

## What's News

### Business & Finance

- ◆ **Investors in Blackstone's** flagship private-credit fund asked to redeem 10% of their shares in the second quarter and the firm has capped payouts at 5%, reversing an earlier no-ceiling policy. **B1**
- ◆ **Healthcare and financial** stocks helped lift the Dow by 1.7% to a record, exceeding the S&P 500's 0.4% session gain, while the Nasdaq slipped less than 0.1%. **B8**
- ◆ **The largest U.S. banks** plan to launch a tokenized deposit network next year in an attempt to stave off threats from crypto companies that are seeking to wade deeper into their territory. **B1**
- ◆ **Anthropic called for** top AI labs to weigh slowing the pace of development, noting that systems advances are coming so fast that they may soon be able to improve themselves in ways that could pose significant societal risks. **B1**
- ◆ **Meta Platforms has** delayed plans to release its newest AI model to developers multiple times and until this week didn't have a planned date to let it go. **B1**
- ◆ **Short seller Andrew Left's** conviction on securities-fraud charges shocked a niche of the stock market whose calling card is its ability to affect stock prices. **A1**
- ◆ **Lex Greensill, the** financier whose lending firm collapsed in 2021, was banned by U.K. regulators from serving on company boards. **B8**
- ◆ **Nick Bilton, the** new executive producer of "60 Minutes," attempted to ease the tension after a chaotic week for the CBS program, naming a new senior producer. **B2**

### Worldwide

- ◆ **The FDA launched** a safety study of the abortion pill, also known as mifepristone, a step that could eventually lead the Trump administration to restrict how it is distributed and used. **A1**
- ◆ **Republican senators** facing tough re-election fights sided with Democrats in a vote to kill Trump's \$1.8 billion "anti-weapons" fund, but the effort to write its details into law appeared set to fail. **A4**
- ◆ **The Justice Department** signaled a willingness to find a route to pay allies of the president who claim the government targeted them for political reasons. **A4**
- ◆ **Trump said he plans** to nominate as attorney general Todd Blanche, who as acting AG has refocused the Justice Department to benefit the president's allies and target his critics. **A4**
- ◆ **John Bolton, who** served as Trump's national security adviser in his first term, reached a deal with prosecutors to plead guilty to unlawfully retaining classified information. **A3**
- ◆ **Senior U.S. officials** have discussed having the federal government take stakes in major AI companies, after OpenAI CEO Sam Altman pitched the idea last year. **A3**
- ◆ **Israel and Hezbollah** militants exchanged fire Thursday and cast doubt on the extent of their participation in a renewed ceasefire agreement. **A6**
- ◆ **Ukraine's Zelensky** called for face-to-face negotiations in a public letter addressed directly to Russia's Putin. **A16**
- ◆ **Died: Marjane Satrapi,** 56, cartoonist and filmmaker. **A16**

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## China Clamps Down on Tiananmen Anniversary



**CONTAINMENT POLICY:** Police escort activist Lui Yuk-lin as she prays in Hong Kong on the 37th anniversary of the crackdown on pro-democracy protests in Beijing. Police in the capital told families not to visit graves of those killed in the 1989 protests.

## Apple Hopes for AI Dominance By Fixing Its Maligned Chatbot

If iPhone maker can modernize Siri, it has pole position for taking lead in market

By ROLFE WINKLER

Siri is one of the dumbest chatbots on the market. Apple hopes a reboot can power its AI comeback. When Apple stages its annual developer conference next week, the big reveal is expected to be a modern version of Siri that will look more like ChatGPT. Gone will be the

old version, which has been so limited for so long that many people, if they ever use it, do so only for basic functions like setting timers. The new Siri, built atop Google's Gemini technology, is expected to offer a more modern search experience, remembering users' queries and accessing data from their device for personalized responses. A new stand-alone Siri app with a paid tier, similar to competing artificial intelligence apps, is also expected. The question is whether the new Siri, and other operating system updates, set Apple on

a path to bring generative AI to the masses, harnessing the company's formidable assets that, paradoxically, give it pole position to dominate the market even though it is years behind rivals. "I think Apple is going to win on AI," said Ron Johnson, Apple's former retail chief under Steve Jobs. "The phone is the primary device on which people will use AI. And Apple is partnering with the right people to bring a unique AI experience to the phone." Tim Cook leveraged Apple's dominance in devices to make his company a tollbooth: tens

of billions of dollars in annual fees from apps so they can reach consumers, and a like amount from Alphabet's Google to be the default search in the Safari browser. A smarter Siri could collect new tolls at the on-ramp to AI. Today most consumers have only experienced AI as a more sophisticated online search. But the explosion of Anthropic's business, powered by AI, has put it in a position to challenge Google's dominance in AI. **U.S. discusses taking stakes in AI companies... A3**  
**Meta keeps delaying newest AI model... B1**

## FDA Plans to Assess Abortion-Pill Safety

By LIZ ESSLY WHYTE

WASHINGTON—The Food and Drug Administration has launched a safety study of the abortion pill, also known as mifepristone, a step that could pave the way for the Trump administration to restrict how it is distributed and used. The study marks a victory for antiabortion groups and Republican members of Congress, who have demanded action from the administration to crack down on the pill's use. In recent months, antiabortion allies had lost patience with assurances from administration officials that one would be conducted. The effort is expected to take about six months, admin-

istration officials said, meaning it likely won't be completed before the midterm elections. Some in the antiabortion movement had previously accused the administration of dragging its feet on the review to avoid political controversy before the elections. An allegation that both the White House and FDA had denied. Some of the administration officials said the agency had been making preparations by acquiring data and examining whether a study was feasible. They said the administration had kicked the study into high gear because of conversations with antiabortion groups and a coming October deadline, set by a Louisiana judge this year. **Please turn to page A4**

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After a pandemic boom, sellers are slashing prices on country homes in England. **M1**

**SPORTS**  
Jalen Brunson helps deliver comeback for the New York Knicks. **A10**

## Canceled Statues Stage a Comeback

Columbus, Confederate monuments relegated to storage get another look

By CAMERON McWHIRTER

COLUMBUS, Ohio—The statue wars that swept away monuments six years ago are back. This time, the battle is to restore them. Traditionalists are suing and lobbying local governments to resurrect memorials to Confederate generals, Founding Fathers and European explorers. Many of the statues disappeared from town squares and other public places during the pandemic-era protests against police violence and racism

following George Floyd's murder in 2020. Ohio's capital, named for Christopher Columbus, took down a 22-foot-high, 3-ton statue of its namesake from City Hall that year. Officials declared the gift from sister city Genoa, Italy, had come to represent "patriarchy, oppression and divisiveness." "We will no longer live in the shadow of our ugly past," Mayor Andrew Ginther, a Democrat, said at the time. Columbus's detractors tie the Italian explorer to **Please turn to page A7**

## Scientists Are Taking Improv So People Will Trust Them More

What does it look like when physicists and engineers do comedy? We sat in on a class.

By PETER LOFTUS

ALBANY, N.Y.—Neuroscientist Annalisa Scimemi is in her element at her laboratory, where she works with mice and sophisticated instruments to better understand brain cells. So she was well outside of her comfort zone on this May afternoon when she had to improvise a pitch for a made-up, nonsensical product called a "hammer humidifier." It was part of an improv exercise aimed at helping scientists amp up their presentations. **Please turn to page A7**

"It's the top-rated humidifier in Arizona!" Scimemi exclaimed as she leapt forward, earning a big laugh from a classroom full of colleagues. "And it can be used for self-defense!" Trust in science has plummeted. Can improv turn the tide? Scimemi is one of more than 35,000 scientists and researchers who have taken classes led by professional actors to help them earn their audiences' trust and understanding. **Please turn to page A7**

## Short-Seller Conviction Sparks Investor Alarm

By DAVE MICHAELS AND PETER RUDEGEAR

Many of the loudest voices on Wall Street belong to investors who talk their own books. An unexpected trial verdict could keep many of them quiet. Short seller Andrew Left's conviction this week on securities-fraud charges has shocked an influential niche of the stock market whose calling card is its ability to affect stock prices. Activist short sellers release reports on companies that they say are overvalued or hiding information from shareholders, then cash in on the selloffs their ideas sometimes induce. But federal prosecutors argued that Left corrupted the

business model by scheming to trade quickly around his statements on social media, where he had a huge following. He misled others by starting to exit a trade minutes or hours after saying he was betting against a stock, in effect doing the opposite of what others expected him to do, prosecutors said. They didn't stop there. Prosecutors also persuaded a jury to convict Left on charges related to long positions in stocks including Nvidia that he said others should buy but then quickly exited after the stocks' prices rose. Wall Street is now wondering how much short sellers—and even the much larger group of investors who tout stocks as good buys—can say **Please turn to page A2**

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# USA TODAY WEEKEND

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## He-Man actor: Role is more than brawn

Nicholas Galitzine says embracing character's empathy as well as strength was necessary. **In Life**

## NCAA searches for solutions in Senate

Coach, player and others on Hill weigh in on bill meant to fix what senator calls "chaos." **In Sports**



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## Elevate your home with expert advice

Interior designers offer tips on quilts, left, tween spaces and guest rooms. **In Weekend Extra**



U.S. troops land on Utah Beach as Allied forces storm the Normandy beaches on D-Day, June 6, 1944. IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM VIA AFP/GETTY IMAGES

## How crucial was weather to success of D-Day?

Fate of war – and world – hinged on one forecast

Doyle Rice  
USA TODAY

To go or not to go?  
June 2026 marks 82 years since Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's chief meteorologist, Group Capt. James Martin Stagg, made one of the most important weather forecasts of all time. Defying his colleagues, he advised Ike to postpone the invasion of Normandy by one day from June 5, 1944, to June 6, because of uncertain weather conditions.

This important decision is the subject of the new movie "Pressure" starring Brendan Fraser as Ike, now out in theaters. The real-life D-Day was a herculean effort to reclaim a critical part of Europe from the Nazis and turn the tide of World War II.

Stagg – who was actually a geophysicist by training – and his fellow British and American meteorologists were operating without any of the technology and equipment that today's forecasters take for granted, such as satellites, weather radar, computer modeling and instant communications.

Relying mainly on surface observations from military and civilian weather observers in the British Isles and in western Europe and a few military observers at sea, predicting the weather more than a day or two in advance in that era was unrealistic.

Additionally, weather prediction in England and Europe – especially before the advent of satellites – was much trickier than forecasting in the United States. In America, even in that era, weather systems could be tracked for days after hitting the West Coast and moving east, while European forecasters were often operating "blind" with the empty ocean to the west.

Predicting the exact timing, track and strength of these storms put Group Capt. Stagg and his colleagues under almost unimaginable pressure and conflict, according to the book "The Forecast for D-Day," with the fate of the war and perhaps the world hanging in the balance.

What troubled the meteorologists in the days leading up to D-Day was a parade of storms that barreled across the Atlantic and into the British Isles, any one of which would have stirred up the dangerous waters of the English Channel where the fleet was gathering, and provided unwelcome cloud cover for the aerial assault of Normandy.

The invasion was originally

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## We still love animals, but owners are forced to make tough choices



Olivia Sablan, of Seattle, says she would cut back on other costs, if needed, to care for her golden retriever, Lemon. Sablan currently spends about \$119 a month on Lemon's care. PROVIDED BY OLIVIA SABLAN

## Surging costs bite into pet adoptions

Betty Lin-Fisher  
USA TODAY

Olivia Sablan would do anything for her 3-year-old golden retriever, Lemon, including cutting other parts of her budget. "She's my whole world," says Sablan, 27, a postdoctoral student in Seattle studying atmospheric science. Sablan rescued and adopted Lemon when the pup was 10 months old. But pets aren't cheap: Pet ownership is increasingly becoming more expensive, a new Bank of America Institute analysis finds. As costs, including veterinary care, go up, there has been a pullback on pet adoption rates and pet ownership, which may signal that affordability is playing a larger role among animal lovers, the Bank of America Institute said.

The U.S. pet market is still steadily growing, though at a slower pace, with 95 million households – around 71% of Americans – owning a pet. Spending for pets hit \$158 billion in 2025, according to the National Pet Owners Survey by the American Pet Products Association, cited in the Bank of America analysis.

Dog ownership is ahead of other pets at 68%, according to a survey from CivicScience. Cats were the second-most popular pet at 46%, while ownership of fish, birds and small mammals was

less common. "Pet ownership is strong, but as is the case for many other facets of people's budgets, the cost of caring for pets is rising," Taylor Bowley, a Bank of America Institute economist, told USA TODAY. Affordability constraints are increasingly shaping whether consumers are adding a pet to their household or how they shop for that pet, Bowley says.

Bank of America global research found that pet adoptions

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## Trump suffers series of setbacks

Bad news comes ahead of June 14 celebrations

Joey Garrison  
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON – The White House is all prepped for Donald Trump's big night, when 5,000 guests are set to attend a UFC cage fight in a makeshift arena that has made the South Lawn look much like a theme park.

But the president might have to ignore recent events to enjoy the June 14 celebration, which happens to fall on his 80th birthday.

A series of setbacks with Republicans in Congress, the courts and drawn-out negotiations with Iran – plus a rare loss for a candidate he backed in a Republican primary – has plagued a president who was already struggling in polls five months from the November midterm elections.



Domestic policy disappointments and stalling negotiations with Iran have beset President Donald Trump. KEVIN DIETSCH/GETTY IMAGES

Senate Republicans stripped \$1 billion out of a funding bill the White House sought to boost security for Trump's East Wing ballroom. Amid intense bipartisan pushback, the Trump administration retreated from a \$1.8 billion "anti-weaponization" fund that could be used to funnel payments to political allies, including Jan. 6 rioters. A federal judge ordered the removal of Trump's name from the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts while also blocking his plans to temporarily close an iconic institution he wanted to remodel to his liking.

And on the foreign policy front, Trump keeps teasing he's close to striking a deal with Iran that would end a war that has fueled high gas prices – only to have peace talks stall. In a rebuke of Trump, the House of Representatives for the first time voted June 3 to block Trump from ordering further strikes on Iran as four Republicans joined Democrats, advancing the measure to the Senate.

"They involve self-inflicted wounds on the president's part," said Todd Belt, director of the political management program at George Washington University, calling the conflict in Iran a "war of choice." He added that the anti-weaponization fund and public dollars tied to the ballroom were "bridges too far" for Republican senators in self-survival mode as they look to maintain control of the Senate.

"They don't like to have to defend him on things they feel are not particularly defensible, like this one," Belt said, referring to the \$1.8 billion fund was designed to compensate Trump's supporters who claimed they were treated unfairly by Democratic administrations. "He's gone too far and made mistakes."

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## How Russia entraps teenagers to sow chaos

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## What will Labour do if Burnham loses?

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## World Cup Stakes high for betting giants

Vancouver's Science World is transformed into a 40-metre replica of a football as Canada prepares for the start of North America's Fifa World Cup next Thursday.

This year's tournament is the first to take place since prediction-market operators such as Polymarket and Kalshi started competing with online betting companies.

The rapidly expanding popularity of the platforms, which bypass US state-level sports gambling bans because they are deemed derivatives markets, is placing traditional gambling companies under pressure.

Bets on the winner of the World Cup are already among the largest on record for prediction markets, with the total value of contracts bought and sold on the victor hitting almost \$1.5bn on Polymarket so far.

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Jennifer Gauthier/Reuters

### Briefing

**Broadcom sets off rout in semiconductor stocks**  
The chip giant has shed \$300bn in one of Wall Street's biggest ever single-day drops in market value after its AI revenue projection fell short of bullish forecasts, igniting a wider sell-off in semiconductor stocks. — PAGE 6, LEX, PAGE 18

**Nato cutback upsets allies**  
European allies are seeking clarification from Washington on plans to remove military assets from Nato's rapid response force, raising fears over their capacity to deter Russian aggression. — PAGE 2

**KPMG comes under fire**  
The Big Four firm's global leaders repeatedly refused to investigate concerns raised by a whistleblower in its Australian business, a failure that risks widening a crisis that drove two bosses to quit. — PAGE 8

**Energy prices 'shielded'**  
A steep fall in oil import demand from China is becoming one of the main reasons the world is not suffering a greater energy crisis as the war in the Middle East nears its 100th day, traders say. — PAGE 4

**Law firm enlists Palantir**  
Kirkland & Ellis has agreed a multi-year deal with Palantir to develop AI technology to help it advise private equity groups on raising money from investors such as pension funds. — PAGE 9

**ECB rate rise case backed**  
A peace deal between the US and Iran before next week's European Central Bank meeting would not derail the case for raising interest rates, Belgium's central bank governor has said. — PAGE 4

**AID fosters Moscow links**  
A senior Alternative for Germany official has met Gazprom's boss and another confidant of Vladimir Putin, in some of the highest-level meetings since the full invasion of Ukraine. — PAGE 2, BILAL SAAD, PAGE 17

**Tax migration declines**  
The number of rich people who have moved their tax jurisdiction or are planning to do so has halved after political and economic shocks driving relocations have faded, research has found. — PAGE 6

# AI revenues must surge 100-fold for SpaceX to achieve \$1.78tn valuation

Goldman projections back IPO pitch • Musk aims to raise \$86bn • Doubts persist over Grok models

GEORGE STEER AND JAMES FONTANELLA-KHAN — NEW YORK  
STEPHEN MORRIS — LONDON

SpaceX's pitch to achieve a \$1.78tn valuation in its initial public offering hinges on revenues at its AI division surging by around 100 times by 2030, according to projections made by its lead investment bank Goldman Sachs.

As the rocket maker's IPO roadshow kicked off yesterday, Goldman told a potential investor in the listing that it expected revenues from SpaceX's AI unit to rise from \$3.2bn in 2025 to \$322bn by the end of the decade. Total revenues are expected to reach \$474bn in 2030, from \$18.7bn last year.

Elon Musk's company said it was seeking to raise up to \$86bn in the IPO, which it planned to spend expanding its

AI infrastructure, followed by developing space launch vehicles and building its Starlink satellite internet constellation. The company has identified AI as its largest market, but its push into the technology requires vast investment.

Goldman's lofty projections underscore the aggressive bets underpinning the AI investment boom by Big Tech

firms that has propelled the US stock market to a series of record highs.

The valuation of Musk's rockets-to-chatbot group rests on an assumption that its AI division xAI, which made a loss of \$6.4bn in 2025, has a total addressable market of \$26.5tn, SpaceX's IPO prospectus shows. That dwarfs the roughly \$2tn total addressable market outlined for the group's Starlink internet service and space operations.

Goldman's projections show that the bank expects revenues at SpaceX's AI segment to rise 388 per cent to \$15.6bn in 2026 compared with the prior year and reach \$34.5bn in 2027.

The estimates were confirmed by a person familiar with the matter. SpaceX did not respond to a request for comment, while Goldman declined.

Goldman is expecting SpaceX's revenue from its Starlink satellite internet service to be \$14.4bn in 2030, less than half of that generated by the AI unit. The bank forecasts SpaceX's rocket division to generate \$28.3bn in revenue in 2030, up from \$4.1bn last year. The bank also forecasts that SpaceX's overall adjusted earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation will surge from \$6.6bn in 2025 to \$552bn in 2030.

SpaceX generated negative free cash flow of \$13.8bn last year. Goldman expects the company to swing to positive free cash flow of \$72bn in 2031.

For the AI group forecasts to be justified, SpaceX's Grok family of models would have to surpass more advanced labs, including Anthropic, Google and OpenAI in the critical fields of coding,

cyber security, agents and chatbots.

However, the unit formerly known as xAI has been hamstrung by constant upsurge — Musk pushed out all 10 of his co-founders within two years — and has delivered subpar performance, leaving it with only a fraction of the subscriptions needed to generate revenues.

Musk has also rented out the Colossus 1 data centre to rival Anthropic as the 300-megawatt facility in Memphis, Tennessee, was underutilised. Institutional investors are being pitched on a longer-term vision that includes orbital AI data centres, asteroid mining and eventually passenger transport to the Moon and Mars.

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Flotatun shows how Musk's real genius lies in making myths

Richard Waters  
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## Russia menaces Armenia's voters ahead of elections

In the run-up to parliamentary polls in Armenia this weekend Russia, the traditional patron of the landlocked nation of 3m, has introduced a series of import bans on agricultural goods.

The apparent purpose is to emphasise to Yerevan's pro-western government, and its voters, the importance of close trade ties with Russia. "Everything that they're doing, everything that they're saying has just one aim: to scare the Armenian voter," a key think-tank said.

Thorn in the side — PAGE 2

## Blackstone caps withdrawals from key fund as pressure rises on private credit

ERIC PLATT — NEW YORK

Blackstone has restricted withdrawals from its flagship private credit fund for the first time after redemption requests surged to \$4.5bn in the second quarter, in a sign of the mounting pressure on the asset class.

The world's largest private investment group said investors in the \$45bn Blackstone Private Credit Fund, known as Bred, attempted to withdraw 10 per cent of the fund's net assets in the period. The fund granted redemption requests of 5 per cent of its value.

For the first time, Blackstone relied on a mechanism that lets it curb money withdrawals, following rivals such as Apollo Global Management, BlackRock, KKR and Ares Management, which capped redemptions this year.

Blackstone said the fund's structure is

a "fundamental feature, with investors exchanging some liquidity at times for long-term outperformance". The firm pointed to Bred's 9.3 per cent annualised return since its launch.

The New York-headquartered group also said that redemption requests "decelerated" in the second half of May, a signal that outflows from semi-liquid funds could be reaching a peak.

Shares of Blackstone rallied 8 per cent in early trading yesterday.

The exodus from private credit has nonetheless shaken the alternative investment industry, which had tethered its growth to a massive influx of capital from Main Street investors.

Wealth and retail investors have grown wary as rapid advances in AI raised questions over the prospects of private equity-backed enterprise software companies, many of which have

been financed by private credit groups.

Swiss-listed Partners Group is also preparing to cap withdrawals at its flagship US private equity fund for wealthy individuals, a day after gating its European equivalent. Earlier this week another very large private credit fund run by investment group Cliffwater told investors that redemption requests had surged to 17 per cent in the quarter.

Blackstone last month said "heightened press and market attention around private credit, as well as concerns about decelerating performance" had driven the uptick in redemptions. It added that new investments in Bred were "likely to continue to be negatively impacted".

Disclosures show commitments to the fund have dropped to about \$350m in a month in April and May, off 70 per cent from its average monthly haul in 2025. Partners Group gates US fund page 8

### World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				GOVERNMENT BONDS						
	Jun 04	Prev	%Chg	Pair	Jun 04	Prev	%Chg	Yield (%)	Jun 04	Prev	Chg			
S&P 500	7383.31	7353.88	0.39	EUR	1.183	1.181	0.18	0.86	0.96	0.52	0.01			
Nasdaq Composite	26767.02	26853.98	-0.32	GBP	1.344	1.343	0.07	0.74	0.74	4.46	-0.04			
Dow Jones Ind	51587.98	50887.07	1.39	CHF	0.885	0.885	0.00	1.15	1.15	4.88	-0.02			
Euro Stoxx 50	6103.33	6053.57	0.82	HKD	186.000	186.825	-0.44	0.00	0.00	4.32	-0.04			
FTSE 100	10360.32	10332.30	0.27	INR	215.088	214.680	0.19	85.00	85.00	6.69	-0.04			
FTSE All-Share	5576.71	5560.48	0.29	JPY	0.917	0.918	-0.11	0.00	1.92	5.68	-0.02			
CAC 40	8244.29	8170.42	0.91	USD 2 Yr						1.37	1.36	0.01		
Hang Seng	25253.40	25633.21	-1.48	USD 3 Yr						2.80	2.58	0.02		
MSCI World	4870.00	4854.00	0.43	USD 5 Yr						4.64	4.59	0.05		
MSCI EM	1786.00	1806.70	-1.15	Bitcoin	63812.32	66028.04	-3.36				4.70	4.62	0.08	
MSCI ACWI	1131.86	1138.40	-0.58	Ethereum	1773.60	1835.41	-3.25				2.85	2.86	-0.01	
				COMMODITIES										
				Oil WTI	80.29	80.02	0.34							
				Oil Brent	95.30	93.04	2.44							
				Gold \$	2477.85	2442.05	1.43							

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They only really came to try something new. Paul wanted to celebrate their anniversary in style. And though they saw much they'd never seen before, from the deafening engines to the dazzling fashion, it was a song they hadn't heard since their wedding that set their hearts racing the fastest.

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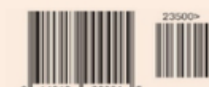
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Children in Cumaná, Venezuela, with containers after filling them at a stream. Access to drinking water is severely limited in the city.

## Once a Jewel of Venezuelan Industry, Now a Broken-Down Shell

**By SIMON ROMERO**  
CUMANÁ, Venezuela — Drinking water in Cumaná is running extremely low. Daily blackouts plague the city. Wind howls through the looted remains of its once illustrious university. Scavengers sift through garbage dumps for scraps of food.

Much of Cumaná, a city in eastern Venezuela once a crown jewel of the country's industrial base, has the air of a battle-scarred war zone.

### Far From Caracas's Oil Riches, Combining a Dump for Food

In May, I drove across eastern Venezuela, a dawn-to-dusk trip through more than 20 military and police checkpoints, to see living conditions outside the capital firsthand.

In Ukraine they're always talking about? said José Luis Sánchez, 56, the president of Cumaná's Association of Economists, a business group. With a hint of gallows humor, he added, "Sometimes we say our city looks like Kyiv."

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## Study Suggests Path to Prevent Lung Cancer

**By NINA AGRAWAL**  
Scientists have made a discovery that may help prevent some people from developing lung cancer, which kills more people worldwide than any other cancer.



Victor Wembanyama shook hands with all the Salesian Sisters before Game 1 of the N.B.A. finals.

## Spike Who? San Antonio Has Its Own Faithful.

**By MIRIN FADER**  
The Athletic  
The Sisters stood inside the tunnel, waiting for the San Antonio Spurs players to emerge from the locker room.

### Nuns Bring Basketball to Their Ministry

warm up. He walked slowly toward the women, the Salesian Sisters of St. John Bosco, West Province, known formally as the Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians.

word or two as he passed through the tunnel. Instead, he took his time to shake hands with all nine Sisters, pausing and cupping his large hands over theirs, a beat longer than any of them expected.

**THE NOVA KNICKS** A brotherhood that was forged in college is paying off at the pro level. PAGE B6

## G.O.P. Lawmakers Test Trump's Grip on Party

### Push Back on War and \$1.8 Billion Fund

**By KATIE ROGERS**  
WASHINGTON — On a tour through Asia last fall, President Trump took a moment on the world stage to celebrate a legislative victory at home: After months of iron-fisted pressure, he had compelled Republicans to pass legislation that cut taxes and slashed into the country's social safety net.

that he wasn't quite sure if the fund was dead or on hold. "I love it," he told a reporter who asked about the pot of money, effectively jamming his foot in the way of a door lawmakers had hoped to close.



Salwan Georges for the New York Times

On Wednesday, four House Republicans sided with Democrats to demand Mr. Trump withdraw U.S. forces from the conflict with Iran or win approval from Congress.

That came on the heels of another high-profile setback: a Republican revolt against a \$1.8 billion fund to reward Trump supporters who claim political persecution by their opponents.

(But on Wednesday, just as the Senate moved to debate an immigration bill that they had held up because of the fund, Mr. Trump told reporters in the Oval Office

President Trump's unilateral approach has raised hackles. view on Wednesday that he did not believe Mr. Pulte "has a prayer" of being confirmed by the Senate.

He said that Mr. Trump's decision to appoint Mr. Pulte had jeopardized congressional efforts

## Bolton to Plead To Mishandling Classified Files

**By DEVLIN BARRETT and MICHAEL S. SCHMIDT**  
WASHINGTON — John R. Bolton, a national security adviser to President Trump in his first term, has reached a tentative deal with prosecutors to plead guilty to mishandling classified information when he compiled notes for a book that was harshly critical of the president.

## Behind Scenes, SpaceX's No. 2 Is Foil to Musk

**By RYAN MAC**  
LOS ANGELES — Elon Musk, the chief executive of SpaceX, has dined with President Trump at the White House, lost a flashy trial where he testified against his rival Sam Altman and accompanied Mr. Trump to China for a major diplomatic summit.

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## Donors to ballroom are raking in contracts

Critics say Trump's refusal to release full list seeds potential corruption

BY JONATHAN EDWARDS

More than half of the publicly identified donors to President Donald Trump's White House ballroom project have won new or expanded federal contracts worth more than \$50 billion during the past six months, according to a report released Thursday by a government watchdog group.

Fourteen of the 27 known corporate donors to the \$400 million project, which would replace the East Wing that Trump demolished in October, have seen their government business grow in that window, according to the report from Public Citizen, a nonprofit. Most of those same companies are also facing federal enforcement actions over alleged wrongdoing or have had such actions suspended by the Trump administration since the start of Trump's second term, the nonprofit found.

The donors have sprawling interests that touch nearly every aspect of American life, including defense contracting, technology and energy. Trump has repeatedly touted the gifts as a boon to taxpayers, but critics of the project say the administration's refusal to release a full list of donors creates the potential for corruption.

"These giant corporations aren't funding the Trump ballroom fiasco out of the goodness of their hearts," said Jon Golinger, a public policy advocate at Public Citizen and an author of the report. "SEE DONORS ON A6"

## A place to reflect



ALLISON ROBERT/FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Water starts to flow into the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool on Thursday, after it was painted blue at the urging of President Donald Trump. A Washington-area nonprofit had sued over the project.

## Payout fund still in the mix

### GOP BEATS BACK A PUSH TO BLOCK IT

Effort tied to funding for immigration enforcement

BY THEODORE MEYER AND JARRELL DEVLAR

The Senate rejected an initial effort Thursday to bar the Trump administration from creating a controversial fund to compensate people who claim they were wrongfully prosecuted or investigated.

Republican Sens. Susan Collins (Maine), Jon Husted (Ohio) and Dan Sullivan (Alaska) joined Democrats in voting for the amendment, which failed 50-49. Sen. Michael Bennet (D-Colorado) did not vote.

The vote was the first of several expected attempts to amend legislation that Republicans are seeking to pass Thursday to fund federal immigration enforcement agencies — as a way to guarantee that the Trump administration cannot set up such a payout fund. The administration's decision

to create the payout fund last month triggered a rare Republican revolt, derailing the party's effort to pass legislation to fund immigration enforcement agencies by June 1. Some Senate Republicans said they feared the fund could be used to compensate people convicted of attacking the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, and they refused to advance the bill until the administration addressed their concerns.

Todd Blanche, the acting attorney general, tried to quell those concerns Tuesday in testimony before the House Appropriations Committee, saying the administration had abandoned its plans to set up the fund. But President Donald Trump himself has not said the fund is dead, telling reporters on Wednesday that he was unsure of its fate.

"Republicans are trusting the word of Todd Blanche, who built a career on lying, that the administration will just drop this slush fund," Senate Minority Leader Charles E. Schumer (D-New York) said Thursday on the Senate floor ahead of the planned vote.

The amendment votes are politically uncomfortable for many

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## Trump says he'll seek full AG term for Blanche

The president's former lawyer could face a tough confirmation battle

BY JEREMY ROEBUCK AND PERRY STEIN

President Donald Trump said he planned to nominate acting attorney general Todd Blanche for a full term as the nation's chief law enforcement officer, signaling confidence in his former personal defense lawyer's leadership of a department over which the president has sought to exert unprecedented control.

Trump announced his intention to move forward with the nomination at a White House dinner Wednesday evening, according to a video of the president's remarks posted to social media by Deputy White House Chief of Staff Dan Scavino.

"We are going to make him

permanent attorney general," Trump said. He added that his staff would take steps to initiate the process by Thursday.

Blanche, a Trump loyalist who has held the job on a temporary basis since Trump fired Attorney General Pam Bondi this year, said during an unrelated news conference Thursday in Ohio that he was "honored and humbled" by the president's comments.

The president's decision to back Blanche for a permanent term will kick off a Senate confirmation process likely to face tough headwinds.

Some Republican senators have already expressed hesitation about supporting him for the job, raising questions about recent comments in which he believed he appeared to excuse violence committed during the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol.

More recently, Blanche faced open revolt from some portions of the Republican caucus in the Senate as he unsuccessfully sought to

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## Bolton expected to plead guilty in security case

BY KATIE METTLER, PERRY STEIN AND JEREMY ROEBUCK

John Bolton, a former national security adviser turned outspoken critic of President Donald Trump, is expected to plead guilty in a case involving his alleged mishandling of classified materials.

Ex-Trump adviser could face up to five years in prison

Bolton pleaded not guilty in the case in October. A change-of-plea hearing is scheduled for

June 26 before U.S. District Judge Theodore D. Chuang, according to a spokesperson for the U.S. attorney's office in Maryland. The spokesperson declined to comment further.

Bolton plans to plead guilty to one count of retention of national defense information and has agreed to pay a fine of \$2.25 million, according to a person

familiar with the matter, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss an agreement that has not been made public.

Under the agreement, Bolton could face anywhere from no time behind bars to five years in prison, the person said. Had Bolton taken his case to trial and lost, he could have faced up to 10 years

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## Orchestra season at risk with its budget in limbo

Kennedy Center hasn't approved funds, putting artists months behind

BY JONATHAN EDWARDS

The National Symphony Orchestra's upcoming season is in jeopardy because the Kennedy Center has not approved its budget, according to officials familiar with the situation, depriving the ensemble of the money it needs to book venues and soloists, announce its season and sell subscriptions.

More than three months after the Kennedy Center's board of trustees typically signs off on the NSO's budget, the orchestra's leaders are still waiting — and still don't know whether their home venue will be available next

season, according to six current and former officials, who like others in this article spoke on the condition of anonymity out of fear of reprisal.

The budget impasse is the latest crisis to befall the NSO since President Donald Trump took over the Kennedy Center in February 2025, ousting its longtime president, installing loyalists and eventually announcing he would shutter the building for two years to make about \$250 million in renovations.

The orchestra's budgeting process, which usually begins in late fall, was scrambled on Feb. 1 when Trump announced the venue would close. Kennedy Center leaders at the time told their NSO counterparts the center would continue funding the orchestra

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### 'Albania is not for sale'

Thousands of Albanians are protesting a resort planned for the Mediterranean coastline and backed by President Donald Trump's daughter Ivanka Trump and her husband, Jared Kushner. Story, A18

## Sweltering conditions to hit D.C. soon

BY BEN NOLL

A relatively cool start to June is about to warm up as a bubble of locally record-breaking heat expands from New England to the Mid-Atlantic into the weekend. Some places near and south of D.C. can expect 90-degree temperatures for at least three straight days.

That's a sharp change from earlier in the week. On Monday — the first day of meteorological summer — it reached only 58 degrees in Boston and 71 degrees in New York.

On Thursday, high temperatures reached well into the 80s to near 90 across the Northeast and will surge into the 90s on Friday and Saturday — especially in the stretch from the nation's capital to New York.

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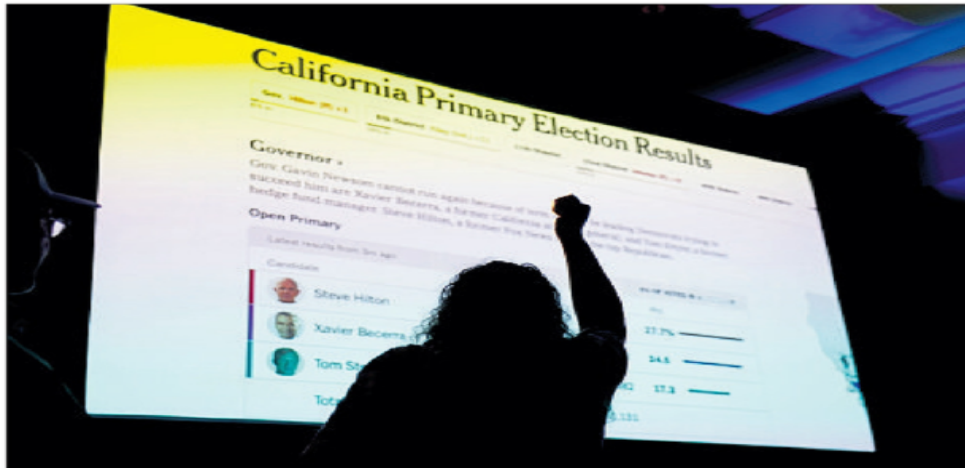
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ADDITIONAL vote counts have narrowed GOP gubernatorial candidate Steve Hilton's lead over Democrats.

## State Bar charges DTLA attorneys

Lawyers accused of finding clients outside California where they were not licensed.

BY REBECCA ELLIS

The State Bar of California has charged the partners of Downtown LA Law Group, a law firm at the center of a scandal that has consumed Los Angeles County's \$4-billion sex abuse settlement, with signing up clients in states where they had no license to practice.

The bar charged Farid Yaghoubi and Daniel Azizi, two founding partners of the personal injury firm, and Igor Fradkin, a litigation attorney, on Monday with signing up accident victims across the U.S., despite having no attorneys who could litigate the cases outside California. The firm took on clients in Texas, Florida, Maryland, Arizona, Iowa, Michigan, Tennessee and Virginia, according to the complaint.

Downtown LA Law Group, or DTLA, said in a statement that the cases highlighted by the bar "are multi-jurisdiction with California defendants."

"DTLA is confident they will be able to resolve the matter to the satisfaction of both the State Bar and our law firm," the firm said.

Yaghoubi faces 16 counts, including practicing law without a license, charging illegal fees, and continuing to represent a client who had fired the firm. Azizi faces 11 counts and Fradkin faces four.

"The public depends on attorneys to follow the law and to be transparent about where they are authorized to practice," said George Cardona, the State Bar's chief [See DTLA, A8]

## Clock ticking for CBS News

With new season nearing, '60 Minutes' is in turmoil and at risk of losing its loyal viewers

By Stephen Battaglio

In recent months, the iconic ticking stopwatch of the CBS News magazine "60 Minutes" began to sound like a time bomb.

The explosive detonated Tuesday as the prestigious program's most high-profile correspondent, Scott Pelley, was fired after openly challenging the moves and motives of the news division's leadership and questioning the credentials of new "60 Minutes" executive producer Nick Bilton.

Pelley accused CBS News Editor in Chief Bari Weiss of "murdering" the program and berated Bilton, a former New York Times journalist, for lacking TV news experience.

His forced exit, along with the departure of several other veterans, is raising fears about the future of the most-watched TV news program that has managed to retain its vitality and importance in the face of major changes across the

media landscape.

The turmoil inside "60 Minutes" also comes at an inopportune time for CBS and for Weiss, who has faced a series of controversies since she was tapped by her boss, David Ellison, to run the network. Weiss and Ellison — the chief executive of CBS News parent Paramount Skydance — have been accused of making changes to "60 Minutes" intended to placate the Trump administration, which they have denied.

Pelley is the fourth correspondent to depart "60 Minutes" since Weiss took over as editor in chief.

Weiss praised Pelley's contribution to the network when she discussed his termination at the network's morning editorial meeting Wednesday, but cited a loss of "trust and mutual respect" as the reason for moving on.

"We cannot do our work without it," Weiss said. [See '60 Minutes,' A12]

## Senate rejects an initial attempt to ban Trump's \$1.8-billion fund

Congress' second recent effort to rebuke the president shows fractures within GOP.

By JUSTINE MCDANIEL

WASHINGTON — A battle unfolded in the Senate on Thursday over the Trump administration's controversial \$1.8-billion payout fund for people who claim the government wronged them, as Democrats and some Republicans sought to block the fund but fell short after they rejected each other's proposals.

The episode underscored how President Trump's plan for the fund — widely seen as a way to pay his political allies, including those who participated in the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol —

has created divisions within the Republican Party. But it also revealed apparent limits on how far Republicans who are frustrated with Trump are willing to go in opposing him.

Republicans narrowly voted down a Democratic amendment to ban the payout fund. Democrats then killed a Republican proposal to prohibit the use of federal money for the fund but instead direct \$1.7 billion to the Justice Department's fraud division.

Thursday's drama in the Senate was underpinned by midterm politics, as Republican senators who are not up for reelection played key roles in the discussion and others who will face voters in November weighed whether to stay in line with the president or oppose his fund, which is unpopular with voters.

The dueling amendments were attached to the reconciliation bill that would fund Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Border Patrol, a high priority for Republicans. They were proposed by Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) and Sen. Thom Tillis (R-N.C.).

Schumer framed the vote as a choice for Republicans: "Do you support Donald Trump's \$2-billion taxpayer-funded slush fund, or do you want to protect the American people and their paychecks?" he said on the Senate floor before the vote.

The episode was the second effort in Congress to rebuke Trump in two days, following the successful House vote Wednesday to rein in Trump's war powers in Iran. [See Vote, A7]

## Trump, without proof, says state vote was rigged

Newsom and other officials rebuff the assertion; president says probe underway.

By KEVIN RECTOR

To the surprise of few, President Trump has once again claimed without evidence that Democrats are somehow cheating to win California's primary elections — writing on social media late Wednesday that federal prosecutors in Los Angeles are investigating the matter.

"The Democrats are at it again! They are trying to STEAL THE GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA. PRIMARY, AND THE MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES. PRIMARY, AWAY FROM TWO GREAT REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES. Here we go with the very late and massive numbers of MAIL IN BALLOTS," Trump posted to his social media website.

"There's BIG cheating by the Democrats in California. Votes are all tied up. May not be in for weeks. Under investigation by the U.S. Attorney's Office in Los Angeles," he wrote in a second post.

"Why the vote counting DELAY???"

A spokesperson for the U.S. attorney's office in Los Angeles — run by Trump loyalist First Assistant U.S. Atty. Bill Essayli — declined to comment Thursday morning on Trump's claims of an investigation.

The White House declined to say what Trump was basing his cheating claims on, if anything, or provide details about the inquiry. Trump also provided no proof when he doubled down on his claims at a Thursday event in the Oval Office, where he alleged that California Democrats had "found a lot of mail-in ballots" the night prior and were "rigging the election" with them.

California Secretary of State Shirley Weber defended the state's election process in a statement, saying "accuracy comes before speed" when counting millions of ballots in the nation's most populous state.

"Taking the time to do this work correctly protects voters' rights and ensures the integrity of our elections," Weber said. "California has built a strong system that expands access, em- [See Claims, A7]

## Slow count leaves room for surprises

Many mail ballots are untallied. Final results in some previous races have swung left.

By GRACE TOOHEY AND HANNAH FRY

After the 2022 Los Angeles mayoral primary, developer Rick Caruso looked to have a surprising, and sizable, lead over then-U.S. Rep. Karen Bass.

The morning after the polls closed, Caruso was ahead by 5 percentage points — 42% to Bass' 37% — and the former Republican called the early results "a victory story."

But that lead did not last as the vote count continued. By the time all votes were tabulated two weeks after election day, Bass had come out on top, with 43% of the vote compared with Caruso's 36%.

Welcome to the post-

Raising hotel bed tax is out of favor

But proposal to extend a tax to short-term rentals on booking sites finds support. CALIFORNIA, B1

election vote-count slog in California, where tight races are often impossible to call even when the initial results seem clear-cut.

The California governor's race still has not been called even though Republican Steve Hilton has been the top voter-getter and Democrat Xavier Becerra has been in second place since election night. The same is true in the battle over who will face Bass in the mayoral election: reality TV personality Spencer Pratt, who is now in second place, or L.A. City Councilmember Nithya Raman, who is in third place.

At this point in the vote tally, "everybody has an [See Tallies, A8]

## A toxic metal stayed in air long after 2 wildfires

By TONY BRISCOE

After the Eaton and Palisades fires devastated Southern California, a highly toxic metal stayed in the air much longer and probably traveled much farther than expected, according to a new study.

More than two months after the Eaton and Palisades fires were extinguished, researchers from UCLA and UC Davis detected elevated levels of hexavalent chromium — a potent carcinogen — in the burn areas, the paper in the journal Nature Communica-



JENNA ZWEIG, center, and her parents scour the ruins of their Pacific Palisades home early last year.

tions Earth & Environment says. The chrome was in ultrafine particles, more than 1,000 times smaller than width of a human hair, meaning it can more easily travel into the lungs, bloodstream and even cross cell membranes.

"When it's in this nanoparticle form, it basically invades the barrier of our lungs, going into our blood and gets into our circulation," said Michael Jerrett, environmental health professor at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health. "That raises the specter that you've got a lot [See Toxic, A8]



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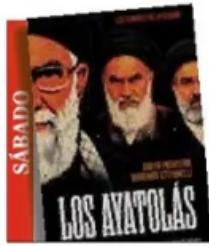
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Aunque el ministro del Interior, Fernando Grande-Marlaska, ha negado en reiteradas ocasiones que la directora de la Guardia Civil, Mercedes González, se hubiera reunido con Leire Díez, la 'fontanera' del PSOE, la explosión del sumario del caso ha obligado al Gobierno a cambiar de versión. Ahora admite que sí hubo reuniones, pero que fueron de «ámbito personal» y no en nombre del Ejecutivo. La palabra de Marlaska, en entredicho.

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PAULA MARÍA MADRID

Un nuevo nombre surge en el centro de la extraña amistad que el Real Madrid de Florentino Pérez y el Barcelona de Joan Laporta mantuvieron mien-

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## Jairinho é condenado a 43 anos, e Monique recebe perdão judicial



**Perdão.** A ex-professora Monique Medeiros comemora decisão judicial que a libertou da prisão



**Condenação.** O ex-vereador Jairo Santos Jr. foi condenado a 43 anos por homicídio, tortura e coação

Cinco anos após a morte de Henry Borcl, chegou ao fim o julgamento da mãe e do padastro do menino. O ex-vereador Jairinho foi sentenciado a 43 anos e 9 meses de prisão, mas a defesa estima que ele possa sair em até 12 anos. Já Monique Medeiros recebeu um raro perdão judicial por homicídio culposo, sendo condenada somente por omissão. Ela já deixou a prisão. **PÁGINAS 21 e 22**

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## Brasil busca diálogo com EUA para rastrear crime financeiro e vê chance de reduzir tarifa

Governo quer ampliar troca de dados sobre lavagem de dinheiro e abrir negociação sobre acusações comerciais

Mesmo com ruídos no relacionamento com o governo Trump, o Brasil quer estreitar a colaboração no combate ao crime organizado. O secretário da Receita Federal, Robinson Barreirinhas, disse ao GLOBO que está prevista uma missão este mês para intensificar a troca de informações com a IRS, a Receita americana,

sobre patrimônio de brasileiros nos EUA. Em outra frente, o chanceler Mauro Vieira diz que os argumentos de Washington para novas taxações a produtos brasileiros não são legítimos e relata ter ouvido do representante de Comércio americano, Jamieson Greer, que está pronto para conversar. **PÁGINAS 13 e 14**

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## El Senado avaló con amplia mayoría el pliego de la jueza que Milei no quiere nombrar

**JUSTICIA.** Lo votaron aliados y opositores; el Gobierno busca frenarlo por ser familiar de un periodista

Las bancadas opositoras del Senado, incluso las aliadas del Gobierno, aprobaron sobre tablas y por amplia mayoría la designación como jueza del Tribunal Oral Federal N° 3 de La Plata a María Verónica Michelli, cuya postulación es resistida por el presidente Javier Milei por ser familiar del periodista de LA NACION Hugo Alconada Mon.

La votación fue una derrota para el oficialismo, que de todas formas logró avanzar con la aprobación de 74 pliegos de jueces propuestos por el Ejecutivo. El pliego de Michelli fue aprobado por 44 votos a favor, 18 en contra, todos aportados por el oficialismo, y dos abstenciones. El formoseño Francisco Paoltroni fue el único oficialista que avaló el

pliego, en tanto que una de las abstenciones fue de Patricia Bullrich, la jefa del bloque libertario, quien ya había anunciado su "objeción de conciencia" a cumplir la orden de Milei de retirar el pliego de Michelli por sus relaciones familiares. Para asumir, la jueza necesita ahora la firma de un decreto presidencial. **Página 8**

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La pulsión autodestructiva

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RODRIGO NÉSPOLO

**política**—La entrega de la Pluma de Honor de la Academia Nacional de Periodismo al exjefe de la Corte Juan Carlos Maqueda se convirtió, ayer, en un acto institucional de relieve, en el que la mayoría del máximo tribunal marcó, con su presencia, un fuerte compromiso con el principio de la libertad de prensa. Ante el presidente de la Corte, Horacio Rosatti, y el juez Carlos Rosenkrantz, Maqueda alertó sobre "desvíos" que amenazan la libertad de expresión en el país. **Página 12**

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Dos jueces y un gesto cargado de significado

Luciano Román. **Página 13**

## Hay otro detenido por el crimen de Agustina: vivía en la casa del horror

**GIRO.** Osvaldo Fachetta compartía la vivienda con Claudio Barrelier y será acusado de encubrimiento

**CÓRDOBA.**—La investigación por el brutal femicidio de Agustina Vega tuvo anoche un importante giro: fue arrestado un hombre de 47 años que sería acusado en las próximas horas por el fiscal Raúl Garzón por el delito de encubrimiento agravado. Ese sospechoso fue identificado por fuentes de la pesquisa como Osvaldo Fachetta, que compartía la vivienda en la

que se habría cometido el crimen con Claudio Barrelier, el señalado como autor material del asesinato.

Algunas horas antes de ser capturado, el nuevo detenido había hablado con diferentes medios y brindó un relato que lo ubicaba fuera de la casa durante la noche del sábado 23 de mayo, momento del homicidio de acuerdo con la información forense. **Página 26**

## Cuadernos: Lavagna confirmó que había sobreprecios

**TESTIGO.** Aportó datos claves sobre los pagos de Vialidad; habló de un 20%

El exministro de Economía Roberto Lavagna declaró ayer como testigo en el juicio por la causa de los Cuadernos de las Coimas y advirtió que, en 2005, cuando Néstor Kirchner estaba al frente del gobierno nacional, se detectaron sobreprecios en el área de Vialidad. Lavagna detalló ante el tribunal que algunos valores llegaban al 20% por encima de los de mercado y habían sido detectados por el Banco Mundial. **Página 15**

## La Hidrovía, a un paso de ser adjudicada a su actual operador

**PRIVATIZACIÓN.** El Gobierno anunció anoche que la concesión para la operación de la Hidrovía fue preadjudicada al consorcio integrado por la belga Jan De Nul y la argentina Servimagnus. La empresa belga opera la llamada vía troncal navegable desde hace 30 años, y todo indica que seguirá en ese lugar por un período similar, durante el que deberá invertir US\$10.000 millones. El proceso se terminará de definir en una semana y, si no hay impugnaciones, se formalizará la adjudicación. **Página 21**

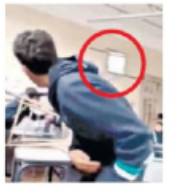
## Manzano ya se quedó con las estaciones de Shell

**SOCIO.** Junto con el grupo suizo Mercuria, pagaron US\$1420 millones por las 894 bocas, entre otros activos. **Página 19**

Dueña de una belleza impactante, modelo, actriz, y mujer comprometida, murió a los 92 años. **P.51**



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# El Senado aprobó a la jueza vetada por Karina, pero Milei frenará su designación

María Verónica Michelli sacó 44 votos contra 18. Bullrich se abstuvo.

Si bien estaba previsto que la Cámara alta tratara la semana próxima el pliego de Michelli, cuestionada por el Gobierno y cuñada del periodista Hugo Alconada Mon, por presión de la opo-

sición se aprobó ayer junto con otros 73 pliegos para jueces y fiscales. Ahora el Presidente debe firmar el decreto de aceptación de cada uno de esos pliegos. En el caso de Michelli quedará de-

morado bajo el argumento de que el Tribunal Oral al que se postulaba aún no ha sido habilitado. En paralelo, el Consejo de la Magistratura envió otros 32 pliegos judiciales al Senado. **P.6**

## Corrupción K: Lavagna dijo que había 20% de sobreprecios en Vialidad

El ex ministro de Economía de Néstor Kirchner declaró ayer en el juicio por los Cuadernos de las Coimas. Ante una pregunta del abogado de Cristina Kirchner, Carlos Beraldi, sobre si hubo direccionamiento del gasto hacia un empresario en particular, Lavagna admitió la existencia de "cartelización" y "márgenes de sobreprecios del 20% en Vialidad e incluso más". **P.3**

## Después de 30 años echan a Echegaray de la Aduana

Es por la condena a 4 años y 8 meses de prisión en la causa Oil Combustibles por evasión, que favoreció a Cristóbal López. **P.5**



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**Testimonio.** Apareció ayer, hizo declaraciones, y después lo acusaron de complicidad.

## Otro detenido por el crimen de Agostina

Se trata del hombre que vivía con Claudio Barrelier, que era hasta ahora el único imputado, en la casa la noche en que desaparecerían matado a la nena de 14 años. Ayer

apareció sorpresivamente y habló con los medios. A Clarín le dijo que no estuvo en la casa la noche en que desapareció Agostina, pero que al volver, al me-

diodía siguiente, le llamó la atención lo limpio que estaba todo. Ahora lo imputan por encubrimiento agravado. **P.34**

## Se encarecen fuerte los celulares por la falta de chips

El aumento en las marcas que se venden en la Argentina se producirá en los próximos días. La suba puede llegar hasta el 30% y tiene que ver con la falta de chips en el mundo que provoca el uso de Inteligencia Artificial, por la enorme demanda que genera. La falta de memorias se va profundizan-

do y hay quienes sostienen que podría llegar hasta 2029. Si hasta ahora el precio de las memorias representaba entre el 30% y el 40% del costo de un teléfono, ahora cuestan lo mismo que el aparato. En el primer trimestre del año la venta de celulares cerró con una baja de 16%. **P.22**

## Una firma suiza socia de Manzano se queda con las estaciones de Shell

Mercuria Energy Group, un trader suizo vinculado al empresario José Luis Manzano, se queda con el 100% de las 894 estaciones de servicio, la refinería de Dock Sud y otros activos que pertenecían a Raizen, una sociedad de un grupo brasileño y la anglo-holandesa Shell. Pagaron US\$ 1.420 millones. Manzano, Daniel Vila y Mauricio Filiberti entrarán a la sociedad en una segunda etapa. **P.14**

## El grupo belga Jan de Nul seguirá con el control de la Hidrovía

El Gobierno preadjudicó la concesión al consorcio integrado por la empresa belga Jan de Nul y su socio argentino Servimagnus para el dragado, mantenimiento y señalización de la Hidrovía por los próximos 25 años. Jan de Nul es la firma que ya estaba controlando la Hidrovía, por la que pasa el 80% del comercio. Se abre ahora una etapa de 7 días para recibir una eventual impugnación. **P.19**

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ELECTION 2027

## Mendoza to run for mayor again



State comptroller who finished fifth in '19 race will position herself as tough-on-crime centrist

By Jake Sheridan  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza announced Wednesday she will make a second run for mayor of Chicago, marking the biggest entry yet in a sure-to-be-crowded field of candidates.

Mendoza, the state's chief fiscal manager since 2016, touted

herself as a proven leader capable of addressing the city's fiscal woes, decreasing crime and restoring faith in city government during a launch party at Taqueria Los Comales in Little Village.

She positioned herself as a pragmatist, standing onstage in the restaurant surrounded by signs emblazoned with the slogan "progress is greater than promises," a

phrase she repeated throughout her mayoral launch speech. Mendoza urged voters to focus on her record of getting things done during 25 years in elected office.

She ran for mayor once before, placing fifth in the first round of the city's 2019 election ultimately won by Lori Lightfoot.

The moderate Democrat, who previously served as city clerk and a state representative, officially got into the race after a long run-up that

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Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza speaks about why she is running for Chicago mayor during a news conference at Taqueria Los Comales in Little Village on Wednesday. EILEEN T. MESLAR/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

LOCKPORT

### A scramble to protect eggs near build site

Couple races to halt home construction until killdeer hatch

By Audrey Pachuta  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

For four years, Lockport residents Ray and Shelly Romolt have stared out their window at an empty lot, waiting for the day developers would transform it into a home for new neighbors.

They've been eager to watch construction commence, and have long pictured the moment a moving truck would deliver fresh faces to join them for bocce, book clubs or "drive-way drinking" — three activities commonly practiced in their southwest suburban over-55 neighborhood.

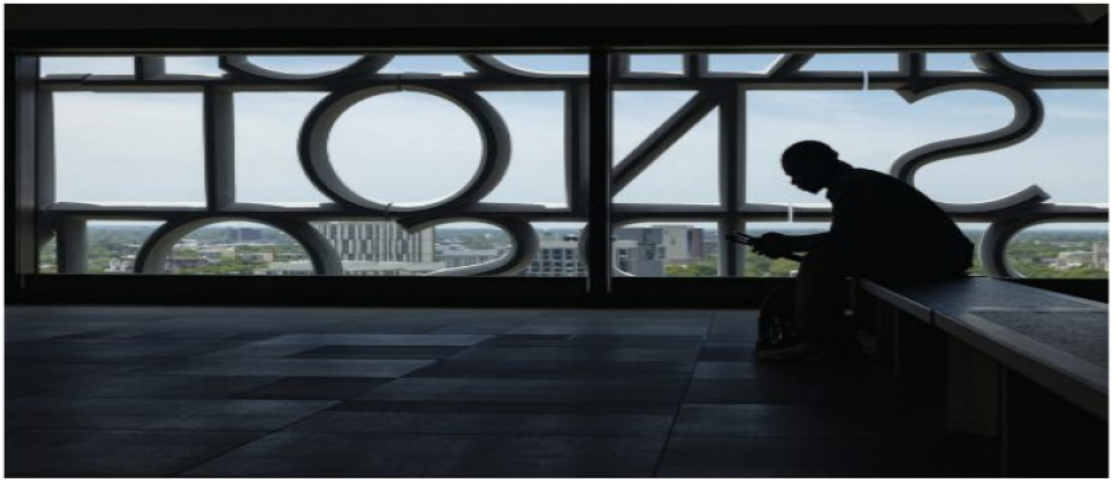
Normally, the couple would've been giddy after seeing a sold sign on the lot last month, and even more excited when mesh construction fencing began to go up two weeks ago. But now, after spotting four speckled eggs resting on the ground, they're working to delay the process in an effort to keep a family of killdeer birds safe.

"We want you to stop, just for a month or so," Shelly Romolt said her husband told an employee at the development's model home. "And then, please, build away."

According to Stephanie Beilke, the senior manager of conservation science at Audubon Great Lakes, killdeer are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, which dictates that no bird native to the U.S. can be hunted, killed or transported without prior authorization by the Department of Interior U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Beilke said killdeer are a type of shorebird considered close relatives to the endangered piping plovers best known in Chicago for their appearances on Montrose Beach. Having read about the connection between the two species online, the Romolts said protecting their neighborhood's killdeer

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## OBAMA, IN NEW LIGHT

With blunt exhibits on racism and work that remains, presidential center tells rich story



Above: A statue of President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama will greet visitors at the Obama Presidential Center in Chicago's Jackson Park. Top: A visitor sits in the museum's Sky Room. BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

By A.D. Quig | CHICAGO TRIBUNE

While crews were still putting on the finishing touches — including paving part of the parking garage entrance — Chicago and national media were given a preview of the Obama Presidential Center in Jackson Park Wednesday ahead of it welcoming the public later this month.

The grand opening is set for June 19, following a star-studded dedication event the day before. The Obama Foundation has not yet announced the names of guests performers at the ceremony, but it will be streamed at a neighborhood watch party at the Midway Plaisance and online.

Here's what to expect, some basics about the opening, and items of interest to look out for when you manage to get in.

INSIDE THE MUSEUM

The museum spans four floors, culminating in the "Sky Room" with sweeping views on all sides.

The first floor focuses on the progressive movements that preceded Barack Obama: labor, voting rights, the New Deal and the cultural transformations of the 1960s through the 1980s. The exhibit pulls few punches, referring bluntly to pushback against racial progress, widening gaps between rich and poor and drivers of the conservative movement from presidents Richard Nixon to Ronald Reagan.

Chicago touchpoints are found throughout the museum, though the bulk are on the first floor,

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## House passes war powers measure in rebuke of Trump's Iran strategy

By Lisa Mascaro  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The House for the first time Wednesday approved a war powers resolution that would halt the U.S. military action against Iran, defying Presi-

dent Donald Trump as a handful of Republicans joined with Democrats in a vote to end the three-month-long conflict that has reordered politics at home and abroad.

House Speaker Mike Johnson had tried to prevent an outcome that would show the mounting opposi-

tion to the war, abruptly shutting down floor action two weeks ago when the resolution was on the verge of approval. But displeasure has only grown as the conflict drags on and as Trump struggles to negotiate a plan for peace.

The roll call Wednesday was

215-208, but next steps are uncertain. Trump would likely reject any measure from Congress to limit his commander-in-chief authority. Still, the tally, with four Republicans joining Democrats, was a rebuke of the president's war strategy, and cheers erupted in the House chamber.

"This reckless and costly war of choice needs to end today," House Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries of New York said earlier in the week.

"All we need are a handful of

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## Flávio fala em guerra espiritual contra Lula em ato evangélico

Pré-candidato a presidente, Flávio Bolsonaro (PL-RJ) afirmou ontem que "o mal vai ser expulso do governo do Brasil" e que o país vive guerra espiritual, em referência a Lula (PT). A declaração foi feita na Marcha para Jesus, ato evangélico anual em São Paulo, no qual foi acompanhado pelo governador Tarcísio de Freitas (Republicanos) e pelo prefeito Ricardo Nunes (MDB). Do lado do Planalto, o advogado-geral Jorge Messias disse que não falaria de eleições. **Política A6 e A7**

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O governador Tarcísio, Flávio Bolsonaro e o prefeito de SP, Nunes, na Marcha para Jesus, na zona norte da capital Eduardo Knapp/Folhapress

## Brasil anuncia mais 20 caças mesmo com corte na Defesa

O governo assinou carta de intenção com a Suécia para elevar sua frota de modelos Gripen para 56 aviões, mas não há acordo fechado. Medida vem após setor sofrer maior contingenciamento de verbas na Esplanada, o que gera dúvidas sobre viabilidade. **Política A11**

## EUA precisam contribuir e prender foragidos, diz PF

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## Israel ignora cessar-fogo dos EUA e volta a atacar Líbano

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Impacto nos preços no Brasil será sentido já no segundo semestre, dizem economistas

Projeções para os preços de alimentos no Brasil indicam aumento a partir de 7% já no segundo semestre. Isso reflete a guerra dos EUA e Israel contra o Irã, ainda inconclusa e que atinge cadeias produtivas, e o fenômeno climático El Niño, que aquece águas do Pacífico e afeta o regime de chuvas no continente. A aceleração é vista como decorrente de uma tempestade perfeita de fatores.

Em 2025, a majoração de preços no setor havia arrefecido, fechando em 1,43%. Se as previsões para agora se concretizarem, a variação será a maior registrada desde 2024.

Pelas projeções, o índice será o dobro do aferido no ano passado. O índice geral dos preços ainda deverá ficar abaixo daquele dos alimentos: 5,09% para o IPCA, segundo estimativa do mercado. **Economia A12**

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Jairo Souza Santos Júnior, o Jairinho, foi condenado na madrugada de quinta-feira (4) a 43 anos, nove meses e 20 dias de prisão pela morte de Henry Borel, de 4 anos, em março de 2021, no apartamento em que moravam no Rio de Janeiro.

Monique Medeiros, mãe do menino, foi condenada por omissão diante da tortura sofrida pelo filho e recebeu pena de um ano e quatro meses de prisão, já considerada cumprida. Ela foi solta à tarde, de presídio em Bangu. **Cotidiano A24**

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## Vladimir Poutine fragilisé par la guerre en Ukraine

Alors que les drones ukrainiens frappent le pays en profondeur, mettant fin à un sentiment d'invulnérabilité, la grogne gagne la société russe. Le soutien au gouvernement est en chute.

En difficulté sur le front ukrainien, Vladimir Poutine serre la vis pour consolider son pouvoir. Restriction de l'accès à l'information, encaissement de l'expression, pouvoirs accrus aux forces de l'ordre, lois idéologiques... La liberté est de plus en plus restreinte dans le pays, et les Russes commencent à s'en plaindre. Les nouvelles du front ukrainien, où l'armée russe perdrait 35 000 hommes chaque mois, ne sont pas propices à améliorer leur moral. Le strict contrôle d'internet ne les coupe pas seulement du reste du monde, il pèse sur l'économie, déjà mise à mal par les sanctions occidentales, à tel point que des entrepreneurs proches du régime auraient osé en faire part au maître du Kremlin. Mais Poutine lâche la bride à ses services de sécurité. Une atmosphère de chasse aux sorcières s'installe au cœur du pouvoir.

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**Lyhanna : à Fleurance, l'effroi et la colère**

Un corps a été découvert, jeudi, près du lieu de la disparition de Lyhanna, 11 ans, recherchée depuis vendredi dernier dans le Gers. À Fleurance, où était scolarisée la fillette, un sentiment de colère prédomine chez les habitants. PAGE 13

**La proposition de loi Bétharram fait craindre une « mise sous tutelle » du privé**

Lundi, les députés ont adopté deux articles de la proposition de loi sur les violences dans les établissements scolaires. Ces articles visent directement l'école privée sous contrat. L'un instaure un contrôle pédagogique, administratif et financier au moins une fois tous les cinq ans. L'autre, le plus décrié, crée un « conseil académique de l'enseignement privé » chargé d'intervenir sur la résiliation des contrats ou encore de veiller à la mixité sociale. À droite, des parlementaires ont dénoncé une remise en cause du caractère propre. PAGE 14

**ÉDITORIAL** par Patrick Saint-Paul

### Stalinisme 3.0

« **T**ombeur » du rideau de fer, Ronald Reagan avait sa méthode pour jauger l'état d'esprit des Russes : il se faisait rapporter leurs plaisanteries. Alors que le pays s'enfonçait dans l'absolutisme, elles ont un air de déjà-vu. « Nous lisons Orwell parce qu'il décrit notre réalité et voyons la Constitution comme une belle utopie », ironisent-ils ces jours-ci. La dystopie 1984, avec son tyrannique Big Brother, est le deuxième livre le plus volé dans les librairies russes... Juste derrière la Constitution russe, qui interdit la censure et garantit la liberté de pensée et d'expression ! Depuis quatre ans, les restrictions se sont multipliées : interdictions de livres, accès restreint à internet et aux réseaux sociaux, répression des manifestations. La loi sur les « agents étrangers » est devenue un instrument pour poursuivre pénalement et exclure de la vie publique toute personne en désaccord avec l'État. Toute critique de la guerre de Vladimir Poutine en Ukraine est sévèrement punie. Le pays sombre dans un stalinisme 3.0, dépourvu du ciment de l'idéologie communiste. Ce nouvel équilibre de la terreur tenait tant que le maître du Kremlin semblait dominer la

situation. Mais, depuis janvier, sa guerre a pris un mauvais tour. Son armée recule sur le front, et les Ukrainiens éliminent plus de soldats qu'il ne parvient à en recruter. Jusque-là relativement épargnés, les Russes ressentent le conflit : les drones de Kiev frappent leur territoire jusque dans l'Oural, les raffineries de pétrole et les trains sautent, les aéroports ferment et les prix montent alors que le choix se réduit dans les magasins à cause des sanctions. Humiliation ultime, l'ouverture de son « Davos » de Saint-Petersbourg a été ponctuée par des frappes de drones ukrainiens. L'humeur a changé. Le pacte social selon lequel les Russes peuvent ignorer la guerre tant qu'elle ne les affecte pas est rompu. Les élites du pays parlent désormais de « sa guerre ». Les blogueurs militaires russes pro-Kremlin évoquent ouvertement la possibilité d'une défaite. De plus en plus paranoïaque, le « Tsar » est plus isolé que jamais. Mais il continuera de serrer les boulons de son régime jusqu'à une incertaine « victoire »... ou jusqu'à sa propre chute ! ■

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## Getting ready for FIFA fever



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Workers covered the AT&T Stadium sign atop the stadium's roof Thursday in Arlington in preparation for the FIFA World Cup. The home of the Dallas Cowboys will be referred to as Dallas Stadium for the duration of the international soccer tournament to comply with FIFA regulations that prohibit corporate sponsors from representing host venues. Arlington officials protested the name change, suggesting Arlington-Dallas Stadium, but to no avail. The World Cup starts June 11. The first of nine matches at AT&T ... er, Dallas Stadium is June 14.

### TRACK MEET MURDER CASE

## Self-defense claim takes center stage at trial

Attorneys counter prosecution argument that Anthony provoked confrontation

By Chase Rogers and Jane Harper  
Staff Writers

**McKINNEY** — From the start of Karmelo Anthony's murder trial, there was no dispute over who plunged a knife into Austin Metcalf's chest. The question jurors must answer is why.

The dueling accounts laid out by Collin County prosecutors and Anthony's defense attorneys Thursday in the trial's first hours offered sharply different perspectives jurors will be asked to weigh as the testimony unfolds.

The case, which has drawn national attention, racially charged demonstrations and online animus, centers on a dispute last year that began when Metcalf and his twin brother told Anthony to leave their team's tent during a rainy high school track meet in Frisco.

Anthony, now 19, was charged with murder and faces up to life in prison. Both were 17 at the time.

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### Education Lab

## Court hears bid to revive Dream Act

Appeal seeks avenue to restore in-state tuition for undocumented students

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A federal appeals court heard oral arguments Thursday in a case that could create an avenue to restore in-state tuition for thousands of undocumented students in Texas.

Lawyers for a coalition of undocumented students called Students for Affordable Tuition, alongside Austin Community College and a University of North Texas student, argued they should be allowed to intervene in the lawsuit that struck down the Texas Dream Act. When the United States and Texas agreed to dismantle the 24-year-old act within a few hours last June, undocumented students had no opportunity to weigh in. The decision violated the students' due process rights, lawyers argued.

"When you're striking down a statute where there are obviously going to be folks who have relied on that statute, there should be some opportunity to become aware and

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## Foreclosures hit 6-year high amid cost pressures

New homeowners, with less equity available, likely feeling the pinch

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Burgeoning affordability pressures in the North Texas region have pushed foreclosure filings to a six-year high, according to the latest numbers from property data provider ATTOM.

Recent first-time homeowners may be more likely to feel the squeeze, according to real estate experts, who attribute the rise in foreclosure activity to a normalization of the housing market amid increasing homeowner costs.

In the first four months of 2026, owners of more than 2,700 properties in Collin, Dallas, Denton and Tarrant counties filed for foreclosure. This is nearly a third more than the number of filings in the same period last year.

While the bulk of foreclosures

were filed in Dallas and Tarrant counties, the rate of increase is especially noticeable in Collin and Denton counties where filings for this period jumped 44% and 180% respectively compared to the previous year.

"Most of today's foreclosure activity is being influenced by affordability pressures, higher borrowing costs, inflation-driven strain on household budgets, and localized economic stress," said Rob Barber, CEO of ATTOM.

He shared that the April foreclosure rate in the Dallas-Fort Worth region of one filing per 3,421 housing units was slightly better than the national average of one filing per 3,388 units.



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Foreclosure filings jumped 32% in four months and newer homeowners are likely feeling the squeeze.

Since 2019, D-FW generally moved in the same direction as the national trend, he said, falling sharply during the pandemic and rising slowly afterwards.

But since the start of 2026, D-FW has had stronger growth in foreclosure activity each month,

compared to the previous year, Barber said. Filings in D-FW this April increased 28.3% annually compared to a 17.8% increase nationwide.

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Vigil for victims

Around 100 people attended a vigil on Wednesday honoring the three who died after a May 28 blast tore through an Oak Cliff complex. **1B**

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Dickies Arena in Fort Worth is looking for a new naming partner after Bluestar Alliance, Dickies brand owner, decided to back out. **3B**

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# Andrew cashed in with secret rent deals

### Then-prince paid peppercorn fee for Royal Lodge but let out surrounding cottages

**By Victoria Ward**  
DEPUTY ROYAL EDITOR

ANDREW MOUNTBATTEN-WINDSOR made money from his Windsor estate despite paying a peppercorn rent for two decades.

The former Duke of York sublet three of the eight cottages on the grounds of Royal Lodge to generate personal income, an arrangement permitted under the terms of his lease.

The National Audit Office (NAO), in a 50-page report, revealed that the disgraced royal leased the cottages "directly" to tenants for an undisclosed sum.

The revelation raises the possibility that Mr Mountbatten-Windsor, 66, made a notable profit from the property while still a working member of the Royal family, having leased it effectively rent-free from the Crown Estate after paying £7.5m for refurbishment in 2003.

The report was commissioned late last year following an outcry over Mr Mountbatten-Windsor's lease arrangements.

A royal source insisted that the properties were sublet to staff or their families at reduced rates to cover maintenance and running costs, rather than to generate profit. However, the income was paid directly to Mr Mountbatten-Windsor and it is not known how much he charged.

The NAO report also revealed that the King was paying the rent on two properties leased to Mr Mountbatten-Windsor's daughters, Princess Beatrice, 37, and Princess Eugenie, 36.

Mr Mountbatten-Windsor was effectively evicted from Royal Lodge last

autumn in the wake of "serious and disturbing" allegations over his links to Jeffrey Epstein. His eventual relocation to the King's Sandringham estate in Norfolk drew a line under the so-called siege of Royal Lodge, after he resisted the move for some 18 months.

At the same time, he was stripped of all his titles. The former duke was then arrested on his 60th birthday in February, on suspicion of committing misconduct in public office. Thames Valley Police has since revealed that officers are also looking at sexual allegations.

Stephen Parkinson, the director of public prosecutions, said yesterday that the police investigation would look at a "pattern of conduct" over a number of years. He admitted the "complex" case could take more than a year to conclude.

Mr Mountbatten-Windsor was photographed yesterday at the wheel of his car sporting a large bruise across his right cheek. A well-placed source played down the severity of the bruising, insisting that there had been no accident or attack. However, the cause was not revealed. The public spending watchdog also revealed that Prince and Princess Michael of Kent, aged 83 and 81, have continued to live for free in their grand Apartment 10, at Kensington Palace.

Buckingham Palace announced in 2008 that the couple would pay their own way having had their rent covered by the late Queen since 2002. However, a royal source revealed that the monarch quietly agreed to continue to foot the bill, an arrangement that has been honoured by the King.

The report was commissioned late last



Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor was photographed in Norfolk yesterday with a large bruise across his right cheek

year after the public accounts committee announced an inquiry into the way royal estates were managed and whether they offered value for money for the taxpayer. It followed anger over Mr Mountbatten-Windsor's lease arrangements, when it emerged he paid a peppercorn rent for his 30-room Windsor mansion.

MPs have not ruled out calling in members of the Royal family to give evidence when they launch their inquiry later this month.

The NAO report was billed as an update on its previous 2005 report into royal property arrangements. However it only reviewed royal housing arrangements dating back to 2018. It declined to publish the current market valuations

collected for each property, insisting that such figures were "private".

The report found that while seven members of the Royal family occupied five properties leased from the Crown Estate, the lease terms varied in terms of the down-payment required, responsibility for upkeep and surrender clauses.

In 2024-25, the Royal Household generated £3.6m in rental income.

The Crown Estate - a vast portfolio of land and property - belongs to the monarch "in right of the crown" but it is not their private property. It is run as an independent business, with profits paid directly to the Treasury. A proportion of the money - known as the Sovereign Grant - is then handed to the Royal fam-

ily to support its official duties. A spokesman for the Crown Estate, said: "We welcome the NAO review which confirms its leases with members of the Royal family were agreed in line with independent, professional advice and open market valuations. We look forward to discussing the report further with the public accounts committee."

A Buckingham Palace spokesman said: "We are grateful for this report, which is in line with the Royal Household's commitment to transparency. We hope that the findings will help correct, clarify or contextualise a number of points regarding royal properties."

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# White House rebukes No10 over two-tier policing in Nowak case

**By Connor Stringer, Charles Hymas and Will Bolton**

THE White House has demanded an end to two-tier policing in the wake of Henry Nowak's murder.

In an intervention that will fuel a growing rift between No10 and the White House, the US State Department said the case was a symptom of "civilisational decline" that must be "rejected across the West".

"Ideological conditioning and two-tiered policing are glaring symptoms of civilisational decline," a statement read. "They must be rejected across the West. The United States sends our condolences to the family of Henry Nowak and the people of the UK at this troubling time."

Kemi Badenoch said yesterday that Nowak's family wanted to see "com-

monsense" policing where everyone is treated equally under the law.

The Conservative Party leader met Mark Nowak and Lucy Ross, the boy's parents, as well as Katie Woodcock, his stepmother, yesterday and pledged she would create a "positive legacy" for the Southampton University student.

The family later met Sir Keir Starmer, after which the Prime Minister said there were "difficult questions to be answered about the way the police handled Henry's murder". He added: "We will be unflinching in taking whatever action is required to right the wrongs in this case."

Politicians continued to trade blows about two-tier policing yesterday in the wake of the 18-year-old's treatment by officers at the scene of his stabbing.

Nowak was arrested and handcuffed as he lay dying while his Sikh killer, Vikram Digiwa, who had stabbed him

five times, was treated as a victim by officers. Digiwa had falsely claimed he had been subjected to racial abuse.

The coroner who will preside over the inquest into Nowak's death confirmed that it would look at whether any "act or omission by a police officer" caused or contributed to his death, and will be held in front of a jury.

Police forces are under pressure to scrap race action plans after the National Police Chiefs' Council told officers they should not be "colour blind" and should treat people differently depending on their ethnicity.

The police chief who oversaw the guidelines has also said that forces must change wider society to end

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# Palantir could cut NHS waiting lists by more than one million

**By Laura Donnelly and Dominic Penna**

MORE than a million patients could come off NHS waiting lists under a controversial £330m data deal with Palantir, the US tech giant.

NHS figures seen by *The Telegraph* show hospitals using the NHS Federated Data Platform (FDP), run under a contract led by Palantir, have achieved major increases in theatre use, faster cancer diagnoses and sharp reductions in delayed discharges.

Trusts that pioneered the system have increased theatre utilisation by about 12 per cent. If replicated nationally, that could mean around 1.5million extra operations a year by the end of the seven-year contract.

The analysis also found trusts using the platform cut delayed discharges of long-stay patients by 15 per cent. So far, almost

300,000 patients being sent home from hospital have benefited from the streamlined processes, NHS data show.

The findings come despite pressure from Labour MPs, unions and campaigners to strip Palantir of its NHS contract. Earlier this week, the Labour-led science, innovation and technology committee urged ministers to consider triggering a break clause in the NHS contract from 2027 onwards.

The criticism follows attacks by Zack Polanski, the Green Party leader, and opposition from unions, including the British Medical Association and Unison, over Palantir's work with the Israeli military and US immigration authorities.

Writing for *The Telegraph*, Louis Mosley, the chief executive of Palantir UK, said: "To cancel a working public contract on ideology rather than results is to make patients and the public pay

the price. Recommending that ministers tear up the contract in February 2027 - months away - without naming a credible replacement is reckless."

The FDP allows hospitals to share and analyse data more efficiently, helping trusts make better use of staff, operating theatres and beds. So far, trusts using the platform have delivered more than 10,000 extra procedures.

Such trusts are also treating cancer patients more quickly. Chelsea & Westminster NHS Trust, one of the first to deploy the system, recorded a 7 per cent increase in the number of patients receiving either a diagnosis or all-clear for suspected cancer within 28 days.

The Government is expected to decide later this year whether to continue the deal.

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### Burnham: I'll fight Starmer for No 10


Andy Burnham will challenge Sir Keir Starmer for the Labour leadership if he wins the Macclesfield by-election. The Labour mayor of Greater Manchester told his would-be constituents that he would look to oust the Prime Minister if elected on June 18. Mr Burnham said: "I think Wes Streeting seems to have launched a leadership contest, so if that is running, I would seek to join it." It is the first time that Mr Burnham has explicitly confirmed he wants to become Prime Minister.

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### Britain's only female commando among victims of helicopter crash

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### Trump rages at Iran 'grandstanders'

Donald Trump has attacked Republicans who turned on him and voted to block him from ordering more strikes on Iran. The House of Representatives - which has a Republican majority - voted to pass a resolution that would force Mr Trump to win approval from Congress for further action, or withdraw US forces from Iran. Mr Trump called the Republicans who chose to turn on him "GRANDSTANDERS" who "should be ashamed of themselves".

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*'Never mind the poisoning, I overheard a racist remark in the post office'*

**BUSINESS**

### Fund giant blocks private withdrawals

Blackstone, the Wall Street investment giant, has blocked withdrawals from its private credit fund as fears mount about a crisis in the shadow banking sector. The alternative investment money manager has limited redemptions from its \$45bn Blackstone Private Credit Fund after it recorded a surge in requests to withdraw money from investors. Andrew Bailey, the Bank of England Governor, warned that there had been "disturbances" in private credit markets.

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## Federal AI plan commits billions to fund startups, boost adoption

Strategy to build up domestic sector draws criticism for lack of detail on safety and job protection

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Prime Minister Mark Carney announced the federal government's long-delayed artificial intelligence strategy in Toronto on Thursday, a plan that lays out more than \$2.3-billion in new spending to increase business adoption, provide free AI literacy training to Canadians and boost funding options for startups.

The government said it will inject \$500-million into regional development agencies to help businesses adopt AI, create a \$500-million fund to back the country's

most promising startups, and add \$700-million to a program that subsidizes computer processing costs for companies building and running AI models.

It will also enable Mr. Carney's recently announced sovereign wealth fund to invest in "national champions."

However, some experts criticized the plan for its lack of detail and for missing crucial elements to help the Canadian AI industry grow, such as intellectual property reform.

The strategy did not provide any more detail on legislation to prevent AI harms, while unions faulted it for failing to implement measures to help workers whose

jobs may be threatened by AI.

"Artificial intelligence, the defining technology of our era, is here," Mr. Carney said at Toronto General Hospital on Thursday, speaking from a podium with a plaque reading "AI for All," the theme of the government's strategy.

Alongside AI Minister Evan Solomon, Mr. Carney described three principles for the strategy — increasing trust, providing Canadians with skills training and strengthening Canadian control over AI development.

The strategy was originally targeted for release by the end of last year.

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## Ottawa delays legislation to streamline environmental assessments

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The federal government is delaying legislation that would bring sweeping changes to environmental assessments, after widespread backlash from climate and nature groups.

In a Thursday news release, Dominic LeBlanc, the minister for Internal Trade and One Canadian Economy, and Transport Minister Steven MacKinnon said they would extend consultations before tabling the legislation.

The government wants to streamline the approval process for industrial projects and speed up decision-making, allowing companies to more quickly clear regulatory hurdles aimed at protecting the environment.

The original consultation period was set to end this week. It was widely expected that the government would table the legislation on Monday, before the House rises for the summer.

The planned changes are part of a suite of new measures aimed at spurring economic growth, a key pillar of the government's efforts to bolster the Canadian economy in response to U.S. President Donald Trump's trade war.

Consultations will now go until July 22, meaning the earliest the new legislation could be tabled would be in the fall parliamentary sitting.

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## STANDING STRONG

Mi'kmaw dancers Rory Meuse, Riley Maloney, Jennifer Maloney, Levi Herney and Leon Julian gather at the Fort Anne National Historic Site in Annapolis Royal, N.S., on Thursday for an event marking the 300th anniversary of the signing of the Peace and Friendship Treaty of 1726. MACKENZIE PARDY/THE GLOBE AND MAIL

## How a public-health scare deepened the Northwest Territories' dental-care crisis

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Joshua Oliktoak was at home in Ulukhaktok, a small hamlet on the shores of the Arctic Ocean, when he got a disturbing phone call from a public-health official about dental care he and his family had received half a year earlier.

In the Northwest Territories, no dentists are based outside of major population centres. That means residents in remote First Nations and Inuit communities must travel great distances for care or rely on visiting dental clinics typically contracted by

the territorial government.

In the spring of 2024, Mr. Oliktoak had a cavity filled at a clinic that visited his community and four others in the northernmost Beaufort Delta region. Six months later, he was told that equipment may not have been properly sterilized, putting him at risk of contracting HIV, Hepatitis C and Hepatitis B.

On the phone that October, the official advised Mr. Oliktoak that he, his daughter and his grandchildren, who had all received dental care from the visiting clinic, should get tested.

"It wasn't very nice to get a notice like that, especially when your grandkids are

part of that notice too," he recalled in an interview.

All told, 270 clients received dental services in the five communities that spring, according to numbers The Globe and Mail obtained through access to information law.

Ultimately, the concerns over improper sterilization — which were flagged six months before Mr. Oliktoak was notified — did not lead to any infections, the territory said in a December update.

But Mr. Oliktoak said waiting for test results kept people in his community up at night and added to a sense of mistrust in health professionals.

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## Republican takes page out of Moulton playbook

Seeking District 6 seat, military vet Jones says he would be willing to cross the aisle

By Kelly Garrity  
GLOBE STAFF

Hearing Micah Q. Jones explain why he wants to succeed Representative Seth Moulton in the Sixth Congressional District can, at times, sound a little familiar.

The Army veteran said he believes in "service more than anything." Like Moulton a decade ago,

he's a first-time candidate in his mid-30s who touts wanting to work across the aisle. And he lauded Moulton's "heterodox way of thinking" and willingness to challenge his fellow Democrats.

"That's an admirable thing, and something I would hope to emulate when needed," Jones, 37, said.

There's just one catch: Jones is

actually running in a different party. A half-dozen Democrats want to fill Moulton's North Shore-anchored seat, but it is Jones, a onetime-Democrat-turned-Republican, who may strike the strongest comparison to the district's six-term incumbent.

Jones is leaning into a profile that, in another political era, might have looked tailor-made for the North Shore district: military veteran, moderate, and openly skeptical of the ideological rigidity gripping both parties. He himself points to

Moulton — who first swept into office by doing the seemingly impossible: knocking off a Democratic incumbent — as a model.

No Republican has held a US House seat in Massachusetts in three decades. But Jones, a two-time Donald Trump voter, isn't centering the culture-war issues that typically fire up grass-roots Republican voters. He's promising to work with the Trump administration "when it makes sense, [and] push

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## Harvard unions fear jobs being targeted

Say school's political crises being used to justify cuts

By Brooke Hauser  
GLOBE STAFF

Commencement is a wrap, and students are going home. But at Harvard University, temperatures are rising over an administrative restructuring plan that could result in sweeping staff layoffs this summer.

Leaders of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, which proposed the plan, say they are trying to address a projected structural deficit of \$365 million, largely because of the looming endowment tax hike Congress imposed last year and capital expenses, including deferred building maintenance. That's about 20 percent of annual spending for FAS, which houses the university's undergraduate and PhD programs.

A task force tapped McKinsey & Company to consult on a cost-cutting model that has intensified tensions on campus. While the school has long had a structural deficit, financial uncertainties at the federal level are adding urgency to act, FAS dean Ifopi Hoekstra wrote in an update in March 2025.

Union members and organizers aren't buying it. They say that Harvard is doing fine financially — it has an endowment of \$56.9 billion — and that FAS managers are taking advantage of political crises to engineer cuts behind closed doors.

"It's just a bargaining position, and they're trying to squeeze the most work from the fewest people," said a union representative.

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Haitian fans and players celebrated after forward Frantzzy Pierrot (20) scored at an international friendly match this week.

## FOR HAITIANS, IT'S MUCH MORE THAN A GAME

At World Cup, player with Mass. roots will carry hopes of those who left turmoil behind

By Danny McDonald  
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In a dimly lit basement bar in Boston's Back Bay last week, the song was belted out in Haitian Creole: "Grenadye, alaso!"

The refrain loosely translates to "Grenadiers, charge," and it's a World Cup rallying cry for the Haitian national soccer team, Les Grenadiers. But its roots go much deeper than a stadium chant. It's intertwined with the genesis of Haiti as a state. It was sung during the Haitian Revolution of the late 18th and early 19th century, a slavery revolt that birthed a nation, and the tune has heavy underpinnings of death, colonialism, and freedom. And the lyrics refer-



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Pierrot greeted high-school friend Robbie Pesaturu at the State House as they celebrated Frantzzy Pierrot Day last week.

ence the motherless and the fatherless.

"It means they, or we, as Africans were kidnapped and enslaved," said Charlot Lucien, a Haitian artist who lives in Foxborough, and co-led the crowd in song. "We have nothing to lose."

But in the speaky of Hue, it is sung with gusto, an outpouring of joy. The patrons were there to celebrate Haiti at the World Cup and toast a sporting hero who has roots in both Haiti and Massachusetts: a forward for the national team, Frantzzy Pierrot, 31, who went to high school at the northern end of the Orange Line.

The World Cup can have this effect. HAITI, Page A7

## Trahan takes heat from party over bill on AI regulation

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WASHINGTON — As Democratic Representative Lori Trahan worked to craft a bipartisan bill on artificial intelligence with a Republican colleague, the resistance was fierce and swift — from her own side of the aisle.

The Westford representative and her Republican counterpart on Thursday unveiled the proposal, which would impose safety requirements on developers of AI, the result of weeks of negotiations. But the release did little to mute criticism of the bill, and her involvement in it, illustrating the heightened politics of the issue.

Tech safety groups and some state political leaders have been trying to convince Trahan to abandon the talks, arguing it undermines efforts at the state level to regulate the rapidly advancing technology on issues such as child safety and civil rights. The spat has turned bitter and gone public in recent days, with a group that pushes AI regulation launching ads in Massachusetts.

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### Steam players

Friday: Another hot one. High 84-89. Low 67-72.

Saturday: And another one. High 88-93. Low 64-69.

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Employees at the Museum of African American History found Juneteenth decorations on fire in a secluded corner. B1.

Karen Read filed suit against the State Police and the Town of Canton for allegedly hiring "virulent bigots" she contends tried to frame her. B1.



A mahogany desk that once belonged to Paul Revere is headed to the auction block and is expected to fetch up to \$30,000 Friday. B5.

The Red Sox continued their losing ways at Fenway, falling to the Orioles, 8-2, after another bad start by Brayan Bello. C1.

## Need for NeeDoh can no longer be satisfied

Squishy toy born in North Andover is soaring on TikTok high

By Billy Baker  
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Before we get to the scene of the eccentric toy company CEO gathering his staff in a conference room in North Andover nine years ago, holding up a squishy stress ball, and declaring "This is the future," let's start at the future, which is happening now.

Man walks into a toy store. Could be any toy store in America at the moment, but this one, Learning Express Toys and Gifts in Andover, happens to be the closest one to that conference room. Man asks if they have any NeeDoh. Staff exchange side-eyed glances. *We've got another dad who thinks you can just waltz in and buy NeeDoh.* There is a sigh, maybe two. *Who's gonna take this? Who's gonna explain to this person the NeeDoh madness?*

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Paul Weingard, president and CEO of Schylling, showed a Nice Cube NeeDoh.



# Miami Herald

## 'Sounds very Mamdani': DeSantis embraces tax-the-rich message on property taxes

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**TALLAHASSEE**  
Gov. Ron DeSantis built his political brand by railing against illegal immigration, "woke" ideology and progressive tax reforms. Now, as he campaigns to slash property taxes, the term-limited Republican is selling a new message more commonly associated with the

political left: Let the rich pay more. DeSantis has increasingly embraced that message as he pushes a sweeping overhaul of Florida's property tax system, arguing that wealthy snowbirds, investors and owners of luxury properties should shoulder more of the tax burden so that homesteaded Floridians can pay less—or eventually nothing at all. "Tax someone rich. If

some billionaire from Brazil is buying, tax them. Good, that's fine with me," he said last week. "I'm looking out for the Floridians here." The governor's pitch is laced with a pinch of political irony: DeSantis and fellow Republicans are selling a tax proposal designed to protect middle-class homeowners by preserving taxes on wealthy property owners and second-home buyers.



Gov. Ron DeSantis has pitched his property tax proposal in part as a plan to shift some of the tax burden to the rich.

Democrats, meanwhile, say the rhetoric sounds strikingly similar to the populist arguments advanced by the very progressives DeSantis routinely attacks. "It sounds very Mamdani of him," said Democratic Sen. Carlos Guillermo Smith of Orlando, referring to New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani, the democratic socialist whom DeSantis has repeatedly derided as a "communist." DeSantis is not pushing for the same tax hikes on the uber-wealthy that the

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## Haiti player's U.S. visa ordeal reveals obstacles facing some World Cup countries

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The only player on Haiti's national soccer team who was based in the violence-torn country during the qualifying campaign for this year's FIFA World Cup has finally joined his teammates in Florida after running into difficulties securing a U.S. visa.



Woodensky Pierre is greeted by Marie Monique André and Yverick Delorme Cyril upon his arrival at MIA on Tuesday.

Woodensky Pierre, a midfielder who helped Haiti end its 52-year absence from soccer's biggest stage, landed at Miami International Airport from Cap-Haïtien at 8:45 p.m. Tuesday. He was greeted by Marie Monique André, head of the Haitian Football Federation's Normalization Committee, and Yverick Delorme Cyril, Haiti's consul general in Miami. As Cyril's phone buzzed with calls from Haiti's prime minister, foreign minister and federation officials seeking updates on Pierre's arrival, the midfielder was rushed to Fort Lauderdale

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Matthew Castillo, chief of police of Miami Springs, patrols down Northwest 36th Street near the Miami Springs Inn on May 29. Castillo is set to become the new chief of the Doral Police Department.

## How a tiny police force in Miami-Dade posted big immigration arrest numbers

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Miami Springs is often described as a quiet suburb of Miami, with some 13,000 residents, tree-lined streets, mid-century homes and small-town charm. Yet the tiny municipality has emerged as one of Florida's most active participants in immigration enforcement. Like many cities and counties in Florida, Miami

Springs entered an accord with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement last year known as a 287(g) agreement, in which some of its police officers are deputized to carry out some immigration enforcement actions. Despite its small size, Miami Springs ranks second among municipal police departments in Miami-Dade County in immigration-related arrests, third in South Florida, and ties for fifth

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statewide with Melbourne and North Port. From the time the 287(g) program began in August until May, Miami Springs police documented more immigration-related arrests than both the Miami Police Department and the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office, al-

though those agencies recorded a higher overall number of immigration "encounters," according to the Florida dashboard. Immigration encounters are not arrests or confirmed immigration violations. They are administrative immigration-related checks that can occur during routine policing, such as when officers are unable to immediately verify a person's identity while

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## DOJ asked to investigate ex-Miami Beach mayor in Epstein case

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The House Oversight Committee on Thursday asked the U.S. Department of Justice to investigate sexual assault allegations made by a former assistant of Jeffrey Epstein against former Miami Beach Mayor and 2018 Florida gubernatorial candidate Philip Levine.

The committee called on the Department of Justice to "use all available tools, including immunity for certain witnesses," to look into the claims by Sarah Kellen against both Levine and celebrity hairstylist Frédéric Fekkai. Also on Thursday, the committee released a transcript of Kellen's testimony on May 21, revealing the details of the alleged encounter between Kellen

and Levine. The Miami Herald reported the day after the testimony that Kellen had accused Levine of sexual assault. According to the transcript, Kellen said that, in the summer of 2002 or 2003, Levine came to stay at a house that Epstein had rented in Saint Tropez. Kellen was in her early- to mid-20s at the time. Levine was around 40. After Epstein and his

longtime associate, Ghislaine Maxwell, had gone to bed, Kellen and Levine were still awake, Kellen said. Kellen was working for Epstein and Maxwell at the time. Kellen testified that Levine "came up to me, and he was like, 'You know, must be so lonely for you working with them because you're with them all the time, and you can't have your own life, so you



Former Miami Beach Mayor Philip Levine.

must be — must be really lonely, and I basically forced myself on me." Later in her testimony, Kellen said Levine had sexually assaulted her "at the house and then again on the beach." "We were kind of all walking, and I think it was Jeffrey and Ghislaine were kind of ahead of us, and then there was me and

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# The Guardian

## Burnham: I won't flinch from need to fix the broken social care system

- Manchester mayor sets out plans for power if he wins in Makerfield
- Broad interview also discusses Brexit, bond markets and migration

Exclusive Pippa Crerar Political editor

Andy Burnham has signalled he would begin transforming England's broken social care system this year if he became prime minister, accusing Westminster of "flinching away" from tackling difficult policy problems.

The Greater Manchester mayor said politicians must be willing to take on "the weight of the system" that stands in the way of radical change, as he began to set out his prospectus for government if he won the Makerfield byelection.

Burnham, who first tried to change the social care system when he was Labour's health secretary in 2009, said there was an urgent need to fix it. At that time, he had planned a levy on people's estates when they died to pay for universal social care, while in recent years he has talked about replacing inheritance tax with a progressive "care levy" to fund a national care service.

"It is urgent, the need to fix social



▲ Andy Burnham in Ashton-in-Makerfield. The byelection there, which will take place on 18 June, was triggered to provide the Greater Manchester mayor with a route back to Westminster PHOTOGRAPH: RYAN JENKINSON/GETTY IMAGES

care, and I personally would look at all of the kind of implications of that in relation to inheritance tax and care charges and everything. I wouldn't flinch from it," he said.

He suggested bringing forward the Casey review, which is tasked with drawing up proposals, including on funding, from 2028. He said he would like it published by the end of 2026, focusing on measures that could be implemented quickly.

In an interview with the Guardian while campaigning in Makerfield, where he is fighting to hold Labour's seat against the threat of Reform UK, Burnham also:

- Said Labour should be a broad church with more government ministers from the left of the party, but that Jeremy Corbyn should not be allowed back in.
- Signalled there would be no snap election if he replaced Keir Starmer, but defended himself from criticism over a shadow leadership campaign.
- Defended his comments that politicians should not be "in hock" to the bond markets and denied he was boxing himself in by sticking to Rachel Reeves's fiscal rules.
- Argued it would be a mistake to rerun the Brexit referendum but that he wanted Britain to rejoin the EU in his lifetime.
- Praised Shabana Mahmood, the home secretary, for "facing up" to the big issues on immigration.

Since his selection for the seat, Burnham has navigated a difficult path between setting out his vision for government,

## Police force data refutes 'anti-white bias' claims

Vikram Dodd Police and crime correspondent

The police force accused of anti-white racism after officers' response to the murder of Henry Nowak is more than five times as likely to subject black people to a stop and search as

white people, according to the latest figures.

The racial disparity in the Hampshire force is higher than the average for England and Wales, and has worsened in recent years.

Hampshire police have been accused of "two-tier justice" and anti-white bias after the murder of Nowak

last December in Southampton by Vickrum Digwa, who falsely told officers he had been racially abused. Digwa had stabbed the 18-year-old repeatedly, but officers arriving at the scene treated the student slumped on the ground as a suspect. He was handcuffed and arrested, despite telling officers he had been stabbed and could not breathe.

For the last year data was available, Hampshire's officers were 5.1 times as likely to stop and search someone black as a white person. The average disproportionality rate in England and Wales was 3.8 times.

Stop and search is a controversial power, with most searches resulting in no detection of criminality. The fact officers are more likely to use the power against a black person has led to claims of racial bias.

In 2025-26, officers in the Hampshire force carried out 15,000 stops, with 60% leading to no further action or advice. The force claimed 6,000 of its stops had led to a "positive outcome", but did not define that.

The racial disparity has increased in recent years in Hampshire, with black people 4.8 times as likely to be stopped as

## Reform raises millions more than rivals

Nigel Farage's party has brought in £9m in three months, largely from crypto billionaires

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