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What's News

Business & Finance

- ◆ **U.S. employers added** 275,000 jobs in February, a blockbuster number that far exceeded the 198,000 that economists had expected, but the unemployment rate ticked up to 3.9% and wage growth slowed. **A1**
- ◆ **The S&P 500**, Dow and Nasdaq fell 0.7%, 0.2% 1.2%, respectively on Friday, and all three indexes logged weekly losses. **B11**
- ◆ **The FDA approved** a new use for Novo Nordisk's popular anti-obesity drug Wegovy: protecting heart health. **A3**
- ◆ **China's consumer prices** rose in February, ending four straight months of decline and offering a much-needed reprieve for leaders in Beijing. **A9**
- ◆ **OpenAI said CEO Sam Altman** is rejoining the company's revamped board. **B10**
- ◆ **BP clawed back** \$2.3 million more from ex-boss Bernard Looney's remuneration package following his dismissal in December. **B9**
- ◆ **Apple has reversed** course on its decision to prevent Fortnite-maker Epic Games from building its own app store in Europe. **B9**
- ◆ **Prada's annual profit** and sales surged past expectations, outperforming other European luxury-goods firms. **B10**

World-Wide

- ◆ **Biden said** he would sign into law a bill effectively banning video app TikTok or force its sale, fueling lawmakers' latest push to block the app's Chinese owners from operating in the U.S. **A1**
- ◆ **The U.S. military** said it would resume flights using the Osprey aircraft, months after its entire fleet was indefinitely grounded over a series of deadly crashes. **A3**
- ◆ **Colorado's star DNA** scientist intentionally manipulated evidence for years, a preliminary investigation found. **A3**
- ◆ **The Senate passed** a \$460 billion spending bill to keep the U.S. government operating, taking a potential shutdown for several agencies off the table for the rest of the fiscal year. **A4**
- ◆ **Former Honduran President** Juan Orlando Hernández was found guilty of helping to ship cocaine into the U.S. in exchange for bribes. **A5**
- ◆ **Trump said** he secured a nearly \$92 million bond to guarantee a defamation judgment he owes to writer E. Jean Carroll. **A5**
- ◆ **An international plan** to facilitate aid deliveries to the Gaza Strip will launch this weekend, European officials said. **A6**

NOONAN

There's life in the old boy yet **A13**

CLOCKS GO FORWARD

Daylight-saving time begins in most of the U.S. and Canada at 2 a.m. Sunday. Clocks move ahead by one hour.

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World Marks International Women's Day



HEAR THEM ROAR: Demonstrators in Paris held the names of women slain in gender-related violence as marches and events were held around the globe Friday. France observed the day by inscribing the right to an abortion into its constitution. **A7**

White House Supports Effort To Ban TikTok or Force a Sale

WASHINGTON—President Biden said Friday he would sign into law a bill that would

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effectively ban video app TikTok or force its sale, fueling lawmakers' latest push to block the app's Chinese owners from

operating in the U.S.

U.S. lawmakers are mounting their most serious attempt to address the purported national-security risks of the popular app, advancing a bill that has more political momentum than previous attempts. An effort this week by TikTok to head off the measure by encouraging users to call their representatives ap-

peared to backfire, with lawmakers saying a barrage of phone calls they received simply hardened their positions.

The bill, which is expected to easily pass the House on Wednesday, could hit turmoil in the Senate. Asked by reporters Friday if he would support the TikTok bill if it got to his desk, Biden said: "If they pass it, I'll sign it."

As lawmakers prepared to consider the legislation, users of the app, which is accessed by more than 170 million Americans, saw notifications Thursday urging them to complain to their House representative about the bill. Then the app let people call their representative with a few presses of buttons. TikTok's campaign *Please turn to page A6*

Biden Has Edge on Ground, If Not Polls

By Ken Thomas and Alex Leary

WASHINGTON—At the start of their general election showdown, former President Donald Trump holds a polling advantage over President Biden in a series of battleground states. But on the ground, Trump is playing catch up.

Seeking to create momentum after Biden's lively State of the Union address, the president's campaign said Friday it was launching a \$30 million, six-week advertising campaign and would ramp up the hiring of staff in battleground states. The campaign said it had 100 staff on the ground and would add at least 350 new staff members and open 100 offices in March. And national Democrats have so far pumped millions more dollars into building infrastructure in key states than Republicans have.

Both Biden and Trump will appear Saturday in Georgia, the closest state in their 2020 contest, and Biden is scheduled to travel to New Hampshire, Wisconsin and Michigan next week. Trump is expected to visit Arizona next week, a state Biden narrowly won.

Allies of the president said his performance during the prime-time speech, in which he jostled with congressional Republicans, calmed some concerns within the party about *Please turn to page A4*

With Just 15 People Left, A Ukrainian Village Rebuilds

Russian invaders left devastation in their wake, as they have for centuries. They didn't count on the resilience of the enemy.

By James Marson and Oksana Grytsenko

MALA KOMYSHUVAKHA, Ukraine—Yuriy Tretiakov, the mayor of this formerly occupied village, clambered into the ruins of the village hall one recent morning in search of a critical document: an old ledger of electricity payments.

Once the snow melts, demining crews will clear a path for engineers to start repairing power lines, offering what may be a last chance to revive this once-flourishing agricultural village.

"Without electricity, the village will die," said Tretiakov, 60 years old.

Russian troops are long gone from the area, swept aside by a Ukrainian counteroffensive in the country's northeast in 2022. But the destruction they left behind has raised questions about how the three-century-old settlement can ever recover.

Fifteen people remain of the 140 who lived here before the war, often surviving in barns or garages. Only a handful of buildings are untouched by the half-year occupa- *Please turn to page A10*

'Curb' Fans Find Their Inner Larry

Show's devotees mimic star's quirks in real life

By Mark Maurer

Stephen Deiningner was drinking a glass of Pinot Noir on the couch at a friend's party last year when he noticed a sizable ring on the wood coffee table. He wondered about his friend. *Does he respect wood?* Deiningner, 43, a government office manager in Pikes- *Please turn to page A10*

EXCHANGE

TRAGEDY IN TEXAS

A mistake in a Tesla and a shipping scion's death **B1**

Warm Weather Brings A Winter of Discontent

By Jim Carlton

MINNEAPOLIS—On a 60-degree day here in early March, Derek Hughes and his son, Dylan, tried out their cross-country skis on artificial snow that had melted into a slushy mess.

"It feels like the cross-country equivalent of water skiing," said Hughes, 42 years old, as his 8-year-old son—skiing for only the third time all winter—looked up with a smile.

This is the winter that wasn't in Minnesota and other states across America's normally frozen northern tier. Record warm temperatures and low snowfall have forced the

cancellation of everything from ice fishing tournaments to dog sled races to winter carnivals. Business has dried up for ski resorts, snowmobile makers and any other venture that relies on cold weather and white powder to make a living.

The Loppet Foundation, the nonprofit that oversees winter recreation in the park where Derek Hughes and his son were trying to ski, has seen a 60% drop in revenue compared with last winter, said executive director Claire Wilson.

"Winter is our bread and butter," she said. "We can't *Please turn to page A2*

Cooling Labor Boosts Rate-Cut Hopes

Hiring far exceeds expectations, but joblessness ticks up, wage growth slows

By David Uberti

Steady hiring and cooling wage growth last month offered the latest evidence that the U.S. economy is making progress toward a so-called soft landing that brings inflation down without a recession. U.S. employers added 275,000 jobs in February, according to the Labor Department, far exceeding the 198,000 that economists had expected.

But behind the headline number were signs of a gradual slowdown. The unemployment rate ticked up to 3.9%, higher than expected, and wage growth slowed. Gangbusters data from January were revised sharply lower.

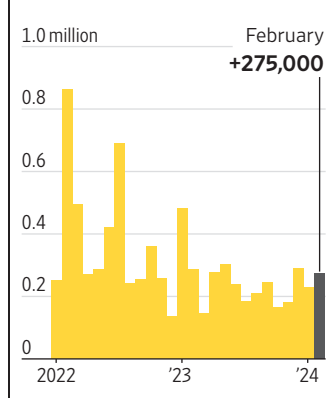
The Goldilocks report lends credence to the Federal Reserve's outlook that somewhat lower interest rates could be warranted later this year, potentially providing a boost to markets that have been on a tear to start 2024.

Bill Adams, chief economist at Comerica Bank, summed up Friday's report with one word: cool. "That's what the Fed wants to see right now," he said.

Stocks rose following the report but retreated in afternoon trading. The S&P 500 ended 0.7% lower, the Dow Jones Industrial Average fell by 0.2%, and the Nasdaq Composite Index declined 1.2%.

Treasury yields held recent declines, another sign that investors believe rate cuts could be on tap in coming months. *Please turn to page A2*

Nonfarm payrolls, change from a month earlier



Note: Seasonally adjusted. January and February 2024 are preliminary. Source: Labor Department

◆ **S&P 500 trades at record** before turning red..... **B11**