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## What's News

## Business &amp; Finance

◆ **Google parent Alphabet** reached a tentative settlement with a coalition of states to resolve antitrust litigation accusing the company of operating a monopoly with its Google Play app store. **B1**

◆ **Investors responding** to data that fanned inflation fears depressed major U.S. stock indexes, pushing down the S&P 500, Nasdaq and Dow by 0.7%, 1.1% and 0.6%, respectively. **B1**

◆ **Several Binance executives** have left the crypto giant in recent days, including leaders overseeing its Russian business and its connections to the traditional financial system. **B1**

◆ **The FASB voted to set** a new rule on cryptocurrency accounting and disclosure, changes companies holding these assets have argued more accurately reflect their financial condition. **B1**

◆ **Comcast and Disney** agreed to move up the date on which they begin negotiating the fate of their jointly owned streaming service, Hulu, the cable company's CEO said. **B3**

◆ **GameStop reported** a slight increase in sales and a narrower loss for the fiscal second quarter, as the videogame retailer continued to pursue turnaround efforts. **B3**

◆ **Roku is cutting 10%** of its workforce, aiming to reduce the streaming platform's mounting expenses. **B3**

◆ **The Rolling Stones held** an event to publicize their first collection of original songs since 2005, an album titled "Hackney Diamonds," which arrives Oct. 20. **B4**

◆ **The Bank of Canada held** its main interest rate steady at 5% after back-to-back rate rises in June and July. **A16**

## World-Wide

◆ **China ordered officials** at central government agencies not to use Apple's iPhones and other foreign-branded devices for work or bring them into the office, people familiar with the matter said. **A1**

◆ **Secretary of State Blinken** signaled Washington's long-term support for Ukraine's fight to expel Russian invaders, traveling to Kyiv in an effort to reassure the country's leaders as they battle entrenched enemy forces. **A1**

◆ **Special counsel David Weiss** said he would seek an indictment of Hunter Biden by Sept. 29, keeping the younger Biden's legal problems in the spotlight as the president pursues his re-election campaign. **A3**

◆ **Texas must remove** the 1,000-foot floating border barrier it installed in the middle of the Rio Grande, a federal judge ruled. **A3**

◆ **McConnell, answering** reporters about his recent health scare, said he planned to remain the Republicans' leader in the Senate and finish his term there. **A4**

◆ **Sidney Powell** and Kenneth Chesebro, two defendants in the Georgia racketeering case against Trump and others, will be tried together in October, a judge said. **A4**

◆ **Mexico's ruling party** and a coalition of opposition parties both picked women as their candidates in next year's presidential election. **A16**

◆ **The Pentagon intends** to field a vast network of AI-powered technology, drones and autonomous systems to counter threats from China and other adversaries. **A6**

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## Russian Attack on Shopping Area Kills at Least 17



**DEADLY STRIKE:** At least 17 people were killed and more than 30 injured in a Russian aerial attack on a shopping district in the eastern city of Kostyantynivka, a fresh sign that Russia is singling out towns near the front lines. **A6**

## Blinken Pays Visit to Ukraine, Pledges \$1 Billion in New Aid

By William Mauldin  
And James Marston

KYIV, Ukraine—Secretary of State Antony Blinken signaled Washington's long-term support for Ukraine's fight to expel Russian invaders, traveling to Kyiv in an effort to reassure the country's leaders as they pursue a slow-going and difficult counteroffensive against entrenched enemy forces.

Blinken's visit—the most high-profile trip by a U.S. official since President Biden went in February—appeared

designed to buoy Kyiv and Western allies and to send a message to the Kremlin that Washington doesn't intend to back down.

Blinken used the unannounced visit to pledge more than \$1 billion in additional aid for Ukraine.

The financial package includes funds for equipment to clear mines laid by Russia, obstacles that have significantly impeded Ukraine's progress, as well as \$203 million to root out graft in Ukrainian institutions.

Kyiv fired its defense minister last week after allegations of corruption against officials in his department.

Continued support from Washington, by far Ukraine's biggest backer, is seen as vital to any Ukrainian victory against Russia. The U.S. has provided Ukraine more than \$40 billion in military aid since the start of the war.

"We want to make sure that Ukraine has what it needs, not only to succeed in the counteroffensive, but has what it needs for the long term, to make sure that it has

a strong deterrent," said Blinken, who met President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine on Wednesday.

The visit comes at a pivotal moment politically and militarily. U.S. support for Ukraine's counteroffensive—which aims to slice through the swath of land along Ukraine's coast that Russia now occupies—is indispensable. But the slow progress of

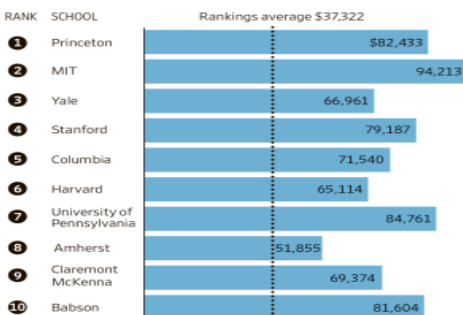
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◆ **Moscow-led theatrics** take center stage at U.N. .... **A7**

## Princeton Takes Top Spot

The Wall Street Journal/College Pulse rankings emphasize how much a college improves its students' chances of graduating on time and how much it boosts salaries. **R1-8**

Earnings above a high-school graduate's yearly salary for top-ranked colleges overall



Note: Graduate earnings over and above high-school graduates in the same state  
Sources: Department of Education's College Scorecard; American Community Survey

## England Has a North-South Divide, Too. But Where Exactly?

Scientists use AI to tackle age-old question; steak pies vs. avocado wraps

By James Hookway

WATFORD GAP, England—There is no Mason-Dixon Line in England to settle debate about where the North ends and the South begins. So physicists at Sheffield Hallam University used artificial intelligence to draw

Their conclusion: The line runs right past Watford Gap rest area, a clump of fast-food outlets and gas pumps on a highway 80 miles from London.

In England, as in the U.S., differences between North and South extend beyond geography to encompass money, class

and culture. Northerners say they are friendlier than Southerners, whom they often regard as snobs. Southerners don't much like to travel too far into the North, which they see as a land of rain and fading factory towns. Southerners often call their evening meal "dinner"; Northerners call it "tea."

The scientists' goal was to replace preconceptions with something more tangible.

"A lot of our identity is carried in the food we eat, isn't it?" said Robin Smith, one of the physicists. "So we thought, would that make sense? By ex-

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## Real-Estate Doom Loop Threatens America's Banks

Regional banks loaded up on commercial property loans and investments that are now a looming danger

By Shane Shifflett and Konrad Putzier

Bank OZK had two branches in rural Arkansas when chief executive officer George Gleason bought it in 1979. The Little Rock lender today has billions of dollars in commercial real-estate loans, including for properties in Miami and Manhattan, where it is helping fund the construction of a 1,000-foot-tall office and luxury residential tower on Fifth Avenue.

Regional banks across the country followed

a similar playbook, gorging on commercial real-estate loans and related investments in big cities over the past decade.

With the commercial real-estate market now in meltdown, those trillions of dollars in loans and investments are a looming threat for the banking industry—and potentially the broader economy. Banks' exposure is even bigger than commonly reported. The banks are in danger of setting off a doom-loop scenario where losses on the loans trigger banks

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## Wells Fargo Struggles to Revamp

By Ben Eisen

Wells Fargo is still trying to fix itself.

Seven years after a fake-accounts scandal engulfed the bank, thousands of employees are grappling with how to best catch or prevent problems in everything it does.

Each day, employees gather in virtual and in-person "workshops" to map out the risks

that come with big moves such as foreclosing on a home and small moves like allowing a customer-service representative to override a late fee. How best to manage those risks is debated. Employees regularly present before a panel of superiors, and their work either is waved through or sent back.

Risk exercises are common at many companies, but the stakes are higher at Wells

Fargo. The bank needs to upgrade its risk and control functions to its own liking—and to satisfy regulators.

The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Wells Fargo's primary regulator, raised the possibility in January of breaking up banks that can't put adequate controls in place. It didn't mention Wells Fargo specifically, but the

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## INSIDE



**U.S. NEWS**  
Special counsel says he will seek indictment of Hunter Biden this month. **A3**

## Middle East Monarchies Become World's ATM

By Eliot Brown  
And Rory Jones

Five years ago, Saudi officials watched a wave of U.S. finance executives pull out of a free investment confab in Riyadh after the murder of a dissident journalist made the kingdom a toxic place to do business. This year, the conference is expecting so much demand it is charging executives \$15,000 a person.

Middle East monarchies eager for global influence are hav-

ing a moment on the world's financial stage. They are flush with cash from an energy boom at the very time traditional Western financiers—hampered by rising interest rates—have retreated from deal making and private investing.

The region's sovereign wealth funds have become the en vogue ATM for private equity, venture capital and real-estate funds struggling to raise money elsewhere.

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Culture warriors join battle over digital cash

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Britain's Tories have lost voters' attention

ROBERT SHRIMSLEY, PAGE 21

## Universal deal lifts artists' pay in streaming revolution

- Deezer tie-up sparks big shift in model
- More money for professional musicians

ANNA NICOLAOU — NEW YORK

Universal Music has struck a deal to reshape the economics of music streaming, with changes aimed at directing more money to professional musicians and away from a "sea of noise" that chief executive Sir Lucian Grainge criticised this year.

The world's largest record company and Deezer, the French streaming service, have agreed an arrangement that they expect will lift payouts to professional artists by 10 per cent, in the first big shift in the music streaming business model since Spotify's launch in 2008.

As part of the model, streams of songs from professional artists — defined as those who generate at least 1,000 listens a month — will be given double the weight of streams from non-professionals when calculating royalty payments.

"This is a massive change in the way the music industry will work," Jeronimo Folgueira, Deezer's chief executive, said. "We have 90mn tracks and many of them are just noise, like literally noise, the sound of a washing machine and rain. It is fundamentally wrong that 30 seconds of the recording of a washing machine gets paid the same as the latest single by Harry Styles."

If a listener actively seeks out a song or musician, the weight of those streams will be doubled again. For example, if a user searches "Taylor Swift" on the Deezer app and listens to one of her songs, it will be counted as four streams for royalty calculations.

The goal is to reduce the money flowing to amateurs, bots and white-noise soundtracks. Goldman Sachs estimated that the "long tail" of such content

generated \$900mn in royalties last year.

Michael Nash, Universal's chief digital officer, told the Financial Times that the changes would be "revenue positive" for the company, which is home to stars including Swift, Elton John and Drake.

The changes, if replicated across other streaming services, would have significant implications for the business. Services such as Spotify, Apple Music and Deezer have revived the industry, expanding sales for nearly a decade. But the way streaming money is paid out has not changed, a source of frustration for music companies and musicians.

In the current structure, listeners' monthly subscription fees are pooled into one royalty pot divided among copyright holders based on their share of listening. Royalties are paid the same regardless of who created the song or whether it was listened to passively via an algorithm or actively after a search. As long as someone listens for more than 30 seconds, the stream counts.

Goldman projected that the total music streaming market would make \$38bn in revenue this year.

The streaming services pay music rights holders such as Universal about two-thirds of every dollar they collect. On average, streamers pay about \$5 for 1,000 streams.

"Listening to a 31-second song by an independent artist, a full three-minute song by a popular artist, and five minutes of the sound of rain is all treated equally," the Goldman analysts noted.

Universal is also in talks with other streaming platforms including Spotify, Tidal and SoundCloud about changing the way they pay royalties.

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## Close to the sun Hottest season on record puts world on alert to impact of changing climate



THOMAS SAMSON/TOPI-EPF

A woman takes shade beneath her umbrella near the Louvre in Paris during the heatwave in France this week.

The world has had its hottest season since records began in 1940, with the northern hemisphere's scorching summer breaking 2019's record.

"Climate breakdown has begun. Our climate is imploding faster than we can cope, with extreme weather events hitting every corner of the planet," UN

secretary-general António Guterres said, as he called on global leaders to take urgent action.

Europe has been hit hardest by the extreme heat, with Greece and Spain suffering wildfires and floods. But weather patterns globally were mixed.

Despite record temperatures, there was also above-average rainfall over most of western Europe and Turkey, west and north-east North America,

parts of Asia, Chile, Brazil, and north-western Australia, which in places led to flooding.

In Scandinavia, central Europe, large parts of Asia and the Americas conditions were drier than average, leading to unusual wildfires in some regions.

Adding to concerns for climate scientists, the extent of ice in the Antarctic sea was also at a record low level.

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### Briefing

► **Hedge funds pose danger to stability, watchdogs warn**  
Policymakers have singled out a group of hedge funds as potential sources of market instability in an escalation of concerns over the impact of their bets on bonds. The Financial Stability Board did not name the funds. — PAGE 6

► **Erdogan backs rate rises**  
The Turkish president has vowed to use "tight monetary policy" to cool fierce price growth, reversing his hostility to rate rises. Poland, meanwhile, attracted criticism as it cut its benchmark rate. — PAGE 2

► **Latin America crime alert**  
An IMF official has warned that transnational gangs involved in drug trafficking and extortion are such a problem that they are damaging the region's overall economic performance. — PAGE 4

► **New Covid jobs effective**  
Early studies have provided hope that the newest Covid-19 vaccines will help protect people against the mutated new variant BA.2.86, which scientists had feared might prove dangerous. — PAGE 6

► **16 die in Russian attack**  
Ukraine president Volodymyr Zelenskyy has said missiles were aimed at a market in the Donetsk region. US secretary of state Antony Blinken was on a surprise visit to Kyiv at the time. — PAGE 2

► **Spain defends Telefónica**  
Madrid has vowed to defend its "strategic interests" after Saudi Telecom Company targeted a 10 per cent stake in the telecoms group, one of Spain's biggest companies. — PAGE 8; LEX, PAGE 22

► **Dollar strength resisted**  
Officials in China and Japan have pushed back as a rally by the US currency threatens to drive both the renminbi and yen to historic lows. Weaker exchange rates have boosted both economies. — PAGE 12

► **Eurozone construction hit**  
The latest purchasing managers' survey has shown house building in the region declining at the fastest pace since the pandemic started as rising interest rates and high inflation hit activity. — PAGE 2



### Audit crisis prompts bid to ease industry entry rules

A shortage of accountants across the US, which has left municipal authorities unable to find auditors, has sparked a campaign to relax the profession's education criteria. As baby boomers retire, the numbers sitting exams has fallen. Audit bodies are pushing state legislators to ease the rule on an a fifth year of study, but critics fear for a system that lets accountants practise nationwide.

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## Swiss watchdog quits as storm around bank rescue leads to 'permanent stress'

OWEN WALKER AND LAURA NOONAN — LONDON

The head of Switzerland's financial regulator has resigned citing the toll on his health of "permanent stress levels", months after orchestrating the rescue of Credit Suisse by UBS.

Urban Angehrn, who has been chief executive of Finma for less than two years, played a pivotal role in negotiations over the most significant bank merger since the financial crisis. Finma announced yesterday that he would step down at the end of the month.

Angehrn said the "high and permanent stress level" of the job "had health consequences" for him.

"I have considered my decision carefully and have now decided to step down," the 58-year-old added.

Finma is being sued by Credit Suisse

investors who lost billions of dollars after the regulator signed off a move to wipe out \$17bn of bonds as part of the takeover by UBS.

The measure was particularly controversial because shareholders in Credit Suisse retained some value for their equity, overturning the traditional investor hierarchy even though it was permitted under Swiss law.

Questions were also asked about how Credit Suisse was allowed to get into such a perilous state that it was forced into a rescue by its longtime rival, prompting Angehrn to publish a defence of the regulator in Swiss newspaper NZZ in July.

A Swiss government-commissioned report into the collapse of Credit Suisse published last week found Finma was too weak to adequately handle banking crises. The report recommended giving

Finma greater powers after concluding that it lacked teeth in comparison with international peers and struggled to enforce its will on the country's banking sector.

The watchdog has just 550 staff, compared with the thousands employed by other regulators such as the UK's Financial Conduct Authority.

Angehrn will be replaced by his deputy, Birgit Rutishauser, on a temporary basis from October 1.

Finma said Angehrn was instrumental in managing the Credit Suisse crisis, which it described as "the biggest challenge" in its history.

"During his term of office, Urban Angehrn had to cope with and be responsible for an extraordinary wealth of tasks in a wide variety of areas in addition to the day-to-day business," said Marlene Amstad, Finma's chair.

### World Markets

STOCK MARKETS					CURRENCIES					GOVERNMENT BONDS				
	Sep 6	Prev	%Chg		Pair	Sep 6	Prev	%Chg		Yield (%)	Sep 6	Prev	%Chg	
S&P 500	4458.57	4498.83	-0.90	\$/€	1.071	1.071	0.00	0.00	0.00	US 2 yr	5.02	4.90	0.08	
Nasdaq Composite	13864.31	14020.95	-1.12	\$/£	1.249	1.258	-0.01	-0.01	0.00	US 10 yr	4.30	4.25	0.05	
Dow Jones Ind	34428.34	34641.97	-0.62	€/£	0.857	0.853	0.00	0.00	0.00	US 30 yr	4.37	4.37	0.00	
FTSEurofirst 300	1797.48	1807.96	-0.58	\$/¥	147.630	147.685	-0.00	0.00	0.00	UK 2 yr	4.94	4.97	-0.02	
Euro Stoxx 50	4239.83	4269.16	-0.69	€/¥	184.390	185.411	-0.01	-0.01	0.00	UK 10 yr	4.63	4.63	0.00	
FTSE 100	7426.14	7427.93	-0.16	\$/¥	0.956	0.952	0.00	0.00	0.00	UK 30 yr	4.74	4.75	-0.01	
FTSE AEX Share	4640.70	4655.78	-0.17							JPN 2 yr	0.01	0.01	0.00	
CAC 40	7194.09	7254.72	-0.84							JPN 10 yr	0.65	0.65	0.00	
Xetra Dax	15741.37	15771.71	-0.19							JPN 30 yr	1.64	1.66	-0.01	
Nikkei	33241.02	33026.76	0.62							GER 2 yr	3.11	3.04	0.07	
Hong Kong	18448.98	18458.91	-0.04							GER 10 yr	2.85	2.81	0.04	
MSCI World \$	2973.45	2990.17	-0.56							GER 30 yr	2.77	2.76	0.01	
MSCI EM \$	985.84	995.50	-0.97											
MSCI ACWI \$	883.97	888.12	-0.60											
FT Wilshire 2500	5621.27	5651.83	-0.52											
FT Wilshire 5000	49357.10	49606.20	-0.55											



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## Carnage at a Marketplace

A Russian missile killed at least 17 civilians on Wednesday, hours after Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken arrived in Kyiv. Page A7.

## Bedtime Checks, Verbal Abuse: Women's Lot in Spanish Soccer

This article is by Rachel Chaandler, Sarah Hirtes and Jeré Longman.

MADRID — Last summer, when Beatriz Álvarez landed the job as president of the Spanish women's soccer league, she asked to meet the chief of the country's soccer federation by videoconference, she said, so she could remain home with her newborn child.

After decades of being an inconsistently run afterthought, women's soccer had recently become fully unionized and professional. Ms. Álvarez had much to discuss.

But Luis Rubiales, the now-embattled president of the soccer federation, refused. Ms. Álvarez recalled in an interview. He told her to send someone else. She said he told her that, rather than attending a meeting, she should set an example by "devoting myself to my maternity."

Ms. Álvarez said the meetings went on without her. She said the incident was just one of many sub-



CARLOS LUJANO/EUROPA PRESS, VIA GETTY IMAGES  
Beatriz Álvarez faced sexism as the soccer league president.

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## In Wisconsin Struggle for Power, G.O.P. Seeks to Impeach Judge

By REID J. EPSTEIN

Republicans in Wisconsin are coalescing around the prospect of impeaching a newly seated liberal justice on the state's Supreme Court, whose victory in a costly, high-stakes election this spring swung the court in Democrats' favor and threatened the G.O.P.'s iron grip on state politics.

The push, just five weeks after Justice Janet Protasiewicz joined the court and before she has heard a single case, serves as a last-ditch effort to stop the new 4-to-3 liberal majority from throwing out Republican-drawn state legislative maps and legalizing abortion in Wisconsin.

The drama over Republican threats to impeach and possibly remove Justice Protasiewicz could raise new questions about democracy and the legitimacy of elections in a state where G.O.P. lawmakers and their allies spent two years disputing the 2020 presidential contest's outcome.

For Republicans, the liberal Su-

preme Court majority serves as an existential danger. If the court, as expected, invalidates Wisconsin's legislative maps, it would strip Republicans of what now amounts to permanent majorities in the Legislature. But removing a newly elected justice could prompt a backlash in 2024 from

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MORRIS GASH/ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Justice Janet Protasiewicz joined the court last month.

## Help for Risky Pregnancies Drops As Doctors Flee Abortion Limits

By SHERYL GAY STOLBERG

McCALL, Idaho — One by one, doctors who handle high-risk pregnancies are disappearing from Idaho — part of a wave of obstetricians fleeing restrictive abortion laws and a hostile state legislature. Dr. Caitlin Gustafson, a family doctor who also delivers babies in the tiny mountain town of McCall, is among those left behind, facing a lonely and uncertain future.

When caring for patients with pregnancy complications, Dr. Gustafson seeks counsel from maternal-fetal medicine specialists in Boise, the state capital two hours away. But two of the experts she relied on as backup have packed up their young families and moved away, one to Minnesota and the other to Colorado.

All told, more than a dozen labor and delivery doctors — including five of Idaho's nine longtime maternal-fetal experts — will have either left or retired by the end of this year. Dr. Gustafson says the

departures have made a bad situation worse, depriving both patients and doctors of moral support and medical advice.

"I wanted to work in a small family town and deliver babies," she said. "I was living my dream — until all of this."

Idaho's obstetrics exodus is not happening in isolation. Across the country, in red states like Texas, Oklahoma and Tennessee, obstetricians — including highly skilled doctors who specialize in handling complex and risky pregnancies — are leaving their practices. Some newly minted doctors are avoiding states like Idaho.

The departures may result in new maternity care deserts, or areas that lack any maternity care, and they are placing strains on physicians like Dr. Gustafson who are left behind. The effects are particularly pronounced in rural areas, where many hospitals are shuttering obstetrics units for

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## To Make Fries Flavorless, Big Farms Leave Some Homes Waterless

By DIONNE SEARCEY  
and MIRA ROJANASAKUL

The drought that gripped Minnesota in the summer of 2021 was one of the worst on record. Day after day a blazing sun shriveled leaves, dried up waterfalls and

### UNCHAINED WATERS A Cloud Over 10,000 Lakes

turned ponds to puddles.

In a state known for its 10,000 lakes, many people could do little except hope for rain.

But big farmers had another option. They cranked up their powerful irrigation wells, drenching their fields with so much water that they collectively pumped at least 6.1 billion gallons more groundwater than allowed under state permits. Nearly a third of the overuse happened on land affiliated with one company, R.D. Offutt Farms.

The water helped R.D. Offutt to achieve its objective of creating long, smooth potatoes that effortlessly sail through the slicers at



DAVID GUTTENBERGER FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES  
An irrigation system in Minnesota. Potatoes and other crops are gulping groundwater from aquifers.

frozen food processors so Americans could have one of their favorite foods: McDonald's French fries.

It takes a lot of water to make a perfect fry.

By turning on the taps in the

depths of drought, R.D. Offutt and other farmers in the state — where thousands of wells irrigate potatoes and other water-intensive crops like corn, soybeans and sugar beets — blew through limits designed to protect aquifers that

supply drinking water to millions of people.

For some Minnesotans, it significantly worsened the drought's effects. And it exposed how dependent much of the state has become

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## Google to Face Blistering Trial Over Its Power

### Major Case for U.S. in Modern Internet Era

By DAVID McCABE  
and CECILIA KANG

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department has spent three years over two presidential administrations building the case that Google illegally abused its power over on-line search to throttle competition. To defend itself, Google has enlisted hundreds of employees and three powerful law firms and spent millions of dollars on legal fees and lobbyists.

On Tuesday, a judge in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia will begin considering their arguments at trial that cuts to the heart of a long-simmering question: Did today's tech giants become dominant by breaking the law?

The case — U.S. et al. v. Google — is the federal government's first monopoly trial of the modern internet era, as a generation of tech companies has come to wield immense influence over commerce, information, public discourse, entertainment and labor. The trial moves the antitrust battle against those companies to a new phase, shifting from challenging their mergers and acquisitions to more deeply examining the businesses that thrust them into power.

Such a consequential case over tech power has not unfolded since the Justice Department took Microsoft to court in 1998 for antitrust violations. But since then, companies like Google, Apple, Amazon and Meta, which owns Facebook and Instagram, have woven themselves into people's lives to an even greater degree. Any ruling from the trial could have broad ripple effects, slowing down or potentially dismantling the largest internet companies after decades of unbridled growth.

The stakes are particularly high for Google, the Silicon Valley company founded in 1998, which grew into a \$1.7 trillion giant by becoming the first place people turned to online to search the web. The government has said in its complaint that it wants Google to change its monopolistic business practices, potentially pay damages and restructure itself.

"This is a pivotal case and a moment to create precedents for these new platforms that lend themselves to real and durable market power," said Laura Phillips-Sawyer, who teaches antitrust law at the University of Georgia School of Law.

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## BIDEN PREPARES TO TIGHTLY LIMIT ALASKA DRILLING

### GUARDING WILDERNESS

### But Contentious Willow Oil Project Would Not Be Halted

By LISA FRIEDMAN

In its most aggressive move yet to protect federal land from oil and gas exploration, the Biden administration announced on Wednesday that it would prohibit drilling in 13 million acres of pristine wilderness in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska and cancel all drilling leases in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

The new regulations would ensure what the administration called "maximum protections" for nearly half of the petroleum reserve but would not stop the enormous \$8 billion Willow oil drilling project in the same vicinity, which President Biden approved this year.

Climate activists, particularly young environmentalists, were angered by Mr. Biden's decision in March to allow the Willow project, calling it a "carbon bomb." Many called the move a betrayal of Mr. Biden's campaign promise of "no new drilling, period" on federal lands and waters.

Since then, the administration has taken pains to emphasize its efforts to reduce the carbon emissions that result from burning oil and gas and that are driving climate change.

"We have a responsibility to protect this treasured region for all ages," Mr. Biden said in a statement. "Canceling all remaining oil and gas leases issued under the previous administration in the Arctic Refuge and protecting more than 13 million acres in the western Arctic will help preserve our Arctic lands and wildlife, while honoring the culture, history, and enduring wisdom of Alaska Natives who have lived on these lands since time immemorial."

The Biden administration had promised some new protections in the Arctic when it approved the Willow project. The policies announced on Wednesday, however, go significantly further by canceling the refuge leases and explicitly prohibiting new oil and gas leasing in 10.6 million acres of the petroleum reserve. An additional 2.4 million acres would be subject to

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#### It's a Bit Like Rocket Science

The N.F.L. turned to computers rather than tradition as it optimized its schedule for T.V. and streaming. PAGE B6

#### It's Not the Heat. Actually, It Is.

The weather has grown hotter in the U.S. Open's second week, so players and fans are trying to cope. PAGE B8



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## Water rules may mean cuts for state suppliers

Some agencies could face reductions of 20% or more by 2025 to hit conservation goals.

By Hayley Smith, Ian James and Sean Greene

With California facing a hotter and drier future punctuated by bouts of extreme weather — state officials are moving forward with a new framework for urban water use that could require some suppliers to make cuts of 20% or more as soon as 2025.

Many of the suppliers facing the harshest cuts are in the Central Valley or the southeastern part of the state — large, hot and primarily rural areas that have historically struggled to meet conservation targets.

In Los Angeles, where the Department of Water and Power has reported significant conservation gains over the last decade, new reductions wouldn't take effect until 2030, according to state data. Other neighboring water suppliers, such as the city of Beverly Hills and the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, would be required to make cuts of 18% and 13% within two years, respectively.

The proposed regulation, dubbed "Making Conservation a California Way of Life," would establish tailored goals for each urban retail water supplier in the state, providing them with more flexibility to account for local conditions, according to the State Water Resources Control Board.

The move marks a shift away from the one-size-fits-all approach that has governed California water for years. If adopted, the new rules would require the state's more than 400 urban water suppliers to come up with a new water-use budget every year beginning in 2025. They could face hefty fines for failing to comply or meet their targets.

The regulation stems [See Water, A8]



CURTIS WILMOTH in his encampment in Jackson, Miss. The state has the second-highest poverty rate.

## In Mississippi, poverty but not homelessness

Greater Jackson's unhoused rate is far better than L.A. County's, showing the power of cheap dwellings to keep people off the streets

By Noah Bierman | Reporting from Jackson, Miss.

Tommie Brown, a homeless outreach coordinator here in the capital of one of the country's poorest states, saw a lifetime's worth of desperate people as he navigated bumpy roads in his green Toyota Tundra on a recent morning, including a woman who said her landlord stole her benefits check and then broke her arm by clubbing her with her own walker.

Yet he knew homelessness was an even more serious problem elsewhere. He's been to Los Angeles, twice, to learn about the city's homeless population.

"I can't imagine L.A. being in a situation or position to be proactive anymore," said Brown, 62, who made weeklong visits to Los Angeles in 2010 and 2016. All L.A. can do is "try to keep up with the situation," he added.

Mississippi has plenty of problems, starting with the nation's second-highest poverty rate, just behind Louisiana's. Yet the state also has the country's lowest homelessness rate, a combination of statistics that is hard

[See Unhoused, A8]



CHERYL WELCH, left, hugs homeless outreach coordinator Tommie Brown outside a former youth detention center in Jackson in June.

## 'Proxy battle' for the future of TV

Disney's streaming plans, especially for ESPN, are at the heart of Charter blackout.

By Meg James

Walt Disney Co. Chief Executive Bob Iger has made no secret of his company's plans to eventually offer ESPN channels directly to consumers, bypassing its long-standing partners — the cable and satellite TV providers.

"We have a great brand, we've had a great business," Iger said during a mid-July appearance on CNBC from Sun Valley, Idaho. "There is an inevitability ... to taking ESPN direct to consumers. We haven't said when, but we do know that it will happen."

Back in Stamford, Conn., Charter Communications executives took notice. Charter's four-year deal to distribute two dozen Disney channels, including ESPN, ABC stations and FX, was set to expire soon after, on Aug. 31. Iger's comments signaled another example of a major programmer prioritizing its streaming business at the expense of the pay-TV bundle, which continues to provide a vital source of revenue despite the ravages of cord-cutting.

Disney's goal of offering ESPN directly to sports fans was one of several factors that led to the Aug. 31 blackout of the Burbank entertainment giant's channels for Charter Spectrum's 14.8 million customer homes nationwide, according to people close to the two companies who were not authorized to speak publicly.

"Most of these disputes feel like a spitting contest between two companies jockeying for leverage in a negotiation," said Paul Verna, principal analyst for Insider Intelligence. "But this one feels more like it's a proxy battle for the future of pay TV."

It's unclear how long the dispute might last. Charter [See Spectrum, A12]

## Gascón's sentencing reform is slow, frustrating for many

D.A. has said 30,000 prisoners could have terms cut back, but critics say politics have gotten in the way



DIST. ATTY. George Gascón says he wants to reduce prison sentences obtained under outdated policies.

By James Queally

Barry Hawes cuts a fierce figure, all lean muscle and sharp angles built on the frame of a onetime high school wide receiver. But when Hawes was sent to prison at age 16 for his connection to a fatal shooting, he was still a boy among men.

Over the next 17 years of his 25-year sentence, he said, he was stabbed and suffered multiple broken bones while fighting for survival behind bars.

Hawes maintains his innocence. But charged as an adult and facing life in prison for felony murder, he took a plea deal at the urging of his family. He recalled his father's words: "I'd rather you take 25 years and have a [release] date, or you have life and now you never come home."

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## Schiff, Porter build on support

Garvey's possible run doesn't hurt pair's poll standings for state's 2024 Senate primary.

By Benjamin Oreskes

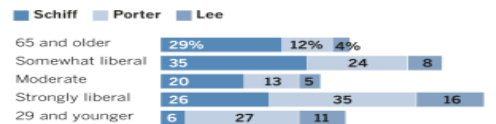
California has more registered Republicans than any state in the union, but that doesn't mean one of them will make it to the runoff for the state's U.S. Senate seat.

Six months ahead of the March 5 primary, two Democrats appear likely to face off next year to decide who will replace longtime Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein, according to a new UC Berkeley

[See Poll, A12]

### Where Democratic Senate candidates stand

Among the top three Democrats in California's 2024 race, Rep. Adam B. Schiff leads with older voters and those who identify as somewhat liberal or moderate. Rep. Katie Porter leads with young voters and strong liberals.



Statewide poll conducted Aug. 24-29 among 3,113 California voters considered likely to participate in the March 5 primary. Estimated margin of error +/- 2.5 percentage points. Support for other candidates and undecided voters not shown. UC Berkeley Institute of Governmental Studies

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## Biden to block oil drilling in Arctic

Ban would cover more than 10 million acres of 'irreplaceable' lands

BY TIMOTHY PUKE

President Biden moved Wednesday to protect more than 10 million acres of Alaska's North Slope from development, barring oil drilling across giant swaths and canceling leases in the iconic Arctic National Wildlife Refuge issued under President Donald Trump.

The conservation push covers nearly half of the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska (NPR-A), the nation's largest expanse of public land, which provides habitat for a range of sensitive Arctic wildlife, including caribou and shorebirds. It would impose a permanent ban on oil and gas development for 10.6 million acres of the reserve but would not block ConocoPhillips's Willow project, which Biden approved there earlier this year and is poised to produce 576 million barrels of oil over the next three decades.

In a separate move, Interior Secretary Deb Haaland is canceling all seven outstanding leases the Trump administration awarded for oil exploration in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, in the state's northeast corner. Drilling had been banned in the refuge, one of the nation's most pristine natural areas, for decades until Congress ordered lease sales there in 2017. As a candidate, Biden pledged to undo those leases as

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## Resistance on repeat to masking at schools

Response to virus uptick again draws educators into a political battle

BY HANNAH NATANSON, FENYI NIKAPPEL AND MAEGAN VAZQUEZ

As school gets underway and coronavirus cases rise, masks are returning to some American classrooms — and reviving the country's fraught political debate over whether face coverings are common sense or an abridgment of freedom.

In Maryland this week, an elementary school principal mandated several days of mask-wearing for a class of kindergartners after at least four people tested positive for the virus. New York's governor announced a plan to distribute free N95 and KN95 masks to schools this fall, although the state is not requiring their use. And in Alabama, a junior high school in Sumter County declared in late August that mask-wearing would begin again for everyone — students, staff and visitors.

Even though these campuses

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**Melting point:** Schools cancel classes in a brutal heat wave. A5

Pakistan is the epicenter of a wave of health threats from global warming, a Post analysis finds



## Climate-linked ills threaten humanity

BY ANNIE GOWEN, NIKO KOMMENDA AND SAIYNA BASHIR IN BAGH YUSUF, PAKISTAN

The floods came, and then the sickness.

Muhammad Yaqoob stood on his concrete porch and watched the black, angry water swirl around the acacia trees and rush toward his village last September, the deluge making a sound that was like nothing he had ever heard. "It was like thousands of snakes sighing all at once," he recalled.

At first, he thought villagers' impromptu sandbags, made from rice and fertilizer sacks, had helped save their homes and escape Pakistan's worst floods on record. But Yaqoob — whom villagers call a wadero, or chief — soon realized it was just the beginning of a health disaster. The temperatures rose to triple digits, as the water that would not recede festered in the sun.

An elderly woman died in a boat on the way to the hospital, overcome by heat and dehydration. Dark clouds of mosquitoes bit through even the toughest donkey's hide, spreading malaria to Yaqoob and four dozen of his neighbors. People came down with itchy dermatitis from walking through the floodwaters. Farmers who could not plant in drenched fields began cutting back their simple meals of vegetables and rice from three a day to two. And then, for some, just one.

"I had no idea what miseries this flood would bring for us," said Yaqoob, whose village is in Sindh, the hardest-hit province in a disaster that left a third of the country

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**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:** Samir Ali bathes his buffalo while his daughter Rozina operates the pump in Jacobabad, Pakistan. Maluka Bibi holds the arm of his son Ali Buksh, 10, while he is given an injection at a heatstroke ward in Sindh province. Farmers take dates off palm trees damaged by the heat wave in Jacobabad.

**Blistering conditions:** In safety complaint, Phoenix airport workers cite lack of water and medical care during a record heat wave. A22

## In Kyiv, Blinken pledges \$1B in additional aid

Visit comes as doubts swirl around Ukraine's halting counteroffensive

BY DAVID L. STERN AND JOHN HUDSON

**KYIV** — Secretary of State Antony Blinken pledged an additional \$1 billion in assistance to Ukraine on Wednesday during a visit to Kyiv aimed at boosting support for the country as its military makes only incremental gains against entrenched Russian forces and U.S. lawmakers begin debate about future funding for the war.

The top U.S. diplomat said he received a battlefield update from Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, who had just returned from the front line, and came away with "tremendous confidence that Ukraine will prevail" as it pushes to retake occupied territory.

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EVGENY MALDEIKHA/AP

**Ukrainian soldiers lift an injured woman into an ambulance Wednesday after a Russian rocket strike on a market in the eastern city of Kostiantynivka that left at least 17 people dead and 32 wounded.**

## For Santos, a life in Brazil at odds with GOP politics

BY TERRENCE MCCOY AND MARINA DIAS

**NITERÓI, BRAZIL** — The sight of the newcomer took Gino Fonseca by surprise. As one of the city's most prominent drag queens, Fonseca thought he knew most everyone who worked the nightclubs and LGBTQ events. But when he ascended a Pride parade float dressed in his drag persona, Katya Furacão, he saw a dazzling young drag performer he'd never before encountered.

Fonseca watched Kitara Ravache, who wore a red bejeweled dress, with wonder. The newcomer had appeared from nowhere but was already at the top of the local gay scene, dancing alongside the most established drag queens in this Rio de Janeiro suburb.

"She shone," Fonseca recalled. SEE SANTOS ON A16

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## Lions actually good? Hype is soaring this NFL season

Spotlight is on team that hasn't won playoff game since '91, Jarrett Bell writes. **In Sports**

## 'Sleepless in Seattle' still loved after all these years

Three decades later, real-life radio host Delilah believes that love conquers all. **In Life**



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## Travelers, consider adding pet to 'no fly' list

Most animals don't handle air travel well and some owners aren't properly prepared, says columnist Christopher Elliott. **In Money**

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### WAR IN UKRAINE

## Blinken announces \$1B in aid during visit

Russian missile kills 17 civilians at market

John Bacon  
USA TODAY

A Russian missile slammed into the eastern Ukraine city of Kostiantynivka on Wednesday, killing 17 civilians hours after Secretary of State Antony Blinken arrived in Kyiv to unveil a \$1 billion aid package and demonstrate an "unwavering" U.S. commitment to Ukraine sovereignty.

At least one of those killed was a child, and at least 32 people were wounded in the strike on a downtown market in the city of more than 65,000 people, Ukrainian Internal Affairs Minister Ihor Klymenko said. Kostiantynivka, in the Donetsk region about 400 miles east of Kyiv, has been the focus of much of Russia's military effort as Moscow seeks to gain control of the industrial Donbas area of Ukraine.



Secretary of State Antony Blinken, right, and Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba walk Wednesday at Kyiv's Berkovetske cemetery. AP

An apartment building, an office building and more than a dozen shops were damaged, authorities said.

"A regular market. Shops. A pharmacy. People who did nothing wrong," Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said in a social media post.

Blinken's visit, which included a meeting with Zelenskyy, comes amid concerns about the much-anticipated but slowly progressing counteroffensive Ukraine began almost three months ago. The aid package includes up to \$175 million in military equipment — including controversial depleted uranium tank rounds that serve as armor piercing ammunition, the Pentagon said in a statement.

An additional \$100 million in military aid involves grants allowing Ukraine to purchase additional arms and equipment, The Associated Press reported, citing U.S. officials who spoke on condition of anonymity. Blinken is also expected to unveil \$805 million for law enforcement, humanitarian aid, anti-corruption efforts and demining, AP reported.

"Never go to someone's home without bringing a housewarming gift," Blinken said in Kyiv. "We come bearing some further assistance for Ukraine across multiple areas, but that assistance doesn't actually mean anything unless it is used effectively."

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Western aid won't alter the outcome of the war.

Contributing: Tom Vanden Brook; Francesca Chambers

### EXCLUSIVE USA TODAY/IPSONS POLL

## Divide over climate change goes deeper than politics

Americans disagree even on how they experience the weather

**Close to two-thirds of Americans were pessimistic about the chance of slowing or reversing the effects of global warming — in part because they think people aren't willing to change their behavior.**

Elizabeth Weise  
USA TODAY

An exclusive USA TODAY/Ipsos poll finds a gaping American divide over climate change.

Polling data shows an almost an equal number of people believe two completely different things: About 1 in 5 people surveyed were so concerned about global warming that they think it will make it more difficult to live in their area. About the same number said they either don't know if climate change is happening or don't believe in it at all.

The poll even found links between how Americans perceive the weather and their views on climate change. People who don't believe in climate change often were less likely to report an increase in extreme weather.

The polarized divide over climate change is well documented, but the latest data sheds new light on Americans' experiences with extreme weather, how experiencing extreme weather affects Americans' view of climate change, and the nation's largely pessimistic

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Brett Schutt captures an image of a monument to Confederate President Jefferson Davis, with the statue removed, in Fourth Bluff Park in Memphis, Tenn. The city sold two public parks containing Confederate monuments to a nonprofit in a monthslong operation to take the statues down. MARK WEBER/USA TODAY NETWORK

## More state lawmakers fighting to protect Confederate statues

Dozens of bills propose to limit or block removal

Abhinav S. Krishnan  
USA TODAY

For more than a century, a life-size statue of a Confederate soldier has stood atop a towering monument in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

The city administrator had considered removing the monument for years. Then the murder of George Floyd, a Black man, by white police officers in Minneapolis in 2020 ignited a national conversation about Confederate monu-

ments and sparked new calls to take it down. A local construction company even offered to help.

"This statue is a clear and present ode to the values of the Confederacy that we do not share," residents wrote in a petition to the city.

But before local leaders could decide its fate, the Arkansas Legislature revoked their power.

Citing the "vandalism" of monu-

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A crew in Charlottesville, Va., prepares to remove monuments to Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee on July 10, 2021. JOHN C. CLARK/AP

## Data downgrades new COVID variant's severity

Karen Weintraub  
USA TODAY

The newest COVID-19 variant isn't as scary as it seemed at first, and fall booster shots should protect against it and other variants circulating now, new data suggests.

In a clinical trial, the updated vaccine generated a nearly ninefold increase in neutralizing antibodies

against the BA.2.86 variant, according to data released early Tuesday from vaccine maker Moderna. Although extremely rare in the United States, the new variant has a number of mutations in the spike protein targeted by vaccines, which made experts worry that shots and previous infections wouldn't be protective.

But three studies released since the weekend, along with Moderna's new

data, suggest the variant, nicknamed Pirola, isn't so bad — at least for now, said Dr. Eric Topol, professor and executive vice president of Scripps Research in La Jolla, California.

"It's been downgraded from a hurricane to not even a tropical storm. We're lucky," Topol said. "This one could have been really bad."

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**espectáculos****Los Rolling Stones, veteranos gladiadores del rock, están de regreso**

Presentaron su nuevo disco, el primero sin Charlie Watts, y a 18 años de su último álbum de estudio.

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## La Corte hizo un gesto de poder ante Cristina y echó a Figueroa

**CASACIÓN.** Se trata de la jueza que había cumplido 75 años y se resistía a dejar su cargo; había fallado en varias causas sensibles a favor de la vicepresidenta y el kirchnerismo la defendía; tenía el caso Hotesur-Los Sauces



La jueza Figueroa, al abandonar ayer el edificio de Comodoro Py, sede de la Cámara de Casación Penal

HERNÁN ZENTENO

La Corte Suprema de Justicia intervino ayer en la controversia que se había generado en torno a la jueza Ana María Figueroa, integrante de la estratégica Cámara de Casación Penal, y la cortó por lo sano: decidió cesarla en sus funciones desde el 9 de agosto, el día en que cumplió 75 años.

La acordada de la Corte fue avalada por los cuatro jueces supre-

mos: Horacio Rosatti, Carlos Rosenkrantz, Juan Carlos Maqueda y Ricardo Lorenzetti. Y se convirtió en un gesto de poder ante la vicepresidenta Cristina Kirchner, quien intentó -sin éxito- que Figueroa continuara en el cargo.

Para ello, el Senado debía darle su acuerdo, pero el oficialismo no consiguió reunir el *quorum*, ante la resistencia de Juntos por el Cambio

y de otros bloques menores, incluso de aliados de la vicepresidenta.

Figueroa no llegó a pronunciarse en el emblemático caso Hotesur-Los Sauces. Fuentes judiciales relataron que escribió un voto, pero no se conoció porque cumplió 75 años sin que se firmara el fallo, que sigue pendiente. Ahora, la Cámara de Casación deberá completar su integración. **Página 8**

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Un mensaje a la vicepresidenta y a toda la dirigencia

**Hernán Cappiello**

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La jueza que se abrazó al eslogan del *lawfare*

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**EL ESCENARIO**

## Una liturgia para inocular a Milei

**Carlos Pagni**

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El triunfo de Javier Milei en las PASO ha sido una novedad de tal magnitud que desencadenó, a la vez, otros fenómenos inesperados. Son comportamientos que corroboran que el país ha ingresado en una nueva era. Anteayer, en la villa 21-24 de Barracas, se produjo uno de

esos acontecimientos infrecuentes. Más de 40 sacerdotes que trabajan en barrios populares, encabezados por el obispo Gustavo Carrara, que es el responsable de la pastoral de villas de emergencia, celebraron una misa para desagraviar al papa Francisco. Hace cuatro años, el Pontífice había

sido calificado por Milei como una representación de "el Maligno", que difunde el comunismo alrededor del planeta. El oficio sirvió también para condenar el individualismo extremo que caracteriza la visión social del candidato de La Libertad Avanza. **Continúa en la página 12**

## Más rechazos a la Argentina por el peaje en la Hidrovía

**CONFLICTO.** Brasil, Uruguay y Bolivia cuestionan el cobro; amenazan con un arbitraje internacional

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## Anulan la causa por la que Lula fue preso

**LAVAJATO.** El máximo tribunal brasileño dijo que el arresto del expresidente "fue un error histórico"

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## Líder em homicídios, Bahia resolve 17% dos casos

Estado com o maior número de assassinatos em 2022, a Bahia resolveu só 17,2% desses crimes no ano passado, quando era governada pelo hoje ministro Rui Costa (PT). Os números colocam em xeque a política de segurança pública em quase 17 anos de gestões petistas. O governo Jerônimo Rodrigues não comentou. **Cotidiano B1**

# Lula faz reforma ministerial para acomodar centrão no governo

André Fufuca (PP-MA) assume Esporte e Silvío Costa Filho (Republicanos-PE), Portos e Aeroportos

O governo Lula (PT) anunciou ontem a reforma ministerial desenhada para abrigar o centrão. Com isso, entram para a gestão petista o PP e o Republicanos, dois dos três principais partidos de sustentação da administração Jair Bolsonaro (PL).

Após dois meses de negociação, Ana Moser (sem partido) deixa a pasta do Esporte para dar lugar ao líder do PP na Câmara, André Fufuca (MA). Já Márcio França (PSB-SP) passa Portos e Aeroportos ao deputado Silvío Costa Filho (Republicanos-PE).

França, que integra o partido do vice-presidente, Geraldo Alckmin, passa a responder pelo novo Ministério das Micro e Pequenas Empresas após alguma resistência — ele considera o órgão esvaziado e sem recursos próprios para políticas públicas.

Trata-se do 38º assento no gabinete do terceiro mandato de Lula, um abaixo do recorde de Dilma Rousseff (PT). Após a articulação, a base governista no Congresso conta agora com 374 dos 513 deputados federais e com 60 dos 81 senadores.

O PP e o PSB sugeriram ampliar o domínio e as verbas das cadeiras recém-conquistadas com a criação de secretarias e agências. A nota divulgada pela Presidência para oficializar as trocas, porém, não cita mudanças estruturais. **Política A4**

## Número de mortos por temporais no RS sobe para 36

O total de mortes causadas pelas chuvas no Rio Grande do Sul chegou a 36, segundo a Defesa Civil. Há 79 municípios com registros de destruição e cenários desoladores. O governador Eduardo Leite (PSDB) anunciou calamidade pública. **Cotidiano B4**

## Toffoli afaga Lula em decisão, e AGU se mobiliza para investigar Lava Jato

Dias Toffoli, do STF, afirmou em decisão sobre a Lava Jato que a prisão do presidente Lula foi uma armação, "o ovo da serpente dos ataques à democracia" e "até poder-se-ia chamar de um dos maiores erros judiciais da história do país".

O ministro escreveu sobre Lula ao anular provas obtidas nos acordos de leniência da Odebrecht. Ele determinou que a Advocacia-Geral da União fosse intimada a apurar responsabilidades por atos ilegais de agentes públicos na Lava Jato.

Logo após, o advogado-geral, Jorge Messias, anunciou a criação de uma força-tarefa sobre o tema. Nas redes sociais, o ex-juiz Sérgio Moro (União-Brasil) rebateu a decisão e disse que "a corrupção nos governos do PT foi real". **Política A8**

## Ação que apura contratações da Boeing em São José (SP) avança

A Justiça abriu nova fase no processo que investiga se a Boeing pratica concorrência predatória e que pode impedir a empresa de contratar engenheiros da Embraer. **A13**

## Presidente pede 7 de Setembro com união e sem ódio na TV

**Política A9**



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## QUINTA-FEIRA SE CONSOLIDA COMO DIA DE PIOR TRÂNSITO EM SÃO PAULO MAIS DE TRÊS ANOS APÓS PANDEMIA

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## SECRETÁRIO DOS EUA FAZ VISITA SURPRESA À UCRÂNIA

O secretário de Estado americano, Antony Blinken (à dir.), e o chanceler Dmitro Kuleba em McDonald's de Kiev; encontro teve como objetivo avaliar a situação da guerra **Mundo A11**

## Suprema Corte descriminaliza o aborto no México

O tribunal considerou inconstitucional trecho do Código Penal de 1931 que previa prisão para quem fizesse o procedimento. Na prática, o aborto era descriminalizado em alguns estados mexicanos, mas agora a decisão vale para todo o país. **Mundo A12**

## Drauzio Varella Propaganda falsa em meu nome

Não aguento mais ver propagandas falsas com foto minha, frases editadas e até uma voz que imita a minha, obtida com inteligência artificial. Ao lado desses estelionatários empenhados em explorar a ingenuidade alheia, estão as redes sociais. **Ilustrada C5**

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fentanyl's grip  
on North Texas

Fentanyl at the U.S.-Mexico border: How the drug is made, moved through a deadly pipeline, discovered and seized



Photos by Tom Fox/Staff Photographer

**U.S. Customs and Border Protection** K-9 Officer Jaime Chavez leads his dog, Kent, through a secondary search of a vehicle, looking for hidden contraband at the Bridge of the Americas international port of entry in El Paso.

## El Paso leads state in seizures

Checkpoints using scanning machines to detect contraband

By **ALFREDO CORCHADO**  
Border-Mexico Correspondent  
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*Editor's note: This story is part of The Dallas Morning News monthlong series on how fentanyl has affected our community.*

**EL PASO** — On the U.S.-Mexico border, any hint of suspicion raises concern.

A cobalt-blue Ford Raptor truck, a favorite model among cartel members, crept forward in a line of dozens of cars. After an initial search, an officer waved the truck into a second line for more inspections.

Several agents swarmed the vehicle for about 30 minutes,



**The CBP is testing a Low Energy Portal scanning system at the Bridge of the Americas.** The vehicles pass through the red and gray Z Portal, which will produce black-and-white resonance images, before reaching the primary inspection booths.

**VIDEO ON DALLASNEWS.COM:** El Paso's port director on the dangers of fentanyl.

searching the truck's interior, kicking the tires and asking the driver questions. They walked a dog around the truck. After finding nothing, they allowed the driver to continue on his way.

"Happens all the time," said Jose Luis Garcia Jr., 21, noting the license plates read "Chapa," a nickname for his truck, which some officers may confuse for the notorious cartel leader Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzmán, who is in a U.S. federal maximum penitentiary.

Garcia's truck was one of thousands of vehicles crossing into the U.S. one Friday last month on the Bridge of the Americas, the second-busiest port of entry along the 2,000-mile border.

On Sept. 1, all vehicles at bor-

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**PAXTON IMPEACHMENT**

## Defense alleges 'coup' attempt

AG's former assistant says he contacted FBI because crimes had been committed

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

**AUSTIN** — Ken Paxton's defense attorney accused a key witness of trying to stage a "coup" to oust the attorney general, a surprising allegation made on Day 2 of the attorney general's impeachment trial.

Former First Assistant Attorney General Jeff Mateer testified Wednesday that he and other senior agency officials reported Paxton to the FBI in September 2020 because they believed he had committed crimes to help an embattled real estate investor.

Around the same time, three of them also met with members of Gov. Greg Abbott's staff, Mateer confirmed.

Defense attorney Tony Buzbee questioned the meeting, as well as why Mateer received supportive texts from the head of a political group that backed one of Paxton's GOP opponents and why he signed a memo on office letterhead that omitted Paxton's name.

"That's what you were up to. That's the reason you went to the governor's office. That's the reason you were talking to [Texans for Lawsuit Reform]. That's the reason that you had or engaged in conduct removing your boss's name," Buzbee said. "You were staging a coup, weren't you?"

"Absolutely not," Mateer replied.

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**U.S.-MEXICO BORDER**

## Texas ordered to scrap river buoys

Abbott says judge's decision will be overturned on appeal

By **AARÓN TORRES**  
and **TODD J. GILLMAN**  
Staff Writers

**AUSTIN** — Texas must remove floating border buoys by Sept. 15 and cannot install any similar structures in the Rio Grande without receiving proper approval, a federal judge wrote Wednesday in a scathing ruling criticizing Gov. Greg Abbott for ignoring federal laws.

U.S. District Judge David Ezra wrote that he expects the Justice Department to prevail in its civil suit against Abbott. The Biden administration argues that Texas violated a federal law that forbids unauthorized construction in navigable waterways.

Texas argued the rules didn't apply because the barrier is in a part of the river too shallow to be navigable. The state also said it has the right to self-defense under the U.S. Constitution, in this case to protect itself against a migrant "invasion."

Ezra disagreed.

Under Texas' logic, he wrote in the 42-page ruling, a state could declare it has been invaded, then wage war as it sees fit "subject

**CLIMATE CHANGE**

## Summer 2023 record brutal

Level of warming that wreaks havoc may not be far off, experts fear

By **JAMEY KEATEN**  
and **SETH BORENSTEIN**  
The Associated Press

**GENEVA** — Earth sweltered through its hottest summer in the Northern Hemisphere ever measured, with a record warm August capping a season of brutal and deadly temperatures, according to the World Meteorological Organization.

Last month was not only the hottest August scientists ever recorded by far with modern equipment, it was also the second hottest month measured, behind only July 2023, WMO and the European climate service Copernicus announced Wednesday.

August was about 2.7 degrees Fahrenheit warmer than pre-industrial averages. That is the threshold that the world is trying not to pass, though scientists are more concerned about increases in temperatures over decades, not merely

a blip over a month's time.

The world's oceans — more than 70% of the Earth's surface — were the hottest recorded, nearly 69.8, and have set high temperature marks for three consecutive months, the WMO and Copernicus said.

"The dog days of summer are not just barking, they are biting," U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres said in a statement. "Climate breakdown has begun."

So far, 2023 is the second

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**UPDATE**

**ERCOT issues alert**

ERCOT on Wednesday issued its second-most-severe energy emergency alert.

**"HAVE A PLAN":** In a post over social media shortly after 7:30 p.m., the state's main grid operator issued an Energy Emergency Alert 2 but added that there were no controlled outages. It suggested residents "have a plan to stay safe in case outages become necessary."

**HIGH TEMPS, HIGH DEMAND:** The alert ended at 9 p.m. Earlier, the Public Utility Commission said ERCOT was not experiencing emergency conditions but the potential for those conditions remained because of "continued high temperatures, high demand, low wind, and declining solar power generation."

**WHY THE ALERT:** ERCOT issues an Energy Emergency Alert 2 when operating reserves are less than 1,750 megawatts and are not expected to recover within a half-hour. Energy Emergency Alert 3 — the most severe level — means controlled outages are in progress. *Hojun Choi*

**NATION & WORLD**

**Indictment of Biden's son expected by month's end**

Federal prosecutors plan to seek a grand jury indictment of President Joe Biden's son Hunter before the end of the month, according to court documents filed Wednesday. **3A**

**Also:** Texas' senators offer support to leader Mitch McConnell, while others raise questions. **2A**

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**Possible solution to lack of affordable housing**

Researchers identified Dallas and six other cities as financially capable of converting vacant office buildings into affordable housing. **3B**

**Also:** With its longtime owner retired, Layne's Chicken Fingers' corporate bosses are ready for some changes. **3B**

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**Dallas council juggles \$45 million in budget**

The Dallas City Council tentatively approved shifting more than \$45 million in the proposed budget to lower the property tax rate, among other plans. **1B**

**Also:** Five years later, family pushes for accountability in Botham Jean's death. **1B**

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Thanks to a provision wedged into this year's budget, Mayor Brandon Johnson will be due a 2.24% salary increase along with other city officials. **ANTONIO PEREZ/TRIBUNE**

## Pay raise on tap for some city officials

Aldermen, mayor must soon decide on whether to forgo the increase

By Alice Yin  
Chicago Tribune

One year after some City Council members accepted a nearly 10% pay hike that rolled Chicago politics amid a citywide election, aldermen are slated to decide this month whether to forgo another automatic raise tied to inflation.

This time around, the salary bump would be far smaller: 2.24%, according to a memo from the city's budget office obtained by the Chicago Tribune. City Council members have until the end of Sept. 15 to reject the raise, or else it will automatically be applied to their salaries next year, the budget office informed them last month.

In 2024, the highest-paid aldermen will make about \$145,970 should they allow the automatic pay increase to go through. And thanks to a provision wedged into this year's budget under former Mayor Lori Lightfoot, other elected officials, including her successor, Brandon Johnson, will also be due the 2.24% salary increase as well.

The pay bump provision was baked into a 2006 city ordinance that offers annual aldermanic raises based on the consumer price index but also sparked some controversy for elected officials when skyrocketing inflation recently gifted them back-to-back, record-setting raises. Salaries for elected officials shot up by nearly 5.5% for those who accepted the raise in 2022's fiscal year, then by 9.6% for participating aldermen this year.

The longtime policy tying City Council pay to inflation was considered politically expedient because it allowed aldermen to get annual raises without having to take potentially unpopular votes. And for many years — when the consumer price index rarely went above 3% and was often below 2% — their raises were relatively modest.

But the nearly 10% figure from the most recent budget season astounded critics, including those within the City Council who said it was unfair for elected officials to take more from taxpayers when everyday Chicagoans were struggling with cost-of-living

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## Feds don't plan to call Solis to take stand in Burke trial

Undercover recordings ex-alderman made can be presented by prosecutors

By Jason Meisner  
and Ray Long  
Chicago Tribune

He may be one of the important government moles in Chicago political history, but former Ald. Daniel Solis is not expected to take the witness stand for federal prosecutors at the upcoming racketeering trial of his old colleague, ex-Ald. Edward Burke. Prosecutors notified defense teams via a letter Wednesday

about the tactical decision to keep Solis from testifying, meeting a deadline set by U.S. District Judge Virginia Kendall, sources with knowledge of the letter told the Tribune. Prosecutors did leave one caveat, saying they could potentially call Solis if Burke's lawyers tried to present an entrapment defense.

While Solis will apparently not be called as a witness, under the federal rules of evidence, prosecutors can still present the under-

cover recordings he made of Burke as part of his secret cooperation.

The decision by the U.S. attorney's office was not a surprise, as Solis will now be spared what certainly would have been a grueling, multiday cross-examination by Burke's seasoned attorneys covering Solis' own alleged wrongdoing and his deferred prosecution agreement with the U.S. attorney's office.

Prosecutors do run a bit of a risk, however, that jurors might wonder why they never heard from Solis and question his moti-



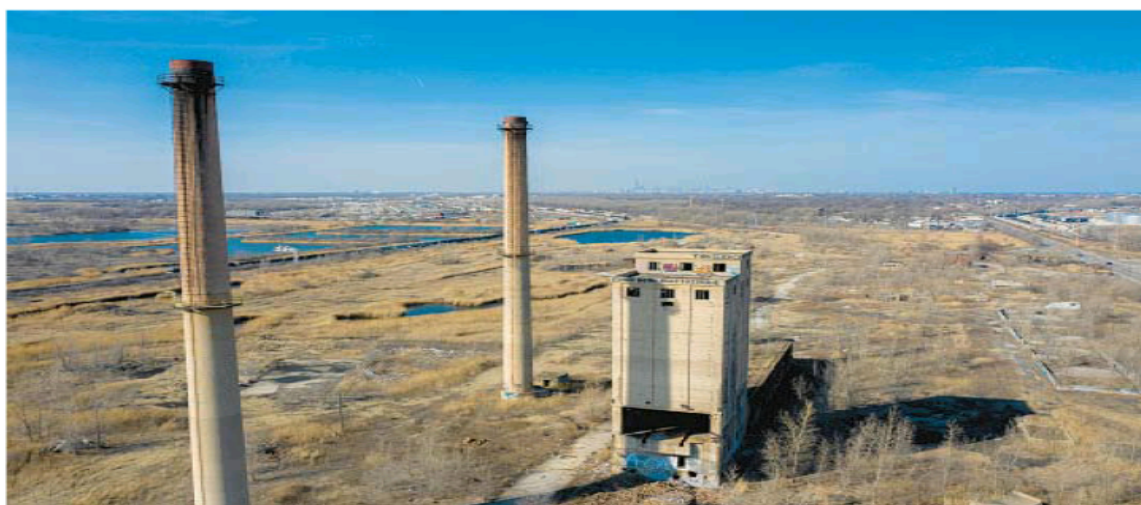
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ations. There could be some fallout in the public eye as well, given that few elected officials caught abusing their office are given deals like the one Solis got on his case.

A spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office declined to comment Wednesday. Solis' attorney, Lisa Noller, also had no comment.

Meanwhile, the move also could have reverberations in another high-profile public

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The old Acme Steel Coke site is seen along South Torrence Avenue in 2021 in the South Deering neighborhood of Chicago. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency reported that cancer-causing chemicals in the property's soil posed a risk to people in the area. **ERIN HOOLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

## Acme Steel plant site could be Superfund program add

EPA proposes polluted area on Southeast Side to benefit from federal cleanup

By Michael Hawthorne  
Chicago Tribune

All that is left of the former Acme Steel plant on Chicago's Southeast Side are a pair of soot-covered smokestacks and a few other graffiti-riddled ruins that draw curious passersby to the weed-strewn property.

Two nearby industrial wastelands have been cleaned up and transformed into city parks. But the Acme site is still contaminated with a century's worth of cancer-causing chemicals and

heavy metals that endanger visitors, neighbors and wildlife.

On Wednesday, more than two decades after federal officials first documented the extent of the pollution, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency proposed adding the 102-acre site to the Superfund program — a move that would direct a share of \$3.5 billion in taxpayer funds secured by President Joe Biden to investigate and clean up abandoned industrial properties where owners have gone out of business or declared bankruptcy.

The announcement came after years of work by community groups to cut through bureaucratic inertia at the EPA and navigate the changing priorities of four different presidential administrations.

"This site is absolutely not safe, but no one would necessarily know the full extent of the risks they are facing by walking through holes in the fence or wandering over from one of the nearby parks," said Keith Harley, a Greater Chicago Legal Clinic attorney who represents the

Southeast Environmental Task Force.

In a 2020 report the community group drew attention to long-forgotten EPA documents about the Acme site and urged the agency to clean it up. Located west of Torrence Avenue between 110th and 116th streets, the land could be turned into a park or other environmentally friendly development, the group suggested.

Two other former industrial

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#### Pearl Jam connects with audience

The veteran rockers on Tuesday established a cozy mood for a United Center performance that transcended traditional notions of a rock concert. **Arts & Living**



#### Home debut 'really special for me'

The Cubs sweep the Giants behind Jordan Wicks' quality start as younger players are helping in the postseason hunt. **Chicago Sports**

## Judge's ruling shapes Ga. voting trial

But skepticism from bench meets offered timeline to try all 19

By Kate Brumback  
Associated Press

ATLANTA — The judge overseeing the Georgia election subversion case involving former President Donald Trump on Wednesday denied requests by two of the 19 defendants to be tried alone, instead saying the pair would be tried together starting next month.

Since lawyers Kenneth Chesebro and Sidney Powell have both

filed speedy trial demands, Fulton County Superior Court Judge Scott McAfee said their trial would begin Oct. 23, but he seemed skeptical of prosecutors' arguments that all 19 defendants could be tried together that soon.

"It just seems a bit unrealistic to think we can handle all 19 in 40 days. That's my initial reaction," he said.

The hearing provided some insight into how the case could play out, with prosecutors estimating a trial would take four months and that they'd call more than 150 witnesses. It was also broadcast live on TV and on the judge's YouTube channel, a marked differ-

ence from the other three criminal cases against Trump, where cameras have not been allowed in court during proceedings.

Special prosecutor Nathan Wade, who provided the four-month estimate, said that it did not include jury selection and added

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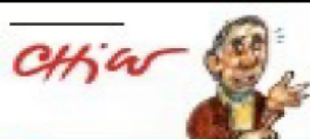
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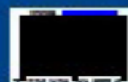


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## FIM DA LINHA

# Toffoli anula provas de acordo da Odebrecht e propicia revisão em massa da Lava-Jato

Ministro do STF afirma que condenação de Lula foi 'erro histórico' da Justiça; Moro rebate

O ministro do STF Dias Toffoli decidiu invalidar todas as provas originadas no acordo de leniência da Odebrecht, no qual a empresa admitiu crimes e cedeu informações que impulsionaram a Lava-Jato. A decisão abre caminho para que diversos réus e investigadores sejam a nuca de suas causas. Toffoli apontou que houve conflito entre Ministé-

rio Público e a Justiça Federal na Lava-Jato, a partir das mensagens reveladas na Operação Spoofing. O ministro chamou a Lava-Jato de "armação" e classificou a condenação e prisão de Lula como "um dos maiores erros judiciais da História". O ex-juiz e arador Sérgio Moro rebateu: "A corrupção do PT foi real, bilhões foram recuperados". [leia mais](#)

**MAUÍ GASPAR** Toffoli perdona para ser perdoado [leia mais](#)

## Lula demite Ana Moser, dá Esporte ao PP de Lira e Portos ao Republicanos

Reforma consolida embarque do Centro no governo. Ex-jogadora de vôlei perde posto sob protesto da comunidade esportiva e é substituída por André Fufuca, aliado de Lira. Silvio Costa Filho assume Portos e Aeroportos, e Márcio França será dedicado para a nova pasta de Micro e Pequenas Empresas. [leia mais](#)

## Viagens presidenciais criam atrito entre Itamaraty e governo

Instituição de Haddad por fazer apenas "figuração" ao acompanhar Lula no exterior foi um dos episódios de atrito entre as políticas e de Relações Exteriores. [leia mais](#)

## Jornalismo faz manifesto sobre uso da IA

Documento assinado por 26 organizações internacionais de mídia, entre elas o GDA, do qual O GLOBO faz parte, pede precaução ética no uso da inteligência artificial e respeito à propriedade intelectual. [leia mais](#)

## Europa amplia regulação sobre redes sociais

## Nestlé compra Copenhagen em negócio de R\$ 4 bilhões

Multinacional adquire grupo dono das marcas Copenhagen, Brasil Cacau e Kop Koffee, com mais de mil lojas no país. [leia mais](#)

## O desastre natural mais letal do RS

Número de mortos no estado após enchentes subiu para 32, sendo 15 deles em Mucuna (foto). Frente fria pode levar novo ciclone à região. [leia mais](#)



## MÍRIAM LEITÃO 7 de Setembro sem ameaça de golpe é alívio

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### Temporada da NFL começa hoje

Esporte crescente no Brasil tem jogo do Chiefs, do astro Mahomes, hoje à noite. [leia mais](#)



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### Futebol na Data Fifa

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## Dia de dança no The Town

Ludmila (à esquerda), Joss Stone (ao lado) e Maroon 5 estão entre atrações de hoje no festival, que vão do funk ao pop.



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**ÉRIC ZEMMOUR**  
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# Trump utilise ses procès pour doper sa campagne

L'ancien président aborde de front les primaires républicaines et quatre procès qui vont percuter le calendrier électoral. Mais c'est une bataille politique qu'il entend livrer devant les tribunaux.

Donald Trump doit comparaître dans les mois à venir dans pas moins de quatre procès au pénal (plus trois au civil, auxquels il n'est pas tenu d'assister), qui

vont se télescoper avec le calendrier des primaires du Parti républicain. Mais comme il surclasse déjà ses rivaux dans les sondages, il mène une campagne tout

entière orientée vers la défense de son innocence. Cette extraordinaire judiciarisation de l'élection présidentielle crée toutefois un casse-tête logistique et juridique qui

accapare le débat politique. Oubliées, les questions d'immigration, l'Ukraine ou l'inflation. Les médias se repaissent des subtilités du code pénal. Et analysent l'impact

sur la campagne des récentes condamnations de supporters de Trump à des peines allant jusqu'à 22 ans de prison pour leur rôle dans l'assaut du Capitole.

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## Coupe du monde de rugby: Fabien Galthié, le rendez-vous d'une vie

De ses débuts de joueur, encore mineur, à Colomiers, jusqu'au match contre les All Blacks avec les Bleus, ce vendredi, la carrière du sélectionneur est loin d'avoir été un long fleuve tranquille.

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## À un an des JO, nager dans la Seine reste un pari risqué

Cet été, la mauvaise qualité de l'eau de la Seine a eu raison de plusieurs épreuves tests en vue des Jeux olympiques 2024. La présence persistante de bactéries *Escherichia coli* et d'entérocoques intestinaux a également poussé la mairie de Paris à annuler sept des neuf journées de baignade prévues dans le canal Saint-Martin. Malgré plus de 1 milliard d'euros investis ces dernières années pour assainir les eaux, l'objectif est loin d'être atteint. PAGE 14

ÉDITORIAL par Philippe Gellie pgellie@lefigaro.fr

## Trump l'alchimiste

Devant nos yeux ébahis, Donald Trump mène la campagne la plus stupéfiante des annales de la démocratie moderne. Sous le coup de 91 chefs d'accusation devant quatre cours de justice, il n'en vogue pas moins toutes voiles dehors vers l'investiture du Parti républicain. L'amoncellement de ses ennuis judiciaires a fait grimper de 10 points les intentions de vote en sa faveur depuis le printemps, ses rivaux des primaires se traînent 40 points derrière, et il fait jeu égal avec Joe Biden dans les projections pour la présidentielle de novembre 2024.

Otage d'un calendrier judiciaire assuré de percuter le calendrier électoral, Trump l'alchimiste parvient pour l'instant à transformer en or le spectre des barreaux de prison qui menace sa candidature. Il a levé plus de 20 millions de dollars en août, notamment avec sa photo d'identification judiciaire. Ses frais d'avocats sont payés sur ses fonds électoraux - un arrangement sujet à caution. Et le programme de télé-réalité judiciaire dont il est le héros et martyr le dispense de faire campagne. Esquivant l'arène politique, il plaide sa cause depuis les prétoires, avec un programme qui tient en un mot : « Revanche ».

Il semblerait qu'ayant déjà franchi toutes les limites traditionnelles de la politique, il n'y ait plus aucune transgression que Trump ne puisse se permettre. Il insulte ses juges, répand le poison du mensonge, et ça marche, sur le terrain d'un déni américain aux proportions inexplicables. Pourtant, le commun des mortels paie très cher toute incursion dans la réalité alternative de l'ex-président.

### Un déni américain aux proportions inexplicables

Plus de mille personnes ont été jugées pour l'assaut du Capitole le 6 janvier 2021. Les meneurs de milices suprémacistes ont été punis de 10 à 22 ans de prison, juste pour avoir téléguidé l'invasion du Congrès. Ces peines donnent un avant-goût de ce qu'encourt l'ex-président s'il est jugé coupable de faits similaires. Si, au contraire, il reste intouchable dans sa bulle, le contraste dérangera-t-il à la longue les électeurs ? Trump n'a que trop raison de désigner la prochaine présidentielle comme « la bataille finale ». Même s'il en sort vainqueur, le Parti républicain y laissera des plumes. Sans parler de la démocratie américaine. ■

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# Undercover police officer deceived woman into 19-year relationship

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An undercover police officer used his fake identity to deceive a woman into a 19-year relationship in which they became partners and had a child together, the Guardian can reveal.

The officer concealed his real identity from the woman during this time, never telling her his real occupation, and using his fictitious identity on the birth certificate of their son.

In 2020, after the couple had got engaged, the woman discovered that her fiancé, whom she believed to be a businessman, was in fact a police officer who had subjected her to a sophisticated deception lasting almost two decades.

The Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC) is investigating senior officers at Avon and Somerset police, who knew about the relationship as far back as 2013.

They appear to have waited at least seven years before informing the woman that the person she knew as her fiancé had been using a fake identity given to him for use in covert police operations. The IOPC confirmed it was investigating the case.

The woman, whom the Guardian is referring to as "Mary" to protect her identity, does not want to speak publicly about the experience. However, her relatives say that she is "a shadow of the person we used to know".

"This whole thing has broken her," Mary's sister said. "She has expressed suicidal thoughts. She cries daily. She does not sleep. She is really fearful."

News of the deception upended the entire family's lives. "Our dad, the

stress of this has destroyed his health. This has put him in hospital. My mum is on antidepressants. She can't sleep at night. We can't talk about this to anybody, not even with our own children," Mary's sister added. "It's broken us as a family."

Mary's family accused Avon and Somerset police of bullying and threatening them for three years to discourage them from speaking to the press. 6 →

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## Hunt for escaped terror suspect

Robert Booth

A suspect accused of terrorism offences escaped from Wandsworth prison in south London and was on the run last night, sparking a nationwide police appeal for the public to help find him.

Daniel Abed Khalife, 21, a member of the British army until May, is believed to have absconded from the Victorian-era prison by clinging to the bottom of a delivery van at 7.50am yesterday. He was working in the prison kitchen and was wearing his chef's uniform of a white T-shirt, red and white checked trousers and brown steel-toecap boots.

The Metropolitan police said it was making "urgent inquiries" and called on the public to help find the suspect, described as of slim build, about 1.88 metres (6ft 2in) tall, with short brown hair. The public has been warned not to approach him but to call 999.

Scotland Yard's counter-terrorism command also issued a nationwide alert to UK police and law enforcement agencies, including 9 → at UK ports and borders.

## UK to rejoin EU science fund after Brexit row

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Britain is to rejoin the EU's £85bn science research programme, Horizon Europe, in a long-anticipated deal welcomed by scientists.

Britain's membership of Horizon, which funds research projects tackling crucial issues from the climate crisis to terminal diseases and

improving food and energy security, was agreed as part of the post-Brexit trade deal in 2020. But it was never ratified in a tit-for-tat row between the EU and the UK over Northern Ireland Brexit arrangements. A senior EU source said the return to Horizon, three years into a seven-year funding cycle, was discussed by the EU's College of Commissioners this week. The Guardian understands a deal is expected to be announced today.

Prof Carsten Welsch, a physicist at the University of Liverpool who lost the leadership of a £2.6m research project on a novel plasma generator that could be used in cancer treatment when the UK was excluded from Horizon, said: "I am absolutely thrilled about this news, as we have been in a limbo situation for far too long. Horizon Europe is stronger with the UK and UK research is stronger in Horizon." 7 →