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Business & Finance

- ◆ **SpaceX said it would buy Cursor parent Anysphere for \$60 billion, acquiring an autonomous coding agent that could help the company catch up with its AI rivals.** **A1**
- ◆ **SpaceX shares climbed 4.8% in Tuesday's session and major indexes ended mixed, with the S&P 500 and Nasdaq falling 0.6% and 1.2%, respectively, and the Dow rising 0.6%.** **B1**
- ◆ **The Bank of Japan raised interest rates to a 31-year high to defend against the inflationary risks of a spike in energy costs.** **A8**
- ◆ **Robinhood Markets will lay off about 10% of its workforce, eliminating about 290 jobs to cut costs and increase efficiency.** **B1**
- ◆ **Rivian laid off hundreds of employees representing less than 2% of the electric-vehicle maker's workforce.** **B2**
- ◆ **BMW cut its outlook for the year as the Middle East conflict takes a heavier toll than expected and competition intensifies in the Chinese market.** **B3**
- ◆ **Norwegian Air Shuttle agreed to acquire hotel and travel experiences company Nordic Leisure Travel for an initial \$833 million.** **B3**
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- ◆ **DeepSeek raised more than \$7.4 billion in its first round of fundraising to support its costly development of artificial intelligence.** **B4**

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- ◆ **The U.S. will allow Iran to immediately begin selling oil and fuel under the deal to end the war, offering Tehran an early financial incentive to wind down the conflict.** **A1, A7**
- ◆ **Trump invoked a Cold War-era law in an effort to accelerate production of critical munitions following the heavy expenditure of ordnance in Iran.** **A4**
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- ◆ **Vermont prohibited corporate entities such as private-equity firms and hedge funds from interfering in the practice of medicine at healthcare facilities that they back.** **A6**
- ◆ **New Mexico investigators ordered more than two dozen companies to preserve records tied to Epstein and his associates, a sign of the widening criminal probe into his Zorro Ranch.** **A3**
- ◆ **Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. ordered an American passenger exposed to hantavirus on a cruise ship to remain in quarantine against her will and despite expert advice.** **A6**

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Tankers and other cargo ships are seen Tuesday in the Gulf of Oman, along routes that the U.S. had been blockading. At least two Iranian supertankers have been able to sail out.

Iran Can Start Selling Its Oil Following Deal

Accord with U.S. to end war offers early financial incentive to wind down conflict

The U.S. will allow Iran to begin immediately selling oil and fuel under the deal to end the war, offering Tehran an early financial incentive to wind down the conflict, people familiar with the agreement said. The provision for waivers of sanctions on oil sales takes effect immediately upon signing the agreement this week and covers necessary services including banking, transportation and insurance needed to facilitate the sales, the people said. United Against Nuclear Iran, a nonprofit, said an Iranian supertanker carrying crude oil had left the port of Chabahar, crossed the U.S. blockade and was sailing out of the Gulf of Oman on Tuesday with its location tracker active—marking the first such instance since the start of the U.S. blockade in April. Shortly afterward, a second supertanker, Hero II, also crossed the blockade, according to UANI and ship-tracking data from MarineTraffic. A draft of the memorandum of understanding reviewed by The Wall Street Journal lays out the oil sales along with the promise after further negotiations down the road of extensive sanctions relief, release of frozen assets and bilateral trade.

By Dov Lieber in Tel Aviv, Summer Said in Dubai and Alexander Ward in Geneva

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In AI Power Move, SpaceX Buys Cursor for \$60 Billion

By BECKY PETERSON AND ANGEL AU-YEUNG

SpaceX said it would buy Cursor parent Anysphere for \$60 billion, striking a massive deal for an autonomous coding agent that could help the company catch up with its AI rivals after its blockbuster initial public offering. The all-stock deal comes days after SpaceX's historic public offering Friday. SpaceX's market value is now nearing \$3 trillion after its shares jumped 19% in their first day of trading, another 20% Monday and over 10% Tuesday morning. SpaceX shares ended the day up 4.8% to close at \$201.80.

The third straight day of gains for Elon Musk's rocket company after its IPO gave SpaceX a market capitalization of \$2.66 trillion, edging past Amazon.com's \$2.65 trillion and putting it in the top five most valuable U.S. public companies. Cursor will receive SpaceX stock under the agreement, according to a filing released Tuesday. Fresh off raising \$85.7 billion from investors from SpaceX's public offering, Musk is ready to put his war chest to work. And the first target is getting enterprise customers who are willing to pay large sums for access to SpaceX's tools and computing power.

Cursor is a San Francisco startup that built a product used by the biggest AI labs and companies like Nvidia, British Airways and Deloitte. "AI will achieve Stockfish-level coding and generalized computer use," Musk said about the Cursor deal on Tuesday, referencing a popular chess engine that can beat the best human players. SpaceX in recent months has restructured itself around the desire to build out its artificial-intelligence capabilities. It acquired Musk-controlled firm xAI earlier this year. Please turn to page A6

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Tehran Accord Draws Doubts From Hawks

By PHILIP WEGMANN AND LINDSAY WISE

WASHINGTON—Many of the hawkish conservatives who rushed to President Trump's defense at the beginning of the war with Iran now fear he is at risk of losing at the negotiating table, emboldening Tehran and setting back joint U.S.-Israeli interests in the process. Early details, such as reports that a preliminary peace deal could eventually unlock billions of dollars in frozen Iranian funds, have turned once loyal allies into critics. They worry the accord doesn't do enough to curb Iran's nuclear ambitions and offers economic relief to Tehran that could allow the regime to re-

build its missile arsenal. Some Trump allies have expressed frustration that the administration hadn't yet released the text of the agreement the president announced Sunday. Two influential voices who have privately advised Trump throughout the war—retired Army Gen. Jack Keane, a Fox News contributor, and Marc Thiessen, a onetime George W. Bush speechwriter—have raised pointed concerns. "I can't square some of the things that are coming out of the administration from reliable sources. That's what I find so disturbing," Keane told Fox News on Monday night. Thiessen called early reports about the agreement "utterly

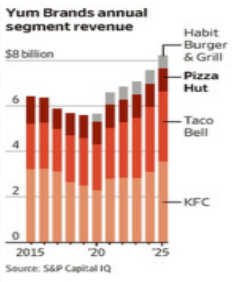
Gold Heist Probe Risks Exposing Secret CIA Program

By JOEL SCHECTMAN

Five decades ago, four burglars broke into a billionaire's safe, setting off a chain of events that exposed and foiled one of the CIA's most ambitious operations against the Soviets. Now, Central Intelligence Agency veterans are worried that another seemingly brazen heist—this time allegedly committed by a CIA official—could expose another top-secret program, after authorities say the official walked out of his office with \$40 million in gold bars. The CIA's David Rush, arrested in May on charges of theft of public money, was a senior supervisor in the agency's science and technology division. That unit designs the spycraft tools agents use to intercept conversations, procure clandestine programs and commodities. Rush hasn't been indicted nor has he publicly responded to the charges in court. He operated a highly classified intelligence program approved by Congress several years ago to use large quantities of cash to obtain critical information about American adversaries, according to people familiar with the matter, and held a rank that is the CIA's equivalent of an army general. The case has shined a spotlight on the way the agency

Yum Slices Off Pizza Hut

Yum Brands struck two deals to sell the restaurant chain for a total of \$2.7 billion. **B1**



Trump's Lawyer Said to Have Helped Indicted Billionaire

Boris Epshteyn denies any relationship with Indian businessman Gautam Adani, who beat federal fraud charges

A fleet of lawyers for Indian billionaire Gautam Adani pressed the Justice Department last year to drop a 2024 fraud case against the founder and chairman of energy and logistics giant Adani Group. They got nowhere. By the spring of 2025, senior DOJ officials had given the green light to proceed. Then, according to seven people familiar with the matter and records reviewed by The Wall Street Journal, a powerful new

player was said to have joined the Adani team: Boris Epshteyn, President Trump's personal attorney. Epshteyn's ties to the Trump administration drew the Adanis' interest. The family asked around about Epshteyn last year, wanting to know if he was truly an insider in the Trump administration, people familiar with the inquiries said. As of last summer, the family was telling people that Epshteyn was helping them, some of the people said. Epshteyn, who also serves as the president's adviser and legal coordinator, didn't attend meetings with prosecutors. Nor did his name appear on legal papers. That work

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Vultures Are Stinking Up This North Carolina Town

Locals want justice after roofs and streets splattered with white goo ruffle feathers

By CAMERON McWHURTER

HILLSBOROUGH, N.C.—These days, you have to watch where you step in parts of this picturesque hamlet. Those white splashes on the sidewalk aren't fresh paint. They're vulture poop. Lots of it. Large groups of black vultures have taken up residence in town, covering the quaint historic district in feathers and foul-smelling excrement. Poop was so thick beneath one tree that people slipped on the side-

walk when it rained. When public-works crews went to hose down the area, they couldn't complete the job. The smell was so overwhelming that workers started retching. Now, the malodorous mess has led to legal squawking between the town and two of its residents. In March, the Town of Hillsborough sued Kenneth and Linda Ostrand, demanding they stop feeding a large group of the black vultures. Please turn to page A11

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Ahead of "Toy Story 5," stars share how they get kids to put down phones and iPads. **In Life**

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How will U.S.-Iran deal help economy?

Prices will fall; experts differ on just how much

Andrea Riquier
USA TODAY

One thing is certain after the United States and Iran agreed to a framework deal to end the monthslong war and reopen the Strait of Hormuz: The cost-of-living crisis just got a bit less bad.

Details of peace pact still secret

Trump: Peace deal says Iran won't have nuclear weapon. **2A**

But how much less, and how long it lasts, are still open questions, particularly given the deal's unknowns.

"How many times have we talked about a ceasefire? We have been here before and we've seen the same

reactions time and time again," said John Mousseau, chief investment officer for Cumberland Advisors, a subsidiary of Mid-Penn Bancorp. "If the war actually ends, then the follow-through should be lower oil prices, declining bond yields, and declining inflation — but that's going to take time."

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With a framework for a deal between Iran and the United States, consumers will see some relief at the pump. The rest of the economy could be another story. **RON HOLMAN/USA TODAY NETWORK**

Scientists have a plan if we discover aliens, UFOs

Eric Lagatta
USA TODAY

For decades, the public has been obsessed with the idea of little green men in flying saucers visiting Earth.

The almost mythical concept that aliens from distant worlds could invade our planet has long been the source of paranoia for many conspiracy theorists and the source of entertainment across pop culture.

But how would events unfold if extraterrestrials really did make first contact with humanity?

Turns out, a framework has long existed for just how researchers should confirm the existence of intelligent alien life and then share that breakthrough with the public in a way that minimizes panic. And for the first time in more than a decade, the

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Richard and Diana Wisdom, center, with sons Myles, left, Bryce, Rashad and Sean in 2020. Jobs "often acknowledge loss, but they rarely make room for it," Diana says. **PHOTOS PROVIDED BY BRITNI CALL PHOTOGRAPHY**

Support often scarce for grieving workers

Jobs may acknowledge loss but miss mark on compassion

Jessica Guynn
USA TODAY

In March 2019, Diana Wisdom's teenage son, Bryce, texted that he had blood in his urine. Rushed to the hospital, he was diagnosed with a rare form of kidney cancer. Doctors removed his right kidney.

It was just the start of 16 months of treatment. Chemotherapy. Radiation. Doctor's appointments. Unexpected complications. They all became part of Wisdom's daily routine. All the while, she kept vigil — and she kept working.

A seasoned commercial underwriter, she was used to delivering top results. But while her life had changed unimaginably, the demands of her job had not.

"Everything felt like an emergency to someone," she said. "It's difficult to find the emotional energy to care about a premium increase while your son is vomiting from treatment and looking to you for comfort."

The stress was sometimes more than

"It's what concerns me the most for workplaces right now, this lack of ability to think about the human in that equation."

Carolyn Moore
Human resources executive and consultant

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Bryce Wisdom was diagnosed with a rare form of kidney cancer and died at 17.

Reflecting Pool could look green for months

Environmental expert doubts algae eradication

Michelle Del Rey
USA TODAY

The Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool has become overrun with algae just days after the landmark underwent a multimillion-dollar renovation, leaving visitors wondering if it will be cleared in time for 4th of July celebrations marking America's 250th anniversary.

Photos taken over the weekend show National Park Service employees working to clear algae from the pool, which had turned the water green. The pool's basin had been painted "American Flag Blue," a dark navy, ahead of Independence Day. The pool in Washington

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A worker clears algae June 14 from the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool, which has been painted blue ahead of the U.S. semiquincentennial. **ERIC LEE/REUTERS**



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The world must agree on how AI is governed

MARTIN WOLF, PAGE 17

SpaceX races past Amazon as fifth most valuable group

- Valuation hits \$2.8tn after 14% surge
- \$60bn deal for AI coding app Cursor

TIM BRADSHAW — LONDON

SpaceX yesterday overtook Amazon to become the world's fifth most valuable company as it extended a blistering rally after its record-breaking initial public offering.

The group's shares climbed as much as 14 per cent on its third day of trading after Friday's IPO. Trading was frenetic, with more than \$45bn of turnover recorded by midday in New York.

The share price rise took the gains for Elon Musk's AI, rocket and satellite company to more than 50 per cent since the group listed on Nasdaq. SpaceX's valuation reached \$2.81tn in afternoon trading, eclipsing Amazon's \$2.67tn.

The company had briefly surpassed Microsoft's \$2.93tn in the session.

Musk and Amazon founder Jeff Bezos, who owns rocket company Blue Origin, have become rivals in a commercial space race. But the narrow gap between their companies' price tags belies a vast gulf in underlying businesses. Amazon's revenue rose to \$717bn last year, with net income of \$78bn, while SpaceX's sales were \$19bn, with a net loss of \$5bn.

The rally yesterday came as SpaceX announced a \$60bn move to buy the maker of AI coding app Cursor. The deal caps an extraordinary ascent for the four-year-old "vibe coding" start-up, which is already bringing in billions of dollars in annualised revenue.

SpaceX said yesterday it would exercise its option to acquire Anyphere, developer of Cursor. In an all-stock deal that expands the capabilities of its Grok model. The groups struck a partnership in April that included the right for SpaceX to buy the US start-up.

Software engineering has emerged as

the most lucrative application of generative AI. However, SpaceX's Grok has lagged behind rivals OpenAI and Anthropic in developing tools capable of writing and debugging code, prompting its swoop on Cursor.

Options on SpaceX, derivatives that let traders place highly leveraged bets on share prices, began trading yesterday, adding to the stock's volatility.

Bloomberg data showed that about 540,000 SpaceX contracts had changed hands in the first hour of the session, roughly equivalent to the number of Nvidia options traded over the period.

"I don't think it's surprising that the options are very active, given how much hype there is around the stock and how volatile it's been [since Friday]," said Christopher Jacobson, a derivatives analyst at Susquehanna. Bullish call options were so far proving more popular than bearish puts, he added.

SpaceX's corporate governance regime gives Musk complete control of a company whose ambitions include founding a 10m-strong colony on Mars and starting a lunar economy to build a network of orbital AI data centres.

Investors in passive funds that track the Nasdaq, FTSE and MSCI are expected to give the shares a boost in the coming weeks after SpaceX was fast-tracked into the benchmarks.

The debut of SpaceX, whose businesses include social media platform X and AI lab xAI, is set to help pave the way for Anthropic and ChatGPT developer OpenAI, both of which are working on trillion-dollar listings this year.

Additional reporting by George Steer in New York
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Seats of power G7 leaders agree to 'increase pressure' on Russia with fresh oil sanctions



US President Donald Trump meets Ukrainian counterpart Volodymyr Zelenskyy at the G7 in Evian, France.

Summit participants agreed yesterday to "increase pressure" on Russia, with fresh sanctions on oil and gas, to choke off the money fuelling Vladimir Putin's war against Ukraine.

"Putin does not want to end the war but he must be forced to do so, primarily through sanctions," Zelenskyy said

after a round of talks. Trump's war in Iran has overshadowed the conflict in Ukraine, prompting the G7 leaders to seek to re-engage the US president on helping Kyiv now that a deal extending a ceasefire with Tehran is close.

"Now that this is finished, we are going to be focusing on that and see if we can get that one done," Trump said in reference to Iran and Ukraine, as he signalled that he too was prepared to

put pressure on Russian energy exports, without providing details.

Before a meeting with the Emir of Qatar, Trump expressed frustration with Israel's offensive against Hizbollah in Lebanon, suggesting that Syria take on the militant group instead. "If Israel can't do the job, without killing everyone else... Syria will do the job."

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Briefing

► **PE bosses warn of AI risk to law and accountancy**
Private capital chiefs have warned that law and accountancy are among businesses most at risk to AI disruption, adding to the fears of buyout firms that are heavily invested in professional services.
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► **Brussels in US trade deal**
EU lawmakers have approved a long-delayed trade deal with the US, seeing off Donald Trump's threat to impose higher tariffs on cars unless the agreement was ratified by July 4.— PAGE 2

► **JPMorgan plots EU move**
The US lender wants its digital unit to be operating in at least five European countries in the next five years, setting its sights on the continent's largest markets for its retail banking ambitions.— PAGE 8

► **OpenAI splashes out**
The ChatGPT maker spent \$34bn last year as it pumped money into a race to dominate the AI market before a planned listing. It spent \$19bn on R&D and nearly \$6bn on sales and marketing.— PAGE 6

► **Chinese shoppers retreat**
Retail sales fell in May for the first time in more than three years and an investment slump deepened, as economic indicators flashed warnings for the world's second-biggest economy.— PAGE 4

► **France ends Palantir deal**
The domestic intelligence agency has cut its contract with Palantir and replaced it with a local rival, amid a drive by European nations to reduce their dependence on US technology groups.— PAGE 2

► **Ericsson chief hangs up**
Börje Ekholm, the chief of the Stockholm-based telecoms group, is to quit in September, ending a nine-year stint during which he steered the ship after a series of high-profile scandals.— PAGE 8

► **Syria to sign key contract**
ConocoPhillips is to become the first US oil and gas major to sign a contract with Damascus as it works to revive an economy that has been battered by war and economic sanctions.— PAGE 11



Reclusive heirs to German tankmaker set for windfall

A cast of enigmatic characters is in line to make billions from selling up at the Franco-German maker of the Leopard tank. The "Wegmann shareholders" are a largely unknown band of family heirs. Now, as KNDS primes a flotation with a valuation of up to €20bn, the German state aims to take a 40 per cent stake. Many of the families are inheriting Berlin's above market price, raising tough questions on who stands to gain from Europe's surging defence spending.

In line for billions — PAGE 9

Students in uproar after India blocks Telegram to thwart cheating in exams

MICHAEL STOTT — NEW DELHI
KRISHN KAUSHIK — MUMBAI

India has banned access to messaging app Telegram, saying fraudsters were using it to promote cheating in a state-run entrance examination.

The ban will last until June 22, the day after students wanting to study medicine at university will sit the entrance exam, the National Testing Agency said.

A separate ban on a Telegram feature that allows channel administrators to edit messages while preserving the original timestamp will last until June 30.

More than 2.2m Indians took last month's entrance exam to study undergraduate medicine, known as NEET (UG). But the results were annulled after reports that exam papers had been leaked on messaging apps.

"Both measures have been taken in

the interest of public order, in response to the organised use of the platform by cheating rackets to defraud candidates appearing for the NEET (UG) 2026 re-examination scheduled on 21 June 2026," the agency said yesterday.

The cancellation of the exam results sparked uproar among students, many of whom had spent months and fortunes on preparation. The Cockroach Janta Party, a youth protest group that went viral online last month, has demanded the resignation of education minister Dharmendra Pradhan and threatened nationwide demonstrations.

Pradhan has said the government treated concerns over the exam paper leaks with "utmost seriousness and sensitivity" and acted "solely in the interest of safeguarding the aspirations of honest and hardworking students". A government official said that inter-

net service providers would be obliged to restrict access to Telegram, which he accused of "mischievously" using proxy servers. "The most doable way of blocking [Telegram] is to get service providers to block them," he said.

Telegram claims more than 1bn users worldwide, with India estimated to be its biggest market. It did not respond to a request for comment but, in a post on social media site X, founder Pavel Durov accused New Delhi of punishing more than 150m Indian users of his messaging app rather than "the insiders who leaked the exam materials".

The Internet Freedom Foundation dismissed the ban as a "band-aid solution" and a "disproportionate answer to exam fraud".

India's information and technology ministry, which ordered the ban, did not respond to requests for comment.

World Markets

STOCK MARKETS			
	Jun 16	Prev	%chg
S&P 500	7537.51	7554.29	-0.22
Nasdaq Composite	26905.48	26883.94	+0.08
Dow Jones Ind	52780.85	51871.03	+0.36
Euro Stoxx 50	6257.42	6228.43	+0.46
FTSE 100	10494.21	10430.62	+0.61
FTSE All-Share	5641.63	5612.60	+0.52
CAC 40	8447.77	8064.01	+0.75
Nikkei 225	24810.41	24684.01	+0.07
Hong Kong	69404.96	69317.50	+0.13
MSCI World	24493.95	24482.87	-1.40
MSCI EM	4876.00	4820.00	+1.20
MSCI ACWI	1781.80	1728.50	+2.77
MSCI ACWI	1133.40	1117.40	+1.43

CURRENCIES			
Pair	Jun 16	Prev	%chg
\$/£	1.161	1.158	+0.26
\$/€	1.084	1.084	0.00
\$/¥	160.405	160.295	+0.06
\$/₹	215.384	214.683	+0.32
\$/RUB	8.921	8.921	0.00

COMMODITIES			
	Jun 16	Prev	%chg
Oil WTI	76.44	80.75	-5.34
Oil Brent	79.32	82.74	-4.13
Gold \$	4207.34	4356.58	-4.44

GOVERNMENT BONDS			
	Jun 16	Prev	Chg
US 2 Yr	4.64	4.65	-0.01
US 10 Yr	4.47	4.45	+0.02
US 30 Yr	4.84	4.87	-0.02
UK 2 Yr	4.17	4.17	0.00
UK 10 Yr	4.79	4.81	-0.02
UK 30 Yr	5.52	5.53	-0.01
JPN 2 Yr	1.37	1.36	+0.01
JPN 10 Yr	2.58	2.57	+0.01
HK 30 Yr	3.75	3.73	+0.02
GER 2 Yr	2.57	2.57	0.00
GER 10 Yr	2.83	2.86	-0.02
GER 30 Yr	3.50	3.52	-0.02

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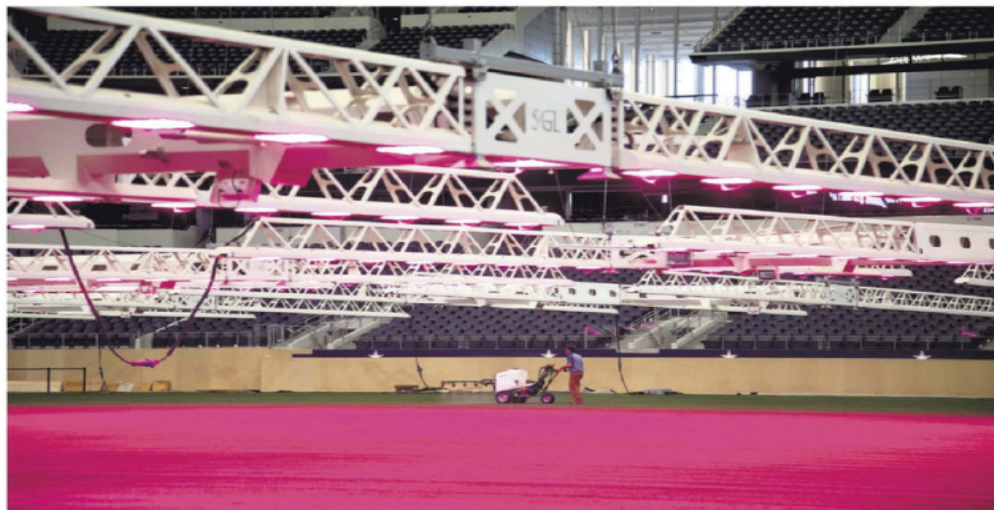
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Clockwise from top: Using LED grow lights to help the turf thrive in Dallas Stadium; a roll of turf grass; getting ready at Dallas Stadium. Most venues are using a mix of Kentucky bluegrass and ryegrass, while Miami and Monterrey, Mexico, use Bermuda grass.

At World Cup, Science Crafts Perfect Fields

By ALAN BURDICK
As you settle in to watch the world's biggest sporting event — 39 days, 48 teams, 104 matches and more than 1,200 pairs of pounding, cleated feet — spare a blessing for the grass.

FIFA, the international ruling body of soccer, mandates that every World Cup match be played on natural, living turf. Moreover, the playing experience, including the bounce and movement of the ball and the player "feel," must be consistent from venue to venue. (Also, the field must be green.)

Achieving this is no small task. The 2026 World Cup involves 16 stadiums — five of them domed, eight with permanent artificial turf that must be overlaid — across three countries and widely varying climates.

"We have this massive, massive tournament footprint," said Alan Ferguson, FIFA's senior pitch management manager. "Trying to bring that together in a uniform manner has been our biggest challenge."

Under Mr. Ferguson's guidance, FIFA has assembled a crack team of turfologists led by John Sorochan at the University of Tennessee and John Rogers at Michigan State University. They have been working since 2018 to determine how best to achieve the green dream. Here's where they have landed.

There are two dozen species of turf grass; none are created equal. Kentucky bluegrass is a cold-

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An Addictive Drug Has Allies in Trump's Cabinet

By KENNETH P. VOGEL and CHRISTINA JEWETT
WASHINGTON — For years, federal health officials have warned about the risks associated with a supplement derived from the leaves of kratom trees that adherents say can kill pain or boost energy. Sold in gas stations across America, kratom has been linked to liver toxicity, seizures and thousands of deaths.

Powerful figures close to President Trump, including Homeland Security Secretary Markwayne Mullin, pushed to downplay those concerns.

Mr. Mullin, until recently a Republican senator from Oklahoma, played a key role in a sprawling influence campaign spearheaded by the kratom industry that courted Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and Vice President JD Vance, among others in the Trump administration, an investigation by The New York Times found.

Only when he was nominated by Mr. Trump in March to lead the Homeland Security Department did it become clear that Mr. Mullin had a financial connection to the supplement. In a disclosure statement, he listed an investment worth as much as \$1 million in a kratom company, Botanic Tonics, that could benefit from the changes he has sought.

The company's founder, Jerry W. Ross — who had been an energy executive in Mr. Mullin's home state before pleading guilty to a financial crime — is a leading player in the influence campaign that was devised to benefit kratom at the expense of its rivals in the marketplace.

The kratom campaign under-

Mullin Holds a Stake in a Kratom Company

scores how corporations in the growing wellness industry can gain traction in Mr. Trump's government by casting risky products as aligned with the administration's Make America Healthy Again, or MAHA, agenda championed by Mr. Kennedy, who has sometimes prioritized unproven

remedies over science.
In July, while still a senator, Mr. Mullin showed up at a Food and Drug Administration news conference and endorsed proposed federal restrictions on more powerful synthetic supplements that compete with kratom for shelf space. In explaining his position, Mr. Mullin pointed to a history of addiction in his family, though health experts say kratom products have also been shown to be addictive.

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As the city's celebrations build to Thursday's parade, relive the Knicks' epic playoff run in a special section.

Deal Set to Open Strait, But New Hurdles Arise From Months of Closure

U.S. Navy to Deploy New Technology to Clear Mines

By JOHN ISMAY and NICHOLAS KULISH

The deal to reopen the Strait of Hormuz has raised hopes that "oil will flow on both ends," as President Trump said Sunday, quickly easing an impending energy crisis.

But it might not be that simple. To restart ship traffic in the strait, one of the most important questions will be whether the Iranians laid naval mines and, if so, how quickly they can be found and neutralized.

It is not even clear that the Iranians laid any mines at all; scores of ships have passed through the strait during the war without hitting mines. In March, United States Central Command said that it had attacked 16 Iranian mine-laying vessels near the Strait of Hormuz, but the impact of those efforts is uncertain.

On Monday, Mr. Trump said that the strait was "already partially opened" and that "they're doing a little hunting for a couple of mines."

He is also expected to ask European leaders to provide help clearing mines, saying it would not hurt to have "a ship or two up here from a few countries."

Britain said last month that it could deploy mine-hunting drones as part of a multinational mission to secure the Strait of Hormuz.

On Monday, President Emmanuel Macron of France said that France was prepared to dispatch mine-clearing vessels within a few days of a confirmed peace deal.

Before the war began, United States intelligence agencies estimated that Iran had 5,000 mines of different kinds, from relatively crude varieties that float just beneath the surface to far more advanced weapons that sit on the seafloor and use a combination of sensors to find their targets.

To search out any mines that might be lurking in the Strait of Hormuz, the U.S. Navy will hunt from the air and sweep the sea, from the surface and deep underwater.

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NEWS ANALYSIS Catalyzing Big Shift in Global Energy

By PATRICIA COHEN

LONDON — The framework deal between the United States and Iran sets the stage for an end to the bursts of violence and debilitating disruption of energy deliveries and trade in the Persian Gulf. But don't expect economies around the globe to simply pick up where they left off before the United States and Israel began bombing Iran on Feb. 25.

The war has set in motion changes that will be hard to reverse.

The near shutdown in oil and natural gas deliveries from the Middle East and the leap in prices are causing a shift in power. Energy producers from the Gulf to the Americas are jockeying to maintain or increase their dominance, and customers are struggling to reduce their dependence and shore up their supply.

As a result, the energy market is changing, the energy mix is changing and the energy players are changing.

The profound vulnerability of countries throughout Asia, Europe and elsewhere that depend on imported energy is supercharging the hunt for alternatives. In some places, like South Korea and Japan, that has led to an increased use of dirtier fuels like coal.

But over the longer term, this

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David Guttentag/The New York Times
Destruction in Lebanon on Tuesday. The war has shaken any trust in Mideast stability.

For 250th, a Maritime Pageant Daunting in Hekt and Hassles

By DANA RUBINSTEIN and JOHN ISMAY

As part of the nation's 250th anniversary celebration, a startling nautical spectacle will soon take shape off the coast of New York City.

About 80 vessels — tall ships with white sails, some gray-hulled warships bristling with weapons, maybe even a 100,000-ton aircraft carrier — will tie up in and around New York Harbor. Nearly 200 military aircraft will be poised to fly overhead.

The stated purpose of this two-day extravaganza, set to begin July 3, is to celebrate the American colonies' declaration of independence from King George III in 1776, by convening what organizers say will be the "largest maritime and aerial gathering in American history."

The event, called Sail4th 250, is so intricately complicated that the

commander of Coast Guard Sector New York, Capt. Jonathan Andrichik, a 26-year veteran who helped lead the rescue of 7,500 people in Texas during Hurricane Harvey, described it as "by far the most complex planned event I have ever been part of."

"We've sort of run out of adjectives to describe the scale and scope of what we're going to do here," he said.

Numerous tabletop exercises have been played out to prepare for the countless eventualities that could derail the proceedings. The federal government is helping de-conflict radio signals, so the different law enforcement agencies involved will be able to talk to one another.

"We have put together this crisis management plan, and any-

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Ballroom price tag pegged at \$600M

Taxpayers on the hook for half, invoices show, despite Trump's pledge

BY SARAH BLASKEY AND JONATHAN O'CONNELL

Five months after the demolition of the White House's East Wing, President Donald Trump claimed that the project to construct a massive ballroom and a bunker in its place would cost up to \$400 million and that private donors would pay for all of it.

"This is taxpayer-free. We have no taxpayer putting up 10 cents," Trump told reporters in the Oval Office on March 31, describing the project as including bomb shelters and major medical facilities.

But a detailed project summary prepared for the White House by the contractor more than three weeks before Trump's comments estimated the total construction cost at \$600 million — with more than half coming from taxpayers, according to a copy of the contractor estimate obtained by The Washington Post.

By the time Trump made his comments in March, the federal government had already approved more than a dozen payments to the contractor overseeing the work, Clark Construction, totaling tens of millions of dollars in public funds, according to a log of the contractor's invoices obtained by The Post.

Since first announcing the East Wing project last July, Trump has repeatedly said that the price tag would not exceed \$400 million and that private donations covered through a non-profit would cover its entire cost. At other times, he has said that the Secret Service and the military would contribute security enhancements, without elaborating on the price of those upgrades.

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D.C. Democrats vote in mayoral primary



CHRISTINE KAO/THE WASHINGTON POST

Seven Democratic candidates are competing in the city's ranked-choice race in an election that's bound to shake up the political leadership no matter the results. The contest to succeed Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D), who is not seeking reelection after serving three terms, is the first mayoral race without an incumbent for two decades. **Photos, B12**

Detainee rules eased after contractor's outreach

BY DOUGLAS MACMILLAN

When U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was revising the federal standards that govern immigration detention centers, one of its top contractors privately asked for changes that could benefit its business, according to a person briefed on the discussions.

Geo Group, which oversees more than a dozen ICE detention facilities, has faced lawsuits in three states alleging it violates minimum-wage laws by paying some immigrant detainees \$1 a day to work. The company maintains that the work is voluntary

ICE appeared to make changes that could benefit Geo Group's legal defense

and that it operates the program at the direction of the government.

Geo asked that ICE remove lines saying contractors needed to follow state and local laws around the treatment of detainees and that ICE amend language to support its legal position in these cases, the person said, speaking on the condition

of anonymity for fear of reprisal. The company also asked that the standards specify that detainees are not employees of the facilities where they work.

The new national detention standards, which ICE posted to its website Monday, include some of Geo's requested changes. The document says detainees are not employees "and are not entitled to wages or benefits under applicable wage laws or labor regulations."

The revised rules no longer say detainees must be paid at least \$1 per day, and no longer include several references to contractors having to comply with state or

local laws.

ICE standards are the key rules that govern the conditions of detention centers, where hundreds of thousands of people are held each year. The policies, which ICE enforces through its contracts with private companies and local governments, cover a wide range of facility operations, including how body cavity searches must be conducted as well as when detainees should be placed into solitary confinement.

Geo's input in the new standards, which has not been previously reported, highlights the ICE contractor's influence over SEE ICE ON A2

Iran's oil lifeline outlasted blockade

CASH KEPT FLOWING DESPITE U.S. EFFORTS

Revenue stream gave Tehran a stronger hand

BY EVAN HALPER

After U.S. and Israeli forces struck Iran in late February, the White House said the clock was working against Tehran.

Americans have suffered months of financial pain due to the closure of the Strait of Hormuz, but the Trump administration has consistently predicted that Iran has been squeezed much tighter. The regime had lost its economic lifeline of oil exports, U.S. officials said, and faced the prospect of lacking funds to pay its military while seeing permanent damage to its idled oil infrastructure.

But Tehran appears to have kept oil profits flowing as the White House failed to negotiate an end to the war and struggled with the mounting political challenges created by higher energy prices in the United States and around the world.

As oil prices climbed, Iran seized the opportunity to make greater profits on every barrel it sold, according to sanctions experts and oil shipment data, using shadow financial networks and crypto payments to route the proceeds around international restrictions. Through much of the conflict Iran generated more revenue from oil sales each day than it did before the first U.S.

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Trump: Money for Iran not part of deal

Others suggested Tehran could gain access to a major regional fund

BY CLEVE R. WOOTSON JR. AND DAN DIAMOND

ÉVIAN-LES-BAINS, France — President Donald Trump on Tuesday said that the United States would not immediately hand over money to Iran as part of the countries' deal, the specifics of which remain clouded, to end the war and open the Strait of Hormuz.

"We are not investing any money in Iran, by the way," Trump told reporters at the Group of Seven summit in France, as he dismissed news reports about potential U.S. investment in the country as "ridiculous."

Trump said there is likely to be a need to invest in Iran in the future, given the devastation following the country's conflict with the U.S., but that it is not his immediate focus.

"I'm sure there's going to be huge opportunities," Trump said, flanked by Secretary of State Marco Rubio and Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent.

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FBI says it foiled plot to attack UFC event in D.C.

Five people arrested in alleged plan for mass killing of attendees

BY MARK BERMAN, AMY B WANG AND VICTORIA CRAW

Authorities intercepted a plot to attack the Ultimate Fighting Championship event held outside the White House over the weekend, according to court papers made public Tuesday that described plans to fly explosive-loaded drones over the crowd, set them off and gun down fleeing attendees.

In the court papers, authorities alleged that plotters communicated in some detail about plans to attack the event, singled out specific officials they hoped to target and mapped out locations for launching drones and escape routes.

It was not immediately clear how close the alleged plot came to reality or how many people authorities believe may have been involved. The Justice Department said Tuesday that five people had been arrested in four states — California, Missouri, Nebraska and Ohio — and that the investigation was ongoing.

News of the alleged plot broke into public view Tuesday morning when FBI Director Kash Patel posted on social media that "multiple individuals" had been taken into custody in connection with a "potential threat" to the UFC event, which was held outside the White House and attended by President Donald Trump and other officials in his administration.

Following "a multi-state operation," Patel wrote, the "allegedly planned attacks were stopped cold." The White House declined to comment further Tuesday, UFC did not immediately respond to a request for comment and the FBI referred questions to Patel's social media post.

Matthew C. Quinn, deputy director of the Secret Service, told reporters Tuesday morning that the event "was never at risk due to the great investigative work." But he cautioned that some suspects were still at large. And after Patel's social media post

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New chapter in World Cup record book

France's Kylian Mbappé scored twice to move past Pelé and Lionel Messi with 14 World Cup goals, sparking his team to a 3-1 win over Senegal. Mbappé had 14 touches in the scoreless first half, then showed his brilliance when he put Les Bleus ahead in the 66th minute. **Sports, B6**

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CHILDREN explore the Reptile House at the L.A. Zoo, the last major U.S. zoo overseen by a city department.

LEBANON REMAINS STICKING POINT FOR IRAN

Tehran insists Israel withdraw as part of U.S. peace deal, but Netanyahu says no.

By JON GAMBRELL, SAM METZ AND SAMY MAGDY

DUBAI — Iran's top diplomat said Tuesday that the tentative deal to end the war with the United States would require Israel to withdraw from Lebanon — a condition Israel has already rejected and that could sink the agreement, leading to the resumption of all-out war.

The deal between the U.S. and Iran has not been made public, and officials have sometimes offered contradictory interpretations of what is in it. Although Israel is not party to the agreement, it is part of the war. It joined the U.S. in launching strikes on Iran on Feb. 28, and has since fought the Iran-backed Hezbollah militant group in Lebanon and seized large swaths of that country.

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said Israel's continued occupation of southern Lebanon would violate the deal.

"Without the withdrawal of Israeli forces from the territories they occupied during this war, the war has not really come to an end," Araghchi said.

A U.S. official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss outlines of the agreement, has said the deal does not call for an Israeli withdrawal. And on Monday, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Israel would remain in Lebanon "as long as necessary."

The negotiations to end [See Iran, A4]

L.A. Zoo needs to evolve, grand jury says

Report says the deteriorating city-run facility needs a public-private partnership to survive

By RUBEN VIVES

A Los Angeles County civil grand jury report says the L.A. Zoo can't continue operating the way it has been, citing deterioration of its facilities and rapidly declining membership.

The grand jury urged city officials to create a new public-private partnership, saying the action is crucial for the landmark zoo's long-term survival.

The L.A. Zoo is the last major American zoo governed by a city department, the report said. The grand jury noted that managing it requires navigating a bureaucratic jungle that includes the Zoo Commission, neighborhood councils, the city attorney, the city controller and other departments, as well as the mayor and the City Council.

The grand jury found that the city, faced with financial problems including a \$1-million budget shortfall this year, would continue to struggle in managing the zoo, which has deteriorated and lacks funding for maintenance and new projects amid ongoing revenue loss.

According to the report, zoo membership

dropped from 36,914 in April 2025 to 28,440 in February 2026, a 23% decrease in less than a year.

"Simply stated, to keep these important educational institutions afloat, almost all zoos across the United States have turned to public-private partnerships," the grand jury wrote in its 2025-2026 report.

A spokesperson for L.A. Mayor Karen Bass said that her office is "reviewing their recommendations — including the proposal to leverage public-private partnerships" and that Bass "looks forward to exploring these options."

"Mayor Bass thanks the volunteer members of the Los Angeles County civil grand jury for their interest in the success of the L.A. Zoo and for their recognition of the zoo's leadership in animal care and conservation as identified in the report," the spokesperson said.

City officials have been talking for several years about ways to draw more visitors to the zoo.

In 2021, they [See Zoo, A6]

In politics, all bets are on

Prediction markets are covering elections, raising concerns about their effect on democracy

By JUSTINE MCDANIEL AND QUEENIE WONG



POLYMARKET ads predict Zohran Mamdani's win in New York City's mayoral election in November.

WASHINGTON — As Spencer Pratt fell behind in the Los Angeles mayoral primary, an unexpected group began claiming election fraud: people tracking the Republican's success on prediction markets, the increasingly popular online exchanges where people can bet on almost anything.

"Crazy how much voter fraud can be done with mail in ballots," one user following bets on the mayoral race wrote last week on Kalshi, one of the top trading platforms.

"Same old California fraud," said another who had bet that Pratt would win.

Election fraud claims extended to social media, where a handful of influencers who post content for prediction market platforms questioned the ballot count. "It's a dead heat on Kalshi," one user wrote on social media. "Is CA cheating?" [See Markets, A11]

Newsom finds political benefit in federal probe

With an eye on a run for president in 2028, the governor goes on offense against Trump.

By TARYN LUNA AND KEVIN RECTOR

SACRAMENTO — Gov. Gavin Newsom did something this week that most politicians would only in a nightmare: He announced that the federal government is investigating him and his wife.

The revelation, delivered in a direct-to-camera 4½-minute video set against a backdrop of U.S. and California flags, became a top headline across the country.

In the upside-down politics of the Trump era, that was exactly as intended.

"He seems to be wearing this as a badge of honor because his brand is being the strongest opponent of Donald Trump," said Thad Kousser, a professor of political science at UC San Diego.

"The ability to show that you're going on offense and that you know how to effectively fight back against this president is part of making

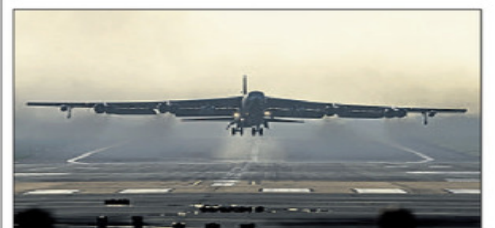
your case for office."

As he eyes a run for president in 2028, an antagonistic relationship with President Trump is Newsom's political currency.

So when friends and former employees said the FBI and Internal Revenue Service had knocked on their doors and asked about him and his wife, Jennifer Siebel Newsom, last Wednesday, the governor took advantage of the situation to boost his political profile.

"Mr. President, come after me," Newsom said in the video he posted online. "I'm not going anywhere, and the country is watching."

Newsom, who is in his final year as California's governor, has not declared his intent to run for president, though his claim that Trump is targeting him because he's considering a bid for the White House was an open acknowledgment of his thoughts about the future. Announcing the probe himself — before federal authorities had a chance to describe it on their terms — allowed him to get ahead of and try to discredit any findings as a "personal vendetta" long before potential [See Newsom, A6]



A B-52 takes off over Fairford, England, on March 19. Experts said the plane has had a robust safety record.

Upgrades, testing before B-52 crash

New engines, radar were in the works for bomber. An accident this week killed eight.

By SALVADOR HERNANDEZ AND ALEX WIGGLESWORTH

The U.S. Air Force at Edwards Air Force Base was in the process of tests to upgrade the aging fleet of B-52 bombers with new engines and radar systems when one of the planes crashed Monday, killing eight people, officials said.

The tests, and planned upgrades for the bomber, are just the latest in what has been a long history for the plane that has undergone more than half a dozen transformations and has remained in the U.S. arsenal for more than 70 years.

The B-52 is considered a legendary workhorse, remaining a key part of the military's fleet for decades thanks to constant improvements to the planes.

It's still unclear what caused the deadly crash at Edwards Air Force Base just

after 11 a.m., sending a huge plume of smoke from the base. In a news conference, Col. James Hayes said the B-52 that crashed was supporting a "radar modernization program."

Edwards Air Force Base officials confirmed the plane crashed shortly after takeoff of a "routine test mission." They declined to identify the victims until the next of kin had been notified.

The airfield remained closed Tuesday after a night of crews fighting small fires in the area.

Air Force officials announced in May and December that B-52s would be undergoing testing at Edwards Air Force Base as the Department of Defense looked to upgrade the plane's engines and radar.

Efforts to upgrade and create a new version of the iconic B-52 bomber have been ongoing for decades, making it a constant presence in the country's armed conflicts from the Vietnam War to the Gulf and Iraq wars.

"Some of these airplanes are literally twice the age of the pilots who fly them," said [See B-52, A8]

State program gives ocean science a boost

Decades-long research effort sheds light on ecosystems, weather events like El Niño.

By ROSANNA XIA

At a time of sea level rise, ocean acidification, record-breaking marine heat waves and the arrival of a particularly strong El Niño, a little-known but invaluable marine ecosystem monitoring program off the Southern California coast has never been more essential.

The California Cooperative Oceanic Fisheries Investigations, or CalCOFI, is the world's oldest and longest-running effort of its kind. Every season for more than three-quarters of a century, its researchers have sailed hundreds of miles off the Golden State's coast and collected a vast array of zooplankton, microscopic plant matter, larvae and all manner of fish.

Like taking a pulse of the ocean at particular moments in time, generations of CalCOFI scientists have meticulously documented water temperature, salinity,

acidity, oxygen levels and dozens of other data points that have become the gold standard for understanding the ocean and how it's changing.

Nowhere else on the planet has such a large swath of ocean been studied as thoroughly and for so long, and much of our modern approach to oceanography and weather forecasts can be traced back to this hidden gem in marine science. In fact, it's thanks to CalCOFI that in 1958, scientists pieced together that El Niño (a term being used locally in Peru at the time) was a cli-

mate phenomenon that wreaked havoc not just in Latin America, but also in California, and in turn, the world.

With one of the largest El Niños in decades now taking hold, and given the other climate challenges confronting the world's oceans, being able to reexamine past fluctuations and what used to be "normal" is critical to preparing for the future.

Have a question on what happened to fish during the last marine heat wave? Ask CalCOFI. Need a snapshot of the ocean before an oil [See Ocean, A8]

California men accused in UFC plot

Federal authorities say they foiled deadly "planned attacks" at the White House spectacle. NATIONAL AFFAIRS

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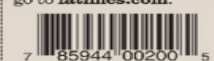
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DECLARACIÓN HISTÓRICA DE UN EX PRESIDENTE ANTE EL JUEZ

Zapatero se desvinculará de la trama 'offshore' de su pagador

Defenderá hoy en la Audiencia que no es el «vértice» de la organización criminal por la que se le acusa de cuatro delitos

El Gobierno de ZP negó 17 veces haber recibido regalos «de valor»

POR JUANMA LAMET

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Mercedes González, directora general de la Guardia Civil, ayer, durante su comparecencia en el Senado. SERGIO GONZÁLEZ VALERO

González oculta los mensajes con Leire en plena cacería a la UCO

La directora de la Guardia Civil niega todo y se protege desacreditando el trabajo de la Unidad

MARISA CRUZ
MANUEL MARRACO MADRID
«Jamás, nunca». Estas fueron las dos palabras que Mercedes González repitió en su comparecencia de ayer en el Senado. La directora de la Guardia Civil negó cualquier colaboración con Leire Díez, a pesar de haber tenido

que reconocer reuniones con ella y, sobre todo, a pesar de que ayer no quiso detallar los contactos que mantuvieron cuando ya tenía información de que la fontanera del PSOE estaba realizando trabajos de la cloaca. González intentó además desacreditar el trabajo de los agentes. **Págs. 6-7**

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La directora de la Guardia Civil, Mercedes González, ayer en el Senado antes de comparecer. Tania Sierra

Mercedes González niega a sus subordinados de la UCO y dice que con Leire solo tomó té

La directora general de la Guardia Civil comparece en el Senado sin aclarar cómo pasó de no conocer a la 'fontanera' del PSOE a mantener varios encuentros con ella. Defiende que comunicó al jefe de la investigación sus reuniones con la imputada

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Nas asas do Master. Daniel Vorcaro mantinha no celular fotos de viagens a destinos de luxo com Ciro Nogueira. Para a PF, uma "relação instrumental" para o senador atuar a seu favor

Vorcaro bancou luxo de Ciro e Motta, aponta PF

Mensagens e fotos encontradas no celular de Daniel Vorcaro e que embasaram o pedido da PF para investigar o senador Ciro Nogueira (PP-PI) mostram que este e o presidente da Câmara, Hugo Motta, tiveram viagens e hotéis de luxo bancados pelo banqueiro. Vorcaro pagou aos dois a hospedagem no hotel cinco estrelas Four Seasons, em Lisboa, em junho de 2024, durante o evento jurídico organizado pelo ministro do STF Gilmar Mendes. Numa mensagem, o dono do

Master orienta um funcionário a cuidar da privacidade de um evento fechado organizado por ele onde Motta e Ciro faziam parte da "lista de homens". O celular traz novas provas de como Ciro Nogueira era financiado por Vorcaro em viagens e hospedagem, além das mensagens que reforçam a suspeita de reiterados "pagamentos de vulto". Motta declarou que não vê "problema algum" em ter tido diárias pagas pelo banqueiro, uma vez que era "um evento corporativo". PÁGINA 6

Trama envolve de emboscada a jogador da NBA a chantagem feita por irmã de 'Sicário'

Segundo PF, Vorcaro planejou imputar uso de drogas a ex-atleta que namorou o ex do banqueiro. Relatório revela ameaça de irmã de Sicário: "Tenho material para acabar com a família inteira". PÁGINA 7

André Mendonça vê 'setores' que tentam 'criar vícios' no Caso Master

A sessão que manteve o pai de Daniel Vorcaro em prisão preventiva teve um embate entre André Mendonça e Gilmar Mendes. O decano fez críticas à atuação da PF e comparou o caso Master à Lava-Jato. Já o relator afirmou que não aceitará "delação seletiva" e disse ver articulações para gerar uma futura anulação do caso. "Há um sistema articulado para criar vício. Não sou cego." PÁGINA 7

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Ex-deputado fica inelegível e tem pena de 4 anos e 2 meses por articular sanções dos EUA a ministros durante o julgamento da trama golpista

Por unanimidade, a Primeira Turma do STF condenou o ex-deputado Eduardo Bolsonaro pelo crime de coação da Justiça. A decisão se baseou no fato, admitido pelo próprio réu, de ele ter atuado para que o governo Donald Trump sancionasse ministros e pressi-

onasse o STF durante o julgamento da trama golpista de 2022. Além da pena a ser cumprida em regime semiaberto, Eduardo, que se mudou para os EUA, ficará inelegível. Os ministros Alexandre de Moraes, Cármen Lúcia, Flávio Dino e Cristiano Zanin desta-

caram o ataque à soberania e à independência do Judiciário. Eduardo declarou que o objetivo do julgamento era tirá-lo das eleições e que não houve respeito ao processo legal porque Moraes, que julgou o caso, foi também vítima das medidas dos EUA. PÁGINA 4

A História veste a 10 (e já fez 16 em Copas...)



É difícil pensar uma marca que Lionel Messi não tenha atingido no futebol, e agora há menos uma na lista. Desde o final da noite de ontem, ele é o maior artilheiro das Copas do Mundo, com 16 gols, igualando o alemão Klose. Aos 38 anos, ele estreou em seu sexto Mundial marcando os três gols da vitória argentina sobre a Argélia. CADERNO COPA 2026

ENQUANTO ISSO...
Neymar enfim treina com bola pela 1ª vez

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Artilharia pesada

Os superatacantes disseram "presente". Ante um resiliente Senegal, a França impressionou pelo poderio ofensivo, e Mbappé acelerou rumo aos recordes ao marcar duas vezes: agora é quem mais fez gols por sua seleção (58) e está a apenas dois de igualar Messi e Klose na artilharia histórica das Copas. Já o "Cometa Haaland" também fez dois na goleada da Noruega sobre o Iraque. CADERNO COPA 2026

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A última vez do super-homem e quarentão CR7

GUGA CHACRA
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Em aceno a Motta, governo retira urgência de PL da 6x1

Medida mira destravar o plenário da Câmara e foi pedido de Motta, que pode segurar pautas-bomba fiscais. PÁGINA 13

No G7, Trump ameaça Irã, adverte Rússia e critica Israel

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SUPERVALORIZADA O céu é o limite: SpaceX passa a Amazon em valor de mercado

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La Ciudad aplicará a los vapeadores la misma vara que a los cigarrillos

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La Legislatura debatirá mañana el proyecto que propone prohibir su uso a menores de 18 e igualar las restricciones a las vigentes para el tabaco tradicional. **Página 20**



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MUNDIAL 2026

Un Messi colosal hizo brillar a la Argentina

El campeón arrolló 3-0 a Argelia con tres tantos del capitán, que se convirtió en máximo goleador de los mundiales



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deportes-KANSAS CITY (De nuestros enviados especiales).- La magia sigue intacta. Dos décadas exactas después de su primer Mundial, Lionel Messi marcó los tres tantos de la Argentina, que abrió la defensa del título en la Copa con un contundente 3-0 sobre Argelia. A una semana de cumplir 39 años, con 16 goles alcanzó al alemán Miroslav Klose como el máximo anotador en la historia de los mundiales. Fue la figura descolante en un debut prometedora de la selección en la Copa del Mundo. La Argentina ahora enfrentará a Austria el próximo lunes a las 14, en Dallas.

HOY

14 hs. POR vs. RDC	20 hs. GHA vs. PAN
17 hs. ING vs. CRO	22 hs. UZB vs. COL

Ya suman 26.448 las empresas que se perdieron desde noviembre de 2023

DATOS OFICIALES. En marzo se aceleró la tendencia; el comercio es el rubro más afectado

La cantidad de empleadores o unidades productivas volvió a reducirse en marzo y acumula una caída de 26.448 empresas desde noviembre de 2023, el mes previo a la asunción de Javier Milei, pasando de 512.357 a 485.909, según datos oficiales de la Superintendencia de Riesgos del Trabajo (SRT), que depende de la Secretaría de Trabajo,

Empleo y Seguridad Social.

Un informe del *think tank* Fundar destacó que en marzo la tendencia volvió a acelerarse: se registraron 2011 empresas menos que en febrero, cuando la disminución había sido de apenas 257.

Entre los sectores que más empresas perdieron durante marzo en términos absolutos (unidades)

se destacan comercio (-1042 firmas), industria (-320), transporte y almacenamiento (-280) y alojamiento y restaurantes (-200). En contraste, crecieron los rubros de servicios de asociaciones y personales (+160 empresas), actividades administrativas (+71), construcción (+22) y salud (+33).

Medido en términos relativos,

el sector inmobiliario fue el más afectado en marzo, con una caída del 0,9% en la cantidad de empresas registradas, equivalente a 241 firmas menos. Lo siguieron transporte y almacenamiento (-0,8%, con 280 empresas menos).

El número de empresas registradas cayó en 14.203 unidades respecto de marzo de 2025. **Página 15**

EL ANÁLISIS

Lo que logró y lo que perdió el Presidente

Joaquín Morales Solá
-LA NACION-

Su principal aliado internacional, Donald Trump, tiene un ala herida. Y su otro cercano amigo en el mundo, Benjamin Netanyahu, que constituye con el presidente norteamericano el dueto casi exclusivo de la política exterior de Javier Milei, se enojó con Trump porque se le ocurrió poner fin a la guerra con el Irán temible de los ayatollahs sin consultarlo y, para peor, en condiciones casi perdidas. **Continúa en la página 11**

Cavani y un futuro sin Boca

Arruabarrena no lo tiene en sus planes. El uruguayo sigue lesionado. **P.36**



Keiko aumenta su ventaja

Ya tiene 35 mil votos más que el candidato de izquierda y se acerca a la presidencia de Perú. **P.24**



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Récord. Ya suma 16 goles y alcanza al alemán Klose como el máximo anotador en los Mundiales.

Con un Messi brillante, la Selección goleó en su debut

Otra actuación histórica del "10", que marcó todos los tantos en el 3-0 ante Argelia

La magia de Leo iluminó la noche ante una multitud de argentinos en Kansas City. Sumando más récords -ya es su sexto Mundial- y a una semana de cumplir 39 años, está plenamente vigente. Con sus tres goles llevó a la Selección a un buen debut ante un rival difi-

cil. Después del primer gol, los argelinos presionaron y recién la nueva racha goleadora de Messi trajo tranquilidad. De Paul, con su despliegue, recuperación y pases, fue otra de las grandes figuras. Argentina vuelve a jugar el lunes en Dallas ante Austria. **SUPLEMENTO MUNDIAL**

RESULTADOS

Grupo I: Francia 3 - Senegal 1
Grupo I: Noruega 4 - Irak 1
Grupo J: Argentina 3 - Argelia 0

PARTIDOS DE HOY

Grupo K: Portugal vs RD Congo (14.00)
Grupo L: Inglaterra vs Croacia (17.00)
Grupo L: Ghana vs Panamá (20.00)
Grupo K: Colombia vs Uzbekistán (23.00)



Mbappé y Haaland también mostraron su poderío

El francés hizo dos en el 3-1 ante Senegal, igual que el noruego en el 4-1 con Irak.

Dos gemelas, un solo donante y un trasplante inédito

Fue en el Garrahan. Mayra y Daiana, de 14 años, padecen un mal congénito que afecta los riñones y el hígado, y que les había provocado insuficiencia renal crónica. En lista de espera para un trasplante desde diciembre, un

hombre que había fallecido en La Plata se convirtió en donante. Cada una de las gemelas recibió un riñón, en una operación inédita para el hospital. Tras varias semanas de recuperación, ya recibieron el alta. **P.31**

Si no respeta el arresto en su casa, pasarían a Cristina a una cárcel común

El juez Rodrigo Giménez Urriburu intimó a Cristina Kirchner para que se "abstenga de desplegar conductas o asumir comportamientos que puedan implicar el incumplimiento" de las reglas del arresto domiciliario. Lo hizo luego de que apareció una bandera argentina que cruzaba la calle y salía del balcón de Cristina. En el año que lleva presa, ya le restringieron las reuniones en su domicilio. **P.11**

Buscan bajar la sesión en el Senado para evitar que lo echen a Adorni

Está prevista una sesión para mañana que había sido pedida por el oficialismo, pero el Gobierno no se quiere arriesgar ahora a que la oposición consiga los votos para presentar una moción de censura contra el jefe de Gabinete. Es el procedimiento previsto en la Constitución para removerlo. Ayer se confirmó que Adorni expondrá en sesión informativa en el Senado el jueves 2 de julio. **P.8**

"Para mí fue un atentado", dijo el papá de Gaspi, el youtuber muerto en Brasil

En su librería de Puerto Madryn, Ricardo Prim da rienda suelta al dolor por la muerte de su hijo, Gaspi, en el choque de helicópteros en Río. Dice que aún no se hace a la idea, que recibe el abrazo de desconocidos y afirma: "Yo no conocía al cantante que estuvo con él, Oliver Tree, pero me hacen llegar datos. Creo que no fue un accidente, para mí fue un atentado". **P.3**

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Pritzker OKs \$56B state budget

Spending plan factors in gains from gas sales tax, election-year breaks, but stadium questions loom

By Olivia Olander and Jeremy Gerner
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Decrying federal “headwinds” and drawing a contrast to the gridlock of past state administrations, Gov. JB Pritzker on Tuesday gave his approval to a nearly \$56 billion spending plan that factored in both a windfall from the state’s gas sales tax and a number of election-year tax breaks.

“This is a budget for Illinois’ future, even as the federal government works to take us backward. We won’t go back,” Pritzker said during a signing event at the state’s Chicago Bears headquarters in the West Loop.

Taking effect July 1, the budget covers the last six months of Pritzker’s current term as he seeks reelection to a rare third term and faces questions about a potential 2028 presidential run. It also comes

as the most widely discussed issue from Springfield’s spring legislative session this year, with the effort to incentivize a new stadium for the Chicago Bears remaining unresolved.

Reflecting the haste with which the ruling Democrats muscled their budget through the General Assembly in an all-nighter ending just before dawn on June 1, Pritzker had to use his veto pen to cut more than \$500 billion in approved spending — nearly 10 times the state’s entire operating budget — “due in large

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Right: Gov. JB Pritzker signs Illinois’ budget in Chicago on Tuesday. E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE



Jacob Potashnick of Feld poses for a photo after winning in the Best Chef: Great Lakes category at the 2026 James Beard Awards at the Lyric Opera House on Monday in Chicago. ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

‘THIS IS A CHILDHOOD DREAM COME TRUE’

Chef, owner of Feld was Chicago’s sole winner at 2026 James Beard Restaurant and Chef Awards

By Zareen Syed
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

At the 2026 James Beard Restaurant and Chef Awards, the highest culinary honors in the United States, Jacob Potashnick, chef and owner of Feld, was the city’s sole winner at Monday night’s ceremony at Lyric Opera. “This is a childhood dream come true ... never in my wildest dreams,” Potashnick said moments after he was announced the winner in the Best Chef: Great Lakes category. “I’ve often said that Feld is a restaurant where I tell other people’s stories and

INSIDE: Chicago journalist wins James Beard 2026 Media Award with a story about legendary bean pie. **Food & Health**

that’s down to the chopsticks, not just the food — it’s the tableware and the paintings. It’s so important that people understand that it’s a restaurant that’s special because we are sharing other people’s stories.”

Potashnick, 33, said he set out to create a restaurant driven by the produce and product coming from growers, dairy farmers, fishermen and ranchers. That

relationship with Feld’s carefully sourced network of purveyors is directly translated onto a plate, where courses can be tiny, from a teeny teacup of hot chicken broth infused with an aged Alpine cheese from Pleasant Ridge Reserve, to a small serving of smoked sunchokes or a bean-tar chocolate mousse. The kitchen and its ever-evolving menu are unique, Potashnick said, and it’s a testament to his team that it somehow works.

“I always bring it back to the team because every one of these recognitions doesn’t allow just me to call my mom and go ‘we did it,’

but it allows my team to call their moms and say ‘we did it!’” he said. “But if our guests don’t like their meal, none of this matters. What matters is every day we come in grounded and ready to put in the work and be our best.”

The ceremony, hosted by “Top Chef” judge, author and producer Gail Simmons, marked a major milestone with the James Beard Foundation’s 40th anniversary. Celebrity chefs and TV personalities presented the most prestigious awards in the U.S. restaurant industry, filling the gaps with

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Dispute could sink peace agreement

Iran’s call for Israel to withdraw troops in Lebanon adds hurdle

By Jon Gambrell, Sam Metz and Samy Magdy
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Iran’s top diplomat said Tuesday that the tentative deal to end the war with the United States would require Israel to withdraw from Lebanon — a condition Israel has already rejected and that could sink the agreement, leading to the resumption of all-out war.

The deal, which is between the U.S. and Iran, has not been made public, and officials have sometimes offered contradictory interpretations of what is in it. While Israel is not party to the agreement, it is part of the war: It joined the U.S. in launching strikes on Iran on Feb. 28, and has since fought the Iran-backed Hezbollah militant group in Lebanon and seized large swaths of that country.

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said Israel’s continued occupation of southern Lebanon would violate the deal.

“Without the withdrawal of Israeli forces from the territories they occupied during this war, the war has not fully come to an end,” Araghchi said.

A U.S. official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, has said the deal does not call for an Israeli withdrawal.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Monday that Israel would remain in Lebanon “as long as necessary.”

The negotiations to end the war have been plagued by such disagreements before, leading to a prolonged but uneasy ceasefire that has failed to develop into a permanent end to hostilities and has left the Strait of Hormuz, a crucial waterway for the world’s energy supplies, effectively

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OBAMA PRESIDENTIAL CENTER

Political button collectors find new home for their obsession

By A.D. Quig
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

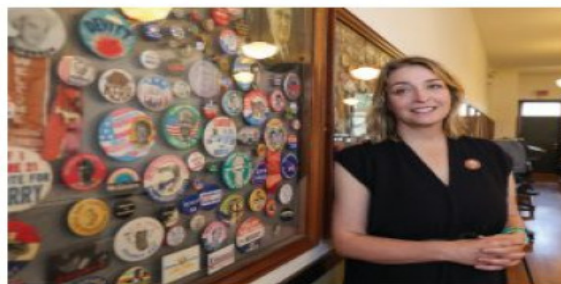
At the new Obama Presidential Center museum — between the former first lady’s gowns and the exhibits about how the former president tackled the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the financial crisis and healthcare reform — sits a display fit for some of the country’s most die-hard obsessives: political button collectors.

A political button preoccupation can start almost anywhere, from an initial interest in rare coins to a recognition of a famil-

iar political name or a parent who is a history buff. Then a casual dig through an estate sale bin morphs into obsession, resulting in making bids at auctions, combing through the recesses of eBay or imploring friends in politics to snag you a piece. The most hardcore literally join the club — the American Political Items Collectors.

Few know the grip of that obsession like Ted Hake. His career started by accident. Hake’s mother liked antiques. When a friend opened up a barn full of furniture

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Christen Carter, founder of the Button Museum and owner of the Busy Beaver Button Co., with some of the buttons in the museum on Tuesday in Chicago. STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Opening ceremony to feature Wonder, Hudson, Springsteen

Just ahead of the Juneteenth opening of the Obama Presidential Center, former President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama gathered nearly 500 supporters and contributors to the campus for a thank-you celebration on Tuesday. The foundation also announced the lineup for Thursday’s dedication ceremony, which will be livestreamed at 11 a.m. Thursday at obama.org and the foundation’s social media pages. Among the planned performances: Stevie Wonder, Bruce Springsteen and Jennifer Hudson. **Page A6**

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Causa se inició en el 2024 y siguen apareciendo más denuncias

Fiscalía investiga 1.500 casos de títulos falsos de docentes

EN LA MIRA. Fiscalía Teresa Sosa explicó que algunos institutos de enseñanza ofrecían carreras de formación docente sin habilitación del Cones.

MEDIDAS. Ministro Ramírez apuntó que varios docentes que están en aula deberían ser apartados mientras dure la investigación.

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Vorcaro bancou hotel em Lisboa para Motta e Ciro Nogueira, diz PF

Diária média custou R\$ 18 mil; deputado diz não ver 'problema algum', e senador não comenta

O dono do Banco Master, Daniel Vorcaro, pagou diárias do presidente da Câmara, Hugo Motta (Republicanos-PB), e do senador Ciro Nogueira (PP-PI), em um hotel de luxo em Lisboa em junho de 2024, afirma relatório de investigação da Polícia Federal.

A capital portuguesa recebia o Fórum Jurídico de Lisboa, de Gilmar Mendes, do STF. Em mensagem encontrada pela PF, Vorcaro pede a um assistente reservas de 24 a 30 de junho para ele e para "Ciro e Hugo". O hotel escolhido foi o Four Seasons Ritz Lisboa.

O valor da hospedagem de cada parlamentar foi de R\$ 91,3 mil na cotação da data, um custo diário de R\$ 18 mil. Segundo a PF, Nogueira recebeu R\$ 6 milhões em mesadas de Vorcaro entre 2024 e 2025 e há indícios de pagamento de R\$ 350 mil em dinheiro vivo.

Para Motta, evento era corporativo e não há problema em Vorcaro pagar diárias. Nogueira não comentou. **Economia A12 e A13**

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Messi marca três e empata com Klose como maior artilheiro da história das Copas

O craque comemora na estreia da Argentina por 3 a 0 contra a Argélia; aos 38 anos, ele soma 16 gols em Mundiais Copa 2026 p.4

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ARG 3 x 0 **AGE**



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Mercado espera novo corte de 0,25 ponto na Selic

O Copom (Comitê de Política Monetária) se reúne hoje sob a expectativa de novo corte de 0,25 na Selic, para 14,25% ao ano. Para economistas, cenários de inflação e fiscal devem levar o BC a suspender reduções em agosto. **Mercado A16**

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STF condena Eduardo a 4 anos e 2 meses pelo crime de coação

O ex-deputado Eduardo Bolsonaro (PL-SP) foi condenado por unanimidade pelo crime de coação, por ter atuado nos EUA para intimidar o Judiciário durante o processo da trama golpista. Com isso, não poderá disputar eleições por oito anos. O ex-parlamentar classificou o julgamento de "sem pé nem cabeça". **Política A6**

Polícia do DF apreende arma de Bolsonaro com militar

Militar parado em blitz levava pistola Glock 9 mm e carregador do ex-presidente. Arma iria para conserto, disse. Defesa de Bolsonaro não comentou. **A7**

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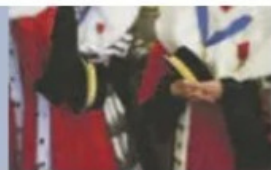
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EXAMEN EN COURS DE PRESSE SURFACE/AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE

À Évian, Donald Trump et Volodymyr Zelensky renouent le dialogue

À l'issue d'une « très bonne » rencontre avec le président ukrainien en marge du G7, le chef de la Maison-Blanche a déclaré qu'à son avis « la Russie devrait passer un accord » avec l'Ukraine. Donald Trump a promis de faire tout ce qu'il peut, évoquant la possibilité de « réintroduire des sanctions » contre le régime de Vladimir Poutine, ce qui signifierait un rapprochement avec les Européens. **PAGES 5 & 7**

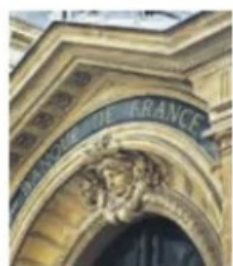
Présidentielle : la multiplication des candidatures brouille le jeu

En l'absence de leader naturel à droite comme à gauche, une trentaine de personnalités ont fait part de leurs ambitions élyséennes à moins d'un an du scrutin. Une atomisation de l'offre qui pourrait profiter au RN et à LFI.

Vers un record de candidats à la présidentielle ? À dix mois de l'élection, les prétendants se bousculent sur la ligne de départ : Le Figaro en a dénombré une trentaine, dont 17 se sont déjà officiellement déclarés. Un signe de la fragmentation du paysage politique et de l'affaiblissement des partis de gouvernement

consécutifs aux deux quinquennats d'Emmanuel Macron. Au sein du bloc central, de la droite LR et de la gauche non mélenchoniste, l'absence de candidat naturel favorise la multiplication des ambitions. Symbole d'une course désordonnée pour l'Élysée, même si le couperet des 500 parrainages d'élus et les probables

fusions de candidatures devraient aboutir à un resserrement de l'offre. En attendant, les Insoumis et le Rassemblement national, qui disposent d'une base électorale déjà consolidée et d'appareils politiques placés au service d'un candidat unique, entendent profiter de la situation. **PAGE 2 ET L'ÉDITORIAL**



La guerre d'Iran plombe encore un peu plus la croissance française

Déjà faiblarde, l'activité économique va encore ralentir cette année, victime du conflit au Moyen-Orient : la Banque de France n'anticipe plus que 0,5% de croissance en 2026, soit moitié moins que prévu

dans le budget. Cette détérioration de la conjoncture complique le rétablissement des comptes publics. Sans « mesures additionnelles », la Banque de France prévoit un déficit de 5,2% du PIB. **PAGE 18**

ÉDITORIAL par Yves Thérard

Cacophonie électorale

Il est loin, le temps où Pierre Messmer renonçait à se présenter à la présidentielle « par discipline ». C'était en 1974, à la mort de Georges Pompidou, dont il était le premier ministre. Face à Jacques Chaban-Delmas, autre grande figure du gaullisme, il préféra s'effacer. Cette année-là, ils étaient douze candidats. Six de plus déjà qu'en 1965. Combien seront-ils en 2027 ? Entre ceux qui se sont déclarés et ceux qui entretiennent le suspense, une petite trentaine de noms sont à l'affiche. L'élection suprême, grande ordonnatrice de notre vie politique, serait-elle devenue un jeu ? Cette cacophonie ne peut que contribuer à un affaiblissement de la fonction présidentielle. Elle en diminue le prestige et la superbe. Emmanuel Macron, émergent de l'inconnu ou presque en 2017, n'a pas seulement stabilisé le paysage politique. Il a aussi créé un précédent. Comme si, depuis, tout le monde pensait avoir l'étoffe d'un Jupiter ! Un nom associé à une vague idée qui circule sur les réseaux sociaux ou parcourt les plateaux de télévision suffirait-il aujourd'hui à lancer une dynamique électorale ? Certes non. Mais un tour de piste médiatique permet de soigner le « tout à l'égo » - grand mal

de l'époque - et de prendre date pour plus tard. Car certains jouent le coup d'après : un poste ministériel dans un futur gouvernement ou la direction d'une institution. La recherche d'un « quart d'heure warholien » mise à part, l'actuelle profusion de candidatures est surtout le signe d'une grande confusion politique. Elle reflète la crise des partis traditionnels, menacés de disparition - à droite comme à gauche et au centre - par les guerres des chefs et les rivalités intestines. Plus encore sans doute que par les divergences programmatiques. Qui représente quoi ? Seuls le RN et LFI, aux extrémités de l'échiquier, présentent une offre incarnée. Au-delà de l'élection à venir, rien ne dit, devant pareil émiettement, que le prochain président obtienne une majorité suffisamment solide pour gouverner et échapper à la censure. Il est pourtant urgent que la France, plongée dans l'immobilisme, sorte de cette impasse politique. ■

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FIFA WORLD CUP



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People waited outside Dallas Stadium holding signs reading "World Cup tickets wanted" during a FIFA World Cup match between the Netherlands and Japan on Sunday.

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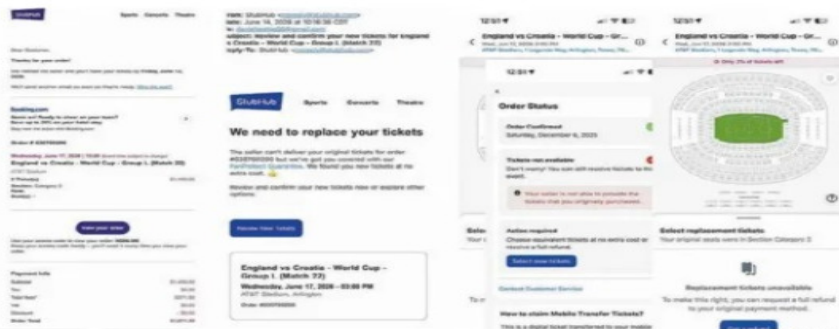
Fan finds passes bought on StubHub don't exist

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Imagine spending nearly \$2,000 on World Cup tickets seven months ago, being told you won't have the tickets until game day and then, three days before the match, being told the tickets do not exist.

That's the fate of Austin's Majda Praiz, whose ticketing debacle represents the latest in a seemingly countless litany of alleged ticketing "scams" in the lead-up to the first men's World Cup on U.S. soil in 32 years.

The monthslong ticketing maelstrom — defined by fans balking over high prices, a convoluted process and changing color-coded stadium seating maps — is juxtaposed this week alongside the unbridled



Screenshots of emails that Majda Praiz received from StubHub after buying World Cup tickets earlier this year. Despite claims that her tickets were secured, she did not get access to this week's Croatia-England game in Dallas through the ticket resale platform.

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AI commission pushes workforce model the state already embraces

Joint effort says programs should be judged by outcomes, not enrollment

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As artificial intelligence begins reshaping workplaces across the country, former U.S. Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo says states should stop judging workforce training programs by enrollment numbers and start measuring whether workers actually land better jobs.

That conversation is already underway in Texas.

During the launch Thursday of a bipartisan commission examining AI's impact on workers, Rai-



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The Commission on AI and the Future of the American Workforce will spend the next year studying how artificial intelligence is affecting jobs, wages and workforce development.

mondo repeatedly argued that existing workforce systems are failing too many workers and need to be rebuilt around outcomes rather

than participation alone.

"We spend hundreds of billions of dollars, taxpayer dollars every year on higher education,



state-subsidized higher ed, community colleges, workforce training, unemployment insurance, most of which isn't effective," Raimondo said. "We're not getting what we pay for."

The Commission on AI and the Future of the American Workforce, a joint effort between the American Enterprise Institute and Urban Institute, will spend the next year studying how artificial intelligence is affecting jobs, wages and workforce development. The commission is chaired by Raimondo and former House Speaker Paul Ryan.

Although the effort is national in scope, many of the issues it plans to tackle are already confronting fast-

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Education Lab

DISD posts math gains

Texas shows mixed results in annual STAAR scores for third through eighth grades

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The results of this year's STAAR exams for third through eighth grades present something of a mixed bag in Dallas ISD and across the state, according to results released Tuesday.

The annual State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness tests third through eighth graders in reading, math, social studies and science.

Both the state as a whole and Dallas ISD, the second largest district in Texas, made gains in math, and middle schoolers gained ground in reading.

But fewer than half of third graders tested on grade level in reading. Experts say third grade is a critical milestone for reading because students who can't read on grade level by the end of that year are more likely to struggle later on.

In third and fourth grade, Dallas ISD lost a bit of ground in reading. This year, 49% of third graders were on grade level in reading, down from 50% last year. Half of

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LIVESTOCK

USDA could face sterile fly shortage

Authorities may need years to produce the amount required to eradicate New World screwworm

By James Osborne
Washington Bureau

After spending the morning testifying before Congress, U.S. Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins flew to South Texas to assure ranchers and local officials that the government was moving quickly to combat the New World screwworm outbreak.

"We're going to beat this," she said, standing before television cameras on a ranch Friday. "We beat it before, and we're going to beat it again."

So far, authorities have relied on sterile screwworm flies grown in a Panamanian lab to mate with the wild population to slow the spread.

But it will be years before the U.S. Department of Agriculture has the additional capacity it says it needs to fully eradicate the flesh-eating parasite here, leading to a blame game between members of the Trump and Biden administrations, who each say the other has not been quick enough to react.

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Fans pack Dallas bar
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Pizza Hut changes hands
 Yum! Brands, one of the world's largest restaurant companies, has sold Plano-based Pizza Hut for \$2.7 billion. **3B**

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Russian warship fires shots in Channel

Unarmed British yacht warned by frigate in fresh escalation of tensions with Moscow

By Rozina Sabur, Tony Diver and Joe Barnes
A RUSSIAN warship fired shots at an unarmed British vessel in the Channel yesterday, in a fresh escalation of tensions with Moscow.
A small, British-flagged yacht reported that the Admiral Grigorovich, a 409ft Russian frigate, had fired warning shots at about 11.40am.
Military sources told *The Telegraph* that the incident took place outside UK territorial waters during foggy conditions and that the Russian vessel had issued several warnings before firing.
But it comes days after a shadow tanker carrying sanctioned Russian oil, the *Smytnoy*, was boarded and seized by Royal Marines in the Channel.
The incident also took place while G7 leaders, including Sir Keir Starmer, met in Évian-les-Bains, France, for talks alongside Volodymyr Zelenskyy, the Ukrainian president, about bringing an end to the war with Russia.
Sir Keir faced further pressure at home over defence spending, with the head of the Armed Forces warning that Britain's soldiers would get less training for the battle-field if Labour did not provide more funding for defence.
Responding to the incident in the Channel, James Cartledge, the shadow defence secretary, said: "This shows, yet again, that Russia poses a direct threat to our nation, and underlines why it is critical for Labour to get a grip on defence after the chaos of their ministerial resignations last week.
"Above all, this news shows why reports of Labour planning to make further cuts to defence are so shocking. Kemi [Badenoch] and I have offered to work with the Government, in the

national interest, to cut welfare and properly fund our Armed Forces."
The Telegraph understands the incident in the Channel took place about 20 miles off the Isle of Wight. Defence sources said the Admiral Grigorovich appeared to be drifting rather than acting under its own power at the time and perhaps felt more vulnerable because it had less ability to manoeuvre.
They added that the frigate issued several warning sounds before ultimately firing the shots. It is understood the shots were single shots rather than automatic gunfire.
Military sources played down the encounter as a "nautical incident" rather than escalatory behaviour by Russia, suggesting the fault lay with the pleasure boat. They stressed that issuing warning shots is standard procedure for warships feeling vulnerable to a risk of collision.
The yacht, the Bright Future, is owned by Alan and Jane Kelvey, aged 68 and 70, who have written extensively about their sailing adventures in an online blog.
Mrs Kelvey told the newspaper they heard 10 blasts from the Russian ship before the warning shots were fired into the air. "It was totally unnecessary," she said. "We didn't have any contact from them on our radio."
The couple called the UK Coastguard, which informed the Navy, and they were interviewed by French police on arrival in Cherbourg at about 5pm yesterday.
In a statement, the Russian Defence Ministry said the Bright Future, was following a "dangerous course" and one of its ships had made
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There's a royal blip at Ascot



The King and Queen were on tenterhooks watching their horse, Reaching High, in the Ascot Stakes at the Royal meeting yesterday. It went off as the favourite, but sadly came home last of the 20 runners. The King has a chance to make up for it today, with Point of Law in good form for the Queen's Vase race. Ascot, Page 7, Sport, Page 14

BBC drops veteran Castle from Wimbledon

By Tom Cary
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ANDREW CASTLE has been dropped from the Wimbledon lead commentator role, with the BBC moving in "a new direction" from next year.
Castle, 62, will lead the corporation's coverage of this year's Championships, which begin a week on Monday.
But the former British No1 has announced that he was told two months ago that this would be his last year as lead tennis presenter, with the

BBC's head of sport, Alex Kay-Jelski, keen to modernise coverage.
The BBC has offered Castle a different role to "stay on the team" but he told *The Telegraph* this would certainly be his last. "This year will be my final final, 23 in all over 24 years," he said. "I really want to stay on the team but I will depart with gratitude."
Wimbledon's coverage, and the BBC's coverage of sport in general, has been under increasing scrutiny in recent years, with Sue Barker retiring as lead presenter in 2022. Barker later hit out at

the way in which her 24 years of hosting *Question of Sport* came to an end.
"The BBC sort of wanted me to say that I was walking away from it," Barker said. "And yet, I would never mind away from a job I love. I don't mind being replaced. Absolutely fine. That happens ... I think if we look back on it we could have handled it better. I think the BBC could have handled it better."
Castle said he was grateful to have had the job or so long. "It's been a hell of a journey," he told *The Times*. "I can't say I have enjoyed every minute because

there have been moments of pressure and controversy, but it has been a huge privilege.
"To be honest, when I got the job 23 years ago, a lot of the more experienced commentators felt that they should have been first in line. Their noses were put out of joint. So, in the wider scheme of things, I am lucky that I had the best gig in sports broadcasting for so long, during the greatest age of men's tennis." Asked what he would do in the future, he replied: "My wife
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Taxpayers subsidise French bills under clean energy deal

By Matt Oliver INDUSTRY EDITOR
BRITISH taxpayers are subsidising the energy bills of French households - with the payments expected to surge under Sir Keir Starmer's EU reset deal.
France can buy cheap wind power from the UK, which is subsidised by British taxpayers, because of "wasteful" rules that allow suppliers to sell surplus energy abroad.
Octopus, Britain's biggest gas and electricity supplier, estimates that the problem will cost up to £16bn from

2030 to 2050, or £770m a year on average. It also warned the subsidies to France and other EU countries could grow further under the Prime Minister's plan to merge the UK electricity market into the EU's.
Under market rules, France can buy surplus power on windy days when too much is generated in Britain. However, most wind farms are concentrated in Scotland and the North and there is often not enough physical grid capacity to carry the power to France. In this situation, grid operators have to step in

and "balance" the system, meaning the cheap power the French receive comes from gas-fired power plants that have to be fired up in the South East.
The Conservatives warned that British consumers were therefore being "shafted" by paying twice, once for the subsidies to the wind farms and again for the gas generators.
Claire Costinno, the shadow energy secretary, said: "The problem with our electricity market is that it's protecting hopeful, unproven power suppliers while shielding the consumer. Why should the consumer pay for energy to

be created in Britain that is then going to be sold for profit to France? Energy companies will get paid twice while consumers get shafted. Our Cheap Power Plan would put cheap energy first."
The problem is partly a result of Labour's clean power 2030 target, which is poised to expand wind and solar generation at a much faster pace than the grid can be upgraded.
It comes after energy executives from the country's biggest suppliers also warned government taxes and levies would be the biggest factor in rising

bills in the next five years. In a hearing about Sir Keir's EU deal, Octopus urged ministers to "prioritise other things" that would do more to bring down bills.
Jack Pardoe, the head of policy at Octopus Energy, told a House of Lords committee yesterday: "If I was the Government and the priority was we're going to try to cut bills, then I would prioritise fixing our own roof. It is strictly to do with the cost of electricity, the benefits [of the EU deal] are marginal."
Although joining the EU market could make power trading between

Britain and its neighbours more efficient, it also runs the risk of exacerbating "the worst features of an inherently inefficient market", he claimed.
A Government spokesman said: "We do not comment on ongoing negotiations, but you cannot ignore the fact that we already use interconnectors. We're fixing a system that is clunky, slow, and prone to expensive miscalculations.
"Electricity trading is common sense. By modernising our approach, we can export our clean surplus power instead of paying wind farms to switch off."

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NEWS
Cuts mean soldiers 'won't be battle ready'
Britain's soldiers will get less training for the battle-field if Sir Keir Starmer does not provide more funding for defence, the head of the Armed Forces has warned. Air Chief Marshal Sir Richard Knighton, the Chief of the Defence Staff, said operational activity and exercises would "come under pressure" without more money. "I'm most concerned about the level of day-to-day activity funding, because that funds operational activity and drives exercises and training."
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NEWS
Streeting: Keir should quit after by-election
West Streeting has called on Sir Keir Starmer to resign after the Makerfield by-election. The former health secretary, a Labour Party leadership hopeful, urged the Prime Minister to set out a timetable for leaving Downing Street. Andy Burnham - who polls suggest will win in Makerfield - is expected to move against Sir Keir should he return to Westminster. "When the results are in, I hope the Prime Minister will reflect on his own position," said Mr Streeting.
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MATT
I hope it protects us from Russia. I spent the entire defence budget on it!

NEWS
Civil servants paid to play video games
Civil servants have been paid to play *Grand Theft Auto* online with the public. Members of an experimental policy-making team in the Department for Education conducted online focus groups on the platform to "create an emotionally safe space" for participants. *Grand Theft Auto*, a violent video game involving shooting and evading the police, was deployed by the Government in late 2024 as part of an attempt to learn about the "lived experience" of the public.
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MAID committee to urge against expansion for mental illness

Liberal, Conservative MPs aligned in opposition to broader implementation after renewed study

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A joint House of Commons and Senate committee studying medical assistance in dying is poised to recommend against expanding MAID access to include patients whose only condition is mental illness.

The special committee reviewing MAID is scheduled to table its report late Wednesday afternoon after being tasked last year with undertaking a renewed study of the possible expansion of access to the procedure.

The potential expansion has been de-

layed twice since 2021 and is currently set to take effect in March of next year. It has emerged as one of the most contentious policy debates since MAID was legalized a decade ago.

Three sources have told The Globe and Mail that Liberal and Conservative MPs, who combined constitute a majority of the 17-member committee, are aligned in opposition to expanding access to MAID for patients whose sole underlying condition is mental illness.

The sources declined to specify whether the committee's main recommendation will be to further delay the expansion or to cancel it permanently.

The Globe is not identifying the sources because they are not permitted to speak publicly about the committee's recommendations in advance.

In May, The Globe reported that the Carney government is, according to three other sources, prepared to follow the committee's expected recommendation and table legislation to put the expansion on pause. It is not clear whether the Liberal government would support a total cancellation of the expansion.

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AHS ordered to give records to authorities amid probe into contracts

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TOM CARDOSO TORONTO

Alberta Health Services has been ordered to hand over documents to law enforcement, as the RCMP investigate allegations that it mishandled procurement decisions to the benefit of private businesses, according to one of the health agency's senior executives.

Mircea Fagarasanu, a senior vice-president at Alberta Health Services, last week confirmed his employer had received a production order, according to a transcript of a legal proceeding filed in court on Monday.

A production order is a judicial authorization that compels its recipient to provide authorities with records relevant to criminal investigations. To obtain a production order, police must convince a judge or justice of the peace there are reasonable grounds to believe an offence has been committed.

The disclosure marks the first public confirmation that police investigators are directly probing Alberta Health Services, the province's public-health agency, which has been at the centre of a procurement controversy that has rocked Premier Danielle Smith's government. The RCMP have previously executed search warrants at businesses connected to their probe into the matter.

■ AHS, A8

Anglophone universities, Quebec reach deal on French requirements

MAURA FORREST MONTREAL

Quebec's three English-language universities have reached an agreement with the provincial government that will end a dispute over language requirements for out-of-province students.

According to the eight-year deal announced Tuesday, the Quebec government will provide up to \$20-million annually to McGill, Concordia and Bishop's universities to boost the French proficiency of students from outside Quebec.

The universities, in turn, will have to ensure that 60 per cent of those students graduate with a functional level of French.

The agreement closes a years-long chapter of hostilities between the universities and the government. In 2023, Quebec announced measures intended to reduce the number of anglophone students in the province, including a tuition hike for non-Quebeckers, which McGill and Concordia fought in court.

"In Quebec, we are a tiny drop of francophone water surrounded by an ocean of anglophones," Higher Education Minister Martine Biron said at a news conference in Montreal.

"This new partnership demonstrates the universities' desire to help protect the French language and keep it alive and thriving."

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MEETING IN THE MIDDLE

At G7 summit in France, leaders seek to turn focus back to Ukraine, while Carney appears to pitch Trump on Chinese EV plan ■ A3



Prime Minister Mark Carney speaks with U.S. President Donald Trump during the G7 summit in Evian-les-Bains, France, on Tuesday. EVELYN HOCKSTEIN/VIA AP

CBC to stop airing NHL games after 74 years, marking end of free hockey on Canadian TV

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IRENE GALEA

The era of free hockey on Canadian television is over.

On Tuesday, Sportsnet and CBC said the pact that had kept NHL games on the public broadcaster had come to an end. The announcement means the country's longest-running weekly program, *Hockey Night in Canada*, which began airing in the fall of 1952, will also cease to exist in its current form.

The program was an icon of Canadian culture, one that Michael McKinley, author

of the commemorative book *Hockey Night in Canada: 60 Seasons*, had called "our date night with the country."

Saturday night games will now air exclusively on the subscription service Sportsnet.

"Watching hockey on Saturday night is a time-honoured tradition for Canadians, and Sportsnet is privileged to continue delivering that tradition," the two companies said in a statement. "This has been a terrific partnership, and both parties look forward to continued opportunities to collaborate in the future."

Sportsnet had been producing English-language NHL broadcasts for its own network and CBC ever since the Rogers Com-

munications-owned service bought up the national rights to the league in a blockbuster \$5.2-billion, 12-year deal that began in the fall of 2014. Prior to that, CBC had owned the rights to Saturday night games for decades.

The announcement did not come as a surprise to Michael Naraine, Brock University associate professor of sport management.

"A lot of people are up in arms about the news, because this is such an ultrasensitive institution," he said. "The thing is, the CBC was lucky to be airing hockey for the last 12 years."

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Kraft, Foxborough wrangle once more

Patriots, family firm sue town over licensing deal, reignite bitter dispute

By Chris Serres and Travis Andersen
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On the eve of New England's second World Cup match, a fresh dispute between the town of Foxborough and the Kraft family company that owns Gillette Stadium has thrown cold water on a rare mo-

ment of harmony, coming just as months of pre-tournament feuding seemed to be settled.

On Monday, Kraft Sports and Entertainment LLC and the New England Patriots sued the town, accusing Foxborough officials of improperly squeezing them for nearly \$1 million in new licensing fees that are

not authorized under state law.

The lawsuit reanimates a bitter, long-running rift between the Kraft family company and the town where Gillette Stadium is located, which for a brief period in March cast doubt on whether the World Cup would even happen here. It also suggests the finger-pointing, delays, and logistical headaches that marred Boston's early World Cup preparations are not truly settled — and can boil over at any time.

"Everything finally appeared to be going in the right direction — the focus was on the pitch and how people were celebrating and embracing the beautiful game," said Pat Moscaritolo, the former head of the Greater Boston Convention & Visitors Bureau who helped bring the 1994 games here. "And now, boom, they drop this? It's perplexing, to say the least."

The 52-page suit, filed in Norfolk Superior Court before Iraq and Nor-

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Deal seeks to overhaul lessons on reading

Would rely on phonics, increase state oversight

By John Hilliard
GLOBE STAFF

A long-running debate over how schoolchildren are taught to read in Massachusetts may soon be settled: Phonics is set to become the law of the land.

In an effort to reverse a decade-long decline in reading skills, Massachusetts lawmakers on Tuesday announced a deal to overhaul literacy instruction for the state's youngest learners, imposing mandates on schools that would end the see-sawing between two different approaches.

While earlier versions of the measure have been opposed by the Massachusetts Teachers Association, lawmakers contend they have to act now to stop a decade-long decline in student achievement.

If the deal is approved, educators starting in the fall of 2027 would be required to use "evidence-based" literacy instruction that includes teaching children to sound out words, vocabulary building, oral comprehension, and more.

It would also prohibit literacy curriculums that rely on "cuing" — which instructs children to, for example, look at a picture and guess what an unknown word means based on contextual clues.

A 2023 Globe investigation found nearly half of school districts in the state used curriculums that were dubbed "low quality" by the state, in part because the education plans taught cueing to stu-

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Rune Karlsen sang along to a chant played by Rune Tribune Plaubin as they waited in South Station to board a train to take them to Norway's World Cup match against Iraq. It was the first match played on a workday, but fans said the transit was smooth. "It's been seamless, well-run, so far no issue," said Amanda Robertson, a Norway fan from Hingham. **Game, C1.**

They fell in love in college. They married in his hospice room.

A lifetime together, compressed in a series of treasured moments

By Shannon Larson
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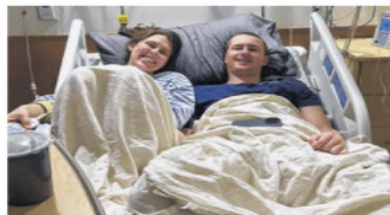
On April 15, exactly eight years after Robbie Fox and Kelli Peters met during their freshman year at Elon University in North Carolina, their closest relatives gathered in Boston for their wedding.

The ceremony was intimate, with just seven people nestling them in a world all their own. Soft waves of brunette hair framed her face; he was clad in dark gray. They clasped hands as they exchanged vows, and the tearful guests burst into applause when they were pronounced husband and wife.

Peters leaped over Fox's hospital bed and the 27-year-olds shared a tender kiss, beginning a married life they knew would be tragically brief.

Three days earlier, Fox had moved into hospice care at Brigham and Women's Hospital after his aggressive bone cancer took a devastating turn.

It was a journey that had begun two years before, when Fox, in the midst of endurance training for a Half Ironman triathlon, took a hard fall on his bike. Fearing he had broken a bone, he got it checked out, he recalled in an essay about the experience. Instead, a scan revealed multiple tumors. He was diagnosed



Robbie Fox and Kelli Peters at Brigham and Women's Hospital on June 10, 2024.

with Ewing sarcoma and given about a 60 percent survival rate.

Peters and Fox were deeply in love and had planned a future together, perhaps in New England. But Fox said he would understand if she wanted to end it.

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Key group backs deal on rent control

Fuels effort to avert fight over ballot question

By Andrew Brinker
GLOBE STAFF

It was only a few years ago when the major property owners in the region collectively took up arms over Mayor Michelle Wu's relatively modest proposal to reintroduce rent control in Boston.

A rent cap of any sort, they warned, could wreck Boston's rental market, lead to neglect and disinvestment in current apartments, and disrupt the pipeline of new homes. Some housing developers threatened to leave Boston altogether.

How much can change in a few short years.

One of the most powerful real estate lobbies in the state, NAIOP Massachusetts, this week said it is now ready to negotiate a form of rent stabilization in order to head off a far more restrictive cap statewide that is slated to go before voters in November.

In a message to members, the trade group's chief executive, Tamara Small, said that while the organization still has many concerns about how rent control would affect housing construction and affordability, NAIOP was coming to the table "in good

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Urge to leave Mass. prevalent

Voters in poll cite high cost of living, taxes as reasons to seek out new horizons

By Anjali Huynh
GLOBE STAFF

In the next few months, Caitlin Burns will likely be an example of a trend Massachusetts politicians have long feared: a young person fleeing the state for a cheaper cost of living elsewhere.

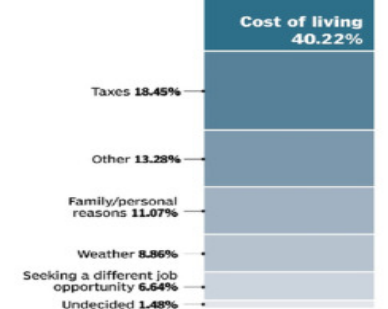
"The idea that I will live somewhere without a roommate in the near future does not seem particularly likely in this state," said Burns, a 31-year-old financial analyst who moved from Florida in 2019 seeking more liberal views and less swampy summers. She is now looking to New Hampshire or Vermont, while her current roommate, she added, is headed home to Michigan — also to escape Massachusetts' high costs.

Burns is among the more than half of those surveyed in a new Suffolk University/Boston Globe poll who said they've weighed leaving Massachusetts in the last year, with most pointing to the cost of living or taxes as the reason.

Roughly one in four of the 500 registered voters polled said they've "seriously considered" a move

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What's the primary reason you've considered moving?



SOURCE: Suffolk University/Boston Globe. Suffolk University/Boston Globe poll of 271 registered voters in Massachusetts, conducted between June 8 and June 12 via mobile and landline. CHRISTINA PRIGHANO/GLOBE STAFF

Connecting the delectable dots

A tasty social media sensation — dot cakes — is inspiring Boston-area bakeries to create their own versions. **G1.**

The final days of school for many Boston students feel like an oven, with temperatures in classrooms averaging 100 degrees. **B1.**

Officials warned that the Ebola outbreak could significantly worsen, infecting thousands of Africans. **A3.**

A robotic hand developed by a Northeastern graduate helps deaf and blind people communicate, writes Hiawatha Bray. **B5.**

Iran insisted its deal with the US requires Israel to leave Lebanon. **A4.**

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Ronnie MacDonald, a resident at Town Park Plaza South, opens the cover of his bathroom exhaust fan, where water leaked during a rainy day in June and caused damage to his home, while giving a tour of his apartment on May 8. Residents of the Section 8 housing community in Overtown say they are living with leaks, mold and damage inside their homes following a failed renovation.

After \$12 million renovation, Overtown community sues contractors over leaks, mold

BY MILENA MALAVER mmalaver@miamiherald.com

In Miami's Overtown neighborhood, a small Section 8 housing community of 17 buildings stands out for its bright blue facades. Children play outside, and neighbors know one another by name. But the low-income community has been plagued by water damage, leaks and mold that residents say stems from roofing issues following a \$12 million renovation funded through a grant from the Southeast Overtown/Park West Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), a government agency that spearheads development and redevelopment efforts in Overtown.

The residents of Town Park Plaza South, made up of 116 apartment units, have now joined together to file a lawsuit against the design-builder/general contractor, H.A. Contracting Corp., and its roofing subcontractor, A-1 Duran Roofing Corp.

The lawsuit, filed in March, alleges that the contractors' work resulted in unsafe living conditions for residents, including protruding nails, excessive water pooling after rainfall and unsupported sections of the roof. The alleged defects caused water intrusion into common areas and residential units, resulting in ongoing damage to drywall, wood framing, elec-

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Sitting water can be seen on the roof of the Town Park Plaza South residences on May 8 in Overtown. Residents have filed a lawsuit.

Netanyahu and Trump are on a collision course as U.S. and Iran agree to halt war

BY RAMI AYYUB, MAAYAN LUBELL AND BENJAMIN RAAB Reuters

JERUSALEM Benjamin Netanyahu bet that his joint war alongside Donald Trump would topple Iran's clerical rulers and bolster himself ahead of elections at home, as the architect of a U.S.-Israeli alliance that would reshape the Middle East.

Instead, Israel's longest-serving prime minister is on a collision course with Trump as the U.S. president seeks to extricate himself from the war, with both men's goals unmet and Israeli military operations tied down in Lebanon.

For now, Israeli officials have been cautious in public for fear of angering their most important ally, known for being prickly towards critics.

But in private conversations, the frustration is clear. The preliminary agreement is "terrible for Israel," said one senior Israeli official, giving a frank assessment on condition of anonymity. "And there is no one in the Israeli leadership who views it otherwise, from the prime minister to the chief of staff."

Washington says that over the next 60 days, when a ceasefire is in place, it will negotiate full terms that will address U.S. and Israeli concerns, especially over Iran's nuclear program.

But Israeli officials told Reuters they thought the negotiating period under the deal was likely to be extended, tying Israel's hands from taking military action, while its concerns remain unresolved.

Netanyahu and Trump have repeatedly clashed over Israel's refusal to constrain its pursuit of Iran-backed Hezbollah in Lebanon, where a cessation of hostilities is a key Iranian demand.

At the start of the month, Trump described Netanyahu as "f---ing crazy" in an angry phone call, ordering him not to strike Beirut while the U.S. was seeking a deal

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U.S. and Iran prepare to sign a peace deal on Friday. Both countries are claiming victory. 8A

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Hialeah mayor has a vehicle with emergency lights. A Miami cop gave him a ticket

BY VERÓNICA EGUI BRITO vegui@miameherald.com

Hialeah Mayor Bryan Calvo was cited during a traffic stop by a Miami police officer on Sunday morning while driving a city vehicle equipped with emergency lights, the Miami Herald has learned.

Calvo was driving a black Hialeah SUV in or near Coconut Grove when he was pulled over by Yasmani Gonzalez, a motorcycle officer with the Miami Police Department, according to multiple sources with knowledge of the stop.

The Miami Police Department would neither confirm

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Hialeah Mayor Bryan Calvo, center, attends the Free Cuba Rally at Milander Park on March 24 in Hialeah.

Nursing school operator pleads guilty to selling fake diplomas in South Florida

BY JAY WEAVER jweaver@miamiherald.com

After two weeks of damning government evidence at trial, a former South Florida nursing school operator pleaded guilty on Monday to running a diploma mill for thousands of nurses rather than present a defense and let a jury decide her fate in Fort Lauderdale federal court.

Carleen Noreus pleaded guilty to two conspiracy counts of wire fraud and money laundering, including collaborating with an associate in sell-

ing about 2,600 fake nursing degrees for \$10,000 to \$20,000 each between 2018 and 2023 at two now-shuttered schools in Broward and Palm Beach counties. Noreus' scheme, both with the associate and on her own, generated about \$25 million in ill-gotten revenue, according to evidence at trial.

Noreus, 52, of Plantation, faces at least 14 years in prison at her sentencing on Sept. 10 before U.S. District Judge Raag Singhal. He allowed her to remain free on bond despite the prosecutors' recommendation

that she be held at a federal detention center

Like dozens of South Florida nursing school operators, Noreus was swept up into the feds' diploma-mill dragnet — accused of selling thousands of fake degrees to students who authorities say took "shortcuts" in their education to become licensed nurses, according to a long-running investigation led by agents with the FBI and Health and Human Service

But unlike most who pleaded guilty and cut

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Russian warship opens fire in the Channel to warn off British yacht

Dan Sabbagh
Defence and security editor

A Russian warship fired warning shots within a few hundred metres of a British pleasure yacht sailing across the Channel yesterday amid a period of heightened tensions between London and Moscow.

The rare incident took place at 11.40am over 20 miles south of the

Isle of Wight and less than 40 miles north of Normandy, France, when the yacht, identified as the private pleasure cruiser Bright Future, sailed close to the Admiral Grigorovich and ignored at least one warning.

British sources said the initial indications were that more than one shot was fired by Russian sailors after the yacht had got close to the heavily armed frigate. The Ministry of Defence said: "Following

attempts to contact a British vessel in the Channel, the Grigorovich fired warning shots. These were not aimed at the vessel and were an attempt to prevent a possible collision."

Russia's defence ministry said later the yacht was on a "dangerous course" and that several attempts were made to contact it. Signal rockets were fired, the Russians said, but the yacht continued to 150 metres away before a warning shot was fired.

No injuries or damage have been reported by the yacht, which continued its journey, the UK said. Those onboard were visited by a boat sent from HMS Tyne, a Royal Navy patrol vessel, to gather details and check the crew was safe.

The episode, which took place in international waters, came just days after the UK seized a Russia-linked oil tanker, the Smyrtos, off the coast of the Isle of Wight - the first time British

forces have led the seizure of a sanctioned vessel since the start of the war against Ukraine.

The captain of the tanker, Ajay Pant, a 38-year-old Indian national, was charged at a magistrates court in Southampton with breaching UK sanctions on the export of Russian oil. It was carrying 98,000 tonnes of Russian crude bound for India. On Monday, two men, who appear to have operated

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Starmer denies Trump snub at summit
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► Keir Starmer with Donald Trump at the G7 summit, where he said he had 'very good conversations' with the US president
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Minister objects to Thames Water deal

Julia Kollewe

The UK environment secretary has objected to a £10bn rescue proposal for Thames Water because it would place an "undue burden" on consumers, pushing the troubled utilities firm closer to public ownership.

Emma Reynolds wrote to Iain Coucher, who chairs the regulator Ofwat, to raise concerns on Monday about the plan for the UK's biggest water company because she is worried that customers will lose out.

Ofwat was close to a deal under which the struggling company would avoid any new fines over sewage leaks for four years in return for a cash injection into the business from its creditors, who would take over the company. Reynolds said yesterday: "Thames Water customers have been let down for far too long, with 15 years of underperformance, increasing serious pollution and customers left to pick up the bill."

Ofwat said it was reviewing her letter as well as the rescue consortium's plans "to assess whether they deliver a turnaround in the company's operational

No peace if Israel stays in Lebanon, says Iran

Patrick Wintour
Évian

Iran's top diplomat has said a peace deal with the US would require Israel to withdraw from Lebanon, as concern grows that Israel could undermine diplomatic efforts to end the Middle East war, with even Donald Trump criticising his ally.

"Without the withdrawal of Israeli forces from the territories they occupied during this war, the war has not fully come to an end," said the Iranian foreign minister, Abbas Araghchi.

A Hezbollah media relations official also said the group had received assurances from Iran that it would demand a withdrawal of Israeli troops from Lebanon in its next phase of talks with the US.

Donald Trump, speaking at the G7 leaders summit in Évian, criticised the Israeli prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, saying he had to behave "more responsibly in Lebanon", and that a recent Israeli attack on Beirut was "vicious".

"Israel has been fighting Hezbollah for too long and too many people are being killed," Trump said. "You don't need to knock



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Xi voices firm support for Myanmar

'Pauk-phaw' amity still holds profound significance today

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President Xi Jinping said on Tuesday that China stands ready to work with Myanmar to deepen comprehensive strategic cooperation and achieve more results in building a China-Myanmar community with a shared future, in order to deliver more benefits to the two peoples and contribute more to regional peace and development.

Xi made the remarks during talks in Beijing with Myanmar President Min Aung Hlaing, who is on a five-day state visit to China — his first since assuming the presidency in April.

Noting Min Aung Hlaing's long-standing commitment to friendship with China, Xi said that they met twice last year, when they had in-depth exchanges on issues of strategic importance that bear on the direction of bilateral relations.

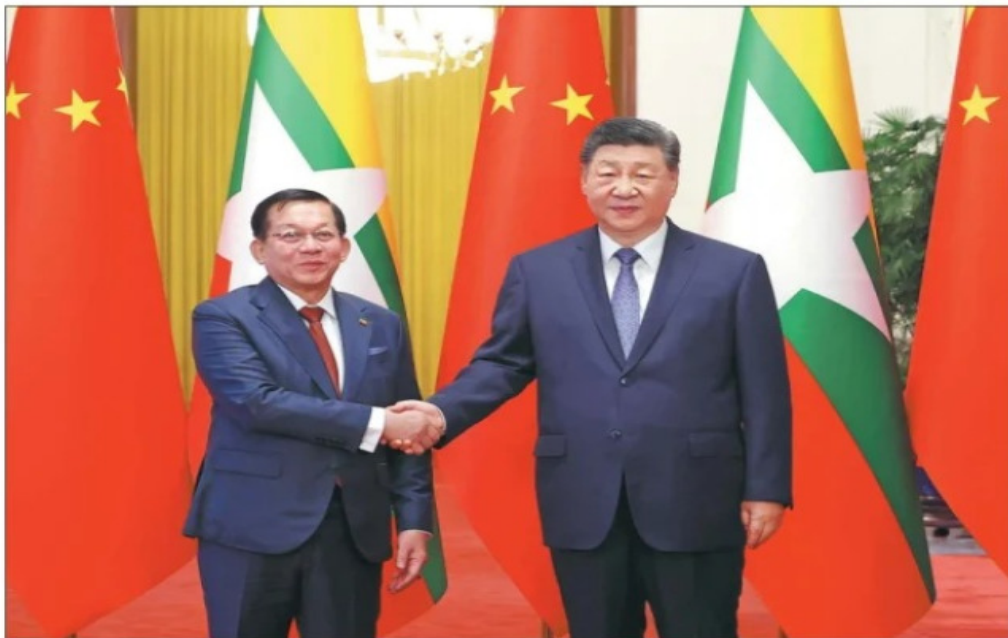
China and Myanmar enjoy a deep "pauk-phaw" (fraternal) friendship, Xi said, adding that over the 76 years since the establishment of diplomatic relations, the two neighbors have stood together through thick and thin, helped each other and jointly advocated and practiced the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence.

Their relationship has set a fine example of equality and mutually beneficial cooperation between the countries, he added.

Xi also said that China places relations with Myanmar in an important position in its neighborhood diplomacy and is committed to the principle of noninterference in internal affairs, adding that China's policy of friendship toward Myanmar is for all the people of Myanmar.

He voiced China's firm support for Myanmar in safeguarding its sovereignty and territorial integrity, and for Myanmar's new government in coordinating development and security and pursuing a development path suited to its national conditions and supported by its people.

Xi emphasized that China, a neighbor with whom Myanmar shares the longest border, is a trust-



President Xi Jinping meets on Tuesday with President of Myanmar Min Aung Hlaing, who is on a five-day state visit to China, at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing. FENG YONGBIN / CHINA DAILY

worthy friend and partner, and he urged the two sides to remain strategically clear-headed and focused, and enhance solidarity and coordination amid a turbulent and changing international landscape.

As this year marks the beginning of China's 15th Five-Year Plan (2026-30) period, Xi said that China stands ready to share development experience with Myanmar and jointly build a China-Myanmar community with a shared future featuring political friendship and mutual trust, mutually beneficial development, coordinated and mutually reinforcing security, and integrated and mutually enriching exchanges.

Describing the China-Myanmar Economic Corridor as a flagship

project of Belt and Road cooperation, Xi called on both sides to steadily advance key projects on the basis of ensuring security, in order to help Myanmar grow its economy and improve livelihoods.

China is ready to step up support for Myanmar's post-earthquake reconstruction and implement more "small yet smart" assistance projects, Xi said. He urged the two countries to continue cracking down on online gambling, telecom fraud, drug trafficking and other criminal activities to safeguard the interests and security of the two peoples.

Xi also expressed China's support for all parties in Myanmar in pursuing peace and reconciliation through peace talks and realizing

long-term peace and stability in northern Myanmar, saying this serves the fundamental and long-term interests of Myanmar and its people.

Min Aung Hlaing expressed gratitude for China's long-standing selfless support for Myanmar's development, stability, peace and reconciliation, and reaffirmed Myanmar's firm commitment to the one-China principle.

Myanmar's new government is making every effort to advance domestic peace and development, he said, adding that his country looks forward to strengthening all-around cooperation with China, jointly building the Myanmar-China Economic Corridor and elevating trade and investment.

He pledged that Myanmar will make every effort to ensure the safety of Chinese enterprises and personnel in the country, and will work closely with China to combat online gambling and telecom fraud.

He also voiced full support for the four global initiatives proposed by Xi, and expressed readiness to strengthen multilateral communication and coordination with China.

Following the talks, the two presidents witnessed the signing of multiple cooperation documents in transportation, livelihoods and other areas.

Premier Li Qiang also met with Min Aung Hlaing on Tuesday.

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US move can't suppress growth of Chinese firms

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The United States' recent move to suppress more Chinese companies will not affect the world's growing demand for Chinese-made solar panels, electric vehicles and industrial robots, which are both quality-oriented and cost-efficient, experts said.

Last week, the US Department of Defense updated its list of so-called Chinese military-linked companies under Section 1260H of the National Defense Authorization Act, bringing the total to 188 Chinese entities, including 80 parent companies.

The revision, submitted on June 8 and published two days later, expanded coverage beyond the traditional defense and infrastructure sectors into EVs, artificial intelligence, semiconductors, batteries, biotech, robotics and renewable energy.

New additions to the 1260H list include e-commerce giant Alibaba Group, carmaker BYD, robotics startup Unitree, optical enterprise Zhongji Innolight and electronics provider BOE. The list also names Chinese AI company SenseTime, battery maker CALB, solar manufacturer Trina Solar, biotech company WuXi AppTec and networking equipment maker TP-Link, among others.

The move does not directly restrict commercial operations in the US, but it prohibits the Pentagon's procurement from these listed entities and increases compliance risks across global supply chains.

Jin Zhen, an assistant researcher at Renmin University of China's Chongyang Institute for Financial Studies, said that the US appears to be expanding the list "to include companies with strong commercial competitiveness and technological capabilities, even when their primary businesses are civilian in nature".

She noted that some of the entities were added to the list just because they are China's "little giant companies", a national title bestowed upon small and medium-sized enterprises to encourage innovation. The US cited the title as one of the factors in assessing "potential military connections", which is obviously unreasonable, she said.

"As Chinese companies continue to grow, the US is increasingly seeking to limit their access to advanced technology, capital and market resources," Jin added.

Zhang Sinan, an independent commentator who has been following developments in international relations for years, said the US' recent move will not stop the world from needing "cheaper clean energy, more efficient EVs, more advanced drug development services and more flexible robotic applications", which are provided by China.

BYD said that there is "no legitimate basis" for its inclusion on the 1260H list, as the company is neither a Chinese military enterprise nor a military-civilian integration entity within China's defense industry.

Meanwhile, Alibaba said that it will take "all available legal measures" against any attempts to misrepresent its business or corporate identity.

Notably, 10 entities have been removed from the 1260H list, including subsidiaries of China Communications Construction and China National Offshore Oil Corp. After the list was first published in 2021, a group of Chinese companies filed federal lawsuits against the decision and won the cases.



Guests from home and abroad share their insights at the "CEO: Grow with China" Roundtable on Tuesday in Xi'an, the capital of Shaanxi province. CHEN ZEBING / CHINA DAILY

China's strength and pace of innovation commended

By ZHANG CHENXU, ZHOU LANXU and LI JIAYING in Xi'an

China's accelerated effort to foster new quality productive forces is injecting fresh momentum into innovation-driven growth and creating broader opportunities for multinational companies seeking to deepen their presence in the world's second-largest economy, business executives and economists said on Tuesday.

Xi'an, the capital of Shaanxi province, is emerging as a key

inland innovation hub, thanks to its strengths in technological research, advanced manufacturing and international connectivity, and the city plays a growing role in China's pursuit of high-quality development and high-level opening-up, they added.

They made the remarks in Xi'an during the "CEO: Grow with China" Roundtable, which was co-organized by China Daily and the Xi'an municipal government.

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SPOTLIGHT SHINES ANEW ON NANJING'S LEGENDARY PAGODA

A world wonder before its destruction in 1856, the towering presence at Great Bao'en Temple, reimagined in steel and glass, remains a point of pilgrimage

By CANG WEI in Nanjing
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In the United States, white folded takeaway boxes stamped with a red pagoda motif have long been synonymous with Chinese food. They frequently have appeared in movies and TV shows, such as *Friends* and *The Big Bang Theory*.

Online speculation about whether the famous pagoda was a real place or not has put the Glazed Pagoda of the Great Bao'en Temple in Nanjing, the capital of Jiangsu province, in the social media spotlight.

The image found on some of those cartons is that of the nine-story, 78-meter-tall edifice with its glazed facade, which has long been considered a marvel in China and abroad.

"The tower was once a visual symbol through which the Western world understood China," said

Wang Wenxi, director of the Great Bao'en Temple Ruins Museum.

Once considered one of the seven wonders of the medieval world, the ancient building inspired the design of the Great Pagoda at Kew Gardens in London and was featured in a Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale.

Yongle Emperor Zhu Di, the third emperor of the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644), started the ambitious project in 1412 to show gratitude to his parents. Construction was completed in 1428, and the tower quickly became a popular tourist attraction. It remained so, right up until its destruction in 1856 during the Taiping Rebellion (1851-64).

"Every piece of the facade (on the tower) was intricately designed, with extremely stringent firing requirements resulting in an even, flawless glaze," said Zhang Yongyi, a Jiangnan culture scholar.

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The new pagoda at the Great Bao'en Temple in Nanjing, the capital of Jiangsu province. PROVIDED TO CHINA DAILY



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