

## What's News

### Business & Finance

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◆ **Growing signs** that price pressures are easing suggest that June's 9.1% increase in consumer prices will probably be the peak. But even if inflation comes down, economists see a slow pace of decline. **A2**

◆ **VW's new chief executive**, a backer of the transition to electric cars, also supports electrification, combustible synthetics that offer a different approach to lower emissions. **B1**

◆ **Wealthy people** ramped up their borrowing in the first half of the year despite rising rates and a stock-market rout that hit the value of their portfolios. **B1**

◆ **Delays at Toronto's Pearson International** have emerged this year as the worst among the world's top 100 airports by number of flights during a summer of air-travel disruptions. **B3**

◆ **Walt Disney** on Friday began streaming R-rated movies on its Disney+ service for the first time, as the company pushes further into adult-focused entertainment. **B4**

### World-Wide

◆ **Ukraine** has opened more than 16,000 investigations into suspected war crimes amid its conflict with Russia, but few charges have been filed as Ukrainian authorities struggle to identify possible perpetrators. **A1, A8**

◆ **The WHO** declared monkeypox to be a public-health emergency of international concern, despite divisions among members of the committee of experts who advise the agency. **A5**

◆ **More than 85 million** people across the U.S. were under heat advisories or excessive heat warnings on Sunday as scorching temperatures neared records in several areas. **A3**

◆ **A wildfire** in the Sierra National Forest has become one of the biggest California blazes of the year, torching over 14,000 acres and forcing thousands of evacuations, fire officials said. **A3**

◆ **A statewide referendum** on the future of abortion in Kansas is shaping up as the first major political test on the issue since the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade. **A6**

◆ **Young adults** tend to settle near where they grew up, a research paper found, indicating that local wage gains largely benefit workers from the area. **A3**

◆ **Pope Francis** arrived in Canada on what he has called a "penitential pilgrimage" to seek to atone for the historical abuse of indigenous children at church-run residential schools. **A9**

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## In Winning the Tour de France, a Dane Was Great



**MASTERPIECE:** Jonas Vingegaard, in the yellow jersey, won cycling's premier event for the first time Sunday. The final stage in Paris took the former part-time fish packer from Denmark past the Louvre before finishing on the Champs-Élysées. **A14**

## Ukraine's War-Crimes Inquiry Struggles to Identify Suspects

By ISABEL COLES AND IAN LOVETT

**YAHIDNE, Ukraine**—After Russian troops pulled out of Yahidne at the end of March, Ukrainian investigators of suspected war crimes found a golden clue: a logbook with photos and personal details of members of one of the Russian military units that had occupied the town.

During their occupation of Yahidne throughout March,

the Russians held more than 300 people in the school's basement, where 10 died. Six other bodies were also found strewn around town after the Russians retreated, and a seventh person is missing, presumed dead.

Serhiy Krupko, the Ukrainian prosecutor in charge of the investigation, wanted the locals to identify the soldiers who had detained them. One by one, investigators showed residents images from the logbook. Did

they recognize anyone?

Few of the faces were familiar to the victims. "They all looked the same," said Olya Menialo, who kept a diary in captivity that helped investigators build a timeline of what happened, but couldn't identify anyone with certainty.

Two months after Russia pulled out of central Ukraine—leaving behind bodies in the streets, mass graves and evidence of torture—prosecutors

are entering a second phase of investigating alleged war crimes. They have mostly finished collecting evidence at crime scenes and establishing what took place during the occupation. Now, the foremost challenge is identifying suspects and linking them to specific

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## Central Asian Allies' Snubs Pose Challenge for Putin

Ukraine invasion has Russia's neighbors rethinking alliances

By EVAN GERSHKOVICH

**ALMATY, Kazakhstan**—At the start of the year, Russia dispatched more than 2,000 troops to its longtime ally Kazakhstan to help put down violent antigovernment unrest. Six weeks later, when Russian troops stormed into Ukraine, Kazakhstan had an opportunity to repay the favor by supporting the invasion. It didn't.

Instead, Kazakhstan has joined other Central Asian countries along Russia's southern frontier in staying neutral on the invasion, leaving Belarus as the only ex-Soviet state that has offered full-throated support. Kazakhstan has promised to enforce Western sanctions against Moscow, said it would boost oil exports to Europe via routes that bypass Russia, upped its defense budget and

hosted a U.S. delegation meant to coax the Central Asian country closer to Washington's orbit.

The growing distance between Moscow and its largest ally in Central Asia represents an unexpected challenge to Russian President Vladimir Putin. For decades since the fall of the Soviet Union, Moscow has worked to maintain influence across Central Asia through military and economic alliances with its former sister republics. Chief among them is Kazakhstan, an oil-rich country larger than the size of Western Europe. The two countries share a 4,750-mile border, the world's second longest frontier after the U.S.-Canada border.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine—a fellow former Soviet republic that shares a lot of simi-

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## Carbone's vs. Carbone: Red-Sauce Restaurants Duel Over Name

Dallas Italian spot irate over newcomer's branding; 'total customer confusion'

By CODY DELISTRATY

For chef Julian Barsotti, it was decidedly not *amore* when New York's Major Food Group named Carbone. Barsotti's Italian restaurant is called Carbone's. About 2 miles away, Major Food Group opened an Italian spot named Carbone.

It was a recipe, says Mr. Barsotti, for "absolute, complete and total customer confusion."

More than 1,000 people mistakenly called Mr. Barsotti's Carbone's trying to contact Carbone, according to a log kept by the restaurant's staff. Meat purveyors botched deliveries. The City of Dallas sent an invoice

for permits to the wrong restaurant. A grocery store mixed up the logos on a promotional display for Carbone sauce. The URLs for the two restaurants' websites differed by just one letter.



Pasta fight

"I'm kind of a nonconfrontational person," says Mr. Barsotti. But he felt like something had to be done.

Over the years, plenty of feuds have broken out between restaurateurs over names, sometimes providing sizable meals for the lawyers involved. In the New York pizza world alone, dueling Patsy's battled all the way up to the federal appeals court, while the sheer number of restaura-

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## Musk, Brin at Odds Over Alleged Affair

By KIRSTEN GRIND AND EMILY GLAZER

Elon Musk engaged in a brief affair last fall with the wife of Sergey Brin, prompting the Google co-founder to file for divorce earlier this year and ending the tech billionaires' long friendship, according to people familiar with the matter.

Their falling out is one of a string of personal issues Mr. Musk has faced even as he juggles business challenges, including manufacturing disruptions at Tesla Inc. and a court fight over his desire to withdraw his \$44 billion bid for Twitter Inc.

Mr. Musk is the richest person in the world, with an esti-

ated fortune of \$240 billion, and Mr. Brin ranks eighth world-wide, with \$95 billion, according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index.

Messrs. Brin and Musk, among the nation's most famous entrepreneurs, were longtime friends. Mr. Musk has said that for years he regularly crashed at Mr. Brin's house in Silicon Valley.

Mr. Brin provided Mr. Musk with about \$500,000 for Tesla during the 2008 financial crisis, when the company was struggling to increase production. In 2015, Mr. Musk gave Mr. Brin one of Tesla's first all-

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## Investors Look Past Shaky Earnings Reports

S&P 500 has gained nearly 5% in July as companies withstand soft quarterly results

By HANNAH MIAO

Disappointing earnings reports from several big companies don't seem to be fazing investors, with the S&P 500 up nearly 5% this month, and 2.5% last week, after a punishing start to the year.

Even some companies that have posted sharply lower quarterly results have seen their shares rally in the following days. Bank of America Corp. posted a slimmer-than-expected profit last week, yet its shares finished the session little changed and jumped 3.4% the subsequent day. Netflix Inc. said it lost nearly a million subscribers, and its stock jumped 7.3% in the next session. Tesla Inc. snapped its streak of record quarterly profits, yet its shares rallied 9.8% the following day. All three stocks have underperformed the broader market this year.

So far this reporting season, shares of companies in the S&P 500 that have missed Wall Street's earnings expectations have slipped 0.1% on average in the two days before their report through the two days after, according to FactSet. That compares with the five-year average of a 2.4% decline.

With inflation at a four-decade high and the Federal Reserve in the midst of an ag-

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## Cheap Beer, Cigarettes Gain as Inflation Rises

By JENNIFER MALONEY AND ALEX HARRING

Shoppers are trading down to cheap beer brands and discount cigarettes as they feel more pressure on their pocketbooks.

Consumer prices in the U.S. rose at a 9.1% annual rate in June, the fastest pace in nearly 41 years, as strong consumer demand has collided with persistent supply shortages. In a survey released this month by the National Retail Federation, nearly half of consumers said that because of rising prices on everyday necessities, they were switching to cheaper alternatives.

Vincent Jarbou, co-owner of Washtenaw Liquor in Ypsilanti, Mich., said he has noticed customers buying single cans of beer instead of six-packs to save money. Demand has also increased in recent

months for cheaper cigarette brands like Pall Mall and Maverick, Mr. Jarbou said.

Customers ask: "What's your cheapest pack?" Mr. Jarbou said. "We try to please the customer. We just try to work them down to something cheaper."

In the four weeks ended July 2, retail-store sales of economy beer increased by 5.4% from the same period last year, according to an analysis of Nielsen data by beer-industry consultant Bump Williams Consulting Co. Brands in the category making the biggest gains this year include Busch Light, Icedhouse and Milwaukee's Best Ice. Last year, retail-store sales of economy beer fell by 10.9%.

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