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What's News

Business & Finance

- ◆ **Chip-making giants** TSMC and Samsung Electronics have discussed building factory complexes in the U.A.E. that could transform the industry in the coming years and become a cornerstone for artificial-intelligence investments in the Middle East. **A1**
- ◆ **The Fed** is finally cutting interest rates, but one key gauge of borrowing costs, yields on longer-term U.S. Treasury, has been going up anyway, a reminder that the central bank doesn't have complete control over the costs of borrowing. **B1**
- ◆ **Trial proceedings** in the U.S. government's antitrust case against Google's advertising business have provided a rare window into internal company anxieties about the Alphabet unit's role in buying and selling ad space online. **B1**
- ◆ **Johnson & Johnson** filed an unprecedented third chapter 11 case seeking to end the mass lawsuits linking its cosmetic talc products to cancer. **B2**
- ◆ **The maker** of Cards Against Humanity has filed a \$15 million lawsuit against SpaceX, alleging the Musk company trespassed on land the games company owns in Texas. **B4**
- ◆ **Brazil's Supreme Court** said Musk's platform, X, must provide more documents to prove it is complying with a requirement for operating in the country. **B4**
- ◆ **A federal appeals court** blocked Boston Generating's creditors from recovering over \$700 million transferred to its shareholders before its bankruptcy. **B8**

World-Wide

- ◆ **Israel and Hezbollah** accelerated their cross-border attacks with their leaders exchanging saber-rattling threats in a rapidly deteriorating situation that has the adversaries closer to full-out war. **A1**
- ◆ **The Israeli military** raided Al Jazeera's office in the occupied West Bank, the news outlet said, and ordered it shut for at least 45 days. **A7**
- ◆ **Congressional leaders** backed a spending deal that would avoid a government shutdown before the election and give the Secret Service extra funding to help protect presidential candidates. **A4**
- ◆ **The number** of homeless people in the U.S. continues to grow and is on pace to hit yet another record high this year. **A3**
- ◆ **Four people were killed** and at least 17 others injured in a shooting in Birmingham, Ala. **A3**
- ◆ **The chairman** of drugmaker Roche denounced the boom in industrial subsidies by the U.S. and EU governments to boost against competition from China and other nations as a "waste of money." **A18**
- ◆ **The Social Democrats** of German Chancellor Olaf Scholz won a narrow victory over a growing far-right party in Brandenburg. **A18**
- ◆ **France's new conservative** Prime Minister Michel Barnier has formed his cabinet, drawing ministers primarily from the centrist ranks of President Macron. **A18**
- ◆ **Marxist lawmaker** Anura Kumara Dissanayake won the Sri Lanka presidential race. **A18**

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Artificial Intelligence: What will AI look like in 2030? **R1-12**

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A reported Hezbollah strike on Sunday caused damage around Haifa, northern Israel, while Israel struck targets in Lebanon.

Israel and Hezbollah Approach Full-Scale Warfare

Militants target Iron Dome developer, air base, as Israeli jets hit southern Lebanon

By Carrie Keller-Lynn
And Stephen Kalin

Israel and Hezbollah accelerated their cross-border attacks over the weekend, with their leaders exchanging saber-rattling threats in a rapidly deteriorating situation that has the adversaries as close to full-out war as they have been in their nearly yearlong conflict. Dozens of warplanes struck southern Lebanon on Saturday night and into Sunday morning, Israel's military said, in what it called a pre-emptive attack against rocket-launching positions earmarked for a broader attack on Sunday morning. Residents in the area said it was one of the heaviest bombardments of southern Lebanon that they could recall since the conflict began.

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Cargo Ship Industry Beset With Sex-Assault Allegations

By Costas Paris
And Joe Wallace

Hope Hicks was a 19-year-old cadet aboard a U.S.-flagged car carrier vessel in the Red Sea when she said a group of senior officers pressured her to take repeated shots of liquor and one of them followed her back to her cabin and raped her. Hicks, who was training to be an engineer at the time of the 2019 incident, said she woke up to find blood on her sheets and bruises on her body. The Coast Guard later charged a senior engineer with sexual assault. But all charges against him were dropped after he voluntarily surrendered his merchant mariner license last year. Allegations of sexual assault on ships that ferry goods around the world have put the ocean shipping industry under a harsher spotlight. The profession is overwhelmingly male and has been slow to make the kind of changes that other industries adopted in the #MeToo era. Hicks's case helped spark a reassessment of the workplace culture and changes to policies and laws that govern it, yet many cases still fall into a prosecutorial void. Congress passed a law in 2022 to strengthen oversight and investigations of alleged sexual assault and harassment in ocean shipping. The industry's main regulator mandated new training programs for seafarers. Shipowners have made it easier to report allegations and tried to boost the share of female workers. Despite the changes, prosecution is rare. The 2022 law expanded the Coast Guard's powers in dealing with sexual harassment and abuse on ships flying the U.S. flag, regardless of where they are traveling. But the vast majority of cargo ships fly flags of countries outside of the U.S., so what happens on those vessels is the responsibility of countries that tend to have weaker laws. For cases involving U.S. Please turn to page A2

Chip Giants Discuss Big Mideast Bet

Two chip-making giants have discussed building huge factory complexes in the United Arab Emirates that could transform the industry in the coming years and be-

By Asa Fitch,
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come a cornerstone for artificial-intelligence investments in the Middle East. Top executives at Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., the world's largest chip

maker, have visited the U.A.E. recently and talked about a plant complex on par with some of the company's largest and most advanced facilities in Taiwan, according to people familiar with the interactions. Samsung Electronics also is considering major new chip-making operations in the country in the years ahead, according to other people with knowledge of its strategy. Senior leaders of the South Korean company have visited the U.A.E. recently and discussed the possibility, they said.

Discussions are still in the early phases and face technical and other hurdles that mean they might not pan out. Under initial terms being discussed, the projects would be funded by the U.A.E., with a central role for Abu Dhabi-based sovereign development vehicle Mubadala, which is eager to develop a domestic tech industry.

The broader goal would be to increase global chip production and help bring chip prices down without hurting chip-makers' profitability,

some of the people said.

A Mubadala spokesman said MGX, a state-backed company that is spearheading some of Abu Dhabi's most prominent AI investments, had made semiconductor manufacturing a pillar of its strategy and was "in regular dialogue with partners around the world," although there are Please turn to page A6

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10-year U.S. Treasury yield



Key Rate Up After Fed Cut

Rising 10-year Treasury yields are a reminder that an interest-rate cut—even a large one like the central bank did last week—can do only so much to lower overall U.S. interest rates. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note helps set interest rates on everything from mortgages to corporate bonds. **B1**

Civil War Legacy Still Splits South

Neighbors in small towns clash over Confederate monuments on public land

By Scott Calvert
And Cameron McWhirter

EDENTON, N.C.—Rod Phillips and Michael Dean, a pair of white 70-something retirees, take opposing sides in the Civil War, usually between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

They are separated by a bronze 7-foot Confederate soldier, in an unyielding though peaceful standoff going on almost as long as the war that divided the nation. "It's racist," said Phillips, who wants the statue removed from public property. On Saturdays, he leads a

small band of regulars to protest the monument's looming presence over the town that Forbes magazine once called one of the prettiest in America.

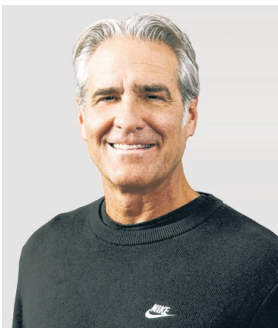
"When it was put up, it was an expression of white supremacy," Phillips said. He owned a sign-making business in Raleigh, N.C., before moving to Edenton in 2018. He picked the town, population 4,500, because it is halfway between his family in Johnston County, N.C., and his wife's family in Virginia Beach, Va.

Dean, who sometimes Please turn to page A8

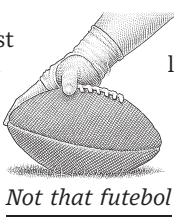
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Doctors are rethinking how to use BMI, noting that it's imprecise and can be misleading. **A11**



BUSINESS & FINANCE
Elliott Hill loved Nike, but left in 2020; now he is back as the boss. **B1**



Not that futebol

NFL Makes Historic Debut In Brazil—Cheers, Confusion Ensue

Fans merrily curse refs in Portuguese, ask why 'there are so many damn players'

By Samantha Pearson

SÃO PAULO—It might be the boldest move yet by the National Football League: bringing football to the land of futebol. After playing its first regular-season game in Brazil this month in São Paulo, the NFL has hinted the soccer-mad country could become a permanent venue for the league as early as next year. Latin America's biggest country had never hosted so much as an exhibition game before the Philadelphia Eagles took on the Green Bay Packers on Sept. 6 in the suburbs of

São Paulo.

Novice fans have described the game as a confusing and slow-moving match by men dressed as astronauts. Some struggled to follow the ball. Others wondered why the game lasted so long. "It's hard to see the ball when there are so many damn players," said João Oliveira, a soccer fan who came with some work friends for the experience. Even his friends, self-described NFL obsessives who got hooked on the game when vacationing in the U.S., said they understood maybe 70% of Please turn to page A8