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What's News

Business & Finance

- ◆ **Employers added 177,000 jobs in April**, more than many economists expected, and the low unemployment rate held steady, the Labor Department reported. **A1, A6**
- ◆ **Stocks extended their** multiday climb, following the jobs report and signs of a potential thaw between Washington and Beijing. The Dow, S&P 500 and the Nasdaq all gained at least 1.4%. **B10**
- ◆ **Orders from U.S. factories** grew in March, rising for a third straight month, the Commerce Department said. **A6**
- ◆ **Goldman Sachs is retooling** its biggest diversity program, "One Million Black Women," to remove references to race. **B9**
- ◆ **Exxon Mobil, Chevron** and Shell posted lower first-quarter earnings, hurt by lower oil prices. **B9**
- ◆ **Ireland's data-privacy** watchdog fined TikTok about \$600 million for failing to guarantee that user data sent to China was protected from government surveillance. **B9**
- ◆ **Wendy's cut its sales** and profit outlook for the year, citing trend shifts in the current consumer environment. **B10**
- ◆ **Cigna Group swung** to a profit and logged higher revenue, prompting it to raise its full-year outlook. **B10**

World-Wide

- ◆ **Trump said his administration** plans to revoke Harvard's tax-exempt status, a threat the university's president called "highly illegal." **A1**
- ◆ **A federal judge** permanently blocked an executive order from Trump targeting the law firm Perkins Coie, declaring it unconstitutional. **A4**
- ◆ **Unexpected delays** in billions of dollars of supplemental Medicaid payments have forced some hospitals to cut costs including laying off staff and pausing payments to medical suppliers. **A2**
- ◆ **Trump has issued** an executive order ending federal funding of the public media, including PBS and National Public Radio. **A3**
- ◆ **The president proposed** far-reaching cuts to federal environmental, renewable energy, education and foreign-aid programs. **A4**
- ◆ **Beijing is considering** ways to address the Trump administration's concerns over China's role in the fentanyl trade, according to people familiar with the matter. **A8**
- ◆ **Trump is pressuring** Mexico to allow deeper U.S. military involvement in the fight against drug cartels, people familiar with the discussions said. **A8**
- ◆ **Died: Ruth Buzzi**, "Laugh-In" star, 88. **A2**

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The Smart Money's on Journalism to Win



BIG STORY: Journalism, a 3-year-old colt and the early 3-1 favorite, trains Friday at Churchill Downs ahead of the 151st Kentucky Derby in Louisville. A field of 19 horses was set to run 1¼ miles in the first leg of the Triple Crown on Saturday. **A12**

Hiring Bucks Trade Turmoil, But Economic Clouds Loom

BY JEANNE WHALEN AND JUSTIN LAHART

The world's most powerful economy is showing remarkable resilience in the face of enormous pressure.

Employers added 177,000 jobs in April, more than many economists expected, and the low unemployment rate held steady, the Labor Department

reported Friday. While the U.S. economy contracted in the first quarter, the result was distorted by a rush of imports that offset generally solid demand. The stock market rallied off its April lows, with Friday's gains marking nine straight increases for the Dow Jones Industrial Average and the S&P 500.

Yet real turmoil is threaten-

ing that strong foundation. President Trump's ever-changing tariff policies, government cuts and immigration restrictions are disrupting trade and sparking deep unease among consumers, businesses and investors. Trump's 145% tariffs on Chinese imports are causing cargo shipments from China to plummet, prompting major retailers to warn of likely price

hikes and even shortages of some goods. In early April, economists forecast the likelihood of a recession in the coming year to be twice as high as it was at the start of the year.

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- ◆ **U.S. added jobs at a steady clip in April.....** A6
- ◆ **Hopes on trade, economy fuel stock gains.....** B10

Trump Escalates Threats Against Harvard

U.S. will revoke its tax-exempt status, he says; university calls move illegal

President Trump said Friday his administration plans to revoke Harvard University's tax-exempt status, a threat the university's president called "highly illegal" and "destructive to Harvard."

By Douglas Belkin, Richard Rubin and Gareth Vipers

"We are going to be taking away Harvard's Tax Exempt Status," Trump wrote in a post on Truth Social on Friday. "It's what they deserve!" An administration official said the president's social-media post wasn't a formal directive to the Internal Revenue Service to take action. The IRS didn't respond to requests for comment.

In an interview with The Wall Street Journal, Harvard University President Alan Garber said such a move would be illegal "unless there is some reasoning that we have not

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Trump Order Struck Down

Federal judge blocks action targeting law firm, calling it unconstitutional A4

EXCHANGE



NOT-SO-SUPER
The tarnishing of the Marvel brand—and the plan to fix it **B1**

Global Cocaine Trade Hits New Highs

Greater supply, 'narco-subs' feed growing demand

BY JUAN FORERO

MICAY CANYON, Colombia—One potent tributary in the surging cocaine pipeline begins in the mountains of Cauca province, where nearly every plot of arable land sprouts coca leaves.

On Cesar Rosero's 10-acre spread, coca bushes in neat rows grow as tall as 6 feet. "We're totally thankful for this plant," the farmer said, as he walked through a field, sweeping his hand along green leaves.

Rosero and other local coca farmers brag their plants are pest-resistant and yield more of the psychoactive alkaloid compound that keeps the world's 20 million or so cocaine users coming back for more. A standard 25-pound bag of dried coca leaves can

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A worker harvesting coca leaves in the province of Cauca, Colombia.

Britain's True Crime Thriller: Who Killed the Sycamore Tree?

Felling stoked anger and an investigation, culminating in a trial now under way

BY ALISTAIR MACDONALD

Early one September morning in 2023, two men arrived at an ancient Roman wall in northern England and under the cover of a storm committed one of Britain's most notorious recent crimes.

They cut down a tree, prosecutors allege in a case that has gripped the U.K.

Framed perfectly by two small hills along the nearly 2,000-year-old fortification,

the giant sycamore had become a tourist attraction and a regional symbol. It even played a scene-stealing role in the 1991 film "Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves" with Kevin Costner. The tree's demise sent shock waves through Britain, triggering accusations and acrimony locally and a major criminal investigation that had police crisscrossing England examining chain saws.

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Mind the gap

Do Betting Markets Have a Prayer Of Predicting Who Will Be Pope?

BY ALEXANDER OSIPOVICH

Prediction markets won bragging rights last year when they correctly called the U.S. presidential election for Donald Trump. Now, they're taking on a trickier challenge: forecasting the winner of next week's papal conclave.

At Polymarket, a popular crypto-based platform, users have traded more than \$13 million worth of contracts that will pay off if their holders make accurate predictions about the next leader of the world's 1.4 billion Catholics.

Meanwhile, around \$4 million worth of similar contracts have changed hands at Kalshi, a rival prediction market.

Kalshi—which unlike Polymarket is open to Americans—began taking wagers on the next pontiff hours after the death of Pope Francis on April 21.

The Roman Catholic Church once threatened people betting on papal conclaves with excommunication, and laws in many jurisdictions forbid wagering on the next pope.

But as prediction markets become an increasingly popular way to forecast elections, the odds on Polymarket and Kalshi will likely be closely followed as cardinals convene Wednesday for the first conclave in more than a decade. The secretive process unfolds behind closed doors in the 15th-century Sistine Chapel, and a suc-

cessful vote is announced with a puff of white smoke from the chapel's chimney.

The current front-runner is Cardinal Pietro Parolin, the Vatican's secretary of state, with a 27% chance of winning as of Friday afternoon, according to Polymarket. In second place is Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, a Filipino dubbed the "Asian Francis," at 21%.

Another favorite is Cardinal Peter Turkson of Ghana. The African cardinal's chances on Polymarket mysteriously leapt from 7% the previous week to 14% Friday, ranking him third. The same three cardinals are top contenders at Kalshi, as well as at U.K. bookmakers

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