challenging, but he likes it.

Other kids haven't fared so well. Across the country, schools are scrambling to catch up students in math as post-pandemic test scores reveal the depth of missing skills. On average, students' math knowledge is about half a school year behind where it should be, according to education analysts.

Children lost ground on reading tests, too, but the math declines were

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**4 found dead in Allen home**

Allen police found two adults and two children dead Monday morning in what investigators say was an apparent murder-suicide. **1B**

**Job vacancies, quits plunge**

The latest employment figures released Tuesday suggest the labor market is cooling in a way that could reduce inflation. **5B**

**Also:** Heat and drought take a toll on homes and their foundations. **1B**

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**Prosper coaches arrested**

Two Prosper High School softball coaches were arrested on allegations they failed to report sexual assaults committed by one of their players against three others. **1C**

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**Leading cause of death of U.S. children, teens**

1. Firearm-related injury
2. Motor vehicle crash
3. Drug overdose and poisoning
4. Malignant tumors
5. Suffocation
6. Drowning
7. Congenital anomalies
8. Heart disease
9. Fire or burns
10. Chronic respiratory disease

SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
\*Includes data from 1999-2020

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

## City tackles gun violence with science

Research pinpoints programs that help prevent shootings

By MIKE STOBBE  
The Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — "That's where I got shot," said Rashaad Woods, nodding toward a convenience store in Knoxville's "gun zone." There were bullet holes in a church's walls. Nearby was a shuttered nightclub where some people were killed.

**A GRADUATE STUDENT** was charged in the shooting death of his adviser at the University of North Carolina. **4A**

"There was a point in time I wasn't comfortable standing here," said Kodi Mills, 45. "But that time is passing."

The men work for Turn Up Knox, a year-old outreach program that mentors kids and defuses situations that could escalate into violence. It's a center-

piece of the Tennessee city's attempt to follow a science-based playbook in fighting a surge in shootings.

In recent years, research reviews have begun to conclude there's enough evidence to say which public health interventions prevent shootings, which do not, and which need more study. Knoxville is one of a growing number of cities teaming with researchers to develop an evidence-based plan to stop the

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**HUNGRY FOR A CHALLENGE**

Scofflaw's new chef tests what it means to be New American in excellent ways

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**What might shock you about Alice Cooper**

The 75-year-old rocker just released his 22nd solo album and plays Tinley Park this weekend.

**Jazz Festival returns Labor Day weekend**

Dianne Reeves, Ron Carter and Chico Freeman will be among those performing.

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Chicago firefighters salute as the procession for Chicago Fire Department Lt. Kevin Ward's body arrives Tuesday at the Cook County medical examiner's office. TRENT SPRAGUE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

**Firefighter dies weeks after Norwood Park blaze**

Friends say lieutenant who served with department 27 years 'was like Superman'

By Jake Sheridan  
Chicago Tribune

A Chicago Fire Department firefighter seriously injured while responding to a Norwood Park residential fire earlier this month died late Monday night, the Fire Department said Tuesday morning.

Lt. Kevin Ward, 59, died at Loyola Medical Center surrounded by family, the department said. He served with the department for 27 years.

Ward was one of three firefighters transported to hospitals after an Aug. 11 fire at the home at 8336 Balmoral Ave. on the Northwest Side.

The firefighter's condition remained serious but had stabilized with "steady improvement" two days after the fire, CFD spokesman Larry Langford said at the time. Ward joined the department in 1996, Langford said.

On Tuesday afternoon a



Ward

procession of fire and police vehicles carried Ward's body from the hospital in Maywood to the Cook County medical examiner's office. Four helicopters hovered above as the motorcade moved city-bound on Roosevelt Road, drifting east until the cars arrived at the medical examiner's office.

There, the procession passed beneath the outstretched ladders of two firetrucks. An American

flag hung between the two red vehicles.

The paramedics, firefighters and police gathered to attention as the vehicle carrying him passed.

Firefighters are still trying to figure out what led to the injuries that ultimately killed Ward, Langford told reporters at the medical examiner's office.

"We were never able to

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**Peril for mental health funding?**

Concern raised that tax referendums in suburbs were not legitimate

By Robert McCoppin  
Chicago Tribune

Funding for treatment of substance abuse, mental health and developmental disability in a half-dozen suburban townships and Will County may be in jeopardy due to concerns that the voter referendums that created them were illegitimate.

Officials were scrambling last week to respond to the problem, and hope that a legislative fix could avoid having to hold the referendums again.

Last fall, voters approved proposals to create property tax levies to fund mental health programs in Addison, Lisle, Naperville, Schaumburg, Wheeling and Vernon Hills townships and Will County.

Recently, Wheeling Township attorney Kenneth Florey raised concerns that the referendum language did not require elements required by the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law, or PTELL. That law calls for ballots for referendums on new taxes to include various details the referendums generally did not, including the tax rate and the dollar amount it would cost for a property value of \$100,000.

Vernon Township officials said they believe they met those standards on their ballot. But at least some of the other referendums, such as ones in Wheeling and Schaumburg townships, cited tax rates "not to exceed" 0.15%, the maximum allowed by state law, and did not specify how much that would cost in dollars.

The issue first came to widespread attention in 2021 when a Kane County judge ruled that Dundee Township had to meet the referendum requirements to fund its mental health boards.

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**Growing hurricane targets Florida**

Hurricane Idalia strengthened to a Category 2 storm as authorities warned residents of vulnerable Gulf Coast areas to evacuate. **Nation & World**

**Madigan ally named to state board**

Gov. J.B. Pritzker appoints Steven Landek, a former state senator and longtime Mike Madigan ally, to state board. **Chicagoland, Page 3**

**Drugs listed for Medicare's 1st cost negotiations**

President targets savings on Eliquis, Jardiance, 8 others

By Chris Megeerian, Tom Murphy and Amanda Seitz  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden touted the potential cost savings of Medicare's first-ever price negotiations for widely used prescription drugs Tuesday as he struggles to convince Americans that he has improved their lives as he runs for reelection.

The drugs include the blood thinner Eliquis, diabetes treatment Jardiance and eight other medications. The negotiation process was authorized under the Inflation Reduction Act, which Biden signed last year, capping decades of debate over whether the federal government should be allowed to haggle with pharmaceutical companies.

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President Joe Biden greets a supporter after delivering remarks Tuesday at the White House about the federal government being able to negotiate the cost of drugs with pharmaceutical companies. SAUL LOEB/GETTY-AFP



**Crime contra cisnes:** Rapto e morte de outra ave geram comoção em visitantes do Parque Guinle



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## PORTEIRA MAIS ABERTA

# Lula cria 38º ministério para ampliar espaço do Centrão no governo

Pasta de Alckmin será dividida na reforma em curso para abrigar PP e Republicanos

Pressionado pelo Centrão a fazer uma reforma ministerial que dê espaço a PP e Republicanos, o presidente Lula anunciou que vai recriar a pasta da Pequena e Média Empresa, hoje parte do MDIC, chefiado pelo vice Geraldo Alckmin. O petista chega agora a 38 ministérios, recorde em seus mandatos e só superado pelos 39 do segundo governo Dilma. O desenho final da reforma para abrigar as duas siglas do Centrão, porém, ainda não está definido.

## Cobrado, presidente indica uma mulher para compor o STJ

Em meio à pressão para indicar uma mulher à vaga de Rosa Weber no STF, em nome da diversidade na Corte, Lula indicou ontem a advogada Daniela Teixeira para ser ministra do Superior Tribunal de Justiça (STJ).



## 123milhas pede recuperação judicial

Após travar a emissão de passagens de pacotes promocionais, empresa pede à Justiça proteção por 180 dias contra a execução de dívidas. Veja o impacto ao consumidor.

## Câmara do Rio fará ajustes no programa Reviver Centro

Vereadores deverão ampliar benefícios para a construção de residências na região de Praça Tiradentes, Saara e Cruz Vermelha. Objetivo é equilibrar as vantagens com as do Centro Financeiro.

## China: descompasso entre realidade e narrativa de Pequim

O governo e a mídia estatal pintam um país incólume a problemas econômicos, mas a percepção da população é outra, com desemprego em alta e crises nos setores imobiliário e industrial.



## A Groenlândia derrete

Expedição científica francesa alerta para o risco de desaparecimento do maior sistema de fiordes do planeta, na Groenlândia, que teve o julho mais quente da História.

## Haddad mantém meta de déficit zero no ano que vem

Apesar da defesa, por aliados de Lula, de que o governo afrouxasse a meta fiscal para 2024, o ministro da Fazenda afirmou que o Orçamento do ano que vem, a ser enviado amanhã ao Congresso, manterá o objetivo de zerar o déficit público.

## Câmara aprova urgência de projeto da desoneração da folha de pagamento

Por 390 votos, a Câmara aprovou urgência do PL que desonora 17 setores da economia que são grandes geradores de empregos. O texto a ser votado hoje deve ser aprovado de um benefício previdenciário a todos os municípios do país, ponto estranho ao tema do PL.

## Brasil avança em gestão digital, mas com problemas

Serviços digitais disponibilizados pelo governo se ampliam, mas infraestrutura deficiente e falta de integração entre os setores são obstáculos.

## BNDES indica ministros a conselho de metalúrgica

Mesmo sem atuação no setor, Carlos Lupi e Antelle Franco foram indicados pelo BNDES para o Conselho de Administração da Tupy.

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## Emoção infantil à espera do coração



Sambas. Com o carinho da mãe, Lorena aguarda há quatro anos pelo transplante

Uma em cada sete pessoas na fila por transplante de coração no país tem menos de 17 anos. É o caso da menina Lorena, de 7. Quando envolve criança, a doação é ainda mais escassa. A mãe, Bárbara Stefani, escreveu um relato sobre os momentos de angústia e otimismo com a filha. "A gente vive e hoje. Tudo a meu alcance vou fazer."

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Emmanuel Macron a-t-il le raisonnement de vouloir recevoir tous les chefs de parti à Saint-Denis ?

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## En quête de consensus, Macron convoque les partis

Le président de la République a convié à Saint-Denis, ce mercredi, tous les partis représentés au Parlement pour tenter d'établir un dialogue et trouver des accords ponctuels.

À la recherche d'un improbable consensus, Emmanuel Macron a convié ce mercredi tous les chefs de parti à Saint-Denis. Le président s'en remettra une nouvelle fois aux oppositions pour faire émerger une unité loin d'être évidente.

L'objectif, non avoué, de cette réunion restant malgré tout la relance de son second quinquennat. Reçus collectivement à 15 heures, les onze chefs de parti, la première ministre ainsi que les présidents des deux chambres échangeront

« à bâtons rompus » avec le chef de l'État. La quête d'une coalition ne sera vraisemblablement plus au menu, il s'agira plutôt de trouver des accords au cas par cas. Au programme des discussions : la situation internationale, les

institutions et leur simplification, avant un dîner de travail où il sera question de l'autorité et de la façon de « faire nation ». Mais, d'ores et déjà, les oppositions ont émis de fortes réserves sur les débouchés politiques de cette initiative.

→ **LES PRÉSIDENTS DE PARTI, SCEPTIQUES, AVANCENT LEURS REVENDICATIONS**  
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### En Russie, les hommages à Prigojine se multiplient

De nombreux Russes saluent la mémoire du fondateur de la milice Wagner en improvisant des autels funéraires à travers le pays, alors que les obsèques d'Evgueni Prigojine se sont déroulées à l'abri des regards, mardi, à Saint-Petersbourg. **PAGE 4**

### La crise de l'immobilier se traduit par une pénurie de locations

En cette rentrée, période où la demande est traditionnellement élevée, la recherche d'un logement à louer se transforme en chemin de croix. L'offre de biens, surtout dans les grandes villes, se tarit. La hausse des taux bloque chez eux des locataires qui souhaitent acheter, les passoirs thermiques sortent du marché locatif, tout comme les appartements réservés à Airbnb. Une situation dont profitent, au passage, les escrocs. **PAGES 20 ET 21**

**ÉDITORIAL** par Yves Thérard ythearad@lefigaro.fr

### Illusion démocratique

La fameuse « initiative politique d'ampleur » a désormais un nom : les Rencontres de Saint-Denis. Mais de quoi cette initiative lancée au cœur de l'été par le chef de l'État est-elle surtout le signe ? D'un pouvoir exécutif en quête d'oxygène, qui tâtonne, cherche désespérément une solution à son absence de majorité, tout en s'efforçant de réanimer le dialogue démocratique.

Quand il est arrivé à l'Élysée en 2017, Emmanuel Macron avait promis l'émergence d'un « nouveau monde », hors des partis traditionnels, avec de « nouveaux visages et usages ». Six ans plus tard, en dépit de sa réélection, le constat ne peut être que sévère. Certes, le paysage politique est complètement chamboulé, mais les piliers de sa recomposition paraissent introuvables.

Le président de la République n'a pourtant pas ménagé sa peine devant les obstacles : il y eut le grand débat pour éteindre la fièvre des « gilets jaunes » ; la tenue de deux conventions citoyennes, l'une sur l'écologie et l'autre sur la fin de vie ; puis un Conseil national de la refondation, chargé de récolter les doléances des Français sur

plusieurs sujets. Autant d'opérations aux appellations ronflantes qui ont fait pschitt. Quant aux partis, qu'Emmanuel Macron disait dépassés, voici qu'il leur tend la main en les invitant à Saint-Denis pour « bâtir ensemble des textes législatifs ».

Dans un pays éruptif comme la France, où l'aptitude au dialogue est relative, où la culture de l'opposition est supérieure à l'esprit de coopération, où chaque parti voit midi à sa porte, toutes ces tentatives sont, bien sûr, moins reçues comme des signes de bonne volonté que comme des entreprises suspectes pour noyer le poisson. L'illusion démocratique ne trompe personne.

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Pour donner une réelle portée à son « initiative politique d'ampleur », Emmanuel Macron dispose de quelques armes. Non factices, celles-ci. Le remaniement complet de son gouvernement avec un premier ministre n'émanant pas de sa majorité en est une. L'organisation d'un référendum, sur l'immigration par exemple, en serait une autre... ■

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## Britain must take China's human rights abuses seriously, say MPs

Call for tougher stance likely to embarrass Cleverly on Beijing trip

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Britain must take a tougher stance on China over its severe human rights abuses and help Taiwan build its defences to deter a potential attack from Beijing, an influential group of

MPs says today. With the foreign secretary, James Cleverly, due to land in China today for a first UK official visit in five years, the report from the foreign affairs select committee says ministers have to call out the country's repression at home and abroad. China's behaviour, it says, is a threat to world security that cannot be ignored.

"The CCP [Chinese Communist party] is seeking to silence criticism of its human rights abuses and impose its foreign policy and Xi Jinping's thought beyond its own borders.

This is a challenge to the functioning of democracies globally," said the committee, which is Tory controlled.

Among policies it suggests is that more Taiwanese students teach Mandarin in Britain so as to curb the influence of Chinese government-run Confucius Institutes on British campuses.

In an embarrassment for the foreign secretary, the committee accused him of leaving a void in the government's China policy, which it says has been kept secret from ministers - leaving universities, companies

and Whitehall departments confused about what interactions with China are permissible. It proposes ministers publish an unclassified version of its China Strategy.

Cleverly's long-planned visit had been diplomatically choreographed to give the impression that Britain was seeking to repair political and economic cooperation with Beijing on issues such as the climate crisis, trade and Ukraine, without abandoning western values. He is due to meet his counterpart Wang Yi and the vice president, Han Zheng.

The timing of the report, just as Cleverly arrives in Beijing, was a coincidence, sources said, stressing that publication had always been planned for the first half of this week.

It remains to be seen whether the Chinese government dismisses the blunt select committee findings as a coincidence and irrelevance, or instead views the report as a way for the UK government to convey its true hostility to the leadership of the Chinese communist party.

With ministers hoping to set up a summit between



## Wagner chief Prigozhin buried in private funeral

Yevgeny Prigozhin, who died when his jet crashed last week, was buried without fanfare yesterday in a little-known cemetery on the outskirts of his home town of St Petersburg. [News Page 26](#) →

## US nuclear bombs may be stored in Britain

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The US air force has secured \$50m (£39m) funding next year for a project that could pave the way for American nuclear weapons to return to British soil for the first time in 15 years.

In justifying the expenditure on a 144-bed dormitory at RAF Lakenheath in Suffolk, the USAF told Congress the building was intended to "house the increase in enlisted personnel as the result of the potential surety mission", which is jargon typically used by the Pentagon to refer to handling of nuclear weapons, according to experts.

Construction of the dormitory is due to start in June 2024 and last until February 2026. It is the latest in a series of signs that preparations are under way for a possible return of US nuclear weapons to British territory.

Matt Korda, of the Federation of American Scientists (FAS), who first reported on the budget request, said: "The mention of the arrival of the potential surety

