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What's News

Business & Finance

◆ As America teeters between a soft landing and recession, uncertainty is weighing on consumers and businesses, and some economists are saying the Fed needs to cut interest rates to stave off a downturn. **A1**

◆ Netflix said it has struck a deal to have CBS Sports produce its two NFL Christmas games this year. **B9**

◆ Some luxury brands are pushing through price increases in Japan, as tourists snap up high-end goods. **B9**

◆ An ad-industry initiative dedicated to safeguarding marketers from harmful content is halting work following a lawsuit filed by Musk's social-media platform X. **B9**

◆ Pitney Bowes sold a controlling interest in most of its Global Ecommerce segment to an affiliate of Hilco Global. **B9**

◆ Samsung Electronics is recalling more than one million electric stoves in the U.S. following reports of about 250 fires. **B10**

◆ Jeep-maker Stellantis is laying off 2,450 factory workers in Michigan. **B10**

◆ The S&P 500 gained 0.5% to end a wild week just about where it started the week: up 12% for the year. The Dow and Nasdaq rose 0.1% and 0.5%, respectively. **B11**

World-Wide

◆ Iran is pursuing research that has put it in a better position to launch a nuclear-weapons program, according to a new assessment by U.S. intelligence agencies. **A1**

◆ Former President Trump and Vice President Harris are competing for a shrinking pool of undecided—and, in many cases, the hardest to reach—Americans. **A1**

◆ A passenger plane carrying 61 people plunged in a flat spin into a residential area near São Paulo, killing all on board in Brazil's worst crash in nearly two decades. **A9**

◆ The FDA rejected use of an ecstasy-based drug along with mental-health therapy in the treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder, asking Lykos Therapeutics to test the drug therapy further. **A3**

◆ A bipartisan group of U.S. lawmakers wants to restrict a trade provision, favored by retailers such as Temu and Shein, that lets goods flow in from China with little scrutiny and no duties. **A2**

◆ A California man was sentenced to 20 years in prison for attacking police with flagpoles and other makeshift weapons during 2021 riot at the U.S. Capitol. **A4**

◆ Austrian authorities announced a third arrest in connection with the foiled conspiracy to attack now-canceled Taylor Swift concerts. **A8**

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Kamala picks a Midwestern smoothie **A15**

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A New Olympic Sport Breaks Out in Paris

BEAT GENERATION: American B-Girl Logistx—legal name Logan Edra—competes Friday in the Place de la Concorde at the Games' first breaking event. Japan's B-Girl Ami (Ami Yuasa) ended up winning the gold. Olympics coverage, **A11-12**

Iran Advances Ability to Make Nuclear Weapons, U.S. Says

By LAURENCE NORMAN AND MICHAEL R. GORDON

Iran is pursuing research that has put it in a better position to launch a nuclear-weapons program, according to a new assessment by U.S. intelligence agencies.

The shift in Washington's view of Iran's nuclear efforts comes at a critical time, with Iran having produced enough highly-enriched nuclear fuel for a few nuclear weapons.

Tensions in the Middle East have sharply escalated since Iran threatened to strike Israel following the assassination of a leading Hamas figure in Tehran that the Iranians have blamed on the Israelis.

The U.S. intelligence community still believes that Iran isn't currently working to build a nuclear device, a U.S. official said. Nor does it have evidence that Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Iran's supreme leader, is considering resuming

his country's nuclear-weapons program, which U.S. intelligence says was largely suspended in 2003.

But a July report to Congress from the director of national intelligence warned that Iran has "undertaken activities that better position it to produce a nuclear device, if it chooses to do so."

The report omitted what has been a standard U.S. intelligence assertion for years: that Iran "isn't currently un-

dertaking the key nuclear weapons development activities necessary to produce a testable nuclear device."

President Biden has said the U.S. would never allow Iran to acquire a nuclear weapon, raising the possibility of military action if Washington was to determine that Tehran has embarked on an intensive effort to build a nuclear device. Iran says its nuclear program is purely for civilian purposes.

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Campaigns Rush to Tap Sliver of Undecided Voters

By AARON ZITNER

After months of apathy, voters are coming off the sidelines in significant numbers and committing to one party or the other, leaving former President Donald Trump and Vice President Kamala Harris to compete for a shrinking pool of undecided—and, in many cases, the hardest to reach—Americans.

Most voters tend to "come home" to the party they usually favor by the end of a cam-

paign. But the turbulent events of the past month have sped up the process. The attempt on Trump's life, President Biden's withdrawal from the race and the selection of running mates have energized the core voters within each party—and helped Harris erase Trump's previous lead.

Now the two campaigns face a different challenge. The election will be decided by a small set of voters who will be harder to persuade, as they haven't yet tuned into the

campaign or still don't like what they have seen from either candidate.

Six weeks ago, Wall Street Journal polling found that 28% of voters were "up for grabs" and not fully committed to any candidate. By late last month, only 15% were up for grabs, a sign many voters had settled on their choice.

In another measure that par-

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Foreign TikTok Networks Spread Political Lies

A flood of anti-Trump videos traced back to webs of overseas accounts

On TikTok, the news was chilling: "Former President Donald Trump reportedly survived an assassination attempt," an artificial voice intoned.

By Georgia Wells, John West, Dustin Volz, Jack Gillum and Brian Whitton

The video, posted by an account under the name gloriabarton19684, claimed the shooter had wielded an

assault rifle and warned that information was sparse.

The catch? The video was posted in early March, months before the assassination attempt on Trump at a rally in Pennsylvania. And "Gloria Barton" isn't just an ordinary user.

Barton is one of 91 TikTok accounts with overseas ties identified by The Wall Street Journal using the same tactics, images and themes to churn out lies about the for-

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EXCHANGE

BATTLE READY
Tech bros want to help the U.S. go to war with China. **B1**

Stocks Rise to Cap Wild Week

Major indexes rose on Friday, as the S&P 500 ended the turbulent week right around where it began. **B11**

Index performance this past week

Source: FactSet

Olympic Champs Win Medals— And Free Colonoscopies

Prize hauls can also include free haircuts and a lifetime supply of mac-and-cheese

By GEORGI KANTCHEV

PARIS—Carlos Yulo won two Olympic gold medals for the Philippines. As it turned out, that was just the beginning of the gymnast's epic prize haul.

At home, he will get a congressional medal and at least \$350,000 from the government. Plus, a free set of headlights and fog lights.

Also, free wedding photography, haircuts and furniture. And more food than he could

eat in an entire lifetime. One local real-estate developer awarded him a fully furnished, three-bedroom apartment in Manila. Not to be outdone, another real-estate company offered him a house.

"I am happy that I won a gold medal," Yulo said, "and also a house."

Governments around the world, sponsors and privileged entrepreneurs often compensate athletes with cash, property and the most un-

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Jaws of victory

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