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What's News

Business & Finance

◆ **Prediction markets**, such as Polymarket, have allowed betting on criminal cases, including the Lindsay Clancy murder trial, creating unusual challenges to the justice system. **A1**

◆ **Amazon.com is in talks** to acquire AI startup Decart in a deal that could be valued at about \$7 billion. **B1**

◆ **Electric vehicle sales** in the U.S. are down by half compared with last year, but charging companies are on track to install about as many public EV plugs this year as in 2025, the industry's record high. **B1**

◆ **United Auto Workers** President Shawn Fain and his allies have claimed an easy victory in the union's election, cementing Fain's leadership of one of the most powerful forces in American organized labor. **B3**

◆ **Jaguar has introduced** the showroom-ready version of the EV it hopes will usher in a new, ultraluxury era for the British carmaker, leaving aside some of the provocative notes it sounded nearly two years ago when it announced its new strategy. **B3**

◆ **Advertisers from Macy's** to Levi Strauss have announced that a portion of the multimillion-dollar tariff refunds they received from the federal government will go to boost marketing spending as the holiday shopping season nears. **B3**

◆ **Dutch Bros**, the fast-growing, drive-through coffee chain known for its colorful drinks and outgoing baristas, has a strategy to attract pedestrian traffic: walk-up-only windows. **B3**

Worldwide

◆ **President Trump pushed** Russia and Ukraine to agree to halt strikes on energy infrastructure, as he continued to face bipartisan criticism over moves in recent days to ease U.S. pressure on Moscow and shift blame for the continued fighting to Kyiv. **A1**

◆ **The Saudis' escalating** fight with Iran-backed Houthi militants in Yemen is piling new challenges on the kingdom's security and Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's plans to transform the country's oil-dependent economy. **A1**

◆ **California Gov. Newsom**, who has long opposed a ballot measure that would tax billionaires' wealth, is endorsing a different measure aimed at prohibiting wealth taxes. **A3**

◆ **A federal judge** ordered the Trump administration to halt any further airing of taxpayer-funded television ads touting the president, ruling they are likely illegal. **A3**

◆ **The Justice Department** is investigating whether TV networks violated antitrust laws when they briefly suspended a rotation of broadcast journalists covering the White House last month following CNN's removal from a planned assignment. **A3**

◆ **Christa Pike**, the inmate who survived Tennessee's attempt to execute her by lethal injection, has been discharged from the hospital and is back in prison. **A5**

◆ **India locked down** the capital in a bid to thwart a mass protest over an effort to clean up voter lists that critics say is stripping millions of the right to vote. **A9**

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Kenyan, Ethiopian Win Chicago Marathon



RACE DAY: Runners compete Sunday during the 2026 Chicago Marathon, with more than 55,000 entrants registered. Amos Kipruto of Kenya finished first, with a time of 2:01:09, while Ethiopia's Hawi Feysa defended her women's title in 2:13:33.

Saudi Crown Prince's Burden Grows Heavier as Houthis Strike

Kingdom is facing myriad dilemmas as Iran-backed rebels intensify attacks

By SUMMER SAID
AND GEORGI KANTCHEV

DUBAI—Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman started the year on a high note. He'd just visited the White House where he was embraced by President Trump. Even after the war with Iran kicked off, Saudi Arabia looked relatively well positioned: It could export oil through a

pipeline that bypassed the blocked Strait of Hormuz.

But the Saudis' escalating fight with Iran-backed Houthi militants in neighboring Yemen now piles new challenges on the kingdom's security and the crown prince's ambitious but already struggling plans to transform the country's oil-dependent economy.

On Saturday, a Houthi missile slammed into the Saudi capital's international airport, killing at least 12 people and injuring hundreds more, many seriously. It was the single deadliest attack on the U.S. or its Gulf allies in the conflicts related to the Iran war. A 28-

year-old Egyptian flight attendant bled to death after her arm was blown off, one of several victims to lose limbs, officials briefed on the attack said.

Two terminals were struck and their roofs partially collapsed, people familiar with the damage said. Video verified by Storyful, which like The Wall Street Journal is owned by Dow Jones, showed passengers rolling suitcases past a trail of blood on the floor as the airport was evacuated. Authorities reported new attacks on the shuttered airport Sunday, saying a projectile caused a fire in Terminal 4 and led to injuries.

As recently as this summer, Saudi officials briefed journalists that the Houthi situation was under control. But the militants' escalating attacks, which they say are retaliation for Saudi actions against them, have hit airports and energy facilities—including the kingdom's main east-west pipeline and refineries—showing the growing threat along the southern border.

The conflict is jeopardizing Saudi efforts to build travel and tourism into a pillar of the economy, including with a marquee international investment conference scheduled for

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Americans' Savings Help Fuel Private Credit

By HEATHER GILLERS

When Sabrina Elliott inherited some money, her son-in-law helped her invest \$40,000 in a product that dangled the prospect of stock-market gains with no risk of loss.

In exchange for locking up her money for 12 years, it promised returns tied to the market's performance. One catch: The company behind the product, Aviva, could periodically lower the portion of market gains Elliott received.

That happened twice after Aviva was purchased by Athene, an insurer backed by private-asset giant Apollo Global Management. By the time the policy ended in late 2023, her annualized return had come to 3.7%.

"That's one of the downfalls of the indexed annuities," said Carlos Dias Jr., Elliott's son-in-law and a financial adviser outside Orlando, Fla. "Insurance companies can change the amount that's received from the particular index every year, every two years."

Wall Street behemoths like Apollo and Brookfield are just now starting to find ways to tap in to the vast sums of money in 401(k) accounts, pitching their alternative investments as another way for people to grow their nest eggs. But private-asset managers have already been vacuuming up the savings of American households through indexed annuities, which have surged in popularity over the past decade

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PERSONAL JOURNAL
The race is already on for next summer's \$50,000 internships. **A11**



BUSINESS & FINANCE
Public EV chargers are being installed steadily, even as the industry faces tough road. **B1**

The Sunday Scaries Are Real—And They're Getting Worse

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As workloads mount, people struggle to tame the pre-Monday dread spiral

By RAY A. SMITH

Jill Davis's official work week starts Monday morning. Unofficially, it kicks off every Sunday afternoon when, like clockwork, anxious thoughts begin seeping into her brain.

"Am I organized and ready enough? Am I prepared for this meeting?" says Davis, the chief development officer at a nonprofit. To bat the angst away, she'll often launch into work, writing emails and saving them as drafts so she doesn't disturb her colleagues.

Chances are they're already fretting about work, too. The

"Sunday scaries" have become such a fixture of Americans' weekends that Merriam-Webster added the term to its online dictionary last month. Its definition: *a feeling of anxiety or sadness one may feel when the weekend is almost over, either because the work/school week is about to begin, there is no more time for fun or relaxing weekend activities, or both.*

That pre-Monday dread isn't a new phenomenon, but there's reason to believe it's intensifying as workloads mount and job security ebbs. More than half of U.S. workers say they experience

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That feeling

Video Cameras Are Hacked for War

Combatants hijack vulnerable devices to track, surveil and attack the enemy

As U.S. and Israeli forces bombed Iran early this year, a poultry farmer in northern Israel decided to check on

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his chickens. When he launched the app on his phone for the webcam outside his coop, he was alarmed to see that its language had been switched to

Arabic. He contacted Israel's National Cyber Directorate, which found that hackers had taken control of the Chinese-made camera.

They weren't interested in chickens. The camera's orientation on the coop offered it a line of sight to the movements of Israeli security forces along the nearby border with Lebanon. The cyber directorate said it helped the farmer harden

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Prediction-Market Bets Spread to Jury Verdicts

By MARIAH TIMMS

During the summer murder trial of Lindsay Clancy, bettors wagered more than \$100,000 on the verdict. Since a deadlocked jury forced a mistrial in early September, more than \$500,000 in additional bets have been placed on whether the Massachusetts woman accused of killing her children will eventually be convicted.

In Utah, a trial date hasn't been set yet for Tyler Robinson, who stands accused of killing conservative commentator Charlie Kirk at a university event last year. But even before Robinson formally entered a not guilty plea last month, more than \$300,000 had been wagered on the outcome.

In both cases, the bets were available on an offshore platform run by Polymarket. The

site also has hosted bets on the federal prosecution of Sean "Diddy" Combs and the government's current case against ousted Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro.

Prediction markets are raising novel ethical concerns and insider-trading risks on everything from corporate auditing to U.S. military operations. Those headaches are now at the courthouse door, presenting particularly unusual challenges for the justice system.

"When the public treats a courtroom like a casino, due process is susceptible to corruption," said C. Melissa Owen, president of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

The most direct and obvious concern is the potential for jurors to bet on their own deliberations, creating financial conflicts of interest.

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