

What's News

Business & Finance

- ◆ **Stock-market bulls** are on edge heading into September as investors are questioning whether stocks can continue defying expectations and hang on to this year's gains so far. **B1**
- ◆ **International stock** indexes diverged in low-volume trading on Monday as U.S. markets were closed for the Labor Day holiday. **B9**
- ◆ **Food-delivery services** say some restaurants are scaring off customers by charging significantly higher prices for food they deliver and are finding ways to push back. **B1**
- ◆ **China's government** said it would create a new body to support the private sector, a move to shore up waning confidence among entrepreneurs as a deep funk earlier this year of bribing FIFA soccer officials to secure the broadcasting rights to lucrative World Cup-related matches. **B3**
- ◆ **Albemarle is closing** in on one of the biggest yet lithium deals after making a new offer for Australia's Lithium Resources that values it at \$4.25 billion. **B4**

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- ◆ **Chinese nationals**, sometimes posing as tourists, have accessed military bases and other sensitive sites in the U.S. as many as 100 times in recent years, according to U.S. officials, who describe the incidents as a potential espionage threat. **A1**
- ◆ **Voters overwhelmingly** think Biden is too old to run for re-election and give him low marks for handling the economy and other issues important to their vote, according to a new Wall Street Journal poll that offers a stark warning to the 80-year-old incumbent ahead of the 2024 contest. **A4**
- ◆ **Putin said Russia** won't rejoin a deal enabling Ukrainian grain to be shipped globally until the West meets its demands to facilitate Russian agricultural exports. **A6**
- ◆ **North Korea's Kim** is expected to travel to Russia soon to meet with Putin, U.S. officials said, the latest sign that negotiations are accelerating over ammunition Moscow is seeking for its war in Ukraine. **A6**
- ◆ **China's Xi will skip** the G-20 meeting in New Delhi, instead sending his top deputy to the summit in what is likely to be seen as a snub of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi. **A18**
- ◆ **Iran significantly** slowed the pace at which it is accumulating near-weapons-grade enriched uranium in recent months, the IAEA reported. **A18**
- ◆ **Gabon's new military** leader was sworn in as head of state less than a week after ousting President Ali Bongo Ondimba. **A18**

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Thousands of Festival-Goers Leave Burning Man



OUT OF THE MUCK: A return of sunshine on Monday cleared the way for thousands of partygoers to leave the Burning Man festival, where they had been stranded over the weekend after heavy rains turned the Nevada desert into a slick of mud. **A3**

Ukraine Seeks to Make Gains After Breaching Russian Lines

By DANIEL MICHAELS AND ISABEL COLES

KYIV, Ukraine—Ukrainian troops are battling to break through Russian fortifications in their country's south, but even successfully piercing the line will only mark a start. For a shot at real gains, Kyiv's forces would need to turn a breakthrough into a breakout. Since June, Ukrainian soldiers have been struggling to cross the minefields, trenches and lines of obstacles that Russian troops spent months emplacing. In recent weeks,

Ukrainian units have made progress penetrating what Russia refers to as its forward security zone at the town of Robotyne and advancing toward the heavily fortified nearby settlement Verbove. The progress has brought hopeful comments from U.S. and European officials, some of whom previously had criticized Kyiv for not pushing aggressively enough. But even Ukraine's boosters remain sober about the task ahead for its troops. Russia not only built formidable defenses—its forces con-

tinued to reinforce them. Moscow has also moved more troops into the region, Ukrainian officials and open-source intelligence analysts said. Ukrainian forces, operating in small units that seek to evade detection by Russian surveillance, are now working to slice through Russian lines and open paths for comrades with heavier equipment to follow. Kyiv's spearhead troops want to create what military strategists call a salient, a bulge protruding into Russia's rear defenses. If Ukraine can accomplish

the hugely difficult task of breaking through Russian lines, it would need to hold and expand any gap so that armored mechanized forces can flood through and attempt to overrun Russian lines. Moscow's troops are fighting to stop that. "A breakthrough may get units through the defensive lines, but there is much more fighting before a breakout is achieved," said Mark Kimmitt, *Please turn to page A6*

◆ **North Korea leader to meet with Putin**..... **A6**

Warren Buffett's Green Cash Washes Over Coal Country

Berkshire and lawmakers teamed up on solar-powered plant in West Virginia

By SCOTT PATTERSON

RAVENSWOOD, W.Va.—No state is more reliant on coal for electricity than West Virginia. Yet a clean-energy industrial project rising on the banks of the Ohio River is challenging coal's stranglehold on the Mountain State. Behind the project: Warren Buffett and state Republican lawmakers. It's a surprising base of support in a region where political power and wealth has long derived from coal mining. Two of Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway companies are teaming up to build a manufacturing hub that will in-

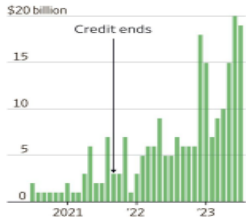
clude a \$500 million factory to produce titanium for aircraft parts. It will be powered by solar panels and rechargeable batteries. The Buffett name and the promise of 300 jobs helped the companies overcome resistance in a state where coal provides more than 90% of the electricity. West Virginia has in the past year approved some \$400 million in funds for three renewable-energy projects, including Berkshire's. The Republican-led legislature, eager to create jobs, has passed new legislation that benefits renewable energy. *Please turn to page A10*

Sales Army Touts Tax Break As 'Modern-Day Gold Rush'

By RUTH SIMON AND RICHARD RUBIN

An antiaging consultant in Florida. A technician in North Carolina. A semiretired broker. They are all part of a vast sales army aiming to profit from one of the biggest tax breaks Congress ever created for small businesses. Members of this network—totaling more than 50,000—are talking to neighbors and cold-calling small businesses to trumpet the Employee Retention Credit, or ERC, tax break. They funnel potential clients to Bottom Line Concepts, a consulting firm that has helped clients pursue more than \$6 billion in ERC tax refunds and could receive more than \$1 billion in fees. Congress created the ERC in 2020 to reward businesses and nonprofits for keeping employees on payrolls during the pandemic.

Estimated monthly cost of the Employee Retention Credit



Three years later, it has turned into a headache for the Internal Revenue Service and a bonanza for firms such as Bottom Line that help clients calculate and claim the tax credit. Bottom Line is one of the largest of dozens of ERC companies clamoring to capitalize on the opportunity. The ERC is proving far more costly to U.S. taxpayers than expected. The IRS paid more than \$150 billion in ERC refunds through early March, and the money is still flowing. Total payments through July could be \$220 billion, with another \$120 billion in the pipeline, according to recent Piper Sandler estimate. That would be about triple early congressional estimates. Neal Magenheim, a semiretired broker in Florida, said he is expecting commissions for between five and six months. He was found for Bottom Line and has already received one he landed while considering dental implants. "I went in for an exam and talked to the oral surgeon," Magenheim said. "He brought it up to one of the partners in the practice, and that's how *Please turn to page A2*

Luxury Picnic Planners Become Extreme Weather Watchers

Companies who set up outdoor spreads adjust to rain, wind and heat

By FLORENCE WU

This year, bugs haven't been the biggest problem at picnics. Summer in Denver started with almost nonstop rainfall. Rachel LeBar, owner of Colorado Luxe Picnics, had to chase down or break down several of her setups. An outdoor wedding event in Frisco, Colo., in June turned into a two-hour battle with wind. Gusts destroyed the food, knocked over cups and plates, shattered glass candleholders and sent floral arrange-

ments flying. LeBar and her fiancé, Bryce Oldfield, who helps run the business, had to put food in containers and keep picking up tableware and decorations. At one point, he held the wedding cake for a few minutes so it wouldn't get tipped over, too. "I texted the bride about 10 to 15 minutes before she was going to show up and let her know that, 'Hey, I'm so sorry that this is going to be a setup that's going to look a little bit rough,'" LeBar said. *Please turn to page A10*

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ENTERTAINMENT
'Barbie' and 'Oppenheimer' revived the summer box office this year. **B1**

SPORTS
Nineteen-year-old Coco Gauff is having the summer of her career at the U.S. Open. **A14**

Fatal Johannesburg Fire Shines Light on Blight

JOHANNESBURG—Crouching on a fifth-story ledge, Yandisa Mngandi pulled his son to his chest and eyed the flames that were devouring 80 Albert St. and the warren of

By Gabriele Steinhauser, Alexandra Wexler, Aaisha Dadi Patel and Thandi Ntobela
dwelling inside. "If I die, maybe my baby will survive if I take the blow," he thought, before jumping into the darkness. Seconds earlier, his wife had made the leap, and right behind him, he assumed, was their 16-year-old, Melita, a stepdaughter, technically, whom Mngandi was proud to be raising like his own.

Incidents In U.S. Stir Fear Of Beijing Espionage

Chinese nationals try to gain access to military bases, other sites, officials say

WASHINGTON—Chinese nationals, sometimes posing as tourists, have accessed military bases and other sensitive

By Gordon Lubold, Warren P. Strobel and Aruna Viswanatha

sites in the U.S. as many as 100 times in recent years, according to U.S. officials, who describe the incidents as a potential espionage threat. The Defense Department, FBI and other agencies held a review last year to try to limit these incidents, which involve people who officials have dubbed gate-crashers because of their attempts—either by accident or intentionally—to get onto U.S. military bases and other installations without proper authorization. They range from Chinese nationals found crossing into a U.S. missile range in New Mexico to what appeared to be scuba divers swimming in murky waters near a U.S. government rocket-launch site in Florida. The incidents, which U.S. officials describe as a form of espionage, appear designed to test security practices at U.S. military installations and other federal sites. Officials familiar with the practice said the individuals are typically Chinese nationals pressed into service *Please turn to page A4*



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Biden's Saudi-Israeli peace push carries risk

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Ukraine grain Erdogan sees hope for deal

Russian president Vladimir Putin, right, and his Turkish counterpart Recep Tayyip Erdogan meet in Sochi, Russia, yesterday.

The two leaders discussed reviving a stalled deal that would have allowed grain to be exported from Ukraine across the Black Sea.

Erdogan said he was confident Russia would "soon" revive the agreement, while Putin insisted Moscow would not rejoin until the west met its demands. Russia's exit from the deal has sparked new fears of a food crisis in parts of Africa, the Middle East and Asia.

Meanwhile, Kyiv claimed yesterday that at least one Russian attack drone had crashed on the territory of Nato-member Romania, marking a potentially serious escalation of Moscow's war against Ukraine. However, Romania's defence ministry denied the reports.

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Briefing

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Economists have forecast that persistently high borrowing costs in leading economies will slow the rate of world expansion next year after an outperformance in 2023. The consensus is for growth of 2.1 per cent.— PAGE 4; TIM LEUNG, PAGE 15

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A four-year study has warned of the catastrophic global economic and environmental impact from plants and animals spreading out from their native habitats as the result of human activity.— PAGE 4

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The UK prime minister's hopes of a fresh start to the political year have been dashed by a crisis over crumbling schools that has engulfed his government as two tricky by-elections loom.— PAGE 3

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Oliver Zipse has warned that an EU ban on combustion-engine cars will push makers of cheaper vehicles into a price war they cannot win against Chinese rivals.— PAGE 5; BATTERY RECYCLING, PAGE 7

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A London judge has ruled that Mozambique president Filipe Nyusi cannot be sued in a lawsuit brought by the country against Credit Suisse and others over the "tuna bonds" scandal.— PAGE 6

Apple and Microsoft tell Brussels they do not have scale to act as 'gatekeepers'

► EU rules aim to curb Big Tech ► Companies await list of services affected ► Two sides contest criteria

JAVIER ESPINOZA — BRUSSELS

Apple and Microsoft, the most valuable companies in the US, have argued that some of their flagship services are not popular enough to be designated "gatekeepers" under new EU legislation designed to curb the power of Big Tech.

Brussels' battle with Apple over its iMessage chat app and with Microsoft over its search engine Bing comes ahead of tomorrow's publication of the first list of services to be regulated by the Digital Markets Act.

The legislation imposes new responsibilities on the tech companies, including sharing data, linking to competitors and making their services interoperable with rival apps.

Platforms need to have annual revenue

of more than €7.5bn, a market cap above €75bn and 45mm active monthly users in the EU to fall under the rules, though Brussels has discretion over the designation beyond these raw metrics.

Microsoft has rejected the notion that Bing should be subject to the same obligations placed on its much larger rival, Google Search, said two people with direct knowledge of the matter.

Microsoft is unlikely to dispute the designation of its Windows operating

'The [legislation] will bring new competition to digital markets in Europe'

Andreas Schwab, MEP

system, which dominates the PC industry, as a gatekeeper, those people said. But it has argued that Bing has a market share of just 3 per cent and further legal scrutiny would put it at a disadvantage.

If caught by the new rules, Bing would need to provide users with a choice of search engines, including Google. Advertisers have argued in Microsoft's defence that this could end up boosting Google's market share.

Separately, Apple has argued that iMessage does not meet the threshold of user numbers at which the rules apply and therefore should not comply with obligations including opening the service to rival apps such as Meta's WhatsApp, those people said.

Analysts have estimated that iMessage, which is built into every iPhone,

iPad and Mac, has as many as 1bn users globally but Apple has not disclosed figures for years. The decision is likely to hinge on how Apple and the EU define the market in which iMessage operates.

The European Commission, Apple and Microsoft declined to comment.

All large US tech companies, including Google, Amazon and Meta, will have several of their services regulated under the DMA, people familiar with the legislation said. Chinese-owned TikTok will also be on the list.

Meta's Instagram and Facebook, and Google's search engine, are all set to be captured by the rules, which are aimed at opening up markets and enabling competition from European start-ups.

Brussels is still deliberating over the inclusion of iMessage and Bing on the

list. The European Commission may open a probe to determine if those services should face the DMA obligations.

The designation of the services is part of a long process of implementing the landmark rules, which become applicable early next year. The commission is already bracing itself for challenges before the EU courts in Luxembourg.

"The DMA will bring new competition to digital markets in Europe and now it is up to the commission to make it work," said Andreas Schwab, the MEP who led the negotiation of the rules.

This is not the first time tech groups have openly defied Brussels over digital rules. German online retailer Zalando and US tech company Amazon have already taken the commission to court over the Digital Services Act.



Foxconn founder's poll bid raises the stakes in Taiwan

Foxconn founder Terry Gou's entry into Taiwan's presidential race shakes up a fight with geopolitical overtones. Polls say the man behind the iPhone manufacturer has little chance of a win and risks splintering support among those urging a more conciliatory China policy than the ruling Democratic Progressive party. A DPP win could raise tensions as Beijing seeks the party as separatist and has warned of attack if Taipei resists unification indefinitely.

Appeal to rivals — PAGE 3

Chinese spy agency rails at US lack of 'sincerity' days after Raimondo visit

JOE LEAHY — BEIJING

China's powerful spy agency has attacked recent diplomatic overtures from the US as misbegotten and containment, hinting that a possible meeting of the countries' presidents in November will be in jeopardy unless Washington shows more "sincerity".

The rare warning from the Ministry of State Security came less than a week after US commerce secretary Gina Raimondo visited Beijing, praising her meetings with Chinese officials but warning that US businesses viewed China as increasingly "uninvestable".

"Recently, a number of US officials visited China one after another, saying that the Biden administration has no intention to curb China's development or seek decoupling from China," the ministry said on its official WeChat

social media account. The US strategy on rapprochement was "old wine in new bottles", the ministry said, pointing to Washington's approval of arms sales and military financing to Taiwan, over which Beijing claims sovereignty.

"China will never relax its vigilance because of a few 'beautiful words' from the US," it said.

The ministry accused the US of continuing to "stir up trouble" in the South China Sea and Tibet.

Washington has said it would punish Chinese officials responsible for what it called the forcible assimilation of 1mm Tibetan children in government-run boarding schools. In addition, the US "openly badmouthed the Chinese economy", the ministry said.

US president Joe Biden described China last month as a "ticking time bomb", saying it was in trouble because

its economic growth had slowed.

The ministry issued what appeared to be a veiled warning on an expected meeting between Chinese president Xi Jinping and Biden at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum in San Francisco in November. That would be their first meeting since they spoke last year at the G20 in Bali, Indonesia.

"To truly achieve 'From Ball to San Francisco', the United States needs to show sufficient sincerity," it said. Since the US and China re-established diplomatic relations in 1979, Washington's typical approach had been a combination of "engagement and containment".

The MSS's comments are Beijing's sternest rejoinder yet to recent statements from the US, which has been seeking to re-establish dialogue and improve bilateral relations.

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World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				GOVERNMENT BONDS					
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S&P 500	4515.77	4507.86	0.18	£/€	1.079	1.081	£/S	0.927	0.925	US 2 yr	4.87	4.90	-0.03
Nasdaq Composite	14031.82	14034.87	-0.02	\$/€	1.262	1.262	Z/\$	0.730	0.730	US 10 yr	4.19	4.19	-0.01
Dow Jones Ind	34827.71	34721.91	0.23	€/£	0.859	0.856	€/€	1.170	1.168	US 30 yr	4.30	4.31	-0.01
FTSE-Infra300	1811.76	1812.07	-0.02	\$/¥	146.445	146.030	¥/€	157.948	157.823	UK 2 yr	4.92	4.88	0.04
Euro Stoxx 50	4276.03	4282.84	-0.15	¥/£	184.770	184.284	£ index	82.204	82.357	UK 10 yr	4.56	4.52	0.04
FTSE 100	7452.76	7464.54	-0.16	Sfr/€	0.954	0.956	Sfr/¥	1.117	1.116	UK 30 yr	4.71	4.66	0.05
FTSE AEX Share	4063.70	4069.21	-0.14	CRYPTO						JPN 2 yr	0.02	0.02	0.00
CAC 40	7279.51	7286.77	-0.24	Bitcoin (B)	25807.02	25869.34	-0.63			JPN 10 yr	0.64	0.63	0.01
Xetra Dax	15624.85	15640.34	-0.10	Ethereum	1625.58	1636.42	-0.66			JPN 30 yr	1.65	1.54	0.02
Nikkei	32039.18	32710.62	0.70	COMMODITIES						GER 2 yr	3.01	3.00	0.01
Hang Seng	18944.16	18362.06	2.51						GER 10 yr	2.58	2.55	0.03	
MSCI World \$	2989.51	2998.02	0.12						GER 30 yr	2.70	2.68	0.02	
MSCI EM \$	465.68	460.32	0.55										
MSCI ACWI \$	687.28	686.15	0.16										
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Waving Goodbye to Summer

The J'Ouvert celebration and the West Indian American Day Parade in Brooklyn were a big splash of Caribbean culture. Page A15.

Bid to Impeach In Texas Incites G.O.P. Division

By J. DAVID GOODMAN
HOUSTON — With television ads and text messages, direct mail and billboards, supporters of the embattled Texas attorney general, Ken Paxton, have embarked on an escalating campaign of political pressure, backed by hard-right billionaires, aimed at trying to sway the outcome of Mr. Paxton's upcoming impeachment trial.

The targets of their efforts are narrow: the 19 Republican members of the State Senate who will act as jurors in the trial, set to begin on Tuesday, and decide whether allegations of corruption and abuse of power are serious enough to warrant permanently removing and barring Mr. Paxton from office.

But the effort to save Mr. Paxton, who is seen by many hard-core conservatives as their legal standard-bearer, is also the latest proxy in the broader fight over the future direction of the party, both in Texas and nationally.

It has drawn in a range of conservative figures on both sides, with Rick Perry, the former Texas governor, and Karl Rove, the political consultant to former President George W. Bush, arguing in support of the impeachment process, and Steve Bannon, the former Trump political adviser, lambasting it as a Democrat-inspired witch hunt.

"We want the entire MAGA movement to understand that what's going on in Texas is not just about Texas," Mr. Bannon told his podcast audience this month.

The wrangling over Mr. Paxton's fate has reflected the same deep Republican divisions that emerged in Georgia over the indictment of Donald J. Trump, raising again the question of whether Republicans are willing to hold fellow conservatives to account — and whether, if they do so, they can survive a primary.

Mr. Paxton has so far managed to survive politically under both a criminal indictment and the looming impeachment, in part because he has become a key player on the right flank of the conservative legal movement. He has mounted

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As Threats Evolve, the Navy Struggles to Change

By ERIC LIPTON
PASCAGOULA, Miss. — A symphony of sorts echoed through the sprawling shipyard on the Gulf Coast of Mississippi — banging, hissing, beeping, horns, bells and whistles — as more than 7,000 workers hustled to fill orders fueled by the largest shipbuilding budget in the Navy's history.

The surge in spending, \$52 billion for this year alone, has allowed the Huntington Ingalls shipyard in Pascagoula to hire thousands of additional people to assemble guided-missile destroyers and amphibious transport

Focus Still on Big Ships, but Drone Vessels Are More Agile

ships. "More ships are always better," said Kari Wilkinson, the president of the shipyard, pointing to the efficiencies that come with a steady flow of contracts and the jobs they create.

But the focus from Washington on producing a stream of new warships is also creating a fleet that some inside the Pentagon think is

too wedded to outdated military strategies and that the Navy might not be able to afford to keep running in decades to come.

Half a world away, at a U.S. Navy outpost in Bahrain, a much smaller team was testing out a very different approach to the service's 21st-century warfighting needs.

Bobbing in a small bay off the Persian Gulf was a collection of tiny unmanned vessels, prototypes for the kind of cheaper, easier-to-build and more mobile force that some officers and analysts of naval warfare said was al-

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The Huntington Ingalls shipyard in Pascagoula, Miss., is booming amid a surge in naval spending.

Hoping for Inroads, Pope Gives China Leeway

By JASON HOROWITZ
ABOARD THE PAPAL PLANE — The small group of Chinese Catholics who crossed the border to see Pope Francis covered their faces for fear of reprisal. Church officials blamed the Communist government for preventing mainland China's bishops from coming to see the pope. And diplomats said China had watched the pope's activities closely, and warily.

'Very Respectful' on His Visit to Mongolia

Yet as Pope Francis returned to Rome on Monday from a four-day trip to Mongolia, he had nothing but positive things to say about China.

"The relations with China are very respectful — I personally

have great admiration for the Chinese culture. They are very open. Let's put it this way," Francis said in a news conference aboard the papal plane. He said he hoped there would be more exposure to Roman Catholics in China so that the Chinese citizens did not think that the church had intentions to shape their culture and values or that it was "dependent on another power."

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Iran Holding E.U. Official From Sweden

Again Using a Hostage As a Bargaining Chip

By MATINA STEVIS-GRIDNEFF

BRUSSELS — A Swedish citizen working for the European Union diplomatic corps has been imprisoned in Iran for more than 500 days, making him an important bargaining chip for Tehran as it tries to write concessions from the West.

The arrest, which has been kept under wraps for over a year by the Swedish and European Union authorities, appears to be part of an expanding pattern of what has become known as Iran's hostage diplomacy.

Tehran has been scooping up dual Iranian citizens and foreigners on spurious charges, seeking to trade them for Iranians held in Europe or the United States, or to use them as leverage to extract money and other concessions.

Last month, the United States concluded a deal with Iran to free five Americans held there in exchange for \$6 billion in withheld Iranian oil revenues as well as the release of Iranian prisoners in America.

Still, this latest case, the details of which have not been previously reported, stands out because of the prisoner's background as a European official. The man, Johan Floderus, 33, a native of Sweden, has held several positions in the European Union's institutions, coming up through its civil service training program. He was even featured in an advertising campaign to attract young Swedes to European Union careers.

Mr. Floderus visited Iran last spring on what people familiar with the case described as a private tourist trip with several Swedish friends. As he prepared to leave Tehran on April 17, 2022, he was detained at the airport.

In July last year, the Iranian government released a statement announcing that it had apprehended a Swedish citizen for espionage.

Mr. Floderus is now being held in the notorious Evin prison in the Iranian capital.

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PUTIN WILL HOST N. KOREA LEADER TO SEEK WEAPONS

SET TO MEET NEXT WEEK

Military Cooperation of Two U.S. Adversaries Is Advancing

By EDWARD WONG and JULIAN E. BARNES

WASHINGTON — Kim Jong-un, the leader of North Korea, plans to travel to Russia this month to meet with President Vladimir V. Putin to discuss the possibility of supplying Russia with more weaponry for its war in Ukraine and other military cooperation, according to American and allied officials.

In a rare foray from his country, Mr. Kim would travel from Pyongyang, North Korea's capital, probably by armored train, to Vladivostok, on the Pacific Coast of Russia, where he would meet with Mr. Putin, the officials said.

Mr. Kim also plans to visit Pier 33, where naval ships from Russia's Pacific fleet dock, they said. North Korea celebrates the anniversary of its founding on Saturday.

Last Wednesday, the White House warned that Mr. Putin and Mr. Kim had exchanged letters discussing a possible arms deal, citing declassified intelligence. A

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FIGHTING GRAFT A defense chief's removal highlights an enduring challenge for Ukraine. PAGE A6

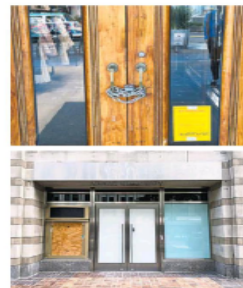
Ground Floors Offer Window Into Troubles of City Centers

By EMILY BADGER

Downtown San Francisco's office buildings have been quieted by some of the highest vacancy rates and slowest return-to-office trends in the country. But to someone walking around the area, what makes it feel still so uninhabited is a different but related phenomenon downstairs from all those empty offices: the vacant ground floor.

It's the windows with their shades tightly drawn, the phantom deli counters visible through dusty glass, the lingering signage for a Verizon store that doesn't exist anymore. It's the grim handwritten notes — "this location is closed" — and the brokerage signs trying to be cheery. Around nearly every corner, they're seeking someone to lease 822 square feet of former coffee shop, or 5,446 square feet of empty bakery, or 12,632 square feet of what was once a Walgreens.

Like much of the office space above it, the ground floor will probably have to be reimaged in San Francisco's business district and other downtowns that have long taken for granted a captive



PHOTOGRAPHS BY EMILY BADGER/NYT

The most interesting view in many storefront windows is the city reflected back at you.

audience of commuting consumers. In fact, it will be hard to solve the problem upstairs without also solving this one. Because who wants to return downtown when its most visible spaces have

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Looking to 'Degrowth' in Japan
The author of a best-selling book says that the capitalism powering his country has gone too far and that the time has come to look to Marx. PAGE B1

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Ex-Smash Mouth Lead Singer
Steve Harwell was a founding member of the band, which broke out in the late 1990s with hit songs like "Walkin' on the Sun" and "All Star." He was 56. PAGE A18

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Bigger profits coming through the door

As L.A. cracks down on illegal listings, Airbnb hosts charge higher rates than ever.

By JACK FLEMMING

Running an Airbnb in L.A. has never been more profitable. As the city tries to crack down on illegal listings, and advocacy groups complain about the company's effect on L.A.'s housing crisis, hosts are charging higher rates than ever.

But don't expect them to talk about it. Data show that a vast number of homes are operating without an active registration, which is required by the city to operate a short-term rental. Several such hosts spoke to The Times anonymously for fear of being fined by the city or worse, having their listing shut down by Airbnb.

"This is my primary source of income," said one host who operates three listings. "I'm finally making a decent living off of this. One listing alone wouldn't cut it."

Since 2020, revenue for hosts has steadily risen far beyond pre-pandemic levels. The average revenue climbed to \$17,654 in 2022, up more than \$4,000 year over year, and the numbers are at a similar pace for 2023, according to data from short-term rental analytics company AllTheRooms.

In total, L.A. hosts earned a combined \$375 million last year, a spokesperson for Airbnb said.

A few factors contribute to the rise. For one, daily rates for Airbnb rentals have spiked over the last four years, swelling from \$152 in 2019 to \$244 in 2023. It's a trend that's happening across the short-term rental industry, as hotel and VRBO rates have steadily risen since the COVID-19 pandemic as well.

Basic supply and demand is another factor. Save for a drop during the first few months of the pandemic, Airbnb occupancy rates [See Airbnb, A7]



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A LABOR DAY DEMONSTRATION

Thousands of healthcare workers march down Vermont Avenue in a rally calling for improved working conditions at Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Center in Hollywood. CALIFORNIA, B3

Not everyone is celebrating the Mexican 'super-peso'

The currency has become one of the world's strongest. That's bad news for citizens who rely on dollars.

By Patrick J. McDonnell | REPORTING FROM SAN BARTOLOMÉ QUIALANA, MEXICO

Pedro Sánchez Martínez has spent decades as a contractor building houses for his neighbors in this farm town. Seven years ago, he set out to build one for his own family.

The pace of construction in rural Mexico, where mortgages are hard to come by, frequently depends on how quickly relatives working in the United States send dollars. Sánchez has relied on money transfers from two sons toiling as gardeners in California. "I had hoped to be done in a year or so from now," he said.

But that was before the dawn of the "super-peso," as the Mexican currency has been dubbed since steadily gaining 13% on the dollar during the last 12 months.

The peso's emergence as one of the world's mightiest currencies has prompted boasts from Mexican President Andrés Manuel [See Mexico, A3]



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MILLIONS of Mexicans rely on remittances — in dollars — from family working in the U.S. Above, a money exchange in Mexico City in June.

Border prosecutions mostly targeted Muslims

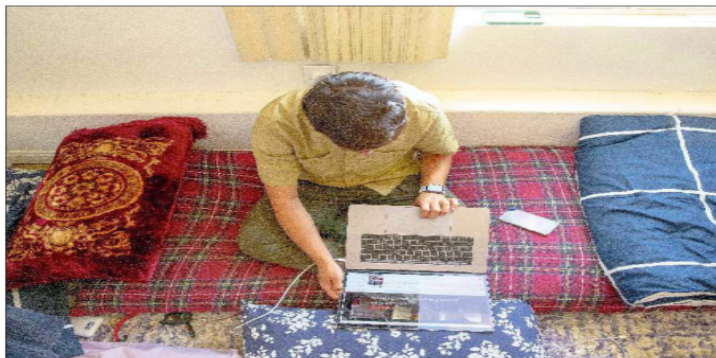
Those asylum seekers accounted for 60% of migrants charged in a Texas district

By HAMED ALEAZIZ

Each time he escaped danger on the journey that would eventually bring him to California, Shamsuddin Shams made sure to video-chat with his mother. She liked it that way — to not only hear his voice but also see his face, even if it betrayed anguish and fear.

She saw him after he fled his native Afghanistan for good and rode into Pakistan, after he stepped past human remains while crossing the jungles of Panama, and after he escaped, in the city of Tapachula at the southern tip of Mexico, from gunmen who demanded he give up everything he had not already lost.

But when Shams, who is 25, found himself in a Texas detention facility, facing prison time for an obscure federal crime, he made a phone call instead.



IRFAN KHAN Los Angeles Times

SHAMSUDDIN SHAMS, 25, keeps himself abreast of the latest Afghan news via BBC online. He shares a room with three others in an apartment in El Cajon.

"Why can't I see your face?" his mother asked.

"I'm in a camp. I'm safe," he lied. "The internet where I am is not working."

"You always used to talk to me on video," she replied.

She was incredulous, but Shams found he could keep up the charade. And so he did, for eight months, figuring a son's deceit was more palatable than a mother's worry.

Shams had been snared by a previously unreported federal effort that disproportionately locked up migrants from Muslim-majority countries for the obscure crime of failing to cross the border at a formal checkpoint and report to a customs office.

The charge, conceived decades ago to fight drug trafficking, carries a maximum sentence of one year, double the length of the more well-known charge of [See Asylum, A10]

A 'one-dam solution' for river pushed

Some key California farmers back a plan to ease the water crisis on the Colorado by draining Lake Powell.

By IAN JAMES

For years, environmentalists have argued that the Colorado River should be allowed to flow freely across the Utah-Arizona border, saying that letting water pass around Glen Canyon Dam — and draining the giant Lake Powell reservoir — would improve the shrinking river's health.

Now, as climate change increases the strains on the river, this controversial proposal is receiving support from some surprising new allies: influential farmers in California's Imperial Valley.

In a letter to the federal Bureau of Reclamation, growers Mike and James Abatti, who run some of the biggest farming operations in the Imperial Valley, urged the government to consider sacrificing the Colorado's second-largest reservoir and storing the water farther downstream in Lake Mead — the river's largest reservoir.

"Past proposals by environmental groups to decommission Glen Canyon Dam or to operate the reservoir without power production as a primary goal can no longer be ignored and must be seriously considered," they wrote.

Fresh calls to drain Lake Powell, sometimes referred to as the "One-Dam Solution" or "Fill Mead First," have emerged as federal dam managers begin to consider new rules for dealing with water shortages after 2026 — a process that has sparked tensions between states and water agencies over where the brunt of reductions should fall.

"I think they see the writing on the wall. Farmers understand the future probably better than many others right now, all across the West. And they know that issues of scarcity are only going to become more incendiary," said Kyle Roerink, executive director of the Great Basin Water Network, one of the environmental groups calling for the draining of Lake Powell.

"I think they know that we're not going to have the [See One dam, A7]

Dodgers' Urias arrested again

Team should cut ties with pitcher, a suspect in another domestic violence case, says Bill Plaschke. SPORTS, B10

Exodus begins at Burning Man

After storms turned the playa into a mud pit, festival-goers face a long, slow trip out of desert. CALIFORNIA, B4

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China slips, but global growth may be steadier

Beijing's woes will have only modest worldwide effects, economists say

BY DAVID J. LYNCH

Judith Marks, the chief executive of the elevator maker Otis Worldwide, returned in April from a 10-day trip to China saying "all signals look positive" for the country's recovery from its draconian coronavirus lockdown.

Almost immediately, the economic outlook began to darken.

The Chinese rebound that seemed to be gaining momentum in April lost steam in May and reached midsummer in danger of petering out altogether. Suddenly, the world's second-largest economy, for years a reliable juggernaut, was ailing. The core of the problem: a debt-ridden, overbuilt property sector that threatened to smother growth well short of the government's 5 percent annual target.

Chinese weakness is bad news for companies such as Otis, based in Farmington, Conn. China is its most profitable market for new equipment sales, accounting last year for roughly one-third of orders. Through the first half of the year, China was the company's only major market where orders were in decline.

But the elevators that Otis sells in China are made there. So while the property market slump means that fewer are needed, most of the pain will be felt at Otis facilities in China, not in the United States. For all its remarkable progress and prosperity, China is not an important enough customer of goods produced elsewhere for its woes to be contagious. At least for now.

"China has been less of a growth engine than is widely

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Big insurers cut disaster coverage over climate risk

Extreme weather breeds new policies and higher premiums

BY JACOB BOGAGE

In the aftermath of extreme weather events, major insurers are increasingly offering coverage that homeowners in areas vulnerable to those disasters need most.

At least five large U.S. property insurers — including Allstate, American Family, Nationwide, Erie Insurance Group and Berkshire Hathaway — have told regulators that extreme weather patterns caused by climate change have led them to stop writing coverages in some regions, exclude protections from various weather events, and raise monthly premiums and deductibles.

Major insurers say they will cut out damage caused by hurricanes, wind and hail from policies underwriting property along coastlines and in wildfire country, according to a voluntary survey conducted by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, a group of state offi-

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In this summer of megafires, virgin forests are turned to moonscapes



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Monasteries, vineyards and olive groves are devastated as blazes threaten the Mediterranean way of life

BY ANTHONY FAIOLA AND ELINDA LABROPOULOU
IN RHODES, GREECE

As flames approached the 19th-century Monastery of Panagia Ipseni, the nuns inside steeled themselves. A village seer in the 1990s dreamed of women in charge of the sanctuary's cloistered life, prompting the Orthodox church to replace its male monks with sisters. Now those nuns refused to leave — vowing to keep the wildfire at bay with prayer and water buckets.

But this was no ordinary blaze. In what seemed like minutes, superheated gyres engulfed the workshop where the sisters labored over icons of Saint Meletios and the Virgin and Child. Smoke filled the monastery's mosaicked courtyards. The olive orchards and vineyards that provided their livelihood erupted in flames.

"It was like seeing hell," said Mother Superior Mariam Nikitiadi.

In a summer of megafires across the northern hemisphere, the Mediterranean region is confronting what from on the ground has seemed an existential threat. A toxic mix of

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TOP: The Monastery of Panagia Ipseni, on the Greek island of Rhodes, was surrounded by fast-moving fires in July, prompting the nuns there to throw water on the encroaching flames until firefighters arrived to assist them. ABOVE: The remains of Angelaki, a local taverna, on Aug. 22. It had been a major center of community life in Kiotari.

Flight rules posing problems for blind travelers

New service animal regulations have made flying more difficult, and at times, inaccessible

BY AMANDA MORRIS

Elizabeth Schoen's guide dog, Eva, is trained to help her navigate crowded, chaotic environments such as airports. The black Labrador knows how to find elevators, follow crowds to the baggage claim area and help Schoen, who is blind, avoid obstacles.

But when Schoen, 21, of Arlington, Va., tried to fly to Boston to tour graduate schools last March, airline staffers told her she could not take Eva on the plane.

She is one of many blind people who say they have encountered more difficulty taking service animals onto flights since new rules from the Department of Transportation took effect in January 2021. The regulations were an effort to crack down on a rise in passengers passing off untrained pets as service or emotional support animals. Some travelers tried to take peacocks, pigs, ducks and even miniature horses onboard

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CRAIG HUDSON FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Elizabeth Schoen, 21, with her black Labrador service dog, Eva, at Gravelly Point Park on Aug. 12. Eva is trained to help Schoen navigate crowded, chaotic environments such as airports.

Ukraine defense minister is out

ANTI-CORRUPTION SIGNAL TO WEST

Zelensky picks Crimean minority group member

BY SIOBHAN O'GRADY
AND SERHIY MORGUNOV

KYIV — Ukraine's defense minister resigned Monday, hours after President Volodymyr Zelensky announced plans to replace him. The move came amid a widening graft probe, as Kyiv looks to signal to Western partners who provide enormous amounts of defense aid that it has zero tolerance for corruption.

Zelensky said Sunday night that he would ask parliament to approve his nomination of Rustem Umerov, head of the State Property Fund of Ukraine, to replace Oleksii Reznikov, who has served as defense minister since November 2021 and was responsible for overseeing billions in weapons and other military aid.

Reznikov's removal comes after months of speculation that he would be ousted. Although Reznikov has not been charged personally in ongoing corruption investigations and Zelensky did not cite malfeasance in his announcement, several high-profile allegations of graft have plagued the Defense Ministry.

"I believe the ministry needs new approaches and other formats of interaction with both the military and society as a whole," Zelensky said.

In a statement to The Washington Post, Reznikov insisted that he had worked to root out corruption

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Not enough staff to help students in crisis

Schools need thousands more specialists to meet mental health demand

BY DONNA ST. GEORGE

A few years ago, Christopher Page Jr.'s Colorado high school was rocked by a spate of student deaths, including three by suicide. So the longtime principal was troubled when he couldn't fill a school psychologist job for an entire year. Nobody had applied. This summer, he finally hired a budding social worker who was still finishing her last two classes.

He helped her get an emergency license, which was not hard, because there is an emergency.

In his area and elsewhere, the student mental health crisis is unfolding as the nation's schools face a shortage of counselors, psychologists, social workers and therapists — each problem amplified by the other, and all of them worsening since the pandemic began. "There's just such an influx of need," Page said.

"Not only do we have shortages, but we have attrition from the mental health field," said Sharon

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No bare feet, please: Make your flight pleasant for all

Think before removing your socks. Etiquette experts share top do's and don'ts. **In Money**

Nursing home residents need care they deserve

New standards won't let facilities sacrifice safety, President Joe Biden writes. **In Opinion**



Meg Ryan's lead role in rom-com celebrated

"What Happens Later" another reminder that Hollywood needs to invest in more films starring women over 40. **In Life**

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Skies clear for Burning Man exodus



Vehicles line up to leave the Burning Man festival in Black Rock, Nev., on Monday after rains closed the exit Sunday. Attendees were told Friday to shelter in place and conserve food, fuel and water. PHOTOS BY TREVOR HUGHES/USA TODAY

Rain and mud stranded thousands of festival participants



Hundreds of attendees Monday wait for information about when they will be able to leave by bus. "Burner buses" intended to reduce vehicle trips to Burning Man were canceled Friday.

Trevor Hughes, Ken Alltucker and John Bacon
USA TODAY

BLACK ROCK CITY, Nev. – The return of clear skies and a favorable forecast Monday will make conditions easier for thousands to leave Burning Man festival in the northern Nevada desert, a day after rain-soaked roads created a muddy mess for more than 70,000 attendees.

The forecast called for no rain and chilly temperatures that will warm to the mid-70s over the remote region north of Reno, conditions that could dry out the muddy road leading into and out of the remote desert outpost. Although there remains a slight chance of rain Tuesday, organizers on Monday morning warned conditions were too muddy and too wet for throngs of vehicles to navigate.

Organizers said exodus from the annual desert event will begin about noon local time

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Fears of federal shutdown prevalent

Many worry Congress won't reach budget deal

Michael Collins
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON – Ericka Goff hears the rumblings about a possible federal government shutdown this fall and prays it doesn't happen.

Goff, a receptionist in Columbus, Ohio, is a single mother with three children. She depends on the \$600 monthly government child care assistance she receives to help make ends meet. The funding is set to expire at the end of September unless Congress extends it.

Without the money, Goff won't be able to afford to child care. And without child care, she won't be able to work and support her family.

"We're barely surviving out here, and the government wants to take that funding and then shut down the government?" she said. "How are we going to live?"

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Volunteers unload donated goods at a distribution center in Lahaina, Hawaii, in August. Advocates say money is needed. JAE C. HONG/AP

Maui fire victims plea: 'Don't forget about us'

Month later, residents still in dire need of help

Terry Collins
USA TODAY

It is not enough for Maui native Ashlyn Hi'iilei Ani to make sure that her family and others affected by the deadly wildfires have enough food to eat and a decent place to sleep. Her biggest worry is possibly something she can't control as the national spotlight slowly fades.

Despite President Joe Biden's recent pledge of \$95 million to help rebuild Maui's infrastructure and celebrities, including Dwayne Johnson, Oprah Winfrey and Jason Momoa, launching a "People's Fund of Maui" and contributing an initial \$10 million to give directly to residents in need, Ani still feels uneasy. She hopes Maui will not be forgotten as "America, and the world for that matter," focus on the next major tragedy.

"Oh, it's absolutely one of my biggest fears," said Ani, who returned to

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FLAMINGO FRENZY IN BIRDING WORLD

Rare sightings: Pink birds spotted in 8 states after Hurricane Idalia

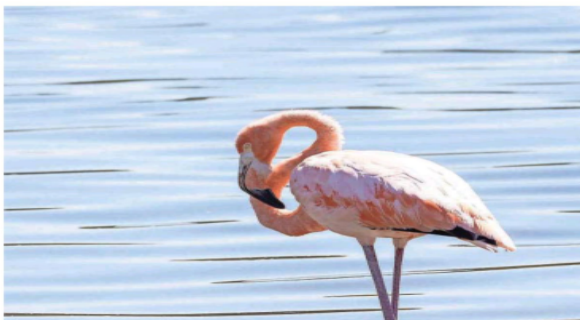
Dinah Voyles Pulver
USA TODAY

Hurricane Idalia is being credited with delivering a flamingo-palooza to the Eastern United States this week.

The iconic, pink plumaged birds first started showing up all over Florida, on both coasts and the northern Gulf Coast as Hurricane Idalia passed. By Saturday however, three days after landfall, flamingo sightings had been reported in Alabama, South and North Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee and Virginia.

A flock – or more precisely a flamboyance – of flamingos was seen Sunday along the Bolivar Peninsula in Texas. Bird watchers and ornithologists tallied

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"I was like wait, those are flamingos. What are flamingos doing here? ... It's just crazy."

George Keller, entomology student in Ohio

Bird watcher George Keller was scanning a lake in Ohio on Friday when he saw two flamingos. The iconic birds are among more than 150 reported across the eastern U.S. in what bird experts believe to be a fallout from Hurricane Idalia. PROVIDED BY GEORGE KELLER



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deportes**Santiago Carreras, el as de los Pumas para buscar el desequilibrio**

"Llego mucho más maduro", dice el talentoso apertura rumbo al debut en el Mundial de Francia.

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Presentó *Coup de Chance* en Venecia; en una entrevista, habló de la cancelación y del feminismo en Hollywood.



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Massa suma 799 empleados a la planta de Economía y condiciona la próxima gestión

GASTO. A pesar del congelamiento, agrega a personal que estaba con contratos precarios

Si alguna característica estampará el kirchnerismo en la historia de la burocracia estatal es la enorme cantidad de empleados públicos que incorporó. Esta vez, Sergio Massa, ministro de Economía y candidato, fue autorizado a pasar a planta permanente a 799 personas que hasta ahora tenían contratos precarios.

Sucede después de que el Gobierno dispuso, poco antes de asumir Massa en el ministerio, un congelamiento de vacantes en el Estado. En los últimos meses, decenas de resoluciones autorizaron llamados a concurso para cubrir cientos de cargos en ministerios y organismos estatales.

El proceso de "regularización" empezó en 2008, mediante la firma de un convenio colectivo con la Unión del Personal Civil de la Nación (UPCN). El 5 de septiembre de ese año, la entonces presidenta Cristina Kirchner y Massa, jefe de Gabinete, homologaron el convenio mediante el cual se reguló el empleo público.

Luego avanzaron con los concursos. Además de Massa, el Ministerio del Interior cubrirá 328 cargos en su planta permanente, y el de Seguridad, 200, entre otros. Estas medidas le quitarán capacidad de acción al próximo gobierno a la hora de plantearse un ajuste en el gasto en personal. **Página 16**

Hay dos detenidos por el crimen del ingeniero

ASESINATO EN PALERMO. Fueron arrestados en la villa 31; creen que uno de ellos es el homicida

Casi cinco días después de que el ingeniero civil Mariano Barbieri fue asesinado de una cuchillada en el corazón por un ladrón solitario que le robó el celular en la Plaza Sicilia, de Palermo Chico, la policía detuvo a dos sospechosos. Creen que uno de ellos podría ser el homicida.

Según informaron fuentes del caso a LA NACION, los arrestos se produjeron entre el mediodía y la tarde de ayer en la villa 31, de Retiro, zona hacia la que había huido el homicida tras consumar el crimen. **Página 26**

Tensión en un acto de la candidata de Milei por los 70



Arturo Larrabure y Victoria Villarruel



Manifestantes derriban una valla fuera de la Legislatura

SANTIAGO FILIPUZZI

política — En una Legislatura vallada y rodeada de policías, Victoria Villarruel, candidata a vicepresidenta de Javier Milei, encabezó un homenaje a las víctimas de los grupos guerrilleros en los 70 y acusó al Estado de "garantizar la impunidad". El encuentro tuvo un marco de tensión por las protestas de manifestantes de grupos de izquierda y organizaciones de derechos humanos. A una candidata de Milei le arrojaron nafta al ingresar. **Página 10**

Bullrich presentó a su equipo de gobierno

CAMPAÑA. La candidata Patricia Bullrich presentó ayer el elenco de dirigentes de Juntos por el Cambio que completarán su gabinete en el caso de triunfar. "Acá hay un nuevo Juntos por el Cambio", exaltó la candidata, al mostrar al equipo con el cual recorrerá el país en este tramo de la campaña y que incluyó, entre otros, a Federico Pinedo en Relaciones Exteriores. **Página 8**

Crítica del FMI por el secreto en los gastos del Covid

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Cambio de hábitos. Más tránsito y con hora pico durante toda la tarde

En 2019, la mayor afluencia de vehículos se registraba de 16 a 18; hoy, se da entre las 13 y las 17

Desplazamiento y estiramiento. Esas dos palabras podrían explicar lo que sucede con la hora pico del tránsito porteño, sobre todo después de la pandemia. De hecho, en 2019, antes de la crisis sanitaria, los momentos con mayor circulación se ubicaban entre las 8 y las 18, pero con más concentración de 8 a 9 y de 16 a 18. Pero desde enero hasta junio de este año, el tránsito

aparece más distribuido dentro de esas 10 horas y con una mayor incidencia de 8 a 9 y de 13 a 17. Así, si bien se mantiene, con respecto a 2019, la hora pico de la mañana, por la tarde esa tendencia no rige más y el mayor flujo vehicular se concentra desde las 13 y durante al menos cuatro horas. El dato surge de un análisis de información oficial hecho por LN Data. **Página 22**

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Rodízios de coxinha, cookie, hambúguer e até fondue salvam modelo do declínio

Governo deixa Bolsa Família e INSS pendentes no Congresso

Orçamento de 2024 tem R\$ 318 bilhões condicionados a autorização legislativa

O Orçamento de 2024 enviado pelo Planalto ao Congresso conta com R\$ 318 bilhões, entre fontes de arrecadação e créditos suplementares, pendentes de aval do Legislativo. Entre as despesas que necessitam desse destravamento estão o Bolsa Família e a Previdência Social.

O valor resulta dos limites fixados pelo novo arcabouço fiscal, conjunto de regras que substituiu o teto de gastos no controle das contas públicas, e se soma ao fato de este depender de um amplo pacote de receitas extras criado pelo ministro Fernando Haddad (Fazenda).

A aprovação dessas cifras servirá como um teste para a articulação política do governo de Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT), e técnicos do Executivo admitem que a elevada dependência de autorizações especiais dará ao Congresso um enorme poder de barganha nas articulações.

Para dirimir riscos, o governo condicionou despesas cuja inviabilização teria repercussão negativa para o Congresso, como os benefícios de Bolsa Família e INSS. Além de receitas extras, será preciso liberar ao menos dois créditos suplementares em 2024. Mercado A13

Plano da Abin para 7/9 monitora redes bolsonaristas

A Agência Brasileira de Inteligência vai agir antes e durante o desfile cívico-militar da Independência em Brasília para detectar ameaças a autoridades. Monitoramento de militantes bolsonaristas aponta que parte quer ir ao evento e vaiar Lula e as Forças Armadas. Política A8

Legisladores vão discutir corte de verbas para candidatos negros

Política A4

Erasmus Dias nunca foi condenado, diz Tarcísio

Em resposta à ministra Cármen Lúcia, governador de SP defendeu lei que homenageia o coronel, expoente da ditadura. Política A4



Michel Dantas/Folhapress

BRASIL AINDA REGISTRA MORTES EM EXCESSO

Área de cemitério em Manaus destinada a vítimas da Covid-19; mais de três anos após o início da pandemia, país teve, de janeiro a março, 18% mais óbitos do que o previsto Saúde B1

Deputados aprovam urgência em Desenrola e teto a rotativo

A Câmara aprovou na noite de ontem urgência para o projeto de lei que trata do programa Desenrola Brasil e do rotativo do cartão de crédito. O relator, deputado Alencar Santana (PT-SP), propôs limitar os juros nessa modalidade para que a dívida do cliente não supere o dobro do valor original.

O rotativo é acionado quando o consumidor não paga o valor total da fatura na data vencimento. A expectativa é que a votação ocorra nesta semana. Apesar de pressões dos bancos, Santana não tratou de modificações no parcelamento de compras sem juros no parecer. Mercado A15

Salvador vive dia de tiroteios e sequestros

Em meio a um clima de terror, a capital baiana registrou confrontos, famílias foram mantidas reféns por criminosos, houve suspensão de aulas e ameaças de facções em redes sociais. O Governo da Bahia diz que reforçou policiamento e o combate aos crimes violentos. Cotidiano B2

Dom Jaime Spengler Uma prece pela querida Amazônia

Celebra-se hoje o Dia da Amazônia, um território sagrado que guarda abundantes sinais do amor de Deus. A data nos convida a olhar para o bioma com responsabilidade e coragem, reconhecendo a necessidade de um compromisso audacioso diante de seus dramas. Opinião A3

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PAXTON IMPEACHMENT

Breaking down the 20 articles

A close look at what attorney general will face in proceedings

By **PHILIP JANKOWSKI**
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AUSTIN — Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton is the first statewide elected official impeached in more than 100 years.

On Tuesday, Paxton faces the Texas Senate for a trial

that delves into accusations of misdeeds that include bribery, abuse of office and obstruction of justice. The tribunal is the result of the Texas House voting 121-23 to impeach Paxton.

The attorney general denies any wrongdoing. Let's break down the 20 articles of impeachment against Paxton:

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How to watch

The impeachment trial of Attorney General Ken Paxton begins at 9 a.m. today at the state Capitol in Austin.

ONLINE: The Dallas Morning News will provide a livestream of the trial at dallasnews.com.

IN PERSON: Pick up a ticket on the third floor outside the Senate gallery before the morning and afternoon sessions. Morning ticket distribution will begin at 7:30 a.m. Doors open at 8 a.m. Afternoon distribution will begin 45 minutes before doors reopen. Almost 300 seats in the Senate gallery are reserved for the public.

AG's trial a web of entanglements

Veteran politician has ties to most of senators who will act as jurors

By **PHILIP JANKOWSKI**
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AUSTIN — The defendant's wife wants a say in his fate. One juror employed the woman with whom the defendant allegedly

had an affair. Another could be called as a witness. And the judge may be owed as much as \$125,000 by the defendant.

In any normal trial, such parties would face near automatic exclusion from participating in a trial.

But in Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton's impeachment trial, which begins Tuesday, only his wife, Sen. Angela Paxton, cannot

participate.

The tangled web of connections for Paxton, who has served as a legislator and attorney general for two decades, has created an imbroglio of conflicts, perceived biases and other entanglements.

"If we were to think of this as a criminal trial, it would be insane

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DEADLY FAKE

30 days inside fentanyl's grip on North Texas

IN THEIR OWN WORDS | EDUARDO CHÁVEZ

As Dallas DEA boss sees it, the fentanyl fight is just starting



Tom Fox/Staff Photographer

Eduardo Chávez, the special agent in charge of the Drug Enforcement Administration's Dallas operation, held a bag of fentanyl pills in the Dallas DEA lab. He said illicit makers of the pills often create them in a rainbow of colors in hopes of avoiding detection during transport.

UNITED AUTO WORKERS

Union edges closer to strike

Automakers, making billions in profits, dismiss 'audacious' demands list from members

By **TOM KRISHER**
The Associated Press

DETROIT — A 46% pay raise. A 32-hour week with 40 hours of pay. A restoration of traditional pensions.

The demands that a more combative United Auto Workers union has pressed on General Motors, Stellantis and Ford — demands that even the UAW's own president calls "audacious" — are edging it closer to a strike when its contract ends Sept. 14.

The automakers, which are making billions in profits, have dismissed the UAW's wish list. They argue that its demands are unrealistic at a time of fierce competition from Tesla and lower-wage foreign automakers as the world shifts from internal combustion engines to electric vehicles. The wide gulf between the sides could mean a strike against one or more of the automakers, which could send already-inflated vehicle prices even higher.

A potential strike by 146,000 UAW members comes against the backdrop of increasingly emboldened U.S. unions of all kinds. The number of strikes and threatened strikes is growing, involving Hollywood actors and writers, sizable settlements with railroads and major concessions by corporate giants such as UPS.

Shawn Fain, who won the UAW's presidency this spring in the first direct election by members, has set high expectations and assured union members

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'It's an everybody problem'

Getting the drug off the street is one part, but the solution starts around the dinner table

As told to **SHARON GRIGSBY**
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Eduardo Chávez is the DEA's special agent in charge of the Dallas Field Division, overseeing daily operations of offices in the North Texas region. This interview has been edited and condensed for clarity.

I go to a neighborhood dinner party with people who aren't in this game. They know what I do, so first they want to talk to me about *Narcos* or *Breaking Bad*. Eventually they say, "Hey, about that fentanyl stuff, I guess that's pretty bad, right?"

When I ask questions to figure out how much they know, I can tell their sense of it is very blurry. Pretty quickly into the conversation, they almost wish they hadn't brought it up because my part is a buzzkill.

I feel a lot of frustration in this fentanyl fight. That frustration, and sometimes anger, shows up in a variety of spots.

Frustration about parents not coming to grips with what is the most deadly drug in North Texas — of trying to get people to understand this threat is night-and-day different from any they faced when they were their kids' age.

Frustration when, even as I worry

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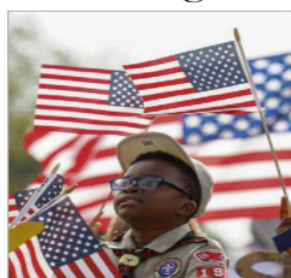
BUSINESS**HP home priciest in Texas market**

A newly built \$18.5 million Highland Park home with a nine-car auto gallery was the most expensive home to hit the market in Texas in August. **3B**

OBITUARY**Smash Mouth frontman dies**

Steve Harwell, the longtime frontman of the Grammy-nominated pop rock band Smash Mouth that was behind the megahit "All Star," died Monday. He was 56. **9B**

Honoring the workers



Shafkat Anowar/Staff Photographer

Boy Scouts were just one of the community and high school groups to take part in the 77th annual Exchange Club Labor Day parade in Garland. This year, Labor Day comes as the U.S. has added jobs and more people have begun looking for work — the most since January.

TECHNOLOGY

Growth of the EV industry is following familiar route

Adoption has been slow, but U.S., 23 others have passed key tipping point

By **TOM RANDALL**
Bloomberg News

Persuading everyone to adopt a new technology can be a slog at first. The humble microwave oven, for example, took two decades of lukewarm sales to reach just a tenth of U.S. households. But then

came the 1980s, and quicker than you could say "Hot Pockets," microwaves had spread to nearly every kitchen.

That fast part of the technology adoption curve is happening now with electric vehicles, according to a Bloomberg Green analysis of adoption rates around the world. When the analysis was done a year ago, 19 countries had passed

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Letter from '20 assails city treasurer

Conyears-Ervin accused of misconduct, ethics violations in newly released complaint

By Gregory Royal Pratt
Chicago Tribune

City Treasurer Melissa Conyears-Ervin used government workers to plan her daughter's birthday party and be her personal bodyguard while she also pressured public employees to hold events benefiting political allies and repeatedly misused taxpayer resources, two former top aides alleged in a recently released

letter the city fought for years to keep confidential.

The blistering four-page letter, written in December 2020 by the attorney for the two employees Conyears-Ervin fired, also alleged the treasurer, who oversees city investments, tried to force BMO Harris — one of the banks where city money is deposited — to issue a mortgage tied to the building that houses the aldermanic office for Conyears-Ervin's husband, Ald.

Jason Ervin, 28th.

Conyears-Ervin threatened retaliation against employees who raised concerns about the conduct and other alleged misdeeds and told employees they "should not care if her plans are illegal since the only way they could lose their jobs is if she fires them," the letter stated.

After Conyears-Ervin in 2020 dismissed the employees, Ashley Evans and Tiffany Harper shared a \$100,000 settlement from the city. That settlement came after the letter was sent to the city's top attorney and the city's Board of Ethics.

The Chicago Tribune sought a copy of the letter but the Tribune was repeatedly denied access by the administration of Mayor Lori Lightfoot, who became a political ally of Conyears-Ervin and her husband. After the Illinois attorney general's office last year said in a binding opinion that the Tribune should get a copy of the letter, Lightfoot's administration went to court to block its release. But Mayor Brandon Johnson's administration released the letter late last week.

A former state representative who earlier this year was reelected

to a second term as city treasurer, Conyears-Ervin has said she is considering a run for Congress to replace U.S. Rep. Danny Davis.

Conyears-Ervin declined to address any of the specific allegations in the letter and instead issued a statement late last week that said the city settled the allegations two years ago "in the most cost effective manner for the citizens of Chicago."

"While I am not allowed to discuss the specifics of this settlement, I will make a general statement

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Biden applauds workers on Labor Day

President takes job at 'the last guy' in office at Pa. event

By Fatima Hussein
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — President Joe Biden, who often says he's the most pro-union president in history, touted the importance of organized labor and applauded American workers in building the economy during a Labor Day appearance in Philadelphia on Monday.

The Democratic president spoke about how the economy is recovering from the crippling coronavirus pandemic and about what his administration has done to pay for infrastructure improvements, and cited the importance of unions in building the middle class.

As the pace of the Republican primary season escalates, Biden is trying to reclaim ground among working-class voters that abandoned Democrats and moved their allegiance to former President Donald Trump and others over cultural issues.

On Monday in Philadelphia he gave a preview of that argument, reportedly referring to Trump as "the last guy" and likening Trump's job creation record to that of President Herbert Hoover, who presided over the country as it spiraled into the Great Depression and was soundly defeated by Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Speaking of Trump — who is the leading Republican candidate in the polls so far — Biden said: "He left office with fewer jobs in America than when he got elected into office."

Biden spoke to a crowd of union members from a diversity of industries — from steel workers to stage hands — and focused on the impact that his administration's policies have had on working people.

"This Labor Day we're celebrating

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Hostel to house migrants again

A Greentown hostel is expected for the second time in a year to house migrants as Chicago officials continue to try to cope with busloads of asylum-seekers being sent here. **Chicagoland**, Page 3

Trauma not seen since World War I

Ukraine is facing a future with upward of 20,000 amputees, many of them soldiers who are also suffering psychological trauma. Europe has experienced nothing like it since World War I, and the United States not since the Civil War. **Nation & World**



Midnight Circus performers Keaton Hentoff-Killian and Isabella "Bella" Diaz work out in a studio on Aug. 24 in Chicago. JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

Rules change crimps Midnight Circus shows

Nonprofit must scale back to one weekend

By Nell Salzman
Chicago Tribune

As a child, Isabella "Bella" Diaz never imagined she could make a living doing flips.

A Chicago native, Diaz grew up doing gymnastics in Peterson and Harrison parks and went on to study dance at Western Michigan University. She's been a performer for the past seven years, most recently working for the nonprofit organization Midnight Circus, a unique combination of theater and circus arts that has offered outdoor performances in parks around the city for nearly two decades.

But Diaz, along with about a dozen other performers who work for

the circus, are mourning a recently announced cutback schedule this summer. The organization had to reduce its programming from six weekends in a row to one because of a change in eligibility requirements for art programs to receive Chicago Park District funding and resources, according to Park District officials and Jeff Jenkins, the ringmaster and executive director of the circus.

Its only performances of the season will take place Sept. 8-10, with six shows scheduled in Welles Park in Lincoln Square.

"It's devastating because there are so many communities in Chicago that really benefit from the public support

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Midnight Circus ringmaster Jeff Jenkins holds a hoop as Bobbie the dog jumps through at Humboldt Park in Chicago on Oct. 1, 2022.

'HE HELPED PUSH ME TO TRUST MY GUT'

Danny Wirtz discusses how his dad, Rocky, prepared him to lead the Blackhawks

By Phil Thompson
Chicago Tribune

Late Chicago Blackhawks Chairman Rocky Wirtz had planned for years for his son, Danny, to carry on the various family businesses without him. But when Rocky died from an illness on July 25, it felt no less jarring and devastating.

"We didn't think it was life-threatening, but it turned into three or four days of a real tough battle for his life,"

Danny Wirtz told the Tribune in an interview Friday to discuss his ascension to the head of the team's organizational chart.

Danny had worked alongside Rocky since spring 2020 when the Hawks named him interim president and then CEO later that year. With Rocky's death, Danny's official title has been updated to chairman and CEO.

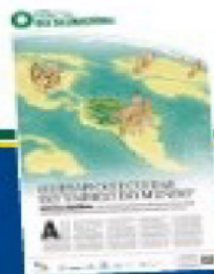
Danny, 46, didn't want to discuss the exact nature of Rocky's illness but did open up about the impact of those final days.

"One minute, we're talking on the phone, rescheduling some things

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Chicago Blackhawks CEO Danny Wirtz talks during an interview at the United Center in Chicago on Friday. **TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**



Fritzes Marinho (1876-1925) — (1-904-2003) Roberto Marinho

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CRISE CORPORATIVA

CPI da Americanas vê um 'escândalo contábil', mas não aponta culpados

Relatório final será apresentado hoje. Ex-CEO diz que acionistas conheciam situação da empresa

O relatório final da CPI que investiga o suposto esquema de fraudes na Americanas conclui que houve "um dos maiores escândalos contábeis já vivenciados no nosso cenário corporativo", mas não indica nenhum culpado pelos possíveis crimes. Segundo o relator, deputado Carlos Chiodini, não foi possível "identificar"

os autores. O texto ainda será citado pela comissão. Ex-CEO da companhia, Miguel Gutierrez, que não depôs à CPI, enviou uma carta à comissão na qual nega fraudes e afirma que o problema financeiro da empresa era "plenamente conhecido" pelos acionistas, que refutam qualquer crime. **ALAN**

Câmara volta a tentar alterar prazo de inelegibilidade de políticos

Período sem disputa eleitoral se trará à na condenação, e não após a pena cumprida. Medida já passou antes, mas parou no Senado. **ALAN**

Limite à cobrança de juros no rotativo do cartão avança

Câmara aprova urgência de projeto que impõe teto de encargos no valor da dívida original quando não há limite de juros. **ALAN**

Orçamento proposto por Lula corta verbas de seis de nove pastas de siglas aliadas

A proposta de Orçamento de 2024 enviada pelo governo ao Congresso reduz a dotação de seis das nove pastas comandadas por PSD, MDB e União Brasil. Lula negocia abrigar na Esplanada da PP e Republicanos, que devem ficar com Esportes/Pôrto, respectivamente. **ALAN**

Enquanto isso, em Brasília... **GH/AV**



— Estariam juntos para o 7 de setembro?

TEM QUE LER

Os dez hábitos para manter a saúde do coração

Um dos cardiologistas mais respeitados do Brasil, Roberto Kalil trará para o Tem que Ler, o novo produto do GLOBO exclusivo para assinantes, com dez dicas para manter o coração em dia. Veja quais são, da alimentação ao sono, da vacinação aos benefícios de qualquer prática religiosa ou espiritual. **ALAN**

Três suspeitos são presos pela morte de Mãe Bernadete

Polícia Civil da Bahia procura um quarto envolvido no assassinato da líder quilombola. Todos seriam ligados ao tráfico na região. **ALAN**

Xi Jinping não irá ao G20 por possível disputa com a Índia

Ausência do presidente chinês em Nova Délhi é creditada ao acirramento nas relações entre os dois países, que disputam territórios. **ALAN**

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Os bons números para celebrar no Dia da Amazônia **ALAN**

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Depois de docas estéril, Xuxa ganhará série de ficção **ALAN CABREO**

VIVI PARA CONTAR

'Eu gritava por socorro, mas ninguém ajudou'

O ator Victor Meyriel, expulso pelo estudante de Medicina Yuri de Moura Alexandre, que foi preso, diz estar com "a alma doente" e desorientado com o portento que viveu a cena: "Não queria que ele fosse herói, apenas humano". **ALAN**

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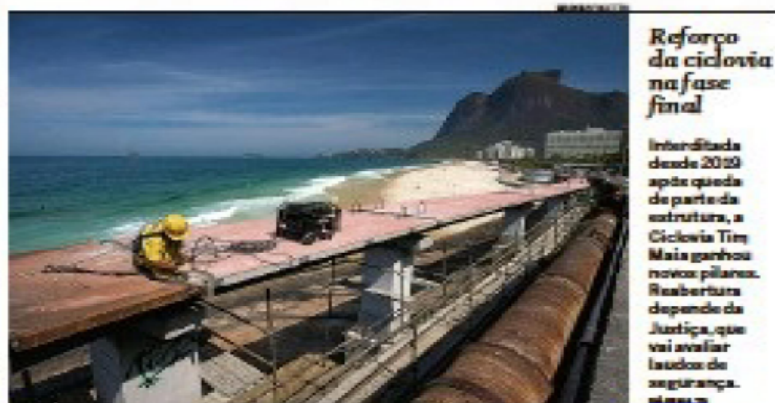
Acusado de agredir ex, Antony é cortado da seleção

Após vivenciar à tona diálogos com ameaças à no-nam oculto, o atacante foi excluído do grupo que treina em Elton Insuñza. Em entrevista, a DJ Gabriela Cavallin detalha as agressões, que ele nega. Direitos com o ex-Gabriel Jesus para av. **ALAN**



Pesadelo no festival

Depois de três dias ilhados no deserto de Nevada (EUA) por causa dos temporais que causaram extensos lamçal, os 70 mil participantes do festival alternativo Burning Man começaram a deixar o lugar. Os estranhos climáticos produziram imagens como o belo arco-íris em meio ao caos. **ALAN**



Reforço da ciclovia na fase final

Interditada desde 2019 após queda de parte da estrutura, a Ciclovia Tim Maia ganhou novos pilares. Reabertura depende da Justiça, que vai avaliar laudos de segurança. **ALAN**

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Pénurie de médicaments: pourquoi la crise va durer

Alors que les difficultés d'approvisionnement ne cessent de s'aggraver depuis des mois, le rapport de la mission Borne ne convainc ni les industriels, ni les pharmaciens, ni les patients.

Un « new deal »: c'est ce que proposent les six membres de la mission interministérielle mandatée par Elisabeth Borne pour mettre fin aux difficultés d'ap-

provisionnement en médicaments. Mais aucune de leurs 50 propositions ne semble en mesure de juguler rapidement la crise. Et les 10 % d'augmentation

du prix de l'amoxicilline concédés la semaine dernière par le gouvernement aux industriels apparaissent à beaucoup comme une solution dérisoire face à un

problème qui s'avère systémique et concerne des dizaines de molécules. En attendant, les pharmaciens peinent à honorer toutes les prescriptions et tentent de trouver des solutions. De leur côté, les industriels appellent à une remise à plat du système, avec une meilleure coordination au niveau européen.

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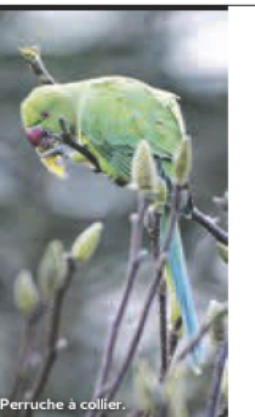
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Insectes, plantes, oiseaux... La France confrontée à la menace des espèces exotiques invasives

Le frelon asiatique, la jussie rampante, l'écrevisse de Louisiane et la perruche à collier font partie des 500 espèces envahissantes introduites sur le territoire, avec des impacts croissants sur la santé, la nature et l'agriculture. PAGE 13

Macron fait de l'école la priorité de sa rentrée politique

Dans une longue interview accordée à Hugo Travers sur YouTube, le chef de l'État s'est exprimé sur les chantiers qu'il souhaite ouvrir en matière d'éducation. Il est notamment revenu sur l'interdiction de l'abaya. « Le ministre a eu raison d'être clair », a-t-il d'emblée affirmé. « Ça ne stigmatise personne, a-t-il ajouté. C'est un sujet où il faut être intransigent. Maintenant, il faut que tout le monde s'y range. » PAGE 8

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SOS santé

L'inaction et les mauvais choix politiques sont un poison redoutable. Les premiers symptômes sont très longs à se manifester. Mais, lorsqu'ils deviennent visibles, la dégradation s'accélère. Difficile alors, pour ne pas dire impossible, de faire machine arrière. Il en est ainsi du recours à la dette publique. Au début (il y a cinquante ans), quelques milliards d'euros, puis 100, 1000 et plus de 3000 milliards aujourd'hui. Toujours plus d'intérêts, de prélèvements, de promesses non tenues de baisse de l'endettement... Redoutable nœud coulant. Et que dire des 35 heures, qui ont sapé la valeur travail. Aux mêmes maux, les mêmes conséquences. Partout, y compris pour les pénuries de médicaments qui frappent notre pays. Là encore, elles sont la conséquence des errements politiques des décennies passées. Quels sont-ils? La combinaison de trois calamités au minimum. L'abandon de l'industrie. Au départ, rien de bien visible. Les usines sont toujours là, mais leurs propriétaires n'y investissent plus et les nouveaux traitements sont produits ailleurs. Les principes actifs cruciaux pour la souveraineté du continent tombent à bas bruit dans l'escarcelle de la

Chine ou de l'Inde. Et voilà que l'on découvre que l'on manque d'aspirine et d'antibiotiques.

La bureaucratie dévorante, ensuite. Celle du médicament, si lente et tatillonne, pousse les labos à mener leurs essais cliniques à l'étranger. Les moins téméraires ne veulent même plus demander d'autorisation de mise sur le marché de leurs traitements en France, tant

Le médicament, la variable d'ajustement

la procédure est lente et coûteuse. Et, enfin, une politique de santé qui a fait du médicament, et notamment du prix des génériques, la variable d'ajustement du financement d'une Sécurité sociale obèse et dispendieuse. Alors, que faire? Commencer par augmenter les prix pour que les laboratoires livrent nos officines. Et puis débureaucratiser la santé, restaurer les finances publiques pour retrouver des marges de manœuvre financières pour l'éducation, la formation, l'innovation, le prix des médicaments... Première urgence: passer à l'action. Désormais, la santé des Français en dépend. ■

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