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What's News

Business & Finance

- ◆ **TikTok's U.S. business** would be controlled by an investor consortium including Oracle, Silver Lake and Andreessen Horowitz under a framework the U.S. and China are finalizing, according to people familiar with the matter. **A1**
- ◆ **China is signaling** it wants a deal with the U.S. on technology and will play hardball with Nvidia, the most valuable American company, to get it. **B1**
- ◆ **The Trump administration** ordered Delta Air Lines and Aeromexico to dissolve their joint venture by Jan. 1, saying it gives the two carriers an unfair advantage. **B1**
- ◆ **Fed officials** are widely expected to cut rates by a quarter percentage point Wednesday, spurred by a recent downshift in job growth. **A2**
- ◆ **Stocks slid ahead** of the Fed decision with the Dow falling 0.3% and the S&P 500 and Nasdaq each losing 0.1%. **B10**
- ◆ **The administration's** ending of so-called de minimis tariff exemption for packages worth \$800 or less is catching some shoppers unaware as they face unexpected Trump tariff charges. **B1**
- ◆ **LimeWire, the file-sharing** website that upended the music industry in the early 2000s, has purchased the Fyre Festival brand for the fire-sale price of \$245,000. **B3**
- ◆ **Performance Food Group** and US Foods entered an agreement to share information and evaluate regulatory considerations related to a potential business combination. **B3**
- ◆ **Ford plans to cut** 1,000 more jobs in Germany as it seeks deeper savings to offset weak EV demand in Europe. **B3**

World-Wide

- ◆ **Israel launched** a long-anticipated ground offensive into Gaza City as Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu seeks to end the war against Hamas with military force instead of diplomacy. **A1**
- ◆ **Utah prosecutors** unveiled seven charges against Tyler Robinson in the shooting death of conservative activist Charlie Kirk and formally announced they would seek the death penalty. **A1**
- ◆ **Employers have ousted** or suspended staff in recent days for gloating, deriding or making otherwise contentious posts about the killing. **A4**
- ◆ **House Republicans** unveiled a spending bill that funds the government at current levels through mid-November but omits healthcare money sought by Democrats. **A3**
- ◆ **A New York judge** dismissed two terrorism-related murder charges against Luigi Mangione in the killing of a UnitedHealthcare executive. **A3**
- ◆ **The former head** of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, who was fired by President Trump last month, called her dismissal "a dangerous step" for the economy. **A3**
- ◆ **Trump filed** a \$15 billion defamation lawsuit against the New York Times, his latest legal attack against a major news outlet. **A6**
- ◆ **South Korea is probing** potential human-rights violations related to the U.S. immigration raid at a Hyundai construction site in Georgia this month. **A8**
- ◆ **Died: Robert Redford**, 89, acclaimed actor, director. **A13**

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MAHMOUD ISSA/REUTERS

Palestinians flee southward after Israel ordered residents to evacuate Gaza City and began a ground offensive in the city.

Israel Begins Ground Offensive To Destroy Hamas in Gaza City

Operation comes as U.N. body calls actions against Palestinians in enclave genocide

Israel launched a long-anticipated ground offensive into Gaza City early Tuesday, Israeli's military said, as Prime

By Dov Lieber,
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Minister Benjamin Netanyahu seeks to end the war against Hamas with military force instead of diplomacy.

The assault began with a heavy bombardment of the Gaza Strip's most populous area, where hundreds of thousands are believed to still be sheltering following almost two years of war that has flattened much of the rest of the seaside enclave.

Netanyahu has called the city "the last important stronghold" of Hamas, a U.S.-designated terrorist group, and he has argued that conquering it would deal a decisive blow.

Troops from two divisions were maneuvering to surround the densely populated center of Gaza City, while a third division operated to the north.

The expanding operation came as a United Nations commission concluded in a new report that Israel is committing genocide against Palestinians in Gaza. It pointed to statements by Israeli leaders and a pattern of conduct by Israeli security forces. Legal experts said the report could bolster charges of genocide against Israel at the International Court of Justice.

Israel rejected the report, saying it was biased and based on falsehoods.

Israel's military ordered Palestinians last week to evacuate Gaza City amid a bombing campaign that focused on

high-rise buildings ahead of its ground operation.

"It's just the first step," said Yaron Buskila, a lieutenant colonel in Israel's military reserves and chief executive of Israel Defense and Security Forum, a security-oriented think tank. "It's airstrikes and artillery and some ground forces but we will see more in the next days getting in."

Gaza City residents reported a frightening barrage of military force overnight, with explosions, gunfire and helicopters raining down around them. The wail of ambulances pierced the silences

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Suspect To Face Death Penalty In Killing Of Kirk

Utah prosecutors unveiled seven charges Tuesday against Tyler Robinson in the shooting death of conservative activist Charlie Kirk on a college campus last week and said they would seek the death penalty.

By James Fanelli,
Jack Morphet
and Joe Barrett

The counts include aggravated murder, felony discharge of a firearm, obstruction of justice and witness tampering, according to a 10-page charging document detailed by Jeff Gray, the county attorney in Utah County, Utah. The filing alleged a mountain of evidence pointing to Robinson: He confessed to his parents and his roommate—with whom he was in a romantic relationship—that he killed Kirk, the prosecutor said, and his DNA was found on the trigger of the rifle used in the Sept. 10 shooting.

"The murder of Charlie Kirk is an American tragedy," Gray said at a news conference. He said he was notifying the court that prosecutors would seek the death penalty. "I do not take this decision lightly and it is a

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- ◆ **FBI director takes heat** and fights back..... **A4**
- ◆ **Posts mocking Kirk's death** result in firings..... **A4**

Robert Redford Dies at 89



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ICON: The star of 'Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid' and 'All the President's Men' was also an Oscar-winning director and independent-film champion. See appreciation, **A13**. Scan the code for more on his life.

How an Albino Alligator Became An Obsession Inside an AI Giant

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A coincidence sparked a bizarre connection between a chatbot and a San Francisco gator

By ISABELLE BOUSQUETTE

Anthropic co-founder Daniela Amodei helped create one of the most cutting-edge chatbots on the market. Her 4-year-old son thinks her job is taking care of an alligator. It's easy to understand the confusion.

The AI tool shares its name, Claude, with a 30-year-old albino gator that's become a local celebrity. They aren't related. But they've become inseparable.

Employees at the \$183 billion Silicon Valley giant have

developed a bizarre fascination with alligator Claude, who lives nearby in a patch of swampland at San Francisco's California Academy of Sciences.

Anthropic's San Francisco headquarters is crawling with stuffed albino alligators. You'll find them on workdesks, at reception and inside a vending machine. A bespoke albino alligator emoji is one of the most popular reactions on the company Slack channel, usually an indicator of positive vibes.

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Claude

ICE Used Boston To Hone Tactics

Street arrests are spreading to other blue cities that oppose deportations

The Trump administration was looking to make an example of large blue cities that refused to abide by its mass deportation agenda.

By Brenna T. Smith,
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Immigration and Customs Enforcement started with a place its acting director, Todd Lyons, knew well: his hometown of Boston. Such "sanctuary jurisdic-

tions"—states and cities which house the majority of immigrants in the country illegally—have enacted a patchwork of laws that limit local police from cooperating with federal immigration authorities. That includes tipping off ICE before releasing a potential deportation subject who had been jailed on unrelated criminal charges.

For Lyons, who grew up in South Boston, that was outrageous. "Sanctuary does not

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Big Paydays Elude Biden After White House Exit

MALIBU, Calif.—Joe Biden spent his first Independence Day out of the White House at a high-end trailer park.

By Emily Glazer,
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The former first family crashed in this wealthy enclave at a place that belongs to the musician Moby, a buddy of Biden's son Hunter. The ex-president and his wife parked themselves on the beach and dined in a sandy corner of the nearby Paradise Cove Beach Cafe.

It was a far cry from how Biden's peers spent their summers. Barack and Michelle Obama wined and dined on Martha's Vineyard, while Bill

and Hillary Clinton donned black tie in the Hamptons for wedding celebrations uniting her former staffer Huma Abedin with the favored son of billionaire Democratic funder George Soros.

Biden, 82 years old, is charting a postpresidency that is less lucrative than what he'd expected when he left office. Options for big jobs are limited by his advanced age, his unpopularity in Democratic circles and companies—concerned about retribution from President Trump—that aren't offering speaking gigs. His own allies have grown critical of his presidency, most recently former Vice President Kamala Harris, who in a new book says the Democratic

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