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Head-Spinning Heat Hangs On



CHANNEL HOPPING: A swimmer in the British seaside resort of Brighton leaps into the English Channel on Thursday seeking relief from the higher-than-usual temperatures that continue to bake the U.K. and the Continent late into the summer.

Employers' Health-Plan Costs to Swell

By ANNA WILDE MATHIEWS

Health-insurance costs are climbing at the steepest rate in years, with some projecting the biggest increase in more than a decade will wallop businesses and their workers in 2024.

Costs for employer coverage are expected to surge around 6.5% for 2024, according to major benefits consulting firms Mercer and Willis Towers Watson, which provided their survey results to The Wall Street Journal.

Such a boost could add significantly to the price tag for employer plans that already average more than \$14,600 a

year per employee, driving up health-insurance costs that are among the biggest expenses for many U.S. companies and a drain on families' finances.

Employers worry the hike might signal a new trajectory, with health costs resuming the rapid upward march of the early 2000s. Now, though, big increases would come on top of a total annual cost per covered family that is often equivalent to the purchase price of a small car. These increases come at a time when employers are reluctant to add to out-of-pocket charges that have left some of their workers in debt or unable to get

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Walmart Cuts Wages For Some New Staff

By SARAH NASSAUER

Walmart is paying some new store workers less than it would have three months ago, a sign that employers are seeking to cut labor costs as the once-hot market for hourly staff cools.

The country's largest private employer changed its wage structure for hourly workers in mid-July, according to documents reviewed by The Wall Street Journal and Walmart employees.

Under the new structure, most new hires will earn the lowest possible hourly wage for

that store. In the past, some new hires, such as those who collect items for online orders, would have made slightly more than other new staff members, such as cashiers.

The wage-structure change comes after Walmart and other large employers have for years steadily raised wages and added benefits to attract workers in a tight labor market. The retailer's latest move suggests that the stresses companies are facing in trying to find employees are easing and that they need to find ways to offset those wage increases.

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- ◆ **Biden will nominate** Mike Whitaker to lead the FAA, the White House said, the administration's latest attempt to install permanent leadership at the air-safety regulator. **A6**
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Blue-Collar Industries Accelerate Bid to Hire Women

By SARAH CHANEY CAMBON AND SARRINA SIDDIQUI

WASHINGTON—Ashley Lair was struggling to pay rent when she decided to leave her bartending job last year and pursue a new career in the construction industry.

Now, a year into her apprenticeship, Lair drives haul trucks and transports dirt, gravel and rocks for a highway project. She earns \$38 an hour, plus overtime—more than double her pay as a bartender. The Redmond, Ore., resident no longer worries about affording rent.

"I have fun telling people who knew me from bartending what I do for a living now," said Lair, 34 years old. "I'm like, 'Oh, I run heavy equipment,' and they're like, 'What?'"

The Biden administration and the construction industry are urging other women to embrace Lair's unorthodox career path. The \$550 billion, bipartisan infrastructure law passed in 2021 has funded nearly 37,000 projects to date and is projected to create millions of jobs. But that boom in investment comes amid a nationwide shortage of infrastructure workers.

The federal government is working with tradeswomen organizations and local governments to help women enter and stay in the labor force, developing strategies that include offering child-care services and addressing gender-based violence and harassment in the workplace, officials said.

"It's an economic necessity to figure out how to attract, train and retain women into these fields if we're going to get the job done," Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo said

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Musk's Impulses Remake Twitter

Favors for friends such as Kanye West follow his takeover of platform now called X

Kanye West reached out to his friend Elon Musk early this year for a favor: Let me back on Twitter.

By Georgia Wells, Alexa Corse and Kirsten Grind

The social-media platform had suspended West in December for violating its rule against hate speech after he posted an image of a swastika merged with a Star of David. The musician and designer, who goes by the name Ye, has been considering a 2024 presidential run, according to people familiar with

his plans, and his campaign advisers wanted him back on.

Previously, Twitter wouldn't have reinstated anyone's account without a formal company review. After Musk bought the company, which he recently renamed X Corp., he upended that process, current and former employees said, making many content decisions himself.

In July, after Musk consulted with his new chief executive officer, Linda Yaccarino, the company ordered employees to work over a weekend to reinstate West's account. The company

said West wouldn't be allowed to make money from his account, and would have to abide by company policies.

After Musk bought Twitter for \$44 billion last October, he promised users fairness and transparency. Since then, the platform designed to be the world's public square is being driven in large part by Musk's impulses. He has ordered the reinstatement of controversial users and done favors for friends, according to people familiar with his actions. Often, he has been at odds with other executives.

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Under Deion Sanders, Colorado is suddenly college football's most fun team to watch. **A12**



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Designer Glendon Good built a cliff-top house in the Arizona desert. **M1**

This Is My Job, Not Fodder for Your TikTok

More service staff are being recorded for social-media critics and pranksters

By DALVIN BROWN

Yavi Gonzalez works at the drive-through at a McDonald's in New Jersey and like many service workers, has a front-row seat to the quirks of humanity. Increasingly, he's being dragged into the show. Two kids popped out of the

trunk of one drive-through patron's car to grab their order, milkshakes topped off with Oreos, M&M's and Stroopwafels, while a young girl in the back seat recorded the whole ordeal—with Gonzalez in the background.

Another customer gulped

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Huge 'Ghost City' Haunts Troubled Chinese Developer

By FELIX SOLOMON AND REBECCA FENG

ISKANDAR PUTERI, Malaysia—On the southern tip of peninsular Malaysia, a cluster of high-rises that was meant to house 700,000 people in luxury condominiums overlooks the sea. Nearly a decade after troubled Chinese real-estate giant Country Garden began building the enclave, it is almost completely vacant.

Some people are now highly interested in it: Country Garden's international creditors. The \$100 billion development called Forest City, meant to be the company's flashy overseas showpiece, has instead become a target of creditors as the developer shows signs of financial distress.

Forest City is Country Garden's most valuable asset outside China. Should the company eventually default, the unfinished megaproject could help its creditors recover an estimated \$1.5 billion, said John Han, a partner at New York-based law firm Kobre & Kim.

The mostly empty Forest City project is a towering reminder of some of the core problems that have taken down China's once-booming property sector—high borrowing and overbuilding, mixed with a streak of bad luck. Forest City embodies Country Garden's strategy of churning out megaprojects in places with high potential and low land costs, a model that fueled its growth when China's property market was booming.

"To them, the mentality has been that if they get the land cheap, basically the risk is low," said Christine Li, head of research for Asia Pacific at Knight Frank, a real-estate consulting firm. "They basically tried to replicate their success in China overseas," she said.

But slowing sales and mounting debts caught up with Country Garden at home and abroad. In early August, the company missed interest payments on two U.S. dollar bonds. It narrowly avoided default by making the payments before a

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Lessons of war Blinken visits retaken sites

US secretary of state Antony Blinken yesterday tours a school in Yahidne, Ukraine, which is being turned into a museum after being recaptured from Russian forces who used the basement to hold residents captive.

Blinken was touring the country as it mourned the deaths of 16 people killed in a Russian attack at a market the day before. He said: "This is what Ukrainians are living with every day."

Meanwhile, British American Tobacco, the biggest cigarette maker, has agreed to sell its Russian business. Nearly 1,500 foreign companies have withdrawn from Russia since it invaded Ukraine. Japan Tobacco International and Philip Morris International still operate in Russia because Big Tobacco finds its high smoking rates attractive.

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A three-day summit of leaders in Kenya has proposed a global levy that would mean big polluters paying more to help poor nations finance the rollout of green energy and prepare for the effects of climate change.— PAGE 4

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WestRock of the US and Ireland's Smurfit Kappa, two of the largest packaging groups, have entered merger negotiations to create a near-\$20bn global giant. Talks are advanced.— PAGE 5; LEX, PAGE 16

Vestager in risk pledge

Former EU competition chief Margrethe Vestager has vowed to take more risk at the European Investment Bank if she becomes the multilateral lender's leader.— PAGE 2; BIG GOVERNMENT, PAGE 3

Tencent launches AI 'war'

China's internet heavyweight has unleashed its key generative AI technology, declaring "war has begun" with a dozen rivals vying to be the national champion.— PAGE 6; JOHN THORNHILL, PAGE 15

Derivatives pressure rises

Asset managers and brokers have stepped up opposition to EU plans to shift trillions of euros of derivatives out of London, saying the move could hurt companies and investors.— PAGE 8

KPMG poaching defence

The firm's US partners have been told that they will be put on half pay for six months of gardening leave if they quit to join a rival, an escalation of Big Four efforts to prevent poaching of staff.— PAGE 6

German industry blow

Production has fallen for the third consecutive month after a sharp decline in carmaking. The industrial heartland has been hit hard by high energy prices and slowing China trade.— PAGE 2

New Trump lawsuit

A legal watchdog has filed a suit to excise Donald Trump from the Republican primary ballot next year, arguing the ex-president violated the US constitution on January 6 2021.— PAGE 2

China's renminbi sinks to 16-year low as slowing exports weigh on recovery

◆ Currency below lockdown levels ◆ Factory activity falls for fifth month ◆ Imports down 7.3%

JOE LEAHY — BEIJING
HUDSON LOCKETT — HONG KONG

China's currency has fallen to its lowest against the dollar since 2007 after exports shrank for a fourth consecutive month in August, showing how the manufacturing sector in the world's second-largest economy is struggling to regain momentum.

The renminbi edged 0.1 per cent lower to Rmb7.3259 per dollar yesterday, lower than levels recorded during nationwide pandemic lockdowns last year, after an official release showed China's exports dropped 8.8 per cent in August compared with a year ago.

The fall in exports was less severe than economists' forecasts of a 9.2 per cent contraction, and better than July's 14.5 per cent decline, the worst since the

start of the pandemic. Chinese trade buoyed economic activity during lockdowns, but exporters have struggled this year as foreign customers cut back purchases because of high inflation.

The Chinese currency has fallen almost 6 per cent against the dollar this year as disappointing economic data and a strong greenback piled pressure on the exchange rate, despite a number of measures by Chinese authorities to

The outlook is far from reassuring. Despite what many continue to tell you, it is no longer a given that China will become the largest economy

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discourage bets against the renminbi. "Crossing this level raises the possibility of the [People's Bank of China] adjusting the currency band to a weaker level," said Ken Cheung, chief Asia foreign exchange strategist at Mizuho Bank. China's central bank sets a daily trading band midpoint around which the renminbi can fluctuate 2 per cent in either direction against the dollar.

The sustained weakness in trade and manufacturing — two of the economy's main growth engines — comes as Chinese policymakers face concerns that the post-pandemic recovery has failed to take off.

But Beijing has refrained from enacting sweeping stimulus measures to revive growth, which expanded just 0.8 per cent in the second quarter on which

previous three months. Sluggish consumer sentiment led to price deflation in July, while factory activity slowed for a fifth straight month in August.

China last week unveiled its strongest recent measures to bolster the property market, but analysts said more would be needed to reach the government's full-year growth goal of 5 per cent, already the lowest target in decades.

The country's customs authority said imports fell 7.3 per cent in August, against a Reuters forecast of a 9 per cent decline and a 12.4 per cent fall in July. The August trade surplus was \$68.56bn, down 13.2 per cent year on year.

Car exports soared 104.4 per cent during the January-August period, reflecting China's huge output of electric vehicles, while crude oil shipments were

up 14.7 per cent year on year and soyabean import volumes jumped 17.9 per cent, the customs authority said.

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations — a bloc that includes Indonesia, Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia and Vietnam — was China's biggest trading partner in renminbi terms during the first eight months of the year. Total trade with the EU, US and Japan, its next largest trading partners, fell.

Analysts at Oxford Economics said there were signs the sharp downturn in semiconductors, a critical component of trade in Asia, was bottoming out. But they cautioned that other indicators showed "a shallow trade recession" for the world this year, followed by a modest recovery.

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Germany backs delay to post-Brexit electric car tariffs in boost for Sunak

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GEORGE PARKER — LONDON

Germany is pushing Brussels to delay tariffs on electric vehicle sales between the UK and EU, after the industry warned the measure would backfire.

In a boost for Rishi Sunak's government, Berlin now supports the UK's call for a three-year postponement to the duties, according to two people familiar with the situation.

Britain's post-Brexit trade deal with the EU is set to impose 10 per cent levies on electric cars shipped across the Channel from January if they have batteries made outside Europe. The German shift follows debate in the country's three-party coalition, with Chancellor Olaf Scholz taking the final decision. The European Commission has so far

refused to delay the tariffs. But Berlin, as the biggest EU member, has influence with commission president Ursula von der Leyen, a former German defence minister.

The UK has maintained that a hasty introduction of the tariffs would heap excessive costs on the region's industry as it seeks to compete with Chinese manufacturers — arguments that big European carmakers have also backed.

The UK is an important market for EU producers. The European Automobile Manufacturers' Association has said EU carmakers would lose €4.3bn and cut production by almost 500,000 electric vehicles over the next three years if tariffs were imposed.

Von der Leyen will meet Sunak to discuss the issue on the sidelines of the G20 summit in India this weekend. The two sides have already improved

relations, from the post-Brexit low point under Boris Johnson's administration, with this week's deal for the UK to rejoin the Horizon research programme.

"The EU side can see it makes no sense to hobble the European car sector when Chinese EV imports are rising," one UK official said, expressing hope that the EU would "agree to swerve before the cliff edge".

But the commission is not united on delaying the electric vehicle sales duties. Thierry Breton, the French interior market commissioner, and Maroš Šefčovič, who oversees relations with the UK and the battery industry, are holding out against a deal. They say a delay would reduce incentives for battery makers to open plants in Europe.

The German government and the European Commission did not respond to requests for comment.



World faces \$100tn fight to make green transition

Governments face a battle to balance the books as they march towards a net-zero world. Estimates say an extra \$3tn a year is needed — \$100tn over 30-40 years — for renewable energy, electrified transport, green hydrogen and decarbonised heating. Countries already spend hundreds of billions on incentives, research and infrastructure. But revenues from the carbon taxes needed to cut emissions may not offset the loss of fossil fuel income. Return of big government — PAGE 3

World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				GOVERNMENT BONDS			
	Sep 7	Prev	%Chg	Pair	Sep 7	Prev	%Chg	Yield (%)	Sep 7	Prev	Chg
S&P 500	4442.93	4465.48	-0.50	\$/€	1.071	1.071	0.00	US 2 yr	4.97	5.02	-0.05
Nasdaq Composite	13687.45	13672.47	+0.11	\$/£	1.248	1.249	-0.01	US 10 yr	4.28	4.30	-0.02
Dow Jones Ind	34485.41	34443.19	+0.12	\$/¥	0.058	0.057	+0.02	US 30 yr	4.25	4.27	-0.02
FTSE100	1795.99	1797.48	-0.08	\$/¥	147.095	147.530	-0.29	UK 2 yr	4.03	4.04	-0.11
Euro Stoxx 50	4219.08	4238.26	-0.45	\$/¥	183.532	184.390	-0.46	UK 10 yr	4.55	4.63	-0.08
FTSE 100	7441.72	7426.14	+0.21	\$/¥	0.956	0.956	0.00	UK 30 yr	4.66	4.74	-0.08
FTSE All-Share	4053.60	4048.70	+0.12	\$/¥	1.114	1.115	-0.01	JPN 2 yr	0.01	0.01	0.00
Dow Jones Ind	7198.10	7194.09	+0.03	\$/¥	1.169	1.166	+0.03	JPN 10 yr	0.65	0.65	0.00
Xetra Dax	15718.98	15741.37	-0.14	\$/¥	1.169	1.166	+0.03	JPN 30 yr	1.65	1.64	+0.01
Nikkei	32981.08	32041.02	+0.29	\$/¥	1.169	1.166	+0.03	GER 2 yr	3.08	3.11	-0.03
Hang Seng	18202.07	18489.98	-1.54	\$/¥	1.169	1.166	+0.03	GER 10 yr	2.61	2.65	-0.04
MSCI World \$	2955.82	2973.45	-0.59	\$/¥	1.169	1.166	+0.03	GER 30 yr	2.74	2.77	-0.03
MSCI EM \$	891.42	895.84	-0.45	\$/¥	1.169	1.166	+0.03				
MSCI ACWI \$	880.02	883.97	-0.58	\$/¥	1.169	1.166	+0.03				
FT Wilshire 2500	5782.85	5821.27	-0.66	\$/¥	1.169	1.166	+0.03				
FT Wilshire 5000	4556.90	4535.10	+0.46	\$/¥	1.169	1.166	+0.03				

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Nyamut Gai, 28, lost two children to disease and hunger as she made the weeklong trip from Sudan back home to South Sudan.

War Drives South Sudanese Back to an Ill-Prepared Homeland

By ABDI LATIF DAHIR
JODA, South Sudan — Nyamut Gai lost everything four years ago when armed militias stormed through her village in South Sudan, a landlocked African country tormented by civil war, famine and flooding. Desperate, she and her family fled almost 600 miles north across the border to Sudan, where she worked as a cleaner in the capital, Khartoum, and began to settle in. But then, a fierce war broke out in Sudan in mid-April between rival factions of the military, sending

her packing yet again. As she and her family made the weekslong journey by foot and bus from Khartoum, her 1-month-old son began coughing and withering away from hunger, and soon died. When she finally crossed the border into South Sudan, any sense of relief she felt was shattered when her 3-year-old son succumbed to measles. "We are not safe anywhere," Ms. Gai, 28, said on a recent morning at a muddy and congested aid center in Renk, a town in South Sudan. "People fled war here. There's a

'They Are Coming to Start From Zero,' an Official Says

war in Sudan now. There's war everywhere," she said. "It never ends." The war in Sudan has set off a mass exodus of people who years ago fled a bloody civil war in South Sudan to seek safety in Sudan. But they are returning home to a country still in the grip of political in-

stability, economic stagnation and a massive humanitarian crisis — many of them without actual homes to return to. Sudan descended into chaos almost five months ago, when a long-simmering rivalry between the leader of the army, Gen. Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, and the commander of the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces, Lt. Gen. Mohamed Hamdan, burst into open warfare across the northeast African nation. In recent weeks, the conflict has intensified in Khartoum and ad-

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A Parched City Grips a Lifeline But Can't Use It

By DAVID GELLES
THORNTON, Colo. — Jack Ethredge could see the future. It was 1985, and Mr. Ethredge, then the city manager of Thornton, understood that sooner or later, the Denver suburb would need more water.

UNCHARTED WATERS

A Clash in Colorado

The population was booming, businesses were flocking to the Mountain West, and Thornton had no major lakes or rivers of its own, nor any meaningful amount of groundwater to draw upon, a fluke of geology and geography. The city had drilled a dozen or so wells over the years, but the groundwater's limited supply and high mineral content meant it wasn't fit for drinking.

So at Mr. Ethredge's behest, Thornton went shopping. The City Council bought about 17,000 acres of farmland 60 miles to the north, near Fort Collins, along with the associated water rights. When the time was right, Thornton would divert the water from the Cache la Poudre River that irrigated that farmland, put it in a pipeline and send it downtown. "In the water business you have to be years and years ahead of the game," Mr. Ethredge, now retired, said in an interview.

In theory, Thornton's water woes were solved. In practice, the problems were just beginning. *Continued on Page A18*



Ecuavoley has Andean roots dating to the 19th century. "It is in my blood," one Queens resident said.

Near the U.S. Open, a Parallel Sporting Universe

By DAVID WALDSTEIN
Each summer, Flushing Meadows Corona Park in Queens hosts one of the most distinct, continually functioning sporting events in New York City. It features hundreds of players hitting balls, delicious food on offer and spectators sipping drinks while soaking in the entertainment. And on the other side of a fence, there is also a tennis tournament.

For virtually as long as the U.S. Open has been held at its current site, families, mostly immigrants from Ecuador, have made the surrounding parkland and parking lots home to their own kind of championships. Their game is known to many as

A Game From Ecuador Captures the Heart of a Community

ecuavoley, a brand of three-a-side volleyball believed to have originated in Ecuador, where many consider it a national sport alongside soccer. It is also one of the primary activities in this corner of New York. "This is my game," Miguel Tenecela, 41, an electrician from Corona, Queens, said between games. "It is in my blood." Because of its diversity, Queens is sometimes called the world's

borough, but some areas enjoy a pronounced Ecuadorean flavor. Some estimate the number of people in Queens originally from the Andean country at well over 100,000, with many concentrated in Corona, the neighborhood just west of the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center. As it is with the U.S. Open, the park is where they showcase their favored sport.

Last weekend, Tenecela and many of his friends and family members gathered, as they often do, for hours of ecuavoley, also called voley or bole, a game with Andean roots dating to the 19th century. On Friday, Yarina's "Rosalia-Ecuador" pumped from *Continued on Page A17*

Bid to Redraw Council's Map Got Ugly Fast

Triumph by Progressive Marred in L.A. Feud

This article is by Jill Cowan, Serge F. Kovaleski and Leanne Abraham.
LOS ANGELES — Nithya Raman turned into a political celebrity almost overnight when she emerged as the face of a rising progressive vanguard to campaign for the Los Angeles City Council in 2020.

With a master's degree in urban planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and experience working with slum dwellers in India, Ms. Raman zeroed in on the city's soaring housing prices and promised to give renters and homeless people a seat at the political table — her seat.

Ms. Raman, 42, wound up receiving more votes than any council member in the city's history and began to draw comparisons to the progressive New York congresswoman, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez — "LAOC," one local critic derisively called her.

Barely a year later, though, Ms. Raman ran into an adversary her grass-roots army was powerless to confront: the bruising power politics involved in running a city of 3.8 million people. The City Council had embarked on its once-a-decade redistricting process, and Ms. Raman, who had few allies among the city's old-guard politicians, was threatened at one point with losing virtually all of the constituents who had elected her.

"I've been in politics for 50 years and I've never seen anything like this before with my entire life," said Jackie Goldberg, Ms. Raman's representative on the redistricting commission. "I've never seen a group of people come together and try to disband the City Council district of a woman who got more votes than any of them ever did."

The redistricting battle in Los Angeles underscores how some big city leaders — often Democrats — have used gerrymandering for their political advantage, much the way Republican lawmakers have redrawn legislative lines to secure or expand their control over some statehouses. Similar fights have been waged in Boston, Miami and Chicago.

The conflict in Los Angeles became a national controversy last fall after audio was leaked that revealed the shockingly frank, racist language that politicians used behind closed doors to discuss where to draw district boundaries. Nury Martinez, the former council president, used slurs to describe the young, Black child of a white colleague, as well as Indigenous immigrants from Oaxaca, and was forced to resign.

But the uproar over the recordings obscured the more fundamental impact of Los Angeles's 2021 redistricting process: the degree to which political inter-

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UKRAINE INSISTS CLUSTER ARSENAL KEEPS IT IN FIGHT

BUT CIVILIANS AT RISK

U.S. Arms Help to Offset Shortages, but Aren't 'Magic Wand'

By LARA JAKES and ERIC SCHMITT

ROME — The images of Russian troops retreating from a village in Ukraine under fire leave little doubt of the impact of cluster munitions. Soldiers running from a constellation of at least a dozen explosions around them. An armored vehicle speeding down a road before being hit in a cascade of simultaneous eruptions salting the surrounding ground.

The August drone footage of the Russian withdrawal from the southeastern village of Urozhaine, verified by The New York Times, highlights the power of the weapons. But their use also points to a grim trade-off in the 18-month conflict. By embracing cluster munitions to keep this summer's counteroffensive moving forward, Ukraine and the United States have opened themselves to human rights concerns about their long-term threat to ci-



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Russian bombs in Ukraine. Both sides use such arms.

vilians who inadvertently trigger unexploded bombs. Now, two months after the United States shipped an initial tranche of the munitions to Ukraine to ensure its troops did not run out of ammunition, three American officials said the Biden administration is planning to send more, and soon.

One official said the weapons were key to helping Ukraine maintain the momentum its troops just recently gained on the southern front against Russian forces. All three of the officials spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe internal discussions.

President Biden's decision this summer to send the munitions to Ukraine, after pleas by President Volodymyr Zelensky, drew widespread condemnation, and even some close American allies were critical. *Continued on Page A6*

For Mattel, Success of 'Barbie' Goes Far Beyond the Big Screen

By JAMES B. STEWART

When Ynon Kreiz arrived at Mattel in April 2018, the newly installed chief executive had one mantra when it came to a feature film starring Barbie, a project he really wanted to get off the ground: He didn't care if the movie sold a single additional doll.

But "Barbie" the film had to be good and a cultural event. It had to be different. It had to break molds. And if that meant turning the chief executive of Mattel — i.e., himself — into the object of comic ridicule in the portrayal of the chief executive character in the

film ("vain and foolish to the nth degree," as The Guardian put it), then so be it.

That approach has paid off to a degree that even Mr. Kreiz could hardly have believed possible. "Barbie" is close to grossing \$1.4 billion and passed one of the "Harry Potter" movies as the top-grossing Warner Bros. film of all time. It could end up near the \$2 billion mark. (The record-holder is 2009's "Avatar" at \$2.9 billion.)

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Gauff Reaches U.S. Open Final
Coco Gauff, 19, became the youngest American in the Open final since Serena Williams in 2001, sealing a win after a delay caused by a protest. *PAGE B9*



Studio pauses top TV talents' deals

Warner Bros.' move against showrunners could spur talks or deepen WGA resolve.

By MEG JAMES

Warner Bros.' suspension of high-profile producer deals, including prolific filmmakers Greg Berlanti, J.J. Abrams and Mindy Kaling, highlights heightening tensions as the writers' strike enters its fifth month.

The Burbank studio alerted several top showrunners late Wednesday that it was halting payments to producers for their staff salaries, office space and other compensation, due to the bitter Writers' Guild of America work stoppage that began May 2, said numerous people familiar with the matter but not authorized to comment.

Warner Bros. and its sister HBO unit put dozens of other agreements with writer-producers on hiatus earlier this year.

But this week's action was noteworthy because it hit some of the biggest names in television. Their deals were not canceled entirely; instead, payments will now stop for the duration of the strike, the knowledgeable people said.

Other major studios, including Universal Pictures, Paramount and Disney Entertainment, are expected to quickly follow suit. Major film producers could also see their deals affected, executives at two studios said.

For the media companies suspending deals [See Warner Bros., A9]

'She wants to go back to the Senate and work. ... I'll take care of this in California.'

— KATHERINE FEINSTEIN, daughter of Sen. Dianne Feinstein, on the court battle over the estate of Richard Blum, the senator's late husband



SEN. DIANNE FEINSTEIN, 90, has seen her reputation as a savvy politician fade in recent years — and now the San Francisco Democrat's frailty has become fodder for a court battle over her late husband's millions.

Family dispute colors Feinstein's final term

SAN FRANCISCO — One of the great political careers in modern American history began in earnest in a singular moment in 1978, when then-San Francisco Board of Supervisors President Dianne Feinstein showed fortitude in the face of horror.

Announcing that two of her colleagues — Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk — had been assassinated at City Hall, Feinstein was composed and authoritative despite having just borne witness to the bloodshed. So clear was her gravitas — all the more striking in an era of rampant misogyny — that she would use video of herself from

Senator's long-polished image is challenged as feud over wealth is aired

By Kevin Rector

that day in later campaign ads.

Nearly half a century later, she is 90 years old, frail and at times forgetful. Her strength is less readily apparent. What abounds instead, at least publicly, is a sense of dissolution — not only of a distinguished political career, but of her family's vast fortune and her family itself.

Supporters might have hoped Feinstein's last chapter in power after 30 years in the U.S. Senate would have buttressed her legacy as a savvy political power broker, but the long farewell has been far from graceful. She is cloistered away from the public when not [See Feinstein, A12]

Danny Masterson gets 30 years to life in prison for rapes

Judge hands down sentence in a case that also put Scientology under harsh spotlight.

By JAMES QUEALLY

After a pair of trials focused on the Church of Scientology's alleged attempts to shield one of its celebrity members from prosecution, actor Danny Masterson was sentenced to 30 years to life in prison on Thursday morning after having been convicted of raping two former members of the church.

Masterson, 47, was convicted of two counts of rape in May, and a jury deadlocked on a third woman's accusations. The assaults took place in the early 2000s, but Masterson's victims said they waited years to come forward because Scientology doctrine forbade them to report a fellow member to police.

The sentencing played out in a packed courtroom that included Masterson's wife, Bijou Phillips; his family; actor Leah Remini, a former Scientologist turned advocate who has worked alongside the victims during the trial; and Cedric Belfrage.

Zavala, the lead singer of the Mars Volta and former Scientologist whose wife is among the accusers.

Because Masterson was convicted of assaulting multiple women, Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Charlene Olmedo could sentence him only to either 15 years to life or 30 years to life in state prison. The judge gave Masterson 15 years to life on each count, ordering the sentences to be served consecutively.

Masterson has long denied any wrongdoing and alternately painted the accusations as a smear campaign against Scientology and a baseless attack launched by [See Masterson, A9]



CHRIS PIZZELLO Associated Press
LAWYERS for Masterson, shown in May, maintain that he's innocent.



MIGRANTS navigate around concertina wire along the banks of the Rio Grande after crossing from Mexico into the U.S. last month in Eagle Pass, Texas.

Migrant families could be forced to remain in Texas

Biden administration considers the plan as a way to deter crossings at southern border.

By HAMED ALBAZIZ

The Biden administration is considering forcing some migrant families who enter the country without authorization to remain near the border in Texas while awaiting asylum

screening, effectively limiting their ability to travel within the U.S., three U.S. officials told The Times.

Administration officials have been considering the idea as a way to stem recent increases in the numbers of migrant families crossing the southern border, which reportedly reached an all-time high last month. Supporters of the remain-in-Texas idea, which has yet to be finalized, hope that it would help the administration advance its goals of

quickly deporting families who fail initial asylum screenings and deterring other families from crossing in the first place.

But the proposal, which recalls President Reagan's efforts to limit asylum seekers' movements in the late 1980s, is likely to draw fierce opposition from immigrant rights groups and border-state officials. Since 2022, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, a Republican, has bused thousands of migrants out of his [See Migrants, A7]

COVID 'BUMP' SEEN ACROSS STATE

Officials say numbers aren't concerning, but cases are starting to disrupt everyday life.

By RONG-GONG LIN II AND EMILY ALPERT REYES

The summer COVID bump is worsening in California, with infections spreading at schools and workplaces, and hospitalizations ticking up.

While health officials continue to say the numbers are no cause for alarm, the infections are beginning to bring more disruptions to everyday life.

In Los Angeles County, the number of new COVID-19 outbreak investigations at work sites tripled in the last month, reaching 73 for the 30-day period that ended Sept. 1. An outbreak is defined as a number of cases in which there is confirmed viral transmission at a work site and not just a cluster of cases where people were infected elsewhere.

At schools in L.A. County, COVID-19 outbreaks rose 43% for the most recent week data were available, to a total of 33 — up from 23 the prior week.

Santa Paula High School in Ventura County canceled a varsity football game scheduled for Friday against La Cañada High after 15 team members tested positive for the coronavirus and additional students reported symptoms, according to its principal, David Keys. Three students also had tested positive on the cheer team, said Julissa Carrillo, a spokesperson for the school district.

The rates at which reported coronavirus tests are coming back positive is up statewide — now at 14%; at the start of summer, just 4% of tests were reported as positive. Across California, there were 2,593 new coronavirus-positive hospital admissions for the week that ended Aug. 26, up 12% from the prior week.

Among the work sites in [See Outbreak, A7]

2 women set in Mexico election

Claudia Sheinbaum, who faces Sen. Xóchitl Gálvez, is favored to be the nation's next president. **WORLD, A3**

Ballot lawsuit may bar Trump

Effort to disqualify former president from Colorado primary may end up at the Supreme Court. **NATION, A6**

Newsom adds troops at border

The governor beefs up an effort to stop fentanyl from entering the U.S. from Mexico. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

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Trump escalates false claims about Biden

On the trail, he plays up unfounded allegations about business dealings

BY ISAAC ARNSDORF

"Manchurian candidate." "Stone-cold thief." "Dumb son of a b—."

Former president Donald Trump is, by his own admission, attacking President Biden in increasingly vicious terms. The attacks on Biden center on allegations that are exaggerated or unfounded, frequently drawing on right-wing media reports about the foreign business dealings of Biden's son Hunter Biden. The president has denied any involvement in his son's affairs, and no evidence has emerged proving otherwise.

Trump's escalation comes amid his commanding polling position in the Republican primary, setting up what many allies hope will be a rematch with Biden in next year's election, as well as the former president's mounting criminal jeopardy, with multiple trials scheduled to occur during the height of the campaign.

The attacks offer a glimpse of potential 2024 battle lines and follow a well-established pattern for Trump of trying to delegitimize his political opponents. During the 2012 election, Trump became the leading promoter of the racist and unfounded conspiracy theory that President Barack Obama was born outside the United States. In 2016, Trump pledged to prosecute Hillary Clinton and encouraged his supporters' chants of "Lock her up!"

Now, Trump is explicitly trying

SEE TRUMP ON A7

Ex-aide to Trump guilty of contempt

Jan. 6 panel wanted to hear from Navarro, who refused to cooperate

BY PAUL DUGGAN

Peter Navarro, a senior Trump White House aide and vocal election denier who has said he helped hatch a legislative scheme to overturn the results of the 2020 presidential race, was found guilty Thursday of contempt of Congress for refusing to cooperate with the House committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol.

In a federal trial in Washington that included just one day of testimony from three prosecution witnesses, and no witnesses for the defense, the 74-year-old former trade adviser was convicted of the two contempt charges he faced, each punishable by up to a year behind bars.

With right-wing provocateur Stephen K. Bannon, who was found guilty last summer of contempt of Congress, Navarro is the second highest-ranking Trump official to be convicted in a criminal case related to efforts to undo President Biden's victory at the polls. Both men are loud

SEE NAVARRO ON A4



In Indian Ocean, a strategic return

At the height of the Cold War, the U.S. Air Force tracking station that monitored Soviet satellites from this island's soaring tropical forests was a focus of Seychelles life. The American servicemen and technicians living nearby hosted barbecues and bar nights to which all Seychellois were invited, distributed cookies and milk to local children and taught them basketball.

Then, the Cold War ended, the Soviet Union collapsed and in 1996 the Americans left, dismantling the tracking station and shutting down their embassy — citing budgetary reasons for abandoning what had seemingly become an irrelevant corner of the world.

Today, the compound where Americans and Seychellois partied is home to the Seychelles Tourism Academy, where young islanders training to be tour guides, hoteliers and masseuses take classes, among other subjects, in Chinese — just one small

Seychelles is the latest small nation where the U.S. is opening an embassy in response to China's rising influence

BY LIZ SLY ON MAHE ISLAND, SEYCHELLES



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TOP: Students attend a Chinese class at the Seychelles Tourism Academy on Mahe. The U.S. Air Force used to track Soviet satellites from a station at the site. ABOVE: A Chinese construction worker on Mahe.

manifestation of a new geopolitical rivalry that has now lured the Americans back.

In June, Seychelles became the latest in a string of small nations around the world in which the United States has established, restored or is planning to open an embassy as part of a broad pushback against the influence China has acquired during more than two decades of neglect or disinterest on the part of the United States.

All are in small islands that had been judged insufficiently strategic by Washington to merit the cost of maintaining a diplomatic presence, including Seychelles, Tonga and the Solomon Islands, where embassies have been opened this year, and Maldives, Vanuatu and Kiribati, where embassies are planned, according to the State Department. Seychelles offers an example of the ways America's absence opened the door to Chinese influence. In the 27 years since the

SEE SEYCHELLES ON A12

THE HUMAN LIMIT

Defenseless under the Arizona sun

A man with schizophrenia left home in heat over 100 degrees. He never came back.

BY SHANNON OSAKA AND ERIN PATRICK O'CONNOR



ADRIANA ZEBRAUSKAS FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Stephan Goodwin's mother, Darae, at home in July on the anniversary of his death. Research shows that schizophrenia may be the most dangerous preexisting condition in a rapidly warming world.

PHOENIX — On an isolated street a few steps from the looming, cactus-peppered slopes of South Mountain, there was nowhere to hide from the heat. It was 1 o'clock on a Thursday in July 2022, and temperatures had already climbed to around 109 degrees. The sun scorched the surface of the road, sending waves of heat up into the stagnant air.

And Stephan Goodwin was walking right through it.

Goodwin, a 33-year-old with schizophrenia, was heavysset with a bald head that had already begun to blister from the sun's rays. Two days earlier, he had left the home he shared with his girlfriend and her father, carrying a gallon of water and a drawstring bag with some clothes, a pillow, deodorant and two guns. Now, the jug of water was empty, the last drops evaporating in the midday sun. He had taken off his shirt, perhaps in a misguided attempt to stay cool.

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Ruling tilts SBA minority program

KEY PROVISION ON RACE STRUCK DOWN

First ripple after justices' blow to affirmative action

BY JULIAN MARK

Thousands of Black, Latino and other minority business owners are scrambling to prove that their races put them at a "social disadvantage" after a federal judge declared a key provision of a popular federal program unconstitutional, extending the U.S. Supreme Court's recent retreat from affirmative action.

The Small Business Administration's 8(a) Business Development program was meant to open a pipeline to billions in government contracting dollars for historically disadvantaged groups. But in July, a federal judge in Tennessee struck down a provision of the program that equated race with social disadvantage.

The decision — one of the first to affect the private sector in the wake of the Supreme Court's June decision upending race-conscious college admissions — throws into disarray an SBA program that has served minority-owned small businesses for about five decades. Legal experts said it could signal trouble for other programs meant to help underrepresented groups win federal contracts, including veterans and women.

Under the new guidelines, being Black, Hispanic, Asian or Native American is no longer

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Turmoil over racial equity roils Sierra Club

Group hired its first Black leader but has lost people of color to layoffs

BY MAXINE JOSELOW

When Ben Jealous became the first person of color to lead the Sierra Club, the prominent civil rights leader promised to create more inclusive working conditions at the nation's oldest environmental group.

"We have to deal with all of the equity issues inside the Sierra Club," he said in January. "Those include, absolutely, issues of gender, as well as racial equity and also pay equity."

But today, the 131-year-old group is in turmoil over its approach to diversity, equity and environmental justice, according to interviews with 12 current and former staffers, most of whom spoke to The Washington Post on the condition of anonymity for fear of facing retaliation or otherwise harming their job prospects.

The turmoil illustrates the challenges top environmental groups face in trying to diversify their staffs, despite their recent efforts to reckon with the conservation movement's legacy of racism.

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IN THE NEWS

Russia's next move As Moscow's forces push toward Kupyansk, analysts are left wondering if the advance is genuine or diversionary. **A10**

Stagnant test scores Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin announced steps to boost academic performance as new data revealed an ongoing struggle to rebound from pandemic losses. **B1**

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A murder suspect, still at large Thursday, escaped a D.C. hospital because officers did not secure one of his arms to a gurney, police said. **B1**
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The year baseball was rescued

Mark McGwire recalls to USA TODAY Sports historic 62nd shot in '98 and battle with Sammy Sosa to be home run king. **In Sports**



Inside access to Stones' album party

Legends Keith Richards, from left, Ronnie Wood and Mick Jagger celebrate "Diamonds" in London. **In Life**

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Rules evolve. Are you up to date?

Society and technology are changing the terms we use and how we approach relationships. **In Weekend Extra**

GETTY IMAGES

COVID could be a factor in 2024

New mask mandates would be risk for Biden

Sudiksha Kochi and Michael Collins
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — A late-summer surge in COVID-19 cases has meant the return of face masks in some parts of the country, reigniting a political battle that quickly became the centerpiece of a broader fight over the response to the pandemic in the past two elections.

President Joe Biden is at the center of the storm. Again.

To mask or not to mask? That is the question.

Biden, who wore a face mask throughout the 2020 presidential campaign and was mocked by Donald Trump for doing so, donned a black face mask at a White House Medal of Honor ceremony Tuesday for a Vietnam War Army helicopter pilot. The day before the event, first lady Jill Biden tested positive for COVID-19.



President Joe Biden arrives with Capt. Larry Taylor, a former Army pilot, for a White House ceremony Tuesday to award Taylor the Medal of Honor. JACQUELYN MARTIN/AP

Biden has tested negative three times since the first lady's positive test and has no symptoms, the White House said. He will continue to be tested and will wear a mask indoors when close to others, but no other change in White House protocols was planned.

At another event Wednesday, Biden entered and left the White House State Dining Room with his mask in his hand, not over his face. He explained that he had tested negative but had been told to keep wearing the face covering. "Don't tell them I didn't have it on when I walked in," he joked.

The resurgence of face masks as a political issue comes at an inconvenient time for Biden, who is focused on rebuilding the country in the post-pandemic era. At the same time, Biden

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2024 race: Who do young Republicans want to win?

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis finds favor among next generation of voters. **5A**



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EXCLUSIVE WAR IN UKRAINE

Follow the ammo from US to Ukraine



Nick Penzenstadler
USA TODAY

The bullets came in plywood crates. Any given box was about the size of a small microwave oven. The printed label stuck to each one demonstrated a military brevity. "CARTRIDGES FOR WEAPONS, INERT PROJECTILE," next to a bright yellow hazmat sticker, "EXPLOSIVES."

Inside the boxes: drab green steel cans of .50-caliber ammunition. Each round was giant, more than 5 inches long, built to be fired from a gun so big it is typically bolted to a truck. The bullets were clipped together in long strands for rapid, machine-gun fire.

By the time Bill Brown got to the

Kyiv needs bullets. This is the inside story of the rarely seen sellers who supply them.

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boxes, they sat double-stacked eight high atop wooden pallets inside a Missouri warehouse. The pallets went on, row after row. Three million bullets in all.

It was enough ammunition to feed a single machine gun — if fired nonstop at its rated speed eight hours a day, seven days a week — for almost six months.

Brown's job was to get it out of there and toward the Ukrainian front lines. The faster, the better.

"War is bad," Brown said. "Loss of life is bad. But at the end of the day, it's very profitable and injects revenue into this military industrial base."

There would be virtually no public

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'There's no clock on your kidney'

50-plus-year transplant survivors herald progress, hope and work to be done



Sharon Stakofsky-Davis was in her teens when her kidneys failed, and she received a kidney from her dad in 1972. PROVIDED BY SHARON STAKOFSKY-DAVIS

Karen Weintraub
USA TODAY

Sharon Stakofsky-Davis and Denice Lombard carry 90-something-year-old kidneys in their 60-something-year-old bodies.

They are outliers in more than just the obvious ways.

Both women received kidneys from their respective fathers when they were teenagers after their own kidneys gave out. The late 1960s and early 1970s were still the early days of transplantation, when children were given a 50-50 shot of surviving more than a year after a transplant, and it wasn't clear whether donating a kidney would endanger a donor's life later on. (It doesn't.)

More than a half-century later, both women are still around, as is Lombard's father, at nearly 95. Stakofsky-Davis' died many years ago unrelated

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deportes**Los Pumas confirmados para debutar en un Mundial muy abierto**

Cheika anunció el equipo para el estreno de mañana ante Inglaterra; un gran partido, Francia-local- vs. All Blacks, abrirá hoy una copa con muchos candidatos.

**OFTALMÓLOGOS, OTRO REFLEJO DE LA CRISIS DE LA SALUD**

—sociedad

Piden a obras sociales y prepagas subir el costo de la consulta a \$8000, desde los actuales \$1200 a \$3000; dicen que así los pacientes no pagarían sumas extras. **Página 19**

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Tras la salida de Figueroa, el kirchnerismo presiona para nombrar a 70 jueces

SENADO. Amenaza con trabar cualquier otro proyecto y la discusión de la ley de alquileres

El kirchnerismo en el Senado redobló ayer la presión para aprobar más de 70 pliegos para el nombramiento de jueces, a pesar del rechazo de la oposición y cuando faltan menos de cuatro meses para que el Gobierno termine su mandato.

El miércoles, el kirchnerismo sufrió una dura derrota vinculada

con uno de los pliegos que esperaba aprobar: la Corte Suprema jubiló a la jueza Ana María Figueroa, afín a Cristina Kirchner y que se resistía a dejar el cargo a la espera de un aval del Senado.

Ahora, el oficialismo advirtió que intentará aprobar los pliegos de los jueces en la próxima sesión y con-

ditionó toda la actividad de la Cámara alta a esa pretensión. La amenaza puede profundizar la parálisis del Senado. Y sobre todo congelar la ley de alquileres, que se debate en comisión.

Juntos por el Cambio logró aprobar las modificaciones a la ley en Diputados, pero el oficialismo de-

mora su sanción en el Senado. Desde el mes pasado, la oposición viene denunciando que Cristina Kirchner condiciona la ley de alquileres a los nombramientos de magistrados. Ayer, las autoridades del bloque de senadores oficialistas ratificaron que no aprobarán otro proyecto si no se tratan los pliegos. **Página 7**

Se confirma la inflación de dos cifras: 10,8% en la ciudad

PRECIOS. Es la más alta desde 2012; los alimentos subieron 12,5%; es similar a los cálculos nacionales

La devaluación del peso y el salto del dólar blue tras las elecciones PASO del 13 de agosto ya muestran el impacto sobre los precios. La inflación en la ciudad de Buenos Aires subió 10,8% en agosto, 3,5 puntos por encima del mes anterior y el registro más alto desde 2012, cuando se empezó a medir el índice porteño. El rubro alimentos y bebidas aumentó 12,5%.

Con el dato conocido ayer, la inflación acumulada en la ciudad entre enero y agosto de este año fue del 79,8%, mientras que en doce meses suma 127,3%. El número de agosto coincide con los cálculos privados para el IPC nacional. **Página 14**

Acusan a Rodríguez Saá de vaciar las reservas

SAN LUIS. Claudio Poggi, el gobernador electo, dijo que se llevó US\$88 millones

Claudio Poggi, gobernador electo de San Luis, denunció que el mandatario actual, Alberto Rodríguez Saá, retiró 88 millones de dólares de las reservas provinciales en el Banco Nación y dejó "sin fondos" al Estado provincial. Para la oposición local, se trata de un vaciamiento de los ahorros puntanos para pagar nuevos empleados públicos y dejar sin respaldo financiero a la nueva gestión.

La oposición viene denunciando que, tras ser derrotado en las elecciones provinciales, Rodríguez Saá realizó cientos de nombramientos irregulares, aumentó partidas discrecionalmente y ocupó cargos políticos. **Página 13**

Messi hizo magia en la selección



SANTIAGO FILIPUZZI

deportes—Quedaban 13 minutos y el partido con Ecuador amenazaba con terminar sin goles en el debut de la Argentina por las eliminatorias sudamericanas, rumbo al Mundial 2026. Pero un tiro libre para la selección fue una oportunidad que la pegada de Lionel Messi no desaprovechó: 1-0 y fiesta del campeón del mundo en el estadio Monumental repleto. El equipo de Scaloni jugará el próximo martes ante Bolivia, en La Paz.

Productores atrincherados en un ente de La Campora

PROVINCIA. Ocupan un organismo del agua dirigido por militantes. **Página 17****DESDE ADENTRO**

La política se queda, los inversores se van

Florencia Donovan

—PARA LA NACION—

Reed Jobs, el hijo del fundador de Apple y uno de los jóvenes más influyentes del planeta, hizo una visita relámpago por la región el último día de agosto. Semanas antes había presentado en sociedad su fondo Yosemite, con el que quiere invertir en startups de biotecnología en América Latina, que le permitan luego financiar su búsqueda de una cura para el cáncer. **Continúa en la página 16**

Artilugio para que en YPF no paguen Ganancias

SUELDOS. Benefician a 14.000 empleados con una maniobra contable. **Página 15**

Rei Charles tenta manter monarquia relevante

Um ano após a morte de Elizabeth 2ª, o desafio de Charles 3º é manter a monarquia viva. Nova pesquisa mostra que 62% dos britânicos acham que a nação deve continuar com essa forma de governo. Entre os mais jovens, o apoio é menor, tendência já notada antes do fim do reinado da matriarca. Na faixa etária de 18 a 24 anos, 37% são favoráveis. **Mundo A10**

Mauro Cid entrega proposta de delação premiada ao STF

Ministro Alexandre de Moraes precisa aceitar e homologar compromisso para que tenha validade

O ministro Alexandre de Moraes, do Supremo Tribunal Federal, recebeu em seu gabinete, na quarta-feira (6), uma proposta de delação premiada feita pelo tenente-coronel Mauro Cid, ex-ajudante de ordens do ex-presidente Jair Bolsonaro (PL).

O acordo, para ter validade, ainda precisa ser aceito e homologado por Moraes. Segundo pessoas próximas às investigações, para isso ser feito, resta saber o que Cid vai apresentar de novo em relação às investigações e quais provas vai oferecer.

O militar está preso desde maio, sob suspeita de ter inserido dados falsos de vacinação contra a Covid na carteira de imunização de Bolsonaro. Ele também é investigado por suposta participação na venda de joias recebidas pelo ex-presidente.

A audiência em que foi relatada a opção pela delação contou com a presença de Cid e de seu advogado, Cezar Bittencourt, que disse anteriormente que o ex-ajudante de ordens não incriminou Bolsonaro à Polícia Federal no caso das joias.

Bittencourt é crítico da delação premiada e havia descartado essa possibilidade. Para a PF, Bolsonaro usou a estrutura do governo para desviar presentes de valor dados por autoridades estrangeiras, com enriquecimento ilícito. **Política A4**

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A partir do alto, o presidente Lula e a primeira-dama Janja durante desfile do 7 de Setembro em carro aberto na Esplanada dos Ministérios, em Brasília, e o governador de São Paulo, Tarcísio de Freitas, em tanque no Anhembi, na capital paulista

Lula tem 7/9 com chefes de Poderes e 'climão' pós-reforma

Em Brasília, o presidente Lula (PT) celebrou o primeiro 7 de Setembro de seu terceiro mandato em meio a um "climão" no governo, um dia após reforma ministerial. Ele esteve acompanhado da presidente do STF, Rosa Weber, e do presidente do Congresso, o senador Rodrigo Pacheco (PSD-MG).

O evento contou com Zé Gotinha, mascote das campanhas de vacinação, em mais um contraponto ao ex-presidente Jair Bolsonaro. Em São Paulo, o governador Tarcísio de Freitas (Republicanos) subiu num blindado do Exército no desfile realizado no Sambódromo do Anhembi. **Política A5 e A6**

MPF busca blindagem após provas anuladas por Toffoli

Procuradores estudam saída jurídica para proteger membros de possíveis punições depois que o ministro do STF Dias Toffoli invalidou o uso de provas vindas dos acordos de leniência da Odebrecht na Lava Jato. **Política A9**

Setor aéreo retrai rotas de voos para reduzir poluentes

O setor de aviação está recalculando rotas traçadas por aviões para encurtar viagens e, assim, poupar combustível e reduzir poluentes. O Departamento de Controle do Espaço Aéreo tornará permanentes 75 rotas de 300 trajetos alternativos criados para otimizar o tráfego aéreo. **Mercado A13**

Com Kopenhagen e Brasil Cacau, Nestlé deve expandir lojas

A confirmação de que a Nestlé deu início à compra da Kopenhagen, da Brasil Cacau e da Kop Koffee deve fazer com que, em 2026, o número de lojas das três empresas chegue a cerca de 3.000 no Brasil, quase o triplo do que há hoje. Negócio deve ser finalizado em 2024. **Mercado A14**

Alunos ficam fora de políticas de alfabetização

A pandemia de Covid-19 agravou um cenário já conhecido nas escolas da rede pública brasileira: estudantes chegam aos anos finais do ensino fundamental com a alfabetização incompleta. Por lei, os alunos deveriam aprender a ler e escrever até o término do 2º ano. **Cotidiano B2**

Tati Bernardi Minha amiga faria 45 anos

Ainda sonho com minha amiga Priscila quase toda semana. Em algum momento do sonho, nós nos olhamos e sabemos que ela vai adoecer, e então ficamos melancólicas, sem conseguir dizer muita coisa. Estamos nos despedindo, mas minha amiga sorri mais do que eu. **Cotidiano B3**

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Laura Cardoso em sua casa, em SP. Eduardo Knapp/Folhapress

Ilustrada C1 A hora da estrela Laura Cardoso

No ar com a reprise de "Mulheres de Areia", atriz de 96 anos diz que novelas eram melhores antes e critica novos atores, que "deviam fazer outra coisa".

Ilustrada C5 Ludmilla estreia no The Town

Cantora se apresentou no palco principal do evento com show classudo e cheio de hits, provando que merece mais espaço em festivais brasileiros.

Esporte B6 Empate na ida

Ferroviária e Corinthians terminam em 0 a 0 no 1º jogo da final do Brasileiro feminino

Mais lulistas que bolsonaristas dizem tomar vacina da Covid

A adesão de eleitores lulistas à vacinação contra a Covid foi maior do que a de bolsonaristas nas fases de reforço da imunização, assim como no início da campanha.

A conclusão é de uma pesquisa que entrevistou 1.295 pessoas de todo o país e foi desenvolvida pelo SOU_Ciência, da Unifesp, ao lado do Instituto Ideia. **Saúde B1**

Nunes rebate críticas e diz que espera proximidade com Bolsonaro

Política A6

ICMBio expulsou coronéis de cargos, diz novo presidente do órgão ambiental

Ambiente B6

Acusado por narcotráfico cumplió la pena mínima sin tener una sentencia

Por errores fiscales, Cucho logra arresto domiciliario

Primero presentaron la acusación, pero no las pruebas, y fue anulada tras varias chicanas. Después, la Fiscalía accionó de inconstitucionalidad y la Corte la rechazó después de 2 años.

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Dos puntos perdidos

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IN THEIR OWN WORDS | DR. DAVID ATKINSON

Youth at risk amid fentanyl explosion

Expert alarmed as drug's use has surged among young North Texans

As told to **SHARON GRIGSBY**
Staff Writer
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This story is part of a series of as-told-to accounts for *The Dallas Morning News*' "Deadly Fake" project on the fentanyl crisis. Dr. David Atkinson, medical director of the Teen Recovery Program at Children's Health, specializes in adolescent substance use. He is

DEADLY FAKE

30 days inside fentanyl's grip on North Texas

also an associate professor of psychiatry at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

I am alarmed by how unalarmed people are about the fentanyl crisis. Especially in the last 18 months, it has mushroomed among young people in North Texas. Everybody's kid is at

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Dr. David Atkinson, addiction expert and medical director of the Teen Recovery Program at Children's Health, is at the center of the fentanyl epidemic's impact on adolescents.

PAXTON IMPEACHMENT

Former deputy: Office hijacked

'Hundreds of man-hours' were devoted to real estate developer's concerns, he says

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

AUSTIN — In sometimes tearful testimony Thursday, Ken Paxton's former top deputies said the attorney general abused his power to help real estate developer Nate Paul and to "target and harass law enforcement."

Ryan Vassar testified that a group of staffers reported Paxton to the FBI in September 2020 for alleged corruption because "based on our good faith belief, criminal activity had occurred."

"The concern was that it would only get worse," he added, "that Paxton's use of the office would only continue to be more extreme, and the potential for us to be labeled as co-conspirators."

Paxton's defense lawyer J. Mitch Little asked Vassar whether they knew that the attorney general broke the law.

"That's the point of the good faith belief," Vassar replied. "We had no evidence that we could point to, but we had reasonable conclusions that we could draw."

Little capitalized on the statement, saying: "Respectfully, sir, we are not here in this historic event for your good faith beliefs."

Paxton's defense team hopes the testimony will cast doubt on the veracity of the allegations eight former top staffers in Paxton's office made against their former boss in 2020 — accusa-

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Runners mark 25 years of the Katy 5K



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Runners took off from the start line on Turtle Creek Boulevard near Reverchon Park for the 25th annual Katy 5K on Thursday. More than 3,000 runners came out for the race, which followed Turtle Creek before returning to Reverchon Park via the Katy Trail. The race ended with a picnic at the park with free beer and food for the racers.

CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Sex traffickers pose risk to foster kids, judges say

Rings target youths lacking placement who are staying in unlicensed facilities

By **ROBERT T. GARRETT**
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AUSTIN — Human trafficking rings lurk near makeshift housing for abused and neglected children, although the locations are supposed to be secret, three Central Texas judges warned this week.

At least two teenage girls in the state's Child Protective Services' custody recently walked off from a "children without placement" location in Bell County and are feared to have then been taken across state lines and employed as prostitutes, the family court judges charged with overseeing them said at a gathering in Austin this week.

When CPS can't find a placing agency that will take in a child, the

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XOCHITL GALVEZ is a senator and coalition candidate.



CLAUDIA SHEINBAUM was mayor of Mexico City.

MEXICO

First woman president likely to be elected in '24

Former mayor selected by ruling party; senator is opposition candidate

By **ALFREDO CORCHADO**
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MEXICO CITY — Mexico will likely elect its first woman president in next year's election, the culmination of a historic

campaign pitting a physicist-turned-mayor against an outspoken senator.

Claudia Sheinbaum, 61, the former Mexico City mayor, a physicist with a doctorate in environmental engineering, was selected Wednesday evening by the ruling party, Morena, as the candidate to succeed Mexico's current president, Andrés Manuel López Obrador, her politi-

cal mentor.

"I will support Claudia," said López Obrador during his Thursday morning news conference. He added he will meet with Sheinbaum sometime during the day "to pass on the baton." He didn't elaborate.

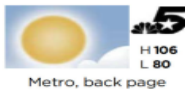
Her selection sets up a political campaign against the top op-

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Buoys can stay — for now

An appeals court granted Texas' request to let it keep its anti-migrant floating barrier in place pending appeal of a lower court ruling the buoys were installed illegally. **4A**

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Heat powers emergency

The Biden administration declared a power emergency in Texas as electricity demand soared. ERCOT can waive air-pollution limits so generators can produce more power. **3B**

SPORTSDAY

Big opportunity for prospect

Adolis Garcia heads to the 10-day injured list, leaving the Rangers to call on their top prospect, Evan Carter. It's a major opportunity for him, says Evan Grant. **1C**

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Complaints pile up against CPS

After May disclosure, parents and experts say more needs to be done

By Sarah Macaraeg
Chicago Tribune

Less than an hour after Chicago Public Schools disclosed its multiple violations of state law regarding the physical restraint of students in May, parents began responding with complaints.

"(My) child has been hit by a

CPS teacher the principal and staff are aware ... nothing has been done please help," wrote the first of several parents and guardians who emailed CPS over the summer regarding physical restraint and timeout procedures, known as PRT0.

In the emails, released to the Tribune by the Illinois State Board

of Education, all individuals' and school names are redacted. CPS didn't comment on whether new PRT0 investigations have been opened since May, directing the Tribune to file a records request.

Multiple parents claimed mistreatment of their children: ■ "My child was restrained ... and in another incident my child arm was pulled on."

■ "I am the parent of a CPS student whose rights has definitely been VIOLATED by the CPS STAFF. ... It's about time that you took time to

finally look into the abuse my child and others have had to endure."

■ "My son was physical restrained on several occasions at (redacted) when he attended several years ago and I had written notice to NOT restrain him nor put their hands on him as this touching was against his (Individualized Education Program). They violated this and because of this he refused school for several years and needed intense therapy. Was (redacted) investigated for this? This was extremely serious but no one

listened."

Other parents and guardians wrote to ask whether a violation occurred at their child's school. Teachers emailed to correct their certification status. And principals expressed confusion regarding the annual training requirements ISBE mandated the district to meet.

By the first day of school last month, the district announced its "full compliance" with PRT0 training requirements, meet-

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Board enthusiasts brave big waves

Mike Calabro rides a wave as he and other surfers gather at the Whiting lakefront to take advantage of the large waves in Lake Michigan on Thursday. With waves 4 to 7 feet high and temperatures in the high 60s around midday, the water off Whiting Lakefront Park was dotted with about a dozen people on boards in wet suits close to the BP refinery.

Aldermen consider loosening work rules

If done, off-duty cops would be allowed to work security at bars

By A.D. Quig and Sam Charles
Chicago Tribune

Despite Chicago having one of the most lenient moonlighting policies for big-city police officers, some aldermen are looking to make the rules even looser and allow off-duty cops to begin working security at bars and liquor stores.

A panel of City Council members is expected this month to tackle the controversial idea that is part of a citywide policy that also prevents police officers from owning taverns or being bartenders. The ownership restrictions would remain in place under the proposal.

The measure is supported by some aldermen but was first pushed by West Side Ald. Jason Ervin, 28th. While Ervin said bars and liquor stores can be "magnets for negative activities," he doesn't think it is right for the city to forbid those businesses from hiring security guards who can arrest people, if needed, or for the city to prevent officers from legitimate employment.

"Regular security officers don't have the power to arrest, don't have any statutory authority to do anything other than security," Ervin said, adding private security guards can only detain people until an officer arrives.

"A police officer can work at Home Run Inn but not a liquor

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COVID-19 appears to be on the rise

Experts see return to dark days as unlikely, despite new variants

By Apoorva Mandavilli
The New York Times

Jill Biden, the first lady, tested positive for COVID-19 on Monday. Gov. Kathy Hochul of New York has announced that the state will send high-quality masks and rapid tests to school districts that request them. Already, schools in Kentucky and Texas have closed, citing widespread respiratory illness among students and staff.

The coronavirus is in the air again. Literally.

A steady uptick in cases since July and reports of worrisome new variants have fueled concern that the virus is poised to make a comeback this fall and winter. But in interviews, experts offered reassurances that the country will not see a return to the nightmarish scenarios of previous years.

There is no evidence that any of the variants in circulation cause more severe disease or evade immunity adroitly enough to render vaccines ineffective. And although hospitalizations and deaths are increasing week by week, the numbers remain low, noted Gigi Gronvall, a biosecurity expert at the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security.

"These increases are more alarming by statistics than in reality," Gronvall said.

Hospital admissions for COVID-

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Cook County Judge Mary Marubio speaks as officials talk about bond reform during a panel discussion Thursday at Loyola University Chicago's Water Tower campus. ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Cook County details how court systems will change

Historic bail reform measures set to take effect this month

By Madeline Buckley
Chicago Tribune

Ahead of the implementation of large-scale pretrial criminal justice reforms, state and county officials on Thursday offered a first look at specifics of how the complex Cook County bond court system will change when cash bail is abolished later this month.

The historic reforms will take effect Sept. 18 across the state, marking a major change in the way decisions will be made around whether a defendant will be released from jail while awaiting trial. Though other jurisdictions have moved to eliminate or reduce money as a factor, Illinois was the first to pass it in the form of statewide legislation.

Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx, Public Defender Sharon Mitchell, state Sen. Robert Peters and other officials spoke during a media event at Loyola Univer-

sity's Water Tower campus, highlighting changes coming to the statewide court systems and ongoing preparations for the reforms, which became a flashpoint for controversy in recent years and were put on hold after Illinois prosecutors filed a lawsuit seeking to block the measure, passed as part of the SAFE-T Act, the sweeping criminal justice reform measure signed into law in 2021, from taking effect.

"We have had a humanitarian crisis in that jail for

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White Sox manager Pedro Grifol. CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

White Sox hope to avoid tragic number

Must finish 9-13 to avoid suffering 100 losses — a fitting exclamation point to a horrid 2023 season. Paul Sullivan in Chicago Sports

Sides clash at hearing on Ryan Field rebuild

Residents have voiced objections on proposal to hold concerts at the venue. **Chicagoland, Page 3**

Redevelopment eyed for warehouse

Proposal includes four-star hotel with office, retail spaces and public riverwalk in Chinatown. **Business**

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FESTA CÍVICA

Lula faz 7 de Setembro com chefes de Poderes e acena a militares

Cerimônia sem discursos políticos reuniu presidentes do STF e Congresso

O presidente Lula quis imprimir um clima de "volta à normalidade" no primeiro 7 de Setembro de seu governo. No final do desfile, juntou as mãos dos comandantes das Forças Armadas e do ministro da Defesa, José Múcio. Após dois anos em que a celebração ocorreu sem a presença de representantes do Supremo Tribunal Federal e sob estacões veladas à corte, a presidente do STF, Rosa Weber, estava na tribuna de honra, assim como o presidente do Congresso, Rodrigo Pacheco.



Grupo de presidentes. Ao fim do desfile, Lula deu às mãos aos comandantes das Forças Armadas e ao ministro da Defesa, José Múcio

Mauro Cid entrega ao STF proposta de delação

O tenente-coronel Mauro Cid, ex-ajudante de ordens do ex-presidente Jair Bolsonaro, entregou ao STF um termo de intenção para firmar um acordo de delação premiada com a Polícia Federal. A colaboração atn da depende de aval do Ministério Público.

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OS RECALDOS QUE A INDIA TRANSMITE PARA O BRASIL



Rastro de destruição

Na cidade gaúcha de Roca Sales, casas e ruas foram destruídas pela passagem do ciclone extratropical, que deixou 41 mortos no estado. Há previsão de mais chuva na região hoje.

Provas obtidas de forma ilegal não servem para punir, dizem juristas

Mensagens vazadas ilegalmente por hackers, que foram usadas para o STF anular as provas do acordo de leniência da Odebrecht, não podem ser usadas contra Moro e os procuradores da Lava-Jato, avaliam juristas.



— A prisão de Lula foi um erro histórico... fique bem?

VERA MAGALHÃES
Lula foi ou ao baloi dos editores

PEDRO DORIA
Facebook por assinatura: o poder regular negócios

Republicanos ganha ministério, mas diz que não é parte do governo

Após Silvano Costa Filho ser anunciado ministro de Portos e Aeroportos, a executiva do Republicanos divulgou nota afirmando que a indicação do deputado foi convite pessoal de Lula e que a sigla continuará com postura "independente".

Nova regra para saque do FGTS vai liberar até R\$ 14 bilhões

Projeto do ministro Luiz Marinho, aprovado no Congresso, vai permitir a trabalhador que aderiu ao saque universitário o saque do saldo remanescente no Fundo, caso tenha sido demitido. Medida injetará até R\$ 14 bilhões na economia.

ChatGPT entra na rotina de grandes empresas, para agilizar processos

Ferramenta de inteligência artificial já é usada em análise de planilhas, cruzamento de informações e recomendações a clientes. Versão corporativa do chatbot é custosa e com restrição de acesso a dados para treinar o "robô".

UFRJ tenta resgatar alunos que abandonaram as salas de aula

A universidade fará uma busca atn a por mais de 12 mil alunos que desistiram de seus cursos desde o início da pandemia. Estudantes relatam dificuldades financeiras, e a UFRJ quer reforçar o pagamento de auxílios e bolsas.

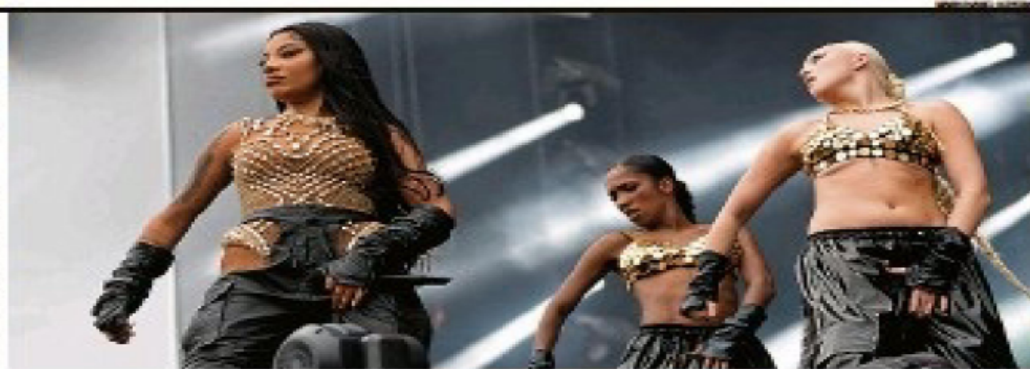
A medida certa para queimar mais gordura

A frequência cardíaca ideal para queimar gordura durante a prática de exercícios fit com variação de pesos para pesos, revelou pesquisa. E tem sempre corresponde ao que está descrito em aparelhos como esteira ergométrica.

Sevilho O Carneiro

Funk e soul navolta do The Town

Atracão do palco principal, Ludmilla fez show superprodutivo, com liberação de fogo e chuva de dinheiro (com seu rosto na cédula). Noite teve ainda Joss Stone, Masago e Angélique Kidjo



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Neymar começa novo ciclo na seleção sob desconfiança

Na estreia de Fernando Diniz, atacante será titular contra a Bolívia hoje, em Belém, pelas Eliminatórias da Copa do Mundo de 2026.

MARTÍN FERNÁNDEZ
Hoje é o início do fim da era Diniz na seleção

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« Sans la liberté de blâmer, il n'est point d'éloge flatteur » Beaumarchais



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Rugby: la France à la conquête du monde

Le choc au sommet, ce vendredi, entre un XV de France ambitieux et des All Blacks de légende lance la 10^e édition de la Coupe du monde, organisée jusqu'au 28 octobre.

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Les alliés de l'Ukraine réaffirment leur soutien

Les Occidentaux veulent voir un encouragement dans les premières percées de l'armée ukrainienne à travers les lignes de défense russes. « Les Ukrainiens gagnent du terrain et cela prouve l'importance de notre soutien », a souligné jeudi

le secrétaire général de l'Otan, Jens Stoltenberg. Le chef de la diplomatie américaine, Antony Blinken, a aussi salué la « résilience extraordinaire » des Ukrainiens, annonçant à Kiev 1 milliard de dollars d'aide supplémentaire. PAGE 5



Impôts, dette, JO... La rentrée sous pression d'Anne Hidalgo

À mi-mandat, la maire socialiste de Paris n'échappe plus aux critiques de ses opposants, de certains de ses administrés et d'une partie de sa majorité. Si elle n'exclut pas

de briguer un nouveau mandat en 2026, l'édile de la capitale sait qu'elle devra d'abord réussir les nombreux défis qui l'attendent pour cette année à hauts risques. PAGES 10 ET 11

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Au-delà du rugby

D'une Coupe du monde à l'autre, la France a beaucoup changé en seize ans. Et son rugby aussi. Alors qu'elle accueillait déjà une partie des matchs de la compétition en 2007, elle n'était pas favorite, loin de là. L'enthousiasme fut pourtant tel que le nombre de licenciés dans les clubs explosa dans la foulée. Aujourd'hui, en 2023, on sent la même envie dans ce pays éruptif, irritable, fracturé, mais que les vertus du sport apaisent, si l'on en croit Emmanuel Macron. Avec son inimitable sens de la formule, Antoine Blondin disait aimer l'ovale pour sa rondeur, sa faculté à rassembler dans la bonne humeur. Qui plus est, les Bleus comptent cette fois parmi les favoris. S'ils l'emportent en finale, le 28 octobre prochain, la fête pourrait donc être complète chez les « Gaulois réfractaires » ! Certes, mais il faut d'abord gagner. Dès ce soir, contre les mythiques et véloces All Blacks, triples champions du monde. Lors de leurs dernières prestations, ils ont connu un passage à vide, mais gare au poids de l'histoire et au goût de la victoire dans les moments importants. Si notre équipe les a battus en quarts de finale en 2007 au terme

d'une rencontre de folie, les Néo-Zélandais n'ont jamais perdu un match de poule dans un mondial (31 victoires). Face à ces guerriers sublimés par leur « haka », les Tricolores devront jouer la « sainte trouille » au ventre, cette saine peur qui pousse à se transcender ; et faire preuve du légendaire « French flair », cette touche d'extravagance dans l'action qui déroutent l'adversaire. Ils pourront s'appuyer sur la philosophie de jeu de leur sélectionneur, Fabien Galthié, faite « de combat et de contrôle de soi ». Sans oublier leur demi de mêlée, consacré meilleur joueur du monde. Sur la pelouse comme dans le vestiaire, Antoine Dupont est plus qu'un capitaine, c'est un général ! Trois fois finalistes de la Coupe du monde (1987, 1999, 2011), les Bleus ont plus que jamais les moyens d'aller plus loin. Il ne faut pas demander au rugby davantage qu'il ne peut offrir, mais leur succès donnerait des ailes à tout un pays, pour les Jeux olympiques et au-delà des seuls terrains de sport... ■



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Escape of terror suspect prompts prison cuts row

Ministers are blamed for staff shortages in jails on second day of manhunt

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The escape of a former soldier from a London prison provoked a furious row yesterday as ministers were condemned over cuts and staff shortages that have left potentially dangerous inmates in low-security prisons.

With the hunt for Daniel Khalife, 21, involving 150 counter-terrorism officers, the police were urgently trying to establish whether he had help fleeing from HMP Wandsworth. They said Khalife - who faces espionage and terror charges - had strapped himself to the bottom of a lorry, raising questions about the equipment he used, and how he was not detected as the vehicle left the prison.

The chief inspector of prisons, the chair of parliament's justice committee and the Prison Officers Association (POA) all said HMP Wandsworth was known to have staffing issues, adding to pressure on the government over

the escape on Wednesday morning, which Labour said "beggars belief".

Khalife's presence in a category B prison when accused of such serious offences also prompted concerns that other high-risk inmates may be held in security conditions not commensurate with their alleged crimes.

He is accused of planting fake bombs and collecting information that could be useful to an enemy country, in breach of the Official Secrets Act. The country is understood to be Iran, though it is unclear how strong the link is alleged to be.

The head of the Met's counter-terrorism command, Dominic Murphy,

said: "If there are people out there in London today, or anywhere else in the UK, who are supporting Daniel and have supported his escape and are continuing to support him to prevent his capture and return to prison, those individuals commit serious criminal offences."

While the hunt involving the counter-terrorism police plus officers from the Met and other forces remained largely focused on London, the government faced questions about the state of prisons and the criminal justice system more widely.

Charlie Taylor, the chief inspector of prisons, said

Five million vapes being binned each week in UK

Sarah Marsh
Consumer affairs correspondent

Five million single-use vapes are thrown away in the UK every week, a fourfold increase on 2022, researchers have found, prompting new calls for a ban. Councils and paediatricians are among those demanding action on vapes because of health and environmental concerns.

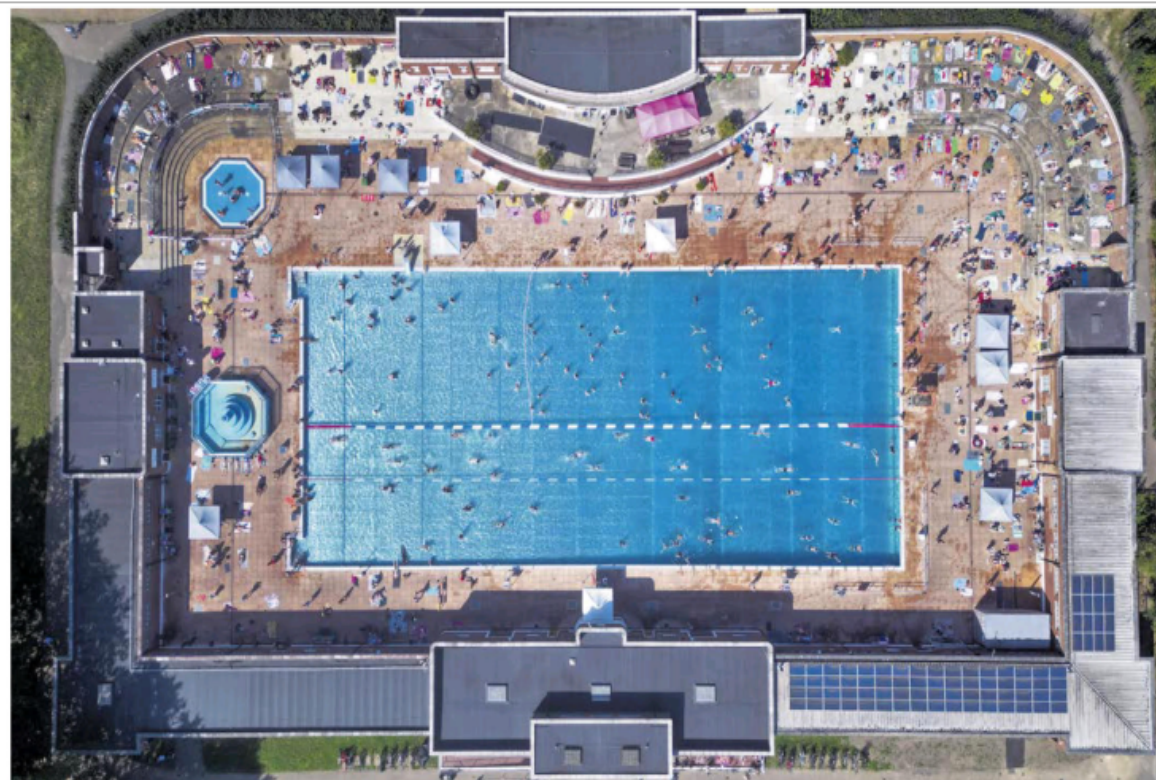
Scott Butler, the executive director of Material Focus, the non-profit organisation that conducted the research, said the "problem with single-use vapes has got further out of control" since it published research last year. "Single-use vapes are a strong contender for being the most environmentally wasteful, damaging and dangerous consumer product ever made," he said.

Discarded vapes pose a threat to public safety because their lithium batteries can become flammable when crushed. The potential cost of collecting and recycling them is £200m, according to Material Focus, which it says should be paid for by producers, importers and retailers.

Sales of disposable vapes have soared to more than 360m annually, with the number of young women vaping every day more than tripling in a year, government figures show. Paediatricians say it is "fast becoming an epidemic among children", and want the government to ban disposable vapes.

One year into his reign, is he King Charles the cautious?

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