

## What's News

### Business & Finance

- ◆ **Consumers boosted** their spending rapidly in July and price pressures remained modest, signs of continued U.S. economic strength amid rising interest rates. **A1**
- ◆ **U.S. stocks ended mixed** in the last session in August, with the S&P 500 and Dow industrials falling 0.2% and 0.5%, respectively, while the Nasdaq rose 0.1%. **B9**
- ◆ **A new batch of Chinese** economic data heaped further pressure on the country's policy makers to do more to revive crumbling growth, with a dizzying mix of targeted measures so far showing little effect. **A1**
- ◆ **Large commercial banks** in China are planning to lower some deposit rates starting Friday, softening a blow from mortgage-rate cuts. **A9**
- ◆ **Disney-owned networks** including ESPN and ABC-TV local stations went dark for Charter Communications customers amid a dispute between the companies over channel packages. **B3**
- ◆ **The number of temp workers** in the U.S. has been trending lower since it hit a peak in March 2022, and it has fallen every month since January. **A2**
- ◆ **UBS booked a record \$29 billion** net profit last quarter after it integrated Credit Suisse into its books and on Thursday provided a clearer picture of its future form. **B1**
- ◆ **Dollar General shares fell** to their lowest levels in years after the discount retailer cut its outlook for 2023. **B1**
- ◆ **Eurozone inflation** remains stubbornly high even as other signs point to a slowing economy. **A7**

### World-Wide

- ◆ **Ukrainian forces** penetrated the main Russian defensive line in their country's southeast, raising hopes of a breakthrough that would reinvigorate the slow-moving counteroffensive. **A1**
- ◆ **A fire tore through** a dilapidated building occupied by squatters in Johannesburg, killing at least 74 people, many of them recent immigrants to South Africa. **A1**
- ◆ **Trump pleaded not guilty** to the charges against him in the Georgia racketeering case and filed a motion to sever his case from that of two other defendants who are set to go on trial in October. **A4**
- ◆ **Mexico's opposition** coalition named Xóchitl Gálvez, a charismatic legislator of humble origins, as its presidential candidate for the 2024 election. **A10**
- ◆ **Two leaders of the Proud Boys** far-right group were sentenced to hefty prison sentences after being found guilty earlier this year of playing a principal role in the Jan. 6, 2021, assault on the Capitol. **A6**
- ◆ **Justice Clarence Thomas**, under scrutiny for accepting free trips and other financial dealings with conservative billionaires, vigorously defended his failure to disclose those matters in past years. **A4**
- ◆ **The Biden administration** proposed a rule that would subject more firearms purchasers to background checks without involving Congress. **A3**
- ◆ **McConnell's second** public health scare in as many months has fueled speculation about who might succeed him as Senate minority leader. **A4**

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# Ukraine Breaches Russian Line

### Counteroffensive accelerates thrust in southeast, raising breakthrough hopes

By JAMES MARSON

Ukrainian forces have penetrated the main Russian defensive line in their country's southeast, raising hopes of a breakthrough that would reinvigorate the slow-moving counteroffensive.

Ukrainian paratroopers are fighting through entrenched

Russian positions on the edge of the village of Verbove, a Ukrainian officer in the area said. Ukrainian forces have also reached the main defensive line to the south of nearby Robotyne village, he said. Ukraine's military confirmed advances toward Verbove and south of Robotyne, without giving details.

Describing the advance, the Ukrainian officer held up three fingers representing stages of attack through entrenched Russian positions on the western flank of Verbove, an agricultural village of some

1,000 residents before the war. The significance of the advance is that it marks the first time Ukraine has penetrated the main Russian defensive line, an extensive system of minefields, trenches and antitank obstacles covered by artillery.

Ukrainian forces are now working to expand the cracks in the line to create a hole large enough for Western-provided armored vehicles to push through with sufficient logistical support.

"It's like inflating a ball," the officer said.

Ukrainian advances in recent days have led to cautious optimism among Western intelligence services that Ukraine can retake the occupied city of Tokmak, a logistical hub for Russia, according to senior Western intelligence officials.

To be sure, there are still serious obstacles to turning the current penetration into a full-fledged breach. Russia is targeting Ukrainian troops there with heavy artillery fire directed by aerial drones, and there is no sign of a collapse

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Women grieve near a building in downtown Johannesburg where at least 74 people, mostly recent immigrants, died in a fire.

# Blaze Turns a 'Hijacked' Building In Johannesburg Into a Death Trap

By ALEXANDRA WEXLER AND GABRIELLE STEINHAUSER

**JOHANNESBURG**—They are known as hijacked buildings—dilapidated and abandoned structures that have been taken over by squatters. A fire that tore through one of them on Thursday killed at least 74 people, many of them recent immigrants.

There are hundreds of these buildings in what was once the glitzy downtown of South Africa's largest city. For those who move in, the high-rises or old government complexes are a way to get an initial foothold in Johannesburg, the economic engine of the country and region. In return, residents often accept cramped, squalid quarters, rampant crime and a lack

of running water, electricity or functioning sewage systems.

On Thursday morning, one of the city's vertical slums turned into a blazing death trap when a pre-dawn fire ripped through a sprawling five-story building in Johannesburg's central business district. At least 12 children were among the dead, and emergency responders said the death toll would

likely go up as rescue workers combed through the charred building's upper floors.

Witnesses and first responders described how panicked residents were trapped behind locked security gates or inside makeshift indoor shacks. Desperate to escape the flames and choking on smoke, some jumped out of

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## TOMORROW



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JENNIFER ANISTON

# EV Boom Remakes Rural Towns in American South

Small community scrambles to prepare for giant Ford plant

By NORA ECKERT

The U.S. auto industry is accelerating its move south as car companies pour billions of dollars into new factories in Georgia, Kentucky and Tennessee.

The shift is creating pockets of frenzied activity—and anxiety—for rural, southern towns bracing for an influx of new workers and residents.

"It's tremendously overwhelming, just everything that has to be done," said Allan Sterbinsky, the mayor of Stanton, Tenn., a 400-person town preparing for the opening of a massive, auto-manufacturing complex cur-

rently being built by Ford Motor.

Once fully operational, Ford's 3,600-acre site is expected to employ about 6,000 workers, about 15 times Stanton's current population.

Sterbinsky spends his days planning how the town—home to a barbecue restaurant, a Dollar General and a couple of cemeteries—will build thousands of new homes, expand the local school system and potentially establish a police force.

The auto industry's geographic shift has been slowly progressing for decades, but has sharply picked up in recent years with the transition to EVs. Automakers are now rushing

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## Mac-and-Cheese Fans Noodle Around With Elaborate Recipes

Home chefs put their own spin on the cupboard mainstay; a 12-hour version

By JAEWON KANG

Packaged macaroni and cheese became a kitchen staple thanks to speed and simplicity: milk, noodles and blaz-orange cheese powder, ready in under 10 minutes.

Ken Condon's version takes nearly 12 hours. He first smokes pork shoulder for eight hours, then performs an al-

chemy of Velveeta, cheddar and cream cheese. The noodles and cheese go in the smoker for an hour and a half before he adds the pork.

"If you are going to have mac and cheese for dinner—and you are not just coming home from the bar and want something quick—then you should do it right," said Condon, a legis-

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Big cheese

# China's Latest Economic Data Raise Pressure on Policy Makers

China's economy limped through August. A prolonged slump in the real-estate market deepened. Factories were hit by sinking exports, and consumers kept a tight leash on spending.

By Jason Douglas in Singapore and Cao Li in Hong Kong

A new batch of data on Thursday heaped further pressure on China's policy makers to do more to revive crumbling growth, with a dizzying

mix of targeted measures so far showing little effect. On Thursday evening, the country's central bank lowered the minimum down payment for some borrowers, an attempt to spur home buying. It also said banks can lower the rates they charge on existing mortgages.

But many economists said such piecemeal measures, while helpful, don't go far enough to restore household and business confidence in an economy beset by painfully high youth unemployment, cratering exports and worsening

# Surge in Consumer Spending Propels Growth

By HARRIET TORRY AND NICK TIMIRASO

Consumers boosted their spending rapidly in July and price pressures remained modest, signs of continued U.S. economic strength amid rising interest rates.

The latest figures leave the Federal Reserve on course to hold rates steady this month as officials seek to bring down inflation without triggering a needlessly severe downturn. Household spending, the primary driver of economic growth, rose a robust 0.8% in July, the Commerce Department said Thursday, up from an upwardly revised 0.6% increase in June and the fastest rate since January. U.S. consumers spent more on groceries, recreational goods and vehicles, and on services such as housing, dining out and insurance. Adjusted for inflation, consumer spending rose 0.6% in July.

The Fed's preferred gauge of consumer prices, the personal-consumption expenditures price index, rose 0.2% in July from a month earlier, the same pace as in June. So-called core prices, which exclude volatile food and energy categories, rose at the same rate. Economists see core inflation as a better predictor of future inflation than overall inflation.

Inflation ran at a 2.1% annualized rate over the three months through July, close to the Fed's 2% target. Core prices rose at a 2.9% annualized rate over the previous three months, the lowest such reading since January 2021.

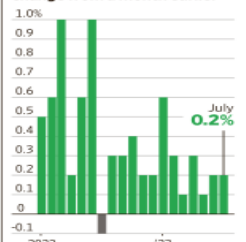
Stocks were mixed after Thursday's data were released. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 0.5% and the broader S&P 500 index declined 0.2%, but the tech-heavy NASDAQ Composite was up 0.1%.

The inflation figures support the case for an extended pause in interest rates, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta President Raphael Bostic said in a speech Thursday in South Africa.

Excluding housing costs, which have eased but flow

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## Personal-consumption expenditures price index, change from a month earlier



Note: Seasonally adjusted. Source: Commerce Department

- ◆ **Prices in the eurozone** remain elevated. **A7**
- ◆ **Dollar General, rivals warn** of weaker demand. **B1**

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strains in the property sector. "Every week there's something new," said Carlos Casanova, senior Asia economist at Union Bancaire Privée in Hong Kong. "But we are not entirely there yet in my opinion. More needs to happen."

Manufacturing activity shrank for the fifth consecutive month in August, while

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- ◆ **Chinese banks plan deposit rate cuts**. **A9**
- ◆ **Shipping is pinched by lower trade volumes**. **B1**





Hundreds of people lived in the city-owned building in Johannesburg. The city has over 600 derelict, illegally occupied structures.

## Blaze Kills 74 In Urban Camp In South Africa

By JOHN ELIGON  
and LYNSEY CHUTE

JOHANNESBURG — They arrived in desperation, unable to find anything better, safer or cheaper in a city with a severe shortage of affordable housing. They settled in a trash-choked building owned and neglected by the city of Johannesburg, paying "rent" to criminals.

Hundreds of people lived there, and on Thursday morning, at least 74 died there, including at least 12 children, in one of the worst residential fires in South Africa's history. Flames devoured a structure that overcrowding, security gates, mounds of garbage and flimsy subdividing had turned into a death trap. Some victims leaped from upper windows of the five-story building rather than burn to death.

The disaster came as no surprise to residents, housing advocates or officials of a city that has more than 600 derelict, illegally occupied structures — all but about 30 of them privately owned — according to Mgcini Tshwaku, a city councillor who oversees public safety.

The buildings are home to untold thousands of South Africans suffering from a shortage of housing and jobs, and to migrants from other countries who come searching for opportunity, only to find a nation enduring its own economic crisis. And these urban squatter camps are routinely "hijacked," residents say, by organized groups demanding payment.

Disheartened people milled through the crowd gathered  
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## Heat Turns Deadly for Migrants at the Border

By EDGAR SANDOVAL

FALFURRIAS, Texas — On patrol in the harsh brush along the border in South Texas, Deputy Don White of the Brooks County Sheriff's Office paused to study some empty water jugs, torn clothing and several indistinct footprints, looking for signs of migrants who might have been lost in the scorching heat.

Through the long summer, temperatures have lingered for days at a time at 100 degrees or higher. The heat has been stifling for many Texans, but deadly for some of those making their way through

### Grim Duties in Texas: Finding Remains, or Rescuing Survivors

the hot, barren shrub land where migrants travel to avoid detection from Border Patrol agents. "These are old," Deputy White said, gesturing at the faint tracks in the dirt. "No one is in danger right now." For now, at least, he said under his breath.

Fewer people are crossing from Mexico this year compared with last year, but already there have

been more than 500 deaths in 2023 confirmed by the discovery of bodies or partial remains by Deputy White and others like him as they conduct their grim patrols. In 2022, among the deadliest in recent years, there were 853 confirmed deaths.

Tracking migrant deaths is an imperfect science. Many drown trying to cross the Rio Grande; others succumb to sweltering desert conditions or a lack of water, with most of their deaths ultimately attributed to dehydration and heat stroke. The unrelenting heat this summer in Texas, combined with suffocating humidity,

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### A Moment of Peace

A fitness class in Kyiv, not long after one of the biggest Russian airstrikes in months. Page A6.

## Stiff Sentences For 2 Leaders Of Proud Boys

### Terrorism Label Adds to Jan. 6 Penalties

By ALAN FEUER  
and ZACH MONTAGUE

Two leaders of the Proud Boys were sentenced to lengthy prison terms on Thursday for their roles in the assault on the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, with a top lieutenant in the far-right group, Joseph Biggs, given 17 years, and another key figure in the attack, Zachary Rehl, getting 15 years.

Mr. Biggs' sentence following his conviction in the spring on charges of seditious conspiracy was one of the stiffest penalties issued so far in more than 1,100 criminal cases stemming from the Capitol attack and among only a handful to have been legally labeled an act of terrorism.

It was just over half of the 33 years the government had requested and just shy of the 18-year term given in May to Stewart Rhodes, the leader of another far-right group, the Oath Keepers militia, who was also found guilty of seditious conspiracy with the attack on the Capitol by a pro-Trump mob.

The sentences, handed down by Judge Timothy J. Kelly in Federal District Court in Washington, kicked off a series of hearings scheduled for this week and next at which punishment will be meted out against the former chairman of the Proud Boys, Enrique Tarrio, and two other members of the group who were convicted of seditious and other serious crimes at a landmark conspiracy trial this spring.

Hours after sentencing Mr. Biggs, Judge Kelly imposed a 15-year sentence on Mr. Rehl, who had also been convicted on seditious charges. Prosecutors had sought a 30-year term for Mr. Rehl.

The Proud Boys — who had been fighting on the streets since 2017 for a range of far-right causes — became a central focus of the F.B.I.'s investigation into Jan. 6 within days of the Capitol attack.

Aside from Mr. Biggs and his co-defendants in the seditious case — Mr. Tarrio, Mr. Rehl, Ethan Nordean and Dominic Pezalla — more than 20 other members of the group from chapters ranging from New York to Hawaii were ultimately charged in separate indictments.

The Justice Department's prosecutions of the Proud Boys all but decapitated the group's national leadership, which was formally disbanded after the Capitol attack, and mostly put an end to its involvement in large-scale — often violent — pro-Trump rallies in cities across the country.

But as arrests began after Jan. 6, Mr. Tarrio and his circle of lieutenants started an effort to have their followers become involved in right-wing politics in different ways. For some, that meant running for local offices or positions in county Republican organizations. For others, it meant taking part in smaller-scale protests at school boards or against L.G.B.T.Q. events.

For Mr. Biggs, the sentence effectively ended an unusual career  
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## THOMAS DEFENDS HIS PRIVATE TRIPS WITH BILLIONAIRE

### JUSTICE REPORTS GIFTS

### Alito Also Files Form in Response to Scrutiny of Court's Ethics

By ABBIE VANSICKLE

WASHINGTON — Justice Clarence Thomas, in his annual financial disclosure form released Thursday, responded in detail to reports that he had failed to disclose luxury trips, flights on a private jet and a real estate transaction with a Texas billionaire.

In an unusual move, the justice included a statement defending his travel with the billionaire, Harlan Crow, who has donated to conservative causes, and amended earlier forms that had "inadvertently omitted" information. Although Justice Thomas reported three trips taken over the past year on Mr. Crow's private jet, the first time in nearly two decades that he has disclosed such gifts and travel, the form did not appear to be comprehensive.

The acknowledgment comes as the Supreme Court faces increased scrutiny about the justices' financial dealings after a series of reports have underlined what few disclosure requirements are in place and how compliance is often left to the justices themselves. Lawmakers have renewed their calls for a stricter ethics code after revelations that Justices Thomas and Samuel A. Alito Jr.



Justice Clarence Thomas

had accompanied billionaires on lavish vacations but did not report the trips.

Although the justices, like other federal judges, are required to file annual reports that document their investments, gifts and travel, they are not subject to binding ethics rules.

The justices file the financial forms each spring, and most were released in early June. But Justices Thomas and Alito requested 90-day extensions, and both their forms were released Thursday.

In his disclosure, Justice Thomas addressed his decision to fly on Mr. Crow's private jet on one occasion, suggesting that he had been advised to avoid commercial travel after the leak of the draft opinion eliminating a constitutional right to an abortion.

"Because of the increased security risk following the Dobbs opinion leak, the May flights were by private plane for official travel as  
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## Bending Truth, China Stokes Ire Against Japan

By MOTOKO RICH  
and JOHN LIU

TOKYO — In Guangdong province, on China's southern coast, a woman posted a photo of a boxed-up Japanese-brand air-conditioner that she planned to return in protest. In southwest China, the owner of a Japanese pub posted a video of himself ripping down anime posters and smashing bottles, saying he planned to reopen the business as a Chinese bistro.

### Inflating Risk in Water From Fukushima

In many social media posts like these, the phrase "nuclear-contaminated wastewater" has appeared, the same wording used by China's government and state media to refer to Japan's release into the ocean of treated radioactive water from the ruined Fukushima

Daiichi nuclear power plant.

Even before Japan started pumping out the first tranche of more than a million tons of wastewater last week, China had mounted a coordinated campaign to spread disinformation about the safety of the release, stirring up anger and fear among millions of Chinese.

The water discharge, 12 years after the nuclear plant was wrecked by a powerful earthquake  
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## Storm Leaves a Fishing Industry Feeling Fragile

This article is by Emily Cochrane,  
Patricia Mazzei and Jacey Fortin.

HORSESHOE BEACH, Fla. — Dan Ellison started shrimping when he was 12, bringing a change of clothes on the boat so he could make it to school after early-morning outings. He would sketch shrimp boats in class, before quitting school in eighth grade to pursue his passion.

"I couldn't do what a doctor or lawyer does," Mr. Ellison, 61, said.

### In Florida, Dirty Water and Wrecked Boats

"But they couldn't do what I do. You've got to know so much to survive."

He joined his father shrimping and fishing in tiny Horseshoe Beach, Fla., a business that took a significant hit when the state banned net fishing in the 1990s. In

a good year, he said, he makes about \$30,000.

"It's just a dying breed," Mr. Ellison said of shrimpers in the Big Bend region, where the Florida peninsula meets the Panhandle. And the damage wrought by Hurricane Idalia presents a whole new challenge.

Up and down the Nature Coast, as this remote part of the state is known, the residents of scattered fishing villages and beach towns  
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The agony of running ultramarathons is bearable, Courtney Dauwalter learned. She also learned how to win. Page B7

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**SEARCHERS AND A DOG** look through what's left of a burned neighborhood in Lahaina, Hawaii, on Aug. 17. Forensics experts on Maui say their goal is to leave no speck of human remains behind. "We owe it to the families to locate their loved ones," one says.

## A GRIM SEARCH ON MAUI

California bone hunters sift through burn zone to identify the missing

BY JENNY JARVIE

**LAHAINA, Hawaii** — In a scorched, gray landscape of ash and rubble — between the jagged green ridges of the ancient Pu'u Kukui volcano and the sparkling blue waters of the Pacific — Eric Bartelink stepped carefully around the perimeter of what was once a home.

With hundreds missing after the most destructive U.S. wildfire in a century blazed Aug. 8 through the historic Hawaiian town of Lahaina, the forensic anthropologist at Chico State was searching for bone — a femur, a skull, a rib — any identifiable skeletal human remains.

The first scene he and his team surveyed after a call-out from searchers with cadaver-sniffing canines turned out to be a false lead: the remains of two dogs.

But as Bartelink and his partner scoured the debris



ROBERT GAUTHIER/Los Angeles Times

**AN UNKNOWN** number of people remain unaccounted for in Lahaina. The estimates vary, and the highest is the FBI's verified list of 388 people.

of more structures, they spotted a concentration of bones that was recognizably human: a pelvis, a femur, ribs, vertebrae.

They put on white Tyvek suits and protective gloves, in addition to P100 respirators. Then they bent down with trowels and brushes to sieve the debris through fine mesh screens. Carefully, they collected tiny fragments — shards of finger and toe bones and tooth roots — and put them inside paper evidence bags.

Their goal was to leave no speck of human remains behind.

"We owe it to the families to locate their loved ones, to recover them as complete as possible and to make sure that they all get identified," Bartelink said. "Not knowing what happened to a loved one is devastating."

Three weeks after wildfires burned through Lahaina, the search for [See Search, A12]

## COVID CASES STILL TICKING UPWARD

Coronavirus levels in wastewater are rising, but officials say there's no cause for alarm.

BY RONG-GONG LIN II AND LUKE MONEY

Outbreak investigations. Disrupted work schedules. Canceled vacations. Wearing masks.

**Sound familiar?** COVID-19 is making a comeback in California. Coronavirus levels in wastewater are on the rise in the state's most populated areas, and hospitalizations continue to tick upward as residents return from trips and head back to school.

The latest rebound, seen both in public health data and at-home tests, has led some to question what — if any — new measures they should consider taking to protect themselves. With Labor Day weekend right around the corner, some may wonder whether they should scale back or alter their plans.

While residents should be aware of current trends, and the steps they can take to reduce their risk of infection, the higher transmission rates aren't "a cause for alarm," Los Angeles County Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer said.

"We want everyone to enjoy this last weekend of the summer, and we think this can be easily done with some simple basic safety measures," she said.

Such steps are taking on increasing importance given the first sustained COVID flare-up in months.

Coronavirus levels have more than doubled in Los Angeles' wastewater since the start of summer, state data show, although they remain less than half of last winter's peak. The rate at which reported test results are coming back positive is [See Cases, A6]

## Get into Caltech without calculus? It could happen

The campus is changing admission requirements to help underserved students.

BY TERESA WATANABE

Kimberly Miranda is the brainy daughter of Guatemalan immigrants and the first in her family to attend college. But she almost didn't make it to the California Institute of Technology.

Her school in Redwood City, Calif., didn't offer algebra in eighth grade, which threw her off the progression of high school math classes leading to calculus — a longstanding Caltech admission requirement. Miranda man-

aged to double up on math courses in sophomore year to reach calculus as a senior, but not all students have the wherewithal — or support — to take that path.

And scores of students don't even have that chance, because more than one-third of the nation's high schools don't offer calculus, and many also lack physics and chemistry classes, two other Caltech admission requirements. For years, the institute, a global powerhouse of science, technology, engineering and math education, fielded hundreds of calls each year from distraught students and parents about the issue. But Caltech held firm, making no exceptions, even for "absolutely astounding" appli-

cants, as one faculty member put it.

Now Caltech, in the name of equity, is shifting gears. In a groundbreaking step, the campus announced Thursday that it will drop admission requirements for calculus, physics and chemistry courses for students who don't have access to them and offer alternative paths to prove mastery of the material.

"Brilliant students exist in every single part of this world and in every single community, and this idea that families have to choose the future of their kids and where they're going to go for college based on their ZIP Code seemed so unfair," said Ashley Fallie, Caltech's executive vice president. [See Caltech, A6]

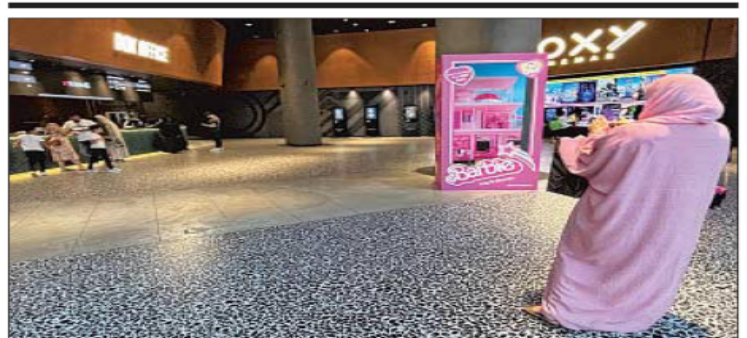
### Fewer stars out at film festivals

Telluride, Toronto and Venice will have some actors present, but rules during the strike can be tricky. **CALENDAR, E1**

### More gas storage at Aliso Canyon

PUC votes to allow utility to boost reserves at site of 2015-16 leak, angering residents and activists. **BUSINESS, A8**

**Weather**  
Not as warm.  
L.A. Basin: 82/67. **B6**



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## 'BARBIE' opened in the Mideast last month. Above, a Dubai theater on Aug. 14.

### Arab censors not 'Barbie' fans

Film is banned in some nations over messaging objections

BY NABIH BULOS

**BEIRUT** — The plan for the "Barbie" movie's debut across the Arab world was to go big. Anticipating a deluge of moviegoers, promoters prepped pink popcorn boxes, pink slushy drinks, a human-sized Barbie-toy box and even pink abayas for fe-

male fans in Saudi Arabia.

"Then came the delays. We were told we had to postpone opening, but no one knew why," said Anis Tabet, a Beirut-based film critic and promoter.

The movie, which opened globally in July and has raked in \$1.84 billion at the box office, was the latest targeted by the region's cen-

sors. There was no official reason given for delays, but many speculated they were so cuts could be negotiated.

"Barbie" opened in August in Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Egypt, Jordan and Bahrain. (Any alterations were not immediately apparent, and Warner Bros. had no [See 'Barbie,' A9]



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## Arrests of families at border set record

At least 91,000 in groups with children crossed from Mexico in August

BY NICK MIROFF AND MARIA SACCHETTI

Record numbers of migrant families streamed across the U.S.-Mexico border in August, according to preliminary data obtained by The Washington Post, an influx that has upended Biden administration efforts to discourage parents from entering illegally with children and could once again place immigration in the spotlight during a presidential race.

The U.S. Border Patrol arrested at least 91,000 migrants who crossed as part of a family group in August, exceeding the prior one-month record of 84,486 set in May 2019, during the Trump administration. Families were the single largest demographic group crossing the border in August, surpassing single adults for the first time since Biden took office.

Overall, the data show, border apprehensions have risen more than 30 percent for two consecutive months, after falling sharply in May and June as the Biden administration rolled out new restrictions and entry opportunities. The Border Patrol made more than 177,000 arrests along the Mexico border in August, up from 132,652 in July and 99,539 in June.

Erin Heeter, a spokesperson for the Department of Homeland Security, said the Biden administration is trying to slow illegal entries by expanding lawful options and also stiffening penalties. The government ramped up deportation flights carrying families in August, she said, and since May has repatriated more than 12,000 parents and children who recently crossed the border in a family group.

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## Biden pleads for a stopgap as shutdown threat looms

BY TONY ROMM

The White House on Thursday urged Congress to adopt a short-term measure to fund the federal government, a move that would buy time for lawmakers to craft a broader spending deal and avert a shutdown at the end of September.

The Biden administration coupled its call to action with a new request that Congress address funding for a series of cash-starved programs — including, for example, an additional \$1.4 billion to prevent a potential disruption in nutritional aid for low-income families.

For the second time this year, the United States finds itself barreling toward a crisis: Unless Congress acts, the government will run out of money on Sept. 30, triggering a shutdown that jeopardizes countless federal programs on which millions of Americans rely.

Democrats and Republicans for months have tried to advance a series of appropriations bills that would fund the government through the 2024 fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1. But the two sides are still far from an agreement.

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## In Mexico, a tick-driven epidemic

Rocky Mountain spotted fever has killed hundreds in recent years. Dogs are key to ending it.

BY LENA H. SUN  
IN EJIDO PADRE KINO, MEXICO



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TOP: Olivia Flores Legardia's 7-year-old son was one of several children who died of Rocky Mountain spotted fever in their part of Ejido Padre Kino, in Baja California. ABOVE: Dogs like this one often carry ticks that spread the disease.

The boy came home from school weakened by fever, his ears burning hot. Over the next few days, the 7-year-old got sicker — vomiting and complaining of abdominal pain, his mother recalled. Then, the telltale red spots appeared on his hands. But none of the doctors in this rural community along Mexico's Pacific coast recognized the warning sign for one of the most lethal infectious diseases in the Americas — Rocky Mountain spotted fever. A week later, the boy was dead.

The following year, in 2020, the disease killed a 5-year-old boy in a nearby house. Then last October, a few blocks away, another 7-year-old succumbed to the same scourge.

The disease, spread through the bite of an infected tick that lives primarily on dogs, is rare, but its incidence is rising. It has re-emerged at epidemic levels in northern Mexico, where more than 2,000 cases, resulting in hundreds of deaths, have been reported in the past few years.

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## A self-reliant island struggles to withstand the unruly sea

Cedar Key has learned how to work with nature, instead of against it. But can its strategy hold?

BY LORI ROZSA

CEDAR KEY, FLA. — Less than 24 hours after ferocious winds passed over this tiny town as Hurricane Idalia headed for landfall some 60 miles north, the power was back for most of the island on Thursday. The water came on before noon.

Volunteers moved boxes of records out of the flooded City Hall, scraped mud off the sidewalks, and helped business owners mop out their shops and bring plates, pots and pans outside to dry in the sun.

"It's just friends and neighbors," said Jolie Davis, who gave cleaning supplies and coffee to the people working with her boyfriend to get his coffee shop, the Daily Grind, open again for customers. "That's what this town is all about, neighbors helping neighbors and just being resilient."

But even with cleanup and

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Grounded: No "hurricane hunter" planes available as storm hit. A8



THOMAS SIMONETTI FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Cleanup efforts at an auto parts store in Cedar Key, Fla., which saw a record 10.5-foot storm surge as Hurricane Idalia swept through. At least a third of all buildings are believed to have sustained damage.

## Thomas details private jet travel

3 TRIPS LAST YEAR IN BILLIONAIRE'S PLANE

Alito discloses university income, gift visit to Rome

BY ANN E. MARIMOW AND EMMA BROWN

Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas reported three 2022 trips on the private jet of a Texas billionaire in a financial disclosure form released Thursday, and for the first time detailed the businessman's purchase of three properties from the justice's family years earlier.

In his required annual report, Thomas said one of the trips on the private plane of his friend and benefactor, Harlan Crow, was recommended by his security detail. The justices faced heightened security risks, Thomas noted, after the May 2022 leak of the court's majority opinion to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, eliminating the nationwide right to abortion.

Thomas, a justice since 1991, acknowledged and corrected mistakes and omissions in past reports that involved bank accounts, a life insurance policy and the name of his wife's real estate company. He also defended his decision to omit private jet travel from his reports in recent years, even though he previously disclosed at least one similar personal trip with Crow in a report from

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Clarence Thomas

Samuel A. Alito Jr.

## McConnell tries to allay concerns tied to freeze-ups

BY PAUL KANE, AMY B. WANG AND CAROLYN Y. JOHNSON

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) tried to tamp down concerns about his health on Thursday, a day after freezing while speaking in public for the second time in five weeks and again sparking questions about his physical condition and age.

Publicly, Republican senators remained supportive of McConnell and not one has questioned whether the 81-year-old Senate stalwart should set a timeline for resigning his leadership post. But the public nature of Wednesday's incident proved jarring again for senators, raising concerns about how their GOP leader was faring and prompting calls among some Republicans outside the Senate for McConnell to step down.

If Republicans grow dissatisfied with McConnell's continued practice of keeping matters of his health private, they could request a special meeting of the Senate GOP conference to discuss it, needing just a handful of signatures to prompt such a conversation. So far no Republican has

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A horrendous crime has become a uniquely disturbing phenomenon: Murder by a loved one.

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CLEMSON FOOTBALL COACH DABO SWINNEY BY KEN RUINARD/USA TODAY SPORTS

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A live-action adaptation of the popular Japanese manga, pirate show offers wild ride. In Life

## 2022 hate crimes up 10% over prior year

Study shows new record for the 10 largest cities

Will Carless  
USA TODAY

The man who opened fire in a Dollar General store in Jacksonville, Florida, on Saturday targeted Black people because of their race, local police said. Using a rifle with a swastika drawn on it, he killed three people, deliberately targeting Black patrons, according to local authorities.

"He hated Blacks, and I think he hated just about everyone that wasn't White," Jacksonville Sheriff T.K. Waters told CNN. "He made that very clear."

The events that unfolded in Jacksonville were tragic, but hardly unique. In recent years, other racist shootings left people dead in Allen and El Paso, Texas; and in Buffalo, New York. Hate crimes also expand far beyond those headlines.



Jacqui Burns holds a sign Monday at a rally in James Weldon Johnson Park in downtown Jacksonville, Fla.

COREY PERRINE/USA TODAY NETWORK

A leading group of experts, in a new study provided exclusively to USA TODAY, has found the number of hate crimes reported to police in 42 major U.S. cities rose 10% last year from the year before.

And in just the country's largest 10 cities, the number of reported hate crimes rose even more — 22% from 2021 to 2022, making last year the second consecutive year they hit a record high.

What constitutes a hate crime varies by locale; it includes murder, but also offenses such as assault and stalking. In general, a hate crime is determined by the way a perpetrator targets a specific kind of victim.

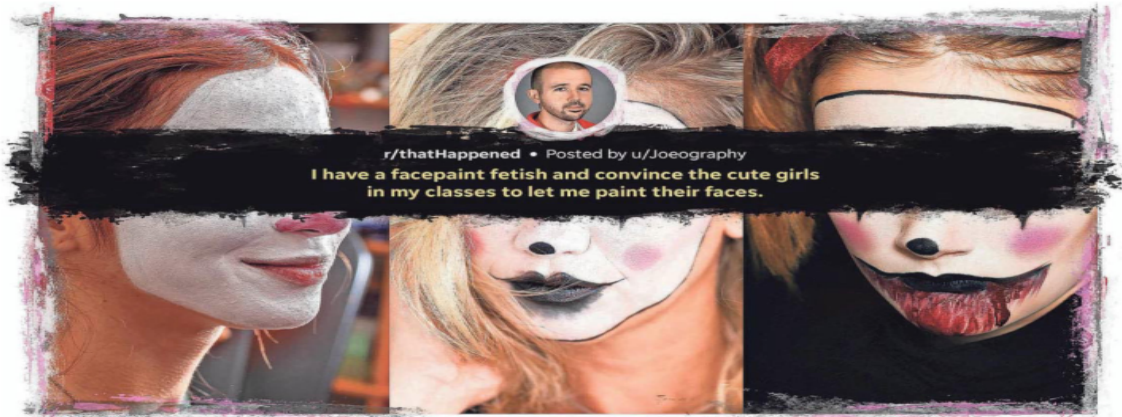
Last year, as has been the case every year since the count began, most hate-crime victims were Black, according to the Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism at California State University-San Bernardino, which collects and analyzes official state and municipal hate crime data sets.

Brian Levin, professor emeritus at the center, who has been helping

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## How a 'clown fetish' went unchecked

Professor didn't hide his actions, yet he held his jobs



Former Nicholls State University professor Joseph Tokosh posted publicly about his clown fetish.

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Chris Quintana and Colin Campo USA TODAY

The geography professor didn't hide his clown fetish or the fact that he sometimes indulged his urges by recruiting students as subjects. He posted regularly about it on social media. • "I have a facepaint fetish and convince the cute girls in my classes to let me paint their faces," he once wrote. • Yet Joseph Tokosh held jobs at two colleges and was on the tenure track at a third before student journalists at Nicholls State University in Louisiana exposed his behavior. He submitted his resignation the same day their story was published.

Over the years, two students reported him to campus police; others complained online. He left Kent State University after pleading no contest to something different: a theft charge that involved entering his peers' offices without permission and taking a USB drive. Tokosh has not been charged with any other crime.

Tokosh's career trajectory exposes inadequacies in the background check system that colleges and universities are supposed to have in place to protect students — especially when evidence of the concerning behavior

resides largely on the internet. Nicholls State, for example, told USA TODAY Network reporters it does not routinely check social media for new hires.

A federal law intended to ensure the academic privacy of students also makes it difficult to determine how Tokosh was able to move so freely from campus to campus. Both Kent State and Northern Illinois University — where he taught while finishing his doctorate — noted

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## Talk of UFOs zooms into the mainstream

Reports exposed secret monitoring program

Eric Lagatta  
USA TODAY

Across a storied 45-year career as a New York Times staff reporter, Ralph Blumenthal had extensively covered weighty topics like the Italian Mafia and Nazi war criminals. But never suspected alien spaceships.

That changed in 2017 when Blumenthal, by that time a retired contributor for the Times, connected with investigative journalist Leslie Kean, who had come across an extraordinary tip.

Kean, who has long reported on UFOs, was able to attend a confidential meeting that October where she learned of a top-secret Pentagon program that

"We happened to capture the moment of interest and did change the dialogue."

Ralph Blumenthal  
Former New York Times reporter

had for years operated in the shadows. Its mission? To investigate reported sighting of mysterious objects in the skies.

The discovery was monumental, not least because it directly undermined the government's public position of more than 50 years that unidentified flying objects were not worth studying.

Naturally, Blumenthal was intrigued. "The government always took the position that there's nothing to this, that

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"The government always took the position that there's nothing to this, that these are all hoaxes or hallucinations, but nothing real," Ralph Blumenthal says of reports about UFOs. "This was a pretty good story, I thought — a great story."

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**Las claves físicas y mentales del renovado Chiquito Romero**

A los 36 años, el arquero de Boca, crucial en la marcha del equipo en la Libertadores, disfruta de su relanzamiento.



**Costantini, premiado como el mayor coleccionista de arte**

—cultura

El fundador del Malba fue distinguido en arte por su trayectoria plena de hitos y récords; la muestra es un éxito comercial. **Página 24**

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## Otro crimen atroz reabre en plena campaña el debate por la inseguridad

**PALERMO.** Asesinaron a un ingeniero de 42 años para robarle el celular; fuerte conmoción



"Ayúdeme, no me quiero morir": la víctima, ya herida, pide auxilio en una heladería



Mariano Barbieri **CAPTURE**

Mariano Barbieri tenía 42 años, era ingeniero y había sido padre hace apenas cuatro meses. El miércoles a la noche caminaba por el corazón de Palermo, en la zona de Libertador y Lafinur, cuando fue asaltado para arrebatárle el celular. Un delincuente lo atacó con un cuchillo y se lo clavó en el pecho antes de des-

pojarlo del teléfono móvil y salir corriendo. Mariano alcanzó a entrar en una heladería a pedir auxilio, pero murió a los pocos minutos como consecuencia de la herida recibida.

El caso se suma a otros crímenes atroces cometidos por asaltantes en las últimas semanas. Y reabre el

debate por la inseguridad en plena campaña electoral. Candidatos de distintas fuerzas salieron ayer a reclamar medidas más enérgicas para enfrentar este flagelo.

Anoche aún no había sido identificado ni detenido el homicida. Se encontró, sí, un cuchillo que habría usado como arma mortal. **Página 26**

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**Larreta le exigió a Burzaco que vuelva de EE.UU.**

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## Proyectan un pico del 13% en la inflación de agosto

**IMPACTO.** Se aceleró tras la devaluación; mayores subas en los alimentos

Tras la devaluación impulsada por el Gobierno luego de las PASO, la inflación de agosto se disparó hasta 13%, según relevamientos de consultoras privadas. Así, se estima que la suba de precios de este año llegará a 150%.

Pese a los congelamientos anunciados por el Gobierno, se esperan para este mes nuevos aumentos, sobre todo en alimentos, ya que la suba del dólar solo impactó en las dos últimas semanas de agosto. Subirían también tarifas de luz, telefonía, subte y el sueldo del personal doméstico, entre otros. **Página 18**

## Melconian se sumó a Bullrich y rechazó las ideas de Milei

**CAMPAÑA.** Defendió un plan económico "realista" y "posible"

Carlos Melconian se sumó ayer a la campaña de la candidata presidencial de Juntos por el Cambio, Patricia Bullrich, como su eventual ministro de Economía y defendió un plan "realista". Sin mencionar a Javier Milei, el mensaje del economista confrontó con las ideas del candidato de La Libertad Avanza, como la eliminación del Banco Central. **Página 8**

## Dolor por la muerte de Silvina Luna tras el drama por una cirugía estética

**CASO LOTOCKI.** Sufrió una insuficiencia renal como consecuencia de una mala praxis

Luego de 79 días de internación en el Hospital Italiano, Silvina Luna murió ayer, a los 43 años. La modelo y actriz llevaba una década luchando contra una insuficiencia renal que desarrolló tras un procedimiento estético que le realizó el doctor Anibal Lotocki en 2010.

Luna saltó a la fama en la segunda edición del reality *Gran Hermano*. Fue modelo, actriz, vedette, DJ, panelista y coach ontológica. Junto a otras víctimas—Stefanía Xipolitakis, Pamela Sosa y Gabriela Trenchi—, se convirtió en querellante en el juicio contra el cirujano Lotocki, que fue

condenado por lesiones graves en febrero de 2022.

Luna sufrió un calvario después de haberse sometido a una cirugía que le habría provocado una intoxicación con metacrilato. Su muerte abriría una nueva etapa en la investigación contra Lotocki. **Especiales**



Luna tenía 43 años **ARCHIVO**

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## La Argentina entró en modo supervivencia

**Florencia Donovan**

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Faustão em vídeo gravado no hospital Albert Einstein

## Bolsonaro, na PF, silencia sobre joias; Cid e pai falam

Intimidados a depor sobre itens recebidos de autoridades árabes, o ex-presidente Jair Bolsonaro (PL) e sua mulher, Michelle, ficaram em silêncio. A estratégia foi questionar a competência do STF para atuar no caso. Mauro Cid e seu pai, o general Lourenço Cid, decidiram falar, assim como o advogado Frederick Wassef e o tenente Osmar Crivelatti. **Política A8**

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Faustão agradece ao SUS e à família do doador de coração por 'generosidade'

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Aos 40, Bial do Livro do Rio segue como maior vitrine literária do país

## Carol Conway Fim de parcelado sem juros puniria o consumidor

A competição das maquininhas derrubou em 8% os juros ao lojista. Portabilidade de dívida, open banking e birôs de crédito positivo podem favorecer um ambiente de competição essencial para a queda sustentável de juros sem secar o crédito. **Opinião A3**

# Boulos tem 32%, e Nunes, 24% para a Prefeitura de SP

Deputado do PSOL é rejeitado por 29%, e prefeito, por 26%, mostra Datafolha

O deputado Guilherme Boulos (PSOL) aparece à frente na primeira pesquisa de intenção de voto do Datafolha para a Prefeitura de São Paulo em 2024, com 32% das preferências. O prefeito Ricardo Nunes (MDB) tem 24%; a deputada Tabata Amaral (PSB) tem 11%, e Kim Kataguiri (União Brasil), 8%.

A margem de erro do levantamento é de três pontos percentuais para mais ou para menos. O instituto ouviu 1.092 eleitores na capital paulista nos dias 29 e 30.

O ex-deputado Vinicius Poit (Novo) aparece em quinto, citado por 2%, e 18% afirmaram que pretendem votar em branco ou anular.

O índice é considerado normal dado o intervalo até a eleição, em outubro do ano que vem. Os que disseram não saber responder são 5%.

O Datafolha perguntou aos eleitores em quem eles não votariam de jeito nenhum. O nome mais citado foi o de Kataguiri, por 35%. Boulos vem em seguida, com 29%.

Poit e Nunes são rejeitados por 26%, e Tabata, por 23%. Um total de 9% não soube responder, enquanto 8% rejeitaram todos os nomes apresentados, e 2%, nenhum.

Os dois primeiros colocados se mostram familiares ao eleitor: o psolista é reconhecido por 80%, e o emedebista, por 79%. **Política A4**

## Governo entrega Orçamento de 2024 em meio a piora de perspectiva fiscal

O governo de Lula (PT) entregou ontem sua proposta do Orçamento de 2024, com o compromisso de zerar o déficit fiscal no próximo ano, o que implicaria arrecadar mais R\$ 168 bilhões em um cenário de deterioração da perspectiva fiscal e crescente ceticismo.

Esta é a primeira peça orçamentária sob o novo arcabouço fiscal. Pelas regras, que substituem o mais rígido teto de gastos, a gestão federal pode ampliar suas despesas em até 2,5% além da inflação em 2024. O Orçamento fixa essa expansão em 1,7% no próximo ano.

Uma série de incógnitas sobre a capacidade de o governo arrecadar, porém, tem minado a viabilidade da proposta defendida pelo ministro Fernando Haddad (Fazenda). Na quinta (30), o governo registrou seu segundo pior déficit primário mensal da história. **Mercado A17**

## Pessimismo com meta faz Bolsa cair 1,52%; dólar sobe

As dúvidas sobre o cumprimento da meta de déficit zero em 2024 derrubaram o índice de referência Ibovespa e fizeram o dólar subir 1,65%, a R\$ 4,95. Pesar o déficit primário de R\$ 35,9 bi do governo central em julho e a extensão da desoneração da folha a municípios. **Mercado A19**



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## INCÊNDIO EM PRÉDIO OCUPADO EM JOANESBURGO MATA AO MENOS 74, INCLUINDO 12 CRIANÇAS

Mortos pelo fogo que começou na madrugada são enfileirados em rua no centro da cidade sul-africana, onde ocupação ilegal de edifícios é comum **Mundo A14**

## Supremo forma 4 a 2 contra marco temporal

Os ministros Cristiano Zanin e Luís Roberto Barroso votaram ontem contra a validade do marco temporal das terras indígenas. Com isso, o placar está em 4 a 2 contra a tese defendida por ruralistas, pela qual a demarcação deve respeitar a área ocupada pelos povos até a promulgação da Constituição, em 1988. O marco pode ameaçar a posse de 36% desses territórios. **Cotidiano B1**

## Desmatamento acelerou após Código Florestal, apontam dados

**Ambiente B7**

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Alex Atala assina o cardápio do The Town, que festeja bairros paulistanos

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41% dos profissionais negros em atividade no país dizem já ter sofrido racismo

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### A família de Air Fryer Mondial continua crescendo.

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## PAINEL S.A. 123milhas inflou balanços recentes, indicam papéis

A 123Milhas e sua empresa-irmã, HotMilhas, inflaram os balanços dos últimos dois anos ao considerarem possíveis vendas futuras como 53% do total de ativos das companhias (R\$ 1,87 bilhão), sem garantia de que ocorreriam. A Justiça aceitou pedido de recuperação. **Mercado A18**

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Acerca de bom desempenho do emprego no país.



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# PGN 2024 plantea aumentar los gastos 6,8% más que este año

El anteproyecto presentado al Congreso prevé el uso de G. 112,5 billones (USD 15.414 millones). Las prioridades son salud, educación y seguridad. El déficit fiscal estiman en 2,6%.

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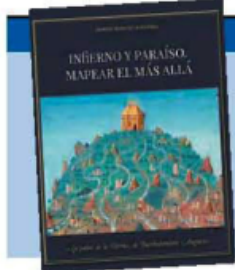
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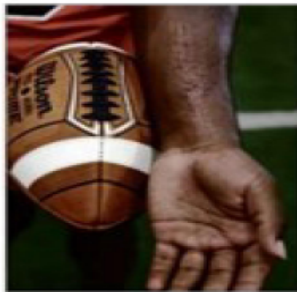
Lancaster senior wide receiver TErick Martin is flanked by his mother, La'Tashia Gaston, and head football coach, Leon Paul, outside of the team's indoor practice facility. Martin, who was shot four times in May, is back on the playing field.

# The will to win

### 'He couldn't even walk,' coach says of player shot 4 times

By GREG RIDDLE  
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It was 4:27 a.m. when Lancaster football coach Leon Paul was awakened by a chilling phone call. "They shot my baby," the voice on the other end of the line said. The caller was La'Tashia Gaston, the mother of Lancaster star wide receiver TErick Martin. Her son had been shot four times May 14 — the early morning of Mother's Day — at a party in Dallas, Gaston said. "As soon as I heard that, my heart just broke, because I thought he was dead," Paul said. This wasn't just a player or student that Paul was thinking about. This hit close to home. Martin had been raised by a single mother for much of his life.



Martin has a scar on the underside of his left forearm that he says serves as a reminder of the trauma he has gone through.

Paul had developed a tight relationship with his 1,000-yard receiver and had become a father figure. Martin thought his life might be about to end that night. He said he was getting ready to leave the party and never saw the shooter coming. "He came out of nowhere," Martin said. Panic ensued as everyone started running. Martin did, too, and he didn't realize he had been shot until he reached the car. It looked dire when he finally noticed the blood. "I bled a lot," Martin said. "I was in shock for a long time. I was just praying to God to help me out of this situation."

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# Google's search ends in Red Oak

Company picks city as site of data center, \$600M investment

By IRVING MEJIA-HILARIO  
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Google plans to invest over \$600 million in a new data center in Red Oak to power the increasing digital demands of consumers and businesses using its cloud, workspace and maps services and apps. The company said Thursday that it will invest an initial \$330 million in Texas this year, with plans

for the data center's final cost rising to at least \$600 million over multiple years. When it's finished, it will have 30 full-time employees, but it will create nearly 1,200 new construction jobs as it is built. Lee McCleary, director of economic development for Red Oak, said in an email to *The Dallas Morning News* that the data center at 156 N. Austin Blvd. will be about 285,000 square feet — roughly equivalent to five football fields — and will take about two years to complete.

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## TEXAS TRANSGENDER CHILDREN

# Court to let ban take effect

Order curtails gender-affirming care for minors

By JIM VERTUNO  
The Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Texas Supreme Court allowed a new state law banning gender-affirming care for minors to take effect on Friday, setting up Texas to be the most populous state with such restrictions on transgender children. Legal advocates who sued on behalf of the families and doctors, including the American Civil Liber-

TEXAS LAW drag performers feared would shutter shows or jail them is temporarily blocked. 3A

ties Union, called the law and the high court's decision Thursday "cruel." "Transgender youth and their families are forced to confront the start of the school year fearful of what awaits them. But let us be clear: The fight is far from over," the advocacy groups

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## TRANSPORTATION

# 2 laws aim to prevent repeat of 2021 pileup

One allows cutting speed limits; the other requires consistent winter training

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More than two years later, Bobbie Gilbert struggles to grasp her brother's death. Her brother, Michael Wells, was on his way to work in Fort Worth during a deadly 2021 winter storm when cars began to skid on a two-lane tollway. Vehicles smashed together on

the narrow, ice-covered road, damming the interstate as traffic continued. He was stuck and stranded, his family says, when an 18-wheel truck came barreling behind him, hitting his pickup then running on top of it. Wells, 47, was among six people who died Feb. 11, 2021, on the toll lanes of Interstate 25W, in one of the most destructive crashes in state history: 130 vehicles involved, and dozens of people injured.

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2019 File Photo/The Associated Press

"He was a pioneer in the scouting industry," NFL executive Bill Polian said about former Cowboys executive and fellow Hall of Famer Gil Brandt (above).

## GIL BRANDT | 1932-2023

# Exec who helped build early Cowboys success

He made league examine how it approached scouting, the NFL combine and draft

By CALVIN WATKINS  
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FRISCO — Gil Brandt, the innovative Cowboys executive who was part of two Super Bowl-winning teams, one of the founding fathers of the advances of scouting and the signing and drafting of players from HBCUs and other sports died early Thursday. He was 91.

SPORTSDAY: For Gil Brandt, a historic career with the Cowboys was all about the details. Tim Cowlishaw writes. 1C

Sara Brandt, who was married to Gil for 34 years, said he died just before 2 a.m. from an undisclosed illness. She said her husband was admitted into the Faith Presbyterian Hospice and T. Boone Pickens Hospice and Palliative Center several weeks ago. "He was an amazing man," she

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Household budget squeeze  
More Americans are falling behind on their car loan and credit card payments than at any time in more than a decade as hardships put a squeeze on household budgets. 3B

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Wallace Goode argues with Doris Lewis during a meeting at the Promontory on Wednesday in Hyde Park to discuss a plan to turn the Lake Shore Hotel into a shelter for recently arrived migrants. **TRENT SPRAGUE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

## Handling migrant crisis continues to stretch city

Tempers flare at meeting about reopening shelter in East Hyde Park hotel

By Caroline Kubzansky  
Chicago Tribune

Chicago's ongoing struggle to house and care for an influx of migrants sent north from the southern border remained in the spotlight this week, as residents of three South Side lakefront communities demanded information from the city staff and elected officials Wednesday night about a soon-to-be-reestablished migrant shelter off DuSable Lake Shore Drive.

The meeting at the Promontory music venue days ahead of the shelter's planned opening,

was the latest in a string of tense neighborhood forums in which residents have pushed back on hosting migrants in shuttered high schools and other city buildings.

Hours earlier, state and city officials had formally requested more assistance from the federal government in order to keep welcoming migrants.

"Since the first bus arrived (in Chicago) a year ago, it's become increasingly clear that welcoming new arrivals is not a short-term crisis, but it's a long-term dynamic," Mayor Brandon Johnson said Wednesday. Without

more resources, he said, "the city of Chicago cannot go on welcoming new arrivals safely and capably."

The Lake Shore Hotel, in the 4900 block of South DuSable Lake Shore Drive, hosted migrants between January and April, according to the city staff. This week its reopening became the latest flashpoint in the migrant crisis, as one of many emergency facilities set up to relieve pressure on police stations and other ad hoc solutions to the mushrooming

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— Mayor Brandon Johnson

## Trump pleads not guilty in Ga. case

Ex-president waives arraignment as he seeks separate trial

By Kate Brumbach  
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Former President Donald Trump pleaded not guilty on Thursday and sought to sever his case from some other defendants who are accused along with him of illegally trying to overturn the results of the 2020 election in Georgia.

Fulton County Superior Court Judge Scott McAfee had set arraignment hearings on Sept. 6 for Trump and the 18 others charged in the case. Trump's court filing entering a not guilty plea also waived arraignment, meaning he won't have to show up for that.

The decision to skip an in-person appearance averts the dramatic arraignments that have accompanied the three other criminal cases Trump faces, in which the Republican former president has been forced amid tight security into a courtroom and entered "not guilty" pleas before crowds of spectators. Georgia courts have fairly permissive rules on news cameras in the courtroom, and this means Trump won't have to enter a plea on television.

Trump and 18 others were charged earlier this month in a 41-count indictment that outlines an alleged scheme to subvert the will of Georgia voters who had chosen Democrat Joe Biden over the Republican incumbent in the presidential election.

An attorney for Trump also asked McAfee on Thursday to separate his case from those of defendants who have asked for an expedited trial. The judge has already set an Oct. 23 trial date for one of those defendants. Giving the former president less than two months to prepare a defense against a 98-page indictment would "violate President Trump's federal and state constitutional rights to a fair trial and due pro-

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## Steppenwolf Theatre lays off 12% of its staff

The storied venue cites dwindling subscription base for the decision

By Chris Jones  
Chicago Tribune

Steppenwolf Theatre Company, one of Chicago's most storied arts institutions and long a crucial part of the city's identity, said Thursday that it was laying off 12% of its staff, effectively immediately.

Thirteen current employees have been let go, with seven open positions eliminated.

Brooke Flanagan, Steppenwolf's executive director, said in an interview that the theater's subscription base had fallen from about 10,000 subscribers in pre-pandemic 2019 to about 6,000 today. She also said that single-ticket sales were down 31%, even as expenses were up 19% over the same term. (Steppenwolf is now negotiating with its front-of-house staff, which has formed a union and is not part of the layoffs.)

Those are sobering numbers at one of the city's marquee cultural attractions.

Steppenwolf already has reduced its main stage shows

from eight productions to six in a season, as previously reported in the Tribune. Flanagan said those shorter seasons likely would continue for at least three years, or until the theater, which still has debt from the physical expansion of its Lincoln Park home, can find a more stable financial footing. The plan reduces the theater's overall annual budget from about \$20 million to about \$16 million.

Flanagan also said that the theater had chosen to focus on three core platforms: new work centering on its famous ensemble of artists, a commitment to teens and educators through its educational programs and its ability to host other theaters, maintaining the broader theater ecology.

But there are to be cuts outside those areas. For example, the popular Front Bar on Halsted Street now will only open around performances, rather than most nights.

Although shocking for a theater that has expanded for so long, Steppenwolf's cuts are not out of line with nonprofit theaters across the country, which have seen a staggering drop-off in audience

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ZACK WITTMAN/THE NEW YORK TIMES

## Cleanup begins after hurricane's wrath

Florida and Georgia residents living along Idalia's path of destruction combed through debris from devastated homes and businesses on Thursday. Above, residents help clean out the 1842 Coffee Shop after it was flooded by the storm in Cedar Key, Florida. **Nation & World**

## Crash kills students

Two South Elgin High School students died Thursday morning after a car they were in collided with a truck. **Chicagoland, Page 3**

## New life for Momma Rose

"Gypsy" at the Marriott Theatre in Lincolnshire is fast-paced and heartfelt, with a cast making the most of the special musical. **Chris Jones in A+E**



**De coração:** 'Estou emocionado, vivi de novo. O Brasil tem de ser o 1º do mundo em doação de órgãos', diz Faustão



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## ORÇAMENTO 2024

# Lula amplia emendas e Saúde e corta gastos em Ambiente e Cultura

Proposta do governo para divisão das verbas federais confirma meta de déficit zero e salário mínimo em R\$ 1.421. Congresso pode alterar

O governo enviou ontem ao Congresso a sua proposta de Orçamento de 2024, a primeira no terceiro mandato do presidente Lula. A previsão de distribuição das verbas federais inclui um aumento de R\$ 1,3 bilhão nas emendas parlamentares em relação a este ano, mesmo após o veto do STF às chamadas emendas de relator. A proposta estipula o

novo salário mínimo em R\$ 1.421, um aumento de R\$ 101 em relação ao valor atual. E, como já anunciado, prevê déficit zero, ou seja, que o total de despesas e receitas seja o mesmo. Como o governo tem editado e enviado ao Congresso várias medidas para ampliar a arrecadação, a proposta para 2024 estipula um aumento orçamentário para a mai-

oria dos ministérios, com destaque para Transportes (133%), Saúde (22%) e Educação (10%). Por outro lado, áreas consideradas caras à plataforma política de Lula e do PT tiveram perda, como Meio Ambiente (-16%), Cultura (-10%) e Esportes (-52%), todas na comparação com a dotação em execução neste ano.

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Mulheres são influenciadoras mais fortes em tre evangélicos  
**RUTH DE AQUINO**  
Com dem ar tempo pessoa não obriga a aceitar ar alta arte

## À PF, Bolsonaro e Michelle calam, e Mauro Cid fala

Como ocasião a prestar depoimentos simulados sobre as joias recebidas em missões oficiais, o ex-presidente Bolsonaro e a ex-primeira-dama Michelle ficaram em silêncio. Já o ex-ajudante de ordens Mauro Cid falou por dez horas e deu informações importantes à investigação.

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**BOLSONARO JOIAS! MAUROCID WASSEF**

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## À CPI, GDias culpa polícia no 8 de Janeiro, mas admite que deveria ter sido 'mais duro'

Em depoimento de oito horas, o general Gonçalves Dias, ex-ministro do Gabinete de Segurança Institucional, disse que recebeu no 8 de Janeiro "informações desorganizadas", o que teria dificultado a resposta.

## Com o voto de Zanin, STF chega a 4 a 2 para derrubar marco temporal

A Corte está a dotar o voto de ter maioria contra o marco temporal das terras indígenas após os posicionamentos dos ministros Zanine Barroso. Julgamento continua no quarto-feira.

## China 'expande' suas fronteiras e irrita vizinhos

Novo mapa oficial do país, incorporando regiões não indicadas por Pequim, como áreas da Camêria, Malásia e Filipinas, que alega "falta de base no Direito internacional". Para a China, trata-se de "exercício rotineiro de soberania".



## PÁGINAS E PORTAS ABERTAS Bienal do Livro renovada

O evento, que a cada edição recebe mais joias, começa hoje no Riocentro e tem até festa programada para essa festa do público, responsável por parte importante do faturamento das editoras. Um guia traz o mapa e a agenda completa.

## Ocupação volta a crescer, e desemprego é o menor em 9 anos

Reflexo da alta de vagas na gestão pública e informal, desemprego ficou em 7,9% no trimestre até julho, a melhor taxa para o período em nove anos. País atraiu em R\$ 5,5 milhões procurando trabalho.

## Justiça aceita pedido de recuperação da 123milhas

Execução da dívida do site de pacotes turísticos, que chega a R\$ 2,3 bilhões, fica suspensa por seis meses. Crise no setor causou uma corrida às agências tradicionais e lojas físicas.

## 'Os brasileiros amam uma alegre extravagância'

CEO da grife de cristais austríaca Swarovski compra Sítio Paulo a Múlio e Cingapura como grandes mercados de joias finas e se põe como mentor a marca de luxo em tempos da cultura ESC.

## Eduardo Paes libera bicicletas elétricas nas cicloviás do Rio

Avul do prefeito agora será avaliado pela Câmara Municipal. Scooters seguem proibidas de transitar pelo local.

## Flu vence e fará semifinal com Inter

Com escalação ofensiva, o tricolor carioca conseguiu se ter por em Assunção e bater de novo o Olimpia, por 3 a 1. Resultado garantiu vaga na semifinal do torneio continental depois de 15 anos.



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# L'inflation résiste, l'exécutif cherche encore la parade

L'indice des prix a rebondi en août. Bruno Le Maire a obtenu un accord entre producteurs et distributeurs pour plafonner 5 000 produits. Mais la bataille sera encore longue.

Le gouvernement espérait une accalmie sur le front de l'inflation, fléau qui sévit en France comme dans le reste du monde depuis deux ans. Mais, selon l'Insee, en août, les prix à la consommation sont en hausse de 4,8% sur

un an, contre 4,3% en juillet. La progression des prix de l'énergie explique en grande partie le rebond estival avec le retrait progressif du bouclier financé par l'État. Certes, l'inflation des prix alimentaires a reculé, mais

elle affiche encore un écart de plus de 11% par rapport à leur niveau douze mois plus tôt. Les Français le constatent chaque jour en faisant leurs courses. Bruno Le Maire a réuni ce jeudi les producteurs de

l'agroalimentaire et la grande distribution. Il a obtenu d'eux un accord prévoyant de bloquer la hausse de prix de 5 000 produits. Et engagé la révision du calendrier des négociations, qui devra être scellé par la loi.

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## Contre la Russie, l'Ukraine renoue avec les symboles de son passé

La guerre en Ukraine a aussi une dimension mémorielle. Symbole de ses efforts de dérusification, Kiev a remplacé cet été la faucille et le marteau par son blason national orné du trident sur le monument de la Mère Ukraine. PAGES 6 ET 7

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## La trousse et les pâtes

Elle est devenue la préoccupation principale des Français. Devant le chômage, presque passé aux oubliettes. En cette rentrée scolaire, elle est au centre de toutes les conversations. L'inflation n'en finit pas de rogner le pouvoir d'achat des Français et de grignoter leur épargne. Le gouvernement espérait la dompter en cette fin d'été. Voici que, nous apprend l'Insee, elle rebondit au mois d'août.

Cela fait à présent deux ans que l'inflation, fléau économique oublié depuis une génération, s'est installée dans le paysage, en partie provoquée par la flambée de l'énergie consécutive à l'invasion de l'Ukraine. Pour la contrer, l'État a brandi son bouclier anti-inflation. Non sans succès, puisque la hausse des prix, en France, a été contenue sous la moyenne de nos voisins européens. Mais ce fut au prix de quelque 40 milliards d'euros d'argent public. Un « quoi qu'il en coûte » qui n'est plus à l'ordre du jour dans un pays lésé d'une dette de 3 000 milliards d'euros.

Bruno Le Maire, le ministre de l'Économie, ne baisse pas pour autant les armes. « Ma responsabilité, dit-il, c'est le prix de la

trousse et du paquet de pâtes. » Ce jeudi, le locataire de Bercy a encore fait preuve d'un volontarisme louable en obtenant des industriels de l'agroalimentaire et des distributeurs l'engagement d'empêcher la hausse des prix de 5 000 produits. L'État peut certes jouer au gendarme, mais pas se substituer complètement à des négociations entre entreprises ni aux forces du marché.

Le premier gardien des prix, c'est, en principe, la banque centrale, qui peut piloter la quantité de monnaie et de crédit. La Banque centrale européenne administre depuis un an maintenant sa position amère anti-inflation : la hausse des taux d'intérêt. Un médicament dont on sait l'efficacité lente et les effets secondaires - récession et chômage - potentiellement sévères. Quand le génie de l'inflation est sorti de sa bouteille, nul ne possède de remède à effet immédiat pour l'y faire rentrer, et certainement pas de remède indolore. ■

## Les coulisses de la longue nuit de débat entre Macron et les chefs de parti

Douze heures. C'est le temps qu'Emmanuel Macron et les chefs des partis représentés au Parlement ont passé ensemble à Saint-Denis mercredi soir pour évoquer les sujets internationaux et les questions de politique française. Douze heures pendant lesquelles des explications ont été fournies et des points de vue échangés. Le récit d'une longue soirée racontée de l'intérieur avec ses moments sérieux et d'autres plus détendus. PAGE 2

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## School chaos as buildings are shut over collapse fears

Risk posed by aerated concrete means many pupils may be forced back into online classes

**Robert Booth**  
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Thousands of pupils in England may begin the autumn term taking lessons remotely or in temporary buildings after the government ordered more than 100 schools to immediately shut buildings made with aerated concrete, which is liable to sudden collapse.

The order from the Department for Education was sent to 156 schools, school nurseries and further education colleges yesterday, plunging the start of the new academic year into chaos for teachers and pupils.

The Health and Safety Executive has said the widely used material was now "life-expired" and could collapse with "little or no notice". But

school leaders responded with anger when the DfE said it would not fund emergency measures needed to keep teaching going, placing extra pressure on stretched school budgets.

The National Education Union, representing teachers, described the situation as "absolutely disgraceful" and warned of "massive disruption" to children's education.

The latest development represents a sharp escalation of a building safety crisis that has been brewing for years. Aerated concrete was widely used in schools from the 1950s to the 1990s. It has an estimated 30-year lifespan.

The DfE said school buildings made using reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC) should be "taken out of use and mitigations should be implemented immediately". Several recent collapses of RAAC roof panels that appeared to be in good condition "have made us less confident buildings containing RAAC should remain open without extra measures in place", the DfE said.

The sudden change of strategy comes 11 months after the Cabinet Office's

**New minister on parade**  
**Grant Shapps' appointment as defence secretary was criticised by some Tory MPs and former military figures.**  
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## Ex-Tory MP threatens to sue over slavery study

**Aamna Mohdin**

Antoinette Sandbach, a former Tory MP, has threatened the University of Cambridge with legal action after a historian named her as a descendant of merchants who had enslaved his ancestors.

Malik Al Nasir, a third-year PhD

history student at St Catharine's College, has spent 20 years exploring his family's history of slavery and the wealth built from those who enslaved them. He discovered his ancestors were enslaved in plantations in British Guiana (now Guyana) during the 18th and 19th centuries.

Al Nasir claims a large amount of the wealth from slavery was brought to Liverpool

## Doctors plan first joint strikes in NHS history

**Denis Campbell**  
Health policy editor

Junior doctors and consultants in England are to strike on the same days together for the first time in NHS history, in a dramatic escalation of their pay dispute with the government.

The British Medical Association blamed ministers' refusal to negotiate

over doctors' salaries for the union's decision to organise stoppages involving both groups of medics.

The joint action will reduce hospitals and other services in England to providing Christmas Day levels of care for four days in September and October. They will strike on 20 September and then on 2, 3 and 4 October, during the Conservative party conference in Manchester.

The combined strikes immediately provoked alarm among health service bosses. The NHS Confederation chief executive, Matthew Taylor, said the joint action was "the nightmare scenario that NHS leaders have long feared" and criticised it as a "step [that] will cause unnecessary delays and distress to patients".

He added: "It is inevitable that patient safety is at risk."

Hospital bosses said the coordinated strikes would pose "an unprecedented challenge" for the NHS. It has suffered serious disruption because of strikes by nurses, ambulance staff and other staff, and then doctors, that