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## What's News

### Business & Finance

◆ **Tesla's expansion of its Supercharger network** has slowed in recent months, after layoffs in April gutted the team responsible for installing new electric-car chargers and stations. **A1**

◆ **A federal appeals court** signaled skepticism with TikTok's legal effort to prevent the U.S. from forcing the app to sever ties with China to keep operating in the U.S. **B1**

◆ **Boeing said it would** freeze hiring and delay pay increases for its salaried workforce as the jet maker grapples with financial fallout from a strike launched by its largest union. **B1**

◆ **Amazon told employees** that they will be required to be in the office five days a week starting in January. **B1**

◆ **Intel said it would further** separate its chip-manufacturing and design operations to weather one of the most significant crises in its history. **B1**

◆ **The Dow rose** 0.6% to a fresh high. The Nasdaq slipped 0.5% and the S&P 500 inched up 0.1%. **B10**

◆ **BP plans to sell** its U.S. onshore wind-energy division in a move to simplify its business and focus on its solar operation. **B3**

◆ **Oracle announced** a partnership with Amazon's cloud unit, cementing its strategy of joining with past rivals. **B4**

◆ **A trial got under way** to determine whether Rupert Murdoch can change a trust holding his family's assets. **B3**

◆ **A bankruptcy judge ruled** that failed trucker Yellow can't escape its pension withdrawal liability. **B3**

### World-Wide

◆ **The suspected gunman** in Sunday's apparent assassination attempt on Donald Trump was hiding near the former president's Florida golf course for roughly 12 hours before a Secret Service agent spotted him and opened fire, prosecutors said. **A1**

◆ **The suspect acted** so erratically during his years as a pro-Ukraine activist that other Americans flagged his behavior to U.S. authorities. **A4**

◆ **Ryan Wesley Routh** urged in a self-published book the assassination of Trump over his decision to withdraw from a diplomatic agreement restricting Tehran's nuclear program. **A4**

◆ **The number of Ukrainian** and Russian casualties is approaching one million, as the grinding war accelerates a steep population decline in both countries. **A1**

◆ **A top U.S. envoy warned** Israel over escalating the fight with Hezbollah in Lebanon, reflecting growing U.S. concern that the conflict in Gaza could spread. **A16**

◆ **A key White House** adviser declared that the U.S. economy has reached "an important turning point" in which the inflation surge has largely ended. **A2**

◆ **Two former New York** City fire chiefs were charged Monday with accepting tens of thousands of dollars in bribes in exchange for expediting safety inspections. **A3**

◆ **A group of senior U.S.** officials is traveling to Beijing this week for talks to underscore Washington's concerns over a wave of Chinese goods flooding world markets. **A16**

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## Pups Join Troops for Mexico Independence Day



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**PAWSOME:** In Mexico City, members of the military march in the country's Independence Day parade Monday with puppies being trained in the canine unit. The parade celebrates the anniversary of Mexico's independence from Spain.

## Toll of Dead and Injured Hovers Near One Million in Ukraine War

By BOJAN PANCEVSKI

KYIV, Ukraine—The number of Ukrainians and Russians killed or wounded in the grinding 2½-year war has reached about one million, a staggering toll that these two countries struggling with shrinking prewar populations will pay far into the future.

Determining the exact number of dead and wounded in the conflict has been difficult, with Russia and Ukraine declining to release official estimates

or, at times, putting out figures that are widely mistrusted.

A confidential Ukrainian estimate this year put the number of dead Ukrainian troops at 80,000 and the wounded at 400,000, people familiar with the matter said. Western intelligence estimates of Russian casualties vary, with some putting the number of dead as high as nearly 200,000 and wounded at around 400,000. The losses are causing

problems for Russia as it uses waves of poorly trained soldiers to try to advance in Ukraine's east while also trying to counter a recent Ukrainian incursion in the Kursk region. But they are significantly more damaging for Ukraine, with a population less than a quarter the size of its giant neighbor's.

The high—and fast-rising—tolls on both sides highlight what will be a devastating long-term effect for countries

that were struggling with population declines before the war mainly because of economic turmoil and social upheavals. They also illuminate one of Russian President Vladimir Putin's own motivations behind launching the invasion in 2022: to boost Russia's population by absorbing Ukrainians. Russia's invasions

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## Tesla's Fast-Charger Growth Slows Down

By BECKY PETERSON

Tesla's expansion of its Supercharger network has slowed in recent months, after widespread layoffs in April gutted the team responsible for installing new electric-car chargers and stations.

While Tesla has been trying to rebuild the group, including rehiring some employees previously let go, the number of new Supercharger ports opened in May through August fell 28% from the same period a year earlier, according to EV analytics firm EVAdoption.

For the first eight months of this year, that number was down 11% from 2023, the firm's data show. The decline comes as the electric-car

maker has received millions of dollars in government funding this summer to install new chargers in states including Maryland and Arizona.

Tesla is under pressure to expand its network of fast chargers and open it to a wider array of drivers, including those with non-Tesla vehicles.

Ford Motor and Rivian Automotive already have access to Tesla's plug-in technology and several other car companies have forged agreements to use the chargers for their own customers, a shift that could help broaden the once-exclusive service.

The rollout to other automakers has run into some obstacles this year, owing in part

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Miami quarterback Tua Tagovailoa has a life decision to make—not a football one. **A12**

## Tiny Plastic Employees Are Lego Hit

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Collectors bug workers for their business cards

By KIM MACKRAEL

Michael Renvillard was backstage at a New York City festival featuring Alicia Keys and Hugh Jackman when the longtime Lego representative noticed something odd. Strangers were bypassing celebrities and approaching him.

"They were wondering if I had one of those funny business cards," he recalls.

Within minutes, he had emptied his pocket of a dozen or so tiny Lego figures designed to look like him—with his name and the company logo on the chest and his phone number and email on the back.

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## Rape Crisis Unfolds In Congo's War

Brutal sexual violence rises as international attention wanes

By GABRIELE STEINHAUSER

GOMA, Congo—The women walk in silence, their flip flops tapping the black volcanic rocks. On open stretches of their five-hour march, they quietly trade stories, the only way to steel themselves for the dangers they know are looming in the thicket.

Each of the women has been raped on this path, some once, some twice, some three times. One was raped while her baby lay on the ground beside her, crying. Another was pushed to the ground for hours by two men armed with knives and machetes. They have each heard the muffled screams of their friends being assaulted nearby.

But they keep coming back. They have no other choice.

The women live in a tattered camp on the outskirts of this Congolese border city where their children starve during the day and shiver at night. They need to collect firewood and edible plants to supplement the small rations of flour and beans they receive once a month. And those can be found in a remote section of Congo's Virunga National Park—world famous for its majestic mountain gorillas and now a hideout for hundreds of newly empowered fighters.

"I go when my children are crying from hunger. I go when we don't have clothes. I go when we don't have anything," says Espérance Kanyamanza, a 26-year-old mother of four who has been raped three times over the course

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## Suspected Gunman Waited Hours for Trump

Man went unnoticed as he hid overnight until an agent spotted a rifle and fired at him

By SADIE GURMAN AND DEBORAH ACOSTA

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla.—The suspected gunman in Sunday's apparent assassination attempt on Donald Trump was hiding near the Republican presidential nominee's Florida golf course for about 12 hours before a Secret Service agent spotted him and opened fire, prosecutors said Monday.

Ryan Wesley Routh's cell-phone records show he was near the perimeter of Trump's golf course from about 2 a.m. until 1:31 p.m., a criminal complaint filed against Routh said. At that time, the agent noticed the barrel of a rifle poking out of the tree line and fired at least four shots.

The details, revealed in the court document charging Routh with federal gun crimes, suggest some level of advance planning by the suspect, who had a long history of criminal convictions—including possession of a weapon "of mass

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## An Unlikely Group Of Home Renters Rises: Millionaires

By GINA HEEB AND PAUL OVERBERG

George Goognin, the millionaire founder of a fintech startup, moved to the U.S. two years ago from Russia. He planned to rent while he searched for a place to buy in Silicon Valley. But after a monthslong house hunt, he saw nothing he liked. So he moved on.

He looked for a home to buy in Miami, then in New York. At each stop, he was frustrated by what he considered a lack of suitable homes for sale.

"In terms of price for value, the supply is close to zero,"

Goognin said. Instead, he is renting a three-bedroom apartment in a luxury Manhattan high-rise for about \$19,000 a month.

Goognin is a part of an emerging group of unlikely renters: millionaires. While still relatively small in number, millionaire renters in the U.S. are on the rise, a reflection of how the calculus around homeownership has changed for even the wealthiest in the U.S.

Between 2018 and 2022, the share of households with annual incomes of more than \$750,000 that rented rose to 10.5%, according to census

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