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## What's News

### Business & Finance

- ◆ **Musk's xAI startup** has discussed a deal in which it would get some Tesla revenue in exchange for providing the carmaker access to its artificial-intelligence technology and resources. **A1**
- ◆ **U.S. antitrust enforcers** are intervening early to examine whether a handful of big tech companies such as Nvidia are using their leverage to establish dominance over the burgeoning AI market. **A1**
- ◆ **Apple is holding its** fall product unveiling with the hope that a new AI feature will help sell more phones. **B1**
- ◆ **Boeing agreed to raise** wages by 25% for its largest union in a four-year pact aimed at preventing a strike, days before a potential walkout that would further strain the company. **B1**
- ◆ **The S&P's 4.2% fall** in the first week of September has set the stage for what has historically been the weakest month for stocks. **B1**
- ◆ **Municipal-bond maven** John Miller, whose fund was routed in 2022, has made a comeback, starting a new fund from scratch with a boutique firm. **B1**
- ◆ **Videogame job cuts** have ended the industry's reliability as a career for thousands, including many veteran employees. **B3**
- ◆ **Kendrick Lamar** will perform at the Super Bowl halftime show, the NFL said. **B3**

### World-Wide

- ◆ **Having captured over 100** towns after its incursion into Russia last month, Ukraine finds itself in a new role as an occupier. Zelensky has appointed a military commandant for the area and vows to observe humanitarian laws. **A1**
- ◆ **A lawsuit backed by** a fossil-fuel billionaire, alleging that Greenpeace USA illegally incited protests against the Dakota Access Pipeline, heads for trial with the environmental group warning it faces bankruptcy if it loses. **A1**
- ◆ **Venezuelan opposition** figure Edmundo González, who the U.S. said won July's presidential election, arrived in Spain to seek asylum in a blow to the nation's democracy movement. **A18**
- ◆ **The mother of the 14-year-old** Georgia shooting suspect called the school the morning of the attack to warn of a possible emergency, a family member said. **A3**
- ◆ **A federal judge cleared** the way for bettors to place wagers on the outcome of congressional elections via a prediction-market startup. **A3**
- ◆ **Speaker Johnson** faces the challenge of passing a bill to fund the government while averting a House GOP revolt in the heat of the election. **A4**
- ◆ **At least 14 were killed** and 176 were injured in Vietnam after Typhoon Yagi struck, state media reported. **A18**

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## Sinner Brushes Aside Fritz to Win the U.S. Open



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**II VINCITORE:** Jannik Sinner of Italy defeated American Taylor Fritz in straight sets 6-3, 6-4, 7-5 to take the men's championship on Sunday. In the women's final on Saturday, Belarusian Aryna Sabalenka beat American Jessica Pegula in two sets. **A14.**

## Nvidia Gets Antitrust Scrutiny As U.S. Enforcers Examine AI

By DAVE MICHAELS  
AND ASA FITCH

U.S. antitrust enforcers are intervening early to examine whether a handful of big tech companies such as Nvidia are using their leverage to establish dominance over the burgeoning artificial-intelligence market.

The Justice Department's antitrust division has contacted Nvidia, whose AI chip market share is estimated at over 80%, to ask questions about the terms of its contracts and partnerships, according to people

familiar with the matter.

The investigation is at an early phase, and government attorneys haven't issued a subpoena to Nvidia for internal documents, the people said. The company said last week that it hadn't received a subpoena, after a media report said that it had. The department could issue a subpoena in the coming months if it determines a fuller-fledged investigation is needed, the people said.

The Federal Trade Commission, which shares antitrust authority with the Justice De-

partment, launched this year its own effort to examine investments that Microsoft, Amazon.com and Google's owner, Alphabet, have made in the most-compelling AI startups. The FTC's review, which is ongoing, is looking into whether the tech giants received any special advantages over competitors by putting billions of dollars into the companies that are creating the most popular generative-AI products.

The eagerness of the Justice Department and FTC to police the AI space in its nascent

phase stands in contrast to the approach the agencies took with Google, Facebook and other companies before they became today's internet titans.

Federal officials previously were shy about intervening in rapidly developing tech markets whose products were popular with consumers. Liberal and conservative critics have argued that the hands-off approach of the past two decades allowed a handful of tech giants to amass too much power. The backlash helped spur a

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## Musk's xAI Mulls Deal With Tesla Over Revenue

Startup would give carmaker access to its AI technology; CEO denies report

By BERBER JIN  
AND BECKY PETERSON

Elon Musk's AI startup xAI has discussed a deal where it would get some Tesla revenue in exchange for providing the carmaker access to its technology and resources, the latest example of the growing interconnectedness of Musk's companies.

Under a proposed arrangement as described to investors, Tesla would license xAI's artificial-intelligence models to help power its driver-assistance software, called Full Self-Driving, and share some of that revenue with the startup, according to people familiar with the matter. xAI would assist in developing other features for Tesla, including a Siri-like voice assistant inside its electric cars and software to power its humanoid robot Optimus, the people said.

The terms of any revenue-sharing agreement between xAI and Tesla would depend in part upon how extensively Tesla relied on xAI's technology as opposed to its own, the people said. xAI executives have discussed an even revenue split from Tesla's FSD, one of the people said.

After this article was published, Musk replied on X to a user's summary of it by saying: "Haven't read the article, but the above is not accurate,"

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With warmer weather, mosquito season is lasting longer and the risks are greater. **A11**



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Boeing and its largest union agree to a 25% pay rise in deal aiming to avoid a strike. **B1**

## Ukraine Takes On New Role Of Occupier In Russia

By MATTHEW LUXMOORE

SUMY, Ukraine—After Ukrainian soldiers took over Maria Andreeva's village in Russia's Kursk region, her family received disturbing news. The retired farmworker had been executed by Ukrainian soldiers, a relative who fled the area told them—the kind of atrocity Russians have been warned to expect from the neighbor they invaded.

Then, Andreeva's daughters, who live in Norway, saw a video that had gone viral online: It was their mother, taking delivery of a care package including several bottles of water from Ukrainian soldiers. The daughters contacted the soldiers online and begged for help evacuating her from the war's latest flashpoint. The soldiers obliged, bringing her across the border into Ukraine.

The story of the destitute 76-year-old woman's transfer in August, with little more than a box of pills and a Russian passport, offers a glimpse at Ukraine trying out a new role in the 2½-year war: occupier.

Kyiv has captured more than 100 Russian towns and

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## This Weekend Hobby Prizes Secret Alliances, Ball Balances

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Homegrown 'Survivor' draws ordinary people into the woods for torches, physical tests

By ANDREA FULLER

MONTGOMERY, N.Y.—It is a Friday in August and I'm at a Hudson Valley campground watching someone sob in a field after failing to complete a word scramble. Welcome to Survivor New York.

Since 2018, I've rather quietly immersed myself in a hobby far from my job as an investigative data journalist. Each summer, I use vacation days and venture

into the woods to help produce "Survivor New York," a fan-made contest mirroring elements of the TV hit: There are tribal councils, votes on parchment, torches and the catchphrase, "the tribe has spoken."

No million-dollar prize, just glory.

TV's "Survivor," soon starting its 47th season, has spawned superfans over more than two decades. Some, like

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### SWING STATE

## Trump's Problem In Michigan

County-level party leaders and campaign clash over strategy

By DANTE CHINNI  
AND JANET ADAMY

CLINTON TOWNSHIP, Mich.—Brian Pannebecker was pumping iron in his garage late last month when he found out Donald Trump had just dropped by a nearby Macomb County campaign office to share pizza with volunteers. He was furious no one had invited him.

Pannebecker, who founded a 1,400-member group called Auto Workers for Trump and had joined the former president on stage at a recent Grand Rapids rally, already felt like some local campaign lead-

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## Greenpeace Feels Wrath Of Pipeline Billionaire

By BENOÎT MORENNE

Fossil-fuel billionaire Kelcy Warren is about to land a knockout punch on Greenpeace. The pipeline magnate's company, Energy Transfer, is behind a lawsuit that Greenpeace has said could bankrupt the environmental group's U.S. affiliate. A courtroom victory, which some Greenpeace officials fear is likely, would be a coda in the nearly decadelong battle between the two sides over one of Warren's signature projects: the Dakota Access Pipeline.

In 2016, Greenpeace, Native American tribal groups and thousands of other activists camped in a remote corner of North Dakota to block the project. The monthslong protests impeded the oil pipeline's completion and became a flashpoint in the fight over fossil fuels.

Warren ultimately completed the conduit, but the fight wasn't over for him.

Warren sees green activists, who he once said should be "removed from the gene

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