

What's News

Business & Finance

- ◆ **Pay for new hires** is starting to shrivel after years of hefty salary bumps, requiring workers to reset what financial gains to expect from switching to a new job. **A1**
- ◆ **Retailers** are on track to open 1,000 net new stores in the U.S. this year as retail availability hits record lows, in fresh signs of the sector's resilience despite turmoil in commercial real estate. **A1**
- ◆ **Arm**, whose circuit designs lie inside billions of mobile phones, said quarterly profit fell by more than 50% in filings that kicked off what is expected to be the biggest IPO of the year. **B1**
- ◆ **Teva** agreed to pay \$225 million to settle charges over drug price-fixing allegations, in what U.S. prosecutors said would be the highest fine ever levied for domestic antitrust crimes. **A3**
- ◆ **Private-equity firm Roark Capital** is nearing a deal to buy the Subway sandwich restaurant chain for about \$9.6 billion after a long, heated auction. **B1**
- ◆ **Surging prices** of new and used cars have become a burden on many consumers, with rates of severe delinquency for auto loans at a 17-year high. **B1**
- ◆ **A sharp drop** in FedEx package volume and a move to combine its Express and Ground delivery units has created a glut of pilots, leaving many of them worried about their jobs. **B1**
- ◆ **The popularity** of Ozempic and similar weight-loss drugs is driving big business for some pharmaceutical distributors, but logistics costs are cutting into their bottom line. **B3**
- ◆ **American Airlines** pilots ratified a contract that would boost wages by more than 40% over four years after the carrier sweetened terms. **B2**

World-Wide

- ◆ **China is playing** a key role in propping up Russia's economy and helping boost its war effort, with trade data showing Beijing providing a range of goods, including some with potential military applications such as chips and trench-digging excavators. **A1**
- ◆ **Russia and China** are pushing to expand membership in the BRICS bloc of emerging economies to counterbalance Western influence, as the group's summit is set to begin. **A7**
- ◆ **A vaccine** that the Food and Drug Administration approved could help make the most severe cases of a dangerous respiratory illness in infants into a thing of the past. **A3**
- ◆ **Trump's bond** was set at \$200,000 on criminal election-interference charges in Georgia, and he agreed to surrender in the case Thursday. **A4**
- ◆ **Iowa's most closely watched** poll shows that 42% of likely GOP caucus-goers say Trump is their first choice for president, while 19% pick DeSantis. **A4**
- ◆ **Russian ally Belarus** has brought in over 2,000 Ukrainian children in an effort that underscores Minsk's support for Moscow's war in Ukraine. **A6**
- ◆ **Hilary was downgraded** to a posttropical storm as it traveled over Nevada, leaving floods in its wake Thursday but no reported deaths in the U.S. **A3**
- ◆ **Japan said it planned** to begin the discharge of slightly radioactive wastewater from the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant this week, rejecting calls for a delay. **A16**
- ◆ **A pediatric nurse** for the U.K.'s state-run health system was sentenced to life in prison after she was found guilty of murdering seven babies. **A16**

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Biden Tours Damage Left by Deadly Hawaii Fire



ON THE SCENE: President Biden, with first lady Jill Biden and Hawaii Gov. Josh Green and his wife, Jaime Green, on Monday walked through the burned out streets of Lahaina and pledged support for Maui 'for as long as it takes' to recover. **A3**

Companies Cut Pay for New Hires As Shortage of Workers Eases

By TE-PING CHEN

Pay for new hires is starting to shrivel after years of hefty salary bumps, requiring workers to reset what financial gains to expect from switching to a new job. Wages, especially for people who changed jobs, climbed in recent years as companies competed for workers to fill pandemic-induced labor shortages. Now, as the job market cools and businesses become more cautious in their hiring, many companies are paying

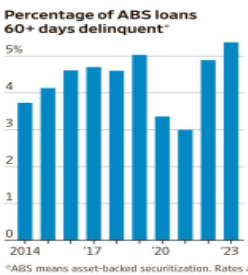
new recruits less than they did just months ago—in some cases, much less. Among postings for more than 20,000 job titles on ZipRecruiter's site this year, the average pay for a majority of roles has declined from last year. Some of the steepest drops have been in technology, transportation and other sectors that experienced frenzied hiring sprees in 2021 and early 2022. Chantal Brayboy, 25 years old, has been seeking user-experience design roles since

last summer, ever since finishing a design boot camp. At the time, layoffs had just begun to churn through the tech economy. She has since applied for more than 2,000 roles, and only gotten calls for a couple interviews. The posted salaries for the jobs she is interested in, she said, have fallen around \$10,000 from those advertised a year ago. "The market is completely different now, companies know they can pay less," said Brayboy, who lives in Kalamazoo, Mich.

The declines mark a stark turnaround from 2022, when compensation for three-quarters of advertised job titles rose from the year before, according to ZipRecruiter. In a July survey of about 2,000 employers conducted by the online hiring platform, nearly half said they had reduced pay for recent job openings. Overall wage growth continues and it surpassed inflation in June for the first time in two years as consumer price increases slowed. Still, *Please turn to page A2*

Car Prices Pressure Buyers

Surging loan delinquencies signal that many consumers can't afford their auto loans, as prices and interest rates have climbed and bargains at the car lot are hard to come by. **B1**



*ABS means asset-backed securitization. Rates are for June of each year. Sources: S&P Global (ABS loans delinquent); Cox Automotive (Index)

The Booming Business Of American Anxiety

Companies aim to fill demand for mental-health help, but the science behind much of the industry is unclear

By JULIE WERNAU AND ANDREA PETERSEN

A search for "anxiety relief" on Google pulls up links for supplements in the form of pills, patches, gummies and mouth sprays. There are vibrating devices that hang around your neck and "tone your vagus nerve," weighted stuffed animals, bead-filled stress balls and coloring books that claim to bring calm. Ads for online talk therapy apps pop up on social-media sites. Americans are anxious—and a flurry of old-line companies, upstarts and opportunistic entrepreneurs aim to fill the demand for relief.

Anxiety has come into focus across the country. In part due to the stress of the pandemic, increased awareness about mental health and more screening in schools and at doctors' offices. In a recent federal survey, 27% of respondents reported they had symptoms of an anxiety disorder. That's up from 8% in 2019, according to the National Center for Health Statistics. Americans looking for help have found that *Please turn to page A8*

Who Needs an Entree? Diners Call Salad and Fries a Meal

Traditional guidelines on combinations are flung aside for menu mayhem

By WENDY GUZMAN

The New York City cabaret club 54 Below used to see a steady stream of orders for burgers and heartier entrees, such as their chili-rubbed skirt steak with bliss potatoes, or their rib-sticking pasta dish, the Cavatelli Pomodoro with spinach and zucchini. These days, the venue is seeing orders simpler, yet stranger. Restaurant manager Mandisa Boxill says many patrons are ordering salad and a serving of fries—as a complete meal. Yes, something leafy and heart-healthy paired with an order of salted fried starch. If dinner was music, *Please turn to page A8*

this is a string quartet and a side order of death metal. Do these things really go together? Boxill added extra manpower to the salad station to keep up and said the salad-and-fries trend is the biggest she's seen in her 11 years in the industry. "This is definitely a little peculiar," she says. "Usually you can tell what people are going to order, but now the mixture is definitely different." American diners have long adhered to basic unwritten rules about what goes with what. Meat and potatoes. Eggs and bacon. Or a dinner that starts with soup, then salad, entree and dessert. *Please turn to page A8*



Main course

INSIDE



JASON GAY
 Coco Gauff enters the U.S. Open amid a breakthrough month of winning. **A12**



PERSONAL JOURNAL
 Families with a net worth over \$10 million race to beat a jump in estate taxes. **A10**

Commercial Property's Bright Spot: Shops

By KATE KING

Retailers are on track to open 1,000 net new stores in the U.S. this year as retail availability hits record lows, in fresh signs of the sector's resilience despite turmoil in commercial real estate. Landlords said demand for retail space has remained robust this year, defying inflation pressures, high interest rates and liquidations including Bed Bath & Beyond and Christmas Tree Shops. Retail's strength is largely the result of a sharp drop in new construction since the 2008-09 financial crisis, which allowed the oversupplied sector to digest its existing real estate. Retailers, meanwhile, started using online sales data and analytics technology to pinpoint locations for successful stores. Also, predictions that internet sales would wipe out physical retail failed to materialize. Digitally native companies are

opening bricks-and-mortar locations after reaching the limits of online customer acquisition. Shoppers flocked to stores and restaurants as pandemic restrictions eased. As of mid-August, retailers had announced plans to open nearly 4,500 new locations while shutting about 3,500, according to advisory and research firm Coresight Research. Nationwide, the rate of available retail space fell to 4.8% in the second quarter, the lowest level in the 18 years the data has been tracked by real-estate-services firm CBRE. "Office is in the crosshairs," said Conor Flynn, chief executive of shopping-center owner and operator Kimco Realty. *Please turn to page A4*



The rise of the world's 'middle powers'

SERIES BEGINS, PAGE 15

Powell's options for key Jackson Hole speech

MOHAMED EL-ERIAN, PAGE 11

Flight path Zelensky cheers jet deal

A woman in Kyiv yesterday walks past damaged Russian military vehicles seized by the Ukrainian army, which are on display in the capital ahead of Independence Day celebrations this week.

Volodymyr Zelensky travelled to the Netherlands and Denmark at the weekend, where plans were confirmed to provide Kyiv with its first US-made F-16 fighter jets by the end of the year. Washington had approved delivery of the jets ahead of his trip.

Ukraine's president yesterday addressed Denmark's parliament, where he said he was confident the jets would help Ukraine win the war against Russia. He later travelled on to Greece.

He was expected to attend a dinner of western Balkan leaders last night, alongside European Commission president Ursula von der Leyen and European Council president Charles Michel. Grain ship deal page 2



Sergey Dushchenko/ISTEP

Goldman explores further retreat from mass-market banking services

◆ Sale weighed of personal finance arm ◆ Second Solomon deal to face axe ◆ Pressures mount on chief

JOSHUA FRANKLIN — NEW YORK

Goldman Sachs is exploring a sale of the investment advisory business it acquired four years ago, marking a further retreat from efforts to be a major bank to mass-market customers.

The Wall Street bank said yesterday it was "evaluating alternatives" for its personal financial management business, which encompasses Goldman's registered investment adviser operations and supervises about \$29bn in assets.

The business grew out of United Capital, a California-based investment adviser that Goldman acquired for \$750m in 2019. The deal came as Goldman was pushing to serve a broader array of customers.

It is now the second deal executed

under chief executive David Solomon that Goldman is looking to undo. The bank this year put up for sale GreenSky, the online lending business it acquired in 2021.

"We expect to find an outcome that benefits both our clients and our advisers," the bank said of the personal financial management business.

Goldman's wealth management operation has historically been weighted towards the super-rich — so-called

Solomon has retained the backing of directors and some top shareholders but faces an internal backlash

ultra-high net worth clients — whose wealth is at least in the tens of millions of dollars. United Capital customers typically had more modest fortunes.

Losses from the push into mass-market banking have contributed to pressure on Solomon, who is contending with the most challenging period of his near five-year tenure as chief. Aside from plans to sell GreenSky, Goldman last year decided to pare back its Marcus online retail banking business.

Solomon has so far retained the backing of the Wall Street bank's directors and some of its top shareholders but is facing an internal backlash over his blunt leadership style as well as a string of critical news stories.

Goldman is still prioritising growth in asset and wealth management, busi-

nesses that are more predictable and stable than its core investment banking and trading activities.

In wealth management, Goldman has more than \$1tn in assets under supervision including from its private wealth business and its Ayco workplace money management platform. United Capital had about \$25bn in assets under management when Goldman bought it.

This pivot to wealth management has worked well for longtime rival Morgan Stanley under chief executive James Gorman, catapulting its market capitalisation above Goldman's.

Morgan Stanley's success in wealth management has been aided by the acquisition of online trading platform E*Trade in 2020 and many of the bank's core clients are high-net-worth custom-

ers, rather than the super-rich that Goldman is targeting.

Registered investment advisers are licensed to provide advice and sometimes directly manage money. The bank said it would continue to invest in its services to cover advisers as customers.

Goldman is exploring a sale at a time of heightened job-hopping by registered investment advisers this year in response to mergers and turmoil in the banking sector. Many are leaving advisory groups owned by banks for boutique operations or starting their own firms — and taking clients with them.

Goldman last year merged its wealth management and asset management businesses, with the combined unit now run by Marc Nachmann, a close confidant of Solomon.

Briefing

► **China's rate cut fails to buoy hopes for growth**
Beijing has defied expectations for a broad loosening of policy, despite its cutting a benchmark rate. The muted action prompted economists at Citigroup to downgrade their growth forecast. — PAGE 2; IDEOM RACHMAN, PAGE 17

► **Funds braced for SEC shift**
The global private funds industry is braced for one of the most sweeping reforms in its history as US watchdogs prepare to impose tough rules on private equity, property and hedge funds. — PAGE 6

► **Guatemala outsider wins**
Centre-left anti-graft candidate Bernardo Arévalo has won the presidential race, as voters in the region's largest economy rejected the establishment over its failure to tackle corruption. — PAGE 4

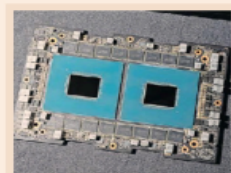
► **European gas price jumps**
The prospect of industrial action at Woodside Energy, a liquefied natural gas producer in Australia, has intensified fears of disruption to global supplies, prompting volatile trading. — PAGE 10

► **Carney role at Bloomberg**
Billionaire Michael Bloomberg has shaken up his media and financial empire, appointing a new chief and a board of directors headed by ex-Bank of England boss Mark Carney. — PAGE 6

► **Citi chief weighs shake-up**
Jane Fraser has held internal talks about disbanding the bank's biggest division, the Institutional Clients Group, in what would be the most significant structural rethink in nearly 15 years. — PAGE 8

► **Trump to skip debate**
Former president Donald Trump has announced he will not attend Republican debates as polls give him a commanding lead in the party's nomination contest for the White House race. — PAGE 2

► **Saudis accused of killings**
New York-based Human Rights Watch has accused border forces of killing hundreds of Ethiopian migrants attempting to cross into the kingdom from Yemen during the past 18 months. — PAGE 4



Chinese demand unabated for hobbled AI processors

Orders from advanced AI developers are soaring for Chinese AI processors, despite the fact that any passing export controls have been hobbled. Nvidia's chips, which have become the workhorse for training large AI models, are still more powerful than anything available before. The rush has also been prompted by concerns that the US might tighten its export controls further, making even these limited products unavailable in future. Strong demand — PAGE 9

Australia's prime minister Albanese arranged PwC internship for his son

NIC FILDES — SYDNEY

Australia's prime minister arranged a two-week internship for his son at PwC in 2021 in the latest sign of the close ties between the country's government and the consultancy industry.

Anthony Albanese, the Labor party veteran elected prime minister in 2022, discussed an internship for his son with Sean Gregory, PwC's former head of strategy, risk and reputation, in early June 2021, according to two people with knowledge of the situation. Albanese was then leader of the opposition.

The politician's son completed the unpaid internship that June in PwC's economics and policy unit, the people said. The internship was first reported by the Australian Financial Review.

The internship took place two years before it was revealed that a senior part-

ner in PwC's tax practice had leaked confidential government information to colleagues both in Australia and overseas about plans to crack down on tax avoidance by multinational companies.

The scandal has embroiled PwC and led to the sale of its lucrative public sector consulting business to Allegro Funds for A\$1 this year. A number of top PwC partners, including Gregory, have since left. Although not directly involved in the tax practice, Gregory was head of risk and reputation and, according to PwC, failed to exercise his leadership or governance responsibilities.

Albanese yesterday refused to comment on the AFR report. "My son is not a public figure," he said in Melbourne.

Albanese has in recent months described PwC's conduct as "completely unacceptable" and his government has said it wants to bring expertise that has

been outsourced to the consultancy industry back into the public sector.

The prime minister's involvement in the internship follows a separate revelation that he had asked airline Qantas for membership of its exclusive "Chairman's Lounge" for his son. Neither move has been declared on the parliamentary register of interests. Albanese said yesterday that he had complied with the requirements of the register.

The latest revelation "has particular resonance as large consultancy firms are under the spotlight, particularly their closeness to government, and the mechanisms that facilitate that closeness that are not open to everyone", said Mark Kenny, professor at the Australian National University, on the internship.

PwC declined to comment. The Financial Times was unable to contact Gregory.

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World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				GOVERNMENT BONDS			
	Aug 21	Prev	%Chg	Pair	Aug 21	Prev	%Chg	Yield (%)	Aug 21	Prev	Chg
S&P 500	4363.02	4369.71	-0.15	\$/£	1.089	1.087	0.2	US 2 yr	4.99	4.90	0.09
Nasdaq Composite	13343.43	13290.78	0.40	\$/€	1.273	1.273	0.0	US 10 yr	4.34	4.23	0.10
Dow Jones Ind	34274.96	34500.86	-0.65	€/£	0.855	0.854	0.1	US 30 yr	4.46	4.36	0.10
FTSEurofirst 300	1772.27	1776.02	-0.13	\$/¥	146.305	145.240	0.7	UK 2 yr	5.22	5.18	0.04
Euro Stoxx 50	4222.82	4212.95	0.23	\$/HK\$	186.221	184.868	0.7	UK 10 yr	4.83	4.77	0.06
FTSE 100	7257.82	7262.43	-0.06	\$/¥	0.959	0.958	0.1	UK 30 yr	4.88	4.83	0.05
FTSE All-Share	3953.40	3961.94	-0.22	\$/¥	1.121	1.122	-0.1	JPN 2 yr	0.03	0.02	0.02
CAC 40	7198.06	7194.11	0.47	\$/¥	0.924	0.925	-0.1	JPN 10 yr	0.65	0.63	0.02
Xetra Dax	15863.28	15874.26	-0.18	\$/¥	162.54	162.56	-0.2	JPN 30 yr	1.56	1.53	0.02
Nikkei	31585.64	31450.78	0.37	\$/¥	25988.50	26178.00	-0.73	GER 2 yr	3.09	3.04	0.06
Hang Seng	17623.29	17595.85	-0.16	\$/¥	1661.26	1684.40	-1.37	GER 10 yr	2.70	2.62	0.08
MSCI World \$	2892.50	2901.84	-0.15	\$/¥	1.121	1.122	-0.1	GER 30 yr	2.79	2.73	0.07
MSCI EM \$	964.44	973.96	-0.97								
MSCI ACWI \$	686.77	688.25	-0.24	Oil WTI \$	83.54	82.56	0.25				
FT Watsphere 2500	5654.49	5651.74	0.05	Oil Brent \$	85.09	84.80	0.34				
FT Watsphere 5000	44374.90	44350.90	0.05	Gold \$	1893.70	1896.35	-0.14				

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Sun Returns to California

A rescue in Cathedral City, Calif., on Monday. The state avoided catastrophic damage from a drenching tropical storm. Page A13.

Trump's Bail In Georgia Set At \$200,000

This article is by Danny Hakim, Maggie Haberman and Richard Fausset.

A judge in Atlanta set bail for former President Donald J. Trump at \$200,000 on Monday in the new election interference case against him, warning Mr. Trump not to intimidate or threaten witnesses or any of his 18 co-defendants as a condition of the bond agreement.

Mr. Trump, who posted on Truth Social that he would surrender to the authorities in Atlanta on Thursday, is also sorting out logistical details in three other criminal cases that have been filed against him this year. Earlier in the day, federal prosecutors pushed back on a request from his lawyers to postpone a separate election interference trial in Washington, D.C., until at least April 2026.

Under his bond agreement in Georgia, Mr. Trump cannot communicate with any co-defendants in the case except through his lawyers. He was also directed to "make no direct or indirect threat of any nature against the community," including "posts on social media or reposts of posts made by another individual."

The terms were more extensive than those set for other defendants in the case so far, which did not specifically mention social media. In the past, Mr. Trump has made inflammatory and sometimes false personal attacks on Fani T. Willis, the district attorney of Fulton County, who is leading the case.

Bond was set at \$100,000 for John Eastman, one of the architects of a plan to use fake electors. Continued on Page A15

Maui Fires Are Huge Test for Hawaii's Governor

By SHAWN HUBLER

In early 2020, with state health officials downplaying signs of the coming pandemic, Josh Green, who was then Hawaii's lieutenant governor, went outside the political pecking order and called the White House himself to ask for a temporary ban on cruise ships, a linchpin of Hawaii's economy.

The move by Mr. Green, an emergency-room physician, infuriated his colleagues and the governor's office, but "no one would listen to me here," he said in his Capitol office overlooking Honolulu last week.

Now the 53-year-old governor, a Democrat less than a year into his first term, is confronting the hor-

Lessons Go Far Beyond One Island as Politics Confronts Climate

than Philadelphia's, Mr. Green has some urgent thoughts about the range of catastrophes that are sweeping the globe and overwhelming institutions.

"I want the world to know that we have to prepare for this," the governor said last week, his voice tense, his eyes red from exhaustion. "We absolutely have to solve these problems before they become crises."

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BIDEN VISITS The president on Monday toured the scorched remains of Lahaina. PAGE A12



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Japan's Radioactive Water Worries South Korea

Checking a fish's radiation levels. Tokyo wants to release Fukushima nuclear plant water. Page A4.

The Elites He Now Targets Gave DeSantis a Leg Up

Candidate Exploits Ivy League Experiences in Service to a Culture War Agenda

By NICHOLAS CONFESSORE

Early last year, Gov. Ron DeSantis nestled into his chair, in a stage in Naples, Fla., to explain to an audience of the would-be conservative elite his journey through the reigning liberal one they hoped to destroy. His host was Larry P. Arm, the president of Hillsdale College, a small Christian school in southern Michigan that has become an academic hub of the Trump-era right. His subject was Yale University, where Mr. DeSantis was educated and where, as he tells it, he first met the enemy.

"I'm a public school kid," Mr. DeSantis told the audience, unspooling a story that he has shared in recent years with aides, friendly interviewers, donors, voters and readers of his memoir, "The Courage to Be Free." "My mom was a nurse, my dad worked for a TV ratings company, stalling the metering devices back then. And I show up in jean shorts and a T-shirt." The outfit "did not go over well with the Andover and Groton kids" — sometimes it is Andover and Groton, sometimes it is Andover and Exeter, sometimes all of three — who mocked his lack of polish.

Worse than Yale's snobbery was its politics: College was "the first time that I saw unadorned leftism," he told the Republican Jewish Coalition this March. "We're basically being told the Soviet Union was the victim in the Cold War." Teachers and students alike "rejected God, and they hated our country," he assured the audience in Naples. "When I get people that submit résumés," he said, "quite frankly, if I got one from Yale I would be negatively disposed."

Then there are the parts of the story he doesn't tell: How his new baseball teammates at Yale — mostly fellow athletic recruits from the South and West who likewise viewed themselves as Yale outsiders — were among those

who teased him about his clothes, and how he would nevertheless adopt their insular culture as his own. How he joined one of Yale's storied "secret societies," those breeding grounds of future senators and presidents, but left other members with the impression that he would have preferred to be tapped by a more prestigious one. How he shared with friends his dream of going to Harvard Law School — not law school, Harvard Law School — and successfully applied there, stacking one elite credential neatly onto another, and co-founded a tutoring firm that courted elite rivals at Harvard Law School graduates.



JOE BUGLEWICZ FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES Education is a battleground for Gov. Ron DeSantis of Florida.

How his Yale connections helped him raise rivals as a first-time candidate for Congress, and how he featured his Ivy credentials — "a political scarlet letter as far as a G.O.P. primary went," Mr. DeSantis likes to say — on his campaign websites, sometimes down to the precise degree of honors earned. And how that C.V. helped him sell to an Ivy-obsessed President Donald J. Trump, whose 2018 endorsement helped propel Mr. DeSantis to the governor's office in Florida, where his Yale baseball jersey is displayed prominently on the wall. Continued on Page A17

UKRAINE DISPATCH

To Escape War, Kyiv's Soldiers Play a War-Based Video Game

By THOMAS GIBBONS-NEFF

NEAR THE FRONT LINE, Ukraine — In a war of tanks, there's World of Tanks.

Somewhere along the several hundred miles of front line in Ukraine, a Ukrainian soldier is probably playing World of Tanks — the video game. A war hero recently admitted to gaming although he had to open a new account when he lost his login information. During training in June, border guards outside Bakmut, where one of the war's bloodiest battles was fought, were found playing. And a tank crew seen grabbing a quick lunch last year had slapped a World of Tanks logo on the hull of its T-80 main battle tank.

"I'm playing from time to time, when I have a bit of free time," said Lt. Nazar Vernyhora, who last year gained public attention for his command of a real tank that destroyed armored personnel carriers and damaged a Russian tank during a battle outside of Kyiv.

Starlink satellite internet is prevalent on Ukraine's battlefields, and soldiers have smartphones. The draw of mobile video games is obvious. War is often marked by long stretches of boredom, so why turn to the enduring favorite pastime of soldiers — throwing small rocks at bigger rocks — when there's. Continued on Page A6

Political Folk Song Strikes Chord, and Hits No. 1

By JOE COSCARELLI and MARC TRACY

The unadorned video suddenly appeared on social media earlier this month: a young man with a bushy red beard and a guitar in a backwoods locale, dogs at his feet and bugs buzzing in the background. In an impassioned drawl, he sings a country-folk anthem about selling his soul "working all day" and being kept in his place by

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inflation, high taxes and the elites he holds responsible: "Rich Men North of Richmond."

On Monday, hardly a week after the song's release, the previously unknown songwriter and onetime factory worker who performs as

Oliver Anthony Music made an unprecedented leap straight to No. 1 on the Billboard singles chart, topping pop superstars like Taylor Swift and Olivia Rodrigo as well as established country crossover acts including Morgan Wallen and Luke Combs.

Boosted early on by influential conservative pundits and media figures like Jack Posobiec and Jason Whitlock, Mr. Anthony's "Rich Men North of Richmond" hit No. 1 on the Billboard singles chart, topping pop superstars like Taylor Swift and Olivia Rodrigo as well as established country crossover acts including Morgan Wallen and Luke Combs.

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States' Clamps on China Alarm U.S. Businesses

By ALAN RAPPEPORT

WASHINGTON — At a moment when Washington is trying to reset its tense relationship with China, states across the country are leaning into anti-Chinese sentiment and crafting or enacting sweeping rules aimed at severing economic ties with Beijing.

The measures, in places like Florida, Utah and South Carolina, are part of a growing political

Fears of an Unintended Economic Fallout

push to make the United States less economically dependent on China and to limit Chinese investment over concerns that it poses a national security risk. Those concerns are shared by the Biden administration, which has been try-

ing to reduce America's reliance on China by increasing domestic manufacturing and strengthening trade ties with allies.

But the state efforts have the potential to be far more expansive than what the administration is orchestrating. They have drawn backlash from business groups over concerns that state governments are veering toward protectionism and retreating from a. Continued on Page A13



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For more than a decade, the Detroit hardcore collective called the Armed has kept its members' identities secret. But now it is opening up. PAGE C1



Hilary's strange journey to L.A.

Tropical storm took an interesting turn Sunday as it made a trek from the Inland Empire to the city.

BY RONG-GONG LIN II, GRACE TOOHEY AND SUSANNE RUST

For days, forecasters tried to determine the path of Hilary as it morphed from a Category 4 hurricane in the Pacific Ocean to an exceedingly rare tropical storm that entered Southern California.

But the trail of Hilary took an interesting turn Sunday — veering a bit more eastward than expected. That probably explains why parts of San Diego County were spared some of the more concerning possible impacts.

What was particularly interesting Sunday night was how Hilary's eye then made a sudden zag to the west — from the Inland Empire to the heart of Los Angeles.

The center of the storm went from being east of Murrieta in Riverside County at 5 p.m. to above Compton around 8 p.m., according to the National Hurricane Center.

At around 8:15 p.m., the center of the storm was circulating directly over Dodger Stadium, according to Daniel Swain, a UCLA climate scientist. The National Hurricane Center, by 11 p.m., put the eye of Hilary back where it was originally expected to go, into the Owens Valley along the U.S. Highway 395 corridor.

It was an unexpected move of the center of the storm, one of many unusual moments for the first tropical storm to hit Southern California in decades.

The move of the eye of the storm [See Eye, A7]



FIREFIGHTERS EVACUATE residents of a flooded senior facility in Cathedral City on Monday. Hilary hit the Coachella Valley hard. GINA FERRAZZI Los Angeles Times

An uneven swipe across Southland

Some took the brunt, but Hilary left much of region relatively fine

BY BRITTNY MEJIA, ALEX WIGGLESWORTH, MATTHEW ORMSETT, RUBEN VIVES AND HAILEY BRANSON-POTTS

CATHEDRAL CITY, Calif. — It was pitch black as Jimmy Laker steered his full-size pickup truck through deserted, mud-caked streets.

It was just after midnight Monday, a day after Tropical Storm Hilary dumped more than half a year's worth of rain here in the Coachella Valley.

As he drove through Cathedral City in a chilly drizzle — water flowing on both sides of his Chevy Silverado and mud up to his hood — Laker, 42, was struck by the

quiet, broken only by the low rumble of his diesel engine.

Then, as he turned down Horizon Road, he heard shouts.

"Help us!" people hollered from rooftops on both sides. They shined flashlights, trying to get his attention.

Laker and his girlfriend, Cindy Gilissen Smith, spotted an elderly woman, her body caked in mud, curled up outside the front doors of a house. She didn't look up.

"Are you OK?" Gilissen Smith shouted. "Can we help you?"

"I'm hurt," she croaked. While other parts of Southern California emerged drenched but relatively unscathed by Hilary, [See Aftermath, A6]



FIREFIGHTERS PUSH boulders away from a truck in Oak Glen, Calif. A creek's banks overflowed in the tiny town, washing rocks onto the main thoroughfare. FRANCINE ORR Los Angeles Times

Hotel guests are caught in middle

Morning drumming, disrupted nuptials, violence — it's no vacation for L.A. visitors during strike.

BY MARISA GERBER, SUHAUNA HUSSAIN AND HELEN LI

Children shrieked and splashed in the water, and a couple on an anniversary staycation floated at the edge of the hotel pool, nursing their blended beverages. Alea Britain had checked

into Hotel Maya the night before and was planning to spend the day jet-skiing with friends. Nothing appeared out of the ordinary since Britain had arrived at the waterfront Hilton property overlooking the Long Beach skyline.

"I had no idea there was a strike," she said. "I haven't noticed anything."

But a few hours later that Friday, it was unmistakable — drums, megaphones, striking workers marching to demand higher wages and better working conditions.

"Our fight is to keep a roof over our heads," shouted [See Hotels, A9]

Judge to hear dementia evidence

Prosecutors say Tom Girardi, 84, is acting, but the defense insists memory loss is real. CALIFORNIA, B1

USC hires new athletic director

Jennifer Cohen leaves University of Washington to guide Trojans as school readies for Big Ten move. SPORTS, B10

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Fog, then sun.
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Will L.A. ban cashless retail?

A council member says the move would help ensure equity for residents. BUSINESS, A8



NOAH VALIENTE, 4, pauses his playtime at the Delfin family home, where he and other relatives displaced by the Lahaina fire in Hawaii are sheltering. ROBERT GAUTHIER Los Angeles Times

After Maui fire, 16 relatives are sharing a single house

'We're going to start from nothing again,' one says

BY JULIA WICK | REPORTING FROM WAIKAPU GARDENS, HAWAII

The 4-year-old girl sat in the center of the living room chaos, jamming two empty crayon boxes together.

"It's going to be a house," whispered Keona Valiente, who was perched precariously between a chair and the circular glass dinner table.

The table was crammed with tins of baby formula, a half-eaten bag of King's Hawaiian sweet rolls, vitamins, plastic

water bottles marked with initials in black pen — the clutter of 16 people under a single roof.

They had all been living in the three-bedroom house in central Maui since the deadliest U.S. wildfire in a century laid waste to their beloved town of Lahaina.

A shirtless uncle washed dishes at the sink. Another uncle rocked a sleeping in [See Maui, A12]

Senseless killing of 'fearless' advocate

Shot over shop's pride flag, entrepreneur and mom of 9 was admired in Lake Arrowhead community, beyond.

BY NOAH GOLDBERG

LAKE ARROWHEAD, Calif. — As a gay man, Bob Stuhr appreciated that Laura Ann Carleton flew a rainbow flag outside her clothing business in Lake Arrowhead.

But as a businessman who runs a shop in the same strip mall a few doors down, Stuhr warned Carleton that the flag might not be good for business in the mountain community 80 miles east of Los Angeles.

"I told her when she put all those flags out there that as a business person, it's probably not the best idea — because some flags trigger people," Stuhr said.

But Carleton did not [See Victim, A12]



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Pushback on Chinese purchases of U.S. land

States move to ban sales of agricultural properties, plots near military bases

BY KIMBERLY KINDY

In Washington, the White House and federal lawmakers are pursuing ways to constrain Chinese-owned businesses such as TikTok amid a bipartisan push to limit China's reach.

Now state legislators have embraced a novel, locally focused tactic aimed at China's domestic investments: restrictions on Chinese land ownership.

Lawmakers in 33 states have introduced 81 bills this year that would prohibit the Chinese government, some China-based businesses and many Chinese citizens from buying agricultural land or property near military bases, according to a Washington Post analysis of data compiled by Asian Pacific American Justice, an advocacy group. A dozen of the bills are now law in states such as Alabama, Idaho and Virginia.

Most passed in Republican-dominated legislatures, but some found bipartisan support as sponsors argued they address a national security threat. The Chinese government could set up spy operations on land purchased near military bases, the bills' backers say, and the nation's food supply could be threatened if hostile foreign entities acquire too much agricultural land.

"This issue has a direct impact on all Ohioans," state Rep. Angie King (R) said when she introduced a bill in June that would create restrictions on land sales, particularly agricultural property, for some businesses and

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850 people still missing after Maui wildfires

BY MOLLY HENNESSY-FISKE

About 850 people are still missing after the wildfires that torched parts of Maui and devastated the historic town of Lahaina, according to local officials, with 85 percent of the disaster area searched as of Sunday.

The latest official death toll in the deadliest U.S. fire in more than a century stood at 114, but that number was expected to increase as more victims are identified. Twenty-seven of the dead had been identified by Sunday, nearly two weeks after the fires, but officials had been able to locate and notify relatives of only 11 victims.

Maui County Mayor Richard Bissen posted a video online that he said was the "first of many daily reports" that will provide updates on the number of missing people. Initially, more than 2,000 people were unaccounted for, and he said the lists of names that families and friends had given local and federal agencies were recently "combined and refined" by the FBI — a "thorough

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IMPERFECT UNION



Melissa Alexander, center, prays alongside other Covenant School parents last month at the state Capitol in Nashville.

A mom seeks purpose from the pain

Her son survived a school shooting. Now she's asking a deep-red Tenn. legislature for stricter gun laws.

BY KEVIN SULLIVAN IN NASHVILLE

Melissa Alexander wanted to make Gino Bulso feel it in his heart, in his gut.

She told him her story: Her son was in his fourth-grade classroom on March 27 when a shooter smashed into the school and started firing. He stood silently against a wall with the other children, feet away from the killer. He heard the shots that killed three of his 9-year-old schoolmates and three adults.

"He saw his friends dead on the ground," she told Bulso. "Gosh," whispered the Republican lawmaker, a father of five. "Oh gosh."

Since the mass shooting at The Covenant School, a private Christian school in Nashville, Alexander, 44, has been

joined into political activism for the first time in her life.

She is among thousands of brand-new Tennessee activists, largely led by mothers, who are pleading with the state legislature to pass stricter gun laws during a special session called by the governor that began on Monday.

Standing in their way: a powerful Republican supermajority legislature that has resisted demands that lawmakers say infringe on rights guaranteed by the Second Amendment. Despite polls showing that most Tennesseans support tighter gun laws, the state's conservative tilt and its gerrymandered legislative districts mean GOP lawmakers face little

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Alexander and her husband are reunited with their son in March after the Nashville shooting that left three classmates and three adults dead. She saw this photo on the national news the next day.

JOHN HAZEN/MORELIFE



PHILIP CHEUNG FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

The damp aftermath

A truck is stuck in mud after flooding in Oak Glen, Calif., in the San Bernardino Mountains about 75 miles east of Los Angeles. Tropical Storm Hilary caused more inconvenience than lasting damage to the region, and there were no reported deaths. The record rainfall actually could help douse some wildfires. Plus, water officials said California is now drought free for the first time in years. Story, A13

10 years after chemical attack, seeking justice

Evidence against Syrian regime still mounting in strike that killed 1,400

BY JOBY WARRICK

On that most terrible of nights, when death stalked every street and crept into bedrooms where small children slept, Taher Hijazi was jarred awake by someone shouting his name just outside his window.

"Bring your camera and come down immediately!" the voice said.

"What's happening?" Hijazi called, peering into the dark.

"Come down, I can't talk," the voice said.

Hijazi, then a 26-year-old amateur videographer living in the outer suburbs of Damascus, Syria, stumbled outdoors clutching his camcorder. It was not yet 3 a.m., but it was soon clear that a calamity had struck. Strange rockets

had fallen in the neighborhood overnight, and an invisible poison was spreading through the warrens of apartment buildings east of the capital. Hundreds of people were dying.

Hijazi hurried to a nearby hospital as throngs of the stricken were beginning to arrive. As he approached the building, he could hear shouts and wails, and see workers moving the bodies of the dead onto the sidewalk to make room. The sight of the freshly arriving victims would scar his memory for the rest of his life.

"I saw the most horrifying scene," he said. "I saw men, women and children, falling and dying, outside the hospital, in front of the hospital. It was like Judgment Day."

Hijazi began taking videos, recording everything. At one point, he trained his lens on a small girl. She was about 6 years old, wearing a red shirt and a pendant in the shape of a heart. She lay on the bare floor, quietly gasping for breath.

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Sticker shock at gas pump: Prices hit 10-month high

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How did New York get here? USA TODAY Sports breaks down this year's key numbers. **In Sports**



MARK HORTON/GETTY IMAGES

Jethro Tull's Anderson talks band's longevity

Group leader chats about tour celebrating seven decades, not being in Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and appreciation of the umlaut. **In Life**

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EXCLUSIVE: IOWA GOP CAUCUS POLL

Support remains steadfast for Trump

Likely attendees doubt serious crime charges

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Almost two-thirds of likely Iowa Republican caucusgoers do not believe former President Donald Trump has committed any serious crimes — even as he faces his fourth criminal indictment, a new Des Moines Register/NBC News/Mediacom poll shows.

Trump, the dominant Republican front-runner in Iowa and nationally, has been charged in four criminal cases since March, placing him in uncharted legal territory for a former president. But a strong majority of likely Iowa Republican caucusgoers believe those cases are without merit.

Asked whether they "think that (Trump) has or has not committed any serious crimes," 65% of likely caucusgoers say he has not. Twenty-six percent believe Trump has committed serious crimes, and 9% are not sure.

The poll of 406 likely Republican caucusgoers was conducted Aug. 13-17 by Selzer & Co. of Des Moines. It has a margin of error of plus or minus 4.9 percentage points.

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2024 ELECTION

How the GOP candidates will try to score debate points

David Jackson
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — Republican presidential candidates — most of them — gather this week for a first debate that will revolve around someone who won't be there: Donald Trump.

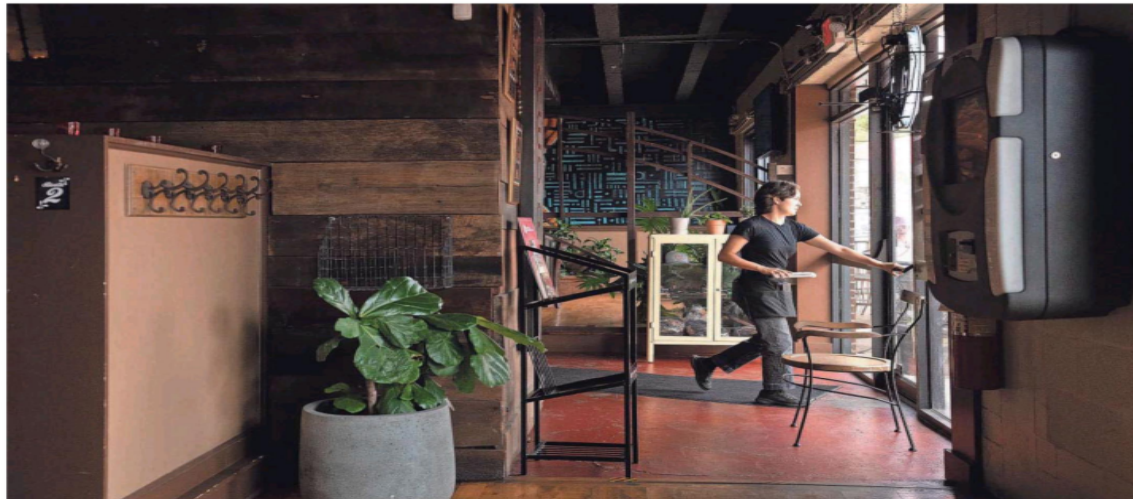
The GOP frontrunner's absence from the stage in Milwaukee creates a new layer of challenges for other Republican candidates who see this opening debate as a chance to emerge as the main alternative to the ex-president.

The debate also exposes all of the GOP presidential candidates to potential problems.

"They've got to look and act like somebody who could be president of the United States," said Republican pollster Whit Ayres — and most of them need to demonstrate that they have the ability to defeat Trump.

"He's going to be at the center of the

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Paula Rico, a server at Arepazo Tapas Bar and Grille in Columbus, Ohio, takes the check out to a table on the patio during a lunch shift at the restaurant. The restaurant has begun charging some larger parties an automatic tip, although its owner says tips remain at pre-pandemic levels. PHOTOS BY BROOKE LAVALLEY/USA TODAY NETWORK

Have US consumers hit gratuities tipping point?



A 2022 survey by PlayUSA shows 83% of customers always tip at a sit-down restaurant.

"Where I think you see fatigue is where people aren't providing any service. There's no service component at all, it's just part of the job."

John Barker, Ohio Restaurant Association

'You feel guilty not tipping,' but pressure may cause fatigue

Mark Ferenchik
Columbus Dispatch | USA TODAY NETWORK

You visit a carryout store or a coffee shop or order a can of beer at the bar, and there it is, that touch screen, spinning toward you with suggested tips for that bottle of wine or cup of coffee or Stroh's you just bought.

What to do? No matter where you go, you're being asked to tip. You're used to paying a tip for service at your favorite sit-down restaurant or giving something extra to the person who cuts your hair.

But since the COVID-19 pandemic, it seems the number of places looking for tips has exploded. More pressure to tip, perhaps more tipping fatigue.

Samantha Gerity, who was about to eat lunch earlier this week outside the Brown Bag Delicatessen in Columbus, Ohio, said she and her husband have talked a lot about tipping since a recent family trip to North Carolina.

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Pressure to tip

According to a 2022 survey of more than 1,000 people nationwide:

54% feel pressure to tip during iPad-style touch screen checkouts.

51% have tipped when they normally wouldn't because the touch screen asked them to.

Hilary is down but not out in Southern Calif.

Remnants leave flooding, damage and no 'quick fix'

John Bacon and Paul Albani-Burgio
USA TODAY



Mud and water submerge Bob Hope Drive in Rancho Mirage, Calif., on Monday after Tropical Storm Hilary swept across the Coachella Valley. Rain and debris washed out roadways across Southern California. ANDY ABEYTA/USA TODAY NETWORK

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. — The remnants of Hurricane Hilary lashed a swath of the West from the mountains and deserts to the Pacific Ocean beaches after triggering mudslides, flooding and water rescues across Southern California.

Rain and debris washed out roadways and left vehicles stranded in standing water. Parts of Los Angeles County had almost 7 inches of rain; Beverly Hills had almost 5 inches by early Monday. Downtown Los Angeles saw its wettest August day ever Sunday with 2.48 inches of rain.

More than 100 miles to the east in Riverside County, a foot of rain fell on Mount San Jacinto. The nearby Coachella Valley was hit hard, and Palm Springs police at one point said 911 lines were down so residents had to text 911 or reach out to the nearest police or fire station. Crews in Rancho Mirage

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deportes**Valderrama: "Messi va a llegar muy bien al Mundial 2026"**

El Pibe analiza el fenómeno del rosarino en EE.UU. y asegura que podrá jugar hasta los 40 años.

**Costa Salguero: la Ciudad recuperará el centro de convenciones**

—sociedad

A fin de año cae la concesión y termina una historia de más de 30 años; es parte de una zona que el gobierno porteño busca transformar. **Página 22**



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La oposición intentará cambiar la ley de alquileres ante la crisis inmobiliaria

CONGRESO. Milei propone derogarla; Juntos por el Cambio analiza esa opción o modificarla

La Cámara de Diputados apunta a celebrar mañana su primer debate tras las elecciones con una sesión especial impulsada por la oposición para derogar la ley de alquileres, frente a la crisis que enfrenta el mercado inmobiliario por la inflación y la devaluación.

También será la primera prueba

para el bloque de Javier Milei tras el primer lugar logrado en las primarias. El candidato libertario propone derogar la norma. El oficialismo ha ratificado que no lo hará. El resto de la oposición se hamaca entre modificar la ley o, directamente, derogarla. Entretanto, el mercado de alquileres ingresó en una crisis

cuasi terminal con la disparada de la inflación, la caída en la oferta de inmuebles para alquiler y la suba de los precios en más del 25% en solo una semana. Dado este contexto, todos los bloques de la oposición —salvo la izquierda— insistieron en convocar a una sesión especial para mañana. **Página 8**

Un debate sobre un sector al borde del caos

Carla Quiroga

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Día crítico por los incendios en Córdoba



sociedad—CÓRDOBA.—El cóctel de fuego, temperatura de 33° y fuertes vientos complicó ayer distintos puntos de la provincia de Córdoba, donde anoche los brigadistas todavía intentaban contener cinco focos de incendio activos. En Yacanto de Calamuchita (foto), donde hubo ráfagas de viento de hasta 150 km por hora, el fuego afectó varias viviendas y los vecinos fueron evacuados; por falta de visibilidad, también quedó cortada la ruta S-288. **Página 22**

Noboa redefine la campaña en Ecuador y complica al correísmo

SORPRESA. La candidata del expresidente tocó el techo histórico de esa fuerza; el empresario, con el 24%, podría alcanzar al menos el 47% en el ballottage

Daniel Lozano
PARA LA NACION

GUAYAQUIL.—El vuelco electoral en Ecuador tiene nombre: Daniel Noboa. El candidato moderado, hijo de uno de los empresarios más ricos del país, confirmó la escalada meteórica que anunciaban algunos sondeos de última hora y se coló por la puerta grande de cara a la segunda vuelta de las elec-

ciones anticipadas, a celebrarse a mediados de octubre. "¡Se armó el despelote!", resonó en las redes sociales, la plataforma desde la cual el candidato de la alianza Acción Democrática Nacional (ADN) convenció a gran parte de sus votantes más jóvenes en el tramo final de la campaña ecuatoriana más sangrienta, golpeada por ataques narco y el asesinato de un aspirante presidencial. **Continúa en la página 2**

EL ESCENARIO

El túnel que conecta a Milei con Kirchner

Martín Rodríguez Yebra

—LA NACION—

El grito "¡que se vayan todos!" conecta como un túnel decadente el estallido de 2001 con este presente de desesperanza e incertidumbre. Javier Milei se apropió de aquel himno nihilista y lo vociferó rodeado de admiradores y discípulos de Domingo Cavallo, foco principal de la bronca en el verano de fuego de principios de siglo. El paladín del liberalismo conquista desencantados con un clamor de asambleas de sensibilidad anarquista.

Él se pone del lado de los que cantan y traza la línea que configura una nueva grieta: son ellos (los políticos) contra nosotros (el pueblo). **Continúa en la página 11**

Rechazan anular la causa de los cuadernos

Hernán Cappiello

LA NACION

El Tribunal Oral Federal N°7, a cargo del juicio por el caso de los cuadernos de las coimas, donde se investiga a Cristina Kirchner, a exfuncionarios y a empresarios por cobrar y pagar sobornos para mantener contratos de obras públicas, rechazó declarar nulo el casus convalidado de la declaración como "arrepentido" de Carlos Wagner, extitular de la Cámara Argentina de la Construcción (CAC). **Continúa en la página 15**

Devaluar sin plan trajo más perjuicios que beneficios

ALERTA. Para analistas, la inflación explotó y no hubo mejoras para exportar

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copa 2023 ★★

Espanha campeã iguala façanha do Brasil masculino

Mulheres agora detêm os títulos mundiais sub-17, sub-20 e principal, feito que só a seleção brasileira conseguiu, em 2003. B7

Sandro Macedo

Beijo roubado que roubou Copa não é normal, é assédio B7

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Aspirantes a Luan Santana tocam em palcos menores na Festa do Peão

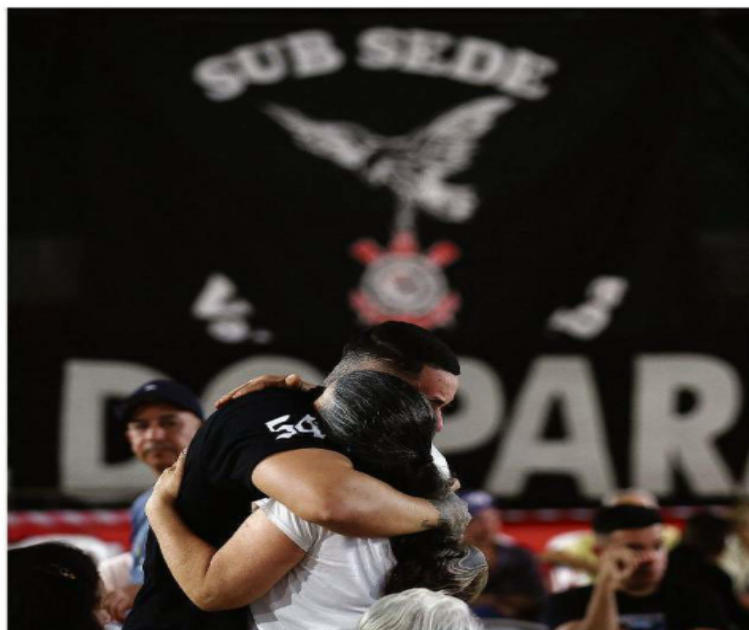
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Iguarias do Pantanal ganham atenção de chefs e espaço em cardápios na região

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Salvador Nogueira Fracasso da Luna-25 evidencia declínio russo no espaço

A destruição da nave da primeira missão lunar da Rússia em 47 anos mostra que país ainda consegue fazer lançadores e satélites, mas já não existe competência para missões de espaço profundo. Ciência B6



Zanone Fraissat/Folhapress

HOMENAGEM A CORINTIANOS MORTOS REÚNE CENTENAS

Com hinos e bateria, seis das sete vítimas de acidente de ônibus em MG foram veladas em ginásio de Pindamonhangaba (SP) por famílias, amigos e torcidas organizadas Cotidiano B2

Hacker Delgatti é condenado a 20 anos por Vaza Jato

A Justiça Federal condenou Walter Delgatti a 20 anos de prisão pela invasão, em 2019, do Telegram de autoridades como Sergio Moro e Deltan Dallagnol. Na CPI do 8/1, ele acusou Jair Bolsonaro de tram contra a Justiça Eleitoral e o ministro Alexandre de Moraes. Política A6

Associação apoia flexibilização de impedimento de juiz pelo STF

A Associação dos Magistrados Brasileiros defendeu a decisão do STF de liberar juízes para julgar casos em que as partes sejam clientes de escritórios nos quais atuem cônjuges ou parentes. Para a AMB, o veto era 'inexequível'. A10

Defesa de Bolsonaro em caso das joias visa afastar crime de peculato

Política A4

Desonerar cesta reduz preço em 5% e custa R\$ 35 bi

Dados são de modelo em vigor; reforma prevê isenção total de novos impostos, e governo pede política focalizada

Idealizada como uma política para baratear alimentos e itens essenciais para famílias de baixa renda, a desoneração de tributos federais sobre a cesta básica proporciona uma redução média de 5% nos preços dos produtos, a um custo de R\$ 34,7 bilhões para a União em 2023, em valores atuais.

Os dados compõem um dos boletins que serão lançados hoje pelo Ministério do Planejamento em seminário sobre gasto público, promovido em parceria com o Banco Interamericano de Desenvolvimento.

Para o secretário de Monitoramento e Avaliação de Políticas Públicas da pasta, Sergio Firpo, a medida tem impacto relevante para a população, mas pode ser mais focalizada e eficiente.

A proposta de emenda à Constituição da Reforma Tributária aprovada na Câmara prevê uma cesta básica nacional, com isenção integral de novos tributos. A definição dos itens contemplados dependerá de regulamentação posterior, mas o governo já teme que uma lista extensa possa onerar outros setores. Mercado A15

Comandante tenta unir Exército e defende legalismo militar

O comandante do Exército, Tomás Paiva, enviou ordem interna a todos os militares com medidas para intensificar o "fortalecimento da coesão" e valorização da "família militar". O objetivo é afastar a imagem de que a Força age fora da legalidade, ante desgaste pela atuação sob Jair Bolsonaro (PL).

Para o comando, casos como o do tenente-coronel Mauro Cid não deveriam ser associados à corporação.

Outro ponto é uma proposta de reajuste, em aceno às baixas patentes. Para generais ouvidos pela Folha, há insatisfação da base diante de benefícios que inflam ganhos da cúpula. Política A7



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IMMIGRATION

Texas GOP targets DHS

Threat to 'defund' follows criticism of cutting police funds

By CAROLINE PETROW-COHEN
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WASHINGTON — Most of the Texas Republicans in Congress have threatened to "defund" the Department of Homeland Security to pressure President Joe Biden over border policy.

"No border security, no funding," said their letter to Biden authored by Austin Rep. Chip Roy and signed by 14 others. "No member of Congress should agree to fund a federal agency at war with his state and people."

All but one of those same Texas Republicans denounced the so-called "defund the police" movement that sprung up after Minneapolis police officers killed

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A worker inspected buoys being used as a barrier along the Rio Grande in Eagle Pass on Monday. Mexico complained for weeks the barrier was on its side of the river.
Eric Gay/The Associated Press

Abbott: Barrier may have drifted

Notion seems at odds with photos; buoys are now on U.S. side

By TODD J. GILLMAN
Washington Bureau
and AARON TORRES
Austin Bureau

WASHINGTON — Texas has quietly moved its anti-migrant buoys to the American side of the Rio Grande, though Gov. Greg Abbott resisted ac-

knowledging they were placed in Mexican territory, asserting Monday the 1,000-foot barrier may have just "drifted."

The explanation seemed at odds with a July 27 aerial survey showing most of the barrier's concrete anchors on the wrong side of the border, too, as well as most of the buoys.

The governor offered no apology to Mexico, which complained for weeks about

the violation of its sovereignty. "There were allegations, which I don't know if they were true or not, but allegations that the buoys had drifted toward the Mexico side," Abbott said Monday afternoon in Eagle Pass, flanked by four fellow Republican governors. "And so out of an abundance of caution, Texas went

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WEST COAST



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Elderly residents were rescued via bulldozer by members of the fire department in Cathedral City, Calif., on Monday. Much of Southern California and parts of Arizona and Nevada are cleaning up after Tropical Storm Hilary.

Hilary makes a muddy mess

But after soaking the Southwest, the tropical storm took no lives in U.S.

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Tropical Storm Hilary drenched the American Southwest before fading Monday to a mere rainstorm, leaving communities from the Pacific Coast to inland Nevada with a substantial cleanup effort but no reported deaths in the United States.

The first tropical storm to hit the nation's West Coast since 1997 had the largest impact in California's desert region, where national parks in the Mojave, Death Valley and other nearby areas flooded. Some areas east of Los Angeles received as much as 6 inches of rain in a day, a summer

record in several cases, and tens of thousands of people lost power for much of Sunday and into Monday.

Hilary first slammed into Mexico's arid Baja California Peninsula as a hurricane, causing one death and widespread flooding before becoming a tropical storm. While no deaths, serious injuries or extreme damages have been reported in California, officials warned that risks remain, especially in the mountainous regions where the wet hillslides could unleash mudslides.

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Mandel Ngan/Agence France-Press

Offering comfort in Maui

President Joe Biden hugged Hawaii Gov. Josh Green after arriving Monday with first lady Jill Biden. The Bidens toured the charred ruins in Lahaina and met with officials and first responders. (Story, 5A)

DALLAS COUNTY

Woman gets 12 years in prison

Murder case drew national attention from celebrities

By JAMIE LANDERS
and KELLI SMITH
Staff Writers

A Grand Prairie woman whose case garnered national support from celebrities was sentenced to 12 years in prison for murder and aggravated robbery, the Dallas County District Attorney's Office announced Monday.

Zephaniah Renee "Zephi" Trevino was one of three people charged in a 2019 robbery that led to the fatal shooting of Carlos Murillo. Two others, Philip Junior Aguilera Baldenegro and Jesse Martinez, await trial on charges of capital murder, according to court records.

Trevino pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 12 years for murder and five years for aggravated robbery Friday. She was ordered to serve the sentences concurrently, the district attorney's office said.

"I am thankful to my team and proud of them for staying the course," Dallas County District Attorney John Cruzot wrote in a statement. "They were never distracted by the media attention or public outcries trying to shift the narrative of this case, and continued, in accordance with the law, to follow the facts and evidence to see that justice was done."

In a statement to *The Dallas Morning News*, Justin Moore, one of Trevino's attorneys

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A return to glory



Ashley Landis/The Associated Press

Rebounding from two tough years, Carter High School alum Sha'Carri Richardson was golden in the 100 meters at the world track and field championships Monday in Budapest, Hungary. She set a meet record time of 10.65 seconds. (Coverage in SportsDay)

BUSINESS

AA pilots OK contract

American Airlines' pilots approved a new contract with the Fort Worth carrier with raises of more than 41% over four years. 3B

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Ruling on Love Field shooter

A Dallas County judge found the woman accused of opening fire at Dallas Love Field airport last year not guilty by reason of insanity. 1B

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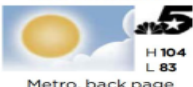
Wisconsin draws attention

The unofficial kickoff to the fall campaign starts with the first debate ahead of the Republican primaries, shining a light on Wisconsin. 2A

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Storm remnants push into Nevada

Hilary drops record rain, spurs floods in Southern California

By Christopher Weber and Damian Dovarganes
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Tropical Storm Hilary, the first tropical storm to hit Southern California in 84 years, drenched the region from the coast to the desert resort city of Palm Springs, forcing rescuers to pull several people from swollen rivers, before the storm headed east and flooded a county about 40 miles outside of Las Vegas.

No U.S. fatalities were reported. The National Hurricane Center in Miami downgraded Hilary to a post-tropical storm Monday morning but warned that “continued life-threatening and locally catastrophic flooding” was expected over portions of the southwestern U.S., along with “record breaking” rainfall and potential flooding in states as far north as Oregon and Idaho.

Remnants of the storm that first brought soaking rains to Mexico’s arid Baja California Peninsula and the border city of Tijuana were expected to linger at least through Tuesday morning.

Southern Californians were battling flooded roads, mudslides and downed trees. Winding roads in the San Bernardino Mountains east of Los Angeles were blocked by mud and debris flows. A stretch of the I-10 freeway near Palm Springs was also shut to traffic due to pooling water from the storm.

Along the coast, a stretch of the Pacific Coast Highway in surf-friendly Huntington Beach was also flooded.

“Thank God my family is OK,” Maura Taura said after a three-story-tall tree crashed down on her daughter’s two cars but missed the family’s house in the Sun Valley area of Los Angeles.

Hilary is just the latest major weather or climate disaster to wreak havoc across the U.S., Canada and Mexico. Hawaii’s island of Maui is still reeling from a blaze that killed more than 100 people and ravaged the historic town of Lahaina, making it the deadliest U.S. wildfire in more than a century. Firefighters in

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Sculptor honored with Arts Award

Richard Hunt has 16 honorary degrees, nine of which are from Illinois institutions, and now, he can add one more award to his 70-year career: the Chicago Public Library Foundation Arts Award.

Arts & Living

Trump far ahead in Iowa poll

Former President Donald Trump leads his closest rival by double digits in a poll of likely Iowa caucusgoers, a showing that demonstrates his continued political prominence.

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New academic year, new set of challenges

BACK TO SCHOOL



Mayor Brandon Johnson receives high-fives from prekindergarten students on their first day of school at Chicago Public Schools’ Brighton Park Elementary School on Monday. ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

More than 320,000 students return as CPS embarks on a period of transition

By Sarah Macaraeg and Laura Rodriguez Presa
Chicago Tribune

When more than 320,000 Chicago youths resumed classes Monday, the sense of renewal brought by a fresh school year was underscored by the presence of Chicago’s new mayor, a former teacher who welcomed students and offered encouraging words at several stops around the district.

Yet the change at City Hall is also the beginning of a period of transition in Chicago Public Schools as it moves to an elected school board, and divorces itself

from city oversight and funding, starting in 2024. The district will also be negotiating a new contract with the teachers union and will soon see the end of both COVID-19 relief funding and a moratorium on school closures — all while dealing with ongoing struggles such as chronic enrollment loss, a shortage of bus drivers and underpopulated, aging buildings.

And following an increase of about 2,300 English learner enrollments last year, the state’s largest school system

Turn to School, Page 4



Hassly Cespedes, 6, center, sits on the ground while waiting for food with her family and other community members outside Martin Temple AME Zion Church after walking from the Chicago Police Department’s 3rd District station Monday. ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Migrants from police station turned away from school

By Nell Salzman
Chicago Tribune

It was the first day of school Monday, but 6-year-old Hassly Cespedes stood in line at a soup kitchen instead of in a cafeteria lunch line.

With her hair tied up in two buns and wearing a floral jumpsuit, the young girl had been excited for her first day of school at Emmett Louis Till Math and Science Academy, said her mother, 26-year-old Eliany Piña, as they

waited for a meal at Martin Temple AME Zion Church in Woodlawn. The family had arrived in Chicago from Venezuela 10 days ago.

But instead, Hassly was turned away from the school Monday morning with seven other elementary school-aged kids who are staying with their migrant families at the 3rd District police station, despite filling out paperwork, according to Britt Hodgdon, a volunteer at the 2nd and 3rd District police stations.

“Kids are showing up with rotting teeth and

active fevers and malnutrition and they’re not receiving care here,” said Hodgdon. “And then on top of that we’re now refusing them education and all of the things that come with that.”

In a statement Monday evening, Chicago Public Schools said that migrants arrived at Emmett Till with outdated enrollment forms not provided by Till staff.

“The Till principal proceeded to inquire about a meeting to organize the enrollment

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‘It’s a relief’: Students, teachers return to Urban Prep Academy for first day of school amid legal battle with CPS. **Chicagoand, Page 3**
Teacher fired: Homer School District 33C fires teacher after outcry from parents over past social media posts. **Page 5**

Home gardeners helping iconic monarch butterfly

By Nara Schoenberg
Chicago Tribune

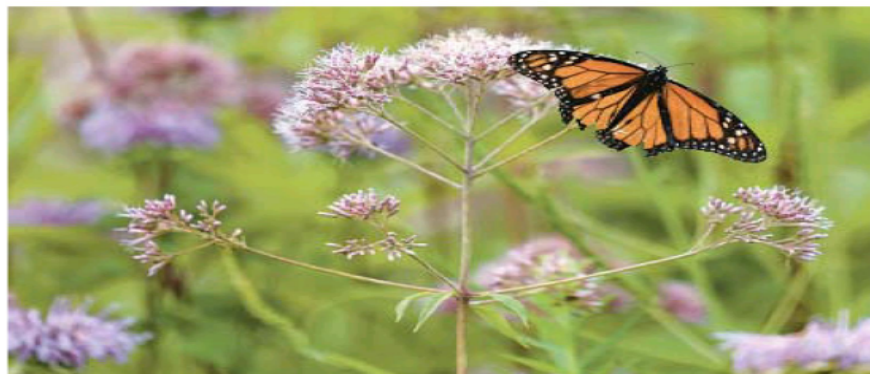
On a suburban street with smooth lawns and trimmed bushes, Martha Chipplis’ yard stands out. It’s not just the wildflowers: purple wild petunia, golden lanceleaf coreopsis, hot-pink Bush’s poppy mallow. It’s the lemon-yellow goldfinches that snack on the seeds, the fluffy bees that feed on the blooms.

And then there’s the star of the show: a monarch butterfly that descends within minutes.

The orange and black showstopper flies low and circles twice, so close that you can almost reach out and touch it.

“Oh! Yeal!” says Chipplis, 58, of Berwyn. “They’ve been flying around all morning.”

At a time when monarch butterflies are struggling for survival, Chipplis is one of over 400 home gardeners throughout the Chicago area who have participated in a



A monarch butterfly rests in the Rice Garden outside the Field Museum in Chicago on Aug. 9. ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

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Toz: 'Gosto de ser chamado de grafiteiro', diz artista, que expõe em galeria e na ArtRio e criará obra para museu de Madri



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Crise dos pacotes de viagens flexíveis impacta mercado do turismo no país

Cancelamento de passagens pela 123milhas gera punição do governo e expõe modelo frágil

A crise da 123milhas, agitada a partir de passagens aéreas baratas que anunciava que não entregaria as vendas de suas linhas prometidas até o fim do ano, levou o governo a vetar financiamentos de bancos privados e já preocupa o mercado de turismo. A 123milhas adota como modelo de pacotes flexíveis, em que, para pagar menos, o consumidor

compra um a viagem numa janela de tempo predeterminada, e a data exata é definida pela agência para buscar preços mais baratos. Especialistas apontam que o sistema, adotado ainda pela Flyarb, tem sido em crise, é arriscado para o consumidor. Cancelamentos podem entender prejuízo a hotéis com reservas atreladas aos pacotes da 123milhas.

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Defesa pede à PF lista de militares que receberam hacker

Investigação de um olvimento de militares em articulações golpistas foi debatida em reunião entre Lula, com ministro José Múcio e os comandantes das três Forças.

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Presidente da AIBert analisa o novo acordo com a União de uso de conteúdo pelas plataformas e defende que acordos que já tiveram ditos na internet sejam cumpridos.

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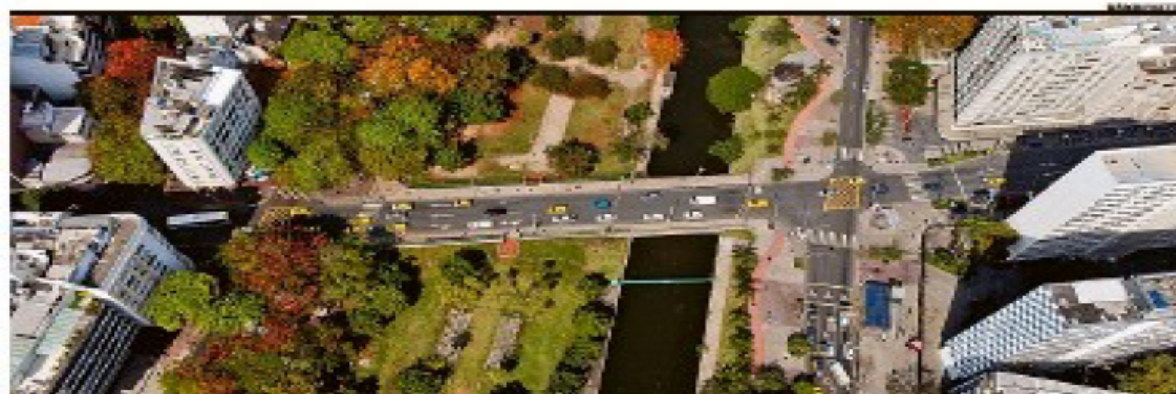
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Jovem empresário surpreende e fará 2º turno contra afilhada de Rafael Correa no Equador

Aos 35 anos, Daniel Noboa enfrentará a filha do ex-presidente Rafael Correa no segundo de uma eleição disputada pelo assassinato de um candidato dias antes do voto.

Morte de Mãe Bernadete pode estar ligada a atuação de facções, diz governador

Indicou à se opor à se parado do tráfico em São dos Fios (BA). Disputa territorial em intolerância religiosa são outras possíveis causas investigadas.



O início do futuro Jardim de Alah

Agr ebitando o Rio oficializa o critério a vitória do Consórcio Rio de Janeiro e a recuperar o bairro, pelos próximos 35 anos, o plano é criar o bairro, Lulas e Lagos. O plano prevê lojas, restaurantes, quadras e estacionamento, entre outros serviços, com investimento de R\$ 85 milhões.

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La course mondiale pour la conquête de la Lune

Alors qu'une mission russe vient d'échouer et que l'Inde tente un alunissage ce mercredi, c'est entre les États-Unis et la Chine que la bataille fait rage pour mettre un pied sur l'astre d'ici à 2030.

Les puissances spatiales visent toutes la Lune. À moins d'une semaine d'intervalle, deux tentatives d'alunissage en douceur vont se suivre autour du pôle sud de notre satellite, avec des vaisseaux automatisés. Tentative ratée pour Luna-25, qui s'est écrasée ce week-end, quarante-sept ans après le dernier succès russe, à l'époque sous les couleurs de l'URSS. L'Inde tentera mercredi un alunissage avec son vaisseau Chandrayaan-3, en approche depuis plusieurs jours. À plus long terme, la course est lancée pour savoir qui, de la Chine ou des États-Unis, sera le premier à envoyer un astronaute fouler la surface lunaire, plus de cinquante ans après les dernières missions Apollo au début des années 1970.

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Coupe du monde de rugby en France : un défi historique pour les 33 Bleus

Le sélectionneur, Fabien Galthié, a officialisé lundi le groupe des 33 joueurs retenus pour la compétition planétaire. Antoine Dupont (au centre) et ses coéquipiers tenteront, à partir du 8 septembre, de remporter enfin ce trophée. **PAGES 10 ET 11**

Canicules, incendies, insécurité... Les maires en première ligne cet été

Déjà sous pression après une année de crises successives, les élus locaux sont restés mobilisés face aux multiples défis de l'été. Gestion des incendies, accompagnement des personnes fragiles en période de canicule, lutte contre les incivilités... Face à la multiplication de leurs responsabilités et à la recrudescence des agressions, les maires réclament une hausse de leurs indemnités. Le gouvernement se montre ouvert. **PAGE 4**

ÉDITORIAL par **Cyrille Vanlerberghe** cvanlerberghe@lefigaro.fr

Question de prestige

En envoyant la sonde Luna-25 vers le pôle sud de la Lune, la Russie voulait renouer avec un passé glorieux : celui des grandes premières spatiales de l'ère soviétique, de Spoutnik à Gagarine, qui avaient un temps damé le pion aux Américains. Personne n'a à ce jour réussi à se poser dans cette région lunaire convoitée par toutes les puissances spatiales depuis qu'on y a découvert de l'eau gelée. La perte de contact avec la sonde, ce week-end, et son très probable crash sur la surface lunaire montrent surtout que la Russie de Vladimir Poutine est aujourd'hui incapable de retrouver le rang qui fut le sien dans la course à l'exploration spatiale. Et le camouflet serait total pour Moscou si, mercredi après-midi, le vaisseau indien Chandrayaan-3 réussissait là où Luna-25 a échoué : en se posant près du pôle sud lunaire. Sans faire injure aux efforts indiens ou russes, la véritable course à l'exploration spatiale se joue cependant dans une tout autre catégorie, entre la Chine et les États-Unis. Pour ces deux puissances, l'enjeu n'est pas seulement un alunissage en douceur, mais bien d'envoyer des astronautes marquer de leur

empreinte la poussière lunaire. Une prouesse que personne n'a retenue depuis le succès des missions Apollo dans les années 1960 et 1970. Comme il y a plus de cinquante ans, le prestige d'une mission habitée n'a rien à voir avec le simple succès technique d'un engin automatique, si complexe soit-il. Qui se souvient aujourd'hui que le premier objet ayant réussi à se poser sur notre satellite, Luna-9, en 1966, était soviétique ? Pour Pékin, il n'y a pas officiellement de compétition avec les États-Unis, mais le choix d'un alunissage en 2029, pour célébrer les 80 ans de la création de la République populaire, montre l'importance de l'enjeu. À Washington, le patron de la Nasa ne cache pas que l'objectif du programme Artemis est bien d'éviter que les Chinois soient les seuls à occuper le pôle sud de la Lune, site idéal pour une base permettant des séjours de longue durée. La nouvelle course à la Lune est bel et bien lancée. ■

La course à la Lune est lancée entre Washington et Pékin

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Letby locked up for life over 'sadistic' murder of seven babies

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The serial killer nurse Lucy Letby will never be released from prison after she was sentenced to a rare whole-life term for the "sadistic" murder of seven babies.

Letby, who is Britain's most prolific child serial killer, refused to leave the court cells as the parents of her newborn victims described the horrifying impact of her crimes.

One bereaved mother called Letby's absence "one final act of wickedness from a coward".

A father, sobbing, said the murder of his two identical triplet sons had torn his family apart, leaving him suicidal and ruining their trust in medical professionals. "It has destroyed me as a man and as a father," he said.

Letby, 33, became only the third woman alive to be handed a whole-life jail term as she was sentenced for murdering seven babies and trying to kill another six. Some of her surviving victims have been left with life-changing disabilities, Manchester crown court was told.

One girl, now seven, is blind and has been diagnosed with quadriplegic cerebral palsy. She is nil-by-mouth and requires major spinal surgery.

Her father described how his daughter was born 15 weeks early, weighing 535g (1lb 3oz) and given just a 5% chance of survival. He told the court that "God saved her" but then "the devil found her".

The judge, James Goss KC, described Letby's crimes as a "cruel,

calculated and cynical campaign of child murder involving the smallest and most vulnerable of children".

He added: "There was a deep malevolence bordering on sadism in your actions. During the course of this trial you have coldly denied any responsibility for your wrongdoing and sought to attribute some fault to others. You have shown no remorse. There are no mitigating factors."

Letby's 10-month trial had heard how she often attacked the infants moments after their parents or nurses had left their sides. She fatally injected seven babies with air, tried to kill two others by lacing their feeding bags with insulin and attempted to murder one by thrusting a nasogastric tube down his throat.

The judge said the nurse had shown a "detached enthusiasm" for the resuscitation of babies she had harmed and that she "cruelly and callously" made inappropriate remarks to parents or colleagues during or after a death.

She kept hundreds of medical documents as "morbid records of the dreadful events surrounding your victims and what you had done to them", Goss said.

The motivation behind her murders is unclear and may never be known.

The prosecutor, Nicholas Johnson KC, told the trial that Letby enjoyed "playing God" and was "excited" by the drama when doctors rushed to save the days-old babies she had attacked.

Goss said she appeared to take a particular interest in twins - three pairs of twins and one



Lucy Letby refused to appear in the dock yesterday as she was given a whole-life term for murder

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Parents: we encountered evil in the guise of a caring nurse

Josh Halliday

Their words were delivered through tears and trembling hands to a courtroom that, for 10 long months, had choked back the trauma of these horrors. This was the first time the parents of Lucy Letby's victims had been able to express their grief.

The details were harrowing. A triplet boy, now seven, who asks his parents what happened to his two murdered brothers. The mother who, desperate to hold her dying newborn daughter, could only cling

to her tiny foot as doctors tried in vain to save her life.

Another parent who allowed Letby to bathe and dress their seven-day-old son in a woollen gown the nurse had chosen for him. The boy's grieving parents buried him in that same gown.

"Not a single day passes without distress over this decision," the boy's mother told the court, adding: "We encountered evil disguised as a caring nurse."

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