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Romanian President Nicușor Dan Invokes Buridan's Donkey Paradox Over PM Selection

President Nicușor Dan has compared his reluctance to choose a new Prime Minister to the 'Buridan's Donkey' paradox, stuck between candidates Sorin Grindeanu and Siegfried Mureșan. Dan insists he will not make an appointment until one candidate proves they have a parliamentary majority, sparking concerns about governance stability.

Sources Ziarul Financiar

Romanian Stock Market Poised for Growth Driven by Dividend Payments

The Romanian stock market index BET is expected to see positive evolution in July, driven largely by dividend payments from state-owned companies. Analysts highlight potential growth in companies like Digi, Premier Energy, and One United Properties despite cautious valuations.

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Romanian Companies Expand to Japan Through InnovX Program

Seven Romanian mid-corporate companies have arrived in Japan via the MoonShotX program to expand business operations. The initiative leverages a strategic partnership between Romania and Japan, aiming to help Romanian firms navigate the complex Japanese business culture.

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Economists Warn of Climate-Driven Food Price Shocks Through 2028

Economists predict a severe global food price shock due to a 'super El Niño' cycle exacerbated by climate change and ongoing conflict. Goldman Sachs estimates a 'climaticflation' of 15.8% for agricultural products, with impacts expected to last until at least mid-2028.

Sources Biziday

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White House Launches 'Trump Accounts' Investment Program for Children

The US government has launched tax-deferred investment accounts for children under 18, allowing annual contributions up to \$5,000. Eligible children born between 2025 and 2028 receive a one-time \$1,000 deposit, backed by private donations from billionaires.

Sources Business Insider

Veteran Democrat James Carville Warns Socialist Wing Could Cost Party Elections

Democratic strategist James Carville has criticized the party's socialist insurgents for prioritizing internal fights over defeating Republicans. Carville argues this factionalism mirrors 2016 mistakes and could lead to further Republican victories and polarization.

Sources ZeroHedge

CNN Anchor Duped by Fake Social Media Account Mocking Mitch McConnell

CNN anchor Audie Cornish shared posts from a fake account claiming to represent GOP insiders discussing Senator Mitch McConnell. The posts were revealed to be a prank from a decade-old account, sparking debate over media verification and bias.

Sources ZeroHedge

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Elon Musk and Sam Altman Clash on X Following Apple Lawsuit Against OpenAI

Elon Musk and Sam Altman engaged in a heated exchange on X after Apple filed a lawsuit against OpenAI over alleged trade secret theft. Musk criticized Altman's leadership while Altman suggested Musk was deflecting from his own company's AI releases.

Sources Slashdot

Anti-AI Activists Ramp Up Protests Citing Existential Risks

A growing movement of activists in the Bay Area is protesting AI development, citing risks of job loss and human extinction. The movement has escalated to include sit-ins and incidents targeting AI company leaders and infrastructure.

Sources Slashdot

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US Launches Strikes on Iran as Trump Declares Strait of Hormuz Open

The US has launched multiple airstrikes on Iranian military targets near the Strait of Hormuz, claiming the waterway remains open for commercial traffic. Iran denies casualties but tensions are escalating, impacting global oil markets and security concerns.

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Zelensky Proposes Replacing Ukrainian Prime Minister in Major Govt Overhaul

Ukrainian President Volodimir Zelensky has announced plans to replace Prime Minister Iulia Sviridenko after one year in office. The move involves meetings with key state figures to address energy policy and defense strategy amidst ongoing tensions with Russia.

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Ukrainian economists have dismissed President Trump's pledge to license Patriot missile production in Ukraine as 'empty PR'. Experts cite the complexity of missile manufacturing and ongoing security risks as barriers to local production.

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FIFA Considers Expanding World Cup to 64 Teams by 2030

FIFA President Gianni Infantino has confirmed discussions are underway to expand the World Cup from 32 to 64 teams for the 2030 edition. The proposal aims to increase inclusivity for smaller nations but faces criticism regarding logistical feasibility and tournament quality.

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England, led by captain Harry Kane, will face Argentina in the World Cup semi-final after defeating Norway in extra time. Coach Thomas Tuchel and Kane believe the team can reach a higher performance level for the crucial match.

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UK Parliament Approves Hillsborough Law for State Accountability

The Hillsborough Law has been passed into law, marking a significant milestone for victims of state wrongdoing. Championed by Prime Minister Keir Starmer, the legislation aims to ensure accountability and honesty from public authorities.

Sources BBC News

Two Men Die Attempting to Rescue Children from Sea in Hartlepool

Two men drowned after entering the sea to help children in distress at Seaton Carew beach. The rescued children are safe, but the incident has been described as a heartbreaking tragedy for the local community.

Sources BBC News

2,400-Year-Old Shipwreck Discovered Off Italian Coast During Wind Farm Survey

Engineers surveying for offshore wind turbines discovered an ancient shipwreck loaded with amphorae off southern Italy. The find provides evidence of ancient trade networks and has prompted adjustments to the renewable energy project to protect the site.

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Evidence Presented in Tyler Robinson Preliminary Hearing for Charlie Kirk Murder

The preliminary hearing for Tyler Robinson revealed substantial evidence implicating him in the murder of Charlie Kirk. Testimony from Robinson's roommate and DNA evidence have strengthened the prosecution's case regarding the politically motivated attack.

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