

What's News

Business & Finance

Investors are stepping up bets on a market downturn, a sign that analysts said could presage a return to the volatile trading of the first half of 2022. Net short positions against S&P 500 futures have reached levels not seen in two years. **A1**

◆ **Wall Street** is attempting to derail SEC Chairman Gensler's agenda by challenging economic assumptions underpinning dozens of policy proposals. **A1**

◆ **Policy makers** at the Jackson Hole, Wyo., symposium signaled growing unease with the trade-offs they could soon confront amid the fight against inflation. **A2**

◆ **Retailers** have a glut of inventory and are discounting items to clear space for holiday goods, with many having already lowered profit expectations for the year. **B1**

◆ **Airlines and airports** worldwide are extending passenger caps and cuts to flight schedules through the fall and winter as they try to steady operations. **B1**

◆ **NASA's** scheduled test launch on Monday of a new mega-rocket will give Boeing another chance to prove it can pull off big national projects following past missteps. **B1**

◆ **Facebook parent Meta** agreed to settle a suit that accused the social-media platform of allowing third parties, including Cambridge Analytica, to access private user data. **B3**

◆ **China's industrial profit** dropped in the first seven months of the year, reversing a year-on-year increase in the first half. **A9**

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◆ **The West** has begun to muster the money and political support to keep decades-old nuclear reactors from shutting, aiming to maintain a crucial source of low-carbon electricity as many economies face an energy crunch. **A1**

◆ **U.S. intelligence** agencies are conducting a damage assessment of classified documents recovered from Trump's Florida residence, according to Director of National Intelligence Haines. **A5**

◆ **Russia is moving** to significantly bolster its forces in Ukraine as its campaign to secure territory in the country's east and south stalls ahead of planned plebiscites on annexation by Russia. **A6**

◆ **The FDA is expected** to authorize new Covid-19 booster shots this week without a staple of its normal decision-making process: data from a study showing whether the shots were safe and worked in humans. **A3**

◆ **Republicans remain** the favorites to win control of the House in the midterm elections, but Democrats are finishing the summer in a stronger position than where they started. **A4**

◆ **Progressive Democrats** sought to shore up support for Biden's student-debt relief plan after critics cast it as unfair, potentially inflationary and unlikely to solve soaring college costs. **A4**

◆ **Two U.S. warships** sailed through the Taiwan Strait, U.S. and Taiwan defense officials said, the first such activity published since Pelosi visited Taiwan earlier this month. **A8**

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IMF to Consider Pakistan Bailout as Country Faces Perils



NEED: People affected by catastrophic flooding in Pakistan received food aid on Sunday. The International Monetary Fund was set to meet on Monday to weigh a bailout for the country, which is in the throes of an economic crisis compounded by the deluge. **A9**

Wall Street Steps Up Pushback To SEC Chief's Policy Agenda

By PAUL KIERNAN

WASHINGTON—Wall Street is attempting to derail SEC Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman Gary Gensler's agenda by challenging economic assumptions underpinning dozens of policy proposals. Brokerages, hedge funds, private-equity firms, mutual funds and public companies have argued in comment letters filed this year that the costs of many of the proposals would outstrip

the benefits and that the SEC's studies of the issues are flawed. Mr. Gensler is pursuing what lawyers and former regulators have said is the SEC's most aggressive posture in decades, an effort that could upend established and lucrative business models. It includes requiring public companies to disclose information related to climate change, bringing more transparency to private-equity and hedge funds, imposing stricter rules for investment products advertised as environmentally

or socially responsible, and overhauling the way stock trades are executed. For each rule it proposes, the SEC is required to produce studies of the likely economic impacts. Courts have blocked SEC rules in the past after litigants pointed out shortcomings in those analyses. The stage is now set for a contest between the financial industry and the SEC's expanded team of economists, who must refute the industry's challenges for a proposal to be-

come a rule. The outcome will determine the fate of Mr. Gensler's far-reaching agenda. One such dispute centers on a proposal to tighten the rules around mutual-fund names that suggest a focus on environmental, social and corporate governance, or ESG, factors. The SEC estimated that compliance costs would range from \$50,000 to \$500,000 per fund. It said the rule would ensure that fund names more accurately reflect their investment

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Dozens Die in Libya Fighting



Weekend clashes between rival factions in the Libyan capital of Tripoli left at least 32 people dead and 159 injured. **A9**

Small Investors Snap Up Out-of-Town Properties

Technology helps laptop landlords collect homes across the U.S.

By WILL PARKER
AND NICOLE FRIEDMAN

Jack Cronin found San Francisco-area homes too expensive or too far from the city center to buy when he lived there in 2020. The tech worker still wanted a piece of the hottest housing market of his lifetime, so he started looking farther afield. Last year, the 28-year-old used a website called Roofstock, which provides listings and data for investors interested in rental properties, to buy a three-bedroom home outside Jackson, Miss., for \$265,000. Mr. Cronin, who now lives in New York City, has never visited Jackson nor met the tenants in his home, lightly landscaped with bushes and crepe myrtle trees. It's enough to know that a management company collects \$2,300 a

month in rent for him. "So far, so good," he said. Mr. Cronin is part of a new movement of laptop landlords, in which individual investors are buying homes, often in other states, to rent out. Many are well-paid professionals who view owning a rental as a core investment, alongside stock or bond funds. Recent technologies that simplify the process and enable home purchases online have fueled the movement's growth. Data services help would-be landlords pick neighborhoods with precision, feeding them detailed reports on sales prices, crime rates and local schools. Online real-estate marketplaces such as Roofstock and Appre-ate connect them with financing or local managers who can handle property maintenance. *Please turn to page A10*

Dragons, Lizards, Cobras Are Left Homeless in England's Suburbs

Exotic pets abandoned by their owners tax the niche brigade of reptile rescuers

By ELISSA MILOLENE

TONBRIDGE, England—For a country where squirrels are about as exotic as the wildlife gets, there are some unexpected visitors turning up in the English shires. "I've got four bearded dragons staring at me right now, and I've already rehomed three of them," said Charles Thompson, from his reptile store, Snakes 'n' Adders, where he is now rescuing animals as well as selling them. "That's all in less than a month."

For weeks now, there has been a steady increase in the number of owners giving up

exotic pets or releasing them into the suburbs. Spiraling energy prices—in some instances double what they were a year ago—have propelled the cost of maintaining the reptiles' heated environments to levels that are pinching budgets. Some exotic pet owners are already making choices to scale back and that means it's an especially busy time in the niche brigade of reptile rescuers. "I can imagine people looking at their electricity bill and saying, 'Dear God, what can I do?'" said Monte Jackson, a

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Mickey Mantle baseball card sells for \$12.6 million, a sports-memorabilia record. **B1**

Energy Crunch Revives Nuclear Plants in West

By MATTHEW DALTON

The West has begun to muster the money and political support to keep decades-old nuclear reactors from shutting, aiming to maintain a crucial source of low-carbon electricity as many economies face an energy crunch.

The U.S., France and a handful of other countries are planning to keep dozens of reactors running decades after their original operating licenses expire. Belgium is moving to allow two reactors that were set to close in 2025 to operate until 2036 to help Europe wean itself off Russian natural gas after the invasion of Ukraine.

Germany, which was set to close all its reactors by the end of the year, is now debating whether to keep the last three open into next year to help save gas through the winter as Moscow has sharply cut shipments

of the fuel. Some politicians are calling for the reactors to remain open even longer. Japan's prime minister called last week for the country to reopen more of its nuclear reactors because of the high price of natural gas, after the country idled most of them in the aftermath of the 2011 meltdowns at the Fukushima Daiichi plant.

Those moves reflect a growing consensus that the global economy needs every megawatt of nuclear energy available to bolster energy supplies and help meet United Nations climate targets, which call for global net greenhouse-gas emissions to fall to zero by the middle of the century.

Natural-gas prices have soared as Russia clamps down on exports, softening anti-nuclear sentiment in countries such as Germany and Japan that import lots of gas. *Please turn to page A6*

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Deadly floods Pakistan toll tops 1,000

A man rides a makeshift raft in the Charsadda district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province in Pakistan yesterday after heavy monsoon rains triggered widespread flooding.

More than 1,000 people have been killed across the country by floods since mid-June and the extreme weather has affected 33mn people, officials estimate.

The worst flooding to hit Pakistan for at least a decade also imperils its economic recovery, wiping out crops such as rice and cotton. Today, the IMF's board is expected to approve \$1.2bn to shore up Pakistan's foreign currency reserves, which have dropped to around five weeks' worth.

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Policymakers warn of challenges in tackling new era of inflation

◆ Central banks face rates conundrum ◆ ECB talks of 'sacrifice' ◆ Developing nations at risk

COLBY SMITH
JACKSON HOLE, WYOMING

Central bankers face the most challenging economic landscape for decades and will find it harder to root out high inflation in the coming years, top officials and policymakers have warned.

The world's leading economic authorities sounded the alarm about the forces working against central banks as they combat the worst inflation in decades at a gathering of key policymakers in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Many said that the global economy was entering a new and tougher era.

"At least over the next five years, monetary policymaking is going to be much more challenging than it was in the two decades before the pandemic struck," Gita Gopinath, the IMF's

deputy managing director, said. "We are in an environment where supply shocks are going to be more volatile than we've been used to, and that's going to generate more costly trade-offs for monetary policy."

David Malpass, president of the World Bank, warned that central banks' tools were ill-suited to address supply-related inflationary pressures, especially in advanced economies.

"Rate hikes are having to compete with lots of friction within the economy... that's the biggest challenge that [central banks] face," he said. "You're hiking rates in the hope of reducing inflation, but it is being counteracted by so much friction within the supply chain and production cycle."

Isabel Schnabel, an executive board

member of the European Central Bank, warned: "There are valid grounds to believe that policymakers will find themselves in a less favourable environment over the medium term — one in which shocks are potentially larger, more persistent and more frequent." As a result, a larger "sacrifice" would be needed to tame inflation than in previous monetary tightening, she said.

Key figures at both the US Federal Reserve and the ECB have made "unconditional" pledges to restore price stability in recent days. But Jay Powell, Fed chair, warned on Friday that as a result a "sustained period" of slow growth and a weakening of the labour market were likely.

Gopinath said that the ECB faced particularly acute trade-offs. There was "a



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real risk" that a stagflationary environment of languishing growth and high inflation would emerge in Europe, given the intensity of the energy crisis caused by the Ukraine war, she said.

Malpass said that developing economies were also economically vulnerable as global financial conditions tightened.

"Part of it is higher interest rates and they have a lot of debt outstanding, so that increases both their debt service costs but makes it harder for them to get new debt," he said. "The added challenge is the advanced economies drawing heavily on global capital and energy resources, creating a lack of working capital for new investments [elsewhere]."

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Streaming surpasses cable
% share of total US television usage by delivery platform, July 2022



Streaming claimed the largest share of US TV viewing at 34.8 per cent in July, surpassing cable for the first time. Netflix gained an 8 per cent share, boosted by two new series, including the latest season of 'Stranger Things'.

Source: Nielsen



No Cineworld happy ending likely as closing credits roll

In 2019, when Cineworld boss Mooky Greindinger launched a \$2.3bn bid for Cineplex, the goal of becoming the world's largest cinema chain seemed within reach. But the pandemic and a dearth of Hollywood blockbusters has instead left the group on the brink of bankruptcy. With almost \$9bn in liabilities and a Chapter 11 filing being processed, shareholders face wipeout, but media analysts say it will not be the last in the industry to go bust.

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EU set to halt visas for Russian tourists but bloc split over complete travel ban

HENRY FOY — BRUSSELS

EU foreign ministers are this week set to back a suspension of the bloc's visa agreement with Moscow in a bid to curb the number of travel permits being issued after some eastern member states threatened to unilaterally close their borders to Russian tourists.

Some countries have demanded collective action to stop ordinary Russians from travelling to the EU on tourist visas, as the bloc tries to punish Moscow for its invasion of Ukraine while maintaining unity among its 27 members.

Countries including the Czech Republic and Poland stopped issuing visas to Russian tourists shortly after Vladimir Putin ordered the full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February. They have since demanded that Brussels enact a complete ban. But others have continued to

grant the travel documents. As a first step, ministers plan to give political support to suspending the EU-Russia visa facilitation agreement at a two-day meeting in Prague that begins tomorrow, three officials involved in the talks told the Financial Times.

"It is inappropriate for Russian tourists to stroll in our cities, on our marinas," said a senior EU official involved in the talks. "We have to send a signal to the Russian population that this war is not OK, it is not acceptable."

Parts of the 2007 deal relating to free movement of government officials and businessmen were suspended in late February. A wider suspension would remove preferential treatment for Russians when applying for all EU visas, requiring more documents, making them more expensive and significantly increasing waiting times.

"We are in an exceptional situation and it requires exceptional steps. We want to go beyond suspending the visa facilitation," said the senior EU official, adding that deeper changes could be introduced by the end of the year.

However, there is no consensus on additional measures that Brussels could take. Countries including Germany have cautioned against a ban. Josep Borrell, the EU's chief diplomat, said the bloc needed to "be more selective".

Finland, Poland and the Baltic countries, which border Russia, could block Russians with tourist visas from entering their territories, citing the Schengen agreement's national security exceptions. With air travel between the EU and Russia suspended, many Russians use these countries as a transit route.

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World Markets

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	Aug 26	Aug 27	%Chg		Aug 26	Aug 27	%Chg		Aug 26	Aug 27	%Chg
S&P 500	4116.07	4198.12	-1.96	\$/£	1.002	1.004	-0.20	US 2 yr	3.42	3.37	0.05
Nasdaq Composite	12320.54	12638.27	-2.52	\$/¥	1.179	1.180	-0.09	US 10 yr	3.03	3.08	-0.05
Dow Jones Ind	32734.29	33051.78	-1.67	\$/€	0.950	0.951	-0.10	US 30 yr	3.20	3.27	-0.07
FTSE 100	1682.28	1710.52	-1.65	\$/HK\$	137.270	137.115	0.11	UK 2 yr	2.82	2.92	0.00
Euro Stoxx 50	3951.82	3914.54	-1.98	\$/¥	161.862	161.807	0.03	UK 10 yr	2.80	2.81	-0.01
FTSE 250	1427.21	1479.74	-4.70	\$/¥	0.905	0.903	0.22	UK 30 yr	2.88	2.89	-0.01
FTSE All-Share	4076.32	4100.35	-0.66	\$/¥	0.998	0.996	0.20	JPN 2 yr	-0.09	-0.09	0.00
CAC 40	6274.26	6301.56	-1.68	\$/¥	127.971	127.916	0.04	JPN 10 yr	0.22	0.23	-0.01
Nikkei 225	28841.38	29473.01	-0.52	\$/¥	1.136	1.132	0.35	JPN 30 yr	1.15	1.15	-0.01
Hong Kong	20170.04	19968.38	1.01	\$/¥	0.998	0.996	0.20	GER 2 yr	0.95	0.96	0.10
MSCI World	2786.48	2778.01	1.19	\$/¥	0.998	0.996	0.20	GER 10 yr	1.39	1.31	0.07
MSCI EM	1903.44	1914.13	1.86	\$/¥	0.998	0.996	0.20	GER 30 yr	1.52	1.50	0.03
MSCI ACWI	1427.21	1479.74	-4.70	\$/¥	0.998	0.996	0.20				
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The Metals Company sent a ship to explore the viability of mining the seabed for metals used in electric vehicles. Right, nodules collected from the Pacific seabed.



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Ukraine Forces 'MacGyvering' Their Arsenal

By HELENE COOPER and ERIC SCHMITT

WASHINGTON — The billions of dollars in military aid the United States has sent Ukraine includes some of the most advanced and lethal weapons systems in the world. But Ukraine has also scored big successes in the war by employing the weapons and equipment in unexpected ways, and jury-rigging some on the fly, according to military experts.

From the sinking of the Moskva, Russia's Black Sea flagship, in April to the attack on a Russian air base in Crimea this month, Ukrainian troops have used American and other weapons in ways few expected, the experts and Defense Department officials say.

By mounting missiles onto trucks, for instance, Ukrainian forces have moved them more quickly into firing range. By putting rocket systems on speedboats, they have increased their naval warfare ability. And to the astonishment of weapons experts, Ukraine has continued to destroy Russian targets with slow-moving Turkish-made Bayraktar attack drones and inexpensive, plastic aircraft modified to drop grenades and other munitions.

"People are using the MacGyver metaphor," said Frederick B. Hodges, a former top U.S. Army commander in Europe, in a reference to the 1980s TV show in which the title character uses simple, improvised contraptions to get himself out of sticky situations.

After six months of war, the death toll on both sides is high: While American officials estimate that up to 80,000 Russian troops have been killed or wounded, Ukraine's outgunned military has said it is losing 100 to 200 troops a day.

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Secret Data and Hunt for Riches on Ocean's Floor

By ERIC LIPTON

KINGSTON, Jamaica — As demand grows globally for metals needed to make batteries for electric vehicles, one of the richest untapped sources of the raw materials lies two and a half miles beneath the surface of the Pacific Ocean.

This remote section of the seabed, about 1,500 miles southwest of San Diego, could soon become the world's first industrial-scale mining site in international waters.

The Metals Company, based in Vancouver, has secured exclusive access to tons of seabed rocks packed with cobalt, copper and nickel — enough, it says, to power 280 million electric vehicles, equivalent to the entire fleet of

RACE TO THE FUTURE

A Company's Mining Push

cars in the United States.

The historic climate legislation that Congress passed this month, extending tax credits for buyers of electric cars, will only accelerate the need for these materials as automakers also push forward with plans to phase out production of gasoline-powered vehicles. The Metals Company hopes to build a plant in Texas to process the seabed rocks and has been lobbying for federal assistance to do so.

"No mining has ever been done on a scale like this on the planet," said James A.R. McFarlane, former head of environmental monitoring at the International Seabed Authority, an agency affiliated

with the United Nations that will regulate mining by the Metals Company and the many other businesses and countries expected to follow.

An examination by The New York Times of how the Metals Company is prepared to exploit this new frontier in the green energy revolution — the firm calculates it will clear \$31 billion in earnings over the 25-year life of the project — tells the story of a single-minded, 15-year-long courtship of the small Jamaica-based seabed agency that holds the keys to the world's underwater treasures.

Interviews and hundreds of pages of emails, letters and other internal documents show that the firm's executives received key information from the Seabed Au-

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For Garland, Trump Inquiry Is Unique Test

By KATIE BENNER

WASHINGTON — As Justice Department officials haggled for months this year with former President Donald J. Trump's

NEWS ANALYSIS lawyers and aides over the return of government documents at his Florida home, federal prosecutors became convinced that they were not being told the whole truth.

That conclusion helped set in motion a decision that would amount to an unparalleled test of the Justice Department's credibility in a deeply polarized political environment: to seek a search warrant to enter Mar-a-Lago and retrieve what prosecutors suspected would be highly classified materials, beyond the hundreds of pages that Mr. Trump had already returned.

By the government's account, that gamble paid off, with F.B.I. agents carting off boxloads of sensitive material during the search three weeks ago, including some documents with top secret markings. But the matter hardly ended there: What had started as an effort to retrieve national security documents has now been transformed into one of the most challenging, complicated and potentially explosive criminal investigations in recent memory, with tremendous implications for the Justice Department, Mr. Trump and public faith in government.

Attorney General Merrick B. Garland now faces the prospect of having to decide whether to file criminal charges against a former president and likely 2024 Republican candidate, a step without any historical parallel.

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HOCHUL PUTS BET ON NEW TOWERS AMID OFFICE GLUT

PENN STATION PROJECT

Counting on the Return of Workers to Fuel a Market Rebound

By MATTHEW HAAG and PATRICK MCGEEHAN

In a bid to reshape Midtown Manhattan, Gov. Kathy Hochul and New York State officials are pushing ahead with one of the largest real estate development projects in American history: 10 towers of mostly offices around Penn Station, the busiest transit center in the country.

The buildings would help pay for the renovation of the dreary underground station, the reason officials have said they are seeking the additions to the skyline. But the plan is moving forward amid severe uncertainty gripping the office market: Many companies are trying to reduce their real estate footprint as workers continue to clock in from home.

A clue to whether the project succeeds may lie two blocks to the west, in the Hudson Yards neighborhood. Development there has not met expectations three years after a slate of new construction — including office towers, retail and residences — opened with grand ambitions. Major office tenants there are downsizing amid the ultra-luxury condos remain unsold.

The New York City economy has changed drastically since government officials and developers first touted plans for the Hudson Yards area over a decade ago, and it has been transformed even more during the pandemic. Major corporations that moved to the neighborhood, including WarnerMedia, JPMorgan Chase and IHS Markit, are now trying to unload floors of unused office space.

Still, with the Penn Station project, Ms. Hochul is doubling down on a legacy-defining bet that white-collar workers will eventually return to Midtown, and that firms will be hungry as ever for office space.

Ms. Hochul has argued for the state's powerful role in the project, in which it has overstepped New York City's zoning rules to allow the developers of the sites — most of which are owned by one company, Vornado Realty Trust — to build taller and larger than they otherwise could have. Mayor Eric Adams announced his support for the project after the state clarified that the city would not lose property tax revenue on it. It won't gain much, either.

Boosters of the Penn Station plan often frame the fixes at the station, which are estimated to cost \$7 billion and be completed by 2027, as the project's centerpiece. The plan would add taller ceilings and new entrances to the station but no additional tracks or platforms. But the plan's most significant impact would be the new buildings, which are expected to take two decades to complete and

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SERENA.

As the 23-time Grand Slam singles champion heads into her final U.S. Open, a look back at her comebacks, her impact and her place among the greats. Tournament preview, Section D.



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In Hong Kong, an Old Sawmill Felled by Growth

By TIFFANY MAY

HONG KONG — From the brine-soaked docks of a ferry pier to the red-painted pillars of a Buddhist temple, many an aging wooden structure in Hong Kong has found new purpose in the hands of Wong Hung-kuen.

Mr. Wong, 73, clambered over mountains of logs at Chi Kee Sawmill and Timber on a recent afternoon, loading wood onto a rumbling crane, veins of sawdust

Victim of Plans to Bind City With Mainland

clinging to his gloves. Nearby were the parked bulldozers that had toppled neighboring businesses. Soon, they would come for his.

Next month, Mr. Wong will have to give up the sawmill, which his family has owned since the late

1940s. It stands in the way of the Hong Kong government's \$13 billion plan to turn a quiet stretch of villages and wetlands into what it calls the Northern Metropolis, featuring tech start-ups, eco-tourism, housing for 2.5 million and easy access to Shenzhen, the city across the border in mainland China. Mr. Wong petitioned the authorities to spare Chi Kee, but in June, he said he had no choice but to shut it down.

He said he did not want to stand

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Coaxing Water Out of the Middle East's Clouds

By ALISSA J. RUBIN

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates — Iranian officials have worried for years that other countries have been depriving them of one of their vital water sources. But it was not an upstream dam that they were worrying about, or an aquifer being bled dry.

In 2018, amid a searing drought and rising temperatures, some senior officials concluded that someone was stealing their water

Rushing to Make Rain, but Results Are Iffy

from the clouds.

"Both Israel and another country are working to make Iranian clouds not rain," Brig. Gen. Gholam Reza Jalali, a senior official in the country's powerful Revolutionary Guards Corps, said in a 2018 speech.

The unnamed country was the United Arab Emirates, which had begun an ambitious cloud-seeding program, injecting chemicals into clouds to try to force precipitation. Iran's suspicions are not surprising, given its tense relations with most Persian Gulf countries, but the real purpose of these efforts is not to steal water, but simply to make rain in the region. As the Middle East and North Africa dry up, countries in the region have embarked on a race to

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The Maya Train is threatened by a ballooning budget and rushed construction over fragile terrain. PAGE A4

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The French president said he was seeking "truth and acknowledgment" over the war and colonialism. PAGE A15

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At an event inspired by the writer, revelers danced to murder ballads and celebrated all things weird. PAGE C1

Secrets of a Matisse Painting

Revisiting the "Red Studio" exhibition at MoMA, Blake Gopnik uncovers a new story line about the artwork. PAGE C1

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L.A. city workers to collect pay raises

Officials are expected to restore \$148 million in benefits delayed by COVID. About a third will go to police force.

BY DAVID ZAHNER

It was the depths of the first COVID-19 winter surge. Tax revenues had tumbled in Los Angeles, and the city's budget was in deep trouble. Faced with the prospect of employee layoffs and other drastic measures, L.A.'s elected officials persuaded police officers, firefighters and thousands of other city employees to delay their scheduled raises for a year or more.

But that deal came with a caveat: If the state or federal government came through with a big financial rescue package, city leaders would be required to reopen talks with those same employees — opening the door for them to claw back those pay increases.

President Biden ultimately provided L.A. nearly \$1.3 billion in relief. And over the last few months, city officials have quietly struck deals to restore those wages, providing cash payouts and other benefits that are expected to cost a combined \$148 million across the city workforce.

The final agreement on the list, now heading to the City Council, represents nearly a third of those funds: \$44.5 million in bonuses and other benefits for rank-and-file police officers represented by the Los Angeles Police Protective League, the LAPD's biggest union.

Under the agreement, officers would receive an upfront cash payment equal to 14% of their annual salary, according to a memo re-

[See Raises, A7]



SHIR AGHA SAFI, an Afghan refugee resettled in Iowa, is eager to leave his war experiences behind.

Post-Afghanistan struggles in America

For refugees, building a new life includes navigating red tape and finding housing. Many also worry about their family back home.

BY SARAH PARVINI

SACRAMENTO — Inside a two-bedroom apartment in Sacramento, three siblings laughed as they watched an eager group of contestants competing to win a Lamborghini on a YouTube stream.

Zabiullah Musafer, 43, and his wife, Yalda, 34, shook their heads at their children, content that the show — however ridiculous — was helping them learn English one year after they fled Afghanistan and moved to California to seek asylum.

In many ways, Musafer said, America has provided him and his family with the safety and opportunity they had hoped for. He quickly found a full-time job at an Apple warehouse. His children — Sefatullah, 18; Rabia, 16;

[See Refugees, A6]



ZABIULLAH and Yalda Musafer, from left, share a two-bedroom apartment with son Sefatullah, 18, and their three other children.

Fears of a tipping point in forests

Extreme wildfires spur worries that California woodlands will emit more carbon dioxide than they absorb.

BY TONY BRISCOE

When lightning ignited the bone-dry foothills of the Sierra Nevada last year, forestry crews fanned out across Sequoia National Park to defend an ancient grove of California redwoods from wildfire.

As smoke wafted through a forest of giant sequoias, a

dozen crew members surrounded the gargantuan, 36-foot-wide trunk of General Sherman — the world's largest living tree — and wrapped its base with massive sheets of fire-resistant fabric.

The rescue was a stark acknowledgment that California wildfires are burning faster and hotter than ever before, and now threaten a species that had adapted comfortably to the fires of a previous age.

"I think if you told someone 30 years ago that we were going to do that they would have thought you're insane. I mean, the bark on

[See Forests, A8]

Many in GOP mum on abortion debate

Three lawmakers who wanted a nationwide ban face a backlash in tight California races.

BY JASPER GOODMAN

The Life at Conception Act is fewer than 300 words, but its language leaves little room for ambiguity on abortion.

The bill, introduced in the U.S. House earlier in the congressional session, seeks "equal protection for the right to life of each born and preborn human person," specifying that it covers "all stages of life, including the moment of fertilization, cloning, or other moment at which an individual member of the human species comes into being."

Put simply: "It would be a nationwide abortion ban," said Mary Ziegler, a professor at UC Davis School of Law who studies reproductive rights. Even California, which has positioned itself as a haven for abortion rights, would be affected.

The legislation was co-sponsored by more than half of California's Republican congressional delegation — including three representatives who face highly competitive races in the November midterm elections: Reps. Michelle Steel of Seal Beach, Mike Garcia of Santa Clarita and David Valadao of Hanford.

But in the two months since the Supreme Court's Dobbs ruling overturned Roe vs. Wade, stripping away constitutional protections for abortion, the candidates have been noticeably quiet on the issue. Nationally, Republican candidates in tight races have appeared on the defensive, releasing ads downplaying their anti-abortion stances. Instead of celebrating the monumental reversal of Roe, the GOP is trying to turn the focus elsewhere, even as Democrats aim to keep the spotlight fixed on it.

"I think Republicans in California would like to pretend [the abortion issue] doesn't exist," said Jodi Balma, a political science professor at Fullerton College who supports abortion rights.

In the past, Steel, Garcia and Valadao have quietly backed an array of anti-abortion efforts. All three signed onto a brief asking the

[See Abortion, A7]

Roe ruling a boost for Democrats

Polls show the party's midterm election chances have vastly improved. PERSPECTIVES, A2



GENARO MOLINA Los Angeles Times

ALAN O'NEILL, left, a former superintendent of Lake Mead National Recreation Area, joins others at the foot of Spirit Mountain, south of Searchlight, Nev.

From mountain to monument

Native Americans, others want federal protection for a sacred desert peak in southwestern Nevada

BY LOUIS SAHAGÚN

SEARCHLIGHT, Nev. — The remote mountain from which Mojave Desert tribes believe the universe unfolds rises above a corner of southwestern Nevada defined by Joshua trees, outcroppings and fortress-like gorges that change color by the minute.

For centuries, Native Americans have made pilgrimages to the 5,600-foot-high monolith they call Avi Kwa Ame, or Spirit Mountain, to seek religious visions and give thanks for Earth's bounty.

On a recent morning,

Linda Otero, a Fort Mojave Indian Tribe leader, reached out as if to embrace the rugged wilderness just a four-hour drive from Los Angeles and said, "This is our church, given to us by our creator."

"It gives us guidance, strength and courage," she said, "and provides comfort and confidence to our younger generations moving forward in the modern world."

But in recent years, U.S. Route 95, a vital backbone for Nevada through Las Vegas, about 50 miles to the north, has made it a relatively easy excursion for others — tourists, outdoor adventurers, off-roaders, New

Agers and alternative energy developers.

Now, an eclectic coalition of Native Americans, artists, biologists and environmentalists has stepped in with a proposal to have the mountain and more than 443,000 acres that surround it designated Avi Kwa Ame National Monument.

The effort comes at a time when the Biden administration has pledged to safeguard Indigenous, cultural and environmental sites under its "America the Beautiful" initiative, which seeks to conserve and connect 30% of the nation's lands and waters by 2030.

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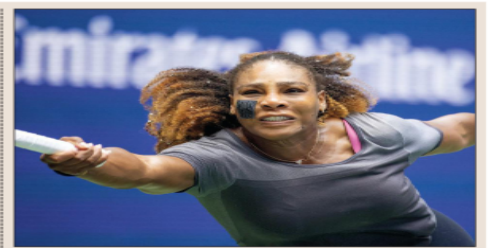
Reckless talk about Nazis

Politicians should stop defending Trump with callous analogies, Mark Z. Barabak writes. PERSPECTIVES, A2

The mystery of 'Hotel California'

Inside the high-profile criminal case involving the Eagles' landmark album and its missing lyrics. CALENDAR, E1

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Partly sunny.
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HOLDING COURT

Serena Williams practices Sunday for the U.S. Open, where all eyes will be on the tennis legend as she prepares to leave the sport. SPORTS, D1

The Washington Post

Prices may vary in areas outside metropolitan Washington



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Democracy Dies in Darkness

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After years of setbacks, Artemis I ready to fly

NASA's moon mission has endured amid delays, rising costs and criticism

BY CHRISTIAN DAVENPORT

CAPE CANAVERAL, FLA. — The rocket was late, again. The initial launch date, the end of 2016, was long gone. And in the spring of 2019, Jim Bridenstine, the NASA administrator at the time, was told it'd be another year or more before NASA's Space Launch System would be ready.

He was furious and threatened to replace the rocket with one built by the fast-growing private space sector, such as SpaceX. But Bridenstine's attempt to bench NASA's rocket was quickly rebuffed by the powerful interests, including Sen. Richard C. Shelby (R-Ala.), the chairman of the appropriations committee. Those interests had shepherded the SLS through thickets of controversy since its inception more than a decade ago.

Now, after years of cost overruns and delays, damning review

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The Webb and its wonders

Its images spark revelations. A5

As Pakistan's deluges continue, more than 1,000 have died



MUHAMMAD SAJJAD/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Displaced people transport belongings from their home as they cross a flooded area near Peshawar, Pakistan, on Sunday. Officials say the death toll has passed 1,000 since mid-June as flash flooding has washed away villages and crops, with soldiers and rescue workers evacuating stranded residents. **Story, A6**

Turkey's economic woes turn tide against refugees

BY KAREEM FAHIM

ANKARA, TURKEY — In a neighborhood still scarred by hate, the Syrian refugees all but vanished one day recently. They shuttered their shops. They hurried through streets. It was the anniversary of a rampage by an anti-Syrian mob, and the authorities had delivered a warning: It was better to disappear.

The violence last August started when a young Syrian was accused of fatally stabbing Emirhan Yalcin, a Turkish teen, during a fight in Ankara's Altindag district. Gangs of Turkish

citizens descended on the neighborhood, vandalizing and looting Syrian stores, homes and cars, in an outburst shocking for its ferocity and for where it occurred: at the edge of Turkey's capital, a few miles from the presidential palace.

"They were brainwashed," said Abu Huthaifa, a local Syrian activist, who said he was threatened with a beating as he watched the riots from a balcony. For Syrians across Turkey, the fury unleashed in Altindag was a warning of the season of xenophobia to come.

SEE TURKEY ON A8

New cracks for a long-shattered Kentucky town

A boy killed 3 high school students and wounded 5 in 1997. He's up for parole.

BY TIMOTHY BELLA

WEST PADUCAH, KY. — At first, Missy Jenkins Smith thought the sound of gunfire at her Kentucky high school was a bad joke. Her prayer group had just said, "Amen," and their day was about to begin. Then one of her classmates fell to the floor, shot in the head.

Another student was hit. Then another. And suddenly, the 14-year-old boy wielding a Ruger 22 fired seven bullets indiscriminately toward the teens gathered inside Heath High School on Dec. 1, 1997, the Monday morning after Thanksgiving break.

Jenkins Smith dropped to the tile floor, struck by a bullet in the chest. A teacher knelt beside her. "Am I going to die?" she asked. Jenkins Smith survived but was paralyzed from the chest down at the age of 15 and has used a wheelchair since.

The attack upended the small town of West Paducah, in what was then a rarity in the United States: a school shooting. Three students — Nicole Hadley, 14; Jessica James, 17; and Kayce Steger, 15 — were killed and five others wounded. Michael Carneal pleaded guilty and was sentenced to life in prison. But under Kentucky law, the teenager who claimed to have been bullied was given the possibility of parole in 25 years.

Carneal is up for a hearing next month — a relatively rare instance in which an assailant in a school shooting has been given a

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Adding special master could complicate Mar-a-Lago case

BY DAVID NAKAMURA AND AMY B WANG

A federal judge's indication that she is prepared to appoint a special master to review materials seized from Mar-a-Lago by federal agents could present new complications and unresolved legal questions in the federal government's high-stakes quest to wrest control of the documents from former president Donald Trump.

U.S. District Judge Aileen M. Cannon's two-page order issued on Saturday appeared unusual in that the judge has not yet heard

arguments from the Justice Department, said former federal prosecutors and legal analysts on Sunday.

Cannon, 41, whom Trump appointed to the bench in the Southern District of Florida in 2020, has also given federal officials until Tuesday to provide the court with a more detailed list of items the FBI had removed from Trump's Florida estate on Aug. 8.

She asked the government to give a status report of its own review of the materials and set a Thursday court hearing in West

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Missy Jenkins Smith survived the shooting at Heath High School, when she was 15 years old, but was paralyzed from the chest down.

ELECTION 2022

Climate bill may not give a big lift

DEMOCRATS TALK UP DROUGHT RELIEF

\$4 billion investment unknown to some voters

BY MAXINE JOSELOW

LAS VEGAS — About a week after President Biden signed into law the largest climate bill in U.S. history, Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.) laid out to voters how she helped get \$4 billion in the bill to combat the acute drought now punishing the American West. Outside the air-conditioned offices of the Las Vegas Valley Water District offices where she spoke, the temperature was 93 degrees and on its way to an oppressive 106 later that day.

"As you all know, the western U.S. continues to face a historic drought, and we need to do all we can to combat it," Cortez Masto said last Monday, standing before a photo showing the nation's largest reservoir, Lake Mead, at record lows. "That's why I have been championing measures to help southern Nevada further conserve, recycle and reduce water use."

Cortez Masto — one of the most vulnerable Democratic senators up for reelection this year — has spent recent weeks courting Nevada voters who want leaders in

SEE MIDTERMS ON A4

GOP nominee for governor in Pa. bets on far-right base

BY ISAAC ARNSDORF

ROCHESTER, PA. — A giant American flag dangled from a truck-mounted boom lift in a grassy lot here, about 25 miles outside Pittsburgh. Inside a weathered Grange hall, the ceiling fans spun furiously as a few hundred people packed in to hear the Republican nominee for governor, state Sen. Doug Mastriano. The crowd ranged from families with young kids to solo seniors, and many came sporting the latest right-wing swag: Trump 2024 hats, T-shirts with the slogans "Impeach Biden" and "Baby Lives Matter," and one with the logo of the Three Percenters militia group.

Mastriano was introduced by activists demanding an audit of the 2020 election, circulating ballot petitions to ban electronic voting machines in their counties and describing the search warrant at Trump's Florida Mar-a-Lago Club for classified documents as the onset of totalitarianism. The candidate himself drew some of his loudest cheers and applause for recounting his lead-

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IN THE NEWS



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Commanders player shot Brian Robinson Jr. was stable after being the victim of a possible attempted carjacking or robbery in D.C. **D1**

'She's doing it her way' As Serena Williams nears the end of her tennis career at the U.S. Open, her impact continues to inspire. **D1**

THE NATION Curbside pickup hit its stride during the pandemic, and Americans haven't let up. Now, major retailers are leaning into it to meet demand. **A2**

THE WORLD The race for a new leader of the Conservative Party in Britain is making some Tories miss Boris Johnson, who will step down soon as prime minister. **A6**
A slate of official events in Rome is giving the Catholic Church's cardinals, who will pick the next pope, an important chance to get to know

one another. **A7**
Officials in four cities are rolling out warning systems and drawing up green designs to create more heat-resistant metropolises. **A11**

THE REGION In Virginia, where marijuana possession is legal but sales are not, people breaking into the market are left operating in the space in between. **B1**
A new Maryland law allows the public to see police officer disciplinary records. But you can't see in Montgomery County until

after the police union takes a look. **B1**

MONDAY Vice President Harris and second gentleman Doug Emhoff attend NASA's launch of Artemis I in Florida.

TUESDAY President Biden visits Wilkes-Barre, Pa., to deliver remarks regarding gun crime and his "Safer America Plan."

The Senate and the House meet for pro forma sessions.
Rochelle Walensky, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, discusses its role in pandemic preparedness during an

online forum.

WEDNESDAY The 79th annual Venice International Film Festival begins. **The National Press Club** holds its annual Journalism Awards Dinner.

THURSDAY The Labor Department issues the employment situation for August.

The Commerce Department issues factory orders for July, which are expected to see a 0.2 percent gain.

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The Dobbs decision and other turmoil are pushing many descendants of immigrants to seek dual citizenship. **C1**

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What to do before retiring your work devices when you leave a job. **A13**

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Columnist asks: If team took allegations against punter seriously, where was urgency? **In Sports**

Movie game changers: Streaming is the new VHS

Both changed how we watch films at home, giving us access to new and older fare. **In Life**



Buy or rent? Prepare to pay either way

Home prices still soaring, and as demand for rentals rises, rates rise even higher. What to know about the housing market. **In Money**

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SEARCH OF MAR-A-LAGO

Trump case may not yield charges

Some experts say FBI is still building inquiry

Bart Jansen
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — Criminal statutes cited by the Justice Department in the search of Donald Trump's Florida estate for mishandled documents are rarely prosecuted, but legal experts say investigators may still be building a criminal case rather than simply retrieving classified records.

The FBI recovered 11 sets of "secret" and "top secret" records from Mar-a-Lago during the unprecedented search of the former president's property. Authorities sought evidence of potential violations for mishandling defense documents, obstruction of justice and the Espionage Act.

"I'm convinced they are building a case to determine if they can bring charges against Trump. You just aren't going to do that if your goal is to just primarily secure the documents and move on."

Renato Mariotti
Former federal prosecutor

Beyond recovering the documents, legal experts said reports of authorities interviewing Trump aides about whether documents were declassified suggest they continue to gather evidence to build a potential criminal case against Trump himself.

"I'm convinced they are building a case to determine if they can bring charges against Trump," said Renato Mariotti, a former federal prosecutor now at Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner. "You just aren't going to do that if your

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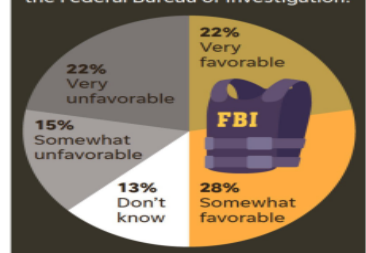


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Views of FBI lean positive

How Americans rate their opinion of the Federal Bureau of Investigation:



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David Tamaklo teaches at New Prospect Elementary School in South Carolina. Since the start of the pandemic, fewer than half of all teachers agree the "stress and disappointments" of their jobs are worth it. **KEN RUINARD/USA TODAY NETWORK**

Disadvantaged kids feel brunt of teacher shortage

Poor, minority students most likely to be taught by less-experienced educators

Kayla Jimenez and Alia Wong
USA TODAY

The kids hit hardest when the pandemic closed their schools are also among the most likely to start off the year at districts without enough teachers and other staff.

Many schools have all the teachers they need, data shows, despite a national uproar over a teaching shortage. But data suggests that districts with large numbers of Black, brown or poor students — the students who fell furthest behind in math and reading during remote schooling — could bear the brunt of the teaching vacancies.

Disadvantaged students are the most likely to enter classrooms over the next few weeks with new teachers, substitutes, teachers with the least amount of training, and a shrinking number of the most-experienced teachers, based on a USA TODAY

analysis of available data and interviews with experts and teachers.

Schools serving high concentrations of kids of color and kids from low-income families have more anticipated vacancies on average, survey data from the National Center for Education Statistics shows.

More than 6 in 10 high-poverty elementary schools said they will be short teachers this school year, compared with 4 in 10 low-poverty ones, according to the federal survey data. And compared with schools where more than 75% of students are white, schools where more than 75% of students are nonwhite were also roughly twice as likely to report expected vacancies in English/language arts, math and biology/life science teachers.

The shortages also appear to be

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Back-to-school shopping more costly than ever

Mike Snider
USA TODAY



The school year hasn't officially started for all Americans, but there's already a lesson learned: We're spending more on back-to-school shopping.

Students returning to school or college have a host of needs: books and supplies, new clothes and shoes, a computer or other electronics, and, perhaps, furniture and goods to outfit a college dorm room.

Parents are expected to again spend record amounts getting their offspring ready for classes. Compared with a year ago, back-to-school spending is expected to remain somewhat steady at \$36.9 billion, a dip of 0.5%, while back-to-college spending will increase an estimated 4% to \$73.9 billion, according to the National Retail Federation.

Overall, combined spending could reach \$110.7 billion, up 2% from last year's record of \$108.1 billion, Katherine Cullen, the National Retail Federation's senior director of industry and consumer insights, told USA TODAY.

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Election officials pushed to their limits

Kenneth Tran
USA TODAY

Lackluster funding, infinite work hours, staff shortages, limited resources, abusive phone calls and more: These problems are nothing new for America's election officials. They have stretched from long before the pandemic to today.

Despite it all, they have remained steadfast in the conviction that their job is what maintains American democracy. Failure is not an option.

"We don't stop elections," said Karen Brinson Bell, executive director of North Carolina State's Board of Elec-



Election judges submit test ballots during a public accuracy test of voting equipment this month in Burnsville, Minn. **STEPHEN MATUREN/GETTY IMAGES**

tions. "We figure out how to proceed."

Now, however, their patience is being pushed to its limits by new hostility and threats — it's pushing officials away and it doesn't bode well for future elections.

"I dread 2024, I don't know how people are gonna be in 2024," said Tonya Wichman, director of Ohio's Defiance County Board of Elections. "You can

only take so many phone calls that tell you how bad you are at your job."

A recent report from the House Oversight Committee details the graphic threats and abuse election officials have had to endure. One social media threat called for an official to be hanged "when

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deportes

Un joven salvó a Boca

Langoni dio vuelta el partido con el líder

El delantero, de 19 años, hizo los goles ante Atlético Tucumán (2-1) y los xeneizes quedaron a seis puntos.



Golf de alto vuelo

McIlroy, el hombre de los 18 millones de dólares

El norirlandés ganó por tercera vez la FedEx Cup, certamen que reúne a los 30 jugadores mejor clasificados, en el cierre de la temporada. **Página 5**

BOLSONARO Y LULA SE ENFRENTARON EN UN TENSO DEBATE

—el mundo

Fue el primer encuentro de cara a las elecciones presidenciales de octubre; la corrupción y los ataques a la Justicia, los principales ejes. **Página 6**

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Tras otro corte de calles, la Ciudad acusó al kirchnerismo de no cumplir con el acuerdo

RECOLETA. Hubo una nueva movilización frente a la casa de la vicepresidenta, donde se interrumpió el tránsito; el ministro de Seguridad porteño dijo que es una "provocación"

El gobierno porteño acusó ayer al kirchnerismo de romper el acuerdo que habían sellado anteanoche para frenar los enfrentamientos entre manifestantes y policías frente a la casa de la vicepresidenta Cristina Kirchner.

El pacto, según la administración de Horacio Rodríguez Larreta, implicaba que el kirchnerismo liberaba la circulación y terminaba

con las batucadas y los fuegos artificiales que alteraron la vida del barrio. Pero ayer los manifestantes volvieron a cortar la calle frente a la casa de Cristina Kirchner y hubo micros que trasladaron manifestantes. Por eso, a pesar de que la situación fue mucho más calma que el sábado, el gobierno porteño denunció el incumplimiento de la frágil tregua. "Quieren la provocación constante para generar violencia", dijo Marcelo D'Alessandro, ministro de Justicia y Seguridad porteño.

Al salir y regresar a su casa, la vicepresidenta aprovechó para saludar a los manifestantes que interrumpían el tránsito, con un fuerte operativo de seguridad desplegado por los miembros de su custodia. **Página 10**

EL ESCENARIO

Volvió la grieta y golpea a la oposición

Claudio Jacquelin

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Simpatizantes kirchneristas coparon nuevamente las calles frente al departamento de la vicepresidenta

Sin ajuste, se dispara el gasto de las empresas del Estado

CRISIS. Recibieron un aumento de \$37.000 millones e insumen \$2400 millones por día

Laura Serra
LA NACION

El recorte de partidas que aplicó el ministro de Economía, Sergio Massa, en distintas áreas dejó a salvo a uno de los sectores que, paradójicamente, mayor gasto público insumen: las empresas del Estado. Por el contrario, estas fueron recompensadas con un aumento de \$37.000 millones hasta fin de año, pese a que algunas empresas —como AySA— tienen partidas subejecutadas. Las 34 empresas en la órbita del Estado constituyen un verdadero agujero negro que succiona miles de millones de pesos que les gira el Tesoro para mantenerlas operativas aunque la mayoría de ellas no sean rentables. Solo en estos ocho meses del año, las diez principales empresas públicas recibieron transferencias por \$583.075 millones (unos \$2400 millones por día). Continúa en la página 8

Sequía: dejan de ingresar US\$3300 millones

GOLPE. La Niña afectó la siembra de trigo e impactará en la de maíz

Fernando Bertello
LA NACION

El fenómeno La Niña, que por tercer año consecutivo afecta al país y que se expresa en lluvias por debajo de lo normal, podría representar una pérdida de hasta US\$3300 millones considerando su efecto sobre el trigo ya sembrado y el maíz y la soja que se plantarán, de haber condiciones, desde septiembre y octubre próximos. Continúa en la página 18

Seis proyectos de ley reavivan el debate sobre la eutanasia

INICIATIVAS. Buscan regular el derecho a una muerte digna; voces a favor y en contra. **Página 22**

De compras. Más de 70.000 uruguayos cruzaron para sentirse "ricos" por un rato

Nelson Fernández
CORRESPONSAL EN URUGUAY

MONTEVIDEO.—El buque que llegó ayer a la tarde al puerto de Montevideo parecía uno de película, un barco lleno de "felicidad", y los tu-

ristas que volvían de Buenos Aires no ocultaban ante los móviles en vivo de la TV que lo habían pasado "bárbaro" y que habían comprado a precios "regalados".

Eran parte de las más de 70.000 personas que por tierra, mar y aire

quisieron aprovechar un feriado largo en Uruguay (había arrancado el miércoles 24 y concluyó ayer) para irse masivamente a la Argentina, aprovechar la diferencia cambiaria y sentirse "ricos" por unos días. Continúa en la página 20



Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT) e Jair Bolsonaro (PL), que tiveram em debate televisivo na noite de ontem seu primeiro confronto direto na disputa pela Presidência Fotos Marlene Bergamo/Folhapress

“Que moral tu tem pra falar de mim, ô ex-presidiário?”
Bolsonaro (PL) dirigindo-se a Lula

Estou muito mais limpo do que ele
Lula (PT) respondendo a Bolsonaro

Por que tanta raiva das mulheres?
Simone Tebet (MDB) após ataque de Bolsonaro à jornalista Vera Magalhães

Bolsonaro insulta mulher em debate; Lula foge de corrupção

Atual presidente foi alvo principal de participantes; petista afaga Ciro Gomes, que refuta gesto

O primeiro confronto direto entre os dois candidatos mais bem colocados na corrida eleitoral ao Planalto, Jair Bolsonaro (PL) e Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT), foi sobre corrupção, no debate presidencial deste domingo (29).

Questionado por Bolsonaro acerca do tema, o petista se esquivou de responder. O atual mandatário foi o principal alvo dos demais candidatos, organizado em pool por Folha, UOL e TVs Bandeirantes e Cultura.

Atacado por Simone Tebet (MDB), o presidente mostrou irritação. Mais adiante, insultou a entrevistadora Vera Magalhães, da TV Cultura, ao ser indagado sobre vacinação, chamando-a de “vergonha para o jornalismo”.

O episódio foi recordado pelos demais adversários ao longo do encontro. Lula afagou Ciro Gomes (PDT), em resposta sobre um eventual apoio no segundo turno; o petista refutou o gesto. Política A6 e A7

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Relatório técnico do governo, que é refratário às cotas raciais, diz que o sistema mantém qualidade do ensino nas federais, informa Paulo Saldaña. A lei que instituiu o mecanismo faz dez anos hoje e está sob revisão. Especial p. 1

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Macron cherche le cap d'une écologie de crise

Dans un contexte de hausse des prix et de pénurie d'énergie, l'exécutif mise sur la « sobriété » pour répondre au défi climatique, mais il doit encore arbitrer entre radicalité et soutien de la croissance.

C'est le dossier de la rentrée pour le gouvernement. Après un été marqué par une sécheresse et des orages inédits, et dans un contexte de tension énergétique lié à la guerre en

Ukraine, la transition écologique s'impose au centre de l'agenda politique. Mais comment concilier lutte contre le réchauffement climatique et maintien de la croissance et

de l'approvisionnement énergétique ? Faut-il privilégier l'incitation plutôt que l'interdiction ? Divisé entre une aile gauche influencée par l'écologie politique et incarnée par

le ministre des Transports, Clément Beaune, et un courant réaliste, l'exécutif cherche encore sa ligne. Au lendemain des sombres avertissements d'Emmanuel Macron

sur « la fin de l'abondance », la première ministre, Elisabeth Borne, veut rassurer avec des mesures concrètes, dont le déblocage d'un « fonds vert » doté de 1,5 milliard d'euros.

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Après avoir nommé vingt prélats, dont l'archevêque de Marseille, M^{re} Jean-Marc Aveline, qui a accordé un entretien au *Figaro*, François réunit ses 200 cardinaux à huis clos pour évoquer la réforme de la curie. PAGES 8 ET 9

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Gare à l'écologie-démagogie

La grandiloquence en bandoulière, Emmanuel Macron avait prévenu entre les deux tours : « Ce quinquennat sera écologique ou ne sera pas. » Les intempéries estivales ont apporté de l'eau au moulin des prophéties présidentielles. Mais, sur ce terrain, comme sur tous les autres, il y a les mots et les actes... Depuis quelques semaines, nous sommes abreuvés d'un vocabulaire qui sonne le tocsin pour plus de sobriété. Finies l'abondance et l'insouciance. Si on peut toujours discuter de la pertinence des termes choisis, on cherche surtout quelles sont les réponses que le pouvoir exécutif entend mettre en œuvre contre la « grande bascule » qui se profile. Autrement dit : qu'est-ce que l'écologie macroniste ?

À droite, on sait que la première des répliques consiste à développer l'industrie nucléaire, énergie décarbonée. À gauche, on connaît la musique de la nécessaire décroissance, de la fiscalité punitive et des interdictions en vogue. Lorsque l'on voit le gouvernement à l'œuvre, les options sont loin, en revanche, d'être aussi claires. Une récente controverse entre deux ministres sur les jets privés l'a encore démontré ces jours-ci : l'un s'entête à vouloir plus lourdement les taxer, quand l'autre,

soutenu en coulisses par Emmanuel Macron et Elisabeth Borne, estime, avec raison, que c'est une très mauvaise idée. Sur le front de l'écologie, Clément Beaune et Christophe Béchu sont les incarnations de la division gouvernementale, de l'impossible « en même temps ».

Invitée ce lundi de la Rencontre des entrepreneurs, à l'initiative du Medef, Elisabeth Borne éclairera-t-elle notre lanterne, fixera-t-elle un

La lutte pour le climat prend les accents de la lutte des classes

cap enfin compréhensible ? Si celui-ci consiste à taxer les profits des entreprises et à créer un énième fonds vert, on ne pourra pas dire que la première ministre fait preuve d'innovation. Ces réponses, essentiellement financières, continueraient à flirter avec la démagogie. Plus le débat enfle, plus la lutte contre le dérèglement climatique prend les accents de la lutte des classes ; de la lutte contre les inégalités entre riches-pollueurs et pauvres-nécessairement victimes. Ce n'est évidemment pas ainsi que la France trouvera le chemin de la juste préservation de l'environnement. ■

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Après l'euphorie de la reprise, les chefs d'entreprise français, réunis pour la Rencontre du Medef, se montrent préoccupés par les tensions géopolitiques et les nuages sur l'économie française. Guerre en Ukraine, hausse des prix, crise énergétique, difficultés d'approvisionnement... Dans une interview au *Figaro*, le président du Medef, Geoffroy Roux de Bézieux, passe en revue ces défis. PAGES 24 ET 25

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Revealed: black and Asian cancer patients wait longer for diagnosis

Exclusive Racial divide linked to inequalities of survival rates in England

Andrew Gregory
Health editor

Black and Asian people in England have to wait longer for a cancer diagnosis than white people, with some forced to wait an extra six weeks, according to a "disturbing"

analysis of NHS waiting times. The damning review of the world's largest primary care database by the University of Exeter and the Guardian discovered minority ethnic patients waited longer than white patients in six of seven cancers studied.

Race and health leaders called the results "deeply concerning" and "absolutely unacceptable".

The analysis of 126,000 cancer cases over a decade found the median time between a white person first presenting symptoms to a GP and getting diagnosed was 55 days. For Asian

people, it was 60 days (9% longer). For black people, 61 days (11% longer).

Diagnosis delays may mean fewer treatment options while starting treatment later may also mean it is less effective - reducing the odds of survival. Previous research had already shown that minority ethnic patients have worse outcomes when it comes to some cancers in England and are less likely to report positive healthcare experiences.

Some of the differences in wait times for specific cancers are incredibly stark. The median time for white

'These findings are disturbing ... but sadly not surprising'

Jabeer Butt
Race Equality Foundation

people to get a diagnosis for oesophago-gastric cancer - of the stomach or oesophagus - is 53 days. For Asian people it is 100 days, more than six weeks on top of the median seven

weeks' wait for white people. In myeloma, the third most common type of blood cancer, the median diagnosis wait time for white people is 93 days. For black people, it is 127 days - more than a month longer.

The government and the NHS have repeatedly promised to tackle ethnic inequalities in healthcare. Experts say the findings show serious action is needed to understand how and why black and Asian people wait longer - and to prevent it from happening. "These findings are deeply worrying,"

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Pakistan's fatal floods 'a climate dystopia'

Shah Meer Baloch
Islamabad

A Pakistani minister called the country's deadly monsoon season "a serious climate catastrophe" and "a climate dystopia at our doorstep" yesterday as officials said deaths from widespread flooding in Pakistan had passed 1,000 since mid-June.

Flash floods intensifying in recent days have swept away villages, roads, bridges, people, livestock and crops across all four of its provinces. Pakistan has appealed for international help as soldiers and rescue workers have evacuated stranded people to relief camps and provided food to thousands of displaced people.

The country's National Disaster Management Authority said yesterday the death toll from the monsoon rains had reached 1,033, with 119 killed in the previous 24 hours. It said this year's floods were comparable to those of 2010 - the worst on record - when more than 2,000 people died and nearly a fifth of the country was under water.

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