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## What's News

Business & Finance

- ◆ JPMorgan Chase said the U.S. economy remains strong for both consumers and big companies, a sign that the Fed may have achieved a soft landing with lower inflation and healthy growth. A1
- ♦ The S&P 500 and the Dow climbed to new highs, rising 0.6% and 1%, respectively, while the Nasdaq gained 0.3%, powered by strong financial-sector earnings. B11
- ◆ Boeing will cut 10% of its global workforce, or roughly 17,000 jobs, and warned of deeper losses in its operations as a machinist strike compounds problems brewing at the jet maker for years. A1
- ◆ Shares in Tesla fell 8.8%, wiping out about \$67 billion in market value, a day after Musk's robotaxi reveal disappointed investors. B9
- ◆ Volkswagen delivered fewer cars in the third quarter as the automaker navigates an increasingly challenging market hit by a price war in China and high domestic production costs. B9
- ◆ Stellantis shares slipped following its announcement of a management reshuffle just days after it slashed earnings guidance. **B9**
- ◆ BP warned that weaker refining margins will hit thirdquarter earnings by \$400 million to \$600 million. B10

World-Wide

#### ♦ Voters in the nation's seven battleground states see Trump as better equipped than Harris to handle the economy and border security yet are divided about evenly over which candidate should lead the nation, a new Wall Street Journal poll finds. A1

- ◆ About two million customers in Florida were still without power after Hurricane Milton, which has killed at least 14 people. A3
- ◆ U.S. officials are racing to understand the full scope of a China-linked hack of major U.S. broadband providers, as concerns mount from Congress that the breach could amount to a devastating counterintelligence failure. A7
- ◆ Israel is intensifying its air and ground offensive in Lebanon after suspected Israeli strikes in central Beirut, and United Nations peacekeeping forces in southern Lebanon said explosions hit close to their positions. A8
- **♦ The Biden administration** is tightening sanctions on Iran after its attack on Israel earlier this month. A8
- **♦ The Nobel Peace Prize** was awarded to the Japanese organization Nihon Hidankyo, a movement of atomic-bomb survivors from Hiroshima and Nagasaki. A9
- ◆ Somalia says Egypt has offered to deploy peacekeeping troops to the nation. A9

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What a deadly flood revealed about America A13

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Mary Gikungu, the new director of the Nairobi National Museum, stands in one of the institution's backrooms, crammed with poorly identified and stored specimens. She is part of a coalition of scientists and boosters working to rescue the museum and the fossils it houses.

# A Museum Full of Relics Races to Save Itself

Scientists worry a Kenyan collection of specimens dating back millions of years won't last much longer without help

By Michael M. Phillips

Louise Leakey is paleo royalty, descendant of some of the world's most famous fossilhunters. Now, walking through the backrooms of the Nairobi National Museum, surrounded by million-year-old specimens her family collected, in laboratories her father built, next to an auditorium with her grandfather's statue outside. Leakev can picture Kenva's—and her family's-legacy falling to pieces.

The museum's open shelves and the aisles between them are crammed with tens of thousands-maybe hundreds of thousandsof ancient specimens, stored loose in plastic

bags, perched precariously on wooden tables, sinking into decaying, decades-old foam that leaves blue-green stains on fossilized bone. Loosely attached paper labels that identify which bone is whose are vulnerable to a stiff breeze through the lab's open windows.

There's a 2-million-year-old horned giraffe skull too large to be hoisted safely off the plastic sheet beneath it. Three-million-year old tortoise shells litter the floor. An enormous crocodile skull, two million years old, stretches between two shelves, too long to be moved without risk of snapping off teeth or even its slender snout.

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# **Swing-State** Battle Is Tied, **New Poll Finds**

By AARON ZITNER

WASHINGTON—Voters in the nation's seven battleground states see Donald Trump as better equipped than Kamala Harris to handle the issues they care about most-the economy and border security-yet are divided about evenly over which candidate should lead the nation, a new Wall Street Journal poll

The survey of the most contested states finds Harris with slim leads in Arizona, Michigan, Wisconsin and Georgia on ballots that include independent and third-party candidates where they will be offered as options. Trump has a narrow edge in Nevada, North Carolina and Pennsylvania. But no lead is greater than 2 percentage points, except for Trump's 5-point advantage in Nevada, which like the others is within the poll's margin of error.

Across the full set of 4,200 swing-state voters, Trump gets 46% support and Harris draws 45%. The survey finds that the race in every state and therefore the presidential election—is too close to call. If Harris wins the states where she leads in the poll, she would win a narrow majority in the Electoral College.

The survey also shows that a campaign marked by bitter rhetoric, a switch of candidates atop the Democratic ticket and two assassination Please turn to page A6

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- under Biden vs. Trump.... A4 ♦ Sen. Thune mends ties with former president.... A6

# JPMorgan Points To a Soft Landing

By Alexander Saeedy AND GINA HEEB

JPMorgan Chase on Friday said the U.S. economy remains strong for both consumers and big companies, a sign that the Federal Reserve may have achieved the much-discussed soft landing with lower inflation and healthy growth.

The biggest bank in the country continued to earn more than expected on lending in the third quarter and raised forecasts of what it will earn this year, even after the Fed recently cut interest rates for the first time in four years. Executives said consumers continued to spend and big businesses are confident, the kind of economy the Fed had

been hoping to engineer. "These results are consis-

tent with a soft landing," Chief Financial Officer Jeremy Barnum said on a conference call. "That's pretty consistent with this kind of Goldilocks economic situation.'

The Fed's recent interestrate cut will take time to work its way through the banking system, and most analysts expect that banks' profits from lending should decline as they will have to lower interest charges on loans.

But JPMorgan surprised to the upside on Friday and fellow big bank Wells Fargo also posted better-than-expected results. Shares of JPMorgan rose 4%, their best day since

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### An Upgrade For Ballers, With a Catch

Players win private flights, lose the points

By RACHEL BACHMAN

New York Liberty star Breanna Stewart is locked in a tense matchup with the Minnesota Lynx in the WNBA finals, but already the 30-yearold player is stressing about the offseason.

Ever since teams were upgraded to charter flights, Stewart hasn't been earning nearly as many frequent-flier miles. Now she's worried she'll lose her Diamond status with Delta, which requires \$28,000 a year of qualified spending on flights. But the two-time league MVP pledged to put in the work, taking lots of overseas trips.

"I'm trying to be a Million

Miler," she said. WNBA players campaigned for years for charter flights, and in that way, this season represents a huge victory. Players no longer have to trundle through commercialairport security, cram into seats and suffer through flight delays.

But gaining charter flights meant losing something else: the thousands of miles players used to rack up while going to Please turn to page A2

#### **EXCHANGE**



**BITTER RIVALS** Inside the nasty feud rocking the world of private jets **B1** 

# Boeing to Cut 10% of Workers

By Sharon Terlep

Boeing will cut 10% of its global workforce, or roughly 17,000 jobs, and warned of deeper losses in its operations as a machinist strike compounds problems brewing at the jet maker for years.

Along with the job cuts, the manufacturing giant said it would further delay the launch of a new airplane, the 777X, that is already years behind schedule. It will also discontinue the 767 cargo plane.

Boeing will book \$3 billion of pretax charges tied to the two jet programs and another \$2 billion in write-offs tied to several troubled programs in its defense unit. The charges will result in a quarterly net loss of roughly \$6 billion.

They are the biggest moves so far by Chief Executive Kelly Ortberg, who took over the company in August, to revamp an American company that has struggled with production issues and been burning through its cash.

Negotiations between Boeing and union leaders broke down this week, eroding hopes of a quick end to a strike that has halted production of most airplanes. Credit-rating firms have warned that the company needs to preserve cash and could be downgraded to junk

"Our business is in a difficult position, and it is hard to overstate the challenges we face together," Ortberg said in Please turn to page A8

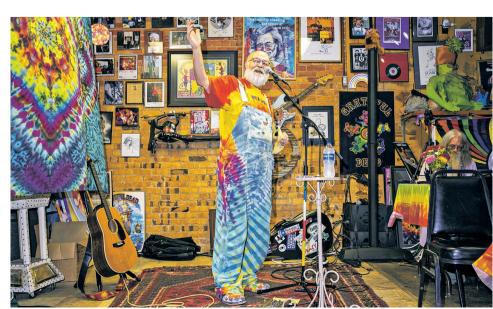
## A Farm Town Seeks Salvation at the Local Bar

By Dan Frosch AND PAUL OVERBERG

POMEROY, Iowa-What's left of this tiny town's crumbling Main Street was dark and empty, just as it has been for years. Rain pelted the row of boarded-up buildings, all of them vacant except for one, where a sliver of light peeked out from a doorway.

Inside Byron's bar, the evening's last singer wandered into a crowd with his guitar and led them in a mournful rendition of the John Prine ballad, "Paradise," about a town that has been razed and abandoned. Everyone knew the words:

And daddy, won't you take me back to Muhlenberg County? Please turn to page A7



Byron Stuart owns one of the few businesses keeping Pomeroy, lowa, population 520, going: a bar where passing musical acts make a quick stop and Busch Light sells for \$3 a can.