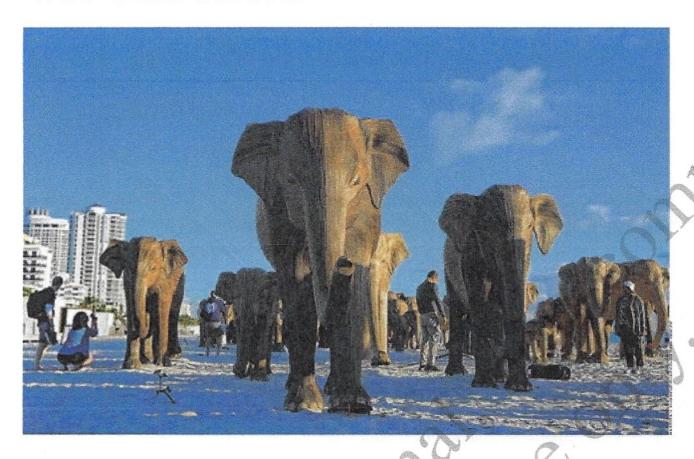
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TRUNK SHOW: People walk around an installation of life-size elephants in advance of Art Basel in Miami Beach, Fla., on Tuesday. The Real Elephant Collective created the works made of invasive weeds around the world to promote conservation. MARTA LAVANDIER/ ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. WATCH

ECONOMY

House Prices Rose 3.9% Over Year

U.S. home prices continue to lose pace as mortgage rates ease from recent heights.

The S& P CoreLogic Case-Shiller National Home Price Index, which measures home prices across the country, rose 3.9% on year in September, lower than at any point this year. It comes as the average rate for a 30-year fixed mortgage fell continually over the summer and reached a two-year low in late September, according to Freddie Mac.

"Home price growth stalled in the third quarter, after a steady start to 2024," S& P's Brian D. Luke said.

For a fifth straight month, New York City led price increases among 20 major U.S. metropolises where the prices outstrip the national average. Denver booked the lowest increase of those 20 cities.

—Joshua Kirby

FLORIDA

Dolphin Star Hill's Tickets Dismissed

Traffic citations issued to Miami Dolphins star wide receiver Tyreek Hill after a Sept. 8 altercation with police before the team's season opener have been dismissed after the charging officers didn't attend a court hearing.

Hill's tickets for careless driving and failing to wear a seat belt were dismissed after the Miami-Dade Police officers failed to show up for a Monday hearing. The stop escalated and an officer pulled Hill from the car, forced him to the ground and handcuffed bim.



Hill said in a Tuesday post on the social-media platform X, "Where all the internet cops now."

The police said the officers' failure to appear was "an oversight" and "the matter will be handled administratively." The department defended issuing the tickets.

-Associated Press

NEW YORK CITY

Theft Ring Is Said To Steal \$2 Million

A shoplifting ring that stole nearly \$2 million in clothes and beauty products from Macy's and other well-known stores in the U.S. and then resold them in New York City and the Dominican Republic has been busted, law-enforcement officials said Tuesday.

Five New Yorkers have been charged with felony possession of stolen property, conspiracy and other related crimes, Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz said. She said the group stole high-end makeup, perfume, beauty products, designer clothing and accessories over a roughly two-year period.

The group's leaders directed crews to steal specific merchandise as they hit stores along the East Coast, she said. They also paid truck drivers to divert products to locations under their control.

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PENNSYLVANIA

Salt Line Advances Amid Drought

Salty seawater is creeping up the Delaware River, the source for much of the drinking water for Philadelphia and millions of others, brought on by drought conditions and sea-level rise, and prompting officials to tap reservoirs to push the unpotable tide back downstream.

Officials say drinking water isn't imminently at risk yet, but they are monitoring the effects of the drought on the river and studying options for the future in case further droughts sap the area.

The farther the salt line moves upstream, the closer it gets to drinking water intakes, which officials have worked for decades to avoid. The Delaware River provides drinking water for some 14 million people, including most of Philadelphia and parts of New Jersey and New York.

—Associated Press

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