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problemas argentinos

Domingo 19 de julio de 2026

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Una multitud de
argentinos en
Times Square,
en el corazón
de Manhattan.



JUANO TESONE / ENVIADO ESPECIAL

El Gobierno definirá el alcance del feriado luego del partido

La Casa Rosada ya tiene definido que esta tarde se decretará un día no laborable para mañana, para que la gente pueda participar de la recepción de los jugadores que llegarán a Ezeiza y que serán trasladados desde el aeropuerto en helicóptero hasta el lugar que ellos mismos definan, para evitar aglomeraciones sobre la Autopista Ricchieri. No habrá administración pública ni bancos, y el Gobierno también evalúa hacerlo obligatorio en las empresas. **P. 34**

Los senadores volvieron a aumentarse las dietas: ganarán \$ 12 millones

Por la paritaria de los empleados legislativos, se subirán un 6,7% los sueldos. La mejora se aplicará en los haberes de los legisladores en tres tandas: un retroactivo a junio de 2,4%, al que se suma otro de 2,2% de julio y un 1,9% en agosto. Ese aumento no alcanza a los trabajadores privados y a otros empleados públicos. Los diputados nacionales, en cambio, no están enganchados a la paritaria. **P. 6**

Va por su cuarta corona mundial ante España, a las 16 en Nueva Jersey.

Después de protagonizar épicas remontadas y de ganarles una histórica semifinal a Inglaterra, el equipo de Scaloni, con un Messi notable a sus 39 años, intenta otra hazaña: un bicampeonato mundial, algo que ningún país logró en más de seis décadas. España también viene entonado con un equipo de gran solidez defensiva - apenas le marcaron un gol - un medio-campo de buen manejo y Lamine Yamal como estrella. **SUPLEMENTO MUNDIAL**

Bronce para los ingleses en un festival de goles

Le ganaron 6-4 a Francia por el tercer puesto. Arrasaron en la primera parte (4-0) y después reaccionaron los franceses. Mbappé marcó 2 y quedó hasta ahora como goleador de la Copa.



Miami. Mbappé marcó pero no le alcanzó.

La Justicia de Brasil le impide a Milei visitar a Jair Bolsonaro

La Justicia federal brasileña negó al ex presidente Jair Bolsonaro la visita de Milei en su prisión domiciliar en Brasilia, tras un pedido de la defensa del ex presidente. Milei estará el sábado próximo en San Pablo para el lanzamiento de la candidatura presidencial de Flavio Bolsonaro, primogénito del clan familiar, y quería ver al padre. **P. 12**

A los Pumas no les alcanzó la reacción final

Cayeron 31-24 ante Inglaterra por el "National Championships", con polémica en el desenlace. **P. 46**

MUNDIAL 2026 EL DÍA DE LA GRAN FINAL

España frente al mito

● La selección busca en Nueva Jersey su segunda estrella ante la Argentina de Messi en un duelo superlativo, 16 años después de conquistar la primera ● El juego colectivo de la Roja se mide con la magia de un titán

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Oyarzabal, Rodri y Unai Simón con una bola del mundo el viernes en Nueva Jersey, en una imagen de la Federación de Fútbol. ÁNGEL MARTÍNEZ

Política y justicia, el cóctel explosivo que sacude España

XOSÉ HERMIDA
Madrid

¿Existe el *lawfare* o guerra judicial? En medio de una sucesión de causas que afectan al Gobierno y al entorno de Pedro Sánchez, el Ejecutivo y los partidos de iz-

quierda usan el término para denunciar la supuesta actuación de distintos jueces para socavar su acción. Juristas y sociólogos opinan sobre el alcance de la politización y la creciente desconfianza ciudadana. —P20 Y 21

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Presidente de JPMorgan

“Hay que trabajar para que la relación comercial entre EE UU y Europa sea más fuerte”

El rey de la banca avisa de que las Bolsas “están muy caras” en un entorno de “múltiples riesgos” —NEGOCIOS



Burnham puts focus on business at coronation as Labour’s leader

◆ Incoming PM to recall Reynolds ◆ Promise to re-industrialise ◆ MPs cite ‘buzz’ in the air

JIM PICKARD, LUCY FISHER AND
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Andy Burnham, who yesterday pledged to be a “pro-business” prime minister as he was crowned Labour Party leader, is drawing up plans to bolster the business department and reinstate Jonathan Reynolds as business secretary.

Burnham has repeatedly cited “re-industrialisation” as one of his top priorities. In his speech yesterday, he promised “more power to re-industrialise”, adding: “I will be a pro-business leader of the Labour Party as I was a pro-business mayor of Greater Manchester.”

Reynolds was Sir Keir Starmer’s business secretary until last September’s reshuffle, when he was moved sideways into the job of chief whip. Several figures in the Labour Party and business world said Reynolds was set to return to his old job, where he was highly regarded by union leaders and some executives.

In his speech, Burnham told voters that they should expect “a return of the Labour they once knew”.

He said “Britain took a series of wrong turns in the 1980s” by privatising essential infrastructure. He wants greater state control of utilities, in particular troubled Thames Water.

One Labour figure with knowledge of the talks of a beefed-up Department for Business and Trade said that it could be rebranded as a “ministry of industry”, aligning with Burnham’s promise to reindustrialise Britain. Some officials said that Reynolds could also be given



Andy Burnham at the start of his UK tour yesterday in Gravesend, Kent. He will become prime minister on Monday — Dan Kitwood/Getty Images

greater responsibility for science policy, at the expense of the “DSIT” tech department created just three years ago.

Burnham’s coronation as Labour leader was a formality: no one else stood against him after Starmer agreed to step down as prime minister. He will become premier on Monday and appoint his cabinet, which is expected to include Shabana Mahmood as chancellor.

Burnham also attempted to see off criticism of his focus on Manchester and the north, promising that his tour of the country this summer would include “all parts of the UK, definitely in the south”,

which started with a visit to Gravesend after his speech in central London ended yesterday. He insisted he would not change, vowing: “I have a style, it’s my style. I’ll always stay close to the ground, close to the people.”

He set out five promises: to overhaul the culture within government and end infighting; to “build a new politics” that ends party point-scoring; to “set a direction that is distinctively Labour”; to be a leader for “all places” in the UK; and to pursue his devolution agenda.

Burnham, who plotted for months to return to Westminster, also promised

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“more power to build the council and social homes you desperately need”.

One Labour MP said that there was a “real buzz” in the air at the arrival of a more charismatic leader. “We were doing broadly the right stuff before and Keir was just unable to sell it. I’m hoping that Andy can just get the cut-through that we so badly need.”

But in private many MPs are reserving judgment on their new leader. One ex-minister described him as an “unknown quantity” who had not yet set out a change of direction: “A lot of us just don’t know much about him at all.”



‘Odyssey’ leads way as big screen draws back crowds

Christopher Nolan’s *The Odyssey*, the first feature film shot entirely on Imax cameras, is on track to take \$200mn in box office opening sales, putting it ahead of the director’s *Oppenheimer*. This year is the big studios’ first return to normal levels of moviemaking since the pandemic and 2023’s Hollywood strikes. With \$5.1bn already taken, the industry hopes a string of blockbusters will push ticket sales to a record year.

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Ultrafast feed of Trump’s posts pitched to market players at \$100,000 a month

SAMUEL AGINI AND
COSTAS MOURSELAS — LONDON
JILL R SHAH, JAMES FONTANELLA-KHAN
AND GEORGE STEER — NEW YORK

Donald Trump’s social media company has discussed charging traders and investors as much as \$100,000 a month for faster access to the US president’s posts on his Truth Social platform.

Trump Media & Technology Group has quoted the six-figure monthly sum in talks with prospective buyers of the “Truth API” data service, according to people familiar with the matter.

Proprietary trading firms and hedge funds pay huge sums for ultrafast data feeds because every millisecond counts when reacting to market-moving news.

Trump often makes announcements on Truth Social that trigger big fluctuations across global markets.

News of the API product has sparked a backlash as traders digest the prospect of paying a company tied to the president for market-moving information. “People will pay because they have to,” said one hedge fund executive. “If you’re behind on that news, you’ll get crushed.”

TMTG, which controls Truth Social and is majority owned by the Trump family, did not respond to requests for comment. Trump and his sons have amassed huge wealth since he returned to office, including trading on assets and industries promoted by the president.

Trump’s financial disclosures show he has earned more than \$2bn in 2025.

With 12.9mn followers on Truth Social, the president frequently posts updates on the biggest issues in current affairs, including the war with Iran and other geopolitical events that regularly move financial markets.

Just before the Trump administration paused a host of tariffs against countries last year, Trump posted on his Truth Social account that it was a “great time to buy”. The S&P 500 rallied 9.5 per cent in a historic one-day move for the index shortly after. He has also touted specific stocks such as Nvidia and Apple, fuelling rallies in their share prices.

After the outbreak of war with Iran, Trump posted there had been “very good and productive conversations with Iran”, sending oil prices sharply lower.

The pressure to buy faster access to those posts will rise if traders start buying the new feed, as firms worry Wall Street rivals could get an edge on them.

“Milliseconds is a big deal . . . High-frequency trading firms and systematic quant hedge funds would definitely want this product,” said the chief of a US market infrastructure company.

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STOCK MARKETS

	Jul 17	Prev	%chg
S&P 500	7489.01	7533.77	-0.59
Nasdaq Composite	25531.14	25881.95	-1.36
Dow Jones Ind	52362.37	52552.97	-0.36
Euro Stoxx 50	6230.87	6283.61	-0.84
FTSEurofirst 300	2564.96	2574.14	-0.36
FTSE 100	10600.37	10572.24	0.27
FTSE All-Share	5699.87	5689.57	0.18
CAC 40	8338.81	8377.86	-0.47
Xetra Dax	24830.98	24915.49	-0.34
Nikkei	64141.12	66835.54	-4.03
Hang Seng	24562.24	25008.60	-1.78
MSCI World	4866.00	4870.00	-0.08
MSCI EM	1645.80	1668.30	-1.35
MSCI ACWI	1121.00	1123.50	-0.22

CURRENCIES

Pair	Jul 17	Prev	Pair	Jul 17	Prev
\$/€	1.144	1.144	€/£	0.874	0.874
\$/¥	1.344	1.346	€/¥	0.744	0.743
€/¥	0.851	0.850	¥/€	1.175	1.177
¥/\$	162.415	162.405	¥/€	185.803	185.808
¥/€	218.359	218.654	£ Index	86.113	86.11
\$/¥	0.923	0.925	\$/£	1.085	1.089

CRYPTO

	Jul 17	Prev	%chg
Bitcoin	63396.50	64665.30	-1.96
Ethereum	1829.03	1879.91	-2.71

COMMODITIES

	Jul 17	Prev	%chg
Oil WTI	81.37	78.95	3.07
Oil Brent \$	86.73	84.82	2.25
Gold \$	4016.73	4006.01	0.27

GOVERNMENT BONDS

Yield (%)	Jul 17	Prev	Chg
US 2 Yr	4.16	4.17	-0.01
US 10 Yr	4.53	4.57	-0.04
US 30 Yr	5.07	5.11	-0.04
UK 2 Yr	4.34	4.33	0.01
UK 10 Yr	4.95	4.97	-0.02
UK 30 Yr	5.66	5.67	-0.01
JPN 2 Yr	1.37	1.39	-0.02
JPN 10 Yr	2.66	2.67	-0.01
JPN 30 Yr	3.90	3.88	0.02
GER 2 Yr	2.76	2.74	0.02
GER 10 Yr	3.09	3.10	-0.01
GER 30 Yr	3.62	3.65	-0.03

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ERIC THAYER Los Angeles Times

TRAFFIC moves above the San Andreas and San Jacinto faults in the Cajon Pass in San Bernardino County.

Ominous quiet on the San Andreas

‘Mother of all faults’ has been silent for decades. Scientists fear it may soon snap.

By RONO-GONG LIN II

It lurks ominously beneath California’s many natural wonders, a reminder that nothing in this landscape is truly permanent.

It’s been described as “the mother of all earthquake faults,” the source of both our geological birth and, perhaps, our ultimate undoing.

But the most unnerving thing about the San Andreas as fault these days may be its silence. It’s a mystery scientists are still trying to unlock.

The San Andreas is central to any discussion of California. It’s the massive 800-mile spine of the state, trundling up the Coast Range Valley to the San Gabriel Mountains, and pushing along the edge of Silicon Valley to beyond the Golden Gate.

There is no simple answer for why California’s longest fault, responsible for some of America’s most powerful earthquakes, has produced so few in the last century.

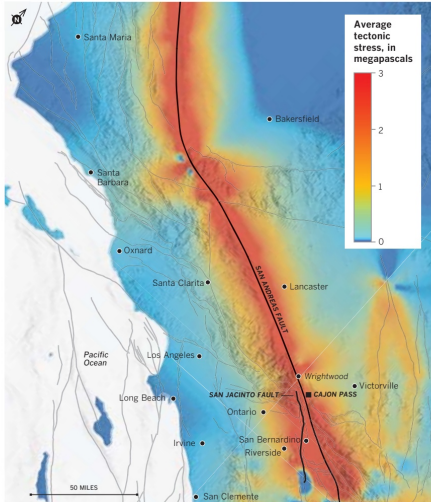
But it is clear that the quiet period is only increasing strain on the San Andreas, as well as on the state’s second-longest fault, the San Jacinto.

A new study underscores the concern. Researchers estimated that key sections of the fault in Southern California

[See San Andreas, A7]

A red-hot San Andreas

Tectonic stress on these sections of the San Andreas and San Jacinto faults is high — shown in red — a consequence of more than a century without producing significant quakes. At the Cajon Pass, sections of the faults are at their highest strain in 1,000 years, calculations suggest.



Lilliane Burdard / University of Bern / University of Hawaii at Manoa, Statewide California Earthquake Center Community Fault Model

SEAN GREENE Los Angeles Times

Bill to curb ‘ghost guns’ draws ire of prop shops

By GAVIN J. QUINTON

California has some of the nation’s toughest gun laws, but state lawmakers are concerned that a new technology is allowing criminals to obtain firearms by building them from scratch.

By using 3-D printers, they warn, lawbreakers are able to make key components of untraceable “ghost guns” with the press of a button.

Ghost guns, which authorities say make it more difficult to investigate shootings because they lack serial numbers, have been a growing problem for law enforcement nationwide. According to federal data, the number of privately made firearms recovered in crimes surged from more than 1,600 in 2017 to nearly 27,500 in 2023. California leads the nation in recoveries over that period.

In response, legislators

[See Guns, A10]

Affordable refuge is vanishing

The small patch of dirt encircling Carmen Silverio Guardado’s home bears fruit — lots of it. There are pomegranates, guavas, dragon fruit and nectarines.

She also grows oregano and lemongrass, which she brews into a tea to soothe stomach issues.

All of this Silverio Guardado and her husband cultivate beside the two-bedroom mobile home they have owned for 12 years.

They have no plans to move — mostly because they could not afford to live anywhere else.

Mobile homes are the cheapest form of housing in California. On average, owners spend about \$1,200 a month on housing, hundreds of dollars less than apartment renters and traditional homeowners, according to U.S. Census Bureau data.

But in a housing crisis where the working solution is to build, build, build, some of the area’s least expensive housing has been steadily dismantled over the decades. Since 1986, according to data from the state house

[See Mobile home, A14]

Residents fight to remain in their mobile homes as park owners hunt greater profits from new uses

By AUDREY MCGLINCHY



GUINA FERRAZ Los Angeles Times

VICTORIA RETA tends her plants at a mobile home park in Bell that the city intends to shut down.

A ‘complete 180’ on DOJ’s civil rights mission

California is the main target as a U.S. agency formed to counter inequality is recast.

By BEN WIEDER

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Justice civil rights division was created in 1957 with an initial focus on combating racial inequality and protecting voting rights.

But in the first two years of President Trump’s second term, its mission has been reimagined.

Now, the division is focused on combating diversity initiatives, rolling back pro-transgender policies and rooting out allegations of election fraud.

It had for decades investigated police departments for using excessive force. Now it investigates police departments with excessive delays in approving gun permits.

mits.

California has served as the division’s laboratory for all of these changes, or, as one former civil rights staffer put it, its “punching bag.”

The civil rights division has been involved in twice as many cases in California as in any other state, according to a Times analysis of cases brought by the Justice Department.

And an examination of press statements by the civil rights division shows that California has accounted for a higher proportion of actions in the second Trump administration than during the same time period in the Biden administration.

The division is led by Harriet Dhillon, a Californian and a conservative legal crusader, who made her name bringing legal challenges against many of the state’s institutions and once served as the chair of the San Francisco Republican Party.

[See DOJ, A8]

Iran attack kills at least 2 U.S. troops

American military responds after Tehran strikes base in Jordan, leaving one missing.

By JON GAMBRELL, TOQA EZZIDIN AND KONSTANTIN TOROPIN

DUBAI — The U.S. military on Saturday announced its first troop deaths from direct Iranian fire since the opening days of the war, with two killed and another missing in an attack on a base in Jordan after days of intensifying exchanges of fire.

Friday’s drone and missile attack sent four other service members to hospitals, the military said. The dead were not identified. Since the war began, 16 U.S.

service members have been killed and more than 430 wounded.

Hours after the announcement, the U.S. military said that it had launched new airstrikes against Iran to “swiftly punish” its paramilitary Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps for the deaths of the American troops. U.S. Central Command said the strikes were designed to further degrade Iran’s ability to restrict the traffic of oil tankers through the Strait of Hormuz.

Earlier Saturday, Iran’s supreme leader had warned of “unforgettable lessons” if the United States keeps attacking the Islamic Republic. The remarks read out on state TV and attributed to Mojtaba Khamenei, still unclear since the war began.

[See Iran, A4]

Wildfires in Sierra unearth a tribal history

By NOAH HAGGERTY

CONCOW, Calif. — Until recently, when members of the Konkow Valley Band of Maidu pulled up a map of their ancestral land in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada, only about two dozen of their historic sites appeared.

Disease, violence and forced labor had separated California tribe members from their history. Without routine Indigenous fire to clear out the foothills, the landscape — much of it now managed by the U.S. Forest Service — grew dense with conifers, obscuring the signs of their enduring presence.

As a result, archaeologists’ picture of the tribe’s past was sparse. No more than 500 people. Going back about 3,000 years — a fraction of the time other tribes are known to have lived in the state.

In less than a decade, wildfires destroyed forests across 95% of the tribe’s homeland. The Forest Service turned to the tribe for help healing the land. As members walked the wide-open moonscape, they found evidence of their vibrant history everywhere.

Now just a few years later, their map shows more than 1,200 sites.

[See Tribe, A9]

Nobel-winning chemist dies

Rudolph Marcus, Caltech scientist who studied molecules and energy, was 102. PERSPECTIVES, A2

Officer accused of past violence

ICE agent in fatal Maine shooting should never have had gun, his family says. NATION, A11

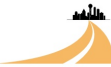
Weather

Partly sunny. L.A. Basin: 87/67. B8

Forest workers faken hostage

Officials arrest father and son after standoff, rescuing employees. CALIFORNIA, B1



The Future of North Texas



2025 File Photo/Angela Piazza
The Texas Star Ferris wheel is seen behind Fair Park Grocery and a bus stop on Lagow Street in the Mill City neighborhood in Dallas.

Vacant lots cost communities

Long-neglected infrastructure stalls southern Dallas redevelopment

By Alison Saldanha and Aria Jones
Staff Writers

South of Interstate 30, vacant lots with "No Trespassing" signs scar the Dallas landscape. Some are overgrown with weeds. Others serve as dumping grounds, littered with tires, debris and discarded couches.

They adjoin old homes and new construction sites on pot-holed streets with few streetlights, sidewalks and drains.

Many of these lots have sat neglected for decades in disinvested southern parts of the city. As of early July, about 62% of over 26,500 vacant land parcels across Dallas are in southern Dallas, which is predominantly Black and Hispanic, according to a *Dallas Morning News* analysis of data published by the Southern Dallas Progress. The nonprofit tracks the use of real estate in the city on a dashboard, pulling information from the city of Dallas.



2025 File Photo/Angela Piazza
A man used a well-worn footpath to cut through a privately owned vacant lot on Metropolitan Avenue in the Mill City neighborhood.

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Unused land could be harnessed for housing crisis

Neglected spaces could add affordable homes, help revive neighborhoods

By Alison Saldanha and Aria Jones
Staff Writers

As home prices climb beyond the reach of working-class families, vacant lots in southern Dallas could hold answers to the affordability crisis in North Texas.

Languishing for decades in disrepair, these properties possess

the potential to revive neglected neighborhoods and ease the housing supply crunch. Researchers and developers also say it can curb the loss of Dallas residents each year and pave a path toward sustainable growth for the entire region.

In a 2024 land-use analysis of southern Dallas, Verdunity, a consulting firm that studies the fiscal health of cities, found the cash-strapped city of Dallas could increase revenues and close resource gaps if it reinvested in vacant lots.

And it could do so, Verdunity concluded, "without raising taxes."

This would address "some of the city's worst infrastructure issues," construct hundreds of additional homes and enhance the lives of southern Dallas residents, according to the Verdunity report.

One empty patch in the vicinity of Fair Park offers a glimpse into what that future could look like.

Christened "The Woodworth," the proposed development on this vacant land is a partnership between Cornerstone Community

Development Corporation and Sol General Contracting, a local mid-sized private company.

They plan to build eight townhomes for what they call the "missing middle," a type of multi-family, affordable clustered housing, compatible with the character of single-family neighborhoods.

"What we've discovered is, if housing is affordable, it's not decent, and if it's decent, it's not affordable," said Chris Simmons,

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ELECTIONS '26

Dallas preps for GOP event

Police chief says the two-day September convention will require 'all-hands-on-deck'

By Chase Rogers
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Triple-digit heat greeted delegates arriving for Dallas' first major-party presidential nominating convention in August 1984. And in a dry stretch of Trinity River bottom, protesters from across the country pitched a city of tents in rebuke of President Ronald Reagan.

The encampment was among the concessions activists won as Dallas carried out a complex security operation more than a year in the making. A national organizing group sued for access to public land so protesters could stake out nearby. A separate local coalition persuaded a federal judge to move fencing to the downtown convention

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FIFA WORLD CUP

Watershed moment or wasted chance?

What USMNT's exit means for North Texas as soccer clubs capitalize on momentum

By Abraham Nudelstejer
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As Spain and Argentina prepare to meet in the 2026 World Cup final on Sunday in New Jersey, one question still hangs over American soccer: Will the United States ever reach the final stage of the world's most-watched sporting event?

For a moment this summer, the possibility felt tangible. The USMNT's run — energetic, skillful, and unusually elegant for a

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Elias Valverde II/Staff Photographer

Fans reacted after a goal by U.S. defender Alex Freeman during a Group D match against Australia on June 19.

NATION & WORLD

U.S. launches airstrikes after two troops killed

The strikes were intended to "swiftly punish" Iran for an attack that killed two American service members. **3A**

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Texas flood warnings reduce damage

New sirens, more alerts and greater awareness led to waters claiming fewer lives than last year. **1B**

BUSINESS

Agriculture meets energy production

Sheep turn out to be perfect partners as ranchers and farmers find ways to coexist with large-scale projects. **1D**

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THE WEATHER

Today, mostly sunny, less humid, some air quality improvement, high 80. Tonight, a clear sky, low 65. Tomorrow, sunny to partly cloudy, high 82. Weather map is on Page 30.

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Trump Enlists Spy Agencies In '20 Grudge

Federal Push to Revive Voting-Fraud Claims

This article is by Zolan Kanno-Youngs, Nick Corasaniti and Dustin Volz.

When President Trump tried to undermine and overturn the election results in 2020, he ran into stiff pushback — not just in the courts, but from many officials in his own government.

He made sure there would be little room for such dissent when he returned to the White House. Those seeking to join Mr. Trump's second administration had to pass a key litmus test: Did they believe the 2020 election was stolen from Mr. Trump?

With like-minded allies now positioned in key roles throughout the government, Mr. Trump has trained the full arsenal of the federal government on one of his most persistent obsessions: sowing doubt about the security of the country's election systems.

Major agencies such as the Justice Department, the F.B.I., the Homeland Security Department and the U.S. Postal Service have taken steps to revive his false claims about the 2020 election and try to assert federal control over state-run elections.

His efforts got additional reinforcements on Thursday from the country's intelligence agencies, which provided the White House with a trove of declassified evidence that Mr. Trump held up as evidence of a broken election system.

"Tonight, I'm announcing the immediate declassification and release of critical intelligence, revealing shocking vulnerabilities in our election infrastructure," the president said in a prime-time speech from the East Room.

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IRAN STRIKE KILLS TWO U.S. TROOPS

1st Combat Deaths Since End of Cease-Fire

This article is by John Innes, Aaron Boxerman and Lelly Nikounzar.

WASHINGTON — Two U.S. soldiers were killed in an Iranian attack on a base in Jordan on Friday, the U.S. military said, the first American troops to die from hostile fire since Tehran and Washington ended their cease-fire a week ago.

A third service member was wounded after the missile attack, according to a statement on Saturday from U.S. Central Command, which oversees operations in the region. Four American service members wounded in the attack were taken to Jordanian hospitals and discharged.

The U.S. military retreated swiftly, beginning a new round of attacks in Iran at about 1:30 a.m. local time on Sunday, according to Central Command. The new strikes came on top of an already worsening conflict. Both countries have been expanding the scope and intensity of their attacks, striking military sites and infrastructure including a power station and water facilities.

Iranian state media on Saturday reported damage to bridges and roads in the sector of Iran, and that a water desalination plant in Jask, a strategic port city, had been hit, citing a local official as saying that about 10,000 people were facing water shortages. The U.S. military did not respond to a request for comment on those reports.

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Rushing to Help in Venezuela

Volunteers descended on the coastal city of La Guaira after the twin earthquakes in June. Page 12.

A Compelling Distraction at the Perfect Time

I'm not a sports guy. That is not to say I'm a sports hater — I'll watch the occasional tennis final and Olympics curling match and the Michigan-Ohio State game in November. But I don't have the bandwidth to truly follow any sport.

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The athlete camcorders in Super Bowl ads sail over my head. In my LearnedLeague trivia matches, the questions about Premier League soccer — there are more of them than you might think — always spell my doom.

But the summer of 2026 has done strange things to the least

World Cup Provided an Abundance of Good Vibes

sportsy among us. If you live in New York, as I do, you may have spent a lot of time rewatching the Knicks' 0-6 Anomaly reaching for that N.B.A. finals tip-in like Michaelangelo's God giving life to Adam, reminding us that we could actually have good things.

Then the World Cup came ashore in North America and, lo, we had the show of the summer. The broadcasts are pulling football ratings — sorry, American

football ratings — and setting records even in games not involving the U.S. team. This summer has felt as if the whole tense world were exhaling and taking a collective play break.

I can resist sports, but I can't resist vibes. I started dipping into matches in the group stage. (Also, I learned what a "group stage" is.) I read up on Cape Verde and became willing to lay down my life for that country.

Now I am that guy, glued to

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WHO IS SPANISH? Lamine Yamal, a 19-year-old soccer star, is at the heart of a debate about multiculturalism in Spain. Page 24.



YOUNG FANS FOR THE NEW WORLD CUP. LEFT AND CENTER, CAMERAS FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES. RIGHT

The World Cup spectacle stretched far beyond the field. A fan from Ecuador showed his true colors, like the Norwegians did their "Viking Rock," center; and U.S. fans were ready to mix it up.

Charges of Assaulting ICE Unravel From Misconduct

Nearly Half of Resolved Cases Have Been Dismissed, Defeated or Withdrawn

This article is by Mike McIntire, Danny Hakim, Alexandra Berzon, Jasmine Ulloa and Lauren McCarthy.

In its nationwide immigration crackdown, the Trump administration has charged hundreds of people with assaulting or impeding federal agents. President Trump has branded them "insurrectionists," "animals" and "thugs," part of a broader effort by his administration to cast protesters and immigrants as violent criminals.

But a close examination of those cases reveals that in its rush to meet White House demands for deportations, federal law enforcement has engaged in extensive misconduct — ranging from attacking protesters to destroying evidence and misrepresenting facts in court.

The New York Times found that the Trump administration has filed assault charges against more than 550 people who were caught in its immigration dragnet — far more than previously known. Of the more than 400 cases resolved so far, nearly half have unraveled: Juries acquitted defendants, judges threw out charges, or prosecutors withdrew them.

The record is abysmal by the typical standards of federal prosecutions: The Justice Department seldom loses criminal cases, with more than 90 percent of defendants pleading guilty or being convicted at trial.

The Times obtained court filings for every assault case and reviewed hearing transcripts, interviewed witnesses and federal officials and watched videos of dozens of encounters that led to criminal charges. The review, the most comprehensive to date, sug-

gests that the administration's use of the law has often been less about protecting federal agents than about providing legal cover to cow protesters and immigrants into submission.

"There seems to be a pattern of charges being filed without any merit," said Jimmy L. Arce, a former federal prosecutor in Chicago who served on a commission that investigated immigration raids in the city last year. He added that some defendants were "having their speech criminalized by the U.S. attorney's office."

Earlier this year, the Trump administration died back some of its most confrontational tactics, leading to fewer assault charges. But it recently began an aggressive new wave of enforcement, with agents killing two immigrants in Texas and Maine. With hundreds of cases resolved, it is now possible to more fully assess the administration's conduct and results.

In the half of assault cases that ended in the government's favor, almost all were guilty pleas. The Times's analysis of the 213 cases that the government has lost or abandoned found that in dozens of cases, court records and videos show that federal agents were the first to get physical — shoving, tackling or pepper-spraying defendants. Many defendants successfully argued that the assaults they were accused of were actually acts of self-defense.

Judges repeatedly chastised

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MAINE SHOOTING An ICE agent told his former wife that he killed an immigrant last week, and he defended his actions. PAGE 17

A Renaissance of Start-Ups By Americans, With A.I.'s Help

By SYDNEY EMBER

Cassidy Winkler was working as a flight attendant on private jets when inspiration struck.

It was the occasion for the professional hockey players she helped ferry around, and things at her job were slow. Eager for a diversion and missing the Pilates she had come to love as a college student, she went searching for studios near her home in Madison, Wis., but couldn't find any.

"That's when I came up with the idea," she said.

She started researching how to start her own boutique Pilates business, including what kind of training instructors would need. By early 2025 — and with assistance from chatbots including ChatGPT — she had come up with a name, Rev Method Pilates, a logo and a plan.

Soon, Ms. Winkler, 26, had opened studios in Lake Geneva, Madison and Monona. She now has 65 employees and is set to unveil a fourth studio this year.

Across the country, founders like Ms. Winkler are powering an entrepreneurial renaissance. Jump-started by the pandemic, when a confluence of factors including mass layoffs and remote work led to a flood of business creation, and supercharged by the rise of artificial intelligence, startup activity is booming after a decades-long slump.

Americans filed 5.7 million applications last year to start new businesses, according to the Census Bureau, the most in the two decades the government has tracked. New business applications through the first half of this year continued to climb.

The strong run of business creation is one of the most surprising



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Cassidy Winkler, 26, said she used A.I. to develop marketing for her Pilates business.

and welcome economic developments of the post-pandemic era. New businesses help drive innovation and productivity growth. Although many fail or remain small, some could develop into giants that spur job growth for years to come.

The sustained high rate of both main street and growth-oriented entrepreneurship over the past five years is a piece of super good news about the future of the economy," said Scott Stern, an economist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Data on the number of business formed each year lags, so it will take time to determine whether the increase in new business applications translates to a rise in real-world businesses and hiring. In 2023, the most recent year for which the data is available, half a

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While leaders feud, the U.S. ambassador to Rome is on a monthlong trip on his \$450 million superyacht. PAGE 10

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A new generation has been cutting red tape to speed weapons to the front. But the old guard has pushed back. PAGE 4



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The company was well known for its diversity efforts. That made it a target for the Trump administration. PAGE 1

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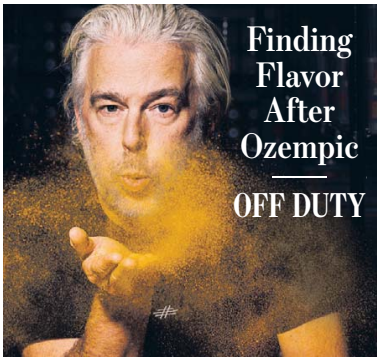
Gen Z is increasingly turning to trade schools in hopes of outpacing their careers against A.I. But their parents might need more convincing. PAGE 4

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Gracie Abrams Looks Around

On her new album, the singer explores where she came from and the disorienting place she has ended up. PAGE 8





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◆ **The surprise release** of a breakthrough AI model from China intensified a selloff in chip stocks Friday. The S&P 500 fell 1%, while the Nasdaq slid 1.4% and the Dow lost 0.8%. **A1**

◆ **A top executive** at Amazon's cloud division plans to join Meta in the coming weeks, a sign of the social-media giant's ambitions in developing data centers. **B11**

◆ **Apple momentarily** edged out Nvidia to reclaim its title as the most valuable publicly traded company in the U.S. **B11**

◆ **Walmart is shuffling** the leadership atop its U.S. business as the retailer's new chief executive continues to build his team. **B11**

◆ **Boeing won back** the authority to perform final safety signoffs on its newly produced 737 MAX and 787 Dreamliner jets. **B11**

◆ **Burberry reported** steady sales growth for its most recent quarter, reflecting a stalling recovery after the Middle East conflict diluted demand in the U.S. and China. **B11**

◆ **GSK shares fell** after the U.K. drugmaker said it would stop working on an experimental treatment for chronic cough that showed limited efficacy in late-stage clinical studies. **B12**

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◆ **President Trump's address** Thursday, in which he tried to raise doubts about the integrity of the U.S. election system, was the latest in a string of decisions that have baffled and frustrated senior members of Trump's own party. **A1**

◆ **Trump's claims** of Chinese interference in the 2020 U.S. elections add a new irritant to a tenuous detente already strained by trade and technological competition. **A4**

◆ **SpaceX is in talks** with the Defense Department about providing the agency with access to data-center capacity worth billions of dollars for running AI models. **A3**

◆ **House Republicans** are plunging ahead with a plan to approve extra military spending more than four months into the Iran war, but the package is much smaller than the broader boost Trump has been seeking. **A6**

◆ **Fighting between** the U.S. and Iran has expanded, with the American military striking a broader range of targets and moving jet fighters into the Middle East while Tehran launches attacks across the Persian Gulf. **A7**

◆ **Hostilities between** Saudi Arabia and Yemen's Iran-backed Houthi militia are raising the threat to a crucial oil-export route that the kingdom has been using to work around the blockade in the Strait of Hormuz. **A7**

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Texas Floods Leave Destruction, Prompt Rescues



WASHOUT: Debris is left behind Friday along the Guadalupe River in Kerrville after heavy rains triggered more flooding in Texas Hill Country. At least two people have died, and first responders were rushing to help others trapped in high waters. **A6**

Lettuce Crisis Deals Big Blow To Taco Bell's Winning Streak

BY HEATHER HADDON

Fast-food chains have struggled for years to win back consumers fatigued with rising prices and unexciting menus—and then there's Taco Bell.

The home of the Crunchwrap Supreme and Cheesy Gordita Crunch has kept on finding ways to grow, rolling out new offerings like Diablo Dusted Crispy Chicken Nuggets and Mountain Dew Baja Blast Pie, helping it outpace competitors in U.S. sales growth for at least six years.

A microscopic parasite now threatens Taco Bell's hot streak, potentially imperiling millions of dollars in sales and setting up a slog to win back consumers. Yum Brands, the chain's parent company, could have to contend with a stand-out brand not delivering the consistent sales growth that has powered its overall revenue and profit.

"We see risk that concerns about Taco Bell food safety could pose a measurable headwind," Baird restaurant analysts said Friday, particularly if consumers connect the problem more to the chain than its supplier.

Federal health officials said Thursday the outbreak of cyclosporiasis was linked to shredded iceberg lettuce served at Taco Bell locations in Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia. They said more than 1,600 people who became ill in the outbreak reported eating at Taco Bell locations.

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Downsize? No Thanks. Boomers Buy Bigger Homes.

BY RACHEL LOUISE ENSIGN

Angela and Victor Martino raised their two daughters decades ago in a ranch house measuring less than 2,000 square feet. The empty-nesters recently bought the 5,000-square-foot house next door.

After a year-long renovation, the Denair, Calif., home has a huge kitchen with space for the commercial meat slicer that Victor uses to cut a leg of prosciutto at family events. There is a playroom with polished concrete floors meant to withstand damage from their seven grandchildren. The primary bathroom tub has features to help them get in and out more easily as they get older.

"We'll downsize when they plant me 6 feet into the ground," Victor, 64, said.

Well-off boomers are increasingly upsizing their homes as they age, either buying bigger ones or financing additions to their existing properties. They are building guesthouses for family members and gourmet kitchens for entertaining, alongside such features as high-end grab bars and first-floor primary bedrooms for aging in place.

In the process, they are rewriting the rules of retirement and aging, when people are expected to move into smaller homes to save money.

Boomers make up the largest share of the U.S. housing market, and they are driving a boom in the luxury home market, according to a new report from the National Association of Realtors.

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Venture capital is transforming in a historic IPO boom. **B1**

Roller-Coaster Week Vexes Trump Allies

WASHINGTON—It was an address that many Republicans and even some of President Trump's own advisers didn't want him to make.

By Meridith McGraw, Brian Schwartz and Lindsay Wise

But 18 months into his second term, the president has little interest in hearing the word "no."

Thursday night's roughly 25-minute prime-time address, in which Trump tried to raise doubts about the integrity of the U.S. election system, was the latest in a string of decisions—at home and abroad—that have baffled and frustrated senior members of Trump's own party, according to people familiar with the matter.

Some in the GOP worry the president isn't focused enough on the economic issues that voters say they care about most, not to mention his war in Iran that shows no sign of letting up, ahead of an election in which Republicans are at risk of losing their majorities in Congress.

White House officials said Trump's focus on elections doesn't mean he is ignoring economic issues. They noted that he has taken steps to address the economy.

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U.S. Tech Shares Sink on China AI Advances

Investors fret over the sustainability of heavy spending, China's Moonshot

BY VICKY GE HUANG AND TINA LI

The surprise release of a breakthrough artificial-intelligence model from China intensified a selloff in chip stocks Friday, fueling concerns about competition in AI and corporate spending that underpins its build-out.

The anxiety pushed the PHLX Semiconductor index, packed with industry heavyweights such as Nvidia, Broadcom and Micron Technology, into bear-market territory. The index sank 10% this week, its steepest weekly drop since April 2025. A bear market is defined by a drop of 20% or more from a recent peak.

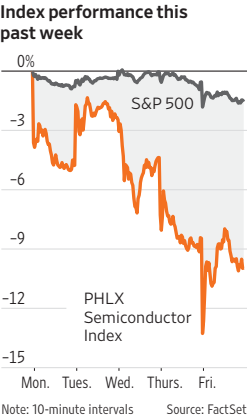
Tech stocks led a Friday selloff that by late afternoon had broadened to envelop 10 of 11 sectors in the S&P 500 index. The benchmark fell 1%, with only energy stocks up on the day, while the tech-heavy Nasdaq composite slid 1.4%.

The latest trigger was China's Moonshot AI, which unveiled its Kimi K3 large language model Friday. The Beijing-based startup said the model outperforms some U.S. systems, stoking what some analysts called "DeepSeek 2.0 concerns"—a nod to the rival Chinese AI startup that upended global markets last year.

"This is concerning," David Sacks, co-chair of the President's Council of Advisors on Science & Technology, wrote on social media about Moonshot.

Kimi K3 made its debut as the world's largest open-source model, according to the company, and topped some well-known U.S. counterparts, including OpenAI's GPT-4o.

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Office Conversions Get a Reality Check

Trouble at big project draws scrutiny to apartment development boom

In the late 1990s, a young Nathan Berman walked into a faded brick office building in Manhattan's Financial District and saw the future.

By Nicholas G. Miller, Peter Grant and Kevin T. Dugan

Within two years, he had transformed the 1920s-era Tyler Building into 111 modern apartments.

Berman was at the leading edge of what has turned into a real-estate boom.

Banks and brokerage firms were abandoning older office buildings, and New York and other cities were growing desperate for new housing as rents soared. Converting offices into apartments was a financial and political winner.

Berman and his company, MetroLoft, went all in. Over time, the projects got bigger and more complicated. He wasn't just turning office nooks into kitchenettes, or making cubicle spaces into living areas.

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People Are Finally Reading 'The Odyssey'—After 3,000 Years

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Christopher Nolan and Matt Damon got people to do what teachers never could

BY ESTHER ZUCKERMAN AND CONNOR HART

When Sam Wall was assigned "The Odyssey" in high school, he didn't read it. Instead, he learned just enough to pass his English class.

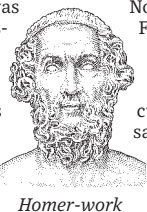
With Christopher Nolan's movie adaptation coming out, not being fully prepared was not an option. So Wall, now 21, picked up a translation of the epic poem. He inhaled it in a few days, and then reread it. He also read Virgil's "The Aeneid," which covers the story of the Trojan Horse, an element of Nolan's film coming out Friday.

"I need to make sure that I read it, so that I know if it's accurate or not," Wall said.

Wall's not alone. Readers are digging into various editions of the story so they can be ready to watch the movie.

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Homer-work



Adrienne Behrman, seen in her apartment in Genoa, Ohio, has overcome personal struggles and aimed to help two women she didn't know.

An Ohio woman took in two strangers. Then she saw their 'wanted' photos.

In an era of declining trust, Adrienne Behrman, 49, took a chance on a couple she hoped to help

BY DAN MORSE

The two women who drifted into a small Ohio town reminded Adrienne Behrman of her younger self. They were fleeing a toxic living situation in Maryland, they said, when their car broke down and left them stranded in a motel.

The story was a bit vague. But Behrman, 49, had twice been homeless, overcome addiction and knew how hard it could be to share details. She took the

women into her home despite friends' warnings.

"I should probably start planning how I can further assist these girls. Who does that?" she wrote in her journal. "Someone asked, 'Aren't you afraid?'"

On the sixth day, Behrman was at her friend Nikki Peters's house when Peters figured out a different — and perhaps more accurate — name for one of the guests. She typed it into her phone and hit search.

"Oh my God!" Peters screamed,

looking down at two photos. "They're wanted for murder?"

That nearly week-long stretch in Genoa, Ohio — and Behrman's immediate call to 911, followed by the suspects' swift arrest — is now part of a homicide case that began inside a Maryland high-rise apartment where Hilde Henderson, 67, was found beaten to death in late May.

Police have charged Behrman's two houseguests, one of whom is the victim's daughter, with first-degree murder and re-

turned them to Maryland.

In brief appearances in a Montgomery County courtroom this month, the two suspects were ordered jailed without bond. Neither admitted wrongdoing. Their attorneys declined to comment other than saying they maintain their innocence. No trial dates have been set.

Behrman and her friends have been left dwelling on their interactions with the women, and what police say they did.

SEE FUGITIVES ON A6

Poll: Energy on the left may be key for Democrats

BY GREGORY S. SCHNEIDER AND SCOTT CLEMENT

Americans prefer Democrats to Republicans in the congressional midterm elections by only a slim margin, but Democratic supporters are far more motivated to vote, according to a Washington Post-Ipsos poll.

Because of partisan redistricting that favors Republicans this year, analysts estimate that

Party has a big edge in voter motivation, with economy as top issue

Democrats need to win by three to four percentage points overall to gain a majority in the House. The poll shows Democrats leading Republicans by about that

margin, 48 percent to 45 percent.

The blue advantage grows to eight points among those "absolutely certain to vote," with 53 percent of highly motivated voters supporting Democrats and 45 percent supporting Republicans.

Republicans are not losing by a wide margin among the broader electorate despite President Donald Trump's deep unpopularity and broad concerns about the economy, the war with Iran and

immigration issues.

But their supporters just aren't as energized to turn up at the polls, the Post-Ipsos poll suggests. If Trump is able to mitigate some top concerns by Election Day — for example, by bringing down the price of gasoline or ending the war with Iran — then his push to draw new congressional districts in red states could be enough to retain the GOP

SEE POLL ON A2

He spotted a sports relic in the thrift store. It's about to make him rich.

An Oregon teen paid \$3 for a vintage basketball uniform. It could be worth \$250,000.

BY CASEY PARKS

TIGARD, Ore. — A few days before the end of the auction that might change his life, Quinn Brown went thrift-store shopping with his twin sister, Ellie. They were 19. It was Senior Day at the Value Village, and nearly every other customer was old enough for an AARP discount, but the twins never tired of looking for treasure in someone else's discarded things.

Ellie was home from college. Quinn was on the brink of something big. They roamed the aisles talking everything but business until Quinn spotted three graph-

ic tees in near-mint condition. "I think these are pretty good T-shirts," he said. "And all from the same person!"

"How can you tell?" Ellie asked.

Quinn has sold nearly 10,000 items over the past four years, and he's learned how to decode things. (The three T-shirts were black, extra-large and looked like they'd been owned by a meticulous heavy metal fan.) But the one mystery he hadn't yet solved was the one everyone wanted to talk about. How had a Wilt Chamberlain warmup jacket from the 1972 NBA finals ended up in a suburban thrift store?

And how had a teenager — a young man whose mom wasn't even alive when Chamberlain wore it — snagged something so special?

Quinn might never know the answer to the first question, but the second felt clearer. What seemed to most people like luck had required a mix of time and community, family and another boy's split-second decision.

Sometimes good things slip through a person's fingers. Sometimes someone else — a teenager, perhaps, with a good eye and \$3 — might pluck that good thing from the garbage and grab a little bit of history.



Quinn Brown looks through men's shirts at Value Village in Tigard, Oregon, last week.

The Goodwill bins are unlike any other thrifting experience. There are no racks, no aisles sorted by size or gender or use, just rows and rows of six-foot-

long, blue plastic bins filled with the castoffs of American overconsumption.

One bin may contain discarded lace twisted around a hand-

sewn quilt, the perfect pair of pants, an ancient train set, coffee mugs, books better left to museums, a wool rug, a baby's shoe,

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THE NATION

Red wolves, once nearly wiped out, had a boom in North Carolina. **A3**

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Lionel Messi spent his career defying physics. Now he's defying time. **B1**



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Andrew Watt has built a reputation for teaming up with music legends.

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