

What's News

Business & Finance

Central bankers worry that the recent surge in inflation may represent not a temporary phenomenon but a transition to a new, lasting reality with attendant challenges for policy makers. **A1**

◆ **Twitter's legal battle** with Musk has gotten more complicated after a whistleblower complaint by the social-media platform's former head of security. **B1, B2**

◆ **Amazon.com is closing** its Amazon Care service as the company looks to retool its healthcare offerings following the purchase of a line of primary-care clinics. **B1**

◆ **China unveiled** tens of billions of dollars of economic support for its power and agricultural industries, which have been grappling with a heat wave and drought. **A7**

◆ **Investors' appetite** for junk bonds is cooling ahead of a critical stretch for economic data and Fed policy, stalling a summer rally in the debt. **B1**

◆ **Emerging markets** are burning through foreign currency reserves at the fastest rate since 2008, raising the risk of a wave of defaults. **B1**

◆ **U.S. stocks edged higher**, with the S&P 500, Nasdaq and Dow gaining 0.3%, 0.4% and 0.2%, respectively. **B11**

◆ **GameStop plans** to reward thousands of employees with stock and pay raises, returning focus to its bricks-and-mortar business as it looks to become profitable. **B1**

◆ **Bed Bath & Beyond** and asset manager Sixth Street were nearing final terms for a loan of close to \$400 million to shore up the retailer's liquidity. **B3**

World-Wide

◆ **Biden plans** to forgive as much as \$20,000 in federal student loan debt for tens of millions of Americans, a move that would provide unprecedented relief for borrowers while also drawing legal challenges and political pushback. **A1, A4**

◆ **Russian missiles** hit a train station and house in eastern Ukraine and killed at least 22 people, Zelensky said, as the U.S. pledged a further \$3 billion to support the Ukrainian military in the months ahead. **A1**

◆ **A federal judge blocked** Idaho from enforcing its near-total abortion ban in certain emergency situations, an early victory for the Justice Department in a case it filed this month. **A3**

◆ **The Uvalde, Texas, school** board fired district Police Chief Pete Arredondo, who oversaw the response to the deadly mass shooting at Robb Elementary School. **A3**

◆ **The Justice Department** made public a 2019 legal memo recommending that Trump not be prosecuted for obstruction of justice in connection with Mueller's Russia investigation. **A5**

◆ **Facebook parent Meta** and Twitter have removed accounts that pushed pro-Western content to audiences in the Middle East and Russian-speaking Central Asia, according to a report. **A6**

◆ **The Biden administration** said it would transform the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program into a federal regulation to strengthen it against legal challenges. **A3**

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A family viewed charred Russian armored vehicles in Kyiv on Wednesday as Ukraine marked its 31st Independence Day. The U.S. pledged \$3 billion in new military aid, as a train station in the east sustained the deadliest attack on civilians in weeks.

Attack Kills Ukraine Civilians, U.S. Pledges \$3 Billion in Aid

KYIV, Ukraine—Russian missiles hit a train station and house in eastern Ukraine and killed at least 22 people, President

By James Marston, Isabel Coles and Nancy A. Youssef

Volodymyr Zelensky said, as the U.S. pledged a further \$3 billion to support the Ukrainian military in the months ahead.

The strike in the small town of Chaplyne was the deadliest to hit civilians in weeks and came as Ukraine marked its 31st Independence Day in

mutated defiance.

In the afternoon, Russian missiles hit a house in the town, killing an 11-year-old boy, Ukrainian officials said. Missiles later struck the train station, setting five passenger train cars alight, killing 21 people and injuring 22, officials said.

Russia, which didn't comment on the strike, has said it doesn't target civilians, even as Russian missiles have hit cities far from the front lines.

Earlier, in a prerecorded video delivered to mark Independence Day, Mr. Zelensky said Ukraine would liberate all

of its lands from Russian occupation. He said the country had been reborn and is fighting valiantly for a future independent from Moscow, its longtime overlord.

The president's address channeled the pain of the loss of thousands of soldiers and civilians in the war, but also fresh optimism that Ukrainian forces have retaken the initiative. Wednesday also marked the six-month anniversary of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

"What is the end of the war for us? We used to say: peace. Now we say: victory," Mr. Zel-

ensky said. He stood amid charred Russian armored vehicles on Kyiv's main boulevard, where in previous years parades involving the military have celebrated Ukraine's declaration of independence from the crumbling Soviet Union in 1991.

Mr. Zelensky's address came as the White House unveiled its biggest weapons-assistance package from the U.S. to the country yet.

The \$3 billion more in security aid to Ukraine will include air-defense systems, artillery systems and munitions, coun-

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Laid-Off Employees Quickly Find New Jobs

By SARAH CHANEY CAMBON

When Suki Lanh was laid off from a fintech insurance startup in early July, she worried it could take months to find a new job.

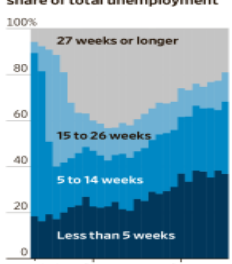
"I was definitely nervous seeing the amount of startups that were laying off folks," the 30-year-old said. "I just thought generally it was going to be really difficult to get another job for a while."

Ms. Lanh posted a video about her job loss on LinkedIn two days after she was let go amid broader cuts at a New York City-based startup. Recruiter messages started flooding in.

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◆ **GameStop boosts pay**, refocuses on stores. **B1**

Unemployment by duration, share of total unemployment



Note: Seasonally adjusted. Source: Labor Department

The Slow Death of the Traditional Business Card

In its place are QR codes, jewelry with your business details or implanted chips

By ALEX HARRING AND EMILY GLAZER

Derek Peterson's business card is, truly, always in his hand.

The technology chief at Boingo Wireless Inc. had a chip inserted, between his left thumb and index finger, that carries his contact information. New acquaintances can use their phones to download the details.

The rub: His attempts to transmit often draw looks of confusion, then disbelief, then gawking. He finds some phones need an app downloaded before his chip, which

uses near-field communication technology, can be scanned. And some phones' NFC readers aren't mighty enough to detect the chip unless placed directly on top of his hand.

"I was some kind of cyborg," he said of one recent interaction, which led to a crowd taking photos. "It's kind of funny."

Traditional business cards—dropping off for years—might finally be folding given the Covid-19 pandemic.

as many professionals worked from home, switched jobs and attended conferences and meetings virtually. Even now, with in-person schmoozing on



Call me maybe

Central Bankers Worry Inflation Pressures Will Stick

Outlook dims for return to era when rates, price growth were low

By NICK TIMIRAOIS

Central bankers worry that the recent surge in inflation may represent not a temporary phenomenon but a transition to a new, lasting reality.

To counter the impact of a decline in global commerce and persistent shortages of labor, commodities and energy, central bankers might lift interest rates higher and for longer than in recent decades—which could result in weaker economic growth, higher unemployment and more frequent recessions.

The Federal Reserve's current round of interest-rate increases, which economists say have pushed the U.S. to the brink of a recession, could be a taste of this new environment.

"The global economy is undergoing a series of major transitions," said Mark Carney, for-

mer Bank of Canada and Bank of England governor, in a speech at an economics conference in March. "The long era of low inflation, suppressed volatility and easy financial conditions is ending."

This new era would mark an abrupt about-face after a decade in which central bankers worried more about the prospects of anemic economic growth and too-low inflation, and used monetary policy to spur expansions. It also would be a reversal for investors accustomed to low interest rates.

The challenges for policy makers will take center stage from Thursday to Saturday when they gather for the Kansas City Fed's annual retreat in Jackson Hole, Wyo., being held in person for the first time since 2019.

The Fed could still succeed at curbing infla-

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SPORTS

PGA Tour launches major overhauls, including a boost in prize money. **A12**



BUSINESS & FINANCE Twitter whistleblower is famed ex-hacker and system security sleuth. **B2**

Leisure-Time Spending Feels Pinch in China

By ERICH SCHWARTZEL AND ANNE STEELE

U.S. entertainment and leisure industries are facing an unsettling reality: China's wallet is getting harder to access.

Hollywood studio executives charged with projecting global box-office revenues are putting \$0 in the China column. Baccarat tables in Macau sit empty. Singers skip Shanghai concert halls on tour.

The movie, concert and casino businesses, which have resumed activity in much of the world after Covid-19 shutdowns, are among the hardest-hit by the continued limited access to China's middle class. Companies that once saw China as a vital growth market stand to lose out on billions of dollars in \$100 concert tickets, \$12 matinee stubs and \$5 bets.

The factors in China putting pressure on the U.S.'s pastime

industries range from repetitive Covid lockdowns to censorship and political headwinds, all slowing the chance to capture leisure time of China's 1.4 billion citizens. For the past several months, Beijing's "zero Covid" policy, which its government said is necessary to save lives, has kept millions of Chinese residents inside their homes for weeks at a time.

"The Chinese consumer is nervous, and so discretionary spending is down," said Craig Allen, president of the U.S.-China Business Council. "A lot of it has to do with sentiment, and sentiment is not good."

For Hollywood studios, hundreds of millions of dollars in box-office receipts have dried up. In 2019, seven Hollywood

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◆ **Beijing unveils aid** for power, agricultural industries. **A7**

Amazon check-up

Cracking healthcare will take more than ambition — BROOKE MASTERS, PAGE 17

Shoot for the moon

Nasa's new rocket will quickly be replaced by cheaper systems — PAGE 3



It's all about money

Big Tech's real mission isn't about being good at all — JEMIMA KELLY, PAGE 16

Kyiv calls for neutral observers to protect crucial nuclear plant

◆ Plea for permanent presence ◆ Ukraine celebrates independence ◆ War hits six-month mark

ALICE HANCOCK — BRUSSELS

Ukraine has called for nuclear and military experts to be permanently based at its Zaporizhzhia power plant to protect "the security of Europe", as fears grow over the risk of nuclear disaster at the Russian-occupied site.

Ukrainian energy minister German Galushchenko told the Financial Times he was hopeful nuclear experts from the International Atomic Energy Agency and UN officials, as well as military personnel "from any country [but] not Russians", could secure the plant at the beginning of next month.

His comments were made as Ukraine marked its 31st year of independence from Soviet rule, on the day Moscow's invasion hit the six-month mark.

"If there were international experts inside the grid that would make obstacles for [the Russians] to shell or to do crazy things, to put in any military vehicles and to bring additional soldiers," Galushchenko said. A permanent base of international officials was "a question about the security of Europe", he added.

Calls for an international mission to examine the Zaporizhzhia site have met resistance from Kyiv and Moscow as it would require a ceasefire around the plant and agreement on who would host the group. Ukraine argued that a delegation would legitimise Russia's presence.

But Galushchenko said Kyiv's position had changed after explosions near the plant this month caused the shutdown of the electrical power transformer and damaged radiation detectors on the site.

President Volodymyr Zelenskyy yesterday vowed that Ukraine would fight Russia's invasion "until the end". Speaking in a video address from Kyiv's Independence Square, Zelenskyy said Ukraine had been "born again" by its resistance to Putin's forces.

"After six months of the attempts to destroy us, we are the free people of independent Ukraine," he said. He pledged that Ukraine's military would



Two boys carry a flag at an Independence Day ceremony in Lviv yesterday
Jeff J. Mitchell/Getty Images

regain Russian-occupied regions in the far east and south, including the Crimean peninsula annexed in 2014.

UK prime minister Boris Johnson, on a visit to Kyiv, said the west was suffering less than the Ukrainians. "We also know that if we're paying in our energy

bills for the evils of Vladimir Putin, the people of Ukraine are paying in their blood. And that's why we know we must stay the course," he said.

The US will send nearly \$3bn in weapons and kit to Ukraine in the largest single tranche of security assistance given by Washington since the beginning of the war. US president Joe Biden said the package would include air defence systems, artillery and munitions, anti-drone systems and radar — all intended to ensure Ukraine "can continue to defend itself over the long term".

Biden said the US was "committed to supporting the people of Ukraine as they continue the fight to defend their

sovereignty". The weapons will be procured from the US defence industry and from other countries, rather than drawn from existing US weapons stocks, but are expected to take several months to arrive on the battlefield.

This package is designed to meet Ukrainian forces' longer-term needs and to signal Washington's determination to support Kyiv. But it is unlikely to satisfy officials' pleas for offensive weapons, which they say are needed to fight Russian forces in south Ukraine.

As the war hit the six-month mark, the UN said there had been more than 13,000 civilian deaths or injuries.

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Briefing

◆ Draghi reform plea to election hopefuls

The outgoing Italian premier has urged competing parties to uphold reform pledges after the rightwing bloc in the lead unveiled costly plans and hinted at renegotiating the EU's Covid recovery plan. — PAGE 2

◆ Biden to cancel students' \$10,000 debt

The US president was last night due to unveil the cancellation of \$10,000 worth of debt for borrowers earning less than \$125,000, a move that will please progressives but could raise inflation. — PAGE 4

◆ BlackRock faces Texas divestment

The US state has declared that the investment manager and nine listed European financial groups "boycott energy companies", subjecting their shares to divestment by state pension funds. — PAGE 8

◆ Court orders Thai premier's suspension

Prayuth Chan-ocha, who took power in a coup but has styled himself as civilian premier, has been suspended after a petition from the opposition said he had exceeded his term. — PAGE 4

◆ Schneider weighs takeover of Aveva

The French conglomerate has said it is looking into buying the 40 per cent of the software developer that it does not already own, sending shares in the London-listed group soaring. — PAGE 4; LEX, PAGE 18

◆ Noble fined \$9mn after 4-year probe

Singapore has fined the commodities business over "misleading information" in financial statements. Critics Iceberg Research labelled the penalty: "A minor fine for a major [scandal]". — PAGE 8

◆ Richemont takes €2.7bn ecommerce hit

The Swiss luxury group has taken a big writedown after selling a majority stake in unprofitable Yoox Net-A-Porter to Farfetch and an Emirati investor. Richemont rose 5 per cent. — PAGE 6; LEX, PAGE 18

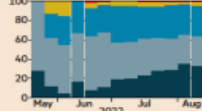
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Monkeypox toll

Share of cases reported by ethnicity of patient (CQ)

■ Black or African American ■ White ■ Hispanic or Latino ■ Asian ■ Other

Source: CDC



Out of 43,000 monkeypox cases around the world, more than 15,000 are in the US.

New data from the Centers for Disease Control show that as the outbreak has developed, it has taken a heavier toll on people of colour



Global strife raises risk of pandemics, say scientists

Geopolitics has 'got in the way' of global pandemic defences, scientists argue, putting the world at risk of new infectious disease outbreaks. They flag the faltering response to monkeypox as a sign that governments, cutting funds and failing to maintain genome surveillance, have not learnt lessons from Covid-19. A lack of co-operation with Russia stands in contrast to the Soviet Union's work with the US to eradicate smallpox during the cold war. Public health threat — PAGE 2

Another brick in the Wall Street as Blackstone eyes Pink Floyd catalogue

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US private equity group Blackstone is vying to buy Pink Floyd's back catalogue, in a major bet on music rights that could value the band's songs at almost half a billion dollars.

The buyout group would strike the deal through Hipgnosis Song Management (HSM), the company founded by Elton John's former manager Merck Mercurialis that Blackstone now owns a majority stake in, according to corporate filings.

A Pink Floyd deal would burnish Blackstone's credentials as a main player in the music rights business. The band is one of the best-selling groups of all time and its catalogue is sought after, with Sony Music, Warner Music, KKR-backed BMG and Oaktree-funded

Primary Wave also bidding, five people with knowledge of the matter said.

Blackstone set up Hipgnosis Songs Capital (HSC), a billion-dollar fund, after buying HSM last year. It has so far bought \$341mn of back catalogues from Leonard Cohen, Justin Timberlake, Nile Rodgers, Nelly Furtado and country singer Kenny Chesney.

The Pink Floyd deal could be worth more than all HSC's current holdings combined, underscoring its seriousness about the industry even as rising interest rates make such deals less attractive.

Artists such as Bruce Springsteen and Bob Dylan have sold their songbooks to music companies for hundreds of millions of dollars in recent years, while private equity firms piled into the market in search of steady returns during the long period of low interest rates.

The catalogue of the UK band spans

hits such as "Money", "Comfortably Numb" and "Another Brick in the Wall". A deal could be agreed within weeks, the people added.

Pink Floyd is selling the copyrights to its songs and recordings, or master copies, making its catalogue one of the most valuable. It is seeking £400mn or more. A weaker sterling over the past few months means the price tag of the deal has become cheaper in dollar terms for the US bidders since the process began.

The Blackstone-backed Hipgnosis fund this month issued \$221mn of asset-backed securities — bonds that use the music copyrights as collateral. That was used to refinance the debt it took on to initially fund the \$341mn of music purchases.

Blackstone and Hipgnosis declined to comment.

Additional reporting by Robert Smith

World Markets

STOCK MARKETS					CURRENCIES					GOVERNMENT BONDS				
	Aug 24	Prev	%Chg		Pair	Aug 24	Prev	Pair	Aug 24	Prev	Yield (%)	Aug 24	Prev	Chg
S&P 500	4152.83	4128.73	0.58	\$/£	0.999	0.999	0.95	1.081	1.001	3.37	3.74	0.13		
Nasdaq Composite	12490.26	12381.30	0.88	\$/¥	1.182	1.185	0.28	0.848	0.844	US 10 yr	3.11	3.05	0.11	
Dow Jones Ind	33068.52	32909.59	0.48	€/£	0.945	0.943	0.21	1.183	1.187	US 30 yr	3.29	3.22	0.07	
FTSEurofirst 300	1704.83	1701.17	0.20	¥/\$	136.785	136.250	0.39	136.656	136.066	UK 2 yr	3.06	2.82	0.24	
Euro Stoxx 50	3699.94	3692.52	0.48	\$/€	161.670	161.476	0.12	79.010	78.754	UK 10 yr	2.70	2.57	0.12	
FTSE 100	7471.51	7468.11	-0.22	\$/¥	0.985	0.981	0.41	1.141	1.141	UK 30 yr	2.93	2.88	0.05	
FTSE All-Share	4100.82	4108.39	-0.18							JPN 2 yr	-0.09	-0.09	0.00	
CAC 40	6386.76	6362.02	0.39							JPN 10 yr	0.22	0.22	0.00	
Xetra Dax	12225.09	12194.23	0.20							GER 30 yr	1.14	1.15	-0.01	
Nikkei	28313.47	28452.75	-0.49							GER 2 yr	0.84	0.84	0.00	
Hang Seng	19268.74	19503.25	-1.20							GER 10 yr	1.37	1.31	0.05	
MSCI World \$	2730.35	2738.10	-0.21							GER 30 yr	1.50	1.48	0.02	
MSCI EM \$	389.54	391.90	-0.24											
MSCI ACWI \$	634.11	635.46	-0.21											
FT Wilshire 2500	5385.57	5398.01	-0.16											
FT Wilshire 5000	42036.43	42088.38	-0.15											

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Family members of a soldier who was killed on the front line visited his grave in Lviv on Wednesday, Ukraine's Independence Day. DAVID GUTTENFELDER FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES

Under Attack, But Embracing Independence

By ANDREW E. KRAMER

KYIV, Ukraine — Under the blare of air raid sirens, Ukrainians celebrated their Independence Day with a show of defiance against Russia's invasion on Wednesday, despite the uncertain course of a war that has lasted half a year and brought horror to nearly every part of the country.

In Kyiv, mass gatherings were banned, drones flew a Ukrainian flag above the city and a concert was recorded for the holiday in a bomb shelter, reflecting fears that Russia would launch dramatic strikes on civilian centers to spoil the occasion, which commemorates Ukraine's 1991 separation from the Soviet Union.

The biggest strike came not in Kyiv but in a small town in eastern Ukraine, where a rail station was hit with a missile strike that crushed passenger cars and set them afire. At least 22 civilians were killed, and 50 were wounded, with the toll expected to rise.

"This is how we live every day," President Volodymyr Zelensky said after the attack.

But in Kyiv, Ukrainian leaders delivered speeches aimed at rallying foreign backers as much as their citizens at home and the tens of thousands of soldiers huddled in trenches and towns at the front.

In a slickly produced address, prerecorded for security reasons, Mr. Zelensky stood before a column of burned and wrecked Russian tanks on a central avenue in the capital and declared Ukraine a nation "reborn" in conflict. Ukraine, he said, has renewed

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War Reshapes Its Combatants and a Continent

This article is by Anton Troianovski, Andrew E. Kramer and Steven Erlanger.

For six months, a major land war has sown horror in Europe. It is a war in which violence and normality coexist — death and destruction at the 1,500-mile front and packed cafes in Kyiv, just a few hundred miles to the west.

It is a war fought in trenches and artillery duels, but defined in great part by the political whims of Americans and Europeans, whose willingness to endure inflation and energy shortages could shape the next stage of the conflict.

And it is a war of imagery and messaging, fought between two

Ukraine Grows Bolder, Russia Cracks Down, and West Unites

countries whose deep family ties have helped turn social media into a battlefield of its own.

No one knows how it will end. President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia, having silenced dissent, has proclaimed that "by and large, we haven't started anything yet in earnest." President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine, emboldened by a defiant populace and a mostly united West, has played down the chances of a settlement and urged

his people not to bend.

Will Western backing hold as Europe braces for the possibility of a winter with little Russian oil and gas? Will Mr. Putin, after strikes in Crimea and the killing of a nationalist commentator, escalate the war? And will Mr. Zelensky be able to sustain his nation's determination against a nuclear-armed foe?

Mr. Putin now controls about 20 percent of the country. But he appears as far as ever from bringing Ukraine back into Russia's fold — and there is little indication he is prepared to stop fighting.

Half a year after Russian forces, massed at their neighbor's border, made their move, here is how the

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DINOSAUR VALLEY STATE PARK, VIA GETTY IMAGES

In the Footsteps of a Giant

A harsh Texas drought exposed the 113-million-year-old tracks of a three-toed dinosaur. Page A10.

Bosses Are Sharing Their Feelings. Their Workers Are Cringing.

By EMMA GOLDBERG

If you had told Ryan Calbeck, in his first-ever job, that he would one day be crying to a room full of his employees, he might have simply told you — with the bluster characteristic of any corporate staffer — that you were wrong.

But somewhere in between tu-

multuous markets and shifting national conversations on mental health, Mr. Calbeck's perspective changed. In 2016, he laid off roughly 15 percent of his 45-person team at the financial technology company CircleUp, and broke down in tears. Now, he said, he shares his feelings with colleagues more openly. He also sometimes wrestles to find the

line between buttoned-up executive reticence and oversharing.

"There was a time when I went into work, and in a meeting we were going around the room saying how was your weekend, and I said, 'Oh, I got in a difficult fight with my wife,'" said Mr. Calbeck, 43, who was previously CircleUp's chief executive. "Everyone's mouth dropped. I realized I went

too far. That wasn't appropriate. That's not how to show vulnerability at work."

Chief executives have long studied how to deliver good news and bad news. They've trained themselves to pitch big ideas and shoot down middling ones. Now they have a new skill to learn: the art of being vulnerable. Emotional

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BIDEN TO FORGIVE AS MUCH AS \$20,000 IN STUDENT LOANS

Targeted Relief for Millions of Borrowers After Pressure From Progressives

This article is by Zolan Kanno-Youngs, Stacy Cowley and Jim Tankersley.

WASHINGTON — President Biden announced a plan on Wednesday to wipe out significant amounts of student loan debt for tens of millions of Americans, saying he would cancel \$10,000 in debt for those earning less than \$125,000 per year and \$20,000 for those who had received Pell grants for low-income families.

The debt forgiveness, although less than what some Democrats had been pushing for, comes after months of deliberations in the White House over fairness and fears that it could exacerbate inflation before the midterm elections.

"All of this means people can start finally to climb out from under that mountain of debt," Mr. Biden said in remarks from the White House. "To finally think about buying a home or starting a family or starting a business. And by the way, when this happens, the whole economy is better off."

Mr. Biden also announced that a pandemic-era pause on student

loan payments, which has been in effect since March 2020, would expire at the end of the year. The timing for the debt relief is uncertain; the Department of Education said it would set up an application process by the end of the year.

Across the United States, 45 million people owe \$1.6 trillion for federal loans taken out for college — more than they owe on car loans, credit cards or any consumer debt other than mortgages.

Susan Rice, the White House domestic policy adviser, said the administration had not yet determined how much the student debt relief will cost because it will depend on the number of people who apply for it. By some estimates, however, it could cost \$300 billion or more.

Mr. Biden has been agonizing over how to address the student debt issue for months, under pressure from progressive Democrats who say debt forgiveness is necessary to address racial disparities in the economy. But critics say widespread debt forgiveness is unfair to those who tightened

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WHAT'S IN THE PLAN How President Biden's student debt program will work, who will qualify for it and how soon relief may come. PAGE B1

California Plan Brings Gas Cars Closer to an End

This article is by Coral Davenport, Lisa Friedman and Brad Plumer.

California regulators on Thursday will vote to put in place a sweeping plan to restrict and ultimately ban the sale of gasoline-powered cars, state officials said, a move that the state's governor described as the beginning of the end for the internal combustion engine.

The new policy, detailed Wednesday morning in a news conference, is widely expected to accelerate the global transition toward electric vehicles. Not only is California the largest auto market in the United States, but more than a dozen other states typically follow California's lead when setting their own auto emissions standards.

If those states follow through, and most are expected to adopt similar rules, the restrictions would apply to about a third of the United States auto market.

"This is huge," said Margo Oge, an electric vehicles expert who headed the Environmental Protection Agency's transportation emissions program under Presidents Bill Clinton, George W. Bush and Barack Obama. As additional states put in place their own versions of these policies, "they will drive the market, and drive innovation," she said.

The rule, issued by the California Air Resources Board, will require that all new cars sold in the state by 2035 be free of greenhouse gas emissions like carbon dioxide. The rule also sets interim targets, requiring that 35 percent of new passenger vehicles sold by 2026 produce zero emissions. That requirement climbs to 68 percent by 2030.

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MARY ALTAFFERI/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pat Ryan won a special election in New York for the House.

Shift in Trends Lets Democrats Dare to Dream

By JONATHAN WEISMAN

Energized abortion-rights voters. Donald J. Trump back in the spotlight. Stronger-than-expected special elections, including a surprising win early Wednesday in New York.

Democratic leaders, once beaten down by the prospect of a brutal midterm election in the fall, are daring to dream that they can maintain control of Congress this November.

An unexpected victory by Pat Ryan, a Democrat, in a special House election to fill a vacancy in the Hudson Valley of New York offered Democrats solid evidence that their voters were willing to come out and that their message was resonating. It followed strong Democratic showings in other special elections, in Nebraska, Minnesota and upstate New York, since the Supreme Court repealed Roe v. Wade. Mr. Ryan placed abortion rights front and center while his Republican opponent, Marc Molinaro, sidestepped the issue to focus on the problems his

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Serenading India's Cows

Dairy scientists are testing ways to help cattle adapt to climate change by keeping them cool and reducing their stress. Flute music seems to be a hit. PAGE A4

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Uvalde School Police Chief Out

The chief, Pete Arredondo, was fired after criticism over delays in efforts to rescue students and teachers from a gunman who killed 21 in May. PAGE A12

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Unblinking Eye in Vietnam

Tim Page, a free-spirited photojournalist known for his powerful war images and vivid personality, twice cheated death in 1969. He was 78. PAGE A16

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Bryant's Widow Wins Lawsuit

A jury said Los Angeles County must pay Vanessa Bryant \$16 million for sharing photos from the crash that killed her husband, Kobe Bryant. PAGE B10

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Jamelle Bouie

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A STATE PLAN TO PHASE OUT GAS VEHICLES

Air quality officials to vote on a move away from sales of fossil-fueled cars by 2035.

By TONY BRISCOE

California air regulators are set to vote Thursday on a historic plan that would effectively require all new cars sold within the state to be zero-emission vehicles by 2035 — a ruling that would put the nation's most populous state in the forefront of phasing out internal combustion engines and the harmful, planet-warming gases they emit.

If approved, the regulations are expected to significantly reduce vehicle carbon dioxide emissions, as well as smog-forming nitrogen oxides, over the next two decades. It could also lead the way in transforming America's aging fleet of gasoline-powered automobiles.

The climate crisis is solvable if we focus on the big, bold steps necessary to stem the tide of carbon pollution," Gov. Gavin Newsom said Wednesday. "California now has a groundbreaking, world-leading plan to achieve 100% zero-emission vehicle sales by 2035. It's ambitious, it's innovative, it's the action we must take if we're serious about leaving this planet better off for future generations."

The proposed rules would establish a credit system for automakers supplying California car dealerships and take effect in 2026. In that year, 35% of all new cars an auto manufacturer sells to California dealerships would need to be either zero-emission, plug-in hybrid or hydrogen-powered vehicles. That would increase to 68% in 2030 and 100% by 2035.

If carmakers failed to meet the mandated percentage, the plan would require them to pay a penalty. [See Cars, A9]

Biden to cancel student loan debt

Up to \$20,000 will be forgiven for millions of people; critics fear inflation risks



AL SEIB Los Angeles Times

THE AMOUNT of debt to be erased is less than many activists had sought. At the same time, Republicans and some Democrats say money spent on covering the loans will increase inflation. Above, USC graduates in 2021.

'A historic day': Californians stand to reap massive benefits from relief

By TERESA WATANABE AND DEBBIE TRUONG

Sadia Khan, a recent graduate of UC Berkeley, was glued to her iPhone on Wednesday, refreshing Twitter and reading articles to gather emerging details of President Biden's landmark student loan debt forgiveness plan.

When she learned she was eligible for up to \$10,000 in loan forgiveness — enough to wipe out her entire \$6,000 federal debt — the financially struggling single mother was overcome with relief.

"We've been pinching pennies on everything," said Khan, 27, a legal studies major. "As someone who doesn't have anybody to fall back on, this would be life-changing."

Biden's plan won't go



KENT NISHIMURA Los Angeles Times

PRESIDENT BIDEN'S plan will be "transformative" for many borrowers, a student loan expert says.

A lighter burden for state's borrowers

Californians can expect to see their student debt reduced but not removed entirely. **PERSPECTIVES, A5**

nearly as far to help Maria Williams, a 29-year-old assistant director at the University of Redlands. She will qualify for up to \$20,000 in loan forgiveness because she received a federal Pell grant for low-income students when she attended Cal State San Bernardino, graduating in 2015. But that will cover less than one-third of her \$73,000 in undergraduate and graduate debt, a burden so stressful she teared up talking about it.

"It's a bittersweet feeling," she said. "It gives you a little bit of relief, but there is still a ways to go. I still don't see the finish line."

Overall, the plan announced Wednesday would massively benefit California borrowers, who by their sheer numbers hold the nation's largest share of the \$1.6 trillion in federal loan [See California, A7]

By ELI STOKOLS

WASHINGTON — President Biden moved Wednesday to cancel \$10,000 in student debt for individuals earning less than \$125,000 annually and extend a pause on loan repayments for all borrowers through the end of the year. People who received Pell Grants to help cover the cost of college will be eligible for up to \$20,000 in loan relief under Biden's plan.

Together with a newly proposed rule that would limit many borrowers' payments on their undergraduate student loans to 5% of their monthly income, the measures amount to a major restructuring of the federal educational finance system.

If the plan survives likely court challenges and are implemented in full, the reforms would eliminate millions of Americans' student debt, ease burdens on those with higher debt loads, and slash monthly payments for many future borrowers. More than 40 million Americans owe a collective \$1.6 trillion in federal student loans.

Lamenting that "an entire generation is now saddled with unsustainable [See Debt, A7]

\$10,000

Student debt that will be forgiven for borrowers who earn less than \$125,000 annually. People who received Pell Grants will be eligible for up to \$20,000 in loan relief.

\$300 billion (or more)

Estimated cost for taxpayers, according to the University of Pennsylvania's Penn Wharton Budget Model. Critics of the plan say the price tag could be \$400 billion to \$600 billion.

43 million

The number of Americans who will benefit from the loan forgiveness, according to the Biden administration.

Torrance cops stay despite racist texts

Months after the messages surfaced, most of the officers remain employed.

By JAMES QUEALLY

The day after Torrance police shot Christopher DeAndre Mitchell in 2018, his mother and his loved ones staged a protest outside the department's headquarters.

At the same time, a group of officers — including the two who had killed Mitchell — were discussing the situation via text message.

"Was going to tell you all those [N-word] family members are all pissed off in front of the station," one wrote, according to court documents recently reviewed by The Times. Court records show the officers later mused about what might happen once the identities of those who shot the 23-year-old became public.

"Gun cleaning Party at my house when they release my name?" one asked.

"Yes absolutely let's all just post in your yard with lawn chairs in a [firing] squad," another replied.

Eight months ago, a Los Angeles Times investigation revealed portions of racist and homophobic texts exchanged by at least a dozen Torrance police officers, a scandal that sparked an investigation by the California attorney general's office.

Criminal cases in which [See Torrance, A12]

War deaths on national holiday

Russia strikes a train station and other targets as Ukrainians mark Independence Day. **WORLD, A3**

Mueller inquiry memo released

Justice Department advised Trump's attorney general to not pursue obstruction charges. **NATION, A4**

Not many are hit hard by drought

Most Californians see the water shortage as a serious issue, but only a minority are affected. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Weather
Fog, then sun.
L.A. Basin: 87/67. **B6**



Bryant verdict: \$31 million

L.A. County must pay over crash scene photos



ROBERT GAUTHIER Los Angeles Times

VANESSA BRYANT leaves federal court with her daughter Natalia, second from left, after the verdict.

By ALENE TCHEKMEDEYAN

A jury Wednesday ordered Los Angeles County to pay Vanessa Bryant, widow of Lakers star Kobe Bryant, and another man a combined \$31 million in damages for the graphic photos sheriff's deputies and firefighters took at the scene of the 2020 helicopter crash that killed Bryant, his daughter Gianna and seven others.

In reaching the verdict after only a few hours of deliberations, jurors made clear they had been persuaded by Bryant and Chris Chester, who argued that illicit photos of the crash victims' bodies had violated their right to privacy and inflicted emotional harm. [See Bryant, A6]

BUSINESS INSIDE: 'Quiet quitting' is simply a new name for an old workplace reality. **A8**

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Democracy Dies in Darkness

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Celebrating 31 years of statehood Putin failed to destroy



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On the lawn of Kyiv's Maidan, a woman adds a flag with the name of someone who died during the Russian invasion, part of Independence Day commemorations in Ukraine this week. **Stories, A8 and A13**

RUSSIA'S GAMBLE

Battle for Kyiv: Valor vs. hubris

Ukrainians' profound will to fight and Kremlin's blunders combined to save the capital

BY PAUL SONNE,
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SERHIY MORGUNOV
AND KOSTIANTYN KHUDOV

KYIV, UKRAINE — A hail of shrapnel from kamikaze drones ripped through the tent where off-duty Ukrainian border guards were sleeping near a crossing with Belarus, three hours north of Ukraine's capital. Viktor Derevyanko woke to scalding pain, his body burning. Blood spilled from his hand as he tried to wipe his face. A piece of metal had traveled through his arm and stomach and into the muscle around his heart.

"I couldn't get my bearings,"



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said Derevyanko, the deputy head of the unit. "Only on the third explosion did I manage to fall out of bed and try to find at least someplace to hide, because the explosions weren't ending."

It was around 4:15 a.m. on Feb. 24.

Hours earlier, Derevyanko and the other Ukrainian guards had been joking dismissively about President Biden yet again warning of a Russian invasion. Now they were its first target.

Within minutes, Russian missiles began soaring out of their launchers. They pounded Ukrainian air defenses, radar batteries, ammunition depots, airfields

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Email shows early concerns by Archives over documents

Lawyer agreed to provide papers before Trump left office, 2021 message says

BY JOSH DAWSEY
AND JACQUELINE ALEMANY

About two dozen boxes of presidential records stored in then-President Donald Trump's White House residence were not returned to the National Archives and Records Administration in the final days of his term even after Archives officials were told by a Trump lawyer that the documents should be given back, according to an email from the top lawyer at the record-keeping

agency. "It is also our understanding that roughly two dozen boxes of original presidential records were kept in the Residence of the White House over the course of President Trump's last year in office and have not been transferred to NARA, despite a determination by Pat Cipollone in the final days of the administration that they need to be," wrote Gary Stern, the agency's chief counsel, in an email to Trump lawyers in May 2021, according to a copy reviewed by The Washington Post.

The email shows NARA officials were concerned about Trump keeping dozens of boxes of official records even before he left the White House — concerns

SEE TRUMP ON A6

BY AKILAH JOHNSON

As part of a major push by the Biden administration to address the nation's maternal health crisis, senior officials have traveled the country for the past year, talking to midwives, doulas and people who have given birth about their experiences. They've held summits at the White House.

The result: an almost 70-page plan aimed at taking the United States from being the worst place to give birth among high-income nations — especially for Black, Native American and rural women — to "the best country in the world to have a baby." But maternal health experts say it remains to be seen whether the federal initiative is enough to accom-

Initiative aims to cure nation's maternal health crisis

Obstacles are great, with mortality especially high among Black, Native and rural women



HELL O'LEARY/THE WASHINGTON POST
Megan Aldridge carries infant son Mac as Biden administration officials tour Mamato Village, a maternal-care facility in D.C.

plish the administration's goal. The obstacles are formidable, as the United States is the only high-income nation that doesn't guarantee access to provider home visits or paid parental leave in the postpartum period. The roots of the nation's maternal health crisis lie in an accumulation of life events that start long before pregnancy begins and that are centuries in the making. Experts and the administration acknowledge that addressing maternal mortality means understanding the effects imposed on expectant mothers by racism, housing policy, policing, climate change and pollution.

Experts say the blueprint, which includes extending Medicaid coverage to a full year

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TREVOR LAWRENCE BY COREY PERRINE/USA TODAY NETWORK

NFL teams that could surge – or disappoint

Jacksonville Jaguars among teams that could become surprise threats, plus a look at three other teams that could end up disappointing. **In Sports**

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ELECTIONS

Primaries tee up Fla., NY contests

It's DeSantis vs. Crist in gubernatorial race; Nadler wins House nod

Phillip M. Bailey
USA TODAY

Republican Ron DeSantis loomed over Tuesday's primary contests as Florida Democrats selected a nominee whom they hope could put an end to his White House ambitions.

Since winning the Sunshine State's top spot by less than half a percentage point in 2018, the governor has become a polarizing figure. He has become a champion for conservatives and a lightning rod for liberals on several hot-button topics.

But DeSantis isn't simply waiting to see who his November opponent will be. He is throwing his political weight around, too, endorsing and financially supporting contenders in about three-dozen down-ballot GOP primaries across the state as a way to flex his political muscle.

Outside Florida, Tuesday's primary races featured two intraparty clashes for Democrats in New York, including a joust between two powerful congressional chairs and a progressive referendum on the head of the House Democrats reelection arm.

DeSantis vs. Crist

Republican Ron DeSantis will be challenged by Democratic Rep. Charlie Crist, who easily defeated Agriculture Commissioner Nikki Fried after a testy Democratic primary.

Now Crist will pivot to the general with a message of being a unifying centrist who is thought to be the last roadblock for DeSantis before he considers running for president.

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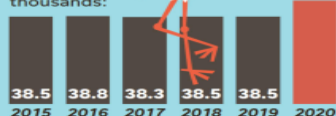
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USA TODAY SNAPSHOTS

Home birth boomed when pandemic hit

Only about 1% of U.S. babies are born at home, but the share spiked in 2020. The numbers of home births in recent years, in thousands:



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A new face has been thrust into middle of culture war in schools 'Perfect target': Librarians



Amanda Jones, a middle school librarian in Louisiana, says she was intimidated and called a "pervert" and a "sick pig" after speaking against restricting books at her local library board meeting. PROVIDED BY KATHRYN AND TRAVIS PHOTOGRAPHY

Alia Wong
USA TODAY



PROVIDED BY BECKY CALZADA

"I have not seen anything like this in my lifetime."

Becky Calzada
District library coordinator in Leander, Texas, and co-founder of a group called FReadom Fighters to defend access to books in school libraries

When Amanda Jones saw that her local library board in Livingston, Louisiana, would be discussing "book content" at a meeting in July, she knew she had to speak up. Conservative activists in the state had called for removing certain young adult nonfiction books from children's shelves, and Jones, a middle-school librarian, worried they were gaining traction in her community.

The titles in question, including "Dating and Sex: A Guide for the 21st Century Teen Boy," aim to teach young readers about topics such as reproductive health and romantic relationships, sometimes through illustrations of genitalia or people having intercourse. Most of them also include LGBTQ characters or themes.

Jones told the board she was a librarian, without naming her school, speaking about the detrimental effects of relocating books from the children who might need them the most. More than 15 other community members similarly warned against such restrictions. A much smaller number of

See **LIBRARIANS**, Page 6A

Biden cancels billions in debt

Plan forgives up to \$20,000 for millions of student loans

Chris Quintana, Joey Garrison
and Maureen Groppe
USA TODAY

President Joe Biden said Wednesday that he will cancel as much as \$20,000 in student loan debt for millions of borrowers, making good on a campaign promise and gambling that the move will energize young voters ahead of the midterm elections.

Biden, who is using his executive authority to cut student loan debt, said it has become out of reach for many Americans to go to college.

"That ticket has become too expensive for too many Americans," he said. "The burden is so heavy that even if you graduate, you might not have the ticket that graduating college once offered."

The action will forgive up to \$20,000 in student loan debt relief for people who have been low-income Pell Grant recipients and up to \$10,000 for all other borrowers with incomes less than \$125,000 and from households earning \$250,000 or less.

As many as 43 million people with student loan debt – nearly everyone

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How does Biden's student loan plan help borrowers?



If you earn less than \$125,000 annually, you're eligible to receive cancellation of up to \$10,000 in student loans.



If you received a Pell Grant, you can get up to \$20,000 forgiven.



This only applies to federal loans. No private loans will be forgiven.

Q&A: Debt forgiveness

We dig into tax issues, what it means for future borrowers and more. **8A**

OVERTURNING OF ROE V. WADE

Abortion 'trigger' bans set to take effect

Bill Keveney USA TODAY

New laws banning abortion are scheduled to take effect Thursday in three states – Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas – two months after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned the 1973 landmark Roe v. Wade ruling that established a constitutional right to abortion. Two more states, North Dakota and Idaho, could also put in place more restrictive abortion laws this week, depending on upcoming judicial rulings. See **ABORTION**, Page 5A

What is happening and why?

All but the Oklahoma legislation are the result of "trigger" laws, bills approved in the past to ban abortion that would take effect – i.e., be triggered – only if the Supreme Court overturned Roe and gave states the power to severely limit or even outlaw the procedure.

How many states have bans? Are more bans coming?

Thirteen states have trigger bans that have taken effect, are scheduled to or are being reviewed by the courts. They already have taken effect in Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri and South Dakota. Without Roe, some project as many as 26 states will restrict or ban abortion at some point short of viability.

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—cultura

María Kodama "Borges odiaba el 'Happy Birthday'; en sus cumpleaños poníamos Pink Floyd"

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ALMEYDA NO SE CALLA NADA: FÚTBOL Y SALUD MENTAL

—deportes

"¿Por qué un futbolista no puede decir que es depresivo mientras juega? No, es mejor esconderlo y mentir", cuestiona el ex-River, actual DT de AEK de Atenas.

WOS FUE GARDEL EN UNA NOCHE DE RECAMBIO GENERACIONAL

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El rapero de 24 años ganó seis premios (el Oro incluido) por *Oscuro éxtasis*; es el artista más joven en llevarse el premio mayor que entrega la industria local.

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El Presidente descartó un indulto a Cristina y se sumó al ataque contra la Justicia

TENSIÓN. Descalificó el pedido de pena del fiscal y avaló marchas en favor de la vicepresidenta

"La propia Cristina no quiere el indulto; yo creo que es una rémora de la monarquía", dijo anoche el presidente Alberto Fernández para descartar esa alternativa que, desde usinas del propio Gobierno, se había planteado ante la posible condena a la vicepresidenta por los hechos de corrupción que se le

imputan en la causa Vialidad. Fernández, que concurrió anoche al programa *A dos voces*, de TN, descalificó la actuación del fiscal Diego Luciani en ese juicio y se sumó al ataque de Cristina Kirchner contra toda la Justicia Federal, a la que le imputó arbitrariedad, falta de independencia y afán persecutorio. A la

tarde, Fernández había emitido un documento junto a los presidentes de Bolivia, México y Colombia, en el que afirman que la causa contra Cristina Kirchner "busca anularla en la vida pública, política y electoral". El Presidente avaló el llamado a marchas callejeras en defensa de la vicepresidenta. **Página 8**

"Nisman se suicidó; espero que Luciani no haga algo así"

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EL ESCENARIO

Enfurecida y dispuesta a todo

Carlos Pagni

—LA NACION—

En un célebre artículo de 2009 publicado en la revista *Brain*, los psiquiatras David Owen y Jonathan Davidson desarrollaron una pormenorizada caracterización del síndrome de *hybris* tal como apareció en presidentes de los Estados Unidos y primeros ministros del Reino Unido a lo largo del siglo XX.

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El productor Gabriel Pellizzon, en un lote afectado por la sequía en Los Sargentos, en el sudeste cordobés

RICARDO PRISTUPLUK/ENVIADO ESPECIAL

Angustia y desazón en el campo: la sequía ya se torna dramática

IMPACTO. Productores del sudeste de Córdoba calculan que solo llovió poco más de un tercio del promedio; prevén graves pérdidas en el trigo

Pilar Vazquez
ENVIADA ESPECIAL

LOS SARGENTOS, Córdoba.—Solo quedaron las huellas de la rueda de la fertilizadora de cuando, hace unos meses, Gabriel Pellizzon empezó a preparar el lote para la campaña de trigo que, finalmente por la falta de lluvias, nunca pudo sembrar. En esta región del departamento cordobés de Marcos

Juárez, parte del corazón agrícola del país, también se ven los efectos de la sequía tal como ayer contó LA NACION para el caso de Bigand, en Santa Fe: los productores redujeron en torno de un 20% la siembra del cereal y ya descuentan una pérdida de entre el 20% y el 30% en el potencial de rinde. En lo que va del año apenas cayeron 196 mm, por debajo de los 564 mm a igual fecha de 2021. **Continúa en la página 20**

Analizan recargos en Netflix y otras plataformas

STREAMING. Podrían encarecer servicios como los de Spotify y Amazon

La Secretaría de Economía del Conocimiento está analizando aplicar algún tipo de recargos sobre las facturas de servicios de streaming como Netflix, Spotify y Amazon, entre otros, para "equiparar" la competencia con distribuidoras de contenidos (cableoperadores, productoras y discográficas) que operan en el país y pagan impuestos. La medida, que no sería un impuesto, sino una percepción, habría sido reclamada por esas empresas. **Página 17**

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Jordan Peele dirige oprimidos contra discos voadores em 'Não! Não Olhe!'

Turismo C10

Pantanal recebe turistas com nova rota gastronômica em cenário de novela

Músico negro é detido após ser inocentado no RJ
Luiz Carlos Justino, 25, foi levado a delegacia depois que policiais viram mandado de prisão incorretamente pendente. Ele já fora preso e liberado em 2020. B2



Rubens Cavallari/Folhapress

5G PODE AUMENTAR DESIGUALDADE

Para especialistas, disparidade de acesso a serviços crescerá em razão de gargalos de infraestrutura, como falta de antenas; São Paulo, com 4.592, precisaria do dobro Mercado A20

Mensagens sobre falso plano contra Bolsonaro disparam

Envios citam intenção de barrar chapa, dado inventado e chamamento ao 7/9, indica levantamento Folha/Quaest

Monitoramento feito pelo Observador Folha/Quaest de 1.218 grupos públicos de WhatsApp indica um salto nos disparos sobre um falso plano contra Jair Bolsonaro (PL). Em 20 dias, a mensagem, que utiliza dados falsos e convoca para atos de rua no 7 de Setembro, foi enviada 92 mil vezes.

O teor inclui a ideia de que pessoas em Brasília buscam impugnar a chapa do presidente, uma pesquisa interna segundo a qual Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT) tem 17% dos votos ante 62% de Bolsonaro (embora levantamentos recentes indiquem vantagem de mais de 10 pontos do petista) e comunismo.

Há indício de envio coordenado. Os disparos partem de 540 números diferentes, um dos quais fez 438 envios. A Folha e a Quaest iniciam a publicação de uma série de reportagens realizadas a partir do monitoramento e rastreamento de mensagens em grupos de WhatsApp e de Telegram. Política A10

Governo corta itens de redução de IPI para blindar Zona Franca

O governo federal tirou 170 itens de decreto que reduz o Imposto sobre Produtos Industrializados (IPI) para manter a vantagem da Zona Franca de Manaus, isenta. A medida busca destravar o tema, suspenso por ações no STF. Mercado A19

TSE derruba vídeos de discurso a embaixadores
O TSE ordenou a retirada do ar de vídeos de fala golpista do presidente a embaixadores, em julho. A PGR disse ao STF ser prematuro abrir inquérito. A7



Parque Estadual Vale dos Dinossauros/APP

SECA NO TEXAS REVELA PEGADAS DE DINOSSAURO DE CERCA DE 113 MILHÕES DE ANOS EM LEITO DE RIO

Marcas ficaram expostas no parque estadual Vale dos Dinossauros, a sudoeste da cidade de Dallas, nos Estados Unidos, como consequência de forte estiagem relacionada à crise climática, segundo a gestão da área; a maioria dos rastros seria de um acroantossauro adulto com 4,5 metros de altura e 6,3 toneladas

Morto na Billings, ambientalista foi asfixiado, diz laudo

A Justiça pediu a prisão temporária de quatro jovens que estavam em um barco com Adolfo Souza Duarte, o Ferrugem, cujo corpo foi achado no último dia 6 na represa em São Paulo. Laudo da Polícia Científica apontou a causa da morte e contradição nos depoimentos. Cotidiano B4

Amazônia vê dia com mais queimadas do que 'dia do fogo'

A Amazônia teve o dia com mais queimadas para um mês de agosto desde 2017. No último dia 22, 3.358 focos de calor foram detectados pelo programa Queimadas, do Instituto Nacional de Pesquisas Espaciais. O número supera o que ficou conhecido como "dia do fogo", em 10 de agosto de 2019.

Na ocasião, produtores rurais combinaram para o mesmo período queima de pasto e de áreas em processo de desmatamento. As queimadas têm relação direta com o desmate do bioma. Derrubada a mata, espera-se que a vegetação seque para atear fogo e "limpar" a área. Ambiente B6

Sob Nunes, SP tem gasto recorde com obras emergenciais

A prefeitura empenhou até julho ao menos R\$ 760 milhões em obras emergenciais, sem licitação. O montante é recorde em série iniciada em 2011, bem acima de anos anteriores — em 2021 todo foram R\$ 224 milhões. A gestão diz ser subjetivo considerar o valor elevado. Cotidiano B1

Solange Srouf Com licença para gastar

As eleições se aproximam, e os candidatos mais bem colocados não apresentarão propostas que tragam de volta a confiança na sustentabilidade fiscal antes do fim do pleito. Há promessas de maiores gastos e o clamor por uma "inevitável flexibilização fiscal para 2023". Mercado A32

Patrimônio de Rodrigo é maior do que aponta TSE

Candidato à reeleição, o governador de São Paulo, Rodrigo Garcia (PSDB), tem patrimônio de fazendas, mansões e outros imóveis em nome de sua empresa, bem acima dos R\$ 5,7 milhões declarados à Justiça Eleitoral. A assessoria do tucano diz não haver ilegalidade. Política A16



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À la faveur d'une météo propice, les traversées explosent. Les forces de l'ordre font face à des passeurs sans scrupule, qui n'hésitent pas à transformer les enfants en boucliers humains. PAGES 2 ET 3

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face à l'envol
des prix de l'énergie

Les prix du gaz et de l'électricité, qui battent chaque jour des records, resteront extrêmement élevés en 2023. Le gouvernement prépare un nouveau dispositif pour atté-

nuer cette flambée. Les ménages seront toujours protégés, mais de façon moins importante, par l'État, qui aidera davantage les plus modestes. PAGES 22 ET 23

« Fin de l'abondance » :
Macron dramatise
la rentrée politique

En introduction du premier Conseil des ministres depuis la pause estivale, le chef de l'État a dressé un sombre constat des crises - énergétique, climati-

que, géopolitique - qui menacent la France. Il en appelle à la « mobilisation générale » pour la « sobriété », assurant que des « choix clairs et forts » devront être pris par l'exécutif. PAGE 4 ET L'ÉDITORIAL

ÉDITORIAL par Yves Thérard ythear@lefigaro.fr

De l'insouciance à l'inquiétude

Quel spectaculaire changement de pied ! Dans ses vœux à la nation, le 31 décembre dernier, Emmanuel Macron affirmait qu'il était « résolument optimiste pour l'année qui vient » et celles qui suivent. Huit mois plus tard, avec des accents churchilliens, il peint subitement l'avenir en noir. La semaine dernière, s'exprimant sur la guerre en Ukraine, il a appelé les Français à accepter de « payer le prix » de leur liberté et de leurs valeurs. Pour enfoncer le clou, dans un registre aussi sombre, il a décrété, ce mercredi, devant son gouvernement, la « fin de l'abondance et de l'insouciance » face au dérèglement climatique. Nous vivons, selon lui, « une grande bascule ».

Ce brutal pessimisme présidentiel peut évidemment s'expliquer. Climatisme, énergétique, économique, géopolitique, les crises s'accroissent. Nous traversons une époque de crise sans fin. Et le chef de l'État sait pertinemment que les effets de ce cocktail explosif peuvent produire une violente instabilité sociale. En faisant de la prévention, en préparant les esprits à des temps difficiles, pense-t-il pouvoir l'éviter ? En reconnaissant l'inquiétant état des lieux national et

planétaire, sans céder à la « tentation de la démagogie », croit-il pouvoir s'exonérer de toutes ses responsabilités ?

Le problème est qu'un constat ne fait pas une politique. Le constat, personne n'a besoin de l'emphase élyséenne pour le dresser, pour en prendre conscience. Il saute aux yeux : les temps sont durs et le futur est incertain. Ce qui est attendu d'Emmanuel Macron, ce ne sont pas quelques généralités sur

Un constat
ne fait pas
une politique

« les choses », comme il dit, ni d'opposer dans une curieuse confusion le « sérieux » qu'il exige de ses ministres à « la montée des régimes illibéraux » ! Non, ce sont des décisions concrètes et de long terme qui sont nécessaires pour répondre à la fois au défi « de la fin du mois et de la fin du monde ». Résoudre cette dernière équation n'est certes pas simple, mais il ne faudrait pas que le président prenne prétexte de cette difficulté pour repousser aux calendes grecques les réformes qui s'imposent à la France. Sur ce terrain, l'insouciance supposée le céderait à une réelle inquiétude. ■

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Warning of catastrophe at Ukraine nuclear plant

Levelling up 'is failing as education gap widens'

Matthew Weaver

This year's GCSE results for England and Wales are expected to confirm a widening north-south education gap, prompting a warning that the government will miss one of its key levelling-up targets if it continues to fail pupils in the north of England.

A coalition of school leaders, charities and the Northern Powerhouse Partnership has written to the Conservative leadership candidates urging them to commit to fixing the growing regional disparities.

They predicted today's results would show 24.4% of pupils in the north-east of England achieving GCSE grade seven or above, compared with 37.8% in London. The forecast followed "stark" regional disparities that were exposed in A-level results last week, with the top grades falling faster in the north-east than the south-east.

The letter warned Rishi Sunak and Liz Truss that the government's levelling-up target of increasing exam standards in the worst-performing areas by a third by 2030 would not happen unless "place-based challenges, such as

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Exclusive Russian plan for giant atomic site puts cooling system at risk

Emma Graham-Harrison
Kyiv

A detailed plan has been drawn up by Russia to disconnect Europe's largest nuclear plant from Ukraine's power grid, risking a catastrophic failure of its cooling systems, the Guardian has been told.

World leaders have called for the Zaporizhzhia site to be demilitarised after footage emerged of Russian army vehicles inside the plant. They have previously warned Russia against cutting it off from the Ukrainian grid and connecting it to the Russian power network.

But Petro Kotin, the head of Ukraine's atomic energy agency, Energoatom, told the Guardian that Russian engineers had drawn up a blueprint for a switch on the grounds of emergency planning should fighting sever existing power connections.

"They presented [the plan] to [workers at] the plant, and the plant [workers] presented it to us. The precondition for this plan was heavy damage of all lines which connect Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant to the Ukrainian system," Kotin said in an interview on Ukraine's independence day yesterday, with the country mostly locked down because of the threat of Russian attacks.

He fears that Russia's military is now targeting those connections to make the emergency scenario a reality. Both Ukraine and Russia have accused each other of shelling the site. "They just started doing that,

▲ Boris Johnson with Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Kyiv as Ukraine celebrated its independence day

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they starting all the shelling, just to take out these lines," Kotin said.

Other threats to nuclear security at the plant include vehicles packed so tightly into turbine halls that fire-fighters' access would be restricted

if a fire broke out, and a campaign of terror against workers who opted to stay at the frontline plant. One has been beaten to death, another so severely injured he needed three months to recover, and more than 200 have been detained, Kotin said.

The plant's electricity connections are already in a critical condition, he added, with three of the four main lines connecting it to Ukraine's grid broken during the war, and two of the three backup lines connecting it to a conventional power plant also down.

The Russian plan for total disconnection would raise the risk of a catastrophic failure by leaving it dependent on a single source of electricity to cool the reactors. "You cannot just switch from one system to another immediately. You have to ... shut down everything on one side, then you start to switch on another side," Kotin said.

'This situation is very dangerous not only for the plant, for Ukraine, but also for the whole world'

Petro Kotin
Energoatom head

Conservative 'agent' at heart of BBC, says Maitlis

Former Newsnight presenter uses speech to claim Theresa May's one-time director of communications is shaping news output at the broadcaster.

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