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- ◆ **Across Silicon Valley**, startup founders are enjoying a wave of computing credits and fielding competing offers from AI-model makers racing to land new enterprise customers. **A1**
- ◆ **On their first day** in the Nasdaq-100, SpaceX's shares dropped 6.8% to \$149.47, down from a peak above \$200 and below the \$150 price where shares began trading on June 12. Nasdaq, S&P 500 and Dow fell 1.2%, 0.4% and 0.2%, respectively. **B1**
- ◆ **Buyout firms** face a backlog of unsold portfolio companies that is only worsening as investor concerns deepen about AI's impact on the software industry. **B1**
- ◆ **Democratic lawmakers** are seeking information from Cantor Fitzgerald about how it may have benefited on a rare-earth deal from its ties with Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick. **B1**
- ◆ **Americans have** turned out in droves to watch the World Cup, shattering TV viewership records. **B1**
- ◆ **Getty Images** has officially called off its merger with Shutterstock, about a week after the deal was dealt a blow by a U.K. regulator. **B3**
- ◆ **Nestlé is looking** to spice up some of its products to counter the duller taste buds that can accompany GLP-1 weight-loss drugs. **B3**
- ◆ **Italy's Eni** is buying a 25% stake in a Chilean lithium project owned by Energy Exploration Technologies for \$225 million. **B3**
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- ◆ **The U.S. and Iran** exchanged strikes, and the Trump administration blocked Tehran's ability to sell oil legally after Tehran's recent attacks on ships, moves that threatened to unravel an interim peace deal and drive up oil prices. **A1**
- ◆ **Trump said** he would consider selling the F-35 jet fighter to Turkey, setting up a potential showdown with U.S. lawmakers. **A1**
- ◆ **Democrats scrambled** to stave off disaster for the party in the U.S. Senate race in Maine as the fallout from new sexual-assault allegations against candidate Graham Plater threatened. **A1**
- ◆ **An Agriculture Department** official called top beef prices before the July Fourth holiday to pressure them to lower beef prices, according to people familiar with the matter. **A2**
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- ◆ **Allies of Sen. McConnell** (R., Ky.) said they have talked with the hospitalized lawmaker, looking to bat down rumors about his health. **A4**
- ◆ **French far-right leader** Marine Le Pen plans to run for president after an appellate court reduced a sentence that barred a campaign because of her conviction for misusing EU funds. **A7**
- ◆ **Britain's Prince Harry** lost his lawsuit against the publisher of the Daily Mail over allegations of unlawful behavior and press intrusion.

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Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan welcomed President Trump as he arrived Tuesday in Ankara for a NATO summit.

Trump Push on Jets for Turkey Sets Up Clash With Congress

Law bars the country from F-35 program for its use of Russian air-defense system

ANKARA, Turkey—President Trump said he would consider selling the F-35 jet fighter to Turkey, signaling his embrace of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and setting up a potential showdown with U.S. lawmakers who have long opposed such a deal.

Trump spoke alongside Erdogan at the presidential complex in the Turkish capital, where he landed Tuesday for a

summit of North Atlantic Treaty Organization leaders. "We have a better relationship with Turkey, and Turkey has been in many ways much more loyal than other countries that we think would be loyal," Trump said when asked about the program. "So yeah, it's something certainly we'd consider," he said. The U.S. and Turkey have been stuck in a yearslong diplomatic impasse over weapons sales since Erdogan in 2017 approved Turkey's import of a Russian air-defense system called the S-400. The move triggered American sanctions, and the first Trump adminis-

By Robbie Gramer, Jared Malsin and Yoko Kubota

tration removed Turkey from the F-35 fighter program in response. U.S. officials are concerned that the Russian air-defense system could gather data about the F-35, including its radar signature, and send it to Moscow. The integration of the Russian system into NATO air defenses, along with the potential presence of Russian personnel, also raised concerns among Western defense officials.

In 2020, Congress passed a law that explicitly barred the U.S. from allowing Turkey back into the F-35 program until Turkey agrees to remove all S-400 systems and commits to never acquiring them or other Russian systems that could compromise the high-end jet fighter.

On Tuesday, Trump said he wanted to remove the sanctions and would make a decision about selling F-35s to Turkey—though such a move would require approval from a Congress that remains opposed to offering Ankara a way back into the program

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The Canadian Who Steered Europe Away From the U.S.

Facing threats from Trump, Carney emerges as the central figure in a project to reshape the Western alliance

Mark Carney swept to power on a backlash to President Trump's talk of making Canada the 51st state, which many Americans took for mere schtick. But for the new

By Drew Hinshaw, Joe Parkinson and Daniel Michaels

prime minister, reading intelligence reports of the gravity of the crisis, it was a breaking point.

In private phone conversations with Car-

ney's predecessor, Justin Trudeau, Trump had threatened to scrap the 1908 agreement delineating their shared border. "I tear that up and your whole country unravels," Trump told Trudeau in one call, according to two people familiar with the matter.

Over dinner at Mar-a-Lago, Trudeau's envoys tried to dissuade Trump from absorbing their country. When one Trump aide pointed out Canada's 41 million people would lean Democrat, the president came up with a neat

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It's the World's Creepiest Office—And People Won't Stay Away

New York complex vacated by IBM has become a magnet for urban explorers

By SCOTT CALVERT

SOMERS, N.Y.—Robert Carleton was getting the mail one day in April when he saw a group of teenage boys sprinting away from nearby woods. He cut them off at the road and raised his arms. "I just said, 'Stop, it's over,'" the 62-year-old retired engineer recalled. Soon, he said, three pursuing New York State Police troopers emerged from the tree line and arrested seven juveniles.

The criminal charge: trespassing on the former IBM campus here.

The long-vacant site has become a magnet for so-called urban explorers, who prowl abandoned malls, hospitals, power plants, amusement parks, factories and any other disused structure they can

breach.

The global "urbex" phenomenon isn't new, but it's been turbocharged by artsy videos on Instagram and TikTok that spur others to create their own posts, luring still more curiosity seekers.

Police in Livingston, N.J., recently warned people to stay out of the closed Livingston Mall property. Jacksonville Beach, Fla., police issued a similar caution in April about the shuttered Adventure Landing amusement park: "We are aware of a TikTok-

challenge to explore the property."

In Somers, social-media images of the old IBM campus—a sprawling, pyramid-studded 1980s complex designed by the late I.M. Pei's firm—show dystopian scenes: busted win-



Office space invaders

challenge to explore the property."

INSIDE



JASON GAY
'Overtun this'—boiling Belgium taunts Trump and sends U.S. soccer packing. **A14**



BUSINESS & FINANCE
Fiat's next move in the U.S.: It's cute, electric and starts at \$14,000. **B1**

Platner Crisis Shows Democrats' Divisions

Democrats are scrambling to stave off disaster in the pivotal Maine Senate race as the fallout from damaging new allegations against nomi-

By Sabrina Rodriguez, Tarini Parti and Eliza Collins

nee Graham Plater threatens to intensify simmering rifts within the party.

The progressive and establishment factions of the party are already jockeying to select Plater's replacement in Maine

after prominent politicians on both sides called on the oyster farmer to drop out following allegations Monday that Plater sexually assaulted a woman he was romantically involved with. Plater has denied the allegations and said Monday he was "taking the time to reflect on the best path forward."

The jockeying comes amid an increasingly fraught nationwide battle for the party's identity ahead of November's midterm elections. Progressives have been building mo-

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AI Giants Give Away Computing Power To Attract Startups

Hans Ibarra, who is building an AI-voice startup, has found himself on the receiving end of a big opportunity: Top artificial-intelligence companies such as OpenAI, Anthropic and others desperate to win his business are increasing discounts.

By Kate Clark, Berber Jin and Angel Au-Yeung

Across Silicon Valley, startup founders like Ibarra are enjoying a wave of computing credits and fielding competing offers from AI-model makers racing to land new enterprise customers.

Cursor, the AI-coding company bought by Elon Musk's SpaceX, offered a 75% discount through July 5.

The offers from growing AI-sales armies at companies

such as OpenAI and Anthropic are so rich that some early-stage startup founders say they won't need to raise money as soon as they expected, and others have been able to play AI companies off one another.

Startups have received offers that in some cases amounted to more than \$3 million in credits from several companies for cloud computing and tokens, the central units used to measure and charge for AI usage, founders say. That is the size of the median U.S. seed round, according to PitchBook.

Alphabet's Google Cloud is giving some startups as much as \$500,000 in cloud credits and early access to Gemini

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Are White House ties pulling down Palantir?

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Fifa meddling is business as usual for Trump

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Monaco blast

Suspect shot dead in Kyiv

Anastasia Berezovska, the Ukrainian woman suspected in a bomb attack that injured a Ukrainian-born tycoon in Monaco last week, has been shot dead in Kyiv.

Ukrainian authorities said yesterday they had arrested two people in connection with her death: an active officer in Ukraine's military intelligence directorate and a former law enforcement officer.

Authorities in Monaco had identified Berezovska as the primary suspect in the attack and issued an Interpol Red Notice seeking her arrest.

The circumstances of her death and the suspects arrested in connection with it are likely to raise uncomfortable questions for Kyiv, not least over its efforts to persuade EU partners that it is eradicating itself of organised crime and corruption as part of its accession bid.

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Monaco prosecutor's portrait via Reuters

Trump threatens to pull troops out of Europe despite Nato arms pledges

◆ Critique of continent restated ◆ Menace over Greenland ◆ Allies' Iran stance assailed ◆ Erdoğan lauded

HENRY FOD, STEFF CHAVEZ and JOHN PAUL RATHBONE — ANKARA

Donald Trump has threatened to pull out all American troops from Europe on the eve of the Nato leaders' summit, lashing out at allied leaders who have lined up tens of billions of dollars of defence contracts in an attempt to mollify the US president.

Trump made his withdrawal threat during remarks laced with criticism of Europe, including reiterating his previous demands for the US to take control of Greenland and lambasting Nato leaders for failing to provide enough support for his war against Iran.

"We could remove all of our soldiers out of Europe," Trump said in a meeting with the summit's host, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan.

The US has 80,000 troops in European Nato nations, which the alliance sees as a deterrent against potential threats and an embodiment of Washington's support in the event of an attack.

Last month, US defence secretary Pete Hegseth announced a six-month review of America's force posture in Europe, which could lead to further troop cuts on the continent.

Nato declined to comment.

Trump's threat jarred with an event

"Turkey has been in many ways much more loyal than other countries"

Donald Trump

showcasing European leaders' rising defence spending that was designed to neuter his argument Europe is taking advantage of the US security umbrella.

Before Trump's remarks yesterday, Nato secretary-general Mark Rutte had hailed multibillion-dollar arms deals as "money well spent". European states announced deals for surveillance planes and cutting-edge US drones, which Rutte said were part of "a transatlantic defence-industrial revolution. The hum of machinery must become a roar."

But speaking ahead of a leaders' dinner in Ankara, Trump reiterated his anger over Europeans' lack of support for the Iran war and opposition to his proposed takeover of Greenland, owned by Nato ally Denmark. He said he was "testing" European allies with requests

for support during the conflict in Iran, "to see whether or not they'd be there".

"Why are we spending hundreds of billions of dollars, and they're not there for us? We've always been there for them," Trump said, adding that Italy, Germany and France "turned us down".

Greenland "should be controlled by the United States, not by Denmark", he said. "That's what hurt my relationship with Nato, because Greenland doesn't help Denmark."

His threat in January to use military force to take control of the vast Arctic island sparked the biggest crisis in the transatlantic alliance in decades.

In stark contrast to his criticism of European allies, Trump heavily praised his Turkish host and said that overturning his own ban on Turkey's buying F-35

fighter jets was "something certainly we would consider".

"Why wouldn't we do that? We have a better relationship with Turkey, and Turkey has been in many ways much more loyal than other countries," Trump said alongside Erdoğan in Ankara's lavish presidential palace.

The ban was imposed after Turkey bought a Russian air defence system in 2019. Trump also said the US would lift sanctions put on Turkey the year after. "We don't want to sanction friends. It's very simple," he told Erdoğan.

The US president added that if the Nato summit were not in Turkey "where my friend happens to be a very strong leader, a very strong person, it's possible that I wouldn't have attended".

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Briefing

► **Greek shipping lines reap \$3.8bn from Russian crude**
Dynamis Tankers, founded by billionaire George Prokopidis, has made at least \$915m shipping Russian oil since 2023 as Greek tanker groups together made close to \$4bn even as G7 nations tried to curb Kremlin revenues. — PAGE 6

► **Syria blasts trail Macron**
Explosions in Damascus have injured 18 people as the French president met Syrian counterpart Ahmed al-Sharaa during the first visit by an EU leader since the fall of the Assad regime. — PAGE 2

► **Non-compete alarm bells**
Rising use of non-compete clauses is dragging down rich economies' productivity, according to OECD research that found a third of private sector staff were blocked from joining a rival. — PAGE 8

► **Ottawa not ready for cash**
Mark Carney's investment agency has told United Arab Emirates officials aiming to pour \$50bn into Canada that it does not yet have enough "shovel-ready" projects to take an injection of capital. — PAGE 4

► **Oil opens up to retail bets**
CME Group has said retail bets will soon be able to buy and sell contracts for just 10 barrels of oil, now worth about \$700, around the clock, seven days a week, starting from the end of August. — PAGE 10

► **BoE to ease capital rules**
The Bank of England has announced plans to ease a key capital requirement for UK banks despite concerns among some officials that it will add to risks in the financial system. — PAGE 8

► **AI worries dent Samsung**
Shares in the largest memory chipmaker have tumbled as much as 10 per cent despite a third straight quarter of record profit, in a sign of investor concern over returns on AI investments. — PAGE 6

► **Le Pen cleared to stand**
French far-right leader Marine Le Pen has been cleared to run for president next year after appeals court judges cut her sentence, even as they upheld her conviction for embezzling funds. — PAGE 2



Prabowo plays with fire in tackling the 'nine dragons'

President Prabowo Subianto's demand that Indonesia's top tycoons need to share their wealth has rattled the elites that have for generations controlled key industries. His ire is thought to focus on the ethnically Chinese "nine dragons". Their advisers fear "payback time" in which non-compliance might meet economic or legal retribution. But the breadth of their business interests means an attack on them risks hurting the economy and investor sentiment.

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EU borders in more muddle as Brussels eyes delay to online registration system

LAURA DUBOIS — BRUSSELS

A new online system to pre-authorise entry to the EU is set to be delayed until next year, after the chaotic rollout of a separate electronic border-check system disrupted visits to the bloc.

About 1.4bn visa-exempt travellers to the EU — including those from the UK and US — will have to register through the European travel information and authorisation system, known as Etias, which mirrors the US E-visa system. Applicants will pay €2.0 and undergo pre-travel security checks.

Discussions on delaying Etias follow technical glitches and slow deployment of the bloc's new electronic entry/exit system (EES), which requires non-EU travellers to scan their fingerprints and facial images at its borders.

The problems have led to long queues

at some airports and land crossings, prompting warnings from the aviation industry of a chaotic summer ahead.

EU-Lisa, the agency in charge of implementing Etias, has acknowledged its launch by the end of this year was not feasible as planned, according to three people briefed on the matter.

EU-Lisa's management board met in mid-June to discuss postponing the system, the people said. Two said the board would meet again in September to discuss a new timeline.

The agency confirmed the board discussed Etias's "entry into operation" on June 17. "Since then there have been no further developments," it added.

The European Commission is responsible for setting a start date for the system, which it can only do after EU-Lisa has successfully tested Etias.

One person briefed on the discussions

said there were "still some IT issues" with Etias. "Let's clean up EES first before you put in another system that will double the line again," they said.

EU home affairs commissioner Magnus Brunner wrote to aviation executives blaming national governments for issues over EES. "Other factors — unrelated to the EES — like insufficient staff or lack of adequate infrastructure, could be at the origin of delays," he said in the letter, seen by the FT.

EES was originally due to start in 2022 but was delayed repeatedly by procurement and technical troubles.

"Preparations for the launch of Etias are ongoing. As with any large-scale IT system, many factors come into play when deciding when to launch," said the commission. Several officials said they were not surprised by the struggles of EU-Lisa, which also manages EES.

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	Jul 07	Prev	%Chg
S&P 500	7116.96	7037.40	0.27
Nasdaq Composite	25792.96	26121.16	-1.26
Dow Jones Ind	52996.11	53095.91	-0.30
Euro Stoxx 50	6319.86	6398.01	-1.22
FTSE 100	7587.42	7604.50	-0.66
FTSE 100	10965.88	10951.77	0.13
FTSE All-Share	5724.86	5721.53	0.06
CAC 40	19496.24	19476.87	-0.27
Nikkei 225	25460.25	25617.89	-1.37
Hang Seng	69256.96	69727.89	-2.12
Hang Seng	23496.89	23618.32	-0.51
MSCI World	4866.90	4851.50	0.30
MSCI EM	1726.46	1727.50	-0.06
MSCI ACWI	1127.00	1124.40	0.23

CURRENCIES

Pair	Jul 07	Prev	Pair	Jul 07	Prev	%Chg
\$/£	1.143	1.143	\$/¥	0.878	0.878	0.00
\$/€	1.338	1.338	\$/HK\$	0.747	0.747	0.00
\$/C\$	0.855	0.854	\$/N\$	1.170	1.171	-0.01
\$/R\$	181.505	181.825	\$/K\$	185.137	185.047	0.05
\$/Z\$	216.648	216.662	\$/B\$	85.32	85.32	0.00
\$/S\$	0.927	0.927	\$/C\$	1.078	1.078	0.00

COMMODITIES

	Jul 07	Prev	%Chg
Oil WTI	70.51	69.56	2.36
Oil Brent	73.90	72.22	2.50
Gold \$	4136.97	4146.80	-0.21

GOVERNMENT BONDS

Yield (%)	Jul 07	Prev	Chg
US 2 Yr	4.35	4.14	0.01
US 10 Yr	4.51	4.48	0.03
US 30 Yr	5.05	5.00	0.05
UK 2 Yr	4.12	4.11	0.01
UK 10 Yr	4.84	4.79	0.05
UK 30 Yr	5.19	5.13	0.06
JPY 2 Yr	1.36	1.35	0.01
JPY 10 Yr	2.72	2.78	-0.01
JPY 30 Yr	3.87	3.89	-0.02
EUR 2 Yr	2.57	2.53	0.04
EUR 10 Yr	2.89	2.84	0.05
EUR 30 Yr	3.52	3.53	-0.04

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City High-Rise Seen Buckling During Project

Officials Seal Off Area
Near Grand Central

By ASHLEY SOUTHALL
and MIHIR ZAVERI

Twenty-one stories above a Midtown Manhattan street early Tuesday morning, construction workers were busy converting an office building into a residential complex when it began falling apart.

"The beams started bending," said Cliff Johnsen, the business agent for the Local 638 steamfitters union, which had workers on site. Several floors were sagging. The building seemed to be crumbling fast, he said.

The workers evacuated the building, at 235 East 42nd Street, near Grand Central Terminal and the United Nations, and a supervisor called 911, prompting a hurried emergency response. Fearing a partial collapse, officials evacuated nearby buildings and blocked off several nearby streets to pedestrians and vehicular traffic.

Officials said there were no injuries, but they had seen severe structural damage between the 21st and 26th floors. The building was still standing, but it remained unstable, they said. Dozens of businesses were displaced and tourists were stranded indefinitely after the city established a "red zone" spanning several blocks. The cause of the incident is under investigation.

The episode stalled a project that had come to symbolize the city's ambitious effort to repurpose Midtown's empty office buildings to address the city's housing shortage. Developers called the project the largest office-to-residential conversion in city history; it had been set for completion next year.

The dramatic episode on Tuesday, though, clouded the project's future, as inspectors raced to figure out what exactly went wrong, how it could be fixed and the full extent of the problems.

At a news conference in the early afternoon, Mayor Zohran Mamdani said that building inspectors using drones to survey the 37-story building spotted two columns that had buckled, several cracks and sagging floors. The building continued to shift after the authorities arrived, he said.

"The building remains unstable," he said, urging people to avoid the area until the authorities deemed it safe.

MetroLoft, the developer on the apartment conversion, thanked city officials for their quick response and said in a statement that the damage was limited to a small area of the building. "The entire building itself is not at risk of collapse," the company said. The Fire Department shared photos from the building on social media that showed missing paneling on the building facade and a vertical beam bent like an elbow. Fire officials said there was no risk of a full building collapse because of its steel-frame construction.

The Fire Department said it responded to a call at 8 a.m. on Monday from someone reporting bricks falling off the building.

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Pieces of a Midtown Manhattan office building began to crack and crumble as work was being done to convert the space to housing.

NEWS ANALYSIS

Europe's Test: Filling U.S.-Size Hole at NATO

By STEVEN ERLANGER
and LARA JAKES

ANKARA, Turkey — European leaders arrive for this year's NATO summit meeting in Ankara, Turkey, with the alliance under threat.

They want to keep President Trump and the United States deeply engaged in NATO, but they have come to accept that the alliance is changing — and will have to rely far less on Washington for the conventional defense of Europe.

The Trump administration has made it clear that it is withdrawing troops and capabilities from Europe to shore up American military power in the Middle

East and the Indo-Pacific, where China has become a rival to the United States.

The European governments want to ensure that the transition toward what many call NATO 3.0 is done as smoothly as possible. They want to feel confident that the gaps the Americans leave can be filled, even if imperfectly, to diminish their vulnerability to a more aggressive, militarized Russia.

The dangers of the current moment have been underscored by China's test of a long-range ballistic missile on Monday, the first such launch in nearly two years, and another huge Russian missile and drone attack on Kyiv, Ukraine's capital.

NATO leaders are expected to

endorse continued support for Ukraine, with the non-American members pledging \$80 billion this year and next. President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine will attend, to press his urgent desire for more air defenses against the Russian onslaught.

Mark Rutte, the secretary general of NATO, is trying to walk a narrow line, prodding European member states to pay more for security while making sure Mr. Trump does not abandon the alliance in the process.

"We will breathe life into the concept of NATO 3.0: A stronger Europe in a stronger NATO," he said last month.

But for several years at least, Continued on Page A9

Olympics Lifts Russian Ban, With Limits

By EPHRAIM LIVNI

The International Olympic Committee on Tuesday lifted its suspension of Russia related to its invasion of Ukraine, clearing the way for Russia to send a team to the 2028 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles.

The Olympic Committee said its decision applied "provisionally," subject to Russian conduct in the future, and that it had not yet decided whether it would allow the Russian flag or anthem at the games.

Still, it was a significant step for bringing Russian athletes, who have struggled with their country's pariah status on the world stage, back into the international fold after several years.

Debate over lifting the suspension centered on the Russian Olympic Committee's claims that parts of Ukraine were under its jurisdiction.

In a statement, the I.O.C. executive board said that after "thorough analysis" by legal experts, it accepted that the Russian committee no longer considered regional sports organizations in Ukrainian territory as its own, and would abstain from doing so in the future.

When the suspension was announced in 2023, Russia questioned why the international committee had not taken similar actions after Russia seized Crimea from Ukraine in 2014, according to the international organization's president at the time, Thomas Bach.

This argument was a little bit, "Why did you not sanction us already, earlier?" Mr. Bach said, ar-

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Presidents Trump and Recep Tayyip Erdogan and an honor guard in Ankara, Turkey, NATO's host.

Trump Tries to Rewrite History at Smithsonian

By MAGGIE HABERMAN
and JONATHAN SWAN

Coming from the leader of almost any other major museum, the comments made around the celebration of America's 250th anniversary by Lonnie G. Bunch III, the head of the Smithsonian Institution, would have seemed almost self-evident truths.

The Smithsonian's mission, Mr. Bunch told CNN last week, is to

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"give you questions and answers that will make you understand the complexity of who we are as a nation" using "the best nonpartisan scholarship we have." On NBC's "Meet the Press," he said the institution was like the glue that holds

the nation together. "Red states, blue states — whatever your politics, you come to the Smithsonian," he said.

But after more than a year of intense pressure from President Trump and his allies over what they term "improper ideology" in the Smithsonian's presentation of American history and culture, Mr. Bunch's comments amounted to a public glimpse into a far less diplomatic

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Loss for U.S. Soccer, but Leap by Soccer in U.S.

By DAVID WALDSTEIN

As the United States players hung their heads after a 4-1 loss to Belgium in Seattle on Monday night, a nation momentarily captivated by soccer mourned the sudden end of a promising journey.

But buried within the disappointment of the sobering defeat was evidence that this World Cup had accelerated soccer's decades-long climb into the na-

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tional consciousness. With established professional leagues for both men and women, and youth participation continuing to soar, the men's national team is far from the sole metric for the health of the sport in the

United States. Despite the end of the U.S.'s World Cup run, soccer's stakeholders are eagerly anticipating a boost for the sport's presence and potential in a nation where it has long battled other sports for attention.

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REALITY CHECK An American dream fizzled at the World Cup in an all-too-familiar way. PAGE B6



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Marine Le Pen's conviction was confirmed, but a ban on her eligibility for elected office was shortened. PAGE A7

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Britain's Lost Music Venues

A new museum exhibition in London charts the cyclical forces destroying nightlife spots, as clubs battle building developers, complaining neighbors and shifting social habits. PAGE C1

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After his sparkling debut as Basilio in "Don Quixote," Jake Roxander was elevated to principal dancer at the American Ballet Theater. He discusses his reaction to the news. PAGE C1

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In just the past decade, berries have been transformed from a fragile, local treat to a worldwide refrigerator staple and marketing juggernaut. PAGE D8



Race in Maine draws national concern

Allegations against candidate set back Democrats' hopes of flipping Senate seat.

By JUSTINE MCDANIEL AND IRIS KWOK

WASHINGTON — The campaign of U.S. Senate nominee Graham Platner was buckling in Maine on Tuesday after he was accused of rape, injecting uncertainty into a contest that is central to determining which party wins Senate control in November's midterms.

The situation set off swift debate about how state Democrats would choose Platner's replacement if he were to withdraw, and which Maine figures might be best positioned to play off the progressive messaging he used to win over voters.

With Maine viewed by Democrats as a key seat to win in their long-shot bid for a Senate majority, the decision would be high-stakes, analysts said. In the meantime, with uncertainty clouding the race, the shake-up could put additional pressure on the party to win Senate races in states seen as more difficult to flip.

Platner has denied the rape allegation, which came in a Politico report Monday from a woman who said Platner forced her to have sex with him when he was intoxicated. Platner said Monday that he would "reflect" on his candidacy but has not withdrawn.

The calculation that almost everyone on the Democratic side is making is that with Platner in it, it is an unwinnable race," said John Cluverius, director of survey research for the Center for Public Opinion at UMass Lowell, "and without Platner in it, they have a much better chance."

An oyster farmer and Marine veteran, Platner had entered the race to challenge Republican Sen. Susan Collins as an outsider and was seen as riding an anti-establishment wave of support.

His candidacy highlighted the split within his party between progressives and establishment Democrats and represented a matchup between an older incumbent and a younger outsider candidate.

By Tuesday afternoon, Platner's financial backing was disintegrating and prominent Democrats had withdrawn their support — including Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.), a key endorser of Platner's, who said Tuesday afternoon that he had told Platner to withdraw.

A spokesperson for Platner's campaign did not immediately respond to a request for comment Tuesday. Rep. Ro Khanna (D-Fremont), who had been one of Platner's most visible backers, quickly withdrew his endorsement Monday. [See Maine, A6]



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ALLIES IN ANKARA

PRESIDENTS Trump and Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey meet Tuesday in Ankara, where they are attending a NATO summit. Turkey wants to regain access to the U.S. F-35 program. **WORLD, A2**

Hollywood bets on web content

Last month, veteran Hollywood producer Roy Lee got three calls in a single day from executives at three different studios. Each believed they had found the next internet-native short, poised to become a Hollywood blockbuster — an online monster named Siren Head — and each was ready to make an offer and wanted Lee's help to develop a movie.

The frenzy traces back to the enduring global box-office runs of two low-budget horror films, Curry Barker's "Obsession" and Kane Parsons' "Backrooms," which have earned \$403 million and \$349 million, respectively. Studios have become fixated on hunting down every short film, internet meme and indie video game

Amid the box-office high of 'Obsession' and 'Backrooms,' studios look online for untapped talent and viral material

By Cerys Davies

with the potential to "put something new and fresh on the screen," Lee said.

"In the past, whenever we were putting together movies with the studios, they would resort to going back to safer bets with filmmakers who've made movies before," Lee said, whose L.A.-based horror production company, Spooky Pictures, secured three Barker films before "Obsession" hit theaters. "But because of the [ongoing] success, bosses are going to their lower-level executives saying, 'You better find the next person and bring them to us.'"

The race for Hollywood to capture new-age internet intellectual property [See Movies, A11]

Support for Israel in the U.S. shrinking

By STEVE PEOPLES AND LINLEY SANDERS

NEW YORK — After decades of reliable bipartisan backing for Israel, a new AP-NORC poll reveals a dramatic erosion of support for the longtime U.S. ally, with rising opposition from Democrats and signs of division

among Republicans.

The survey by the Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research arrives at a moment when a once-consensus foreign policy issue is increasingly polarizing Americans along partisan and generational lines, driven by criticism for Israel's conduct nearly three years after the outbreak of

its latest war with Hamas in Gaza.

About one-third of U.S. adults — including roughly half of Democrats — believe that Israel has committed genocide against Palestinians during the war in Gaza, an accusation that has been leveled by some human rights organizations and vehemently denied by Israel

and the U.S. government. About 2 in 10 Americans say Israel has not and the rest, about half, don't know enough to say.

A similar share, 30%, of Jewish adults say Israel has committed genocide, although about half, 49%, say it has not.

Harold Kalmus, a 69- [See Poll, A6]

A taco empire, a charred body and ICE

Immigration enforcement complicates a grim murder case in L.A.

By James Queally and Brittney Mejia

Mariana Yepez climbed the ranks of the Los Angeles street food scene before building her own taco empire.

A native of Sonora, Mexico, Yepez and her husband toiled at various food trucks and restaurants until 2018, when they launched a series of stands named after their daughter: Ricos Tacos Naomi.

Serving up heaps of fatty cabeza and sizzling al pastor, it grew to nearly a dozen locations spanning from Long Beach to L.A. to the Antelope Valley, drawing



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RICOS TACOS NAOMI began in 2018, and it grew to nearly a dozen locations across the Southland.

praise from prominent food critics.

But now, Yepez sits in jail — accused of plotting to kill one of her employees.

Yepez, 43, and a worker at Ricos Tacos Naomi are charged with conspiracy to commit murder in the death of Soledad Lopez, who was last seen alive around 2 p.m. on Sept. 7. A second employee faces murder charges.

Video surveillance showed the 47-year-old Lopez leaving work at one of the taco stands with her co-worker, Sandra Romo Diaz. [See Killing, A7]

DMV threatens to revoke licenses, cites mysterious testing 'anomalies'

By CLARA HARTER

Thousands of Californians have received letters from the Department of Motor Vehicles informing them that irregularities were found in their written test results and that they will lose their license unless they retake the exam within 30 days.

The letters have left many Californians scratching their heads as to what went wrong and scrambling to reschedule their tests to

ensure they don't lose the ability to drive.

"It's a major headache for people who maybe don't have reliable transportation," Sacramento resident David Specht said. "A single parent raising a kid, they have to take time off work, they have to get child care. It just seems like if that's our system, it isn't really working for us."

A spokesperson for the DMV wrote in an email that the agency had "identified anomalies in the results of certain knowledge tests"

and that as a result about 11,000 people are being notified that they must retake the exam.

The spokesperson said the letters were a result of the DMV's regular internal monitoring process, and did not respond to questions on the nature of the irregularities detected — such as whether they were suspected to be evidence of cheating or the result of internal technical problems.

"Ensuring the integrity of our testing process is es- [See DMV, A8]

Slew of crimes linked to India

U.S. prosecutors say gangsters directed murders, extortion and drug trafficking from foreign jails. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Soarin' ride highlights beauty

Disneyland's patriotic makeover of the attraction has national parks and new smells. **ENTERTAINMENT, E1**

Weather Mostly sunny. L.A. Basin: 86/65. **B6**



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The U.S. suffers a 4-1 defeat by Belgium in the World Cup round of 16, but the team hopes the tournament run inspired future stars. **SPORTS, B10**

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Trump eyes sale of fighter jets to Turkey

At NATO summit arrival, president again says U.S. should control Greenland

BY NATALIE ALLISON
AND MICHAEL BIRNBAUM

ANKARA, Turkey — President Donald Trump heaped praise on Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan as he arrived at the NATO summit on Tuesday but stopped short of publicly agreeing to give Erdogan what he wants most — the ability to purchase U.S. F-35 fighter jets, which many in Congress oppose.

Trump extolled Erdogan as a shining example of a friend and ally. By contrast, he renewed his blasts against Denmark for not handing over Greenland, potentially reviving an explosive issue that had largely quieted since the beginning of the year.

Answering questions from reporters at the start of a meeting between the two leaders, Trump said that he thought allowing Erdogan to have access to the fighter jets made sense and that it was “certainly something we will consider.”

Erdogan offered a more definitive judgment, saying in Turkish that Trump had promised the country five planes and that “Mr. Trump always stands by his word.”

Asked whether he still felt he needed to annex Greenland, Trump said that the last round of public argument about the is-

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President Donald Trump is greeted by Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Tuesday in Ankara, Turkey, for a NATO summit. Many in Congress oppose the sale of F-35 fighter jets to Turkey.

Platner accused of secretly taking off his condoms

EX-GIRLFRIEND DESCRIBES ‘SNEAKY’ BEHAVIOR

Second woman to allege nonconsensual sexual conduct

BY AMY BRITTAIN,
LIZ GOODWIN
AND AMY B. WANG

An ex-girlfriend of embattled Senate candidate Graham Platner told The Washington Post that he repeatedly removed protection without her consent when they were having sex.

Lyndsey Fifield, who said she dated Platner from 2013 to 2015 in D.C. and has previously accused him of physical abuse, said that she told Platner on multiple occasions that he had to wear condoms during sex because she was not on birth control.

“He would pull condoms off,” she said in an interview. “He would do it in a sneaky way. He wouldn’t tell me.”

In a statement in response to questions about Fifield’s allegation, Platner’s campaign called the claim “categorically false and politically motivated.” The statement noted Fifield supported now-Supreme Court Justice Brett M. Kavanaugh when he was accused of sexual assault before his confirmation, an allegation he denied.

Fifield, 41, is the second woman to allege this week that Plat-

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Democratic factions vie to pick a new candidate

BY DAN MERICA,
ALEXEI KOSEFF
AND JOANNA SLATER

State and national Democrats were engaged in an intense ideological battle Tuesday as they sought a replacement for Graham Platner in the pivotal U.S. Senate race in Maine, even as the oyster farmer has yet to withdraw from the contest.

The Platner campaign, as it deliberates when and whether to withdraw, is expressing a desire to influence who replaces him on the ballot, according to a person

close to Platner who would only reveal strategy on the condition of anonymity. That posture has annoyed many Democrats, who blame Platner and his team for endangering the party’s chances of winning a race against Sen. Susan Collins (R) that could determine control of the Senate.

In the meantime, notable Maine Democrats began privately jockeying for position, calling state party leaders to better understand the process for picking a new nominee if Platner drops out, multiple top Maine Demo-

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U.S. gave Tehran details on asylum seekers, lawsuit alleges

BY ADAM TAYLOR

A lawsuit filed Tuesday in Washington alleges the Trump administration violated U.S. law by providing Iran’s government with confidential information detailing the asylum applications for Iranians it planned to deport.

The extraordinary claim, out-

Claim says data may have put religious minorities, protesters, others in peril

lined in court papers submitted by the Iranian American Legal Defense Fund and Public Citi-

zen Litigation Group, contends that the materials it alleges were shared with the Iranian government could jeopardize the lives of pro-democracy protesters along with members of religious minorities and the LGBTQ community and their families. An annual State Department report on human rights in Iran, released last year under the

Trump administration, called the situation in Iran “severe” and worsening, with political protest movements and religious minorities targeted by authorities. Previous U.S. administrations have reported that Iranian authorities have targeted LGBTQ people for prosecution and subjected them to humiliating treatment. “The law couldn’t be more

clear that information in asylum applications is protected,” said Michael Kirkpatrick, a Public Citizen attorney involved with the complaint. He called the case “potentially a matter of life and death” for Iranian asylum seek-

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President stepped in amid Cabinet flyover spat

Backstage drama over July Fourth festivities to get around FAA objections

BY ISAAC ARNSDORF

A dispute among Cabinet officials over who could ride in fighter jets flying over Washington on July Fourth escalated to President Donald Trump, who gave the go-ahead to acting attorney general Todd Blanche despite prior objections from Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy.

The backstage air show drama reflected how much the personalities of Trump and his top officials drove the official festivities to mark the nation’s 250th birthday.

The spat centered on NASA Administrator Jared Isaacman’s plans to fly his personal collection of F-8 Tiger II fighter jets as part of Saturday’s nine-hour parade of military aircraft. The NASA administrator, who made a fortune in payment processing, co-founded a company that trains U.S. pilots and manages one of the world’s largest private fleets of fighter jets.

Isaacman planned to bring along passengers including Blanche, Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent, Trump 2024 campaign manager Chris LaCivita, White House Deputy Chief of Staff Dan

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Another Messi miracle

Trailing 0-2 against Egypt with 11 minutes of regulation time to play, Lionel Messi leads Argentina to a 3-2 win and a spot in the quarterfinals. Meanwhile, the U.S. team ponders what went wrong. **Stories, B7**

Trans people are fleeing red states for Seattle. The city can’t keep up.

Since the 2024 election, a nonprofit has helped 1,500 transgender people settle here, a massive increase

BY CASEY PARKS

SEATTLE — Crow Harmony never felt at ease living in Florida as a transgender guy. The state has some of the most restrictive anti-LGBTQ+ laws in the country, and Harmony said he struggled to find employers willing to hire trans people. Last fall, after Harmony’s boyfriend transitioned, the couple lost their housing.

They were just 21 and 20 with no money or job prospects, so Harmony reached out to a Seattle nonprofit for help getting out of Florida. The nonprofit, a trans-led organization called Traction, welcomed the couple with a place to sleep and money for moving.

But unbeknownst to Harmony, Traction was struggling, too.

Since the 2024 election, Traction has helped 1,500 trans people flee red states — more than 20 times the 70 people it aided in the 18 months before the election. And it’s just one of several Seattle nonprofits whose leaders say they don’t have the resources to help the number of trans people who’ve left their homes for the safety of the Pacific Northwest.

Though trans people make up just 1 percent of the population in Washington state, the nonprofits that help them say their budgets are drained and their staffs are stretched so thin that last month the Seattle LGBTQ+ Commission asked Mayor Katie Wilson (D) to declare a civil state of emergency. Such a declaration

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Once Alex Ovechkin decided to play another season, hammering out the details took only a few minutes. **B7**

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Officers in Maryland who fatally shot an autistic man after he called for help will not face charges. **B13**

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Ford recalls outnumber other automakers' by far

2026 is third year in row it has outpaced rivals; Ford says it shows safety dedication. **In Money**

TikToker shares her story of growing up in polygamy

Woman says it's freeing talking with people about her childhood with 44 siblings. **In News**

Chad Michael Murray: Being dad changed roles he takes

The "Sullivan's Crossing" actor talks about turning down projects he once might have considered because of how it could affect his kids. **In Life**

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Folarin Balogun's red card suspension was overturned after President Donald Trump asked FIFA to review the decision. CARL RECINE/GETTY IMAGES

U.S. doesn't deserve this black eye in World Cup

Trump's red-card play adds insult to injury



Nancy Armour
Columnist
USA TODAY

SEATTLE - The U.S. men's national team deserved better than this.

Not the loss that brought their World Cup party to a screeching halt in the round of 16 on Monday, July 6. They earned every bit of that, finally looking like the team everyone feared they would be at this World Cup rather than the one that had established a new standard for the USMNT.

"It stinks. I don't like to be eliminated from anything," Tyler Adams said after the 4-1 loss to Belgium that dumped the team out of the World Cup. "Tonight was not a good performance probably overall. It's not what we look to achieve. There was a lot of things that we could have done better."

"When you concede goals that easily against a team of that quality and that caliber, it's going to be difficult. We gave them good chances, or even half-chances, and they finished them. It was just a little bit too easy today."

The USMNT was tentative and sloppy, very much not ready to go toe-to-toe with one of the big European teams. Even one as vulnerable as Belgium has looked at this World Cup and without two regular starters in Kevin De Bruyne and Jeremy Doku.

The USMNT was on the back foot from the opening whistle and could never find their groove. Belgium made easy work of the U.S. defense and could easily have had another two goals in the first half alone.

Even the jubilation after Malik Tillman's equalizer in the 31st minute quickly evaporated as Charles De Ketelaere scored his second goal of the night for Belgium two minutes later.

Adams, captain Tim Ream and

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U.S. still not ready to play with best, Armour says

It's hard to see progress after USMNT makes same old exit at World Cup. **1C**

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Using campaign funds is "making it easier for working-class people to run" for political office, says Liuba Grechen Shirley.

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Campaign funds for childcare?

New York mom starts movement that may help get more elected

Madeline Mitchell USA TODAY

Liuba Grechen Shirley was nursing two children when she decided to run for Congress in 2018.

• During the day, she gave speeches and knocked on doors with a baby wrapped to her chest and a toddler at her side. In the afternoons, she relied on her mother's help for childcare. Her mother would come over to watch the kids while she went back out to hit the campaign trail. • "Honestly, six months into the campaign, it was very clear to me why there weren't more moms of young children in office," Grechen Shirley said. "It really wasn't sustainable."

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"I think we have to shift the narrative that only women have to take care of children."

Liuba Grechen Shirley
Vote Mama Foundation

Many Gen Zers not repaid for group trip costs

Some relationships sour over upfront expenses

Rachel Hale
USA TODAY

The trip made it out of the group chat. But for some Gen Zers, the hardest part comes after the plane has landed back home, when the Venmo requests go out.

A June 30 study from Zelle found that 76% of Gen Z consumers who have paid upfront for a group expense say they weren't paid back in full. As Gen Z, the cohort born between 1997 and 2012, emerges as a major spender

on group travel and experiences, more young people are fronting costs for friends. But many are struggling to settle up afterward, with some reporting the experience has damaged their relationships or pushed them into debt.

"Money is already so complex and complicated, and you are putting a level of trust and faith in your friends to pay you back," says Aja Evans, a licensed mental health counselor and financial therapist. "To know that you weren't paid back ... it's just a really difficult strain on the friendship."

Gen Z, saddled with student loans and entering a slowing U.S. labor market amid skyrocketing costs of living, is increasingly anxious about their finan-

cial situation. They're also seeing a stream of social media posts about living in luxury high-rises in big cities, dining at Michelin restaurants and jetting to expensive destinations.

Evans says that means more young people feel pressure to spend to fit in, whether that's saying yes to expensive bachelorette parties, last-minute concert tickets or big dinners. Nearly half of respondents to the Zelle survey say they have gone into debt to cover group expenses.

"Can you actually afford this, or does this feel like more of a flex to other people?" Evans says. "There's a lot of

USA TODAY EXCLUSIVE THE YOUNG CASTRO

Cuban heir has open line to U.S.

Obscure power broker has vision, access, clout

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Editor's note: This is part two of a two-part series.

HAVANA - The Trump administration has been coy about who, if anyone, it sees as a credible Cuba interlocutor.

Raúl Guillermo Rodríguez Castro believes he is that person.

He's unknown to many outside Cuba, holds no official government office and rarely appears in Cuba's state media. He had never spoken to a U.S. news outlet before a series of exclusive interviews with USA TODAY in June in Havana.

But the favorite grandson of former Cuban President Raúl Castro and grandnephew of Fidel Castro is now in the seat of power in Havana and says he's ready to negotiate the future of his country.

And he wants to deal directly with President Donald Trump.

Rodríguez Castro, 42, has growing direct and indirect lines to senior American officials such as Secretary of State Marco Rubio; well-connected American businessmen; and a multitude of White House hangers-on, such as Victor Mello, a Republican congressional candidate in Rhode Island who twice traveled to Havana in June to meet Rodríguez Castro. (The State Department said it did not authorize Mello's trip.)

All are trying to shape the Trump administration's Cuba policy.

Rodríguez Castro speaks with

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Raúl Guillermo Rodríguez Castro, 42, says he has the blessings of his grandfather, Raúl Castro. ADALBERTO ROQUE/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

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Las calles volvieron a vibrar de la mano de la selección

El grito estalló en Atlanta y llegó al Obelisco: 40.000 hinchas celebraron en el estadio y la alegría viajó hasta cada rincón del país.



Suiza pasó en los penales y será el rival del sábado

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Remontada épica

La Argentina estuvo dos goles abajo con Egipto, pero otra vez reaccionó con mucho carácter para ganar 3-2 en el final



El plantel argentino eleva a Lionel Messi, que falló un penal al principio, pero fue determinante en el tramo final del partido con Egipto

ANÍBAL GRECO/ENVIADO ESPECIAL

ATLANTA (De nuestros enviados especiales).— Ya no juega como en Qatar, pero el campeón no se rinde. Argentina no domina los partidos con la autoridad de antes, pero conserva un rasgo que nuevamente salió en su rescate: el fuego interior. La selección perdía 2-0 ante Egipto, pero una ráfaga de tres goles en 13

minutos impulsó una remontada inolvidable para avanzar a los cuartos de final del Mundial.

Cuando en el minuto 79 descontó Cuti Romero, el equipo de Scaloni se convenció de que no habría imposibles. Lionel Messi, al que le habían atajado un penal en el primer tiempo, marcó el 2-2, y un cabeza-

zo de Enzo Fernández en tiempo de descuento desató la fiesta cuando poco antes la selección se había asomado al abismo.

"Se nos había puesto feo. Nos asustamos un poquito y levantamos una difícil. Este grupo no baja los brazos nunca", resumió Messi, emocionado en el final. Deportes

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Cristian Grosso

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Al capitán eterno aún le quedan historias por contar

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EL ANÁLISIS

Por qué nadie le cree a la Justicia

Joaquín Morales Solá

—LA NACION—

Un rumor está creciendo en los tribunales federales de Comodoro Py, donde están los jueces que deben resolver casos de corrupción, lavado y narcotráfico,

entre pocas investigaciones más, aunque son las más llamativas y las que los hacen famosos. Dice la versión que una sala de la Cámara de Casación estaría a punto de devolverle

al juez federal de Campana, Adrián González Charvay, el expediente que indaga sobre la verdadera propiedad de la megamansión de Pilar ligada a la AFA. Continúa en la página 15

Impulsan un "apagón" del Estado si no hay presupuesto

"SHUTDOWN". Sería un modelo como el de EE.UU.; si no se aprueba la ley, no se podría gastar más. Página 14



Messi comemora o gol da virada da Argentina por 3 a 2 sobre o Egito, em Atlanta Elsa/APP

Brasil e EUA têm menor comércio da série histórica 1 ano após tarifaço

Participação americana nas exportações cai de 12,1% para 9,4%, nível mais baixo desde 1997

A participação dos Estados Unidos nas exportações brasileiras caiu ao nível mais baixo da série histórica da balança comercial, iniciada em 1997, um ano após o presidente Donald Trump anunciar um tarifaço de 50% sobre o Brasil. A fatia americana nas vendas brasileiras para o exterior passou de 12,1% no primeiro semestre de 2025 para 9,4% no mesmo período deste ano. Os dados mostram ainda que o Brasil reduziu as importações.

Os EUA tiveram o menor patamar de participação na corrente total de comércio do Brasil (11,1%). No geral, há déficit na balança com os americanos: US\$ 1,5 bilhão (R\$ 7,76 bilhões) no semestre. A China ganhou espaço, indo de 28,9% para 31,5%, e se mantém como o principal parceiro brasileiro. **Economia A13**

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El Niño deve forçar uso de termelétricas combinado com energias renováveis

Fenômeno deve reduzir o nível dos reservatórios do país em 2027, afetando a geração das usinas hidrelétricas. Para evitar apagões, termelétricas poderão ser acionadas, ao lado das energias eólica e solar, mais instáveis por dependerem das condições do clima. A16

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Famílias recorrem à Justiça por remédio para Alzheimer

Ações na Justiça pedem que planos de saúde cubram o Kinsunla, medicamento que promete retardar a progressão do Alzheimer. Custo chega a R\$ 30 mil por aplicação na rede privada. Há ao menos 35 processos em São Paulo. **Saúde A38**

Ilona Szabó de Carvalho

Não há despedidas em um mundo que dá voltas

Este é meu último texto como colunista. Há momentos em que precisamos pausar, ouvir e repensar como melhor contribuir para o debate. Sigo na vida cívica, convencida de que é possível construir pontes. A34

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Remembering the fallen



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Above: Bearing a tattoo of her late son, Dallas Police Officer Patricio "Patrick" Zamarripa, Valerie Zamarripa and other family members of fallen officers reflect during a 7/7 Remembrance ceremony outside Dallas Police Department headquarters on Tuesday. It was the 10th anniversary of the fatal shooting of five officers, including Dallas Police officers. Arlington Police officer and sister-in-law to Zamarripa, Sara De La Cruz (left), listened to speakers with her niece, Emme Ramirez.

Left: Photos of the officers killed in the July 7, 2016 ambush were watched over by Dallas Police officers during the 7/7 Remembrance ceremony. Senior Cpl. Lorne Ahrens, Officer Michael Krol, Sgt. Michael Smith, Officer Patricio "Patrick" Zamarripa and DART Officer Brent Thompson were remembered by family, friends and colleagues.

COWBOYS

Stage 1 CTE found in Kneeland

Study: Disease likely tied to head injuries in ex-DE who died by suicide

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Former Dallas Cowboys defensive end Marshawn Kneeland had stage 1 CTE when he died by suicide in November, according to an announcement from the Concussion and CTE Foundation on Tuesday.

"Unfortunately, I was not surprised to find CTE in the brain of Mr. Kneeland, because we have found this progressive brain disease in nearly half of the athletes we've studied who have died before the age of 30," Dr. Ann McKee, director of the Boston University CTE Center and chief of neuropathology for the VA Boston Healthcare System, said in the announcement.

CTE — or chronic traumatic encephalopathy — is a disease likely caused by repeated head injuries, according to the Mayo Clinic. Stage 1 CTE has been linked to headaches, loss of attention and concentration, as well as short-term memory problems, depression, "explosivity and executive function issues," in some individuals, according to the CTE Society.

A 2023 study of about 150 athletes who played contact sports such as football, hockey and rugby and died before age 30 found more than 40% had early-stage CTE.

Kneeland's family asked for privacy, according to the announcement, but his family and his girlfriend, Catalina

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Americans split on school law

Survey: Half support having the Ten Commandments on display on public campuses

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A new national survey has found that half of Americans support displaying the Ten Commandments in public schools, a policy that was recently championed and implemented in Texas.

The survey, conducted in April by the Pew Research Center that was recently released, did not include data specific to Texas, but found that residents in the southern region of the U.S. (which includes Texas) were more supportive of religious expressions in public schools than the coastal regions.

"One of the things that's clear here is that many Americans support some religious expression in public schools,"

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DIPLOMACY

NATO unveils billions in new arms deals

Trump renews demand for control of Greenland; calls it 'important' for the U.S.

By Seung Min Kim,
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The Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey — President Donald Trump on Tuesday insisted that the United States should be in

control of Greenland rather than NATO ally Denmark, renewing tensions in Europe even as the trans-Atlantic military alliance was announcing billions in arms deals at a summit in an attempt to appease the mercurial U.S. leader.

Trump called the semiautonomous island "an important part" for the United States, as he repeated the false claim that it's surrounded by Chinese and Russian ships and said he won't let Greenland be threat-

ened. "That should be controlled by the United States, not by Denmark," Trump told reporters during a meeting with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan in Ankara.

The NATO alliance was founded on the principle that its 32 members will defend each others' territory and not threaten to seize it. At the summit, European countries and the alliance's secretary-general, Mark Rutte, were already working

overtime to address another longstanding Trump complaint: that European allies do not spend enough on their own defense.

Separately, Trump announced that the U.S. will lift sanctions on Turkey that were issued after Ankara purchased a Russian missile defense system that led to the country being kicked out of the F-35 fighter jet program — in a nod to his warm

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Toyota Motor Corp. confirmed San Antonio will be the location of a \$3.6 billion expansion that will add 2,000 jobs. **3B**

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CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY BOARD

Current chair part of mayor's nominees

Proposed picks mandated by state's transit funding and reform legislation

By Talia Soglin
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson's nominees for the reconstituted Chicago Transit Authority board include two of the board's current members, including its chair.

Johnson's proposed transit board picks, which are subject to City Council approval, are mandated by the state's landmark transit funding and reform legislation, which took effect in June.

In addition to raising upward of \$1 billion a year for public transit, the law requires a shake-up of the boards that govern the CTA, Metra and Pace. The bill creates a new regional transit oversight body, the Northern Illinois Transit Authority, which is intended to be a more powerful version of the soon-to-be-defunct Regional Transportation Authority.

All current board members' terms expire on Sept. 1, when their replacements are expected to be seated.

But board members are allowed to be reappointed, and the majority of the mayor's picks already sit on one of the region's transit boards.

The mayor's nominees for the reconstituted CTA board include the board's current chair, Lester Barclay, an attorney who was originally appointed to the board by then-Mayor Lori Lightfoot. If approved by aldermen, Barclay would serve on both the CTA and NITA boards.

Barclay has previously criticized aspects of the new transit legislation — namely the increased oversight authority it gives to NITA.

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Grace Gumbiner and Sam Gainer outside their soon-to-be new home in a multiunit building in the 1700 block of North Damen Avenue on June 30 in Chicago. The engaged couple started looking to buy their first home in February. **JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

'Demand is insatiable'

Summer homebuying season heats up, with packed open houses and offers above asking price

By S. Sorrina Beecher
FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

To paint a picture of the Chicago-area housing market, visit an open house and look for the pile of shoes at the front door. That's where potential buyers — who frequently remove their shoes before walking through the home — start sizing up the competition.

Real estate agents and brokers say the Chicagoland market continues to be defined by intense buyer demand for a limited number of homes for sale. It's a market where homes are sometimes listed and then sold within

days, if not hours, and where potential buyers often need to make offers that are above the asking price in order to be successful.

Tommy Choi, co-founder and realtor at Keller Williams ONEChicago, says the Chicago housing market was unusually "aggressive" in the first half of the year. And agents say home prices — and competition — are expected to heat up even further this summer.

While the national housing market shows signs of cooling, the Chicago area, by all accounts, appears to be defying gravity.

"The Chicago narrative is pretty different from what we're hearing from around the country, in places like Florida or Arizona," says David Bracy, vice president at Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Chicago, attributing the region's extreme seller's market to simple laws of supply and demand. "(There are) 20 to 40 people coming through an Open House. The amount of demand is insatiable."

First-time homebuyers Sam Gainer and his fiancée Grace Gumbiner, both 28, say they were unprepared for the cutthroat nature of Chicago real estate. The

couple jumped into the market to escape the rental cycle before turning 30, and to avoid the yearly rental increases that nearly priced them out of their beloved neighborhood of Bucktown.

"We went to nearly 25 open houses," Gainer explained, adding that they temporarily paused their search to reassess their budget and approach. "It was a very intimidating process. You would walk in and there would be 80 pairs of shoes at the front door, and then three or four offers by the end of the day."

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A ramp leading into the Deep Tunnel water reservoir north of the Thornton Quarry is partially submerged Monday following a rainy June and early July. **STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Nearly full Thornton reservoir brings sewage stink and increased flood risk

By Evy Lewis
and Olivia Stevens
DAILY SOUTH TOWN

With the Thornton Composite Reservoir near capacity for the first time in its history, south suburban residents are fearful of more flooding and some are sickened by the stench of sewage.

After the round of pouring rain that swept the suburbs over the weekend, the Thornton Composite Reservoir reached 94% capacity, the fullest it has been since becoming operational in 2015,

according to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago.

As of 10:15 a.m. Tuesday, the water level had receded slightly from that high to 93% capacity, or 7.3 billion gallons, according to the district's website. The highest the reservoir has ever been before was in 2019, when it hit 54.5% capacity.

With billions of gallons of sewer water sitting open to the air, nearby residents have to deal with the stench.

"It smells," said Thornton Village Clerk Nikki Kitakis. "It's

pretty horrific."

Odors from the reservoir have been a long-standing issue for residents of Thornton, though Kitakis said the issue is particularly severe with the reservoir so full.

"The stench is putrid, and it affects all facets of life because it smells so terrible," Kitakis said. "I wish there was Smell-O-Vision so I could send a sample your way because it's, it's awful."

The water reclamation district has taken some measures to

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More Dems demand Platner quit campaign

Picking a successor in Maine's Senate race could divide the party

By Kimberlee Kruesi
and Patrick Whittle
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORTLAND, Maine — Sen. Bernie Sanders on Tuesday became the latest and most notable lawmaker to pull support for Maine Democratic U.S. Senate nominee Graham Platner following an allegation of sexual assault, adding to a chorus of calls for him to step aside as party leaders scramble to determine the next steps.

Sanders, a Vermont independent who caucuses with Democrats, has long backed Platner in the high-stakes race against Republican Sen. Susan Collins, but he said in a statement that he spoke with the candidate and "in light of these very serious allegations, I have recommended that he step aside."



Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Graham Platner speaks during a primary election night watch party on June 9 in Blue Hill, Maine. **ROBERT F. BUKATY/AP**

Platner, who denies the allegation, has not heeded the calls to resign. Instead, he posted a video Monday saying he was considering the next steps for his campaign while canceling town hall events.

Platner posted the video after reports that a woman who previously dated the first-time candidate said he drunkenly forced her

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US strikes Iran after cargo ships hit

The U.S. military launched new strikes against Iran early Wednesday, hours after three merchant ships were struck in the Strait of Hormuz, threatening the interim deal to end the fighting between the two nations. **Nation & World, Page B4**



Still 'living the dream'

10 years later, former Cubs star Willson Contreras still loves being in the fight. **Paul Sullivan in Sports**

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Um dos maiores teledramaturgos do Brasil, autor revolucionou o gênero com folhetins como "Pantanal" e "O rei do gado". SEGUNDO CADERNO



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Investigação de lavagem em postos de gasolina atinge Márcio Canella e impacta palanque de Flávio Bolsonaro

Ex-prefeito de Belford Roxo e pré-candidato ao Senado, Márcio Canella (União) foi preso ontem pela Polícia Federal. Ele é investigado sob suspeita de participar de um esquema de lavagem de dinheiro através de uma rede de postos de gasolina, e a princípio era alvo apenas de um mandado de busca e apreensão. Porém, os agentes acharam um fuzil em seu carro e o prenderam em flagrante por porte



No carro. Fuzil apreendido com Canella

ilegal do armamento. O ex-chefe da Polícia Civil do Rio Marcus Amin também é suspeito de integrar o esquema. A prisão de Canella é mais um baque no núcleo do palanque de Flávio Bolsonaro. Ele é o terceiro aliado de peso do presidencial no estado envolvido em suspeitas de crimes, depois do ex-governador Cláudio Castro e do ex-presidente da Alerj Rodrigo Bacellar. PÁGINA 21

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Farage's £5m gift reported over money laundering concerns

● Revelation comes as Reform UK leader quits as MP, forcing byelection

● But move appeared to backfire as rivals say they will not contest seat

Exclusive

Anna Isaac

The £5m gift to Nigel Farage by a cryptocurrency billionaire was reported to the National Crime Agency by bankers who were concerned it may have been laundered money, the Guardian can reveal.

The disclosure will put further pressure on the Reform UK leader, who is awaiting a decision by the standards commissioner over whether his failure to declare the money breached parliamentary rules.

Farage was given a deadline of 1pm yesterday to respond to the Guardian about this article. He gave a video address at 2pm announcing he would force a byelection in his seat of Clacton.

That attempt to shake off the deepening scandal over his finances appeared to have backfired last night as the Conservatives, Labour, Restore Britain and the Liberal Democrats all announced they would not stand candidates in a contest described as a "media circus" and "vanity project".

If Farage were re-elected, he would still be likely to face the parliamentary investigation and any reprimand that might follow.

The Guardian first revealed in April that Farage had been given £5m by the Reform donor Christopher Harborne.

Since then Farage has given differing explanations over what the money was for, and insisted he had no obligation to disclose it because he was not a politician at the time, claiming it had no bearing on his decision to stand in the 2024 general election.



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However, the latest Guardian investigation will raise fresh questions over the gift.

According to financial industry sources, Farage received at least some of the £5m after he had announced on 23 May 2024 that he was not going to stand for parliament, saying it was "not the right time for me".

The balance of the £5m was received after he had ruled himself out, and shortly before he said he would run for the seat of Clacton in Essex.

The disclosure of the £5m gift has led to the biggest crisis of Farage's political career.

▲ Nigel Farage announces he is to step down as an MP and then stand in the resulting byelection

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In correspondence with the Guardian, Harborne's lawyers have claimed Farage received the money on 5 April 2024.

They did not provide a substantive response to detailed questions on the gift and a suspicious activity report (SAR) to the NCA. Instead, they asked for a copy of any documents in the Guardian's possession.

In one of the letters sent to the Guardian, Farage said he did not

know about the SAR. He added: "I have no reason to doubt the ultimate source of the money."

He also repeated unsubstantiated accusations that the information had been "illegally obtained" by this newspaper.

Farage has said he was not in politics at the time, and claimed that meant he was under no obligation to disclose it.

But within weeks - on 1 May 2024 - he became "a person of significant control" for Reform's corporate entity, meaning he in effect owned and controlled the party. He was also honorary