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What's News

Business & Finance

- ◆ **Fed governor Lisa Cook** sued Trump, seeking to block his move to fire her, in an unprecedented legal battle testing the president's power over the independent central bank's board. **A1**
- ◆ **The U.S. economy grew** at a faster pace than previously thought in the second quarter, helped by healthy consumer outlays and spending on artificial intelligence. **A2**
- ◆ **The S&P 500 and Dow** industrials reached records, rising 0.3% and 0.2%, respectively, as investors parsed the GDP revision, while the Nasdaq gained 0.5%. **B9**
- ◆ **Businesses are readying** price increases for many household staples for reasons ranging from climbing meat costs to tariffs. **A1**
- ◆ **Dell raised its outlook** for the year as AI demand rages on, though softer expectations for the current quarter weighed on the stock. **B1**
- ◆ **A looming oil-supply glut** is weighing on the price outlook, prompting major Wall Street banks to lower their crude forecasts for this year and next. **B1**
- ◆ **A high-stakes contest** over UAW representation at Ford's first U.S. electric-vehicle battery plant will be determined by a handful of disputed ballots. **B1**
- ◆ **Burlington Stores** raised its full-year guidance after a strong second quarter but said it remained on guard for tariff and economic headwinds. **B3**
- ◆ **Berkshire Hathaway** increased its stake in trading house Mitsubishi Corp., taking it to more than 10%, the Japanese company said. **B9**

World-Wide

- ◆ **Dissent is roiling** the CDC as longtime officials at the centers say Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. is ignoring scientific findings to pursue an antivaccine agenda, threatening public health. **A1**
- ◆ **Senate Republicans** expressed alarm at the abrupt firing of CDC director Susan Monarez and pushed to delay a vaccine meeting scheduled for next month. **A4**
- ◆ **The Trump administration** is weighing the use of a naval base north of Chicago as an ICE operations center, border czar Tom Homan said. **A3**
- ◆ **The director of national security** revealed the name of an undercover CIA officer on a list of people whose security clearances she had revoked, blindsiding the agency. **A3**
- ◆ **Israeli troops carried out** an overnight raid at a site near Damascus, Syrian state media said, in a rare ground operation deep inside Syrian territory. **A6**
- ◆ **The U.K., France and Germany** moved to reimpose the international sanctions on Iran that had been lifted under the 2015 nuclear deal. **A6**
- ◆ **A judge ordered** a new trial for three former Memphis, Tenn., police officers previously convicted of federal charges in the beating death of Tyre Nichols. **A3**
- ◆ **Police in Indonesia** dispersed students protesting against housing allowances accorded members of the country's parliament. **A8**
- ◆ **Confidence in the euro-zone's economic outlook** fell as sluggish growth weighed on sentiment, surveys showed. **A8**

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Russian Strikes in Ukraine Take Heavy Civilian Toll



DESTRUCTION: A wave of Russian drones and missiles hit Ukraine on Thursday, killing 18 people in Kyiv in the deadliest attack on the capital since the Trump-Putin summit two weeks ago. Ukraine's president called it a 'deliberate killing of civilians.' **A6**

Uprising at CDC Exposes Rifts In President's MAHA Alliance

As Donald Trump sat with top donors at his New Jersey golf club in August, he made a private admission: He believed the coronavirus vaccine was

By Jennifer Calfas, Josh Dawsey and Sabrina Siddiqui

one of the biggest accomplishments of his presidency, but he couldn't bask in it. Trump told donors—who were paying \$1 million to be there—that he wished he could talk more about Operation

Warp Speed, the government program he initiated that helped expedite the development of the vaccine, attendees said. The guests included Pfizer CEO Albert Bourla, whose company developed one of the first Covid-19 vaccines. Trump's private comments illuminate the fraught politics around vaccines that the White House is confronting, which reached a boiling point Wednesday after the administration fired the head of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and

other top officials quit their jobs amid disagreements with Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr over vaccine policy. The agency is now facing a crisis. Longtime officials there said Kennedy is ignoring scientific findings to pursue an antivaccine agenda, threatening public health as the calendar gets closer to winter and seasonal outbreaks of Covid and other viruses. A spokesman for HHS didn't respond to requests for comment.

Trump, a Republican, has embraced Kennedy's MAHA or Make America Healthy Again movement and its antivaccine constituents, who were key supporters during the 2024 election. He has also given Kennedy, himself a vaccine skeptic, wide latitude at HHS to undertake an aggressive remaking of the federal government's vast healthcare bureaucracy. During a three-hour cabinet

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◆ **Senate Republicans express alarm over CDC firings....** **A4**

Fed's Cook Files Suit To Block Her Firing By Trump

High-stakes battle will test president's power to control the nation's central bank

By Lydia Wheeler and Matt Grossman

Federal Reserve governor Lisa Cook sued President Trump, seeking to block his move to fire her from the central bank, in an unprecedented legal battle testing the president's power over the independent central bank's seven-member board. The lawsuit, filed on Thursday in federal district court in Washington, D.C., alleges that Trump violated the law by attempting to remove Cook from her post without a valid reason. In announcing his move on Monday to fire Cook, Trump cited allegations that she submitted fraudulent information on mortgage applications. Bill Pulte, a Trump appointee who leads the Federal Housing Finance Agency, publicized the allegations and referred them to the Justice Department. Cook hasn't been charged with any civil or criminal violation. Cook's lawsuit said Trump, a Republican, "concocted" a basis for her firing in violation of the Federal Reserve Act, which says the president must show cause to remove Fed governors. His move, she alleged, represented an extraordinary attack on the central bank's independence. "Even if the President had been more careful in obscuring his real justification for targeting Governor Cook, the President's concocted basis for removal—the unsubstantiated

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◆ **The go-to lawyer for Trump's targets.....** **A5**

Companies Plan Price Hikes As Cost of Tariffs Increases

By Patrick Thomas and Sarah Nassauer

U.S. companies have an unwelcome message for inflation-weary consumers: Prices are going up. Companies including Hormel Foods, J.M. Smucker and Ace Hardware said this week that they are raising prices for reasons ranging from climbing meat costs to tariffs. Large retailers like Walmart, Target and Best Buy said some tariff-related price increases

are already in place. More are on the way. "Some vendors are clearly communicating cost increases. Some are adjusting promotions. Some are planning to potentially increase prices with new product introductions, which always happens," Best Buy Chief Executive Corie Barry said on an analyst call Thursday. She said price increases are much lower than the overall tariff rate. The escalating prices offer a glimpse of how President

Trump's trade policy is starting to trickle down to shoppers. For consumers fatigued by recent bouts of heavy inflation, the announcements portend another round of sticker shock when buying groceries and household goods. Inflation has eased in recent months, but job growth has also slowed, and there are signs shoppers worry that tariffs could further increase prices. James Paternoster, a 52-year-old resident of Queens in

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Victims of Shooting Mourned



UNSPEAKABLE: People visit a memorial to two children slain in a gun attack at a Minneapolis Catholic church. Police say the shooter was 'obsessed' with the idea of killing children. **A4**

In Boston, Trucks Keep Crashing Into Low Bridges

Incidents happen so frequently that locals coined their own term; a fix isn't easy

By Roshan Fernandez

BOSTON—For years, the largest city in New England has wrestled with a problem that seems easily fixable: People keep crashing tall trucks into low bridges. Nobody knows this better than the team at Trillium Brewing. Almost a decade ago, the local brewery launched its Storwowed beer, named after the local term for the frequent incidents along Storwowed Drive. The seasonal double IPA was meant to be a public-service announcement to warn drivers against wedging box trucks under low-clearance bridges. But then, last May, the

brewery's own truck got Storwowed. A new out-of-town driver was relying on their own GPS, instead of the company-provided one showing truck-specific routes, when the Trillium vehicle crashed into a low bridge. No one was hurt, but the truck's top crumpled and some chicken wings had to be tossed. It was one of three bridge collisions that day. "How is that possible?" said Jason Santos, director of transportation engineering at the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, which oversees some of the bridges. "If you talk about irony, how does the driver of a brew called

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Amtrak's new Acela trains are here—but they aren't actually faster yet. **A3**

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The U.K. Tried To Shrink Migration. It Backfired.

Post-Brexit visa program launched a wave

By Max Colchester and David Luhnov

GRANTHAM, England—Four years ago, Nigel Farage decided he had achieved all he could in British politics. The populist had campaigned for decades for Britain to leave the European Union, arguing the U.K. needed to make its own regulations and stop European migrants flowing in from the Continent to live and work. By 2021, Brexit was finally done. And so was Farage. "This has taken away the better part of my adult life," he said as he announced he was quitting as leader of his anti-immigration party Reform UK.

"I'm done." Now Farage is back—and Reform UK is currently leading in the polls—largely thanks to an unexpected twist: After Brexit, the U.K. government of then Conservative Prime Minister Boris Johnson embarked on a new migration experiment. It slammed the door on European immigration only to open it to the rest of the world. The idea was to goose a sluggish economy by attracting the planet's best and brightest people. The Tories, despite repeatedly promising lower overall immigration levels, soon lost control of the system, triggering the biggest influx of legal

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