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U.S. consumers continued opening their wallets last month, shifting savings from falling gasoline prices to purchases of everyday goods as they weathered high inflation and a slowing economy. **A1**

◆ The U.K.'s annual inflation rate moved into double digits in July and is set to rise even higher by the end of the year, heaping greater pressure on stretched household budgets and threatening a lengthy economic contraction. **A1**

◆ Fed officials agreed at their monetary-policy meeting last month they needed to keep raising rates enough to lower inflation but signaled greater caution with the pace of coming increases. **A2**

◆ U.S. stocks fell, with the S&P 500, Nasdaq and Dow retreating 0.7%, 1.3% and 0.5%, respectively. **B11**

◆ Tencent's growth streak came to an end after the Chinese social-media and videogame giant posted its first quarterly revenue decline since it went public in 2004. **A1**

◆ Philip Morris might have to raise its bid for Swedish Match to gain full ownership of the company after Elliott acquired a stake in the maker of smokeless tobacco. **B1**

◆ A glut of inventory sank profit at Target last month, sparking investor concerns about the firm's response to an oversupply problem haunting retailers. **B1**

◆ Dodge unveiled a new all-electric concept car aimed at showcasing its replacement for the Challenger and Charger. **B1**

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◆ Rep. Cheney said she is contemplating a 2024 presidential bid as part of her stated mission to try to block Trump from ever winning the White House again, a possibility that has both major political parties awaiting her next move. **A1**

◆ Georgia Gov. Kemp asked a court to quash a subpoena seeking his testimony before a special grand jury in Atlanta investigating efforts by Trump and his allies to overturn the state's 2020 election results, on the same day Giuliani was compelled to appear before that panel. **A4**

◆ The CDC will be restructured to strengthen its response to public-health threats, the agency's director said, acknowledging shortcomings in its fight against the Covid-19 pandemic. **A2**

◆ A judge ordered the owners of CVS, Walgreens and Walmart pharmacies to pay \$650 million over 15 years to two Ohio counties after they were found liable for contributing to the opioid crisis. **A3**

◆ Russia's intelligence services were hunting for saboteurs in Crimea after an explosion at an ammunition depot rattled Moscow's grip on the peninsula. **A7**

◆ The U.S. said that it and Taiwan will start formal negotiations for a bilateral trade and investment initiative in the fall to deepen ties on a range of issues. **A16**

◆ Iranian demands for guarantees from the U.S. have once again stalled efforts to revive the 2015 nuclear agreement. **A16**

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NASA Takes Another Step in Quest to Return to the Moon



COUNTDOWN: NASA's new moon rocket arrived at the launchpad at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida on Wednesday. The space agency is aiming for an Aug. 29 liftoff for an uncrewed lunar test flight, the first of its Artemis program. **A6**

U.K. Inflation Rate Tops 10%, Leading a Rise Across Europe

By PAUL HANNON

The U.K.'s annual rate of inflation moved into double digits in July and is set to rise even higher by the end of the year, heaping greater pressure on stretched household budgets and threatening a lengthy economic contraction.

That pickup in inflation has been replicated in other parts of Europe, even as consumer prices have started to slow in the U.S.

That is because energy prices have continued to accel-

erate across Europe as Russia withholds supplies of natural gas, with the continent facing a possible crunch this winter.

The U.K.'s Office for National Statistics said on Wednesday that consumer prices were 10.1% higher in July than a year earlier, up from 9.4% in June.

That was the highest rate of inflation in more than four decades and the fastest increase in prices recorded in one of the Group of Seven rich countries since the current surge started in early 2021.

"Inflation figures continue

to paint a worrying picture for consumers and businesses alike, and price pressures are set to build further," said Alpesh Paleja, lead economist at the Confederation of British Industry.

Figures to be released on Thursday by the European Union's statistics agency are expected to show the eurozone's annual rate of inflation rose to 8.9% in July from 8.6% in June.

By contrast, U.S. inflation eased to 8.5% in July from 9.1% in June.

Economists at JPMorgan

see increasing signs that global inflation is set to cool off, with prices of food and many commodities down from recent peaks.

However, they expect disinflation to be evident first in the U.S., with Europe set to lag behind despite some recent easing in the prices of goods leaving factory gates.

"Europe, however, faces ongoing pressure from surging

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Tencent Growth Ends Long Streak

By RAFFAELE HUANG

SINGAPORE—Tencent Holdings Ltd.'s nearly two-decade growth streak came to an end after the Chinese social-media and videogame giant posted its first quarterly revenue decline since it went public in 2004.

Tencent's April-to-June revenue dropped 3% from a year earlier to the equivalent of \$20 billion, the company said Wednesday, as China's slowing economy further dented its online-advertising revenue, while its videogame business continued to struggle from tighter regulations and weaker user spending.

Tencent's contraction, coming after rival Alibaba Group Holding Ltd. made public its first revenue drop for the same quarter, contrasts with a period of inexorable growth for the two leading internet companies in the world's second-biggest economy. Tencent, until the October-to-December 2021 quarter, had consistently posted revenue growth in the double-digit, if not triple-digit, range since it went public, company data showed.

China's economic slowdown has hit the country's tech sector, which was already struggling with a regulatory clampdown over the past year and a half. In the April-to-June quarter, China's economy recorded its weakest growth rate in more than two years, as Beijing's stringent measures to contain Covid-19 outbreaks paralyzed business activities in many cities. Gross domestic product expanded at a 0.4% annual rate.

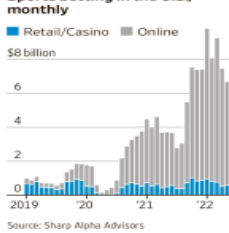
Tencent's revenue from its bread-and-butter videogame business fell 1% from a year

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Betting Firms Call New Play

Companies rein in spending as they seek profitability. **B2**

Sports betting in the U.S., monthly



Source: Sharp Alpha Advisors

Employers Need a Lot More Than Pizza to Bring Back Workers

Workers schedule in-person days based on the quality of the free office chow

By ALEX JANIN

When bosses first tried to lure people back to the office with free food, the doubters said a lukewarm pizza slice or plastic-wrapped bagel could never measure up to the convenience of working from home.

Two lessons for business have since emerged. First, never underestimate the number of workers willing to be bribed. Second, the food had better be good.

Bassel Alesh, a 25-year-old software engineer at ClassPass in New York City, said he preferred working from home on Wednesdays, usually his busiest day, until the office started hosting a midweek lunch.

It has been easy to skip the office commute on pizza day, he said, but not for breakfast burritos stuffed with soft tofu, grilled squash, zucchini and onions. "Last week, they had banh mi, and I was like, 'Oh, I'll definitely go in for that,'" he said.

Mexican food days are can't-miss events for Steph Estremera-Chu, 36, at the Manhattan accounting firm where she works. Mrs. Estremera-Chu piles tortillas high with beef and pork—carne asada and al pastor—corn, salsa, sour cream and guacamole. Sometimes, she takes home leftovers for dinner.

Mrs. Estremera-Chu, an accountant, now comes into the office three times a week, pay-

U.S. Veterans Race to Train Ukrainians as Marines

Recruits learn to fight Russians; 'many have never held a weapon'

By YAROSLAV TROFIMOV

MYKOLAIV, Ukraine—Clad in mismatched fatigues, Ukrainian Marine recruits sprawled on the grass, cocking their assault rifles and aiming at targets. Then, to the surprise of their American instructors, one by one they started squeezing the trigger.

"Cease fire!" yelled Steven Tomberlin, 62, a retired police officer from Colorado, seeing this part of the training. "Until I give the command. You. Do. Not. Do. Anything." When the firing resumed, bullets hit the dirt berm, often far off the mark.

"Most of these people have just been mo-

bilized. They were electricians or tractor drivers yesterday, and many have never held a weapon in their hands," said Sr. Lt. Anton Solohub, a deputy commander of this Ukrainian Marine battalion, as he watched the first day of a crash course provided by a group of mostly American veterans.

"These instructors have promised that they will turn my men into some kind of special force in 10 days," Lt. Solohub mused. "Let's see."

Europe's bloodiest war since 1945 has

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Cheney, After Defeat, Mulls Oval Office Bid

By NATALIE ANDREWS AND JOHN MCCORMICK

WASHINGTON—Rep. Liz Cheney said Wednesday she is contemplating a 2024 presidential bid as part of her stated mission to try to block former President Donald Trump from ever winning the White House again, a possibility that has both major political parties awaiting her next move.

"It's something that I'm thinking about," she said Wednesday on NBC.

The three-term incumbent and daughter of a former Republican vice president was defeated in her Wyoming GOP primary Tuesday by Harriet Hageman, a water and natural-resources attorney endorsed by Mr. Trump. Ms. Hageman campaigned on a message that Ms. Cheney had become too critical of Mr. Trump, a fellow Republican, and had ignored the interests of her constituents.

Ms. Cheney said on NBC that

she is focused on moving the Republican Party "back to a place where we're embracing the values and the principles on which it was founded." While keeping Mr. Trump from getting the 2024 GOP presidential nomination is a goal shared by other Republicans, no one has managed to significantly loosen his grip on the party and polls show his base remains animated and loyal to him.

Though Ms. Cheney's chances of winning the GOP presidential nomination would be slim—she just lost a Republican primary in one of the reddest states in the country—some GOP strategists said she could cause headaches for Mr. Trump as his chief antagonist, if he decides to make another presidential run.

"Cheney's laser focus on Trump and ability to com-

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Andrii Halavin, a priest in Bucha, holding a mass burial Wednesday for 21 unidentified bodies. More Ukraine coverage on Page A7.

Ukrainians Behind Enemy Lines Tell Invaders: You're Never Safe

By ANDREW E. KRAMER
ZAPORIZHZHIA, Ukraine — They sneak down darkened alleys to set explosives. They identify Russian targets for Ukrainian artillery and long-range rockets provided by the United States. They blow up rail lines and assassinate officials they consider collaborators with the Russians.

Slipping back and forth across the front lines, the guerrilla fighters are known in Ukraine as partisans, and in recent weeks they have taken an ever more prominent role in the war, rattling Russian forces by helping deliver humiliating blows in occupied areas they thought were safe.

Increasingly, Ukraine is taking the fight against Russian forces into Russian-controlled areas, whether with elite military units, like the one credited on Tuesday with a huge explosion at a Russian ammunition depot in the occupied Crimean Peninsula, or an under-

Guerrilla Attacks Aim to Humiliate Russia

ground network of the guerrillas.

Last week, Ukrainian officials said, the partisans had a hand in a successful strike on a Russian air base, also in Crimea, which Moscow annexed eight years ago. It destroyed eight fighter jets.

"The goal is to show the occupiers that they are not at home, that they should not settle in, that they should not sleep comfortably," said one guerrilla fighter, who spoke on condition that, for security reasons, he be identified only by his code name, Svarog, after a pagan Slavic god of fire.

In recent days the Ukrainian military made Svarog and several other operatives available for interviews in person or online, hoping to highlight the partisans' widespread.

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Teenager Used Abortion Pills. Her Mother Is Facing Charges.

By SHAILA DEWAN
and SHEERA FRENKEL

The mother sent a Facebook message to her daughter days before the teenager's abortion, the police say. "Hey we can get the show on the road the stuff came in," she wrote in April, adding, "The 1 pill stops the hormones and then you gotta wait 24 hour 2 take the other."

The teenager used the pills to terminate her pregnancy at home two days later, according to police records.

Now, both mother and daughter face criminal charges. Their Facebook messages, obtained by the police through a warrant, have become key evidence in a rare prosecution over abortion.

The circumstances of the case are hardly typical. According to the police, the teenager's medication-induced abortion occurred at the beginning of the third trimester — much later than an over-

Nebraska Prosecution Resonates Post-Roe

whelming majority of abortions in the United States, which happen in the first 13 weeks. Mother and daughter buried the fetal remains themselves, the police say.

All of this took place, according to the police timeline, two months before the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade in June, which removed the constitutional right to abortion.

The charges against the women use Nebraska laws that were in place when Roe was still in effect, including a state ban on most abortions after 20 weeks.

Still, the case raises questions about how abortion-related prosecutions will unfold in a constantly shifting legal landscape, in which enforcement of new bans is

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Cheney Loss May Cement G.O.P.'s Path

Voters Tethered More to Trump Than Policy

By SHANE GOLDMACHER
Representative Liz Cheney's martyr-like quest to stop Donald J. Trump has ensured her place in Republican Party history. But her lopsided defeat in Wyoming on Tuesday also exposed the remarkable degree to which the former president still controls the party's present — and its near future.

Ten House Republicans voted to impeach Mr. Trump in early 2021 for his role inciting the mob that stormed the Capitol. Only two have survived the 2022 Republican primaries, a breathtaking run of losses and forced retirements in a chamber where incumbents typically prevail with ease.

No defeat was as freighted with significance as Ms. Cheney's, or as revealing of the party's realignment. [Page A10.]

The sheer scope of her loss — the daughter of a former vice president was defeated in a landslide — may have only strengthened Mr. Trump's hand as he asserts his grip over the Republican Party, by revealing the futility among Republican voters of even the most vigorous prosecution of the case against him.

Casting her mission of combating election denialism as a moral imperative and her work as just beginning, Ms. Cheney pledged to "do whatever it takes" to prevent a second Trump presidency. "Freedom must not, cannot and will not die here," she declared in her concession speech on Tuesday night in Jackson.

Not long ago, Ms. Cheney had been seen as a rising Republican star, even a potential House speaker-in-waiting. Now, after becoming her party's most dogged Trump detractor — turning the Jan. 6 committee hearings into a bullhorn with which to warn of the dangers Mr. Trump and his enablers posed to the party, the country and even democracy itself — she is soon to be out of her job.

Ms. Cheney had hoped that the Jan. 6 riot would be a turning point for Republicans. It did

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FAILINGS OF C.D.C. PROMPT A REBUKE AND AN OVERHAUL

MISSTEPS IN PANDEMIC

Director Says the Agency Must 'Pivot' to Better Serve the Public

By SHARON LaFRANIERE
and NOAH WEILAND

WASHINGTON — Dr. Rochelle P. Walensky, the director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, on Wednesday delivered a sweeping rebuke of her agency's handling of the coronavirus pandemic, saying it had failed to respond quickly enough and needed to be overhauled.

"To be frank, we are responsible for some pretty dramatic, pretty public mistakes, from testing to data to communications," she said in a video distributed to the agency's roughly 11,000 employees.

Dr. Walensky said the C.D.C.'s future depended on whether it could absorb the lessons of the



Dr. Rochelle P. Walensky, the director of the C.D.C.

last few years, during which much of the public lost trust in the agency's ability to handle a pandemic that killed more than 1 million Americans. "This is our watershed moment. We must pivot," she said.

Her admission of the agency's failings came after she received the findings of an examination she ordered in April amid scathing criticism of the C.D.C.'s performance. The report itself was not released; an agency official said it was not yet finished but would be made public soon.

Dr. Walensky laid out her basic conclusion from the review in a

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Trump Executive Faces Prison Over Guilty Plea in Tax Scheme

This article is by Ben Prottess,
William K. Rashbaum and Jonah E. Bromwich.

Allen H. Weisselberg, for decades one of Donald J. Trump's most trusted executives, has reached a deal to plead guilty on Thursday and admit to participating in a long-running tax scheme at the former president's family business — a serious blow to the company that could heighten its risk in an upcoming trial on related charges.

Mr. Weisselberg will have to admit to all 15 felonies that prosecutors in the Manhattan district attorney's office accused him of, according to people with knowledge of the matter. And if he is called as a witness at the company's trial in October, he will have to testify about his role in the scheme to avoid paying taxes on lavish corporate perks, the people said.

But Mr. Weisselberg will not implicate Mr. Trump or his family if he takes the stand in that trial, the people said, and he has refused to cooperate with prosecutors in their broader investigation into Mr. Trump, who has not been accused of wrongdoing.



Allen H. Weisselberg at court in Manhattan last week.

Even so, his potential testimony will put the Trump Organization at a disadvantage and is likely to make Mr. Weisselberg a central witness at the October trial, where the company will face many of the same charges.

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Library Prized Its Galileo Artifact, but Scholar Spotted a Red Flag

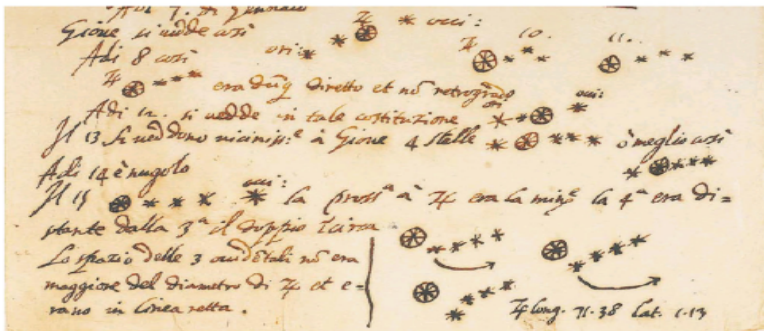
By MICHAEL BLANDING

Galileo Galilei was peering through a new telescope in 1610 when he noticed something strange: several bright objects flickering around the planet Jupiter that seemed to change positions nightly. His discovery, of moons orbiting Jupiter, was a major crack in the notion, widely held since antiquity, that everything in the universe revolved around the Earth.

The finding, which was condemned by the Catholic Church, helped prove the theory of a sun-centered solar system.

For decades the University of Michigan Library has prized a manuscript related to the discovery, describing it as "one of the great treasures" in its collection. At the top of the document is the draft of a letter signed by Galileo describing the new telescope, and on the bottom are sketches plotting the positions of the moons around Jupiter — "the first observational data that showed objects orbiting a body other than 'the earth,'" the library described it.

At least it would be if it were authentic. After Nick Wilding, a historian at Georgia State University, uncovered evidence suggesting the manuscript was a fake, the li-



A manuscript with sketches of the moons' positions around Jupiter had been attributed to Galileo.

brary investigated and determined that he was right: The university said Wednesday that it had concluded that its treasured manuscript "is in fact a 20th-century forgery."

"It was pretty gut-wrenching when we first learned our Galileo was not actually a Galileo," Donna

L. Hayward, the interim dean of the university's library, said in an interview. But since the purpose of any library is to expand knowledge, she said, the university had decided to be forthright about its findings and publicly announce the forgery. "To sweep it under the rug is counter to what

we stand for," Dr. Wilding, who is writing a biography of Galileo, has uncovered forged Galileo works before: He previously found evidence that a copy of Galileo's 1610 treatise "Sidereus Nuncius" ("Starry Messenger"), with several watercolor

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Cheney loss may be fatal to GOP we knew

MARK Z. BARABAK

The resounding defeat of Liz Cheney was more than the rejection of a brave and principled individual. It was the repudiation of values and a worldview that have shaped the Republican Party for well over a generation. It was also a thickheaded denial of reality and the stone-cold fact that President Trump lost the 2020 election and schemed and lied to deny it, sacrificing the safety of lawmakers and the stability of the country on the altar of his infinite ego.

Winning reelection "would have required that I go along with President Trump's lie about the 2020 election," Cheney said in a scathing concession speech delivered at a ranch near her Jackson, Wyo., home not long after polls closed Tuesday night. "It would have required that I enable his ongoing efforts to unravel our democratic system and attack the foundations of our republic."

"That," she said as daylight faded over the Tetons, "was a path I could not and would not take."

For years, the Cheneys of Wyoming stood alongside the Bush family of New England and Texas as dynastic pillars of the GOP. Liz Cheney's congressional primary loss, along with George P.



A MAN stands atop Nike Hill last month to view the site of the future Puente Hills Regional Park, once part of the former 1,356-acre landfill. Construction will begin in 2025 and could take two decades.

Photographs by GENARO MOLINA Los Angeles Times

A trash heap's giant leap will create a regional park

142 acres of the Puente Hills dump will be transformed

BY ANDREW J. CAMPA

Standing atop Nike Hill, Victor Moreno brushed sweat from his brow and dust from his eyes.

The three-mile run on a sun-drenched afternoon had been a challenge, but the payoff was worth it: From the 1,160-foot-high spot in the Puente Hills, he was treated to a glorious 360-degree vista. Los Angeles' skyscrapers jutting into the sky to the west, the grandeur of the San Gabriel Mountains to the north. To the east was the seemingly endless Inland Empire, with Orange County's suburbs spread to the south.

But what really mattered to Moreno, 32, was the chance to introduce his 12-year-old daughter, Janae, who was on her first climb to some things many city dwellers never see: darting lizards, hopping rabbits and diving birds of prey. For years the

[See Park, A12]



HIKERS POSE against a backdrop of the future park. Monitoring of the underlying trash is expected to continue for 75 years.

HEAD OF CDC TO SHAKE UP AGENCY

Director criticizes COVID response and wants to move faster against health threats.

BY MIKE STOBBE

NEW YORK — The head of the nation's top public health agency on Wednesday announced a shake-up of the organization, saying it fell short responding to COVID-19 and needs to become more nimble.

The planned changes at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention — CDC leaders call it a "reset" — come amid criticism of the agency's response to COVID-19, monkeypox and other public health threats. The changes include staffing moves and steps to speed up data releases.

The CDC's director, Dr. Rochelle Walensky, told the agency's staff about the changes on Wednesday. It's a CDC initiative and was not directed by the White House or other administration officials, she said.

"I feel like it's my responsibility to lead this agency to a better place after a really challenging three years," Walensky told the Associated Press.

The Atlanta-based agency, with a \$12-billion budget and more than 11,000 employees, is charged with protecting Americans from disease outbreaks and other

[See CDC, A7]



ALLEN J. SCHABEN Los Angeles Times

WITH SOME would-be sellers opting out in a slowing market, new listings are down sharply across the Southland. Above, homes in Huntington Beach in April.

Median home price in region falls 1.3% in July

Sales also decline as the market cools. But don't expect a big crash, experts say.

BY ANDREW KHOURI

In recent months, rising mortgage interest rates have put the brakes on a once-hot housing market in Southern California and across the country.

With would-be buyers choosing to sit on the sidelines, sales are plunging and

homeowners are slashing their asking prices to close a deal.

Now, there are signs overall home values may be headed down as well.

"It's turning into a buyer's market," said Keith Hernandez, a real estate agent with Realty One Group Synergy in Whittier.

Few, if any, economists predict a crash in values similar to 2008, but a growing number of experts say overall home values are likely to decline in the near future.

The latest sign came

Wednesday when real estate firm DQNews reported that the Southern California median sales price fell 1.3% in July from a month earlier.

Although the median can fluctuate month to month, July's numbers mark the third straight month in which prices failed to increase. The median — now \$740,000 — is \$20,000, or 2.6%, less than the all-time peak this spring.

Given strong demand before mortgage rates jumped, the median sales price in July remains 8.8% higher

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Regents say they can block UCLA

'All options are on the table,' system leaders say of school's move to Big Ten Conference.

BY BEN BOLCH AND TERESA WATANABE

Is UCLA nearing the goal line on a move to the Big Ten or might its plans be foiled by an all-out blitz?

Concerned about the Bruins' hasty exit from the Pac-12, the University of California system leadership on Wednesday proposed new rules that could limit campus decisions involving athletics contracts on their own.

Far more concerning for UCLA, two UC regents and the general counsel of the UC system suggested there might be an avenue to block the Bruins' move that had widely been considered a fait accompli since it was announced in late June.

"It's important to under-

stand that when the regents delegated authority to the president, they didn't give it away or lose it," UC system attorney Charlie Robinson said during a regents meeting at UCLA's Luskin Center. "Essentially, what they did was extend it such that authority was with the regents and the president."

After the end of a closed session spanning more than an hour, regent John Perez told The Times that the regents retained the power to block UCLA's move.

"All options are on the table," he said.

Did that mean options could be pursued that would prevent the Bruins from joining cross-town rival USC as the newest members of the Big Ten starting in the summer of 2024?

"All options are on the table," Perez repeated, "up to and including that. ... We're going to look at what all the different options look like and then the board will assert itself in terms of what its

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\$79,000 fine for ex-councilman

L.A.'s ethics watchdog finds Mitchell Englander's fateful Vegas trip violated city gift laws. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

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The Lakers' King-sized error

Re-signing LeBron James ensures franchise mediocrity, Bill Plaschke writes. **SPORTS, B10**





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Turf wars, surprises and murky messaging

The timeline of America's monkeypox crisis is full of missteps

BY DAN DIAMOND,
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AND LENA H. SUN

The nation's top health officials believed they had finally hit upon a solution to quell weeks of public criticism about the straggling government response to the monkeypox outbreak spreading across the country this summer.

They would stretch the nation's limited supply of the only FDA-approved vaccine for monkeypox by splitting doses to cover five times as many people — an admission, after repeated reassurances by top government officials, that the United States did not have enough shots for every at-risk American, after all.

But after Health and Human Services officials announced their proposal on Aug. 4, Paul Chaplin, chief executive of Bavarian Nordic, the vaccine's manufacturer, called a senior U.S. health official and accused the Biden administration of breaching its contracts with his company by planning to use the doses in an unapproved manner. Even worse, said two people with knowledge of the episode, Chaplin threatened to cancel all future vaccine orders from the United States, throwing into doubt the administration's entire monkeypox strategy.

"People are begging for monkeypox vaccines, and we've just pissed off the one manufacturer," said one official who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to comment.

The behind-the-scenes clash with Bavarian Nordic, which has not previously been reported, was just the latest episode in a monkeypox response beset by turf wars, ongoing surprises and muddled messaging, with key partners frequently finding themselves out of sync as they race to catch up to a rapidly unfolding crisis.

For two months, the Biden administration has been chased by headlines about its failure to order enough vaccines, speed

SEE MONKEYPOX ON A17

AFTER THE FALL
Many in Afghanistan celebrated the end of two decades of fighting with joy and optimism. Their elation was short-lived.



Under Taliban's hollow peace, wounds fester and hopes wither

BY SUSANNAH GEORGE AND PHOTOGRAPHY BY LORENZO TUGNOLI IN MUSA QALA, AFGHANISTAN

Taliban rule brought an end last August to America's 20-year war in Afghanistan, but for the many here who suffered unimaginable loss during those decades, peace has neither brought prosperity nor healed old wounds.

While a degree of normalcy has returned to daily life, the year since has exposed the depths of Afghanistan's trauma and laid bare the shortcomings of the Taliban government.

A recent trip by Washington Post

journalists to the southern region's markets, schools, courts and health clinics offered a chance to talk to people about their experiences during the war and, now, under the new Taliban regime. It revealed changes — and continuing heartbreak.

Health care, education and the legal system are increasingly accessible, a welcome development for those long cut off from even the most basic services. But the clinics run short on medicine and basic supplies, many

schools teach only Quranic recitation or allow only boys, justice is arbitrated by sharia law, and there is little Taliban aid to help individuals rebuild.

At the height of the final battles between government forces and the Taliban, hundreds of civilians in Helmand were being killed monthly. When the guns fell silent, markets and neighborhoods that had recently been deadly front lines were suddenly alive with returning families, hopeful for a

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Patients wait to be examined by a doctor in Sangin, Afghanistan. Health care is more accessible under the Taliban regime, but medicine and supplies are running short.

ELECTION 2022

Trump tightens hold on the GOP

CHENEY'S LOSS IS LATEST FOR CRITICS

Strategists fear elevating less-electable candidates

BY HANNAH KNOWLES,
JOSH DAWSEY
AND DAVID WEIGEL

Donald Trump is securing his grip on the Republican Party less than three months before the midterms, with GOP primary voters surging to the polls in Wyoming to oust his most vocal GOP critic, scores of nominees for state and federal offices amplifying his false claims and bellicose rhetoric, and many prominent party figures echoing his evidence-free attacks about the FBI search of his home.

Rep. Liz Cheney (Wyo.), Trump's staunchest Republican opponent in Congress, lost her primary Tuesday in a landslide to Harriet Hageman, whom the former president endorsed with the sole mission of dislodging Cheney. The race attracted more voters than any Republican primary in Wyoming's 132-year history — serving as a stark example of how Trump has kept his hold on the party after losing the presidency in 2020.

Hageman's victory marked the fourth and final primary defeat of a House Republican who voted to impeach Trump last year on charges that he incited a riot. Of the 10 who cast that vote, only two are now possibilities to retain their seats next year, both advancing from all-party primaries with unusual rules. The other four opted not to run for reelection.

"Trump has an absolute viselike grip on the Republican electorate, and if he wants to be the Republican nominee in 2024, he will be," said GOP strategist John Thomas. He said he had been helping to organize a political action committee to

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Extreme agenda: Speeches hint at policies Trump would pursue. **A4**

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CDC shares overhaul plan in wake of its pandemic failings

Agency eyes faster public guidance and more nimble workforce

BY LENA H. SUN
AND DAN DIAMOND

The nation's top public health official acknowledged Wednesday that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention had failed to respond effectively to the coronavirus pandemic and announced plans for extensive changes, including faster release of scientific findings and easier-to-understand guidance.

CDC Director Rochelle Walensky told senior leaders that she was committed to a long-sought revamp of CDC culture based on an internal review that called for a more nimble and better-trained workforce and incentives that would reward actions over publication — moves that allies said were necessary and critics said

could not come quickly enough. "For 75 years, CDC and public health have been preparing for COVID-19, and in our big moment, our performance did not reliably meet expectations," Walensky said in a statement. "My goal is a new, public health action-oriented culture at CDC that emphasizes accountability, collaboration, communication, and timeliness."

Walensky appointed Mary Wakefield, a former deputy health secretary in the Obama administration, to lead the effort, which she cautioned "will take time and engagement at all levels of the organization." The director shared broad recommendations Wednesday morning, first to senior staff and then across the Atlanta-based agency, which employs about 13,000 people, according to a senior CDC official who provided details but was not authorized to speak on the record.

Since the coronavirus pandemic began 2½ years ago, the once-

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In the name of protection, students lose access to books

Policies shift power from school librarians to parents, with LGBTQ content often targeted



Jen Cousins, center, and Stephana Ferrell launched the Florida Freedom to Read Project, which purchases books featuring diverse lifestyles and distributes them free to school librarians.

BY HANNAH NATANSON
AND LORI ROZSA

In one Virginia school district this fall, parents will receive an email notification every time their child checks out a book. In a Florida school system, teachers are purging their classrooms of texts that mention racism, sexism, gender identity or oppression. And a Pennsylvania school district is convening a panel of adults to sign off on every title that school librarians propose buying.

The start of the 2022-2023 school year will usher in a new era of education in some parts of America — one in which school librarians have less freedom to choose books and schoolchildren less ability to read books they find intriguing, experts say.

In the past two years, six states have passed laws that mandate parental involvement in reviewing books, making it easier for parents to remove books or restrict the texts available at

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Bigger Social Security checks may come in 2023

Because of inflation, payouts will be 8% to 9% higher based on early estimates. **In Money**

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Harriet Hageman, left; Sen. Lisa Murkowski

Trump's muscle helps oust Cheney

Republicans Murkowski, Palin advance in Alaska

Candy Woodall and Dylan Wells
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — Primary races in Wyoming and Alaska further revealed not only the strong grip former President Donald Trump has on the Republican Party but also the direction the country could take with the next Congress.

Rep. Liz Cheney, R-Wyo., was one of 10 House Republicans who voted to impeach the former president in January 2021 after the violent attack on the Capitol.

On Tuesday, she lost — badly.

Trump has worked to defeat the 10 Republicans who voted to impeach him. His endorsed challengers have beaten four members in primaries. Two incumbents narrowly survived their primaries, and four retired.

But Cheney's not abandoning politics yet. She announced hours after her stinging defeat in Wyoming that she's considering a 2024 presidential run. Until she decides whether to run — a decision she'll make in "the coming months" — she'll stay focused on doing "whatever it takes to keep Donald Trump out of the Oval Office," she said.

The former president, embroiled in legal fights and a public relations war with the nation's top law enforcement agencies, could reshape Congress if his candidates win in the fall.

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Female collegiate athletes stiffed on scholarship money

Schools that skirted law should have given \$23.7M more last year

Kenny Jacoby, Rachel Axon, Lindsay Schnell and Steve Berkowitz
USA TODAY

To salute the 50th anniversary of Title IX and its women's sports program, the University of South Florida created a video this spring featuring highlights, photos and a by-the-numbers commemoration of achievements by its female athletes: NCAA and conference championships won, All-American honors received, USF Athletics Hall of Fame honorees named.

Left unsaid: USF was shortchanging the same athletes under the very law it celebrated.

In 2020-21, USF gave more athletic scholarship money to its football team of 117 players than to the 204 athletes on its 10 women's teams combined. Altogether, the school stiffed female athletes by nearly \$900,000 in scholarships that year, in violation of Title IX, the federal law prohibiting sex discrimination in education, a USA TODAY investigation found.

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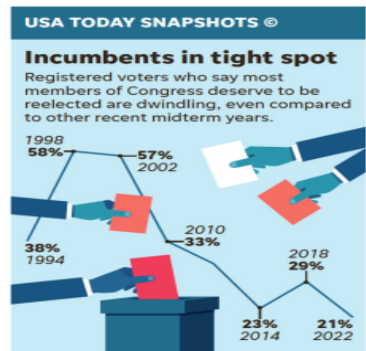
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USA TODAY's "Title IX: Falling short at 50" exposes how top U.S. colleges and universities still fail to live up to the landmark law that bans sexual discrimination in education. Title IX, which turned 50 this summer, requires equity across a broad range of areas in academics and athletics. Despite tremendous gains during the past five decades, many colleges and universities fall short, leaving women struggling for equal footing.

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Albuquerque Imam Talha Elsayed says the Muslim community has found strength in one another following the murders of four of its own. OMAR ORNELAS/ USA TODAY NETWORK

Albuquerque's Muslims discover a fresh resolve

Close-knit community hopeful despite tragedies

Justin Garcia
USA TODAY

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — It's sometimes a home away from home for Muslim students. Other times, it's a refuge for those fleeing conflict on the other side of the world.

For years, New Mexico's largest city has operated as an unobtrusive enclave for thousands of Muslims. Albuquerque's close-knit Islamic community boasts an informal network of imams who help newcomers assimilate to the U.S. and offer a welcome to a diaspora of people from different

backgrounds and countries.

"We are always one of the recipients of waves of refugees, depending on what's happening," Albuquerque Mayor Tim Keller told USA TODAY, adding that the status was a point of pride for many in the city.

But that sense of safety and inclusion was shattered as Muslims across central New Mexico feared a killer was targeting them after four Muslim men were killed in ambush-style shootings over several months.

Many Muslims across the region

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PREGNANT BUT UNEQUAL

For Native Americans, care is another empty promise

Nada Hassanein
USA TODAY

On Christmas night at her family's home on the Yankton Sioux Reservation, Markita McBride felt a sudden exhaustion wash over her.

She lay down to rest, then stumbled into the bathroom, where she found herself soaked in blood. Seven months pregnant, McBride was hemorrhaging. The clots were so big she thought she was miscarrying.

Seeing the blood on her bed and the floor, her brother and sister broke the bathroom door open to find McBride in shock.

They rushed her into the car. The underfunded Indian Health Service emergency room was closed for the night, and an ambulance from else-

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CRISIS. Hizo su primera demostración de fuerza durante la administración de Fernández

La CGT hizo ayer una demostración de fuerza con una masiva movilización para exigir un mayor control de la inflación y reivindicar las negociaciones paritarias como mecanismo de actualización salarial.

Lossindicatos responsabilizaron

al Gobierno y a los empresarios por la inflación, a la que proyectan en 90 por ciento para 2022. La advertencia más dura fue lanzada por el camionero Pablo Moyano, que le reclamó al presidente Alberto Fernández mayor compromiso para contro-

lar la suba de los precios: "Alberto, poné lo que tengas que poner para terminar con los especuladores. No podemos seguir con estos niveles de inflación. Sacá ese bono y esa suma fija, y mantené las paritarias libres", exigió. Página 8

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Desde 9 de Julio. Gremios y organizaciones sociales marcharon al Congreso.

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LOS ANUNCIOS DEL GOBIERNO

Tratan de evitar que la suba de las tarifas provoque un incremento de las expensas

Tal como fueron anunciados los aumentos de luz, gas y agua, los consorcios perderán los subsidios. Sin embargo, para que esos incrementos no generen un impacto en los gastos comunes de las viviendas de propiedad horizontal, Economía estudia exceptuar a los edificios. P. 10

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Fuerte reacción por la difusión de datos privados en medios oficialistas

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La circulación en el Centro de la Ciudad quedó afectada durante horas

Masivo reclamo de la CGT por la inflación y contra un aumento por suma fija

La central sindical marchó por la 9 de Julio y al Congreso y le pidió al Gobierno que tome medidas para detener el aumento de los precios. Aunque no hubo críticas directas al Presidente, los sindicalistas pidieron que se man-

tenga vigente la discusión por la recomposición salarial en paritarias, en contraste con la idea del Gobierno, que prefiere que las empresas otorguen un bono para compensar la pérdida en los haberes por la inflación. P. 3

La izquierda, por su lado

Fueron a Plaza de Mayo contra Massa, el FMI y el ajuste. Pidieron un paro.

TRATA DE PERSONAS Y PROSTITUCION

“Éramos todos mucho más pobres”, dice un audio de la secta

Con base en Villa Crespo y ramificaciones en el exterior, quedó en el ojo de la Justicia. Y se revelan audios entre sus líderes, donde afirman que se hicieron millonarios, cobraban en dólares y lavaban activos. Con el trabajo de la Pro-

curaduría y del juzgado federal ya se investigó el crecimiento patrimonial de la organización, cuyos primeros videos se remontan a la década del 80. El “negocio más rentable”, afirman, era la prostitución VIP para empresarios. P. 32

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Governo amplia isenção de impostos para pastores

Em meio a campanha por voto evangélico, ato beneficia bônus e perdoa dívida

A Receita Federal ampliou a isenção tributária para pastores ao adotar uma nova interpretação da legislação sobre a prebenda — a remuneração fixa dos ministros religiosos. Na terça-feira (16), o presidente Jair Bolsonaro, que tem nesse segmento uma de suas bases eleitorais, declarou que a medida atende a um pedido das igrejas.

Procurado, o Fisco disse que o ato consolida um entendimento vigente e afirmou que a "diversidade de documentos" sobre o tema vinha gerando divergências internas. A lei isenta a prebenda do recolhimento de contribuição previdenciária, desde que ela se relacione a atividade religiosa e seja fixa, o que exclui ganhos variáveis.

A Receita, porém, detectou que algumas igrejas usavam a prebenda para driblar a fiscalização e distribuir uma espécie de participação nos lucros aos pastores que reuniam os maiores grupos de fiéis ou as maiores arrecadações de dízimo. O Fisco aplicou multas altas e exigiu pagamento da alíquota previdenciária de 20% sobre os valores.

Desde então, a busca pelo perdão tributário e pelo relaxamento dessas regras passou a ser pauta prioritária da bancada evangélica. Técnicos ouvidos pela Folha afirmam que a flexibilização para incluir a renda variável amplia os casos de isenção e enterra processos de fiscalização da remuneração de pastores. Mercado A15



Lago Oeschinen, na região de Berna, Suíça Mathilde Missoloneiro/Folhapress

Juliano Spyer É a família, estúpido!

Para entrar nas conversas de evangélicos reais, o PT deve defender claramente a proteção da criança — e da mulher e do idoso. Falar sobre cuidado. E hastejar a bandeira daquela instituição fora de moda, mas central para a sobrevivência do brasileiro pobre: 'A família, estúpido!' Política A6

Cobiça por evangélicos torna Janja e Michelle protagonistas

O católico Bolsonaro colocou na linha de frente de sua campanha a evangélica com quem casou em 2013. Michelle é tida como um contraponto à imagem turrona do presidente, o que cairia bem entre mulheres, 58% do eleitorado evangélico. A primeira-dama sabe falar a linguagem dos cultos.

No PT, a aposta para captar eleitoras num duelo entre dois homens que exploram a imagem de "cabras-machos" é Janja. Pastores da órbita bolsonarista, contudo, veem na socióloga, que se mostra próxima de religiões afrobrasileiras, um passivo religioso com esse público. Política A4

Bolsonaristas criticam e minimizam fala de Moraes

Aliados de Jair Bolsonaro (PL) se disseram surpresos com o tom do discurso de Alexandre de Moraes, considerado hostil, na posse da presidência do Tribunal Superior Eleitoral. Apesar disso, tentam minimizar o impacto, com o argumento de que o ministro estava cumprindo seu papel e que a fala não afeta a tentativa de apaziguamento entre os Poderes.

Para militares, o pronunciamento não ajuda a reduzir a tensão. Política A9

Morre Major Curió, repressor no Araguaia

Tenente-coronel reformado, Sebastião Rodrigues de Moura, o Major Curió, teve participação direta na perseguição, execução e tortura de guerrilheiros do PC do B em 1973 e 1974. Mineiro, tinha 87 anos. A12

Jornalista Jorge da Cunha Lima morre aos 90 anos

O escritor e jornalista paulistano Jorge da Cunha Lima morreu aos 90 anos, em São Paulo. Dirigiu a TV Cultura de 1995 a 2004, foi secretário estadual de Cultura e atuou em vários veículos de imprensa. C6

Morre José Luis Cutrale, herdeiro de rei da laranja

Filho único de José Cutrale Júnior, tinha 75 anos. Após a morte do pai, assumiu a Cutrale, uma das líderes globais no setor de suco de laranja, e diversificou os negócios da empresa. Morreu em Londres. A20



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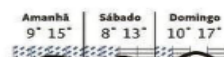
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PF vê indícios de crime de Bolsonaro em live sobre Covid

A Polícia Federal disse ao ministro do STF Alexandre de Moraes que vê indícios de que Jair Bolsonaro (PL) cometeu crime na transmissão ao vivo em que associou falsamente a vacinação contra Covid ao risco de contrair Aids. A PF solicita tomar depoimento do presidente. Política A10

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Comment la France veut atteindre un million d'apprentis

Le gouvernement fait de l'alternance une priorité pour insérer les jeunes sur le marché du travail. Une révision de son système de financement, jugé trop coûteux, perturbe la rentrée.

Depuis la réélection d'Emmanuel Macron, en avril, le gouvernement multiplie les déclarations pour rappeler combien l'apprentissage demeure une des priorités. À commencer par Elisabeth Borne, qui, le 24 juin, lors d'un déplacement en Seine-et-Marne, a rappelé que, « pour

atteindre les objectifs d'une insertion des jeunes plus facile dans l'emploi et le plein-emploi, l'apprentissage est une clé ». Une nouvelle enveloppe de 750 millions d'euros a été votée dans le budget 2022 rectificatif, avec l'ambition d'atteindre les 800 000 contrats signés en fin d'année, puis le

million par an en fin de quinquennat. Le développement rapide de l'apprentissage a un coût jugé excessif (11,3 milliards d'euros en 2021) par la Cour des comptes, qui critique également son mauvais ciblage. Le gouvernement va donc imposer, conformément à un accord de 2018, des économies

aux centres de formation dès le 1^{er} septembre. Dans un entretien au *Figaro*, Carole Grandjean, ministre déléguée chargée de l'Enseignement et de la Formation professionnels, affirme vouloir « rapprocher progressivement le niveau de la subvention du juste prix de la formation ».

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FRANCK OUDOUX

Ultra-trail : ces sportifs qui repoussent leurs limites à l'extrême

La science s'intéresse aux épreuves d'endurance, comme l'Ultra-Trail du Mont-Blanc (dont le départ de la 19^e édition sera donné le 26 août), afin de déterminer jusqu'où le corps et l'esprit peuvent aller. Au-delà d'un certain seuil, la médecine évoque une addiction à l'activité physique, la bigorexie, qui présente de nombreux risques pour la santé. **PAGES 2 ET 3**

Moscou sous pression après les attaques subies en Crimée

Deux séries d'explosions à une semaine d'intervalle, à Saki et à Djankoi, en Crimée, loin du front ukrainien, ont fait l'effet d'un camouflet au Kremlin. Ces frappes seraient imputables aux forces spéciales de Kiev plutôt qu'aux missiles livrés par les Occidentaux. Mais elles montrent les fragilités de la Russie et la détermination de l'Ukraine à récupérer ses territoires perdus. **PAGES 6 ET 7**

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Le goût du travail

Loin d'avoir tout réussi sur le front économique, notamment du côté des finances publiques, Emmanuel Macron peut au moins se targuer de résultats tangibles sur l'emploi. Tombé à 7,4 %, le taux de chômage en France demeure certes supérieur à la moyenne européenne, mais on ne l'avait pas vu si bas depuis près de quarante ans. Cette amélioration, dira-t-on, doit beaucoup aux milliards dépensés durant la crise sanitaire et à ceux consacrés aux aides à l'embauche. Pour être tout à fait juste, elle est aussi la récompense des difficiles réformes du marché du travail, de la formation professionnelle et de l'assurance-chômage. Toutes ont contribué à lever les préventions des entreprises pour recruter et à ramener les chômeurs vers l'emploi. Parmi tous les dispositifs, le coup de fouet donné à l'apprentissage est à juste titre unanimement salué. Autrefois parent pauvre du parcours d'insertion dans le monde du travail, il s'est enfin débarrassé de sa mauvaise réputation de voie de garage. Les entreprises le plébiscitent et les jeunes s'en servent de tremplin pour trouver un emploi. Sans doute le système, fort coûteux et insuffisamment dirigé vers les filières et les publics qui en ont

le plus besoin, est-il perfectible. Des ajustements interviendront d'ailleurs prochainement. Mais l'essentiel est que l'effort soit maintenu, comme le promet le gouvernement, qui vise 1 million d'apprentis à l'horizon 2027. Car l'apprentissage présente, entre

L'apprentissage réconcilie les jeunes et le monde du travail

autres vertus, celle, éminente, de réconcilier les jeunes et le monde du travail. C'est pour eux l'occasion d'exercer un métier en se familiarisant avec l'univers de l'entreprise. Beaucoup accèdent à l'autonomie de cette manière, en décrochant leur premier emploi. Dans une France où l'on aime caricaturer l'univers de l'entreprise en un enfer, où le travail est assimilé à une souffrance au lieu d'être considéré comme un moyen d'émancipation et d'épanouissement, cela n'a pas de prix. Quitte à dépenser un « pognon de dingue » pour lutter contre le chômage, investir en ouvrant la porte de la vie professionnelle à la jeunesse vaut infiniment mieux que de lui verser des allocations. ■

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Cost of living crisis 'to trap 45 million in fuel poverty'

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Study predicts widescale
UK turmoil as inflation
soars to 40-year high

Pippa Crerar
Political editor

Two-thirds of all UK households will be trapped in fuel poverty by January as planned government support leaves even middle-income homes struggling to pay their bills, according to new research.

It shows 18 million families, the equivalent of 45 million people, will be left trying to make ends meet after further predicted rises in the energy price cap in October and January.

Some 86.4% of pensioner couples are expected to fall into fuel poverty, traditionally defined as when energy costs exceed 10% of a household's net income, and 90.4% of lone parents with two or more children.

The new study by the University of York also shows huge regional variation in the cost of living crisis, with 57.9% of households in the south-east predicted to be struggling with energy bills by January, compared

with 70.9% of families in the West Midlands and 76.3% in Northern Ireland.

The figures come after inflation soared to a 40-year high of 10.1% - heaping more pain on households as the cost of food, energy and fuel all increased.

The Bank of England faced criticism for being too slow to respond to the growing crisis. The Asda chairman, Lord Rose, accused it of being "very, very slow in recognising this train coming down the tunnel".

The Conservative peer also criticised the government, which will fund a £400 universal energy grant in October as well as further support targeted at the poorest families, for a "horrifying" lack of action over inflation. "It's going to be painful for everybody," he told BBC radio.

The Institute for Fiscal Studies also warned that "permanent tax cuts" promised by the Tory leadership candidates, Liz Truss and Rishi Sunak, could exacerbate pressures on the public purse. It suggested short-term government borrowing to support struggling households may be a necessary step for the next prime minister.

The warning that 65.8% of all UK households will be in fuel poverty by January follows revised forecasts from the consultancy Cornwall Insight last week that annual energy bills could top £4,200 from January. Just a week earlier they had predicted the energy price cap was on track to rise to £3,615.

The consumer champion Martin Lewis described the latest forecast as "tragic news" and urged the "zombie government" to come up with an immediate action plan to help households.

Labour announced plans earlier this week for the energy price cap to be frozen at

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figures show the full
scale of the national
emergency that could
unfold unless the
government acts'**

Ed Miliband
Labour MP

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Exclusive interview

**I don't see justice
in this war, I don't
see truth here**

**Former Russian paratrooper
who was on Ukraine frontline
exposes rot at core of the invasion**

Andrew Roth Moscow
Pjotr Sauer

Pavel Filatyev knew the consequences of what he was saying. The ex-paratrooper understood that he was risking prison, that he would be called a

traitor and shunned by his former comrades-in-arms. His mother had urged him to flee Russia while he still could. He said it anyway.

"I don't see justice in this war. I don't see truth here," he said over a tucked-away cafe table in Moscow's financial district. It was his first time sitting down in person with a

▲ Pavel Filatyev has published a memoir on social media giving a blow-by-blow account of his unit's misadventures in Ukraine

journalist since returning from the war in Ukraine.

"I am not afraid to fight in war," he said. "But I need to feel justice, to understand that what I'm doing is right. And I believe that this is all failing: not only because the government has stolen everything, but because

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Soaring inflation rises above 10% for first time in 40 years

UK pace outstrips G7 and most of Europe • Peak forecast at 13% • BoE set to raise rates

CHRIS GILES — ECONOMICS EDITOR

The UK's inflation rate, the highest among G7 nations, entered double-digit territory in July for the first time in more than 40 years on the back of soaring global food and energy costs.

Consumer prices were 10.1 per cent higher than a year earlier, rising from the June rate of 9.4 per cent and exceeding expectations that inflation would remain in the single digits.

With price rises forecast to peak at more than 13 per cent this year, the toll on living standards is likely to push the economy into recession.

The Bank of England is now expected to impose another 0.5 percentage point increase in interest rates next month.

For Liz Truss and Rishi Sunak, who are in a face-off to be the next prime minister within three weeks, the victor's economic inheritance will resemble the 1970s era, when Britain was regarded as the "sick man of Europe".

Fitch, the rating agency, said yesterday that "a challenging mix of high inflation and slowing economic growth in the UK will constrain policy options for the next prime minister".

Nadhim Zahawi, the recently installed chancellor, said: "I understand that times are tough, and people are worried about increases in prices that countries around the world are facing."

Economists described the rise in inflation — the UK's highest since February 1982 — as bleak.

"Silver linings to this report are few and far between," said Sandra Horsfield of Investec. "The Bank of England will feel the pressure for further monetary tightening to combat higher prices."

Grant Fitzner, chief economist at the Office for National Statistics, said a "wide range of price rises drove inflation up again this month".

Bread, dairy products, meat and vegetables contributed the most to the increase in inflation. With chaos at airports and restricted supply of flights,



Price pain: food inflation reached 12.7% in July, hitting the poorest hardest

the price of package holidays also rose much faster this year than in 2021.

Food price inflation hit 12.7 per cent in July, the highest rate in the category for more than 20 years. The core rate of CPI inflation, excluding energy and food prices, also exceeded expectations in July, hitting 6.2 per cent, ahead of economists' expectations of 5.8 per cent.

Only in 12 per cent of the categories that make up the UK index were prices rising at an annual rate below the

'Silver linings to this report are few and far between'

Sandra Horsfield, economist

Bank of England's 2 per cent target.

While all advanced economies have seen a rise in inflation, it has been stronger in the UK than in other G7 countries and most European nations. That reflects the country's greater use of gas, the underlying strong growth in spending last year and a decline in the employment rate caused by Brexit-related trade frictions.

Unlike the US and Canada, where the inflation rate softened slightly in July, price pressures intensified for most goods and services in the UK.

However, the Federal Reserve is still in the midst of raising rates to calm inflation. In Fed minutes released yesterday, officials discussed the need to keep interest rates at levels that restrict the economy "for some time" to ensure

they can contain soaring inflation.

UK inflation is expected to moderate in the next two months as cheaper petrol prices in August feed into the calculations, but the gap with other G7 countries is likely to widen in October when higher energy prices are fed into household bills. That will further lower living standards among poorer households, leading to a likely recession that the BoE expects to last more than a year.

Short-term UK borrowing costs yesterday soared to their highest since 2008 as investors priced in a rate rise next month. Two-year gilt yields rose 0.3 percentage points to 2.45 per cent.

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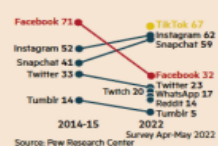
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The US teens (13-17) saying they use the siteapp (C)



Changes in the US social media landscape are apparent in the latest Pew survey of teenagers' usage of sites and apps. YouTube and TikTok are most popular, with shifts away from Facebook and towards Instagram and Snapchat



Garland rides political storm over Trump probes

US attorney-general Merrick Garland has become a lightning rod for criticism from the Republican right over his decision to authorise the raid on Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home in pursuit of top secret documents allegedly taken from the White House. However, Garland says his mission is to "retain the trust of the American people" as he navigates a political storm over multiple investigations into the former president.

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Japan's latest advice on alcohol to its younger generation: please drink more

LEO LEWIS AND KANA INAGAKI — TOKYO

While most countries would welcome sobriety among their youth, Japan has veered in the opposite direction: with a campaign encouraging them to drink more alcohol.

The east-Asian nation's tax agency is requesting ideas on how to tempt younger citizens to pick up a tipples as the finance ministry frets over the fiscal implications of generational change.

The unorthodox government-backed "Sake Viva!" contest is calling on people aged between 20 and 39 to help devise business ideas to revitalise an industry hit by demographic changes, the pandemic and diminishing interest.

The planned intervention follows the failure of Japan's drinks industry, despite its marketing powers, to stem a long-term slide in Japanese alcohol con-

sumption that began well over a decade before the pandemic.

Taxes on alcohol products accounted for 3 per cent of the government's tax revenue in 2011 but had fallen to 2 per cent by 2020, according to the tax agency. Japan's government runs a chronic budget deficit and has total debts equivalent to more than twice the nation's gross domestic product.

A fall in the volume of alcohol consumed in Japan was inevitable once the indigenous population began to shrink over a decade ago and the proportion of citizens aged over 65 rose to more than a quarter of the country eight years ago.

According to the tax agency, Japan's average annual intake of booze per adult has dropped from 100 litres per year in 1995 to 75 litres by 2020.

The World Health Organization in 2018 put Japan's annual per capita

drinking rate — expressed in terms of pure alcohol — at 8 litres a year, more than China's 7.2 litres but less than the UK's 11.4.

Younger Japanese people, in common with many others of their generation elsewhere in the world, drink less heavily than their forebears and increasingly do not drink at all.

"Sake Viva!" aims to draw out ideas that acknowledge fundamental shifts in lifestyle — not just those caused by the pandemic but also longer-term factors weighing on Japan's drinking habits.

Organisers hope that entrants will come up with "new products and designs", as well as plans to encourage drinking at home.

Japan's health ministry said it had not co-operated with the tax agency on its contest but was in close regular contact with it over alcohol and health issues.

World Markets

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	Aug 17	Prev	%Chg		Aug 17	Prev	%Chg		Aug 17	Prev	%Chg (bp)
S&P 500	4296.39	4305.20	-1.13	\$/£	1.018	1.018	0.0	US 2 yr	3.35	3.23	0.12
Nikkei Composite	12677.56	12712.55	-1.71	\$/€	1.254	1.259	-0.4	US 10 yr	2.91	2.84	0.06
Dow Jones Ind	33859.18	34152.01	-0.86	£/€	0.844	0.842	0.2	US 30 yr	3.16	3.13	0.03
Euro Stoxx 50	1726.55	1740.57	-0.82	\$/¥	135.465	134.385	0.8	UK 2 yr	2.51	2.26	0.25
FTSE 100	3755.96	3805.22	-1.29	€/¥	163.154	162.525	0.4	UK 10 yr	2.29	2.12	0.16
FTSE MIB	7515.75	7526.06	-0.27	\$/¥	0.969	0.968	0.1	UK 30 yr	2.62	2.51	0.11
FTSE AEX	4148.49	4166.38	-0.43	\$/¥	1.148	1.150	-0.2	JPN 2 yr	0.09	0.10	-0.01
CAC 40	6529.32	6562.58	-0.50	\$/¥	1.148	1.150	-0.2	JPN 10 yr	0.18	0.17	0.02
Xetra Dax	13626.71	13701.12	-0.54	\$/¥	1.148	1.150	-0.2	JPN 30 yr	1.06	1.07	-0.01
Nikkei	12677.56	12712.55	-1.71	\$/¥	1.148	1.150	-0.2	GER 2 yr	0.72	0.57	0.15
Hong Kong	19622.45	19630.52	-0.41	\$/¥	1.148	1.150	-0.2	GER 10 yr	1.08	0.97	0.11
MSCI World	2944.42	2942.48	0.07	\$/¥	1.148	1.150	-0.2	GER 30 yr	1.29	1.23	0.06
MSCI EM	1014.22	1015.00	-0.08	\$/¥	1.148	1.150	-0.2				
MSCI ACWI	659.44	659.09	0.05	\$/¥	1.148	1.150	-0.2				
FT Wilshire 2500	5618.88	5608.20	0.19	\$/¥	1.148	1.150	-0.2				
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