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## What's News

### Business & Finance

- ◆ **U.S. companies are** launching smaller and cheaper products, pitching value packages and, in some cases, reversing price increases to attract inflation-weary customers. **A1**
- ◆ **Anthropic closed a** funding round at a \$965-billion valuation, rocketing past OpenAI as the companies gear up for public listings this year. **B1**
- ◆ **The yield on the 10-year** Treasury note fell to 4.454% Thursday from 4.480% Wednesday, while stocks rose, lifting the S&P 500, Nasdaq and Dow by 0.6%, 0.9% and 0.05%, respectively. **B9**
- ◆ **Revised Commerce** Department data showed GDP grew 1.6% in the first quarter, slower than the 2% initially estimated. **A2**
- ◆ **Fertitta Entertainment** agreed to buy Caesars for about \$5.7 billion, assuming about \$11.9 billion of the casino company's debt. **B3**
- ◆ **Regulators asked** for more information to evaluate the proposed merger of the Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern railroads. **B2**
- ◆ **Tyson Foods** said Jeff Schomburger, a board member and former Procter & Gamble executive, will take over as the meatpacking company's next leader. **B3**
- ◆ **TD Bank raised its** dividend, joining other big Canadian banks following a strong underlying performance in the latest quarter. **B9**
- ◆ **A rocket being** tested by Jeff Bezos' space company, Blue Origin, exploded at its launch complex near Cape Canaveral, Fla., sending a giant ball of fire into the sky. **B2**

### Worldwide

- ◆ **The U.S. and Iran are** within reach of an agreement to wind down the war, Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said, but Trump hasn't signed off on it, and the White House wants a deal that satisfies several key conditions. **A6**
- ◆ **The Supreme Court** ruled in favor of a Mississippi man on death row who argued that prosecutors used racist methods to keep Black people off the jury, a decision that will likely require a new trial for Terry Pitchford. **A3**
- ◆ **Michigan Gov. Gretchen** Whitmer said she won't seek the presidency in 2028, taking one of the Democratic Party's stars out of the running. **A4**
- ◆ **The CFTC moved to** undo a \$5 million settlement between the Winklevoss twins' Gemini cryptocurrency exchange and Biden-era regulators. **A4**
- ◆ **Disney's ABC complied** with the FCC's order to file for early license renewals for its eight local broadcast stations, but called the demands unconstitutional. **A4**
- ◆ **The Trump administration** held talks about putting Trump's face on a newly created \$250 bill, though Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said the idea would need Congressional approval. **A3**
- ◆ **Canadian Prime Minister** Mark Carney was in New York City to woo American investors, acknowledging that his push for less reliance on the U.S. would be a yearslong project. **A7**
- ◆ **Israel's attorney general** said an adviser to the prime minister will face criminal prosecution for leaking secret information to a German newspaper. **A6**

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## Tennis's No. 1 Player Wilts in Heat of French Open



**ELIMINATED:** Top-ranked Jannik Sinner, who had been the favorite to win the French Open, lost Thursday amid sweltering heat that visibly weakened him. The Italian star was upset in the second round by Argentina's Juan Manuel Cerundolo. **A12**

## Shadowy Network of Tankers Keeps Oil From Iran Flowing

Defying sanctions, they meet off Malaysia to funnel illicit crude to China

By Jon Emont and Rebecca Fong

**EASTERN OUTER PORT LIMITS**—In this nautical no-man's-land 45 miles off the coast of Malaysia, tankers laden with sanctioned Iranian oil sit low in the water, waiting to offload their cargo to vessels bound for Chinese refineries. They lower tarps over the names on their hulls and use

black paint to conceal identity numbers. They're here to carry out an elaborate deception: offshore trysts known as ship-to-ship transfers, in which one vessel offloads sanctioned oil onto another to help obscure the oil's origins before it is sent on to Iran's biggest customer. These clandestine oil transfers reveal a key strength of the Iranian regime and a major reason why it has been able to hold firm for so long against American pressure: Iran can still sell its oil. In negotiations, the U.S. has so far resisted lifting oil sanctions against Iran. But the regime's workaround is still bringing in

crucial hard currency. The Wall Street Journal recently observed this up close. On a May 8 visit by boat, Wall Street Journal reporters watched as the Catalina 7, an aging vessel sanctioned by the U.S. for carrying Iranian crude, transferred oil through a thick hose with a ship whose name was painted over. The ships had lowered giant fenders between them to prevent the Catalina 7 from crushing the smaller ship as they rolled in the waves. Workers in orange vests and hard hats scurried around the Catalina 7's deck during the transfer. Old and rusting tankers like

these form what maritime experts call the "shadow fleet," a roving armada of hundreds of vessels that ferry oil for sanctioned regimes, including Iran and Russia. Iran relies on such tankers for nearly all of its oil exports. The ships, sometimes uninsured, have hidden owners and sail under "flags of convenience" from countries that pay little scrutiny to what the vessels are doing. At sea, the ships use deceptive practices such as turning off their tracking devices to make it

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## Real-Estate Agents Quit As Housing Market Slouches

By Nicole Friedman

Kim Taylor bet her career on the housing market. In mid-2023, the real-estate agent launched her own brokerage with her husband, Gordon Taylor. The market in the Fort Worth, Texas, area had cooled from its pandemic-era frenzy, but business was good. Taylor started out with a team of seven agents and quickly brought six more onboard. By 2024, high mortgage rates and prices were weighing on demand, and homes sat on the market. Most of Taylor's agents had to find other part-time or full-time jobs to stay afloat. Her husband took a job last year working for a school district.

"We just became a bleeding artery," said Taylor, who started working in real estate in 2015. "The last 11 months have been the hardest of my career." She closed the brokerage this spring and joined another firm. The slowest housing market in decades is stretching into its fourth year, and even real-estate agents who made it this far are reaching a breaking point. Most agents are independent contractors and get paid when a deal

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CBS News makes sweeping changes to '60 Minutes,' replacing program's top boss. **B1**



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Proposed California tax boosts Nevada side of the Lake Tahoe real-estate market. **M1**

## A Contest to Become Commodore Has Torn This Yacht Club Apart

The Sausalito club refused to elevate Marisa McArthur. She started a war.

By Pamela Paul

**SAUSALITO, Calif.**—Only after she was told she wouldn't be commodore of the Sausalito Yacht Club did Marisa McArthur realize how badly she wanted it.

McArthur had joined the club in 2018 for the social life and was surprised by how much she enjoyed it. She closed the brokerage this spring and joined another firm. The slowest housing market in decades is stretching into its fourth year, and even real-estate agents who made it this far are reaching a breaking point. Most agents are independent contractors and get paid when a deal

have been a clear shot to the top. According to yacht club tradition, advancing from rear to vice to commodore is an uncontested progression.

But when McArthur came before the nominating committee in March 2025 for her final promotion, the 50-year-old was told advancement was a no-go. "We've heard people don't like you," she recalled them saying. What followed was a contentious election campaign, McArthur's expulsion, her husband's and mother's suspension

## China's New Export: Lots of Its Factories

By Hannah Miao and Stephen Wilmot

"Made in China" is becoming "made by China"—all over the world. Faced with higher Western tariffs and weak demand at home, many Chinese factories are moving abroad, making everything from appliances to automobiles everywhere from North and South America to Eastern Europe. More Chinese companies could be coming to the U.S., after President Trump and Chinese leader Xi Jin-

ping reached a deal in Beijing this month to establish a bilateral "board of investment." Yet many leaders, especially in the U.S. and Europe, worry the Chinese businesses are bringing China's brutal competition with them, potentially crushing local incumbents and curbing salaries. Gotion, a Chinese battery maker, planned to build a \$2.4 billion plant in Michigan, but the project is at a standstill after years of local opposition over the company's Chinese roots. Another Chinese battery

## Online Sleuth Uncovered Google Prediction Trader

By Alexander Osipovich

Late last year, Haeju Jeong noticed that a mystery trader on Polymarket had just earned more than \$1 million with a series of uncannily accurate bets on the top Google search results of 2025. He shared his suspicions with the internet. "He's a Google insider milking Polymarket for quick money," Jeong, a blockchain engineer, wrote on X. "It's one of the wildest things I've seen on the platform." Now, the government has said he was right. In a criminal complaint this week, federal prosecutors alleged that Michele Spagnuolo, a longtime software engineer at Google, used his access to internal

company data to place the lucrative bets, using a Polymarket account called "AlphaRaccoon." It was the same account that Jeong identified in his Dec. 4 tweet, which went viral and drew more than 6 million views. It was the latest case of amateur sleuths identifying suspicious activity on Polymarket in nearly real time, before law enforcement gets involved. Spagnuolo, an Italian citizen who was charged with fraud and money laundering, didn't respond to a request for comment. His prosecution follows the April arrest of Gannon Ken Van Dyke, a U.S. special-forces soldier accused of using his role in the military

# USA TODAY WEEKEND

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## NFL stars find calm, peace on the water

Michael Pittman Jr. and Randy Moss among those who turn to fishing away from field. **In Sports**

## Painting's journey: West Wing to ND

Portrait of Abraham Lincoln inspired Theodore Roosevelt and other owners. **In Weekend Extra**

MICHAEL LOCCISANO/GETTY IMAGES



## 'A Spider-Man for aging adults'

"Spider-Noir" star Nicolas Cage talks thrill of doing spidey stunts and embracing superhero. **In Life**

# Jill Biden opens up on hard realities

'In that debate, Joe lost himself,' memoir says



**Susan Page**  
Washington Bureau Chief  
USA TODAY

Jill Biden knew something was going disastrously wrong as she watched Joe Biden struggle in the presidential debate that would abruptly end his political career.

"Is this a stroke?" she wondered, watching the TV in a holding room near the CNN studio where President Biden was facing Donald Trump in June 2024. "It felt like we were watching an AI hologram of the man we knew, and the hologram was glitching. Has he been drugged?"

Even two years later, Jill Biden isn't sure what happened that night. Maybe he was overcoached and clutched, she writes in a memoir of her time as first lady, "View from the East Wing," being published June 2 by Gallery Books. Maybe he had been given Ambien or codeine cough syrup for a persistent cough as he flew home from Europe and was feeling side effects.



Jill Biden's new memoir, "View from the East Wing," details her time in the White House with Joe Biden. JOE BIDEN'S X ACCOUNT VIA REUTERS

Never mind that he began to rally soon after the debate was over. It was already too late. "Can Joe Biden survive?" a USA TODAY analysis asked. The reassurances by his spouse and his aides denying that the 81-year-old president was suffering from cognitive decline wouldn't be enough.

"In that debate, Joe lost himself," she writes, no sugarcoating now in her description of her husband's halting performance. "He lost the essence of who he was. He did not speak from the heart. His opponent lied more than a hundred times, but that didn't matter."

As they walked off the set that night, Joe Biden whispered, "I really f---ed up, didn't I?"

"Yes, you did," his wife of 47 years whispered back.

To be clear, that wasn't the message they delivered that night. Then, sugarcoating was the reflexive response. "You did such a great job," she told him before a crowd of supporters. "You answered every question."

But three weeks later, amid pressure from Democratic elders, Biden reluctantly bowed to political reality and announced he was withdrawing from

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They're small, discreet and everywhere. Young people are obsessed with caffeine pouches.



# Parents, educators fear for kids' health

"It's like, 'Oh, I saw this influencer do this, so I'm doing it.'"

Rachel Hale USA TODAY

NEW YORK

On an April evening, nearly 100 bikini-clad saunagoers descend on Othership Flatiron, the sauna-and-ice-bath spa that has become an Instagrammable landmark of New York City's wellness scene. Inside, a DJ blasts house music as people rotate between 32-degree cold plunges and a cedar sauna, slipping small white pouches between their gums and lips. Palm-sized plastic canisters of the product are lined up in neat rows on the counter. The pouches — flavored Blue Raspberry and Fruit Punch — weren't nicotine. The event is hosted by Wip, a start-up behind flavored "energy pouches." The products are part of a fast-growing category of caffeine pouches marketed as a trendier, cheaper and more discreet alternative to coffee, energy drinks and pre-workout powders. In recent months the pouches, which have circulated in social media mentions for some time, have been popping up more frequently in the wellness sphere and in social settings.

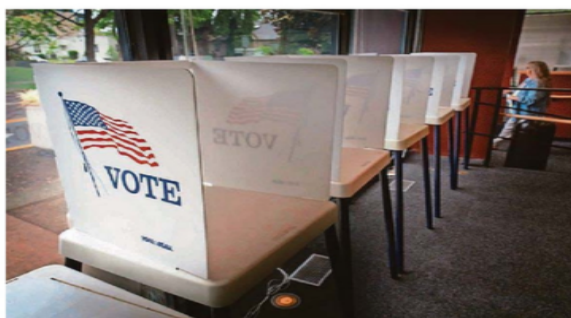
Caffeine pouches are increasingly replacing coffee, energy drinks and workout powders among young people in all kinds of settings.

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# High court cases could shake up elections

The Supreme Court will decide two more election-related rules by July that may affect voters. CHRIS PIETSCH/USA TODAY NETWORK



## Campaign finances, mail-in ballots on list

Maureen Groppa USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court may not be done disrupting this year's elections.

As the fallout from its recent decision weakening the Voting Rights Act continues, the court has two more election-related cases expected to be decided by early July.

At issue is when mailed ballots must be received to be counted and whether one of the last remaining checks on

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## China drives west to tame its last frontier

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## The French Madoff of literary manuscripts

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## 'Combat zone' Israel steps up Lebanon blitz

A fireball erupts from a building in Tyre, southern Lebanon, after an Israeli air strike. The bombardment of the city began after the Israeli military declared a huge swath of southern Lebanon to be a "combat zone" in the latest intensification of its campaign against Hizbollah.

Strikes across southern Lebanon in the past 48 hours have left at least 12 people dead and more than 50 injured, according to local authorities.

The Israeli military said yesterday it had also carried out a "precise" attack "in the Beirut area". Lebanon's state media said an apartment in the capital's southern suburbs had been hit.

The assault came in spite of a nominal ceasefire declared with Hizbollah in April, and on the eve of "security talks" in Washington between Lebanon and Israel as part of US-mediated negotiations aimed at securing a lasting truce. **Beirut strikes & Iran truce talks page 3**



Courtesy Hsu/APP via Getty Images

# Brussels lines up broad crisis powers to seize control of chip supply chains

Provision for overriding contracts Plan for common purchasing Fears rise over reliance on Taiwan

BARBARA MOENS — BRUSSELS

Brussels is preparing sweeping emergency powers to intervene in Europe's semiconductor supply chains in the event of shortages, including by forcing chipmakers to override contracts.

The draft law seen by the FT enables common purchasing to boost the bloc's negotiating power.

It would mark a clear expansion of the EU's powers to intervene directly in industrial supply chains.

Amid tensions between Beijing and Washington, there are growing fears in Europe that semiconductors are at risk of becoming a tool of economic coercion, heightened by European reliance on Taiwan for high-performance chips. The risks were laid bare last year

when the Dutch government took control of chipmaker Nexperia from its Chinese owner over concerns that it was moving production and assets out of Europe. The flow of chips from Nexperia's China arm slowed dramatically, forcing some European car companies to reduce production.

The draft law, which is still subject to change ahead of its expected publication next week, would allow the European Commission far-reaching powers

**The bloc is 'almost entirely dependent on the US and Asia' for advanced chips**

Draft law seen by FT

in the event of semiconductor shortages that threaten the production or supply of weapons, medical devices, digital infrastructure and other critical categories of goods.

In such a crisis, the commission could impose fines of up to €300,000 on companies that failed to provide requested information on their supply-chain capacity.

It could also "force semiconductor manufacturers to prioritise orders for crisis-critical products, overriding existing contracts", the draft reads.

Brussels would also have the authority to enable common purchasing to "strengthen negotiating power and prevent competition between EU countries for limited supplies". The commission would then act as a central buyer for

multiple EU countries, as it did to acquire vaccines during the pandemic.

Brussels declined to comment. The so-called Chips Act forms part of a wider push across the bloc to reduce its dependence on US technology by backing European alternatives in sectors from semiconductors and cloud computing to AI.

In the document, Brussels acknowledges that the bloc is "almost entirely dependent on the US and Asia" for the most advanced chips. Semiconductor supply chains are vast and complex, with a typical Nvidia system tapping thousands of suppliers in dozens of countries.

The EU produces less than 10 per cent of global semiconductors. Earlier plans to double the bloc's global market share

in semiconductors by 2030 are behind schedule.

Europe, like the rest of the world, is overwhelmingly dependent on Taiwan for its supply of high-performance chips, with the home of TSMC accounting for more than 90 per cent of leading-edge chip manufacturing.

China has made repeated threats to use force against Taiwan if Taipei continues to resist its sovereignty claims. Any conflict in the region has the potential to cause global shortages of components critical to electronics, ranging from smartphones and AI data centres to cars and medical gear.

**Additional reporting by Andy Bounds in Brussels and Tim Bradshaw in London Huang joins Beijing university page 6 Chip stocks race page 8**

### Briefing

**Ousted BP chair clashed with company secretary**  
Albert Manifold quarrelled with Ben Mathews before his removal from the UK oil major this week. Insiders say that the company secretary had been concerned by the chair's conduct before his exit. — PAGE 5, JOHN GAPPER, PAGE 15

**Italian cabinet divided**  
Giorgia Meloni is at odds with her defence minister over the prime minister's threat to reject nearly €15bn in EU rearmament loans unless Rome is given more fiscal space to tackle fuel prices. — PAGE 2

**Huang accepts China role**  
Jensen Huang has agreed to join the advisory board of Tsinghua University School of Economics and Management as the Nvidia chief seeks to maintain his connections with Beijing. — PAGE 4

**Lobster shack tussle ends**  
A New York state court has overturned a 2019 pact allowing billionaire Marc Rowan to operate a popular Hamptons eatery after a long tussle with residents over his vision for the venue. — PAGE 7

**Call to update EU model**  
Enlargement chief Marta Kos has demanded capitals agree quickly on a "different" system for adding members, as Brussels fears Ukraine's bid to join will overtake its old accession model. — PAGE 2

**Rouble weighs on Russia**  
The currency has surged to its strongest level in more than three years on the back of widening trade deficits and high interest rates, adding to the strains of the Ukraine war on the budget. — PAGE 8

**Spare jet engines leased**  
Companies that lease aircraft to airlines have in some cases begun leasing engines rather than whole planes as an industry-wide shortage has sent their rental values soaring. — PAGE 5

**Berlin yields to closer ties**  
German finance minister Lars Klingbeil has backed giving the EU's financial regulator greater powers, in a break with Berlin's opposition to deeper integration of capital markets. — PAGE 4



## Move to evict colonial club polarises debate in Delhi

Delhi Gymkhana Club has been told to leave its leafy prime plot in the Indian capital, unleashing fierce debate on privilege and the rule of law. Backers of the government order say an elite club steeped in colonialism on public land is an insult. Critics see a move aimed at a western partying lifestyle despised by devout Hindu premier Narendra Modi, its reputation as a den of old bigwigs 'sipping G&T and bitching about the government' has not helped its cause. **Eviction bombshell — PAGE 4**

# Kirkland & Ellis spends \$500mn on its own AI tool to stay ahead of legal pack

SUZI BING — LONDON  
KATE WIGGINS — NEW YORK

Kirkland & Ellis has set aside \$500mn to create an AI platform, as the world's highest-grossing law firm seeks to develop its own technology rather than rely on tools also available to rivals.

The US firm expects to spend more than \$100mn this year and hundreds of millions more in the next three to four years developing custom AI services, chair Jon Ballis told the FT. That is in addition to the money it will continue to spend on licences to use third-party AI tools.

"The idea is that we're going to take the collective intelligence of our institution and be able to deploy that throughout our firm," Ballis said.

While the use of widely available AI tools was "raising the floor for everyone" in the legal industry, Kirkland had

to do more than use those because "we don't get hired for the floor", he added.

Law firms are racing to adopt AI, despite several reprimands for misuse.

Sullivan & Cromwell told a US federal bankruptcy court last month that a filing it had made in a high-profile case contained multiple AI "hallucinations". Meanwhile, Pinsent Masons was reprimanded by a London court last week for making false submissions based on AI.

Law firms around the world have been announcing deals with the two main legal AI providers — Harvey and Legora — every week, while some have also tried to build in-house tools.

Freshfirms, meanwhile, will help Anthropic build specialist AI tools that could later be sold to rival law firms. The alliance gives the "magic circle" firm early access to future Anthropic models. Outside groups were building the

Kirkland platform with in-house engineers, Ballis said, but they would not be able to sell it to others and the firm would "own, or have the right to own, all of it". He said 180 people were working on the project.

The AI platform was being designed using information on how they did their jobs from 250 Kirkland lawyers, including 100 partners, he said.

AI threatens to overturn the billable hours model by automating the routine tasks for which firms charge. Instead, fees could be based on the outcome of work under "value-based pricing".

Ballis added: "People talk about the evolution of the billable hour. We already do a number of matters on value-based pricing and that trend will continue."

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World Markets										
STOCK MARKETS			CURRENCIES				GOVERNMENT BONDS			
	May 28	Prev %Chg	Pair	May 28	Prev	Pair	May 28	Prev	Chg	
S&P 500	7564.97	7515.12	EUR	1.185	1.154	GBP	0.859	0.862	0.02	
Nasdaq Composite	29346.28	28674.73	CHF	1.343	1.345	HKD	0.745	0.744	-0.02	
Dow Jones Ind	50990.02	50481.68	INR	0.887	0.885	JPY	1.153	1.150	-0.01	
Euro Stoxx 50	6095.11	6064.15	KRW	190.225	190.245	NZD	1.054	1.052	-0.02	
FTSE 100	7483.42	7403.87	SEK	212.847	214.311	SGD	0.694	0.694	-0.02	
FTSE 250	10425.96	10491.39	THB	0.914	0.914	USD	1.054	1.052	-0.02	
FTSE All-Share	5609.15	5640.23	TRY	0.000	0.000	USD 2Yr	1.33	1.36	-0.02	
CAC 40	8786.87	8713.11	USD 3Yr	2.82	2.83	USD 5Yr	3.89	3.86	0.02	
Sensex	72992.25	73168.99	USD 10Yr	2.55	2.57	GBR 2Yr	7.86	7.80	-0.02	
Nikkei	64993.12	64965.41	USD 30Yr	3.51	3.53	GBR 5Yr	7.86	7.80	-0.02	
Hang Seng	25006.18	25028.23	CRYPTO	May 28	Prev	%Chg	BITCOIN	72771.90	75196.60	-3.22
MSCI World	4836.00	4839.50	ETH	34.86	36.24	-3.85	ETH	2088.04	2098.04	-3.97
MSCI EM	1741.50	1736.20	COMMODITIES	May 28	Prev	%Chg	WTI	80.87	80.98	-1.34
MSCI ACWI	1121.30	1121.50	WTI	84.86	85.24	-1.85	WTI	84.86	85.24	-1.85
			WTI	4482.10	4435.51	1.05	WTI	4482.10	4435.51	1.05

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## Carroll Facing Investigation From the U.S.

### Perjury Inquiry Against a Target of Trump's

By GLENN THRUSH and BENJAMIN WEISER

The Justice Department has opened a criminal investigation into E. Jean Carroll, the 82-year-old former magazine writer who accused Donald J. Trump of sexual assault, according to two people with direct knowledge of the situation.

The investigation centers on whether Ms. Carroll committed perjury in civil lawsuits against Mr. Trump, according to the person, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss an ongoing investigation. Ms. Carroll won a \$5 million civil judgment against Mr. Trump that he had sexually abused and defamed her, which the president last November asked the Supreme Court to overturn. She also won a \$53.3 million civil judgment against him in another defamation case.

An inquiry into Ms. Carroll would represent the latest chapter in Mr. Trump's retribution campaign, which has been carried out by Justice Department officials. A number of figures who brought criminal and civil cases against Mr. Trump have come under the department's scrutiny, including James B. Comey, New York Attorney General Letitia James and other adversaries of the president.

Andrew S. Boutros, the Trump-appointed U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, opened the inquiry into Ms. Carroll, according to one of the people with knowledge of the situation. The investigation was reported earlier by CNN.

Todd Blanche, the acting attorney general, is said to have recused himself from the probe because of his prior representation of Mr. Trump, although officials from department headquarters have been involved in the inquiry.



E. Jean Carroll won a sex abuse suit against President Trump.

The investigation comes at a volatile moment in a Justice Department that appears to be increasingly controlled by Mr. Trump, who has faced little pushback from department leadership as he accelerates his campaign of retribution against those who accused, challenged or defied him in the past.

Mr. Blanche has aggressively pursued investigations against

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Damage on Tuesday after an Israeli airstrike in Tyre, Lebanon. Despite a truce, Israel still bombards the country's south and east, and Hezbollah fires rockets at Israel.

## If a Couple Splits, Who Controls the Embryos?

By CAROLINE KITCHENER

More than anything else in the world, Erin Millender longed to be a mother. She already had a day care picked out, a Fack 'n Play stashed in her basement. She'd tried Chinese pregnancy teas and midnight fertility ceremonies under a full moon in the Caribbean Sea. Whatever it took to have a child.

Now in her mid-40s, Millender knew she was running out of time. She had already spent several years attempting in vitro fertilization, with no luck. She'd decided to give I.V.F. one more try.

"What's a good day to come in?" Millender asked when she called the clinic in July 2023, hoping to have an embryo placed inside her uterus within a few weeks.

The doctor then delivered the news that would upend Millender's entire future. Her husband had revoked his consent. She could no longer make a baby with his DNA.

"We can't move forward," she recalled the doctor saying. "Our hands are tied."

And with that, Millender arrived at the center of a contentious new debate dividing courts and couples across the country. As more women turn to in vitro fertilization to build their families — sometimes delaying motherhood into their 40s — some are wrestling with an unfamiliar set of moral and legal questions that arise when children are created in a lab. Among the most con-

### She Planned for a Baby. He Nixed Consent.

tentious: Who has custody of those children before they exist?

Standing on the street in downtown Manhattan, Millender took a cigarette out of her purse and started to pace. A few weeks earli-

er, in the doorway of their Brooklyn brownstone, her husband had brought up divorce for the first time. But surely, she'd thought, that was just a marital bump, the kind of conflict that might bring a couple closer together. Not one that could destroy the most painstakingly laid plans for a family.

A high-powered lawyer dressed for a big board meeting, Millender

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It might be Erin Millender's last chance at becoming a mother.

## Few in a Pulverized Lebanon Think Peace Is Close at Hand

### Prospect of U.S.-Iran Deal Doesn't Raise Hopes

By CHRISTINA GOLDBAUM

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Once again, there has been a cease-fire in Lebanon for weeks.

And, once again, the fighting has not stopped.

Israel is still bombarding much of the south and east of the country. Israeli drones are still buzzing low over the skies in Beirut, the capital. Hezbollah is still attacking Israeli troops occupying Lebanese territory and is still firing rockets into Israel. The death toll is still rising.

And now — though a truce was declared in April, and there has been talk this week of a potential U.S. deal with Iran, Hezbollah's sponsor — resignation is setting in across Lebanon that a meaningful end to the war between Israel and Hezbollah is not coming anytime soon.

Instead, Israel has vowed to intensify its military campaign in Lebanon and pushed deeper into the country beyond the territory it already occupies, ordering sweeping evacuations for two southern cities.

"I have no trust in either Israel or the U.S.," said Ghinwa Ftouni, 42, in Baisariyah, a village in southern Lebanon. "Just listen to the massive bombing," she added, as the thuds of Israeli strikes ech-

oed from a few miles away.

Her disillusionment reflects the past two years of war in Lebanon, but also decades of dysfunction in which the country has lurched from crisis to crisis, its fate often determined more by outside powers than by its own fractured leadership.

In 2023, Hezbollah began firing at Israeli positions in support of its Palestinian ally, Hamas. Israel responded with artillery, airstrikes and, the following year, a ground invasion. Although a cease-fire was declared in Lebanon in November 2024, Israeli bombardment continued in large parts of the country.

Then, in March this year, days after the start of the U.S.-Israeli attack on Iran, Hezbollah began firing at Israel in solidarity with Tehran, touching off another all-out war in Lebanon and opening a new front in the regional conflict.

The latest wars have devastated Lebanon, a country of 5.4 million people on the eastern Medi-

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PROGRESS IN TALKS The U.S. and Iran are near an arrangement that could lead to the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz. PAGE A7

## A.I. Now Gives Scams a Slick Disguise. Here's How to Tear It Off.

An email riddled with typos. A customer service agent with a thick accent. A blurry Craigslist photo.

Those used to be telltale signs of internet scams. But today, thanks to generative artificial intelligence, those red flags have mostly vanished. Low-cost chatbots, image generators and voice-cloning tools make it simple for criminals to produce pristine copy, create seemingly legitimate websites and even replicate identities.

A.I.-powered internet scams have become so convincing that I confess I almost fell for one.

While mindlessly scrolling through TikTok videos, I came across an ad for a pair of Hoka sneakers marked 80 percent off. When I tapped on it, a website loaded that looked like an authentic clearance outlet for the shoe brand.

But after I added the shoes to the shopping cart, my Spidey sense went off. A quick web search revealed that users on Reddit had been scammed by this site; Hoka had even published a warning about a surge of

### The Shield Against Bots Even Includes Bots

fake web stores masquerading as its brand.

These look-alike websites are one of several A.I.-fueled internet scams that have recently been on the rise, security experts say.

The F.B.I. reported last month that cybercriminals had defrauded Americans of nearly \$21 billion last year, with about

\$893 million in losses linked to A.I.

Because A.I. makes it effortless to build websites and digital avatars, we may have to rethink our approach to protecting ourselves from online fraud.

"Instead of looking for indicators of what's bad, now you need to be verifying if it's good," said Mark Beare, a general manager for Malwarebytes, an internet security firm. "It's not a Nigerian prince anymore. It's a look-alike site for REI or eBay or any one of those known, reputable brands."

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### A Cabinet Quick to Flatter

One of the most striking features of this term's cabinet meetings is the extent to which President Trump's leadership has been praised. Notably, some of these talking points are traceable to the president himself. PAGES A12-13.



SCOTT BESSENT Treasury Secretary "You have saved this country."



MARCO RUBIO Secretary of State "You're the only leader in the planet that can bring the two sides together."



LEE ZELDIN E.P.A. Administrator "He is willing to take a bullet for all of you."



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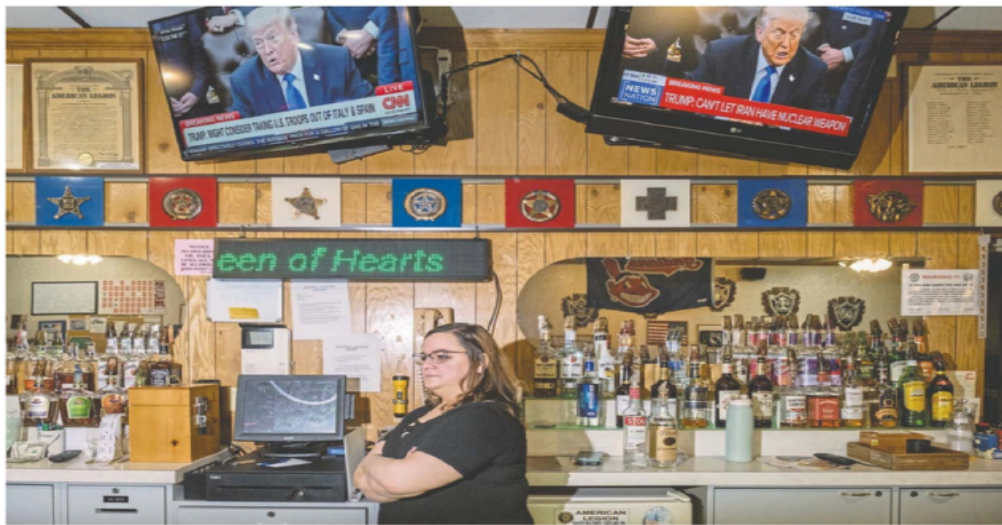
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Kristie Nish bartends at American Legion Post 678 in Willowick, Ohio.

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## U.S. and Iran reach a loose framework to end Mideast war

**BESSENT: HORMUZ, URANIUM AT ISSUE**

Ongoing strikes illustrate tenuous situation

BY DAN LAMOTHE AND GERRY SHIH

The United States and Iran have reached a tentative agreement to end their months-long war in the Middle East, senior officials on both sides said Thursday, but it comes with the major caveat that President Donald Trump and his counterparts in Tehran are reviewing it.

Senior U.S. officials acknowledged the framework deal following a night in which U.S. and Iranian forces exchanged drone and missile fire in the region, highlighting the shaky nature of

the ceasefire that was declared in April.

Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent told reporters at the White House that the tentative agreement is "multifaceted" and awaiting Trump's potential approval.

"He has several red lines," Bessent said of the president's review, later adding: "He's not going to take a bad deal."

Bessent said that "nothing is going to be on the table" until Iranian officials first agree to reopen the Strait of Hormuz, the waterway through which roughly 20 percent of the world's oil flows out of the Middle East and into the global economy. The Iranians also must agree to turn over their highly enriched uranium and cannot have a nuclear program, Bessent said, points of contention that have scuttled provisional agreements thus far.

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## In a striking shift, Trump's approval plunges among working-class base

White voters who propelled him to second term sour on the economy, a poll finds

BY HANNAH KNOWLES

WILLOWICK, OHIO — Just outside the bar where the TV warned of rising gas prices, Dottie Cirino, 64, predicted that President Donald Trump would figure it out.

"He'll get 'em back down," said Cirino, part of the White working-class who for a decade formed the core of Trump's base.

Annette Dombrowski, a 64-year-old janitor at the same factory as Cirino, also voted for Trump. But she was starting to worry.

"You could be paying these prices for a while," she said quietly.

White voters without college degrees like Dombrowski, who have powered Trump's victories since 2016, are growing frustrated

with his second term. In a striking shift, the group that voted to reelect Trump by a huge margin is now net-negative on how Trump is handling his job in several polls. They join other Americans across demographic lines souring on the president's second term, especially his handling of the economy.

The swing is stark: 54 percent of White voters without a college

degree disapproved of Trump's performance in a CBS News poll this month, up from 32 percent in February 2025 and 45 percent in February of this year. It's a sobering sign for Republicans heading into the midterms and working to turn out the voters who carried Trump to victory in 2024.

Dombrowski said she believed

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## Trump appointees push banknote with his face

Federal law allows only deceased people to appear on bills

BY JONATHAN O'CONNELL

Trump administration officials have pressed the office responsible for printing the nation's money to design a \$250 bill featuring the president's portrait, according to four current and former employees, in what would be the first appearance of a living person on U.S. currency in more than 150 years.

Starting last year, two political appointees at the Treasury Department — U.S. Treasurer Brandon Beach and his senior adviser, Mike Brown — repeatedly urged staff at the agency's Bureau of



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Legislation would have to be passed for the proposed \$250 bill to move ahead.

Engraving and Printing to prepare prototypes of the note, according to the employees, who said the move raised concerns because federal law currently allows only deceased people to appear on bills.

The employees spoke on the condition of anonymity for fear of retribution.

As part of the effort, Beach in August and September provided

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## DOJ probes nonprofit in E. Jean Carroll case

Statements about who paid her legal bills could lead to perjury charges

BY PERRY STEIN

The Justice Department has launched a criminal probe into a Chicago-based nonprofit backed by billionaire Reid Hoffman over its payment of legal bills of E. Jean Carroll, the advice columnist who accused President Donald Trump of sexual assault, according to two people familiar with the matter.

The investigation, which is expected to look at statements Carroll made during a deposition, could also morph into a criminal perjury probe against the 82-year-old columnist, said the people familiar with the matter, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss an ongoing probe. The nascent investigation follows years of Trump publicly deriding Carroll, his accuser, and Hoffman, a major Democratic Party donor.

A representative for Hoffman, a co-founder of LinkedIn, declined to comment. An attorney for Carroll could not immediately be reached for comment.

The investigation stems from Carroll's civil lawsuit against Trump, in which a jury found that Trump had sexually assaulted and

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## Springsteen promises a 'ruckus' to come

Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band perform at Nationals Park on Wednesday evening. Springsteen and guitarist Tom Morello announced a protest music festival for the area set for October. **Stories, B1**

## Ex-CIA official is accused of stealing \$40 million in gold bars

BY WARREN P. STROBEL

A former CIA official has been accused of stealing 303 gold bars worth more than \$40 million from the spy agency and stashing them in his Virginia residence, according to a criminal complaint and current and former U.S. officials.

Prosecutors say David J. Rush of Virginia, described in a criminal complaint as a former senior

Arrest raises questions about thoroughness of background checks

executive with a top-secret security clearance, also misled his superiors about his education and military service, falsely claiming college degrees he did

not have and \$77,000 in military leave pay he wasn't entitled to. Rush was arrested last week and charged with theft of public funds. His attorney, Jessica N. Carmichael, declined to comment.

While much about the case remains unknown, it raises questions about the efficacy of U.S. government background checks on Rush, as well as how he was allegedly able to persuade his

superiors to entrust him with tens of millions of dollars in gold and large amounts of foreign currency.

Rush said the funds were intended for "work-related expenses," according to an affidavit filed in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.

A former U.S. official familiar with the matter, speaking on the condition of anonymity to describe an ongoing investigation,

said Rush worked for the CIA's Directorate of Science and Technology, which develops high-tech tools for the agency's espionage missions.

CIA and FBI spokespeople said in a joint statement that, on May 19, the FBI "arrested an individual following a referral from the Central Intelligence Agency. After a CIA internal investigation identified potential violations of

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### IN THE NEWS

**Mail-in voting** A federal judge has allowed an executive order intended to limit who can receive ballots by mail to stand, for now. **A8**

**Death row reprieve** The Supreme Court ruled that a Mississippi man should have had the opportunity to challenge the dismissal of potential jurors on grounds of racial bias. **A4**

**THE NATION** **JD Vance**, in a speech to Air Force Academy graduates, expressed concern about how AI will be used in warfare. **A3**  
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**THE REGION** **Human composting** is a growing trend among the eco-friendly: For \$6,000, a loved one's body can be converted into nutrient-rich soil in about a month. **B12**

**WEEKEND** **Ten D.C.-area** music festivals to have on your radar this summer.

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**A WORKER** distributes ballots in vote-by-mail envelopes to be tallied at a processing site in City of Industry. *GARY CORONADO FOR THE TIMES*

## Becerra ahead in 3-way split in governor's race

Hilton and Steyer are in tight contest for No. 2 spot in top-two primary, poll shows.

BY SEEMA MEHTA

On the cusp of California's gubernatorial June 2 primary, voters are closely divided among three candidates vying to succeed Gov. Gavin Newsom at a perilous moment in the state and nation's history, according to a poll released Friday.

Among likely California voters, 25% support Xavier Becerra, a Democrat and former Biden Cabinet secretary, according to the survey by UC Berkeley's Institute of Governmental Studies that was co-sponsored by the Los Angeles Times.

Republican Steve Hilton, a former Fox News commentator and British political strategist, has the backing of 21%, while 19% backed billionaire hedge fund founder turned environmental activist Tom Steyer, a Democrat.

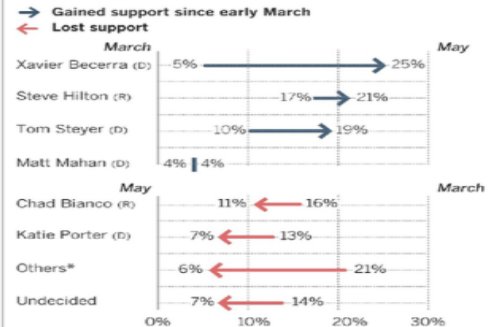
The survey provided the clearest indication yet that the three have separated themselves from the rest of the field.

Support increased for Becerra, Hilton and Steyer since the last Berkeley IGS poll in March. Becerra leaptfrogged everyone. In early March he wallowed near the bottom of the pack at just 5% support among likely voters, and now is the front-runner.

The other candidates floundered. Support for Riverside County Sheriff Chad Blanco, a Republican, [See Gubernatorial, A5]

### Becerra gained the most support in the last months

Likely voter preference for California governor



\*Early March results include 13% support for Eric Swalwell and 1% for Betty Yee, who have since dropped out of the race.

Berkeley Institute of Governmental Studies poll conducted online May 19-24 in English and Spanish among 8,578 registered voters in California, 54% of whom were considered likely to vote in the primary. Results from the overall likely voter sample have an estimated sampling error of +/- 2 percentage points. Funding for the poll was provided in part by the Los Angeles Times.

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## Despite exodus, L.A. has housing crunch

Experts say household demographics and pent-up demand keep home prices high.

BY JACK FLEMING

The City of Angels lost nearly 10,000 residents last year. L.A. County lost 52,000. It's not exactly a mass exodus, but L.A.'s shrinking population is enough to leave a few economists shuddering at the long-term implications of so many people skipping town: less political influence, a smaller tax base, and more.

But amid the Southland's sea change, one thing seems to always stay the same: Housing is still expensive.

Typically, population declines and aging housing stock conjure visions of Rust Belt decay, where land loses value and abandoned homes sell for next to nothing. But in L.A. — despite vanishing Hollywood jobs and immigration crackdowns — housing costs remain sky-high.

This year, the region has seen a slight dip in home values and a slight uptick in vacancy rates. But L.A. County's population has been whittling down for the last decade, with 400,000 people leaving since 2010. During that stretch, home prices and rents have nearly doubled.

Experts say a few factors are at play, but there's one sneaky trend that's often overlooked: household composition.

"People are moving out of L.A., but households are becoming smaller, so the number of households has increased," says Jason Armoind.

## Park service advocates draw line at UFC fights

Some cry foul over events on D.C. public land

By Jack Dolan

President Trump plans to celebrate the nation's 250th anniversary — and his own 80th birthday — next month by watching bare-chested and bloody UFC fighters kick, punch and choke each other on the storied South Lawn of the White House.

Later, during the administration's summer-long festival to commemorate the signing of the Declaration of Independence, IndyCars will race in a fossil fuel-burning extravaganza around and around the National Mall — home to the U.S. Capitol and the Washington and Lincoln monuments.

Both venues are National Park Service land and are administered by the agency. The planned spectacles — UFC Freedom 250 and the Freedom 250 Grand Prix — stray so far from the park service's traditional mission and ethos that advocates and career employees are crying foul.

"These events are inappropriate and disrespectful to the history and importance of the White House and the National Mall," said Jonathan Jarvis, who

began his career as a park ranger on the Mall in 1976 and was named director of the National Park Service by President Obama in 2009.

White House officials insist that IndyCar and the Ultimate Fighting Championship are extremely popular with everyday Americans. The race and the fights will be exuberant celebrations of patriotism and pride, they say.

The UFC event, in particular, "will be one of the greatest and most historic sports events in history, and President Trump hosting it at the White House is a testament to his vision to celebrate America's monumental 250th anniversary," said White House spokesperson Davis Ingle.

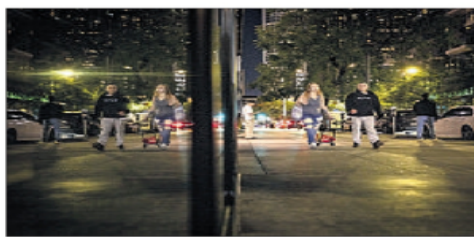
To organize this summer's events, the Trump administration asked the National Park Foundation — a congressionally chartered nonprofit that works closely with the park service and collects private donations to help maintain hiking trails and fund programs to get kids outdoors — to lend a hand.

Because of the scale of the planned [See Park, A6]

## DWP calls for new police force

It says it needs its own armed officers to combat copper thefts

By Gavin J. Quinton



JASON ARMOIND Los Angeles Times

**COPPER THEFTS** are a leading cause of streetlight outages in Los Angeles, the mayor's office says.

For thieves looking to strip Los Angeles for parts, copper has become a fast-moving currency.

The problem has become so persistent that the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power is now asking for its own armed police force to protect vulnerable utility equipment, street lighting and critical infrastructure, insisting that the department's contracted and unarmed security guards aren't cutting it.

"They lack the authority to detain or arrest suspects, intervene in crimes in progress, conduct searches, or carry firearms for enforcement purposes," according to a May 21 report from the city agency. "Delays hinder timely intervention, reduce investigative effectiveness, and contribute to repeat vic-

[See DWP, A6]

## Weiss shakes up CBS' crown jewel

Network chief fires executive producer of '60 Minutes' and two of its correspondents.

By Stephen Battaglio

For 58 years, "60 Minutes" has been the untouchable crown jewel of American television news — a program that outlasted the rise of cable, the collapse of network ratings and every shift in the media landscape with its focus on serious, independent journalism.

On Thursday, CBS News Editor in Chief Bari Weiss shattered its glass case. In the most sweeping

changes in the newsmagazine's nearly six-decade history, Weiss ousted the program's executive producer, Tanya Simon, and replaced her with Nick Bilton, 49, a veteran tech journalist and documentary filmmaker who worked for 13 years at the New York Times but who has no experience running a TV news operation.

Weiss also fired "60 Minutes" correspondents Sharyn Alfonsi, who clashed with her boss over a segment on President Trump's immigration policies, and Cecilia Vega, who left ABC News to join the program in 2023.

Bilton will be the first executive producer in the 58-year history of "60 Minutes" [See '60 Minutes,' A12]

## Mexicans in U.S. fear losing vital consulates targeted by Trump

By Dorany Pineda and Megan Janetsky

Mexico's consulate in Los Angeles helps thousands of its citizens each week, assisting them with registering births, obtaining passports and, increasingly since President Trump's second term began, accessing legal help for loved ones who have fallen afoul of his administration's immigration policies.

The consulate serves the biggest Mexican community

in the United States. It and 52 other Mexican consulates in the country provide services that make Mexican people's lives easier — just as the nine U.S. consulates in Mexico improve the lives of Americans south of the border.

The U.S. State Department has launched a review that might lead to the closure of an unknown number of Mexican consulates. Although it hasn't said why, the review is happening against the backdrop of the immigration crackdown,

some thorny bilateral issues and far-right theories that the consulates have been interfering in U.S. politics and encouraging Mexicans to migrate northward.

Azucena Aviles, a 33-year-old mother who drove more than an hour to the L.A. consulate this month to renew her Mexican passport and get one for her daughter, said consular services are invaluable — especially in California, which is home to nearly 13 million people of Mexican descent, including [See Consulates, A5]



KAYLA BARTKOWSKI Los Angeles Times

### HARMONIOUS L.A. DAY

Gustavo Dudamel, left, embraces his successor as L.A. Phil music director, Daniel Harding, during a visit to Dodger Stadium. ENTERTAINMENT, B1

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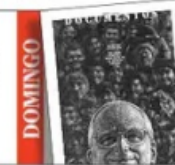
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ÁNGELA MARTIALAY MADRID Leire Díez, conocida como *fontanera* del PSOE, borraba sistemáticamente los mensajes que intercambia a través de su móvil con Santos Cerdán, ex secretario de Organización del PSOE. Sin embargo, en el marco de la causa que investiga las *cloacas de Ferraz*, la Guardia Civil ha accedido a los mensajes que Díez intercambiaba con el ex presidente de la Sepi, Vicente Fernández, con quien mantuvo una estrecha relación personal y al que informaba de manera habitual de las conversaciones que mantenía con el *ex número dos* del PSOE. Estos mensajes nunca fueron borrados y han servido a la Audiencia Nacional para avanzar en las pesquisas que permanecen bajo secreto de sumario. **Página 10**



Miguel Ángel Gallardo y David Sánchez, ayer, en la Audiencia Provincial de Badajoz. A. BALLESTEROS / POOL

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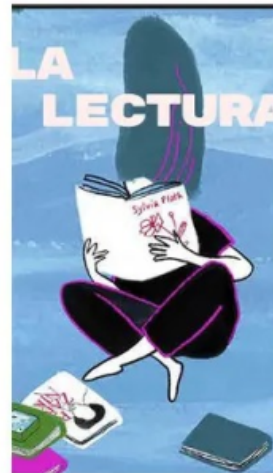
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# EUA classificam PCC e CV como organizações terroristas

Governo Lula é contra medida, defendida por Flávio, que esteve com Trump esta semana

Os EUA decidiram classificar PCC e CV como organizações terroristas, alegando que as facções fazem "ataques brutais" contra policiais e civis e estendem-se além das fronteiras brasileiras. A designação abre brecha a uma ação em solo brasileiro, pois permite que as forças americanas, militares e de inteligência como a CIA, atuem diretamente para combater esses grupos. Também prevê sanção a empresas e pessoas que, mesmo inadvertidamente, possam ser

relacionadas a eles. O anúncio foi um revés para o governo Lula, que se opõe à medida e não foi comunicado previamente. A diretriz foi anunciada pelo próprio secretário de Estado, Marco Rubio, que se encontrou na véspera com o pré-candidato do PL à Presidência, Flávio Bolsonaro, que estivera com o presidente Trump na terça. Assessor de Lula, Celso Amorim disse que "pretexto para intervenção é inaceitável". Flávio comemorou: "Grande dia". PÁGINAS 12 e 13

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## COPA 2026

## Lesão pode tirar Neymar da estreia contra Marrocos

Convocado após emendar uma sequência de jogos, como alegou Ancelotti, atacante tem lesão na panturrilha mais grave que se pensava, e recuperação levará até três semanas. Seleção estreia no Mundial no dia 13. Corte, por ora, está descartado. PÁGINA 32



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Ex e atual. Em visita à Granja Comary, Felipe conversa com Ancelotti durante treino da seleção

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## Noche negra: Boca quedó eliminado de la Libertadores

Otra frustración del Xeneize, y nuevamente en la Bombonera: perdió 1-0 con Católica y no pasó la primera rueda; jugará la Sudamericana.



## Juan Manuel Cerúndolo se dio el gusto de su vida

Eliminó de Roland Garros al N° 1, Jannik Sinner, que perdió el control del partido por una descompostura y cayó en 5 sets.



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## Anticipan que el ingreso familiar se recupera, tras un quinto mes de caída

**CONSUMO.** Prevén un repunte en abril luego de un nuevo retroceso en marzo, de 0,5%

El ingreso disponible de las familias, el resto que queda en el hogar tras pagar los gastos fijos, volvió a caer en marzo, mes del pico inflacionario del año. Se contrajo, según la consultora Empiria, un 0,5% frente a febrero, aunque hay signos de mejora. Los autores del informe estimaron que

en abril hubo una recuperación. Marzo marcó la quinta caída consecutiva de ese monto de dinero que queda utilizable, generalmente para consumos ociosos, y que, luego del plan de estabilización que modificó los precios relativos, comenzó a reducirse. "Para abril se espera la primera

mejora en cinco meses y una estabilización en el segundo cuatrimestre. En la parte final del año, ya de cara al período preelectoral, la evolución del ingreso disponible estará condicionada por el impacto en los precios de eventuales deslizamientos cambiarios", estimaron en Empiria. **Página 16**

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Milei está en días de cosecha financiera

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## Confirman el decomiso de bienes de la familia Kirchner

**CORRUPCIÓN.** La Justicia rechazó un pedido de la expresidenta para frenarlo

La Cámara de Casación confirmó definitivamente la ejecución de bienes de Cristina Kirchner y sus hijos, Máximo y Florencia. Se busca recuperar \$685.000 millones por el fraude al Estado. A la expresidenta solo le queda recurrir a la Corte, pero los antecedentes son adversos. **Página 14**

## Messi, al frente del equipo que hará vibrar al país

**LISTA.** Scaloni definió el plantel que debutará el 16 de junio con Argelia

El anuncio de la lista de la selección confirmó lo que era un secreto a voces: Lionel Messi jugará su sexto Mundial. El DT Lionel Scaloni definió los 26 futbolistas que jugarán la Copa del Mundo y se reservó poco lugar para las sorpresas: Marcos Acuña será el principal ausente entre los nueve campeones que no viajarán a los Estados Unidos.

La renovación con respecto a 2022 la representarán Nicolás Paz, Barco, Giuliano Simeone, Balardi, Medina, Musso, Juan Manuel López y dos piezas que no estuvieron en Qatar por lesión y tendrán revancha: Lo Celso y Nicolás González. **Deportes**

## Una paleta más rica, pero con muchas piezas que crujen

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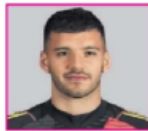
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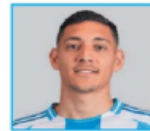
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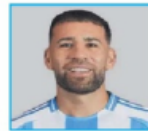
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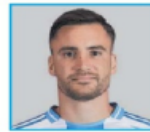
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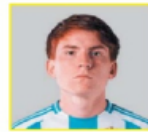
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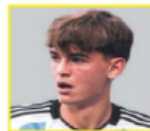
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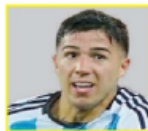
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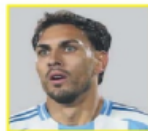
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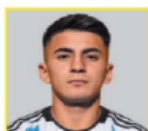
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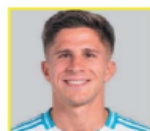
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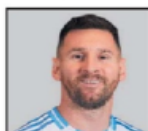
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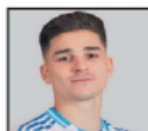
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## El 1 del mundo se hundió ante Cerúndolo

En Roland Garros y a sólo un game del triunfo, el italiano Sinner se descompuso y para Juan Manuel fue el triunfo más resonante en su campaña tenística. **P. 44**



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# Milei admitió que la baja de la inflación no alcanza para crecer

Es un cambio en el discurso que venía sosteniendo el Gobierno en este año.

El Presidente dijo que "la estabilidad monetaria y el orden macroeconómico general, si bien son imprescindibles, no son el motor del crecimiento". Y atacó otra vez al periodismo y sostuvo que nunca fue tan grande la diferencia entre lo que cuentan los me-

dios y lo que sucede en la economía. En el mismo seminario, el Latam Economic Forum en Parque Norte, Luis Caputo aseguró que Milei será reelecto el año próximo "cómodamente" y que en el año electoral "la economía se va a llevar puesta a la política". **P. 8**

## El Banco Central compró US\$ 447 millones

Las reservas están en su nivel más alto desde 2019 y el BCRA se acerca a la meta de compra de divisas con el FMI. **P. 19**

## Rechazaron un último recurso y decomisarán los bienes de Cristina

La Cámara Federal rechazó el recurso extraordinario que habían presentado los Kirchner, y también Lázaro Báez, para evitar que les quiten las propiedades tal como ordenó la Justicia en la causa Vialidad. Son 111 bienes a nombre de Báez, la familia Kirchner y otros condenados por la corrupción en el reparto de la obra pública, que ahora comenzarán a ser ejecutados para resarcir al Estado. **P. 15**

## Ciudad: 3 de cada 10 aspirantes a docentes no aprobaron comprensión lectora

Es un diagnóstico que se hará desde ahora a los que ingresan a la carrera. Se da en el marco del plan "Ser docente", que incluye una reforma curricular en el profesorado de primaria e inicial, un incentivo contra inasistencias, y un "Programa de residencia y acceso a primer cargo" con una asignación estímulo. **P. 30**

## Estados Unidos e Irán avanzan con un acuerdo clave

Es un memorándum acordado entre los dos países, que extiende la tregua 60 días para la apertura del estrecho de Ormuz sin peajes ni presiones, y negociar la cuestión nuclear. Según Teherán, volvería a comerciar su petróleo y su gas. Esto sucede después de un nuevo cruce de fuego en la región. Resta el visto bueno de Trump, que dijo que se tomará dos días de reflexión. **P. 22**



MESSI: SEXTO MUNDIAL

LO CELSO: OTRA OPORTUNIDAD

NICO PAZ: JUVENIL, ADENTRO

ACUÑA: ESTA VEZ, AFUERA

## Los 26 de Scaloni: pocas sorpresas, Acuña se queda sin Mundial y Lo Celso tiene su revancha

El DT de los campeones del mundo develó anoche las incógnitas y nuevamente Messi -por sexto Mundial consecutivo, un récord- lidera la misión argentina. El equipo contará con 17 de los campeones en Qatar, pero se queda

afuera Marcos Acuña, quien sufrió varias lesiones en los últimos meses. En cambio estará Giovanni Lo Celso, que no pudo estar en Qatar. Otros de los puntales de la Selección también vienen "tocados", pero esperarán recupe-

rarlos de aquí al debut del 16 de junio ante Argelia. Entre las nuevas figuras estarán Nico Paz y Barco. Y también José López se ganó un lugar entre los delanteros. El fin de semana el equipo viaja a Estados Unidos. **P. 3**

**Boca y otra frustración.** Afuera de la Libertadores tras perder ante la Católica.

## Volvieron a subir los precios de los pasajes aéreos

Es desde ayer y lo decidió el Gobierno por la actualización de una tasa. Implicará un nuevo aumento, de hasta 10%, en el monto final que pagan los pasajeros. **P. 20**

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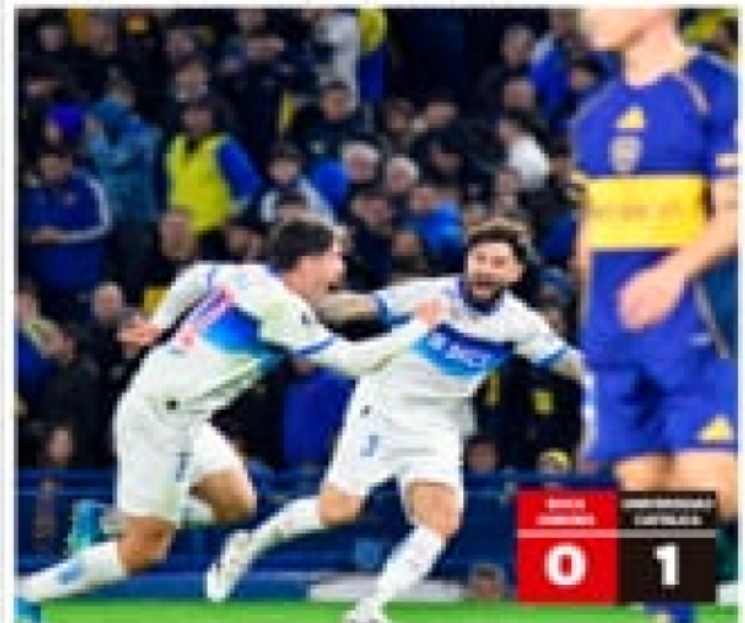
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## Johnson, pope meet Chicago-style

Mayor invites Leo XIV to celebrate Mass in Grant Park next year

By Alice Yin  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

ROME — Mayor Brandon Johnson invited Pope Leo XIV to celebrate Mass in Grant Park next year during a much-awaited meeting Thursday afternoon in Vatican City, where the son of a pastor and chief executive of the pope's hometown said the two bonded over their advocacy for migrants, descendants of slavery and the city of Chicago — intricacy sports rivalries notwithstanding.

Johnson said the discussion ranged from serious matters like the federal immigration raids that have deluged the city in recent months to their differences on Chicago baseball.

"It's a real Chicago style in terms of the way the pope delivers his message and justice," the mayor told reporters after leaving the Vatican around 5 p.m. "What I witnessed was an incredibly humble individual whose roots really defined his leadership in this moment. ... A pope who can talk about global international population shift and could have a good home Chicago argument over the Cubs and the Sox, that's who we are in Chicago."

Sporting a black suit adorned with a Chicago flag-themed lapel pin and cufflinks, Johnson then quipped, "Chicagoans, we can — I don't know if this is a real word ... but we can pontiff-y anything. It is now."

Last year's papal election of Leo as the first American-born pontiff was received with tectonic fanfare in Chicago, a heavily Catholic city where in many neighborhoods residents often first ask one another to which parish they belong. Leo's roots as a White Sox fan and condemnation of the U.S.' recent mass deportations amplified the local devotion.

On Thursday, Leo made clear that he is following current affairs in his hometown, Johnson said. His first question to the mayor was, "How is Chicago?"

"I will say that he is certainly conscious of the energy that he has



Mayor Brandon Johnson hugs Ald. Lamont Robinson, 4th, at the American University of Rome after meeting with Pope Leo XIV at the Vatican on Thursday. Flanking them are Ald. Julia Ramirez, 12th, and Ald. Jason Ervin, 28th. **ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

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Mather High School senior Ricardo Hernández-Navarrete flashes a smile as he walks on stage before receiving his diploma during his graduation ceremony at Loyola University Chicago on Thursday. **CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

## 'This community stands in solidarity with you today'

After 2 months in ICE detention, CPS senior free to walk Mather High graduation with classmates

By Gregory Royal Pratt  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Sitting in a Kentucky jail holding detained immigrants, more than 300 miles from home, Ricardo Hernandez-Navarrete sometimes lost hope.

Hope that he would return to Rogers Park, where the 18-year-old Colombia-born Chicago Public Schools student lives with his mother and older brother.

Hope that he would once again run up and down the soccer pitch with his classmates, scoring goals

and stopping the opponent's attacks.

Hope that he would graduate from Mather High School and continue his education in pursuit of a better life than the one he and his family left in South America.

But no matter how dark it got in his cell, no matter how much hope had vanished, Ricardo told the Tribune he never lost faith that he would be back in Chicago.

"For some people, it would be impossible, but everything is possible if you believe in God," Ricardo said.

On Thursday, his faith was rewarded when he walked across the stage at Loyola's Gentile Arena and Mather principal Gary Tesinsky shook his hand.

As Ricardo filed in alongside the graduating class of 2026, families cheered their children as they marked one of modern life's milestones. His mother, Martha Liliana Navarrete, sat in the front row with her older son Steven, family friend Kristy Morrow and Ricardo's soccer coach, Costel Serban. She smiled and waved enthusiastically at Ricardo.

In remarks from the stage, Leadership Greater Chicago CEO Myette Hamilton praised the students, many of whom are first-generation, and gave a personal shoutout to Ricardo and his family and a broader message to the graduates.

"I want you to know that this community stands in solidarity with you today for the right of humanity, of our immigrant families. Graduates, you are entering a world where your voices matter

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## Ill. set to OK regulatory framework for AI firms

Legislation would require independent audits of safety practices

By Jeremy Gornor  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

SPRINGFIELD — Gov. JB Pritzker says he intends to sign legislation that would give Illinois a regulatory framework for artificial intelligence developers after a measure sailed through the General Assembly with overwhelming bipartisan support and the backing of AI companies.

The bill, which passed 110-0 in the House on Wednesday and 52-5 in the Senate last week, would make Illinois the first state to require independent, third-party audits of the safety practices of large frontier artificial intelligence developers.

The measure is part of a broader package of bills being pushed by the Democratic-controlled General Assembly to fill what lawmakers view as a void left by federal inaction on AI regulation. The chief Senate sponsor, Democratic state Sen. Mary Edly-Alten of Grayslake, said earlier this month that without guardrails, the industry resembles "the Wild West."

"Illinois needs to create a road map for responsible innovation to prevent catastrophic risks," she said.

State Rep. Daniel Didech, a Democrat from Buffalo Grove and the bill's main House sponsor, said during discussion of the legislation on the House floor that AI is "among the most significant technological developments of modern time."

"It has the potential to drastically improve the quality of life of people throughout the world but only if deployed and developed responsibly," Didech said. "This is an important bill to move us towards that world."

The legislation that cleared the House Wednesday would require large AI developers — those with more than \$500 million in annual gross revenue — to publish expla-

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#### US and Iran trade attacks, target bases

Even as the two nations traded attacks, a U.S. official said negotiators had reached agreement to extend the ceasefire. **Nation & World, Page B4**

#### Sox stay aggressive in win over Twins

Davis Martin was in control all day, allowing one run in six innings during a 6-2 victory. **Sports**



U.S. Attorney Andrew Boutros sits at the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse on April 3. **E. JASON WAMBEGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

## Boutros to lead inquiry into group that assisted Carroll

Nonprofit helped fund some legal costs for woman who sued Trump

By Jason Meisner  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The U.S. attorney in Chicago has been tasked by the Justice Department with leading a criminal investigation into a Chicago-based nonprofit that helped fund some legal costs for E. Jean Carroll, the advice columnist who successfully sued President

Donald Trump for sexual assault and defamation, a source with knowledge of the probe confirmed to the Tribune.

The investigation began earlier this year, and no criminal charges are imminent, the source said.

The focus of the probe has been spending by American Future Republic, a left-of-center, tax-exempt organization founded in 2019 by billionaire LinkedIn co-founder Reid Hoffman, according to the source.

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Os EUA vão classificar as facções criminosas PCC (Primeiro Comando da Capital) e CV (Comando Vermelho) como organizações terroristas a partir de 5 de julho. A decisão ocorre após visita de Flávio Bolsonaro (PL) a Donald Trump. O governo Lula (PT) tentava evitar a designação.

Nos últimos meses, Trump tem revisado definições de narcoterrorismo e intensificado operações militares contra organizações assim classificadas, como ocorreu na Venezuela. Para especialista, a rotulação das facções abre possibilidade de interferência em solo brasileiro.

Após o anúncio, Flávio afirmou que fez "mais pela segurança" do que Lula. Governistas buscam reforçar o discurso de soberania. **Cotidiano A41 e Política A6**

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Cláudio Castro (PL), ex-governador do Rio de Janeiro, anunciou que não vai concorrer ao Senado neste ano, após ser alvo de duas operações da PF em 11 dias. A mais recente apurava investimento do fundo de pensões de servidores no Master, de Daniel Vorcaro. **Política A8**

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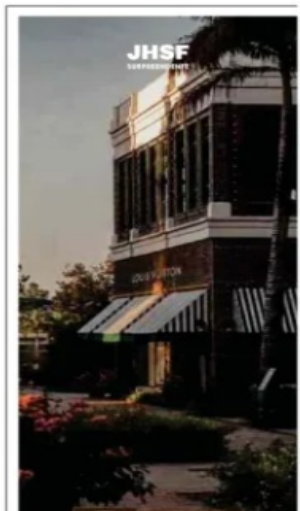
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# Périscolaire : les Français inquiets pour leurs enfants

Alors que le scandale des abus sexuels s'étend dans le pays, des crèches aux écoles primaires, ils sont 86 % à craindre pour leur famille, selon une étude Odoxa-Backbone Consulting pour « Le Figaro ».

Après l'onde de choc provoquée par la multiplication des affaires d'agressions sexuelles dans le périscolaire parisien, le scandale prend une dimension nationale. Des accusations contre des animateurs émergent dans d'autres villes (Tours, Charleville-Mézières, Saint-Ouen...) et suscitent l'inquiétude chez les parents. Selon une étude Odoxa-Backbone Consulting pour Le Figaro, 86 % des Français craignent des abus sexuels dans au moins une structure fréquentée par leur enfant. Alors que 55 % de nos concitoyens estiment que la réaction de la mairie de Paris n'a pas été à la hauteur, l'exécutif cherche la parade pour répondre à cette crise qui secoue tout le système de prise en charge des mineurs, de la garde des plus jeunes à l'hébergement des enfants placés. Un projet de loi prévoit notamment de renforcer le contrôle des antécédents judiciaires des personnels.

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## Le directeur de Sciences Po poursuit ses réformes malgré une campagne de déstabilisation



Après avoir rétabli l'ordre dans un établissement longtemps perturbé par des militants pro-palestiniens, Luis Vassy est taxé d'« autoritarisme » par une partie des enseignants. Malgré cela, il tient le cap de ses réformes. PAGE 11 ET L'ÉDITORIAL

## ÉDITORIAL par Vincent Trémolet de Villers

### L'excellence ou l'idéologie ?

« On est chez nous ! » Le slogan sommaire souvent reproché aux électeurs du Rassemblement national résume parfaitement l'état d'esprit d'une part de la gauche intellectuelle. Celle qui se promène dans les universités, les couloirs de la radio publique, les studios de cinéma comme un aristocrate arpentant ses propriétés. Elle préfère les « studies » aux humanités, la discrimination positive au mérite, et ne conçoit pas de morale autre que la promotion extasiée du progressisme et la dénonciation obsessionnelle de l'État d'Israël.

La folie des grandeurs de Richard Descoings, sa fascination pour les universités américaines ont favorisé ce tour d'esprit à Sciences Po Paris et lancé la dynamique. Entre dénonciation du « privilège blanc » et culte caricatural des minorités, la Rue Saint-Guillaume est devenue, après lui, un grand bazar intersectionnel, dé-hiérarchisé, où une mobilisation étudiante primait le cours magistral, où l'intervention triomphale de Jean-Luc Mélenchon dans l'amphi Boutmy reléguait les véritables universitaires et leurs travaux dans les arrière-salles de l'institution. Bilan : baisse de niveau, réputation dégradée et, à la fin, mal-

gré les dizaines de milliers d'euros de scolarité, une ligne sur le CV de moins en moins attirante.

Luis Vassy, depuis qu'il a pris la direction de l'institution, il y a deux ans, essaye de remettre les choses à l'endroit. Il tente de reconstruire soigneusement le moule d'excellence brisé par deux décennies d'errance militante. Et veut retrouver un peu de l'exigence qu'incarnèrent Raymond Aron, René Rémond, Hélène Carrère

### Deux décennies d'errance militante

d'Encausse... les hautes figures qui ont fait le prestige de cette école. Depuis son arrivée, les provocations antisémites, les happenings d'activistes, les intimidations publiques ont très sérieusement refléui. Diriger, c'est aussi nommer. Ainsi Hugo Micheron a été élevé au rang de professeur associé. À moins de 40 ans, l'universitaire, spécialiste du djihadisme, passé par l'École normale supérieure et Princeton, donne par la rigueur de ses travaux et son talent pédagogique tout son sens au mot « élite ». Mais, en public ou en sourdine, la gauche divine gronde contre sa nomination. La médiocrité en guise de science, et, pour toute politique, l'idéologie. ■

## La Norvège rejoint la « dissuasion nucléaire avancée » française

Dans un entretien au Figaro, le ministre norvégien de la Défense, Tore Sandvik, détaille le contenu de l'accord de Narvik, signé mercredi soir avec son homologue française, Catherine Vautrin, en présence du président Emmanuel Macron. « Dans un contexte où la Russie a remis cette question au centre du jeu, nous souhaitons participer aux échanges que la France va conduire sur la manière dont ses armes nucléaires peuvent contribuer à la sécurité et à la dissuasion européennes », dit-il. PAGES 8 ET 9

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OAK CLIFF

## Fire results in injuries, fatalities



City officials say three people were killed in apartment explosion

By Jamie Landers, Elissa Jorgensen and Michael CuvIELLO  
Staff Writers

They heard what they thought was a bomb, a plane crash, a big kaboom. By the time residents of the Oak Cliff apartment complex registered the building had exploded, their homes were engulfed in roaring flames.

At an 8 p.m. news conference, city officials confirmed that two women and a child were killed during the incident. Crews transported three people to the hospital, where one was listed in critical condition Thursday night. Two other people transported themselves to the hospital but their injuries were said to be minor.

"I want to encourage our entire city, this entire state, the entire nation to come together and pray for all the people and all the families who are affected by this tragedy," Dallas Mayor Eric Johnson said at an earlier briefing, standing feet from what ruins remained. "We are going to do every single thing that we can do, that we need to do, to make sure that every family gets support."

More than 100 firefighters were dispatched about 12:45 p.m. Thursday to the building in the 400 block of east 9th Street, near Patton Avenue. Dallas Fire-Rescue Assistant Chief James Russ said crews responded within two minutes to an initial call reporting a gas leak, which soon escalated into a five-alarm fire.

Officials did not say Thursday what caused the explosion. The Railroad Commission of Texas, which investigates fires, leaks, explosions and other energy-related incidents, dispatched inspectors to the scene. An Oncor spokesman said their employees were also onsite assisting with electrical infrastructure, while Atmos Energy confirmed technicians had turned off natural gas service in the immediate area.

Once the flames were contained, residents who were displaced from their homes searched for loved ones, neighbors and an-

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**Above:** Onlookers watched as Dallas Fire-Rescue responded to an apartment complex fire in the 400 block of east 9th Street, Thursday, in Dallas. **Below left:** A person was treated by Dallas Fire-Rescue officials. **Below right:** Dallas Fire-Rescue worked to extinguish the apartment complex fire.



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IRVING

## Officer fired after custody death ruling

Witness disputed police account that the victim had been resisting arrest

By Jamie Landers, Elissa Jorgensen and Michael CuvIELLO  
Staff Writers

The death of a man earlier this year in Irving police custody has been ruled a homicide, according

to records obtained Wednesday by *The Dallas Morning News*, and an officer has been fired following an internal investigation.

Homer Joel Cortez Jr., 48, died on Feb. 23 after a traffic stop near North Belt Line Road and Cross Country Trail. His cause of death was listed as blunt force injuries and physical restraint "to include prone positioning," meaning Cor-

tez was lying on his stomach, medical examiner records show.

Ray Galvan, an attorney for Cortez's family, wrote in a statement to *The News* that he believes the medical examiner's findings validate what the family thought of his death all along.

"Homer's death was devastating to his family, and they hope these findings move the conversa-

tion toward accountability, transparency, and meaningful review of the actions that occurred during his detention," he said.

Irving police officials on Thursday told *The News* an officer was terminated May 8 over violations of "departmental policy" in connection with Cortez's death. Offi-

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## Talarico donations top \$3M

The surge in campaign cash arrived in the 24 hours after Paxton won GOP runoff

By Joseph Morton  
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WASHINGTON — Democrat James Talarico said Thursday his Senate campaign raised more than \$3 million in the 24 hours after Texas Republicans picked Attorney General Ken Paxton as their nominee.

The fundraising haul reflects the power of grassroots, small-dollar donations in modern politics and underscores why some Republicans have been warning the party can't take for granted a race that could set new spending records.

Talarico's allies point to the influx of money as evidence Democrats, independents and disaffected Republicans are rallying behind his candidacy and opposing Paxton.

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WORLD CUP 2026

## Golden Boot spurs pride in Arlington

Piece of art underwent an epic 28-day journey from Nigeria to Texas

By Eric Prisbell  
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ARLINGTON — The Texan Golden Boot, a permanent public art landmark, was unveiled Thurs-

day in Arlington's Entertainment District, where stakeholders believe the singular fixture will create a lasting legacy once the 39-day FIFA World Cup concludes.

Visitors will see a 2,210-pound soccer cleat crafted with meticulous detail — 11 feet long, 18 feet high when mounted on the con-

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Arlington councilwoman Brittney Garcia-Dumas gave the Lone Star spur a spin after it was welded onto the Golden Boot.



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Voters turn out

Nearly 1.4 million Republicans cast ballots in Tuesday's Senate primary runoff between Texas AG Ken Paxton and Sen. John Cornyn. **1B**

Universal Kids opening

The wait is over. Frisco's Universal Kids Resort will open to the public July 1. Tickets, hotel packages and annual passes are now on sale. **3B**

Cowboys eye roster

Although the Cowboys' coaching staff are satisfied with the majority of their current lineup, there are some additions that could work. **1C**

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# Prostate screening set to be rationed

### Cameron attacks plan to give fewer men cancer checks despite call for wider access

By Laura Donnelly HEALTH EDITOR

PROSTATE cancer screening is set to be restricted to a small number of men despite growing calls for a wider rollout.

Charities said the recommendation was "condemning thousands to preventable deaths" and would entrench health inequalities for a generation.

Campaigners have been calling for the rollout of targeted screening, in particular for black men and those with a family history of the disease.

But yesterday, the UK National Screening Committee (NSC) ruled that the vast majority of men should be denied screening, narrowing its recommendations further from draft proposals published in November.

Lord Cameron, who revealed last year that he had been treated for the cancer, urged the new Health Secretary to reject the plan and roll out wider screening.

The former prime minister, 59, said the recommendation was "a real step backwards".

He added: "As I warned last November, prostate cancer is the most common cancer among British men. We are letting down too many men, their families and loved ones if we don't push for a wider screening programme that includes all high-risk groups."

"Prostate cancer can be symptomless early on – as it was in my case. That's why screening is essential – catching the cancers early when they can be more effectively treated, like with me."

In 2024, Sir Chris Hoy, the six-time Olympic cycling gold medalist, announced that he was terminally ill with prostate cancer, at the age of 47. Despite a family history of the disease, which affected his father and grandfather, Sir Chris was never offered the PSA test that could have detected it.

Under the committee's recommendation, those with such a family history will not be eligible for screening.

In the UK, there are about 63,000 prostate cancer diagnoses annually

and 12,000 deaths. However, it remains the only major cancer without a national screening programme.

The Telegraph is calling for the introduction of targeted screening so that men at the greatest risk – including black men, those with the BRCA1 and BRCA2 gene variants, and those with a family history of the cancer – are offered tests.

In November, draft proposals from the NSC recommended that only men aged 45 to 61 with BRCA1 or BRCA2 variants should be eligible for screening. The proposals prompted immediate criticism from charities, campaigners and MPs, who called for a wider rollout.

In March, the Telegraph revealed that the committee was considering limiting its recommendations further, so that only men with the BRCA2 variant would be eligible for tests.

Yesterday, the committee announced that it would not only do this but also intended to narrow eligibility further. Within this group, men will be eligible only if they have a pathogenic BRCA2 gene variant and a family history of breast, ovarian, pancreatic or prostate cancer. The committee was unable to say how many men might be eligible, with Prof Sir Mike Richards, the chairman, suggesting it might amount to "a few thousand".

Sir Mike told a briefing: "We recognise the strong support for prostate cancer screening among a large number of people, but also the very real harm that can be caused by the disease."

Of 100 men with a BRCA2 variant, between 21 and 35 will develop prostate cancer before the age of 80, Sir Mike said offering tests to a sub-group of men with BRCA2 was "the only strategy where the UK National Screening Committee had confidence that screening would do more good than harm".

The change was down to recent data, which emerged between the draft

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# Mirren suffers anti-Semitic street attack



Dame Helen Mirren, 80, was harassed in the street by a pro-Palestine activist who called her 'an evil Zionist b...' when she was walking with her husband, Taylor Hackford, 81. The police are investigating and treating the incident as a hate crime. Page 5

# One in seven graduates has no job in workless Britain

By Szu Ping Chan and Emma Taggart

ONE in seven university graduates is not in education, employment or training, according to a flagship review that warned government policy was making it harder for young people to find work.

Alan Milburn said Britain was confronting the worst worklessness crisis in 200 years as new data revealed that the number of economically inactive young people has hit a record high.

The former health secretary, who led the government review, said he was concerned that job opportunities for young people were evaporating.

In findings released yesterday, he warned that youth worklessness is costing Britain £125bn a year, nearly double the nation's entire defence budget.

Mr Milburn said it was "striking" that of the million young people not in employment, education or training (NEET), 15 per cent had a degree. He also noted that one in five had completed their A-levels. Data from the Department for Work and Pensions revealed that the number of young people neither earning nor learning within three years of graduating is also at an all-time high. Almost 13 per cent of 21 to 24-year-olds are now classed as NEET, compared with 9.5 per cent a decade ago.

Mr Milburn said making young people more employable, raising school standards and clamping down on benefits claims was only part of the solution.

"Let's just imagine that we fix education, we fix skills, we fix health, and we fix welfare," he said. "If there are no jobs for young people, what do we fix? So we've got to make it more possible for employers to create jobs and opportunities for young people to progress."

"Employers are critical to this, because unless we can generate more opportunities for young people, we're really not fixing the generational crisis."

"It's not enough if the labour market is no longer reliably bringing young people in. It is striking that almost one third of today's NEETs have got good GCSEs and 15 per cent have a degree."

Mr Milburn's review was released as official figures revealed that 613,000 young people were deemed economically inactive, meaning they are not in work or looking for a job. It is the highest number of young people in this category since records began in 2001. This figure is out of a total 1.01 million young people in January to March this year, the highest level in more than 12 years.

Business leaders have blamed Rachel Reeves's repeated tax raids and a slew of government regulation for rising unemployment. Mr Milburn said his review would not engage in a "blame game". However, he agreed that higher taxes and Labour's Employment Rights Act had helped fuel a "climate of difficulty for employers. He also warned that bosses had relied for too long on cheap foreign labour instead of investing in training the local workforce."

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# Police 'shameful' for arresting murder victim as he lay dying, say MPs

By Will Bolton, Tom McArdle and Charles Hymas

THE arrest of an 18-year-old student fatally stabbed by a Sikh man who falsely accused him of racism has been branded "shameful" by MPs.

Henry Nowak was handcuffed by police in the minutes before his death after Vickrum Digwa, 23, lied and claimed he had called him a "p---" and knocked off his turban.

Mr Nowak, who had been stabbed five times by Digwa with an eight-inch ceremonial knife in a residential street

in Southampton, was arrested despite pleading with police that he could not breathe.

Yesterday, Digwa was found guilty of the finance student's murder following a two-week trial.

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary is now under investigation by the Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC), the police watchdog.

Writing for *The Telegraph*, Reform UK's Robert Jenrick said the murder of Mr Nowak and his treatment in his dying moments was a national scandal. He said: "An 18-year-old, robbed of his



Henry Nowak, 18, was stabbed five times by Vickrum Digwa while on his way home

future on a night out in Southampton after being brutally stabbed five times with a 21cm ceremonial sword.

"Instead of helping him, the police initially arrested him as he bled to death after he was accused by his attacker of racial harassment. Henry was treated not as the victim, but as the criminal. His murder could not have been more monstrous: the police response more shameful."

Chris Philp, the shadow home secretary, said Mr Nowak was an "innocent young man" who had been brutally murdered. "Policing more widely should end its fixation on race and alleged racism in the way it approaches policing," he added.

Sarah Jones, the crime and policing minister, said Mr Nowak's death was "truly horrific". She added: "It is right

that an IOPC investigation has been launched into the actions of the police to get to the truth."

After Digwa's conviction, Robert France, the force's deputy chief constable, apologised for his officers' actions.

"I'm sorry that Henry's life couldn't be saved that night, and I'm sorry that he was handcuffed and arrested. He was the victim," he told *The Telegraph*.

The trial has attracted international attention, with Elon Musk, the billionaire owner of X, posting on his social media site that the UK Government

"helped murder this poor English boy". Mr Nowak was killed on Dec 4 last year as he walked back to his student accommodation in Southampton after a night out with friends.

Digwa murdered the promising young footballer using a ceremonial knife – called a shastar – before repeatedly lying to police officers as Mr Nowak bled out in front of him.

Digwa, who was also found guilty of possession of a bladed article, will be sentenced on June 1.

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	A church that told trans women to use female-only lavatories has been accused of "brazenly encouraging people to break the law". The Grade-II listed Sunderland Minster, Tyne and Wear, has been accused of defying last year's Supreme Court ruling, which found that the definition of a woman under the equality act should be based on biological sex. Maya Forstater, chief executive of Sex Matters, the sex-based rights charity, said: "This just seems like a legal action waiting to happen." Page 9

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Rural landlords to be hit by 'nice pub tax'

Rural landlords are to be hit with a "nice pub tax" under new guidelines. IHMC has ordered officials to levy higher business rates on pubs that are in "attractive locations", play an important role in the community, or are based in "character properties". The Tories described the raid as a "nice pub tax", and said it would lead to "last orders for countless beloved watering holes". *The Telegraph* is running a Save Our Pubs campaign, calling on Labour to cut the tax burden on landlords. Page 10

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Business BP chairman hits back over 'lies'

The ousted chairman of BP has attacked the company's board over "excessive" spending, including tickets for sports events such as Wimbledon. Albert Manifold suggested he had been forced out after raising concerns with BP's board about "unnecessary expenditure". In a 700-word statement yesterday, he accused BP staff of "lies" and hiding behind "anonymity". He said in his 40-year career he had "never once had accusations made against me such as those made in recent days". Page 11

## In New York, PM touts value of economic integration with the U.S.

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Prime Minister Mark Carney called for "a new partnership" between Canada and the United States on Thursday, as Ottawa looks to get back to the negotiating table ahead of a crucial review of the continental trade agreement.

In a high-profile speech at the Economic Club of New York, Mr. Carney spoke of the "mutual strength" that comes from the two countries' integrated manufacturing supply chains and energy sectors. And he said Canada was open to more co-operation inside a "Fortress North America" on industries that are currently subject to hefty U.S. tariffs, including automobiles, steel and aluminum.

"Canada strong will help make America great again," he said. "Examples of where that's true are legion, where we should work together and compete with the world together. And to those ends, we have made specific, practical proposals to the U.S. administration."

The remarks struck a more conciliatory tone after months in which Mr. Carney has warned that further economic integration with the U.S. is a weakness.

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## Canadian ship passes through Taiwan Strait despite China's warning

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SENIOR PARLIAMENTARY REPORTER

A Canadian warship transited the Taiwan Strait days before a high-stakes visit to Ottawa by the Chinese Foreign Minister, defying an earlier warning from Beijing to stay away from the disputed waterway, which China claims as its own.

The frigate HMCS Charlottetown made the trip last week, the Department of National Defence said Thursday. It did this without being accompanied by any allied countries' ships.

"On May 22, 2026, HMCS Charlottetown conducted a routine transit through the Taiwan Strait, which was completed on May 23, 2026," spokesperson Andrée-Anne Poulin said in a statement.

The department initially would not confirm that this had happened. Three days passed before it responded to a question from The Globe and Mail about whether the transit had taken place.

Wang Yi, China's Foreign Minister, was scheduled to arrive in Canada late Thursday for a visit that will last until Saturday. Ottawa and Beijing are seeking to expand relations amid rising U.S. protectionism.

It is the first trip here by a Chinese foreign minister in 10 years.

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Canada's Macklin Celebrini, left, and Sidney Crosby celebrate after Mr. Crosby scored the team's fourth goal during the world championships quarter-final game in Fribourg, Switzerland, on Thursday. DAVID W. CERNY/REUTERS

## REVENGE, SERVED COLD

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## Kenneth Law set to admit to aiding suicides in Ontario, U.K. by supplying lethal substance

COLIN FREEZE

Kenneth Law is expected to admit in a Toronto area court Friday that he operated a business shipping a toxic substance to people in Ontario and the United Kingdom, aiding in multiple suicide deaths.

Mr. Law, 60, is expected to plead guilty to 14 counts of assisting suicide in connection with the deaths, which included two minors, in Ontario. In April, prosecutors in the province told the families of Mr. Law's alleged victims that he would plead guilty to the charges.

He's also expected to acknowledge in court that he sent 330 packages of the substance to Britain, according to families there who have received correspondence

from British authorities.

Mr. Law, a former chef based in the Toronto area, was accused of selling toxic salts online to people who aimed to die by suicide. These products have many legal uses, but ingesting them in high concentrations is fatal.

Any admission by Mr. Law that he had aided suicides in Britain would be significant because he has never been charged with crimes outside Ontario.

"The [U.K.] Crown Prosecution Service and the National Crime Agency confirmed that the harm caused to victims in England and Wales will be dealt with as part of Mr. Law's sentencing in Canada," read a statement issued by families in the U.K. who say they lost loved ones to suicides linked to Mr. Law's products.

"Families have been told that an agreed

statement of facts to be placed before the court will state that he sent 330 products to the United Kingdom."

The statement was sent to The Globe and Mail by David Parfett, whose 22-year-old son Tom died in Britain after ingesting poison in 2021.

Mr. Law's lawyer, Matthew Gourlay, has acknowledged his client has agreed to a plea deal but declined to comment on any details Thursday.

The British National Crime Agency, which has never announced any criminal charges against Mr. Law, has scheduled a media briefing for reporters on Friday.

Last month, spokeswoman Natalie Stokes told The Globe in an e-mail the agency was investigating 112 deaths connected to Mr. Law.

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## PEI family sues province over presence of 'forever chemicals' in drinking water

PATRICK WHITE

A Prince Edward Island family has sued the provincial government over the contamination of their drinking water by "forever chemicals," part of a growing volume of Canadian litigation targeting the toxic compounds found in non-stick frying pans and firefighting foams.

The Jenkines' 130-acre family farm is located in Hazelbrook, a rural municipality 10 kilometres east of Charlottetown. About 220 people live among rolling farms bisected by the Trans-Canada Highway. As in most communities in the province, residents rely on wells for drinking water.

The Jenkines didn't worry much about water quality until Jan. 14 of last year, when provincial testing found that every litre

from their taps contained 606.6 nanograms of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) — 20 times Health Canada's threshold.

"The more we learned, the more nervous and terrified and annoyed we became," said Doug Jenkins, a plaintiff in the lawsuit, filed on May 27, along with his wife, Roberta, and adult daughter Lindsay.

The suit seeks personal damages that "will approach or exceed" \$1-million per plaintiff, plus property damage. The family is also asking for the complete remediation of a nearby disposal site believed to be the source of the contaminants.

In an e-mailed statement, provincial spokesperson Morgan Martin said it would be inappropriate for the government to comment while the matter is before courts.

The number of lawsuits related to PFAS

exposure has been on the rise in recent years as more Canadians learn about high levels of the toxic chemicals in their groundwater, including residents of communities located near airports operated by Transport Canada, where drills using PFAS-laced firefighting foams took place for decades.

The specific product causing the Hazelbrook contamination is uncertain. For years, a disposal site for construction and demolition debris operated about 150 metres from the Jenkines' house. It accepted a range of industrial waste materials containing PFAS, according to the statement of claim.

The suit states that the province was responsible for monitoring the disposal site and took ownership of the property in 2012.

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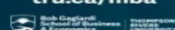
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Harvard Law School graduate Ouleye Ndoye (center) held a gavel as she marked the moment with fellow graduates.

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## A joyous day at a different Harvard

Graduates celebrate reaching their goals after years touched by controversy

By Travis Andersen and Claire Thornton

GLOBE STAFF

CAMBRIDGE — With a mix of nostalgic quips and political barbs, comedian Conan O'Brien delivered Harvard's 375th commencement address on Thursday, urging graduates to demonstrate humility and empathy in their lives while mocking the Trump administration for its relentless attacks on his alma mater.

"We are living through a period of extreme narcissism," said O'Brien, a Brookline native. "Our current leadership in Washington believes that empathy is a weakness, and that our nation stands supreme and alone. Add



Comedian and Harvard graduate Conan O'Brien held up a letter sweater given to him after his speech.

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to that, everyone here today has a phone in their pocket that is algorithmically programmed to celebrate you and you alone, by making you the protein-maxing hero of your own special journey."

Harvard graduates should chart a different path, he said. "If you carry your victories lightly, other qualities — kindness, originality, courage, humor, and humanity — have room to emerge."

The commencement capped off the college careers of students who were present through several politically fueled controversies at Harvard, as well as attacks on academic freedom from the

## Healey takes more action to curb ICE

Guidelines aim to protect schools, day cares, places of worship from agents

By Samantha J. Gross

GLOBE STAFF

In a warning to federal officials, Governor Maura Healey on Thursday rolled out new guidance for when school officials, child care and health care providers, and others can refuse access to immigration enforcement agents at so-called sensitive locations across Massachusetts.

Healey's announcement offered another plank in the governor's front of resistance against the Trump administration's immigration crackdown. Delivered alongside clergy and state officials, the advice is designed to help calm fears among immigrants who are afraid to send their children to school and day care amid fears of being targeted by Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents.

"I'm taking action to do whatever I can to keep our little kids safe, to keep their parents safe, and to send a message loud and clear to ICE that they need to stay out of Massachusetts and stay out of vulnerable, sensitive spaces," Healey said at an event at the State House on Thursday.

The guidance was promised by an executive order Healey signed in January, which sought to prohibit ICE agents from making arrests in non-public areas of state facilities and barred the use

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## Ranked choice adds spice to governor's race in Maine

By Sam Brodey

GLOBE STAFF

There are dynastic brand names, seasoned political hands, outsider wild cards, and one COVID-famous doctor among the dozen leading candidates for Maine governor.

Most of them, Democrats and Republicans alike, can actually claim a legitimate shot to win their party's primary on June 9.

But this isn't any regular race. Maine's ranked-choice voting system is adding layers of unpredictability — and drama — to the contests by pushing candidates to forge alliances in hopes of boxing out rivals and boosting their own chances.

While the political oxygen in Maine lately has been consumed by the riveting US Senate election, the race to succeed outgoing Democratic Governor Janet Mills has, comparatively, flown under the radar.

In some respects, this contest is the more dynamic one, and no less significant in its implications for the future of the state and the current mood of both major parties.

On the Democratic side, there are five top candidates, each with their own distinct appeals: Secretary of State Shenna Bellows; former state Senate leader Troy Jackson; entrepreneur Angus

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'Do you cut off the street for those who depend on it and use it every day, just for the World Cup?'

BOSTON CITY COUNCILOR MINIARD CULPEPPER

## City and state still at odds over Cup crowd control

No agreement on closing part of Summer Street

By Chris Serres and Michael Silverman

GLOBE STAFF

With two weeks until the World Cup kicks off, a clash between Mayor Michelle Wu's administration and state transportation officials over crowd-control plans at a major transit hub remains unresolved, raising fresh concerns about Boston's readiness to host the global

event.

Despite hours of closed-door talks over the past week, city and state transportation officials are in a standoff over when — and for how long — to close down a busy section of Summer Street in front of South Station.

At the MBTA's monthly board meeting Thursday, Phil Eng, the T's general manager and the state's interim transportation secretary, reported that he was confident the dispute would be resolved, but he gave no specifics.

With city and state officials tight-lipped, tens of thousands of World

Cup fans remain in limbo as they seek a clearer picture of traffic and pedestrian plans outside South Station when the Cup kicks off, with the first game at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough slated for June 13. T officials expect as many as 20,000 fans could ride trains for each of the seven games slated in Foxborough.

Two weeks ago, state transportation officials informed City Hall that they intend to take the unusual step of temporarily occupying part of Summer Street — between South Station and Fort Point Channel — and closing it off to vehicle traffic for 10 hours at a time on match days,

according to a May 15 letter from Eng.

But Boston officials said in a statement last week that the plan is an "inappropriate use of eminent domain to bypass the permitting process for roadways under local jurisdiction."

A spokesperson for Wu did not respond this week to multiple requests for comment on the dispute.

The stalemate is the latest in a string of coordination breakdowns and other missteps surrounding Boston's World Cup preparations. It began early this year with a months-

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## R.I.'s pizza secret is out (with the cheese)

Thanks to 'Real Housewives,' the sauce-only pizza chip is having its moment

By Andrea McHugh

GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

It was the pizza chip heard 'round the world — or at least 'round the Bravovessa — when "The Real Housewives of Rhode Island" breakout star Alicia Carmody shared a box of the Ocean State delicacy with castmates on a North Kings-town beach.

For Rhode Islanders, pizza chips are a culinary staple, but for millions of viewers, including just about anyone from Massachusetts, as well as Ashley Iaconetti, one of the cast's few non-Rhode Island natives, the sauce-smothered, cheeseless, room-temperature round of dough was entirely unfamiliar.

"They think it's great, but I'm like, where's the cheese on my pizza, because who wants a pizza without cheese?" asked Iaconetti on episode four. Turns out, plenty of Rhode Islanders do, including Carmody, who staunchly defends the chewy, savory treat she's enjoyed since childhood.

"It's not like a regular pizza," Carmody explained on the show. "It's lighter. People, like, bring it to the beach." The

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Rhode Island bakeries have their own variations. These chips are from LaSalle Bakery in Providence.



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A Massachusetts man set a speed record on Mount Everest, climbing the peak in under 10 hours, his team said. B1.



# Miami Herald

## Florida property tax overhaul could dismantle children's safety net

BY JOHN FACENTI USA Today Network-Florida via Reuters

Voter-approved nonprofit children's services organizations around Florida that provide essential services to children and families — after-school care, sexual abuse

treatment, special needs education and more — are in the crosshairs of Gov. Ron DeSantis' proposal to eliminate property taxes. More than 11 of these councils, trusts and boards in Florida rely on ad valorem property taxes. Removing that funding would devastate the safety net for children and fam-

ilies — and potentially wipe out local nonprofits that rely on the councils and trusts to provide vital services, said Cindy Arenberg Seltzer, the president and CEO of Children's Services Council of Broward County. "The impact on some of these nonprofits would not be 'Oh, my God, we lost

some dollars and this program goes away.' It could actually put a lot of these nonprofit organizations out of business," she said. Sean Boyle, CEO of the Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County, said his organization's revenue from property taxes is just over \$15.3

million, which funds 52 programs preventing child abuse and substance consumption while keeping babies healthy and kids in school. "We are closely monitoring the conversation," Boyle said. "Any significant action regarding property tax policy could impact the programs and

resources that children and families in our community depend on." In Martin County, the Children's Services Council is entirely funded with property taxes, said Laura Haase, the agency's executive director. "Any decision that reduces property taxes has the potential to impact the programs that we fund," she said. Healthy Children programs and Early Learning and Development initiatives including accessible

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Joseph Madera, HOA president of the trailer park and a resident there since 2016, speaks during a protest outside of Miami District 4 Commissioner Ralph Rosado's office on Wednesday at Coral Gate Park. Madera has lived in the neighborhood since 1979.

## 'People have lost everything' Trailer park residents make plea to Miami commissioner

BY TESS RISKI triski@miamiherald.com

With evictions looming for approximately 200 families living at a Miami trailer park, dozens gathered Wednesday to stage a protest outside City Commissioner Ralph Rosado's office in the hopes that the city might intervene — or at least help buy them more time.

With a September deadline to vacate their homes quickly approaching, residents of the Silver Court Trailer Park expressed frustration as they gathered outside Rosado's district office at Coral Gate

Park. The trailer park is inside Rosado's District 4. On March 11, the Silver Court property owner gave residents notice that it would be closing the park in six months. The property is owned by 1989 Sunny Court LLC, which is part of a California-based real estate firm, Marquis Property Company. While many of the residents at the park own their trailers, they rent their lot space at Silver Court. To incentivize residents to leave before September, park ownership offered \$10,000 to those who leave by Sunday;

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Victoria Diaz, who has lived in the Silver Court Trailer Park for 25 years, speaks during the protest on Wednesday. 'I have a deep sense of community, and this is an injustice,' she said.

## In South Florida, English-only driver test leads to repeat failures, higher costs

BY VERA LUCIA PAPPATERRA veralucia.pappaterra@miamiherald.com

For years, driving school instructors in South Florida helped students learn the rules of the road in the language they understood best.

Now, many are teaching something else: how to survive a driver's test in English.

Florida began requiring written and road tests to be administered in English only as of Feb. 6, ending access to written exams in other languages.

Across Miami-Dade, driving-school instructors say the change has turned the path to a license into a longer, more expensive and more stressful process for immigrants and other limited-English speakers who need to drive to work, buy groceries, take children to school and get to appointments.

For students, the written exam can come down to whether they recognize words like "left," "right," "traffic light" or "do not pass," quickly enough on a computer screen.

For instructors, it has created a new question: Are students getting to know the law, or just memorizing the terms they need to know to pass?

At Tri-County Traffic School in Hialeah, examiner and instructor Alina Diaz Massini said the week before the rule took effect showed how urgently people understood what was coming.

"Hundreds of people came to classes the week before Feb. 6," Diaz said. "What does that tell you? That there are many more people out there without a license. They're on the road illegally, endangering themselves and those around them."

Before the rule changed, Diaz said, her classes focused on helping students understand Florida traffic laws, why they matter

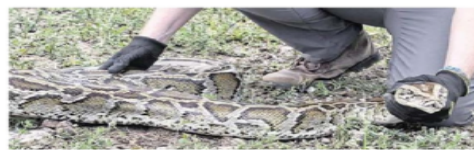
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## An unexpected predator is raiding Burmese python nests in the Everglades

BY SONIA OSORIO Sosorio@tlnnews.com

A scavenger bird could become an ally in South Florida's fight against the spread of invasive Burmese pythons. By feeding on their eggs, it may help slow the reproduction of one of the Everglades' greatest ecological threats. The finding was docu-

mented in the Francis S. Taylor Wildlife Management Area in Broward County during python tracking conducted as part of an ongoing University of Florida radio-telemetry program using scout snakes. Researchers arrived at a python nest to remove the eggs before they hatched and prevent the dispersal



Burmese pythons are considered one of the most destructive species threatening the Everglades ecosystem.

of hatchlings. When they arrived, they observed at least four vultures circling the site and actively feeding on the eggs. The vegetation covering the clutch had been removed, likely by the vultures. Researchers documented at least 17 eggs; three had been displaced from the nest, with only shell fragments remaining.

The remaining 14 eggs stayed inside the nest cavity, all punctured and with their contents exposed or missing, suggesting total or partial consumption by the vultures, according to the case study published in Reptiles and Amphibians, an international journal specializing in herpetology research. "The female python was found submerged in shallow water about 13 yards from the nest. After a closer inspection,

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# Labour plans welfare shake-up as scale of youth jobs crisis revealed

### Milburn warns of lost generation, with million not working or studying

Richard Partington  
Peter Walker

Labour is poised for a fresh attempt at welfare reform after a major government-backed report said youth worklessness was costing Britain more than £125bn a year.

As official figures revealed the number of young people not working or studying had broken through a million for the first time in more than a decade, Alan Milburn said the government had a responsibility to the next generation to take action.

Launching his landmark review of Britain's youth jobs crisis, the former Labour cabinet minister said Keir Starmer's government had shown a renewed desire to overhaul the benefits system as part of changes to tackle soaring youth unemployment and inactivity. "As I've spoken to cabinet

ministers about it, my sense is that there is an appetite to go back into this, and to go back into it in the right way," he said.

Overall unemployment in Britain is now at the highest levels since the outbreak of the Covid pandemic, with young people bearing the brunt as businesses warn of the impact of tax increases and an economic downturn from the Iran war.

The prime minister said Labour was taking action to address the "sobering" findings in Milburn's report by ploughing money into a

"youth guarantee" and funding more work experience and job placements.

Speaking on a visit to a training facility for apprentices in west London yesterday, Starmer acknowledged further steps were required. "Clearly we need to do more," he said.

"We will now work with Alan on what more needs to be done. I'm pleased that some of the measures we've already put in place are coming on train next month."

Labour has faced fierce criticism from opposition leaders and business groups who say its policy decisions

have only added to Britain's crisis in youth jobs, including tax increases and a rising minimum wage.

In the first phase of his review before making final recommendations to the government this autumn, Milburn warned Britain was exposed to £125bn in annual losses from a youth jobs crisis that far outstripped almost any other country in Europe.

The report showed that the lost contribution to the economy and cost to the exchequer from supporting young people through the benefits system was **6** →

## Netanyahu tells army to take 70% of Gaza

Seham Tantesh  
Julian Borger

Benjamin Netanyahu, Israel's prime minister, has said he has given orders to the Israeli army to seize control of 70% of the Gaza Strip, in a move that threatens to torpedo an already fragile ceasefire and create catastrophic humanitarian conditions in the already devastated territory.

Under the US-brokered ceasefire in October, the Israeli army withdrew to a line that gave them direct control of 53% of the occupied territory. Since then, they have steadily advanced westward into the Hamas-controlled part of the strip, and declared an expanding no man's land west of that, within which they claim the right to decide who can enter and to open fire on anyone perceived as a threat.

In recent days, Israeli-backed armed militias have taken a leading role in emptying the territory along the ceasefire line, telling residents to vacate their homes or shelters.

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## Sinner wilts in the heat at French Open

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## Blair is out of touch, say PM and Burnham

Peter Walker  
Senior political correspondent

Keir Starmer has dismissed Tony Blair's argument that his government is on the wrong track, saying he is implementing the policies needed for today, not for the very different situation faced by Blair in 1997.

"You won't be surprised to know that I don't agree with much that Tony says about what the government is doing," the prime minister said during a visit to an apprentice training centre in west London.

Andy Burnham, the Greater Manchester mayor, who was also criticised by Blair, said the former prime minister's analysis was undermined by the "gaping omission" of not acknowledging the impact of falling living standards.

In a lengthy essay published on Tuesday, Blair said the government had abandoned the centre ground and was putting Labour's future at risk. He also argued there was a lack of coherent arguments from those, such as Burnham, **9** →

