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China's Xi is elevating trusted subordinates into party and government posts that command key levers of political power, galvanizing his authority as he prepares to extend his rule for another five years. **A1**

◆ **An explosion** at a detention camp in Russian-held territory in Ukraine killed numerous Ukrainian prisoners of war, according to Ukrainian and Russian authorities, who blamed each other for the attack. **A7**

◆ **The Biden administration** is divided over whether and how quickly to end the Remain in Mexico program, according to administration officials and others familiar with the matter. **A3**

◆ **The Education Department** will likely lose \$197 billion on loans it made over the past 25 years, a massive swing from its predicted \$114 billion in income, the GAO said. **A3**

◆ **The House passed** a bill to ban the sale of assault-style weapons, largely on party lines. The bill isn't likely to move forward in the Senate for a vote. **A3**

◆ **The Biden administration** said it would spend \$1.74 billion to buy 66 million doses of Moderna's updated Covid-19 vaccine as part of a fall booster campaign. **A3**

Business & Finance

◆ **Major stock indexes** rose Friday to end their best month since 2020, clawing back some of their losses from a dismal first half. The S&P 500 gained 9.1% in July, while the Dow rose 6.7%. The Nasdaq climbed 12% for the month. **A1**

◆ **The Federal Reserve's** preferred inflation gauge rose 6.8% in June from the year before, the sharpest rise since January 1982. Meanwhile wages and benefits rose 5.1% in the second quarter from a year earlier. **A1**

◆ **Exxon, Chevron and Shell**, the three largest Western oil companies, banked a record \$46 billion in collective profits in the second quarter. **A1**

◆ **Procter & Gamble** is predicting the slowest sales growth in years as consumer belt-tightening is beginning to hit household staples. **B1**

◆ **The FAA has signed** off on a Boeing plan aimed at addressing problems with the 787 Dreamliner, a major step before the company restarts deliveries of the aircraft. **B3**

◆ **Ernst & Young's effort** to split its businesses has been slowed by a change in its U.S. leadership, as well as complications over its debts. **B12**

◆ **China Evergrande** sketched out the first contours of a long-awaited restructuring plan. **B13**

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Death Toll Mounts in Flood-Ravaged Eastern Kentucky



DELUGE: Flash floods triggered by torrential rain in eastern Kentucky killed at least 16 people, including children, washed away homes and damaged roads and bridges. Above, floodwaters inundated structures in Breathitt County on Friday. **A3**

Soaring Fuel Prices Catapult Oil Giants to Record Profits

By COLLIN EATON

Exxon Mobil Corp., Chevron Corp. and Shell PLC, the three largest Western oil companies, banked a record \$46 billion in collective profits in the second quarter, fueled by the highest energy prices in over a decade and lucrative oil-refining margins.

Exxon, the largest U.S. oil company, said Friday its second-quarter profit rose to

\$17.9 billion, its highest ever and nearly four times as much as the year-earlier period, citing rising oil and fuel production, higher energy prices and cost cuts. Chevron also posted a record profit Friday of \$11.6 billion, up from \$3.1 billion a year earlier.

The companies are reaping the benefits of record fuel-making margins following the shutdown of 3 million barrels a day of global refining capacity since the onset of the pandemic in 2020. Exxon Chief Executive Darren Woods said that while refining margins have moderated recently, it's a situation that could take years to fix until additional capacity comes online.

"Demand recovers, and we don't have the capacity to meet that, which has led to record, record refining margins," Mr. Woods said. "This will be a few-year price environment."

On Thursday, Shell reported its second consecutive record quarterly profit, hitting \$16.7 billion on a net current-cost-of-supplies basis, a figure similar to net income that U.S. oil companies report.

The companies' results mark a significant turnaround for an industry that hemorrhaged cash and saw scores of companies file for bankruptcy following the worldwide oil-price crash in 2015. **Please turn to page A6**

Allies Get Key Posts To Bolster Xi's Power

By CHUN HAN WONG

Chinese leader Xi Jinping is elevating trusted subordinates into party and government posts that command major levers of political power, galvanizing his authority as he prepares to extend his rule for another five years.

Poised to claim a third term as Communist Party chief at a twice-a-decade party congress this fall, Mr. Xi has assigned associates to senior roles overseeing law enforcement and propaganda in recent weeks, clearing their paths toward higher office. Some vocal Xi supporters won promotion, while one prominent ally retained his position in the face of public anger over his recent performance. Others out of favor with Mr. Xi have been eased into less-important roles.

The Chinese leader also stepped up a broad propaganda drive in recent months to celebrate his decade in power. Top lieutenants have sung Mr. Xi's praises with rising fervor, calling on party members to swear loyalty to his *lingxiu*—a reverential title that means "leader" and is most closely associated with Mao Zedong, whom the party honors as its *weida lingxiu*, or "great leader."

Officials and state media increasingly have hailed Mr. Xi as *renmin lingxiu*, or the "people's leader," and party insiders say this designation could be **Please turn to page A8**

◆ **China's leaders aren't** sweating slow growth..... **A8**

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A NEW ENERGY CRISIS
America faces different causes and needs different solutions this time. **B1**

'Wagatha Christie' Verdict Settles Favorite Case of the U.K. Tabloids

One soccer wife drew a libel suit from another when ferreting out a gossip leak

By JAMES HOOKWAY

LONDON—It was the trial that seemed to have it all. Libel lawyers in black gowns and wig poring over WhatsApp messages beginning with "babes" and "hun." One of soccer's biggest names on the witness stand. The size and shape of a pop singer's private bits.

Now, 2½ years since it began, the verdict is in on the tweet that rocked the world, or at least the part of it that

Inflation, Slowdown Point to Bumpy Economic Transition

By SARAH CHANEY CAMBON

The U.S. economy is enduring a rocky transition from an exceptionally strong recovery to a steep slowdown, data this past week showed, as rising inflation and interest rates weigh on consumers and businesses.

Economic growth surged last year, as consumers unleashed spending and businesses recovered from the short, deep pandemic recession of early 2020. But that robust growth is grinding to an abrupt halt as households, companies and policy makers face deep challenges, with four-decade-high inflation chief among them.

The Federal Reserve's preferred inflation gauge rose 6.8% in June from the year before, the sharpest rise since January 1982, the Commerce Department said Friday. Meanwhile, wages and benefits rose 5.1% in the second quarter from a year earlier, the Labor Department said Friday. That was the fastest rate of increase on records back to 2001—led by better pay for private-sector workers—yet still wasn't able to keep up with the pace of inflation.

A tight labor market could continue to exert upward pressure on consumer prices, a more closely watched measure of which rose 9.1% in June from

a year earlier.

The Fed is briskly raising interest rates in an attempt to slow the economy and inflation, lifting its benchmark rate to a range between 2.25% and 2.5% on Wednesday.

Those interest-rate increases have already dented the housing market and appear to be filtering more broadly into the economy. A steep decline in residential investment, a pullback in business spending and weaker inventory restocking contributed to U.S. gross domestic product **Please turn to page A4**

◆ **Manchin deal, recession fears** create crosswinds for Biden **A4**

East Jerusalem Plans Spark Opportunity, Ire

Israel invests in area after years of neglect, with backlash from many Palestinians

By DOV LIEBER

JERUSALEM—On a cold morning in January, the Jerusalem municipality began work on building a school for children with special needs in a largely Arab neighborhood in East Jerusalem. The school is part of a quality-of-life campaign that is providing desperately needed services in East Jerusalem. It's also sparking tensions in a portion of the city that Palestinians have long claimed as the capital

of a future state.

The building process began with Israeli police forcibly removing a Palestinian family that had lived on the plot for decades. Two days earlier, the family patriarch, Mahmoud Salahiya, had climbed onto his roof and threatened to set himself on fire if police proceeded.

He didn't follow through on his threat, and his plea failed—police razed his home. "You destroyed a family," said Mr. Salahiya of the municipality. **Please turn to page A10**



Global equities stage a comeback

◆ Tech groups lead July rally ◆ Solid US and Europe gains ◆ Negative news priced in

NAOMI ROVNIK — LONDON

KATE DUGGID — NEW YORK
Global stocks have rebounded from a dreadful first half of 2022 as easing rate rise expectations and upbeat earnings this month from big tech groups fuelled a broad rally.

The FTSE All-World index of developed and emerging market shares jumped more than 6 per cent in July, with sentiment lifted by resilient quarterly updates from America's tech groups this week that signalled that the dominant US equity sector could withstand an economic slowdown.

The strong performance in July is a contrast to the first six months of the

year, when the global stock index slumped about 20 per cent, dragged lower by the worst first-half performance for the \$44tn US equity markets in more than 50 years.

"The tech earnings season has been a bit better than the market feared," said Baylee Wakefield, multi-asset fund manager at Aviva Investors.

"Investors are also betting that much of the negative [economic] news has been priced in, that the Federal Reserve could become less aggressive in tightening monetary policy, and there's enthusiasm in equity markets for slower inflation and fewer rate hikes."

Shares in Amazon were up 12 per cent

by lunchtime in New York on Friday — leaving them up 29 per cent in July — after the e-commerce group beat analysts' quarterly revenue forecasts and gave an upbeat outlook for the rest of the year because of the performance of its cloud-computing business.

Microsoft, Apple and Google parent Alphabet all also issued more confident outlooks than investors had expected, lifting the US tech sector that has an outsize weighting in global markets.

The blue-chip S&P 500 is up more than 8 per cent this month, with 86 per cent of the stocks listed on the index rising since the end of June, according to FactSet data. Across the Atlantic,



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Europe's Stoxx 600 has gained about 8 per cent.

The Fed, the world's most influential central bank, has sharply lifted interest rates. On Thursday, however, data showed the US economy had contracted for a second consecutive quarter, sparking hopes that the worst inflationary cycle for four decades would moderate and that the Fed may slow its policy tightening.

"Investors have been more worried about inflation and what that does to interest rates than they have about anything else," said Rebecca Chesworth, senior equities strategist at State Street's SPDR ETF business.

Food crisis Kyiv readies grain exports

Ukraine's president Volodymyr Zelenskyy visiting the port of Chornomorsk near Odessa yesterday to watch grain being loaded into a Turkish ship.

Ukraine is trying to restart exports from its Black Sea ports after the UN and Ankara brokered a deal to lift Moscow's blockade of Kyiv's commercial sea routes, and insurers agreed to cover the cargoes. More than 80 vessels have been marooned in Ukrainian waters since the Russian invasion in February.

The return of large-scale grain exports to world markets would help alleviate a global food crisis.

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Ukrainian Presidential Press Office via AP



Kuwaiti wealth fund faces heat over UK dismissal

The Kuwait Investment Authority, one of the Gulf's most powerful sovereign wealth funds, is facing scrutiny after abruptly sacking the head of its London investment division. The departure of Saleh al-Ahmed exposed the challenges the fund faces as it attempts to modernise, according to current and former staff. The KIA has become embroiled in a string of legal battles amid rising tensions between London and its head office.

Factionalism takes toll — PAGE 14

Boston Consulting in nepotism claims after London jaunt for kids of top staff

KADHIM SHUBBER AND
MICHAEL O'DWYER — LONDON

Staff in Boston Consulting Group's London office have complained about "nepotism" after the children of dozens of top partners flew in from across the world for an exclusive week-long work-experience programme.

The US-based consultancy ran the programme this month for about 30 children of the firm's managing directors and partners, triggering an internal row over BCG's commitment to social mobility and tackling climate change.

"They received office tours, dinners and stuff that wouldn't normally be given to [job] candidates. They basically made it a bit of a holiday for the partners' kids who came over," one BCG employee told the Financial Times.

The children were participating in

BCG's "Bruce Henderson Summer Programme", named after the firm's founder. The daughter of one partner based in France who attended wrote on LinkedIn that she had learned about "strategic consulting basics" and presented a project to "a panel of senior consultants".

Three BCG staff members worked for two months to prepare the programme, which would have cost external clients well over £1mn, according to the BCG employee. "It's caused a lot of internal disquiet... and concerns were simply overruled," the employee said.

BCG, which employs 25,000 people, said that the programme "has been in place for many years and is designed to help children have a broad educational and professional experience."

"Parents cover the primary costs, such as travel. Participants stay in col-

lege dorms, and the programme is focused on education." Consultants who worked on the programme had volunteered their time, BCG added.

Staff writing anonymously in a private group on the Fishbowl app complained the programme was inconsistent with the firm's public positions. One called it "super nepotism", noting: "Our recruiting programme aimed at the same age group is oversubscribed 40:1."

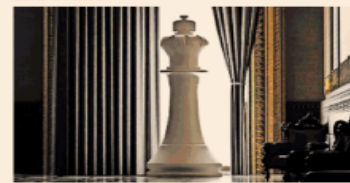
Someone describing themselves as a senior partner defended the firm, saying: "We are paying our own way if we want our children to go."

But another employee wrote: "Let's advertise it and see what the public response is? Join BCG to babysit the bosses' kids!"

"Shocking use of resources," wrote a respondent who said they had worked on the events.

Battle for the future of chess Inside the game's elite

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Markets have chosen to tune out the Fed's gloomy side

Katie Martin

THE LONG VIEW



Football owes women more

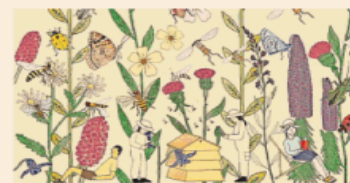
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| STOCK MARKETS | | | CURRENCIES | | | GOVERNMENT BONDS | | | | | |
| | Jul 29 | Prev | %Chg | Pair | Jul 29 | Prev | Yield (%) | Jul 29 | Prev | Diff (bp) | |
| S&P 500 | 4106.57 | 4072.43 | 0.84 | \$/£ | 1.020 | 1.016 | 6/5 | 0.981 | 0.985 | 4 | US 2 yr |
| Nasdaq Composite | 12291.21 | 12162.59 | 1.06 | \$/€ | 1.217 | 1.213 | 6/8 | 0.822 | 0.824 | 2 | US 10 yr |
| Dow Jones Ind | 32663.39 | 32529.63 | 0.41 | \$/¥ | 0.838 | 0.837 | 6/5 | 1.194 | 1.194 | 0 | US 30 yr |
| FTSEurofirst 300 | 1722.27 | 1701.06 | 1.20 | €/¥ | 133.650 | 134.545 | N/A | 136.276 | 136.637 | 361 | UK 2 yr |
| Euro Stoxx 50 | 3707.31 | 3682.20 | 1.31 | W/£ | 162.539 | 163.204 | E index | 79.566 | 79.546 | 20 | UK 10 yr |
| FTSE 100 | 7423.43 | 7345.25 | 1.06 | \$/HK | 0.971 | 0.971 | 5/8 | 1.150 | 1.150 | 0 | UK 30 yr |
| FTSE All-Share | 4107.01 | 4061.26 | 1.13 | | | | | | | | JPN 2 yr |
| CAC 40 | 6448.50 | 6399.21 | 1.72 | | | | | | | | JPN 10 yr |
| Nikkei 225 | 13484.05 | 13262.11 | 1.52 | | | | | | | | JPN 30 yr |
| Hang Seng | 27801.64 | 27815.48 | -0.05 | | | | | | | | GER 2 yr |
| MSCI World | 20156.51 | 20022.68 | 0.65 | | | | | | | | GER 10 yr |
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| MSCI ACWI | 2201.42 | 2177.09 | 1.12 | | | | | | | | |
| FT Mibex 30 | 2592.78 | 2571.90 | 1.26 | | | | | | | | |
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Devastating scenes Friday in Breathitt County, Ky. Top: Kenneth Neace examined his home on Lost Creek. Above right: Anita Henson, center, was consoled by her daughter, Heather Robertson, right, and Sherry Mullins. Above left: A flooded Troublesome Creek.

'None of Them Remember Anything Like This'

This article is by Sarah Baird, Tricia Fulks Kelley and Campbell Robertson.

HAZARD, Ky. — Shirley Stamper, 74, awoke to the sound of wild banging beneath her house. Floodwaters were swallowing her remote mountain community, and Ms. Stamper, along with her mother-in-law, Ethel Stamper, 94, needed to get out, immediately. Not long after, as the waters around them were rapidly rising, Ms. Stamper found herself standing barefoot in the mud, barely dressed, as rescuers in a National Guard helicopter urged her to climb aboard. She turned to her mother-in-law.

"I said, 'Ethel, are you getting in

Floods in Kentucky Kill Dozens and Ravage Remote Region

that helicopter?" Ms. Stamper recalled on Friday, sitting in the auditorium of Gospel Light Baptist Church along with dozens of others rendered homeless in the regionwide devastation. "She said: 'Yes, I am.'"

The rain continued to fall in parts of eastern Kentucky on Friday, and creeks and rivers were still swelling. But where the flood-

waters were receding, the destruction of the past two days was coming slowly but dreadfully into view. At least 25 people had died, according to reports from the governor's office and local officials. Gov. Andy Beshear said repeatedly that the toll would almost certainly rise.

In the rugged topography of central Appalachia, many places were still cut off on Friday, and determining the toll of devastation could take weeks. There was more rain in the forecast for early next week, adding even greater urgency to rescue efforts. "We've got to act quickly after the water re-

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'All Mushrooms Are Magic'

In the fight against warming, scientists say, a formidable ally hides just beneath our feet. Page A6.

Big Industries Face New Path In Climate Bill

By JACK EWING and IVAN PENN

The \$369 billion climate and tax package Democrats in the Senate proposed this week could have far-reaching effects on the kinds of cars that Americans drive, where those cars are made and how the country produces its energy. The legislation also aims to break China's hold on battery supply chains.

The bill, which came back from the dead after Senator Joe Manchin III of West Virginia unexpectedly dropped his opposition, could greatly accelerate changes underway in the automotive and energy industries.

The proposal aims to simultaneously fight climate change and energize domestic manufacturing. For the most part, it would do so through tax breaks and other incentives — a carrot, rather than stick, approach that is likely to go down easier in corporate boardrooms and with voters.

Democrats are proposing to expand cash incentives for buyers of electric vehicles, along with bil-

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50 Ukrainians Killed by Blast At P.O.W. Site

Each Side Immediately Blames the Other

This article is by Michael Schwartz, Valerie Hopkins and Cora Engelbrecht.

ODESA, Ukraine — For the Russians, the Ukrainian fighters held prisoner at Correctional Colony No. 120 are a trophy. For the Ukrainians, they are war heroes.

Why either side would want any of them dead is a mystery, but that is the question that hung over the fighting in Ukraine on Friday after another deadly episode, with each side accusing the other of committing a war crime.

What is known is that an explosion ripped through a barracks of the prison camp in the Russian-occupied town of Olenivka in southeastern Ukraine early Friday morning, killing at least 50 captured fighters and maiming dozens more, according to both Ukrainian and Russian officials. Videos posted by Russian war bloggers show twisted metal bunk beds and the charred bodies of their former occupants.

Russia's defense ministry said in a daily briefing on Friday that Ukraine had used an American-made advanced rocket system to strike the prison, aimed at sending a cautionary warning to Ukrainian soldiers who might be considering surrendering to Russian forces.

Ukrainian officials called those accusations absurd, charging that Russia caused the carnage to cover up atrocities they had committed at the prison. "Russian occupiers are pursuing their criminal goals, accusing Ukraine of committing war crimes, while hiding the torture and shooting of prisoners," the Ukrainian general staff said in a statement.

It said that Ukraine used the new High Mobility Artillery Rocket System, or HIMARS, exclusively to attack Russian military targets.

Ukrainian forces have successfully employed the Western-supplied rocket system to destroy

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TALKS Antony Blinken and his Russian counterpart spoke for the first time since the war. PAGE A8

Blinken Resists Broad Pressure To Call Russia a Terrorist State

By MICHAEL CROWLEY and EDWARD WONG

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Senate supports unanimously. So does House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, along with Ukraine's president, Volodymyr Zelensky, and the Ukrainian Parliament.

But Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken is not so sure.

For weeks, pressure has mounted on Mr. Blinken to formally declare Russia a state sponsor of terrorism, a label currently reserved for North Korea, Syria, Cuba and Iran. But despite the emotional appeal, Mr. Blinken is resisting a move that could force him to sanction U.S. allies that do business with Russia and might

E.U. SCRAMBLING FOR GAS OPTIONS TO AVERT A CRISIS

RISK OF RUSSIA CUTOFF

Switch to Renewables Is Derailed by Fears of Winter Shortages

By STANLEY REED

LONDON — As Russia tightens its chokehold on supplies of natural gas, Europe is looking everywhere for energy to keep its economy running.

Coal-fired power plants are being revived. Billions are being spent on terminals to bring in liquefied natural gas, much of it from shale fields in Texas. Officials and heads of state are flying to Qatar, Azerbaijan, Norway and Algeria to nail down energy deals.

Across Europe, fears are growing that a cutoff of Russian gas will force governments to ration fuel and businesses to close factories, moves that could put thousands of jobs at risk.

So far, the hunt for fuel has been met with considerable success. But as prices continue to soar and the Russian threat shows no sign of abating, the margin for error is thin.

"There is a very big and legitimate worry about this winter," said Michael Stoppard, vice president for global gas strategy at S&P Global, a research firm.

Five months after Russia's invasion of Ukraine, Europe is in the grip of an accelerated and increasingly irreversible transition in how it gets its energy to heat and cool homes, drive businesses and generate power. A long-term switch to more renewable sources of energy has been overtaken by a short-term scramble to make it through the coming winter.

The amount of natural gas coming from Russia, once Europe's largest source of the fuel, is less than a third of what it was a year ago. This week, Gazprom, the Russian energy giant, throttled back already sharply reduced flows in a key pipeline from Russia to Germany, sending European gas futures prices to record levels.

Within a day of Gazprom's announcement, European gas prices

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Label Could Diminish Diplomatic Hopes

snuff out the remaining vestiges of diplomacy between Washington and Moscow.

Amid an outrage campaign in Ukraine, the U.S. Senate on Wednesday unanimously approved a nonbinding resolution calling on Mr. Blinken to designate Russia as a terrorism sponsor for its attacks in Ukraine, as well as in Chechnya, Georgia and Syria, that resulted "in the deaths of countless innocent men, women

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Once His Ally, Fox News Now Often Snubs Trump

By JEREMY W. PETERS

It's been more than 100 days since Donald J. Trump was interviewed on Fox News.

The network, which is owned by Rupert Murdoch and aided Mr. Trump's ascension from real estate developer and reality television star to the White House, is

now often bypassing him in favor of showcasing other Republicans.

In the former president's view, according to two people who have spoken to him recently, Fox's ignoring him is an affront far worse than running stories and commentary that he has complained are "too negative." The network is effectively displacing him from his favorite spot: the center of the

news cycle.

On July 22, as Mr. Trump was rallying supporters in Arizona and teasing the possibility of running for president in 2024, saying "We may have to do it again," Fox News chose not to show the event — the same approach it has taken for nearly all of his rallies this year. Instead, the network broad-

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Photographs by GARY CORONADO Los Angeles Times
SEBASTINE Chun, left, a junior at Chatsworth Charter High, and Katherine Shin, a senior at North Hollywood High, write down their opinions while sampling new L.A. Unified breakfast and lunch menu items.

Serving up a new menu

LAUSD aims to provide healthful food that students will like. Among the lunch offerings: mango smoothies.

By HOWARD BLUME

Los Angeles school chiefs — largely responsible for providing the main source of daily nutrition for tens of thousands of children — served up new back-to-school options Friday, the latest attempt to provide healthful yet appealing food to youthful taste buds. But in a world of Flamin' Hot Cheetos, will students eat their school meals?

Enter turkey, ham and cheese croissants for breakfast. "Nashville" hot chicken tenders and honey biscuits, mango smoothies and meat-



TACOS and meatball sub sandwiches were among the foods tested by students at L.A.'s Cortines School of Visual and Performing Arts.

ball sub sandwiches for lunch.

"It is good," wrote diminutive third-grader Antonio Plascencia on his grading form, which he intended as high praise. He polished off his croissant sandwich before even moving to the next item on his tray.

Feeding L.A.'s children has long been an imperative in the nation's second-largest school district. About 80% of students are from low-income families and many grapple with food insecurity. Parents' long work schedules can be an additional challenge for pre-

[See Menu, A10]

BACK TO SCHOOL: L.A. Unified says up to 20,000 students have yet to enroll for 2022-23. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Ukraine hunts enemy within

Nation charts painful course on how to deal with its citizens who aid Russian forces.

By LAURA KING

KYIV, Ukraine — The stories of betrayal trickle out weekly or even daily: A villager tips off an occupying Russian military unit about identities and activities of volunteer defenders. A resident of a besieged city clandestinely calls in the coordinates of a Ukrainian troop encampment. A small-town mayor tells neighbors that encroaching Russian troops mean no harm.

For as long as humans have waged war, they have feared the enemy within. Collaboration and treason run like dark threads through the tapestry of nearly every wartime narrative, no matter how triumphal: in ancient Greece, in Revolutionary-era America, in Nazi-occupied France.

And in Ukraine, which is fighting an existential battle to defend itself against Vladimir Putin's army. Those who study the [See Ukraine, A4]



THE OAK FIRE exploded after igniting July 22, destroying more than 100 homes. The earlier Washburn fire nearby was contained relatively quickly.

Outcomes of Sierra fires are poles apart

Oak quickly outgrew Washburn. Why?

By ALEX WIGGLESWORTH

The two fires started just 17 miles apart in the rugged terrain of California's western Sierra Nevada — but their outcomes couldn't have been more different. The Washburn fire, which ignited July 7 along a forested trail in Yosemite National Park, was nearly contained, with no damage to structures or to the famed Mariposa Grove of giant sequoias. But the Oak fire, which sparked al-

most two weeks later in the foothills near Middpines, confounded firefighters as it exploded to four times the size of Washburn and forced thousands to flee as it destroyed at least 106 homes. At times, the wildfire's smoke plume could be seen from space.

Why was one fire so much more destructive?

Experts attribute the difference to variations in weather, vegetation and topography. The management history of [See Two fires, A10]

L.A. County scaled down contact tracing as BA.5 surged

As subvariant fueled COVID-19 infections, workers reached only small fraction of cases.

By EMILY ALPERT REYES

After Julianne Cline went out and got tested for COVID-19 this June, text messages and voicemails soon piled up from Los Angeles County contact tracers who wanted to talk to her.

Cline, 32, ignored them. She had been sick for days, and by the time she roused herself from bed to get officially tested, it seemed like "by the time they would have done any contact tracing, it would have been so long that those folks would have likely already gotten sick," the Manhattan Beach resident said.

Besides, she said, "I just didn't feel comfortable sharing my personal experience with the county."

As the pandemic has dragged on, L.A. County contact tracers have struggled to reach and interview people with COVID. In January, amid a crush of cases driven by the Omicron variant, there were weeks when contact tracers were reaching and interviewing less than 10% of their assigned cases, county data show.

This summer, that number has stagnated below 30%

in recent weeks — better than during the winter surge, but far below the success rates seen for L.A. County contact tracers earlier in the pandemic. And even when they have coaxed people into being interviewed, few of those phone calls led to additional conversations with others whom they might have exposed, county statistics show.

Many more COVID cases are not being assigned to contact tracers at all, as many Angelenos rely on home tests that are never reported to the county.

Cline, for instance, had already tested positive on a home test days before she decided to confirm her case with a PCR test. At the University of Washington, researchers have estimated that fewer than 14% of positive cases across the United States are being detected and reported in official counts.

The end result is that only a fraction of COVID cases are being traced with phone calls to alert others and try to prevent more infections.

Experts say that contact tracing, long valued as a tool to quash the spread of viruses, has become an increasingly Sisyphean task in the face of rampant COVID infections, ever-more-contagious subvariants, and an [See Contact trace, A8]

Cheney gets assist from Californians — even Democrats

Targeting Trump costs her at home, but she raises big sums from this very blue state.

By SEEMA MEHTA AND JASPER GOODMAN

Californians have contributed more to Republican Rep. Liz Cheney than donors from any other state, including her Wyoming home, as the outspoken Trump critic faces an increasingly perilous reelection bid.

Many California donors, including Hollywood and Silicon Valley moguls, vehemently disagree with most of Cheney's policy positions, but applaud her fight against former President Trump's false claim that he won the 2020 election and his actions since then.

Cheney's vote to impeach Trump after the Jan. 6 Capitol insurrection and her prominent role as vice chair in televised House committee hearings on the attack have boosted her status nationally, even as they have hurt her in Wyoming, where she trails her GOP primary opponent

by double digits in polls. In heavily Democratic California, that has translated into donations totaling about \$1.2 million.

Lifelong Democrat Mardy Wasserman, who has sent the campaign \$25 each month since January, recalled leaving a voicemail at Cheney's congressional office after the impeachment vote. "The message was that I don't agree with her on anything" but "respected her integrity above all."

The clinical psychologist from La Cañada Flintridge supports a few other out-of-state candidates, but Cheney is the sole Republican. "She's sacrificing her own political career for the benefit of honesty and justice in this country," said Wasserman, 72.

More than 1,100 Californians contributed nearly a tenth of the \$13 million Cheney raised through June 30 for her reelection campaign, according to Federal Election Commission records. In that period, she received donations from just over 200 Wyoming residents, totaling more than \$260,000.

The figures in this story are based on itemized [See Cheney, A6]

Kentucky flooding kills at least 16

Toll likely to climb amid search efforts in Appalachian towns, with more rain forecast. **NATION, A5**

Accuser speaks out in SDSU case

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Uncertain of future, consumers still buying

June saw an uptick in spending, mostly because everything is pricier

BY JACLYN PEISER

Consumer spending jumped in June as Americans continued to absorb stubbornly high prices on groceries, gasoline and other basic needs. But the mood of these shoppers remained quite gloomy, potentially signaling that a broad pullback could be on the horizon.

Two data points released Friday — in a week brimming with economic markers — illustrate how the behavior of American consumers has neared a tipping point heading into the second half of the year.

Overall consumer spending climbed a healthy 1.1 percent in June, the Bureau of Economic Analysis reported Friday, a significant uptick from the 0.2 percent recorded in May. That increase came during a month when gas prices surged past \$5 per gallon in many parts of the country and the consumer sentiment index — as measured by the University of Michigan — reached a record low of 50.

As gas prices receded somewhat in July, the consumer sentiment ticked up to 51.5, a marginal improvement but still the index's second-lowest level. Whether this is the beginning of a slow rebound or a minuscule blip is unclear. When consumer sentiment is low, many Americans can be compelled to pull back on spending. That is the type of behavior that can pull an economy into a recession. And consumer sentiment hasn't been this low in recent history, even during recessions.

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Grand Park Sports Campus in Westfield, Ind., is a 400-acre complex that includes fields for baseball, softball, soccer, football and lacrosse and has an indoor basketball facility. Two nearby towns are planning to build separate \$100 million complexes.

In youth sports, business gets bigger

BY ROMAN STUBBS

WESTFIELD, IND. — Andy Card sat inside his favorite Mexican restaurant in an Indianapolis suburb after his son's high school basketball game a decade ago and, over a burrito, began to draw his first design of a youth sports facility on a napkin. He had traveled the country for his son's sports for years, visiting one discombobulated tournament after another, often watching his kids compete in auxiliary gyms without air conditioning, always transfixed by the thousands of athletes and their parents who would pay for events time and time again.

"This has got to be a business," Card told himself after one particularly hellish trip to Las Vegas that saw him racing his sons

Massive athletic complexes proliferate as communities across the country compete for visitors and dollars

from one end of the city to another to play in different gyms.

A lifelong entrepreneur who steered his trucking and pizza companies through the Great Recession, he came home after that trip and decided to sell both. Two years later, he had raised roughly \$9 million to help build an indoor basketball facility on the edge of Grand Park Sports Campus in Westfield, a 400-acre complex that will draw an estimated 2.5 million visitors this year with its 26 baseball and softball dia-

monds and 31 fields for soccer, football and lacrosse.

Nearly 60 percent of the country's youths play organized sports, according to some estimates. Families spend more than a combined \$30 billion per year on their kids to participate, according to the Aspen Institute, with travel costs exceeding registration, equipment and private coaching, underscoring the increasing gap between elite competition and traditional recreation programs. The youth sports industry grew by a reported 55 percent from 2010 to 2017 and is worth an estimated \$19 billion — more than the revenue of the NFL or NBA. It's an increasingly professionalized landscape where parents and their kids are looking to cash in on their own brands

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POWs killed in attack in Ukraine

MOSCOW AND KYIV TRADE BLAME

Soldiers held by Russia had fought in Mariupol

BY LIZ SLY, DAVID WALKER AND DAVID L. STERN

KYIV, UKRAINE — Dozens of Ukrainian prisoners of war from the famed Azov Regiment were killed Friday in a strike against their detention center in the Russian-occupied eastern region of Donbas, but it was unclear how the attack happened or who carried it out.

At least 53 POWs were killed and 75 injured in the strike, according to Darya Morozova, an official for the Donetsk People's Republic, the pro-Russian breakaway region where the prison is located.

Ukraine and Russia traded blame for the strike, with each saying the other had carried it out to silence the prisoners. All or most of the POWs were members of the Azov Regiment who had surrendered when Russian troops captured the city of Mariupol in May after a two-month siege. Their fate had been the focus of fraught prisoner-exchange negotiations between Moscow and Kyiv.

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Poll: Critics of Roe ruling are less certain they'll vote

Two-thirds of Americans view decision as 'major' loss for women's rights

BY HANNAH KNOWLES, EMILY GUSKIN AND SCOTT CLEMENT

Nearly two-thirds of Americans say the end of *Roe v. Wade* represents a "major loss of rights" for women, a Washington Post-Schar School poll finds, but those who support abortion access are less certain they will vote this fall — a sign of the challenges facing Democrats who hope the issue will motivate their base in the midterms.

Fully 58 percent of the country supports a federal law establishing the right to an abortion before a fetus can survive outside the womb, the standard the Supreme Court enshrined for nearly 50 years and overturned last month. And almost a third of

Americans say abortion will be one of the "single most important" issues shaping their midterm vote. That's less than the 39 percent calling rising prices a top issue but higher than the 23 percent citing crime and 20 percent citing immigration.

Abortion's importance as a voting issue has increased from three years ago, when a Post-ABC poll found 14 percent saying it was one of the top factors in their presidential vote.

When it comes to the Supreme Court's June ruling, 65 percent view the decision as a major loss of women's rights, while 35 percent say it is not. Among those certain they will vote, 58 percent say it represents a loss of women's rights, while 42 percent say it does not. And a slight majority of certain voters support a federal law allowing abortion before a fetus can survive outside the womb.

But the poll also provides evi-

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Deaths in Ky. floods reach 16; grimmer toll feared



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In Lost Creek, Ky., Lexington firefighters Jeremy Miller and Capt. Scott Butler on Friday prepare to rescue people who have been stranded since Wednesday along Troublesome Creek.

Survivors share stories of rescue as they await news about loved ones

BY RICK CHILDRESS, MARISA IATI AND ANDREA SACHS

HAZARD, KY. — People brought harrowing stories of survival Friday as they took shelter at a school that had become a refuge for those who lost everything when muddy water rapidly seeped into their homes.

Some clung to trees as floodwaters raced below them. Others gripped tightly to children. One man held on to a branch so tightly he broke ribs and his collarbone.

"He blacked out, and all he remembers is waking up to lights in his eyes," said Kristie Gorman, assistant superintendent for the Perry County School District, which is housing the shelter at an elementary school. "And we have tons of stories like that."

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Massa apura un paquete de medidas con el foco puesto en acumular reservas

CRISIS. El nuevo ministro de Economía prometió "orden" y "planificación" después de reunirse con Fernández y dijo que hará anuncios el miércoles; sigue la reestructuración del gabinete

Convertido en la nueva figura dominante del Gobierno, Sergio Massa anunció ayer que trabaja en un paquete de medidas económicas que anunciará el miércoles, y prometió que su gestión apunta a conseguir "orden, coordinación y planificación". El foco central del programa en que trabaja apunta a recomponer de manera urgente las alicaídas

reservas del Banco Central.

Massa pasó parte de la mañana en la residencia de Olivos con Alberto Fernández. "Lo que hemos vivido como país nos obliga a tener una mejor coordinación", escribió el Presidente en sus redes sociales. Hoy volverán a reunirse para analizar en detalle las medidas en elaboración, indicaron fuentes oficiales.

La reestructuración del gabinete continuó ayer con la designación del albertista Juan Manuel Olmos como vicesefo de Gabinete (era jefe de asesores de la Presidencia). Reemplaza a Jorge Neme, que irá a Economía con Massa. Se prevé además la fusión de Obras Públicas y Transporte, con Gabriel Katopodis al frente. **Página 14**

La inflación en julio rondó el 8% y ya hay un piso del 5% para agosto

Pronostican más de un 90% para fin de año. **Página 24**

El dólar blue perforó los \$300 y cayó el riesgo país

A la espera de las primeras medidas y de los nombres de su equipo, el desembarco de Sergio Massa en el Ministerio de Economía cambió las expectativas en el mercado. El dólar blue y las cotizaciones libres perforaron ayer los \$300, mientras que el riesgo país bajó a 2395 puntos.

El tipo de cambio paralelo cedió \$18 y cerró a \$296, mientras que el MEP cayó y se ubicó en torno a los \$276. Además subieron los bonos hasta 8% y el riesgo país tocó el nivel más bajo desde la salida de Martín Guzmán. **Página 18**

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política—NEUQUÉN.—Apuntó, disparó y huyó. El fotógrafo Federico Soto se salvó de milagro cuando retrataba a uno de los manifestantes del gremio de los estatales (ATE) que encabezaron una violenta protesta frente a la intendencia de San Martín de los Andes en reclamo del pago de los aguinaldos. Hubo heridos, tres detenidos y destrozos en el edificio municipal, en un día de plena actividad turística en la villa cordillerana. El hombre, identificado como Pedro Jofré, disparó dos veces contra el reportero gráfico que cubría para *LMNeuquén*—y no lo alcanzó—. Luego huyó del lugar y la policía seguía buscándolo anoche. No fue el único manifestante registrado mientras disparaba en las calles de la ciudad. **Página 22**

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Oscar Vilhena Vieira

A reconstrução do tecido democrático

A movimentação em torno da "Carta às Brasileiras e Brasileiros" e do "Manifesto em Defesa da Democracia e da Justiça aponta para uma recomposição do tecido democrático brasileiro, esgarçado pela polarização. Cotidiano B4



Bruna Andrade, que fez feminização cirúrgica. Karline Xavier/Folhapress

73% veem corrupção no governo Bolsonaro, mostra Datafolha

Problema que serviu de tema a presidente em 2018 é visto como menor do que saúde, economia, educação e violência

Para 73% dos brasileiros, há corrupção no governo Jair Bolsonaro (PL), mostra pesquisa Datafolha feita na quarta (27) e na quinta-feira (28). A maioria, contudo, considera a questão menos relevante do que saúde, educação, violência, miséria e outras pautas econômicas. A margem de erro é de dois pontos a mais ou a menos.

A saúde é prioridade para 20% dos entrevistados. A corrupção, que na época do impeachment de Dilma Rousseff (PT) encabeçava as preocupações de 37%, teve agora 3% das menções. O discurso do combate aos desvios catapultou Bolsonaro em 2018. Hoje, 43% dos que dizem votar nele veem o problema em sua gestão.

Acusações de uso de recursos públicos federais para beneficiar aliados, como as investigadas no Ministério da Educação e na estatal Codevasf, têm se sucedido. Para 47%, o governo atual é ruim ou péssimo. Política A4

52% afirmam nunca confiar em nada do que diz o presidente A4

Articulador esperava lançar protesto com 300 adesões

Ao ser procurado para envolver a Faculdade de Direito da USP na articulação de uma carta pela democracia, seu atual diretor, Celso Campilongo, disse que poderia hospedar o manifesto no site da instituição. Pensou que "seria bom ter umas 200, 300 assinaturas na largada", fazendo volume.

A "Carta às brasileiras e aos brasileiros em defesa do Estado democrático de Direito", chegou ao site Estado de Direito Já! com pouco mais de 3.000 signatários; dois dias depois, passava de 300 mil adesões. "Veja como pensei pequeno", diz o diretor, fazendo graça de si. Política A10

Após ironias, presidente tuíta sua própria carta pela democracia

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Com 6 meses de Caixa, Guimarães gerava denúncias

A Caixa Econômica Federal recebeu sete denúncias internas contra Pedro Guimarães antes de ele ser demitido, há um mês. A primeira foi em julho de 2019, apenas seis meses após ele assumir o comando do banco. Mercado A19

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Consórcio que tem Folha promoverá debate eleitoral

O consórcio de imprensa, que inclui Folha, UOL, g1, O Estado de S. Paulo, O Globo e Valor, promove debate em 14 de setembro. Antes, Folha, UOL, e as redes de TV Cultura e Bandeirantes fazem encontro em 28 de agosto. Política A11

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Port d'armes, wokisme, avortement, racisme, covid Les États-Unis à l'heure de la grande fracture

Joe Biden devait tourner la page de l'ère Trump. Deux ans après son élection, l'Amérique est divisée comme jamais par les débats philosophiques, éthiques ou sociétaux qui la traversent.

Aux États-Unis, conservateurs et progressistes ont pratiquement cessé de débattre. Sur l'avortement, les armes à feu, la sexualité, l'immigration, le port du masque

ou le climat, les deux camps paraissent irréconciliables. Une Amérique est formée par les États républicains, concentrés dans le Sud, le Midwest et les Rocheuses. Par

les campagnes et les petites villes aussi. Une autre Amérique est dirigée par les démocrates sur la côte Pacifique et dans le Nord-Est, sur l'Atlantique. Et généralement aussi

dans les grandes métropoles. Des mouvements de population confortent dorénavant ces deux blocs, lesquels observent des lois de plus en plus différentes ou refusent

d'appliquer celles de l'État fédéral qui ne leur conviennent pas. Au point de remettre en cause l'unité législative d'un pays-continent. PAGES 2, 3 ET L'ÉDITORIAL

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Ils sont élagueurs, épiciers ou opticiens et forment la première promotion de la réserve opérationnelle de la police. Au centre de formation de Lognes (Seine-et-Marne), ils apprennent les techniques du métier avant d'aller sur le terrain. PAGE 6

Le retour des touristes en France soutient la croissance

L'économie française enchaîne les chiffres rassurants. Après la bonne tenue du marché de l'emploi en début de semaine, la croissance a affiché ce vendredi sa résilience. Au deuxième trimestre, l'activité a progressé de 0,5 %, soit deux fois plus vite que prévu, éloignant le risque de récession qui couvait après le repli de 0,2 % en début d'année. Le retour des touristes étrangers a favorisé ce rebond, compensant le recul de la consommation des ménages, entravée par une inflation galopante. PAGE 22

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États désunis

Joe Biden s'était fixé un objectif. Après l'ouragan Trump, le vieux président démocrate voulait « réparer » les États-Unis et œuvrer à la réconciliation d'un pays fracturé. À mi-mandat, un constat s'impose : il a échoué. Les débats fiévreux provoqués outre-Atlantique par la décision de la Cour suprême de ne plus garantir aux femmes le droit à l'avortement ne sont que la dernière illustration des profondes divisions qui traversent la plus ancienne démocratie contemporaine. Deux pays de plus en plus irréconciliables cohabitent au sein d'États d'Amérique désunis. On croyait refermées depuis longtemps les plaies de la guerre de Sécession et de la ségrégation. En réalité, la défiance du Dixieland, l'Amérique des anciens États confédérés, ne s'est jamais éteinte. « Les choses anciennes ne sont pas oubliées », chantait Elvis Presley dans son *American Trilogy*. Face à l'insolente Amérique progressiste, une forme de nostalgie bouillait en silence. Les laissés-pour-compte, les Blancs des États républicains du Sud, mais aussi du Midwest, n'allaient plus voter. À mesure qu'ils sombraient dans la précarité, la colère montait. Donald Trump n'a pas provoqué la fracture. Il l'a exploitée.

Il a été l'incarnation de cette Amérique conservatrice qui n'avait plus foi dans son gouvernement fédéral ni dans la sacro-sainte Constitution. Lors des événements du 6 janvier 2021, en refusant d'admettre sa défaite, il a ouvert une brèche. En proclamant que l'Amérique progressiste n'avait plus le droit de congédier la sienne, il remettait en cause le principe de l'alternance, fondement de la démocratie.

Les deux Amérique cohabitent de plus en plus mal

Que ce soit au sujet de l'avortement, des armes à feu, des nouvelles théories du genre, de la sexualité ou de la race, de l'immigration, du port du masque ou de l'écologie, tout dialogue est devenu impossible entre conservateurs et progressistes depuis ce jour tragique. Au point que certains Américains s'interrogent : ne vaudrait-il pas mieux que la sécession culturelle se solde par une sécession tout court, pour éviter une guerre civile ? L'Occident espère encore un sursaut. Un tel effondrement galvaniserait le contre-modèle autocratique de Xi et de Poutine. ■

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Desperate Sunak seeks to revive leadership bid

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Rishi Sunak will seek to revive his flagging bid for the premiership today by wading into a series of so-called culture war issues, vowing to stop "leftwing agitators" from "bulldozing" British values.

With Liz Truss the firm favourite before a critical few days in the

leadership contest, and ballot papers set to be received by Conservative party members from Monday, Sunak will give a speech attacking "woke nonsense".

While the former chancellor came first in a vote of Tory MPs, Truss has consistently led in party members' polls and won the endorsement of the former favourite Ben Wallace on Thursday, underlining the sense her campaign is picking up momentum.

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Last night her former leadership rival Tom Tugendhat also said he would back Truss and praised her plans for big tax cuts, saying they were "founded on true conservative principles".

Sunak has taken up a series of increasingly hardline positions in an attempt to close the gap with his rival.

Addressing members in West Sussex today, he will say: "What's the point in 12 ➔

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