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## What's News

World-Wide

**Ukrainian President Zelensky** warned that any cease-fire that allows Russia to keep Ukrainian territories would only encourage an even wider conflict, giving Moscow an opportunity to replenish and rearm. **A1**

◆ **Russia and Ukraine** agreed to resume exports of millions of tons of Ukrainian grain via the Black Sea for the first time since the Russian invasion. **A6**

◆ **An effort by Texas and Arizona** to bus asylum-seeking migrants to the nation's capital is beginning to strain city government and local nonprofits. **A3**

◆ **California Gov. Newsom** signed a bill into law allowing private citizens to sue the gun industry to enforce the state's ban on certain weapons. **A3**

◆ **Former Trump adviser Steve Bannon** was found guilty of contempt of Congress, handing a victory to the Justice Department and the House select committee investigating the attack on the Capitol. **A4**

◆ **Biden's symptoms** have improved a day after testing positive for Covid-19, his physician said. **A5**

◆ **Security forces in Sri Lanka** raided the main anti-government protest camp in Colombo, taking down tents and removing activists. **A9**

## Business & Finance

◆ **Twitter reported** a surprising decline in revenue that the social-media company blamed on advertising weakness and uncertainty related to its pending \$44 billion acquisition by Elon Musk. **A1**

◆ **Key shareholders in VW** joined forces with labor leaders to oust CEO Herbert Diess, who was in the midst of a push to turn the German auto company into a top maker of electric vehicles. **A1**

◆ **U.S. stocks slumped**, snapping a three-day winning streak. The S&P 500, Dow and Nasdaq fell 0.9%, 0.4% and 1.9%, respectively. All three indexes posted weekly gains. **B1**

◆ **Vince McMahon**, the king of U.S. wrestling, retired as CEO and chairman of WWE, following disclosures by The Wall Street Journal of multiple payouts to women who had alleged sexual misconduct and infidelity. **B1**

◆ **Verizon said** cash-strapped customers and stiffer competition would pressure its business through the end of the year, prompting it to lower its revenue and profit targets. **B3**

◆ **U.S. and global business activity** fell sharply in July, according to surveys of purchasing managers, raising recession risks. **A2**

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The 'Great Resignation' Started Long Ago **A13**

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## On the Ropes for Alleged Misconduct, McMahon Retires



**EXIT:** Vince McMahon, shown in 2009, retired as World Wrestling Entertainment CEO and chairman. Mr. McMahon, 76, has been facing pressure after the company disclosed a board investigation into alleged misconduct. **B1**

## VW CEO Diess to Step Down After Clash With Labor Unions

By William Boston and Georgi Kantchev

Key shareholders in Volkswagen AG joined forces with labor leaders to oust Chief Executive Officer Herbert Diess, who was in the midst of a push to turn the German auto company into a top maker of electric vehicles.

Mr. Diess will be succeeded by Oliver Blume, CEO of VW's sports-car maker Porsche AG

and long an ally of the Porsche-Piëch family that controls a majority of VW voting rights. Mr. Blume will retain his job running Porsche, which is slated for an initial public offering this autumn.

The departing chief executive had repeatedly clashed with unions, which hold half the seats on the German equivalent of the company's board of directors. Until now he had retained the support of

the family, heirs to the VW Beetle inventor, Ferdinand Porsche.

Mr. Diess was informed around midday Thursday that the company's core shareholders and labor representatives had decided to fire him. The broader supervisory board learned of the decision at a meeting at around 4:30 p.m. Friday local time, according to a person familiar with the proceeding.

The sudden ouster comes after renewed internal strife over the slow progress developing core software for the company's new generation of electric vehicles. The delays have caused the launches of some models to be pushed back, raising doubts among the Porsche-Piëch family about Mr. Diess's ability to deliver on his promises, people familiar with the situation said.

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## Europe Is Tested By Energy, Inflation

Gas supply and interest rates pose threats

By Stephen Fidler and Kim MacKraai

This past week brought home the double-headed crisis testing the European Union's resilience.

Russia is trying to break its unity by curbing supplies of natural gas to the bloc. At the same time, rising inflation is ending an era of negative interest rates and increasing the risk of a fracturing eurozone economy.

Sanctions on Russia have hit the bloc harder than other Western countries, because its economies are more intertwined than others in the West. According to EU officials, Moscow's ambition in manipulating gas supplies is to split the bloc's steadfast unity in support of Ukraine and reverse sanctions that are harming Russia's economy.

The battle will come to a head this winter, with the

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## Wonder How Crime Probes Get Named?

'Angry Birds' and 'Varsity Blues' riff off pop culture

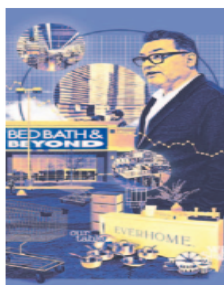
By Corinne Ramey

When former federal prosecutor Eric Rosen began investigating a Yale soccer coach for impropriety in college admissions, he dubbed the probe "Operation Free Kick."

As it ballooned to include wealthy parents suspected of bribing coaches to admit their children, the Federal Bureau of Investigation decided to change the name to "Operation Varsity Blues," a salute to

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## EXCHANGE



## BED BATH & BEYOND

How an overhaul at the home retail giant went awry

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## Zelensky Says No Cease-Fire Until Russia Returns Land

By Yaroslav Trofimov and Matthew Luxmoore

KYIV, Ukraine—Any cease-fire that allows Russia to keep Ukrainian territories seized since the invasion in February would only encourage an even wider conflict, giving Moscow a badly needed opportunity to replenish and rearm for the next round, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky warned.

"Freezing the conflict with the Russian Federation means a pause that gives the Russian Federation a break for rest," Mr. Zelensky said in an inter-

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U.S. considers providing fighter jets to Kyiv..... A8

view with The Wall Street Journal in the heavily fortified presidential compound in Kyiv on Friday. "They will not use this pause to change their geopolitics or to renounce their claims on the former Soviet republics."

Mr. Zelensky outlined his views at a critical point in the war, as economic pain from the conflict ripples around the world and Russia's military advances slow down, with both sides exhausted after five months of bloody fighting. Rising energy and food prices, coupled with the prospect of a Russian natural-gas shutdown this winter, are threatening to push Europe into recession, testing Western resolve just as Moscow seeks to divide the Western alliance.

The U.S. said it is considering providing fighter jets to

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## Series of Hearings Aimed to Show Trump's Efforts to Hold Onto Power

By Scott Patterson

WASHINGTON—In eight televised hearings, the House select committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, riot at the Capitol sought to paint a damning picture of a president willing to incite a mob to hang on to power after running out of options in reversing his election defeat.

Now, the committee plans to keep going through the fall, citing new witnesses and unanswered questions, just as Democrats try to keep their narrow House majority and Republican former President Donald Trump weighs a new run for the White House.

The recent hearings laid out the committee's case that the

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Former Trump strategist Steve Bannon left a Washington courtroom after he was found guilty of contempt of Congress. **A4**

JONATHAN ERNST/REUTERS



## Cities of the future: how to adapt to extreme weather

THE BIG READ

## Diess ousted as Volkswagen boss

Workers and investors force exit Porsche chief to step in Tesla rivalry angers union

JOE MILLER — WÜRZBURG

Volkswagen chief executive Herbert Diess, the architect of the German carmaker's multibillion-euro push into electric vehicles, will leave the company within weeks after being forced out by union leaders and shareholders.

The 63-year-old, who took over following the VW emissions scandal, will be replaced by Porsche boss Oliver Blume from the start of September. His exit followed a vote by VW's supervisory board, which is controlled by a loose alliance of workers' representatives and the state of Lower Saxony, the group's second-largest shareholder.

The 20-seat board, which includes representatives from VW's anchor shareholders, the Porsche-Piëch family, voted unanimously to replace Diess, according to two people with direct knowledge of the matter.

Diess had made it his mission to catch up with Tesla and become the world's largest electric car producer by the middle of the decade. He oversaw the launch of VW's first all-electric cars and committed to spending €52bn on developing battery-powered models, while imposing big cost cuts.

But his tenure was marred by repeated clashes with Volkswagen's powerful German works council, which

represents most of its 300,000 workers in the country and occupies 10 of the 20 seats on the supervisory board. Last year, Diess sparked union outrage after privately suggesting that VW had 30,000 excess staff in the country.

Volkswagen's works council leader Daniela Cavallo said the group wanted to ensure that "job security and profitability remain equally important corporate goals in the coming years".

"Our focus as an employee organisation is clear: all our colleagues must be involved. Today's decisions pay tribute to this."

The announcement by VW came hours after Diess posted a holiday mes-



Herbert Diess had repeated clashes with the group's German works council during his time as VW chief

sage to the company's employees. "I am very satisfied with our performance," he wrote, adding that sales had been hurt by shortages in semiconductors and other bottlenecks.

His propensity for comparing VW unfavourably to electric market leader Tesla had been criticised by unions.

In an interview last November, Cavallo also criticised Diess for problems with VW's software development programme, as well as recent poor performance in China.

Diess, a former BMW executive who was a rare outsider within VW, will be replaced by Blume, who has spent his professional life within the group.

## Grain truce Moscow and Kyiv sign deal

Ukrainian emergency service workers inspect a wheat field for explosive devices in the Mykolajiv region of the country yesterday.

With time running out before an estimated 22mn tonnes of trapped wheat, corn and other grains rot in Ukraine, Kyiv and Moscow yesterday agreed a "de facto ceasefire" on ships that will collect the stranded grain from ports to avoid a global food crisis.

But with Russia's war still raging in Ukraine, and deep mistrust between the two sides, diplomats warned that upholding the agreement would be a big challenge.

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Press service of the State Emergency Service of Ukraine

## Twitter blames Musk's flaky courtship and slumping ads as revenues fall short

CRISTINA CRIDDLE — LONDON  
HANNAH MURPHY — SAN FRANCISCO

Twitter has blamed a slump in digital advertising spending and "uncertainty" over Elon Musk's on-off pursuit of the social media company for a fall in second-quarter revenues.

The San Francisco-based group is seeking to enforce a \$4.4bn sale to Musk in court, after the Tesla chief executive put the deal on hold in May and officially attempted to exit it this month.

Reporting results for the three months to the end of June, the social media platform yesterday highlighted the turmoil around the prospective takeover as among the reasons that revenues fell 1 per cent to \$1.18bn.

Twitter said the lacklustre results reflected "advertising industry headwinds associated with the macro-

environment, as well as uncertainty related to the pending acquisition of Twitter by an affiliate of Elon Musk".

The figures missed analyst expectations of a rise in revenues to \$1.3bn.

Twitter's results came a day after social media rival Snap lost more than a quarter of its value after missing revenue and profit expectations, and announced plans to slow hiring and shake up its business strategy as a result.

After a pandemic-related boost to business, social media platforms have been suffering as brands increasingly curb their digital ad spending to cope with rising interest rates and inflation, coupled with supply chain woes.

The company's net loss was \$270mn, compared with a net income of \$66mn in the same period last year.

Social media groups have also been hurt by rising competition from apps

including viral video platform TikTok, and by Apple privacy changes that have made it harder to target advertising and measure the success of campaigns.

Twitter's monetisable daily active users, its unique metric for tracking its audience, stood at 237.8mn, above analysts' estimates of 236mn.

At its last earnings in April, Twitter admitted to overstating its audience figures by almost 2mn users for three years, due to what it called an "error".

Twitter is heading for a courtroom showdown with Musk in October, after the billionaire attempted to terminate the deal, citing concerns over the number of fake accounts. "Twitter believes that Mr Musk's purported termination is invalid and wrongful, and the merger agreement remains in effect," the company said yesterday.

Elaine Moore page 9



### Cheney's bid to stop Trump returning to Oval Office

Liz Cheney this week wrapped up the hearings examining last year's attack on US Congress and whether Donald Trump fuelled it. She defied Republican leaders to join the probe, then used her legal expertise to play a key role in it. While her efforts have lifted the Democrats ahead of midterm polls, her own prospects are less rosy. But with Trump's ratings dented, she is closer to her goal of stopping him sitting in the Oval Office again.

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### World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				GOVERNMENT BONDS			
	Jul 22	Prev	%chg	Pair	Jul 22	Prev	%chg	Yield (%)	Jul 22	Prev	Chg (bps)
S&P 500	3972.74	3968.95	-0.03	£/\$	1.023	1.019	0.4%	US 2 yr	2.99	3.17	-0.18
Nasdaq Composite	11880.29	12058.61	-1.49	€/\$	1.204	1.195	0.8%	US 10 yr	2.79	2.95	-0.16
Dow Jones Ind	31994.03	32006.90	-0.13	¥/\$	0.090	0.083	8.4%	US 30 yr	3.00	3.10	-0.10
FTSEurofirst 200	1673.09	1669.46	0.22	W/\$	136.045	137.825	-1.3%	UK 2 yr	2.05	2.18	-0.13
Euro Stoxx 50	3600.31	3596.51	0.11	W/€	163.019	164.699	-1.0%	UK 10 yr	1.94	2.04	-0.10
FTSE 100	7276.37	7279.51	-0.04	\$/¥	0.983	0.988	-0.5%	UK 30 yr	2.45	2.53	-0.08
FTSE All-Share	4028.29	4021.90	0.17					JPN 2 yr	-0.09	-0.08	-0.01
CAC 40	6216.82	6201.11	0.25					JPN 10 yr	0.21	0.24	-0.03
Xetra Dax	15253.88	15246.04	0.05					JPN 30 yr	1.22	1.29	-0.07
Nikkei	27814.66	27803.90	0.40					GER 2 yr	0.42	0.64	-0.22
Hang Seng	20608.14	20574.63	0.17					GER 10 yr	1.03	1.22	-0.19
MSCI World \$	2693.84	2643.93	0.75					GER 30 yr	1.28	1.40	-0.12
MSCI EM \$	900.69	886.96	0.42								
MSCI ACWI \$	620.42	616.02	0.72								
FT Wilshire 2500	5208.42	5158.91	0.96								
FT Wilshire 5000	40674.29	40293.65	0.94								

COMMODITIES			
	Jul 22	Prev	%chg
Oil WTI \$	97.36	96.25	1.05
Oil Brent \$	105.20	103.86	1.29
Gold \$	1705.10	1709.30	-0.25

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### Crazy living

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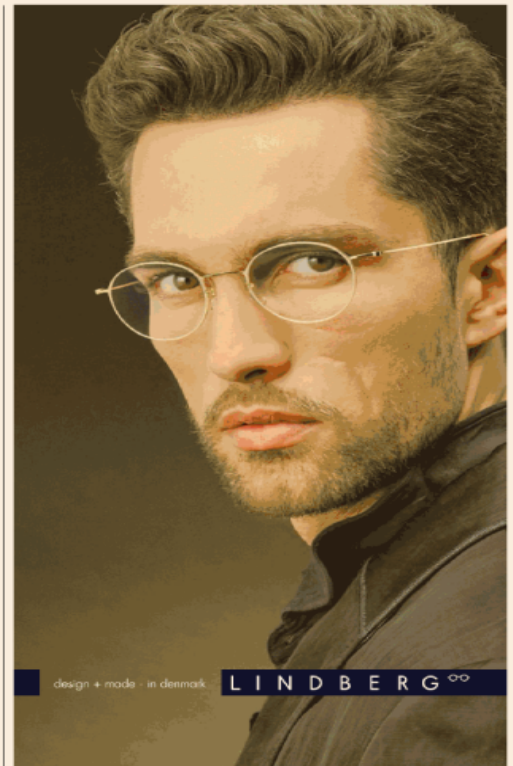
### No more 'whatever it takes' Katie Martin on the ECB

THE LONG VIEW



### Jancis Robinson

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**Late Edition**  
Today, mainly sunny, record heat,  
more humid, high 95. **Tonight**, partly  
cloudy, warmer, low 81. **Tomorrow**,  
afternoon thunderstorms, high 92.  
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By May, the Azovstal steelworks in Mariupol was a charred skeleton. A prize coveted by President Vladimir V. Putin, it was won only after months of bombardment.

## Last Stand at the Steelworks: Inside an 80-Day Siege

By MICHAEL SCHWIRTZ

The two Mi-8 helicopters tore across enemy territory early on the morning of March 21, startling the Russian soldiers below. Inside were Ukrainian Special Forces fighters carrying crates of Stinger and Javelin missiles, as well as a satellite internet system. They were flying barely 20 feet above ground into the hottest combat zone in the war.

Ukraine's top generals had conceived the flights as a daring, possibly doomed, mission. A band of Ukrainian soldiers, running low on ammunition and largely without any communications, was holed up in a sprawling steel factory in the besieged city of Mariupol.

### Ukrainians Huddled in Terror and Hunger

The soldiers were surrounded by a massive Russian force and on the verge of annihilation.

The plan called for the Mi-8s to land at the factory, swap their cargo for wounded soldiers, and fly back to central Ukraine. Almost everyone understood that the city and its defenders were lost. But the weapons would allow the soldiers to frustrate the Russian forces for a few weeks more, blunting the onslaught faced by Ukrainian troops elsewhere on

the southern and eastern fronts and giving them time to prepare for a new Russian offensive there.

"It was so important to the guys, who were fully encircled, to know that we had not abandoned them, that we would fly to them, risking our lives to take their wounded and bring them ammunition and medicine," said a military intelligence officer with the call sign Flint, who was on the first flight and described the operation to The New York Times, along with three others involved. "This

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**DEAL IMPERILED** A Russian strike on Odesa threatened a deal to facilitate grain exports. PAGE 8



Inside the plant, in a photo from an Azov fighter's wife.

### NEWS ANALYSIS

## Women Face Public Vitriol For Testimony

By ANNIE KARNI and MAGGIE HABERMAN

WASHINGTON — Before Sarah Matthews, a former deputy White House press secretary, even opened her mouth to testify on Thursday before the select committee investigating the Jan. 6 assault on the Capitol, the House Republican Conference attacked her on Twitter as a "liar" and a "paw" of Democrats.

The group did not mention the man seated beside her, Matthew Pottinger, the former deputy national security adviser, who was also there to issue a scathing indictment of President Donald J. Trump's behavior on the day of the riot. Nor did Mr. Trump himself mention Mr. Pottinger when he lashed out hours later with a statement calling Ms. Matthews a fame-seeker who was "clearly lying."

The contrast highlighted how, in a series of revelatory hearings that have focused on issues of democracy, the rule of law and the peaceful transfer of power, another, less-discussed theme

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## Health Officials Call Emergency For Monkeypox

By APOORVA MANDAVILLI

For the second time in two years, the World Health Organization has taken the extraordinary step of declaring a global emergency. This time the cause is monkeypox, which has spread in just a few weeks to dozens of countries and infected tens of thousands of people.

Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, the W.H.O.'s director general, on Saturday overruled a panel of advisers, who could not come to a consensus, and declared a "public health emergency of international concern," a designation the W.H.O. currently uses to describe only two other diseases, Covid-19 and polio.

"We have an outbreak that has spread around the world rapidly through new modes of transmission, about which we understand too little, and which meets the criteria for a public health emergency," Dr. Tedros told reporters. It was apparently the first time that the director general had sidestepped his advisers to declare an emergency.

The W.H.O.'s declaration signals a public health risk requiring a coordinated international response. The designation can lead member countries to invest significant resources in controlling an

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## What Is Justice? One Parkland Family's Journey.

By AUDRA D. S. BURCH

PARKLAND, Fla. — Sometime after 1:30 a.m. in a hotel conference room, the law enforcement officer's eyes — even before his words — told Tom and Gena Hoyer that their youngest child was gone, killed in a mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

They remember so little about the ride home. Almost as soon as they entered their Parkland

house, Ms. Hoyer walked upstairs into Luke's second-floor room, untouched since the morning hours when he had been getting ready for school. She sat on the edge of his unmade bed next to the night stand where he had left his prescription glasses. She was in Luke's room at this hour because she believed that if she did not do this task right now, she might never.

Two thoughts entered her mind. One was clear but painful to contemplate: How could their family

go on without Luke? The other was much less formed and so much harder to answer: What now? That question would crystallize over the months and years into something else: What does justice mean?

It's been nearly four and a half years since an afternoon ambush at the high school on Valentine's Day 2018, claimed Luke and 16 other students and faculty members.

What the Hoyers now know is

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Gena and Tom Hoyer lost their youngest son, Luke, in the 2018 school massacre in Parkland, Fla.

## An Explosion of Digital Comics Finds a New World of Readers

By GEORGE GENE GUSTINES and MATT STEVENS

For decades, the fans who powered the comic book industry made weekly pilgrimages to their local comic shops to buy the latest issues about their favorite caped-and-cowled adventurers. These Wednesday Warriors, named for the day new installments typically land on shelves, still do. Voracious readers of printed comics, they skewer older — and are mostly male.

But now all it takes is a smartphone, as the world of comics is reshaped by the kind of digital disruption that has transformed journalism, music, movies and television. Web comics have exploded in popularity in recent years, in

part by tapping into an audience the industry had long overlooked: Gen Z and Millennial women. The stories they offer — of a young woman battling sexism in the world of e-sports or a romance-focused retelling of Greek myth — are mostly free and scroll vertically on smartphones, where readers under 25 live.

And they have minted stars from a new generation of creators. "Even 10 years ago, I wouldn't be doing this," said Kaitlyn Narvaza, 28, of San Diego, who is known as instantmiso on Webtoon where her series "Siren's Lament"

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#### In Israeli City, Art Unites

In an ancient underground reservoir, visitors hear a beguiling musical composition that combines Arab love songs with Hebrew poetry. PAGE 4

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The suspect in the shooting of former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan had blamed the Unification Church for bankrupting his family. PAGE 6

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Pope Francis is traveling to Canada to deliver a message of contrition to Indigenous communities for the church's role in an abusive school system. PAGE 5

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Will Malitte owns and operates Film Noir Cinema. If you've never heard of it, that's fine with him. PAGE 1

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New York City isn't exactly known for its clean and state-of-the-art airports. With a \$25 billion transformation, that should change by 2030. PAGE 6



### SUNDAY BUSINESS

#### Ukraine's Bright Side

Surprisingly, the technology sector is thriving in the country. But with the war, and with most business executives unable to meet with foreign clients, the good times may not last. PAGE 1

#### A Long-Term Housing Crisis

Builders now have too many houses and not enough people to sell them to. In the long term, there's a different problem: not enough houses for all the people who want them. PAGE 1



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L.A. NATIVE Barry Settle tackles timely issues as pastor of Allen Chapel, a Black church in Riverside.

Photographs by GINA FERRAZI Los Angeles Times

## MY COUNTRY

# People of color discovering peace in the Inland Empire

As more relocate from big cities in search of a better life, they're welcomed by solitude and surprised by diversity

By Tyrone Beason  
REPORTING FROM MORENO VALLEY, CALIF.

My ideas about the Inland Empire have always been seeded with a prickly skepticism. As far as I was concerned, passing through towns like Rialto, Colton and Jurupa Valley along Interstate 10 and State Route 60 was a necessary inconvenience on the way to the desert — not a chance to learn something about life in America.

But I was intrigued by the most recent U.S. census figures showing the Inland Empire to be one of the fastest-growing regions in the country and that waves of Black and brown transplants, many from Los Angeles and Southern California's other urban centers, have driven a cultural transformation that's been decades in the making.

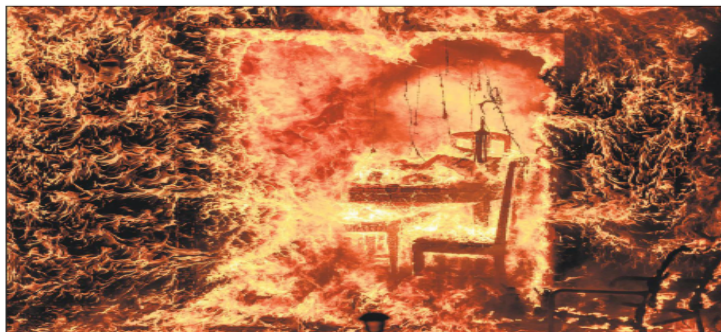
The population has swelled to 4.6 million people spread across Riverside and San

[See Inland Empire, A10]



"IT FELT LIKE a homecoming in a way," Fatima Nelson says of her family's move from Long Beach to Moreno Valley, where she sees "a lot more shades and colors."

## Explosive blaze forces thousands to flee



FLAMES engulf a home as the Oak fire burns in Mariposa County on Saturday. The blaze, which began Friday afternoon, has destroyed at least 10 structures.

NOAH BERGER Associated Press

Governor declares state of emergency as fast-moving Oak fire near Yosemite spreads to nearly 12,000 acres.

By ALEX WIGGLESWORTH AND DOUG SMITH

Firefighters were struggling to battle California's largest fire of the season so far, a fast-moving inferno tearing through the Sierra Nevada foothills west of Yosemite National Park that has burned at least 10 structures, forced several thousand people to flee their homes and is threatening multiple mountain communities.

The Oak fire, which started Friday near Mid-

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## ANALYSIS

# Ukraine faces thorny dilemma as war drags on

Western weapons are helping, but boasts may undercut arms appeals

By LAURA KING AND TRACY WILKINSON

KYIV, Ukraine — The explosion is invariably spectacular: a gigantic spewing fireball, often followed by a slow-motion airborne cascade of secondary blasts. As soon as such footage finds its way online, exultant Ukrainian commentary erupts: "It's HIMARS o'clock!"

As its war with Russia enters a sixth month, Ukraine has been celebrating recent battlefield successes generated by sophisticated launchers known as High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems, or HIMARS. The Pentagon has provided or promised a dozen of the advanced systems, capable of hitting targets up to 50 miles away.

Following Russia's full-scale invasion of its smaller neighbor on Feb. 24, the conflict has veered from

Moscow's initial failed effort to capture the capital, Kyiv, to substantial Ukrainian territorial losses this summer in the country's eastern industrial heartland.

Now the combat calculus appears to be shifting yet again, with Ukrainian forces, assisted by their new weaponry, striking dozens of sites, including Russian ammunition dumps, troop concentrations and bridges. That is seen as likely preparation for an offensive to regain Russian-held territory in the country's south, near the Black Sea coast.

Ukrainian forces are now using long-range rocket systems to great effect, U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd J. Austin III said last week during a virtual meeting of 50 countries that are donating equipment to Ukraine. "I think that everyone here understands the difference that they've made on the ground."

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# McCarthy finds skeptics at home

In a newly drawn, even redder district, discontent with the GOP House leader is brewing on the right.

By JASPER GOODMAN

CLOVIS, Calif. — In Washington, Kevin McCarthy is the ultimate party-line Republican, one of former President Trump's most loyal congressional foot soldiers and leading the charge in the GOP's quest to regain control of the House in November.

But back home in his district, Cora Shipley is skeptical.

"I do not believe that he is a true conservative," said Shipley, 78, owner of an ice cream shop in Clovis, which

was drawn last year into the new 20th Congressional District, where McCarthy is seeking reelection.

Shipley's shop is a staple of Old Town Clovis, where American flags line antique stores and country music plays over a loudspeaker. She said she is waiting to see how McCarthy will lead the GOP should he become House speaker next year.

"He's been on both sides of a lot of issues," she said from a table in the back of her shop, with photos of Elvis on the walls and a "thin blue line" flag hanging outside.

McCarthy is tasked with introducing himself to more than 200,000 new voters in a district where the GOP's registration advantage has grown to almost 20 percentage points, the largest in the state. But even in an area

[See McCarthy, A12]

## Can Caruso hold his lead among Latinos?

Bass might still win the support of some who voted for De León in the mayoral primary.

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## As mask decision looms, cases start to flatten in L.A.

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## Trump oft chose strife over calm, panel says

Hearings cast president as repeatedly keeping U.S. on course for Jan. 6

BY ROSALIND S. HELDERMAN

Donald Trump had already been told by his campaign manager, his top campaign lawyer and his lead data analyst that he had lost the presidential election when he was visited by his attorney general on Dec. 1, 2020.

William P. Barr was a steadfast Trump ally. But in the Oval Office that afternoon, he had no solace to offer the president. He told Trump that claims of 2020 voter fraud were "complete nonsense," "crazy stuff," "a grave disservice to the country," he later recounted. They were "bullshit."

In an interview with the Associated Press that day, he offered the country the same conclusion, though in less profane terms: The Justice Department had found no evidence sufficient to overturn Joe Biden's election win.

Trump could have accepted what Barr later termed "reality." But inside the White House, the AP story was met with presidential fury. Sitting inside the ornate West Wing dining room, Trump threw his lunch, shattering a porcelain dish and leaving ketchup dripping down the wall.

That account came from a White House aide who testified to the House committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol, which over eight public hearings in the past six weeks has laid out an elaborate

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## WHO labels monkeypox a global health emergency

BY FENIT NIRAPPIL

The World Health Organization on Saturday declared the international monkeypox outbreak a global emergency, a decision that underscores concerns about rapidly spreading infections sparked by the virus.

The move to label the outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, the highest level of alert the WHO can issue, is expected to marshal new funding to fight the outbreak and to pressure governments into action. More than 16,500 cases of monkeypox have been reported in 74 countries.

"In short, we have an outbreak that has spread around the world rapidly through new modes of transmission about which we understand too little," WHO Director General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus told reporters Saturday.

The decision means the world is confronting two viral diseases that have crossed the extraordinary threshold of being declared health emergencies: covid-19 and monkeypox. The WHO labeled the coronavirus pandemic a global crisis early in 2020.

WHO officials said the global risk of monkeypox is moderate, but that it is high in Europe, where most of the infections have been recorded in an outbreak that ignited in the spring.

Tedros said that one of the reasons he moved to declare a

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## Chip shortage is upending the auto industry — even in Detroit

BY JEANNE WHALEN

DETROIT — Even Motor City is running short of cars these days.

Rental counters at the Detroit airport have run out of vehicles recently. Dealerships all over town are reporting scarce inventory. And buyers are facing months-long delays and soaring prices before they can get their hands on a new truck or SUV.

The root problem is the same across the country — a global deficit of computer chips that has forced automakers to slash output, causing shortages of new and used vehicles. But the predicament feels particularly offensive here, Detroiters say.

"This is an auto manufacturing city. It shouldn't be short of cars," said Benyam

Buying a car may never be the same amid the biggest disruption since the 1970s

Tesfason, a cabdriver who has been busy shuttling travelers from the airport to pick up rental cars at locations 10 or 20 miles away. Another feature of his daily travels, he says, is driving past giant parking lots where automakers are stockpiling newly manufactured cars that are still awaiting a few final chips.

Detroit's experience shows how thoroughly the nearly two-year-old semiconductor shortage has upended manufacturing — and foisted change on one of

America's most beloved consumer markets.

"It may be the biggest disruption we've seen since the 1970s and the fuel crisis," said Matt Anderson, a transportation historian at the Henry Ford museum complex in Dearborn, referring to the tumultuous period that forced car companies to make more fuel-efficient vehicles.

The chip shortage "is the kind of thing that my successors I'm sure will be studying about in future years," he added.

Gone are the days when buyers could drop in on a dealership and drive home in a cherry-red convertible packed with their favorite features. Buying a car now means placing an order and waiting, sometimes

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Thousands of "build shy" GM vehicles — missing some final components — idle in Auburn Hills, Mich., last week. The average U.S. list price for a new car has risen by 20 percent over the past two years. The average for a used car has soared by 40 percent.

### EXTREME SUMMER

## Tour de France races into uncertain future

Heat wave plaguing Europe is early warning sign of grim road ahead for contest and planet

BY RICK NOACK

AYROS-ARBOUX, FRANCE — The Tour de France has always been a test of human endurance.

The cyclists cover epic distances over the course of three weeks, speeding past fields of sunflowers, bouncing along cobblestone roads, and climbing dizzying steep mountains with frightening corkscrew descents.

But as the peloton makes its way down the Champs-Élysées toward the finish line Sunday — on a day forecast to reach 93 degrees Fahrenheit, 20 degrees higher than the average July high for Paris — there are questions about whether the world's most prestigious cycling race is pushing up against its own limits, whether increasingly intense European summers are making the competition dangerously extreme.

The race has long been a

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Sitting along the side of the road, people shelter from the sun underneath a beach umbrella as they wait for Tour de France cyclists to ride through the town of Igou, France, on Thursday.

## Russian missiles strike Odessa

MOSCOW VOWED NO ATTACKS 1 DAY PRIOR

Deal allowing grain to be shipped now in jeopardy

BY ELLEN FRANCIS,  
KAREEM FAHIM  
AND CLAIRE PARKER

Russian missiles hit the Black Sea port of Odessa on Saturday, Ukrainian officials said, imperiling a deal Moscow and Kyiv reached a day earlier to allow shipment of millions of tons of trapped grain and ease a global food crisis.

The military command in southern Ukraine said two Kalibr cruise missiles hit the port's infrastructure but not the grain silos in Odessa — one of the country's largest and most important seaside trading cities.

Air raid warnings rang around 11 a.m. with the sounds of explosions echoing across the city. The military's southern command reported no casualties. It said air-defense systems shot down two other missiles in the attack, which the U.S. ambassador to Ukraine described as "outrageous."

The strike threatens an agreement that diplomats had hailed less than 24 hours earlier as a breakthrough after months of negotiations. Friday's deal, brokered by the United Nations and Turkey, would help lift a Black Sea blockade that exacerbated global hunger, especially in Africa and the Middle East.

A keystone of the deal is Russia's promise not to attack Odessa and two other ports involved in the shipments. The deal includes security assurances for both Ukraine and Russia, which agreed to "undertake any attacks against merchant vessels and other civilian vessels and port facilities" tied to the initiative.

"This attack casts serious doubt on the credibility of Russia's commitment to yesterday's deal and

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## After 9 years and 12 raids, success for DEA agents

BY KEVIN SIEFF  
AND MARY BETH SHERIDAN

MEXICO CITY — For years, the secret U.S. task force was devoted to finding a single man. They tracked his whereabouts in the jungles of northwestern Mexico. Over and over again they planned aerial raids meant to pluck him from the tent where he slept.

The team took the initials of the target himself: "The RCQ Task Force," for Rafael Caro Quintero.

Until his July 15 capture, the 69-year-old Caro Quintero was the Drug Enforcement Administration's most wanted man, accused of killing DEA agent Kiki Camarena in 1985 and then resuming a drug trafficking career after a technicality got him released from a Mexican prison in 2013.

Publicly, both countries have presented his apprehension as a hard-fought victory in the war against drug trafficking and impunity. But the quest to arrest

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—el berlinés

El empleo público creció aun cuando el ingreso estuvo vedado oficialmente.

—por Diego Cabot

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## Batakis busca una ayuda del FMI para moderar el impacto de la crisis

**VIAJE.** Llega hoy a Washington; aspira a rever las metas o a lograr un waiver que le dé oxígeno político y frene el temblor financiero

WASHINGTON (De nuestro corresponsal).—Silvina Batakis llega hoy a Estados Unidos en medio de la tormenta financiera que azota a la Argentina con la esperanza de obtener una nueva ayuda del Fondo Monetario Internacional (FMI) que le dé oxígeno político y detenga el descalabro

en los mercados. Sin financiamiento ni un claro apoyo interno, la ministra busca herramientas para moderar el ajuste fiscal al que la compromete el acuerdo con el organismo. En su entorno trabajan en la idea de rever las metas o, en su defecto, lograr un waiver. **Página 10**

Alberto y Cristina: hay diálogo, pero no ceden los rencores

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## EL ESCENARIO

Preparativos para un desenlace inconcluso

Jorge Liotti

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La reunión de gabinete del último miércoles no fue como las anteriores, expositivas, enumerativas, según los propios ministros, aburridas. La nueva integrante del equipo se encargó de sacudir el ambiente al pintar un cuadro económico desesperante. Así, Silvina Batakis se presentó ante sus pares, que quedaron profundamente desanimados, no solo por los ajustes de partidas que les auguró en sus áreas, sino por las oscuras expectativas. Continúa en la **página 14**

## EL ANÁLISIS

Un país donde todo puede pasar

Joaquín Morales Solá

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Decían que sería en septiembre. Pero la dinámica de las crisis económicas y sociales no figura entre las ciencias exactas; establece su ritmo y su tiempo según su propio desorden. Ya está entre nosotros. El país sufrió en la semana que pasó la devaluación más fulminante del dólar paralelo desde la hiperinflación de los 80; alcanzó el riesgo país de una nación en default, cuando la Argentina no lo está, y los bonos argentinos valen como valen los bonos basura. Continúa en la **página 39**

## La diversión infantil le ganó a la niebla

**sociedad**—Entusiasmados con los planes para este fin de semana, los chicos casi ni advirtieron que la niebla había ganado la ciudad. Miles de ellos se sorprendieron con los animales en la Rural, y en el Planetario disfrutaron de juegos y aprendizaje. **Página 27**

La Rural estuvo colmada todo el día y los chicos se entretuvieron con ovejas, caballos y cerdos

HERNÁN ZENTENO

## Un ataque ruso hace peligrar el acuerdo con Ucrania

**GUERRA.** PARÍS (De nuestra corresponsal).—Solo un día después del acuerdo con Ucrania para desbloquear la exportación de granos, Rusia atacó con misiles el puerto de Odesa, lo que dejó en duda el crucial pacto. **Página 4**

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## Fala a embaixadas expõe abalo de Itamaraty sob Bolsonaro

Apresentação de teor golpista arrasta ministério para campanha de reeleição

O discurso de mentiras e teorias conspiratórias sobre o sistema eleitoral brasileiro feito nesta semana pelo presidente Jair Bolsonaro a mais de 60 embaixadores em Brasília consolida o declínio do Ministério das Relações Exteriores em sua gestão.

A apresentação, descrita por diplomatas como vergonhosa e rebatida por governos estrangeiros com declarações oficiais de confiança nas urnas brasileiras, solapou a tentativa do chanceler Carlos França de resgatar a imagem do Itamaraty.

Diplomatas ouvidos pela Folha na última semana veem a pasta, uma das mais tradicionais e estáveis, ser arrastada para a campanha de reeleição do presidente e questionam o esforço de normalização após a tensa gestão de Ernesto Araújo.

Bolsonaro convocou representantes da comunidade global na segunda (18) para uma reunião na qual exibiu slides com erro ortográfico e questionou a confiabilidade das urnas eletrônicas e do Judiciário a menos de três meses da eleição. **Mundo A14**

**ENTREVISTA**  
**Thomas Shannon**  
**Brasil será isolado caso haja ruptura**

Jair Bolsonaro e sua equipe estudaram a estratégia de Donald Trump, que em janeiro de 2021 insuflou a invasão ao Congresso americano, diz o ex-embaixador dos EUA no Brasil. Para Thomas Shannon, o país sofrerá muita pressão política e econômica se a democracia ruir. **Mundo A15**

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**ÚNICA DEPUTADA FEDERAL INDÍGENA, JOENIA WAPICHANA PREGA CALMA PARA DIALOGAR**

Joenia (Rede-RR) no Congresso; ela diz se inspirar no costume de seu povo de negociar para ter apoio a projetos de defesa dos indígenas **Ambiente B6**



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Anderson Nonato, 40, no clube de tiro onde pratica, em São Paulo, desde que foi assaltado, em 2021; procura pelo registro distorce categoria privilegiada por atos de Bolsonaro **Cotidiano B1**

**Recuperar instituições deve ser prioridade econômica em 2023**

O próximo governo terá de reverter a deterioração institucional para o país voltar a crescer de forma sustentável, afirmam analistas. Para Luis Otavio de Souza Leal, do Banco Alfa, contestar as urnas agravaria o quadro. **Mercado A17**

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Por sugestão do ex-presidente, movimentos sociais planejam mobilização dia 10, para evitar confrontos com bolsonaristas. **A10**

**Para OMS, varíola dos macacos é emergência global**

A Organização Mundial de Saúde classificou a disseminação da varíola dos macacos como emergência pública de preocupação global. O diretor-geral da OMS, Tedros Adhanom, disse que o risco no mundo ainda é relativamente moderado, exceto na Europa, onde é alto. **Saúde B4**

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Loi pouvoir d'achat : Borne  
trouve la voie du compromis

Dans un Hémicycle tendu, l'adoption du paquet pouvoir d'achat marque une première victoire pour l'exécutif, forcé de s'entendre avec Les Républicains.

Dans la nouvelle Assemblée nationale, les débats se déroulent presque comme au Festival d'Avignon : il y a le « in » et le « off ». D'un côté, dans un Hé-

micycle transformé en théâtre et à l'atmosphère électrique, les députés s'invectivent à coups de « fachos », « ayatollahs verts » et « incompetents ». De

l'autre, plus discrètement, le gouvernement et les responsables du groupe Les Républicains (LR) se rapprochent pour trouver des compromis.

Le projet de loi sur le pouvoir d'achat en est l'illustration, il a été adopté par la coalition présidentielle avec le soutien décisif de LR et celui du Rassemble-

ment national (RN). Elisabeth Borne va pouvoir continuer à roder sa nouvelle méthode autour de « compromis sans compromissions ».

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de Notre-Dame  
en 2024  
est un objectif  
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Trois ans après l'incendie, le général chargé de la restauration de la cathédrale souligne la nécessité de tenir un calendrier très serré pour respecter la promesse présidentielle de reconstruire Notre-Dame en cinq ans. PAGE 17

La santé,  
nouvelle  
frontière  
des géants  
de la tech

Le rachat par Amazon du réseau de centres de soin One Medical marque une nouvelle étape dans l'ambition des Gafam d'investir le juteux marché de la santé. Aux montres connectées, bardées de capteurs biométriques, s'ajoutent la vente de médicaments et des services de téléconsultations médicales. Leur maîtrise de l'analyse des données les a également imposés comme prestataires techniques de choix pour les laboratoires de recherche. Les réglementations locales limitent toutefois leur appétit. PAGE 28

ÉDITORIAL par Vincent Trémolet de Villers vtremolet@lefigaro.fr

## Quand la bise viendra

La Nupes aboie, la loi pouvoir d'achat passe. Au terme d'une semaine éprouvante pour les oreilles des députés, Elisabeth Borne peut afficher son sourire malicieux. Elle a franchi ce premier obstacle et fait taire les persiflages, au lendemain des élections législatives, assurait qu'elle ne passerait pas l'été. Avec une habileté certaine, elle a trouvé un point d'équilibre entre l'obstruction débraillée des Insoumis et le soutien embarrassant du Rassemblement national. En théorie, le texte tel qu'il a été voté illustre les vertus de la délibération démocratique. La fabrique de la loi a remplacé la boîte de Playmobil ; le Parlement a retrouvé son rôle. Première victoire, donc, pour le gouvernement, mais ce prologue est peu de chose en regard des cols abrupts et hostiles qu'il va falloir affronter. L'objet de ce texte, en effet, crée une illusion d'optique. La discussion n'a porté que sur l'argent à distribuer, les salaires à augmenter, les prix à baisser, les taxes à réduire. Il fallait vraiment être habité d'un maximalisme mélenchoniste pour s'opposer radicalement à de telles propositions. Mais bientôt, c'est écrit, se taïront les cigales, la bise viendra : il faudra fermer le distributeur de billets.

Devant les indispensables plans d'économies que la période exige, nos députés montreront-ils le même sens des responsabilités ? Assurance-chômage, réforme des retraites, réforme de l'État, sobriété énergétique... la conversation alors roulera sur les efforts à fournir, les sacrifices à consentir. Elle risque fort de diviser, et jusque dans la majorité. Il en ira de même, et plus encore, quand s'imposeront à l'agenda - c'est inéluctable - les maux qui affaiblissent notre pays. Hôpital, école, sécurité, immigration... On voit bien le danger : pour tenir un fragile équilibre, éviter soigneusement tout ce qui pourrait le perturber. Reporter le réel à une date ultérieure pour s'installer, comme le fit Jacques Chirac lors de son second mandat, dans une virtualité rassurante où n'émergent que les thèmes les plus consensuels. Même votée, la loi pouvoir d'achat ne répond donc pas à la grande interrogation de la rentrée : Elisabeth Borne est-elle là pour gérer les affaires courantes ou pour redresser un pays qui s'affaisse ? ■

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