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Starbucks named Laxman Narasimhan to be its CEO, months after former head Howard Schultz temporarily took over at the company. Narasimhan said he would step down as Reckitt Benckiser's chief on Sept. 30. **A1**

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◆ **The S&P 500 and Dow edged up 0.3% and 0.5%, respectively,** while the Nasdaq slipped 0.3%. Oil extended a streak of declines and bond yields hit their highest levels since June. **B11**

◆ **An administrative law judge ruled in favor of Illumina** in its \$7.1 billion acquisition of Grail, Illumina said, dealing a defeat to the FTC's efforts to unwind the transaction on antitrust grounds. **B1**

◆ **The U.K.'s competition authority said Microsoft's planned acquisition of Activision Blizzard could harm** their rivals and newcomers to the videogame industry. **B1**

◆ **Chinese cities tightened measures to halt Covid-19 flare-ups,** threatening further damage to the country's embattled economy. **A16**

◆ **The chairman of Lukoil died** after falling from a hospital window in Moscow, according to Russian state media agency TASS. **A7**

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◆ **A federal judge said she would make public** a more detailed list of the items the FBI took during its search last month of Trump's Mar-a-Lago home. **A4**

◆ **Biden, in a prime-time speech** ahead of the traditional Labor Day start of the midterm campaign season, said Trump and his allies are threatening to undermine the nation's democracy. **A5**

◆ **A judge imposed the longest sentence so far** for a U.S. Capitol rioter, and agents arrested a lawyer for a right-wing group accused of a leading role in the attack. **A4**

◆ **Democrats are entering the homestretch** before November's election in better shape than earlier this year. **A4**

◆ **A man was arrested** after pointing a gun at Argentine Vice President Kirchner and appearing to pull the trigger. Kirchner was unharmed. **A16**

◆ **The CDC recommended** newly authorized Covid-19 booster shots, the final regulatory step toward making them widely available. **A3**

◆ **California lawmakers voted** to keep the state's last nuclear plant online in a bid to ease anticipated electricity supply shortages. **A3**

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Putin Pays Last Respects to Gorbachev, Will Miss Funeral



AT REST: Russian President Vladimir Putin laid flowers at Mikhail Gorbachev's coffin on Thursday, but won't attend the weekend's public funeral in a move reflecting the Kremlin's uneasiness about the former Soviet leader's legacy. **A16**

Investor Hopes Are Shrinking For Fed to Plot a Soft Landing

By AKANE OTANI

Investors settled into a sense of unease ahead of Friday's jobs report, with many now convinced the Federal Reserve will keep tightening monetary policy no matter what the economic data show. U.S. stocks have fallen four of the past five sessions and chipped away at the late-summer rally that helped them bounce off their lows for the year.

Investors have said the market's malaise is in part due to worries that, rather than

slowing down its pace of interest-rate increases at the first sign of slowing growth, the Fed will keep charging ahead to tamp down inflation.

The S&P 500 snapped a four-session losing streak Thursday, edging up 0.3% after falling as much as 1.3% earlier in the day. Eight of the index's 11 sectors finished the day in the green. Energy stocks, by far the market's best performing group this year, suffered the steepest losses.

Other markets remained under pressure. Gold, oil and other commodities fell, and

bond yields hit their highest levels since June. Bond yields and prices move inversely.

One key test for the markets arrives Friday, when the Labor Department releases employment data for August. Economists surveyed by The Wall Street Journal expect the report to show employers added 318,000 jobs in August while the unemployment rate stayed at 3.5%, matching February 2020's half-century low.

Ordinarily, a strong economic report should be viewed as good news by investors. But this time around, many investors

fear that an impressive read would only give the Fed more resolve to keep raising interest rates.

What about a weak report? For much of the decade following the 2007-08 financial crisis, investors cited the mantra that bad economic news could be good news for markets, since it should push the Fed to delay or scale back plans for its interest-rate increases. Now, investors said the dy-

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Companies Struggle With An Influx of New Hires

The tight labor market means many employers have unseasoned staff

A United Airlines jet's wingtip clipped another jet earlier this summer after inexperienced ramp workers misjudged the distance between the aircraft. Some nurses are starting hospital jobs after graduating from school having never touched a live patient. Chipotle

By Lauren Weber, Alison Sider and Heather Haddon

said sales at its restaurants are lower than they would be with more experienced staff.

On paper, many companies' workforces are close to prepandemic strength or have even surpassed their early-2020 head count. In practice, companies are thrusting many workers into roles they aren't entirely ready for to satisfy demand for goods and services ranging from burritos to travel and healthcare.

Companies have been laser-focused on filling job vacancies for most of the past year. They have raised wages, lowered barriers such as experience requirements and retrooled hiring to make on-the-spot offers in an effort to reduce shortages that kept them from filling orders and keeping customers happy.

Those efforts have helped the U.S. economy recoup the 22 million jobs lost early in the pandemic, reducing the unemployment rate to a half-century low of 3.5% in July. The Labor Department will report August employment data on Friday, and economists expect U.S. employers added another 318,000 jobs last month. That figure would represent a slowdown from the strong pace of job growth this year, but it would demonstrate that employers are still adding a historically

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Congratulations, You've Won A Butter Sculpture. Now What?

Minnesota fair princess takes home bust and trimmings adding up to 90 pounds

By JOE BARRETT

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Heavy is the head that wears the crown at the Minnesota State Fair. Rachel Rynda became the 69th Princess Kay of the Milky Way at this year's fair, a peerage with duties that include whipping up support for the state's 2,100 dairy farmers for a year.

Ms. Rynda also faces a royal dilemma: what to do with a larger-than-life-size sculpture of her royal visage carved in butter—and buckets of shavings from the massive original block.

"I don't know if you can

picture 90 pounds of butter, but it's a lot," said Tina Hoff, a 2004 winner, who let everyone in her town roll ears of sweet corn over her butter bust to say thank you for their support. She said the rest kept her grandmother's baked goods buttered for more than a decade.

Ms. Rynda, a 19-year-old college student who grew up on a dairy farm near the town of Montgomery, intends to make Christmas

cookies with the scraps she received. She plans to share her butter head, too: She wants to melt it down and throw a special event for all

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Julie Antonutti in butter

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Cheap currencies draw American buyers to Europe for property deals. **M1**



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Inspectors Reach Nuclear Plant



U.N. inspectors visit the Zaporizhzhia plant in Ukraine, as nearby shelling has raised fears of a potential nuclear accident. **A6**

Russian Shipping Line Said to Carry Weapons

By JARED MALIN AND BENIGT FAUCON

ISTANBUL—A Russian shipping line with ties to the country's Defense Ministry has been ferrying weapons and supplies through the Bosphorus to ports on the Black Sea in support of Moscow's war effort, according to Ukrainian officials who have urged Turkey to block their access.

Kyiv has asked Turkish authorities to take action against at least four cargo ships that it says are transporting military equipment from a Russian base in Syria through straits controlled by Turkey, the only way into the Black Sea from the Mediterranean.

Ukraine made a formal protest to the Turkish ambassador on Monday after it said a Russian freighter, the Sparta II, transported an S-300 air-defense missile system

through the straits and delivered it to the Russian port of Novorossiysk near Ukraine on Aug. 27.

The Sparta II is operated by Oboronlogistics LLC, a Moscow-based company that describes its main objective as meeting the transportation needs of Russia's Defense Ministry for "military and special purpose goods." The U.S. has imposed sanctions on the company since the war began.

Oboronlogistics said it was carrying a cargo of olive oil. Turkey's position as gatekeeper to the strategic straits, subject to an international treaty known as the Montreux Convention, has led to mounting diplomatic pressure on Ankara from Russia and Ukraine.

Turkey has tried to maintain

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Vladimir Putin has dismissed Ukraine as nothing more than "an anti-Russian enclave," said Alexander Novak, Russia's deputy premier and top energy official, according to state news agency RIA Novosti.

At the start of the conflict in February, the Russian president said the invasion aimed to liberate the Donbas, a largely Russian-speaking area in eastern Ukraine. But as it has dragged on, Russia's goals have expanded to dismantling the country and annexing swathes of its Russian-speaking south-east, which Putin referred to yesterday as Russia's "historical territories".

Speaking in the Russian enclave of Kaliningrad, Putin said: "[Ukrainians] started creating an anti-Russian enclave on the territory of today's Ukraine that is threatening our country. So our guys who are fighting there are defending both the residents of Donbas, and defending Russia itself."

Russia yesterday threatened to shut off oil supplies to countries that signed up to a plan to cap prices.

The proposal to impose a price cap on Russian oil is backed by the US and other G7 countries.

"For companies or countries that introduce limitations, we will not supply oil or oil products to them because we will not work under non-market conditions," said Alexander Novak, Russia's deputy premier and top energy official, according to state news agency RIA Novosti. Instead, Russia has said that it is better placed to withstand economic turmoil than European countries, which are grappling with an energy crisis and surging costs.

The EU has been preparing to ban imports of Russian oil and gas from next year. The price cap aims to help Europe buy time to diversify from Russian energy by allowing western countries to continue buying its energy without funding Moscow's war.



Vladimir Putin pays his last respects at the coffin of former Soviet president Mikhail Gorbachev yesterday.

But Novak called the idea a complete "absurdity" that he said would destabilise the whole industry.

In Ukraine, the UN's atomic safety watchdog was able to spend "a few hours" inspecting the Russian-occupied Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant.

A team led by Rafael Grossi, director-general of the International Atomic Energy Agency, left Europe's largest nuclear power station at about 6pm to return to Ukrainian-controlled territory, leaving five inspectors at the site, according to Energoatom, the Ukrainian operator of the facility.

"We were able in these few hours to gather a lot, a lot of information," Grossi said in a video released by Russia's RIA

Novosti news agency. "The key things I needed to see, I saw."

The IAEA mission at the sprawling nuclear site is expected to last several days and the UN agency has said it wants to set up a permanent team on the ground.

Russian forces occupied the site soon after Moscow's invasion of Ukraine in February, marking the first time

'Our guys who are fighting [in Ukraine] are defending Russia itself'

Vladimir Putin

nuclear reactors have been at the centre of a war.

Both Ukraine and Russia have repeatedly accused each other's forces of conducting military strikes around the plant, triggering fears of a catastrophic nuclear accident. Ukraine, which has four operating nuclear power stations, is home to the decommissioned Chernobyl plant, site of the world's worst nuclear accident while under Soviet control in 1986.

Russian foreign minister Sergei Lavrov said Moscow expected the IAEA visit to assess the situation "objectively" despite what he described as "attempts to make it more difficult".

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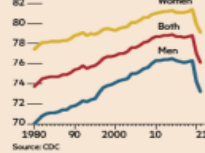
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US life expectancy at birth



Americans born in 2021 can expect to live for 78.1 years, the lowest since 1996. The 2.7-year fall since 2019 is the biggest in a two-year period in almost 100 years. Covid is the main cause but overdoses and accidents are significant factors



Europe eyes windfall tax to rein in electricity bills

Brussels has drawn up plans for EU states to set a maximum price that non-gas electricity producers can book, and redepot any excess profit they generate above that level to help lower consumers' bills. The system, which is similar to a windfall tax, is part of a set of proposals to restrain soaring wholesale electricity prices after Ursula von der Leyen, the European Commission president, vowed to shake up the continent's energy market.

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Microsoft's \$75bn Activision takeover threatens to fall foul of UK regulator

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Microsoft's \$75bn acquisition of video game maker Activision Blizzard faces the threat of a UK competition probe with the potential to derail the deal, unless the US tech group addresses antitrust concerns by next week.

The Competition and Markets Authority said yesterday that it believed the deal would hurt Sony and other makers of games consoles, while impeding competition in new markets, such as cloud gaming and subscriptions services. It gave Microsoft five days to come up with undertakings that would resolve its worries or face an extended probe.

The challenge makes the CMA the first regulator to sound the alarm over Microsoft's biggest-ever deal and sets out the hurdles it will have to overcome.

The CMA's objection last year to Nvidia's \$40bn purchase of chip designer Arm came after a similar initial investigation and laid down a marker for international regulatory action that eventually led to the deal collapsing.

The Activision acquisition would make Microsoft the third-biggest gaming company in terms of revenues, behind only China's Tencent and Japan's Sony. The CMA warned it would put Microsoft in a position to harm rivals by refusing them access to Activision games, or by providing access on much worse terms.

"We are concerned that Microsoft could use its control over popular games like Call of Duty and World of Warcraft post-merger to harm rivals, including recent and future rivals in multi-game subscription services and cloud gaming," Sorchia O'Carroll, senior director of

mergers at the CMA, said. The deal faces similar scrutiny from other regulators. The European Commission is not expected to begin its formal review process for at least another month, according to one person familiar with the schedule, while the US Federal Trade Commission does not follow a set timetable and has not given any indication of its thinking on the deal.

Microsoft has tried to win over regulators and industry opponents by saying that Call of Duty, the blockbuster game that has brought in \$30bn in lifetime sales for Activision, would continue to be available on all consoles after the deal, rather than being turned into an exclusive title on Microsoft's Xbox.

"We're ready to work with the CMA on next steps and address any of its concerns," said Brad Smith, Microsoft president and vice-chair.

World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				GOVERNMENT BONDS			
	Sept 1	Prev	%Chg	Pair	Sept 1	Prev	%Chg	Yield (%)	Sept 1	Prev	%Chg
S&P 500	3914.33	3955.00	-1.03	\$/£	0.994	1.006	-0.995	US 2 yr	3.53	3.45	0.08
Nikkei	31562.86	31816.29	-2.14	\$/¥	1.153	1.164	-0.969	US 10 yr	3.28	3.12	0.13
Dow Jones Ind	31763.87	31910.43	-0.47	€/£	0.862	0.864	-0.23	US 30 yr	3.38	3.24	0.14
FTSE Euro Stoxx 500	1609.57	1637.98	-1.86	\$/₹	140.020	136.625	2.42	UK 2 yr	3.17	3.08	0.06
Euro Stoxx 50	3450.06	3517.25	-1.96	\$/₹	161.401	161.354	0.03	UK 10 yr	2.88	2.80	0.08
FTSE 100	7148.50	7284.15	-1.88	\$/₹	0.976	0.981	-0.51	UK 30 yr	3.19	3.08	0.11
FTSE All-Share	3526.25	3607.46	-2.03	\$/₹	0.976	0.981	-0.51	JPN 2 yr	-0.08	-0.08	0.00
CAC 40	6524.31	6725.75	-2.42	\$/₹	0.976	0.981	-0.51	JPN 10 yr	0.24	0.23	0.01
Hang Seng	12630.23	12634.95	-0.04	\$/₹	0.976	0.981	-0.51	JPN 30 yr	1.22	1.19	0.03
Nikkei	27881.47	28091.53	-0.73	\$/₹	0.976	0.981	-0.51	GER 2 yr	1.17	1.19	-0.02
Hang Seng	15687.31	15954.39	-1.78	\$/₹	0.976	0.981	-0.51	GER 10 yr	1.56	1.54	0.02
MSCI World	2627.32	2645.37	-0.68	\$/₹	0.976	0.981	-0.51	GER 30 yr	1.89	1.82	0.07
MSCI EM	994.11	992.75	0.14	\$/₹	0.976	0.981	-0.51				
MSCI AEM	613.11	616.75	-0.59	\$/₹	0.976	0.981	-0.51				
FT Wilshire 2500	5157.58	5197.86	-0.78	\$/₹	0.976	0.981	-0.51				
FT Wilshire 5000	40295.16	40007.86	-0.72	\$/₹	0.976	0.981	-0.51				

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President Biden warned on Thursday against "a blind loyalty to a single leader and a willingness to engage in political violence."

Braving Shells, Experts Reach Ukraine Plant

By ANDREW E. KRAMER

ZAPORIZHZHIA, Ukraine — A U.N. inspection team finally reached the embattled nuclear power plant in Russian-occupied southern Ukraine on Thursday, after an artillery bombardment forced operators to shut down one reactor and switch another to emergency power, highlighting the immense risks of combat around a site loaded with radioactive material.

The team of 14 experts with the International Atomic Energy Agency planned to gauge the damage to the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant from weeks of shelling, its ability to operate safely and other risks in one of the most dangerous and complicated missions in the agency's history. By evening, most of the team had headed back to Ukrainian-held territory, leaving behind five members who officials said would stay into the weekend.

"I worried, I worry and will continue to be worried" about the safety of the plant, Rafael Mariano Grossi, director general of the I.A.E.A., said after returning from the visit. He said he had spent about five hours at the plant, going to key locations there.

"It is obvious that the plant and physical integrity of the plant have been violated several times," he said in brief comments to reporters on a roadside. "By chance or by deliberation? We don't have the elements to assess that. But this cannot continue to happen."

"Whatever you think about this war, this is something that cannot continue to happen," he added.

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Tech Makers Weaning Themselves From China

By DAISUKE WAKABAYASHI and TRIPP MICKLE

In the coming weeks, Apple and Google will unveil their latest generation of smartphones, jockeying to distinguish the new devices from previous models. But one of the most significant changes will go largely unnoticed by consumers: Some of these phones will not be made in China.

A small portion of Apple's latest iPhones will be made in India, and part of Google's newest Pixel phone production will be done in Vietnam, people familiar with their plans said.

The shift is a response to growing concerns about the geopolitical tensions and pandemic-induced supply-chain disruptions

U.S.-Beijing Tensions, and Cheaper Labor, Spur Gradual Shift

that have involved China in the last few years. China has long been the world's factory floor for high-tech electronics, unrivaled in its ability to secure legions of high-skilled workers and the production capacity to handle demand for the next hot device.

But American companies are seeing more risk there — a perspective forged during the Trump-era trade war, with its tit-for-tat tariffs, and cemented by China's saber-rattling after Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan last

month. They fear that basing a supply chain largely in China may thrust them into the middle of its escalating conflict with the United States over Taiwan.

China is still, by far, the most dominant consumer electronics manufacturer. But it's not just smartphone production that is moving out the country. Apple is producing iPads in northern Vietnam. Microsoft has shipped Xbox game consoles this year from Ho Chi Minh City. Amazon has been making Fire TV devices in Chennai, India. Several years ago, all of these products were made in China.

On Wednesday, China announced that factory activity had contracted for a second straight month in August, according to the

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Foxconn, Apple's largest contract manufacturer, has set up shop in Bac Giang Province, Vietnam.

New Jersey Bag Ban's Unforeseen Consequence: Too Many Bags

By CLARE TOENISKOEITZER

Nicole Kramaritch of Roxbury, N.J., has 46 bags just sitting in her garage. Brian Otto has 101 of them, so many that he's considering sewing them into blackout curtains for his baby's bedroom. (So far, that idea has gone nowhere.) Lili Mannuzza in Whippany has 74.

"I don't know what to do with all

these bags," she said.

The mountains of bags are an unintended consequence of New Jersey's strict new bag ban in supermarkets. It went into effect in May and prohibits not only plastic bags but paper bags as well. The well-intentioned law seeks to cut down on waste and single-use plastics, but for many people who rely on grocery delivery and curbside pickup services their orders

Bid to Cut Waste Yields Piles of Reusables

now come in heavy-duty reusable shopping bags — lots and lots of them, week after week.

While nearly a dozen states nationwide have implemented restrictions on single-use plastic

bags, New Jersey is the only one to ban paper bags because of their environmental impact. The law also bans polystyrene foam food containers and cups, and restricts restaurants from handing out plastic straws unless they're requested.

Emily Gonyou, 22, a gig worker in Roselle Park who provides shopping services for people

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Biden Portrays Democracy As Under Fire in the U.S.

Says Extremism Stoked by Trump Threatens 'Very Foundations of Our Republic'

By ZOLAN KANNO-YOUNGS and MICHAEL D. SHEAR

PHILADELPHIA — President Biden traveled to Independence Hall on Thursday to warn that America's democratic values are under assault by forces of extremism loyal to former President Donald J. Trump, using a prime-time address to define the midterm elections as a "battle for the soul of this nation."

In a 24-minute speech, Mr. Biden blamed his predecessor for stoking a movement filled with election deniers and people calling for political violence. He went out of his way to declare that not all Republicans embrace extremism, however, and he said that defending democracy will require rejecting Mr. Trump and his ideology in elections this fall.

"Donald Trump and the MAGA Republicans represent an extremism that threatens the very foundations of our Republic," Mr. Biden said, flanked by Marine guards.

"But there's no question that the Republican Party today is dominated, driven and intimidated by Donald Trump and the MAGA Republicans," he added. "And that is a threat to this country."

Speaking to several hundred spectators seated in front of Independence Hall in Philadelphia, where the country's political institutions were born, and just steps

from the Liberty Bell, Mr. Biden made it clear that he believes the political violence and election denial espoused by the former president and his allies have damaged America's reputation abroad.

He cited the "extraordinary experiment of self-government" represented by the American Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, saying that "history tells us a blind loyalty to a single leader and a willingness to engage in political violence is fatal to democracy."

The president was interrupted by protesters who chanted "Let's go Brandon," a reference to a crude epithet aimed at Mr. Biden that is popular among Mr. Trump's supporters. At one point, the president joked that "good manners is nothing they ever suffered from," but he also defended their right to protest, saying "they're entitled to be outrageous."

Before Mr. Biden delivered his remarks, Representative Kevin McCarthy of California, the top House Republican, said it was Democrats who were "dismantling Americans' democracy before our very eyes."

After the speech, Republicans said Mr. Biden was maligning the 74 million people who voted for Mr. Trump in the 2020 election.

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AN EARLY REMATCH Two years before the 2024 election, President Biden revived a key theme of the 2020 race. News Analysis, PAGE A16

Power and Pull Riveted Trump In His Briefings

This article is by Julian E. Barnes, Michael C. Bender and Maggie Haberman.

WASHINGTON — As president, Donald J. Trump showed the most interest in intelligence briefings when the topics revolved around his personal relationships with world leaders and the power available at his fingertips.

He took little interest in secret weapons programs, but he often asked questions about the look of Navy ships and sometimes quizzed briefers on the size and power of America's nuclear arsenal.

He was fascinated by operations to take out high-value targets, like those that led to the deaths of Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, the leader of the Islamic State, and Maj. Gen. Qasim Suleimani, a top Iranian commander. But the details of broader national security policies bored him.

Unlike some of his predecessors, Mr. Trump did not care about intelligence reports about U.F.O.s, but he would ask questions about the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Mr. Trump's appetite for sensitive information is now at the heart of the criminal investigation into his handling of hundreds of classified documents he kept at his Florida home after leaving office.

The subjects covered in the material he kept remain unknown, and the questions of why he took it in the first place and why he resisted returning it remain unanswered. The intelligence agencies have yet to fully assess national security risks, though they plan to do so at the urging of lawmakers in Congress, including the top Democrat and Republican on the Senate Intelligence Committee.

But a look at what most en-

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Jim Wilson/The New York Times
All of Gov. Gavin Newsom's proposals passed but one.

California Opts For Big Actions In Climate Bills

By BRAD PLUMER

California, with an economy that ranks as the world's fifth-largest, embarked this week on its most aggressive effort yet to confront climate change, after lawmakers passed a flurry of bills designed to cut emissions and speed away from fossil fuels.

Legislators approved a record \$54 billion in climate spending and passed sweeping new restrictions on oil and gas drilling, as well as a mandate that California stop adding carbon dioxide to the atmosphere by 2045.

And they voted to extend the life of Diablo Canyon, California's last nuclear power plant, by five years, a step once unthinkable to many environmentalists. Proponents said that California, which is again struggling to keep the lights on amid a scorching heat wave, needed the emissions-free electricity from the nuclear plant while other clean sources like wind and solar ramp up.

The bills, passed late Wednesday night, marked a victory for Gov. Gavin Newsom, a Democrat who has sought to portray himself as a climate leader as he has

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Shouldering the inequities of the drought

California's dry wells and dirty water affect mostly low-income communities of color.

By Hayley Smith

VISALIA, Calif. — On a hot morning in August, the pressure gauge on Jesús Benítez's well read about 10 pounds per square inch — barely enough for a trickle.

The 74-year-old has been living just outside Visalia, in the heart of California's San Joaquin Valley, for about 14 years, ever since he was displaced from Downey in search of bigger skies and more space. But the once-green 3-acre property that was meant to be his retirement haven is now dry, brittle and brown.

Like a growing number of Central Californians, Benítez is bearing the brunt of the state's punishing drought, which is evaporating the state's surface water even as a frenzy of well drilling saps precious reserves underground. As a result, the number of dry wells in California has increased

70% since last year, while the number of Californians living with contaminated drinking water is at nearly 1 million.

The majority of those people live in low-income communities and communities of color, state data show — and experts say heat, drought and climate change are only making those inequities worse.

"We're fighting an uphill battle due to climate change," said Gregory Pierce, director of the Human Right to Water Solutions Lab at UCLA. "Even with the progress we're making, there are other losses that few people anticipated when it comes to heat impacts on water quality... and the pace at which people, and even larger systems, are at risk of running out of water entirely."

Benítez is one of the unlucky people dealing with both. His sputtering well — the only source of water on his property — is polluted with nitrates, uranium and hexavalent chromium, which are becoming more concentrated as the water draws down. He and about

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FRANK FERRIERA, 68, pulls a handful of fresh water from an open pipe at his farm in Visalia, Calif.

Test scores show COVID's fallout

National data reveal biggest drops among students who were already struggling.

By Paloma Esquivel and Howard Blume

National reading and math test scores of 9-year-olds released Thursday revealed alarming trends about the extent of the pandemic's negative effect on learning, with scores showing the steepest declines in decades and the biggest drops among children who were already academically struggling.

The declines and wide equity gaps come as Los Angeles Unified Supt. Alberto

Carvalho said he has reviewed unreleased state test scores in the nation's second-largest school district that "show devastating loss in terms of student achievement levels, particularly in reading and mathematics."

Average math scores on the National Assessment of Educational Progress tests fell 7 points, to 234 on a 0-500 scale. For students performing in the bottom 10%, the drop was 12 points, compared with 3 points for those in the top 10%.

Average reading scores fell 5 points, to 215. Students performing in the lowest 10% lost 10 points. The top 10% of test takers lost about 2 points.

"That's five times the rate of loss in reading," Carvalho [See Test scores, A12]

What a post-Pelosi future means for California

State may lose sway in D.C. when she leaves — even if McCarthy takes over as speaker.

By Jennifer Haberkorn

WASHINGTON — California could be on the cusp of losing one of the most effective national political allies it's ever had.

Now in her second stint as House speaker, Nancy Pelosi has quietly and relentlessly promoted progressive California-backed policies on topics such as cli-

mate change, drought and healthcare.

She's credited with ensuring the state pocketed a larger share of federal funding, and with bolstering the influence of California's 42-member Democratic congressional delegation.

She said in November 2020 that this would be her last term as speaker, though she has since distanced herself from that timeline. At 82, she is running for reelection in her San Francisco district, but some think she might retire after the midterm.

The prospect of Pelosi's departure has some Californians pondering what kind of power vacuum she will leave, and what it will mean for the state's influence in Washington.

More alarming to those who have become accustomed to California Democrats' outsized influence is that Pelosi might be handing the speaker's gavel to a fellow Californian, House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy of Bakersfield.

His Republican Party's policies — in California and nationwide — are often diametrically opposed to those supported by the state's liberal leadership and most of

[See Pelosi, A7]



A FIREFIGHTER douses hot spots from the Route fire. "It's very hot, and it being very hot elevates the wildfire risk and also makes the physical challenge of responding to fires more acute," says one expert.

Strained fire crews face growing heat-illness risk

Searing temps paused ground fight on Route blaze

By Hayley Smith and Brittany Mejia

The first pager alert came Wednesday at 3:02 p.m.

It was 112 degrees beneath a cloudless sky, and a firefighter battling the still-nascent Route fire near Castaic was in need of medical assistance.

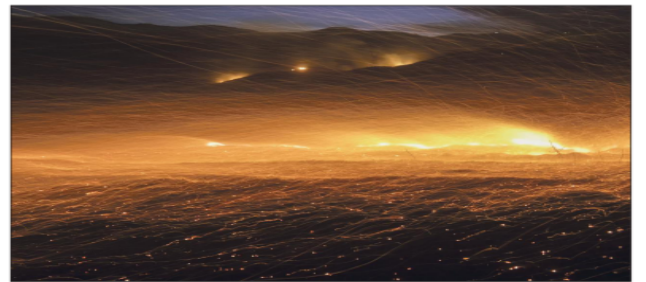
The next alert came five minutes later.

"It started one, then another, and then there was a page that covered two of them," recalled Thomas Ewald, deputy fire chief with the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

By late afternoon, seven firefighters were taken to the hospital with what officials say was heat-related illness.

The illnesses — which were reported just hours after the Route fire ignited amid a punishing summer heat wave — mark a disturbing turning point in the 2022 fire season as a confluence of climate factors come to bear on California.

Experts say the combination of extreme dryness, soaring temperatures [See Illness, A12]



WIND WHIPS embers from the Route fire in Castaic. Dryness, heat and greater frequency of fires compound the toll on crews.

Weather stokes the flames, stresses the grid

The Route fire surpasses 5,200 acres as another of similar size burns near the border. A statewide Flex Alert is extended. CALIFORNIA, B1

Omicron boosters set to roll out

CDC advises shots for Americans 12 and older to combat dominant strains.

By Corinne Purtill and Karen Kaplan

The United States will replace most of its COVID-19 booster shots with updated versions that target the dominant Omicron strains and streamline its ongoing

vaccination campaign, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced Thursday.

Under the new plan, Americans ages 12 and up will be asked to roll up their sleeves for the reformulated boosters, which are engineered to combat the BA.4 and BA.5 subvariants along with the original coronavirus that arrived in the U.S. in early 2020. The "bivalent" boosters could begin going into arms in a matter of days.

People will be eligible for

the new shots if it's been at least two months since their last dose. About 209 million Americans currently meet those criteria; most of them haven't received a shot in more than six months.

The change was recommended Thursday by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, an influential group of vaccine experts that provides guidance to the CDC. Dr. Rochelle Walensky, the agency's director, quickly accepted the group's advice.

The two offerings — one from Pfizer and BioNTech for people 12 and older and another from Moderna for adults 18 and over — represent the first substantial change to the COVID-19 vaccine recipe since the country's immunization campaign began nearly two years ago. The original boosters that don't target BA.4 and BA.5 will no longer be available to those 12 and up.

"The updated COVID-19 [See Vaccine, A6]

Judge appears open to Trump's records request

"What is the harm" in appointing a special master to review files seized by the FBI? the jurist asks. NATION, A4

Would a blind trust suffice?

Critics say Caruso's pledge to shift assets, if elected, may still invite conflicts of interest. CALIFORNIA, B1

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SPEAKER PELOSI is running to keep her House seat, but some expect her to retire after the midterm.

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Democracy Dies in Darkness

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Biden calls out Trump as threat

Blind MAGA loyalty can be 'fatal to democracy,' president says in address

BY YASMEEN ABUTALEB
AND MARISA IATI

PHILADELPHIA — President Biden delivered a forceful address Thursday on what he called a dangerous assault on American democracy, warning that "too much of what's happening in our country today is not normal" as "Donald Trump and the MAGA Republicans represent an extremism that threatens the very foundations of our republic."

Biden's speech, outside Philadelphia's Independence Hall, was a remarkable assessment from a sitting president that the fabric of American governance is under serious threat — "we do ourselves no favors to pretend otherwise," he said. While Biden did not name Republicans other than the former president, he warned of election deniers who have won Republican primaries and those who have sought to overturn legitimate elections.

"We are still at our core a democracy — yet history tells us that blind loyalty to a single leader, and the willingness to engage in political violence, is fatal to democracy," Biden said. "There is no question that the Republican Party is dominated, driven and intimidated by Donald Trump and the MAGA Republicans."

Biden on Thursday appeared to

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TAMIR KALIFA FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Brandy Smith and Ariel Watson walk through the Prince Hall Village Apartments, an affordable housing complex in Port Arthur, Tex., in August. The city is home to three oil refineries, two liquid natural gas terminals and at least 40 other facilities that release toxins.

Ringed by fossil fuels, fighting for clean air

Mostly Black, Latino residents of Port Arthur, Tex., fear new climate law will leave them behind

BY SARAH KAPLAN

PORT ARTHUR, TEX. — On any given day at the Prince Hall apartment complex, the breeze might carry soot and reek of burning tar. Black smoke might billow overhead as excess gas is burned at one of the refineries directly across the road. The fumes make Ariel Watson's head ache until she can barely think. Jeremy Roy, 9, closes his windows against air that "stinks like farts."

For the mostly Black and Latino residents of Port Arthur — home to three oil refineries, two liquid natural gas terminals and at least 40 other facilities that release toxins into the

air — the burning of fossil fuels is a local health hazard as well as a planetary threat. But as Democrats celebrate the passage of a hard-fought climate deal, with historic investments in clean energy as well as concessions to the fossil fuel industry, locals fear that the legislation may leave their community behind.

To secure the vote of Sen. Joe Manchin III (D-W.Va.), party leaders committed to auction off more drilling leases and relax permitting requirements for new projects. Experts say the measures may prolong the environmental damage many Americans face — especially in areas where petroleum

products are produced for export. Now, people in Port Arthur and other industrial communities say they must fight to maintain what power they have left: the ability to comment on — and push back against — polluting infrastructure.

"We're battling for a clean environment, not just for the sake of climate change, but for the sake of the air that we breathe and the water that we drink," said Hilton Kelley, a Port Arthur native and founder of the Community in Power and Development Association, a local environmental justice group. "We're battling for our life."

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CDC says to get new booster

MILLIONS AS YOUNG AS 12 ARE ELIGIBLE

Omicron shots could be available this weekend

BY LENA H. SUN

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommended Thursday that millions of eligible Americans, including those as young as 12, get an updated omicron-targeting booster shot to bolster defenses against serious illness and death during a potential fall or winter rise in covid-19 cases.

CDC Director Rochelle Walensky endorsed a recommendation by an advisory panel, paving the way for some clinicians, pharmacies and other providers to begin administering the shots as early as this weekend. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices voted 13-1 to recommend updated shots from Moderna, for those 18 and older, and from Pfizer-BioNTech, for people 12 and older.

Thursday's action, along with authorization of the shots a day earlier by the Food and Drug Administration, marked another turning point in the pandemic and reflected the persistent struggle to tamp down illness and death 2½ years since the pandemic dawned.

"The updated COVID-19 boosters are formulated to better protect against the most recently

SEE BOOSTER ON A6

No snap decision on special master

BY PERRY STEIN
AND DEVLIN BARRETT

WEST PALM BEACH, FLA. — A federal judge seemed sympathetic to arguments presented by Donald Trump's attorneys in a courtroom Thursday that the former president may retain some executive privileges after he left the White House.

But U.S. District Judge Aileen M. Cannon did not issue a ruling from the bench on whether she would grant the legal team's request to appoint a special master to review material seized from Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence and club, instead saying she would deliver a written decision in "due course."

Cannon also said she would

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Tennis legends are not always the retirement type

As Serena Williams is showing at this year's U.S. Open, saying goodbye can be complicated

BY LIZ CLARKE

When Serena Williams was given a chance to clarify her retirement timetable after she extended her career at least one more match with a first-round U.S. Open victory Monday, she gamely deflected the question.

"I've been pretty vague about it, right?" Williams said with a chuckle. "I'm going to stay vague because you never know."

With it, Williams followed a well-established pattern at the elite ranks of professional tennis: There is no pattern when it comes to retirement.

For some champions, the decision is dictated by injury; the body simply fails them.

For others, something essential withers in the heart — the compulsion to push and punish themselves daily to stay at the top.

For others, the decision is messy, fraught with second-guessing. Some days, they're sure they are tapped out; other days, the competitive rush returns.

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Serena Williams, a 23-time Grand Slam champion, entered this year's U.S. Open ranked 605th. But the 40-year-old, who earlier this summer spoke of retiring after the major event, has started with two straight wins, including Wednesday's victory, above, over world No. 2 Anett Kontaveit.

Killing of Black man deepens Ohio's pain

BY MARINA LOPES,
BRITTANY SHAMMAS
AND JOANNA SLATER

The killing of an unarmed Black man shot in bed by an Ohio police officer this week was "utterly senseless," a lawyer for the man's family said Thursday, calling for accountability and immediate reform amid a spate of police shootings in Columbus, the state capital.

In body-camera footage of Tuesday's shooting released by authorities, a Columbus police officer pushes open a bedroom door and immediately fires at Donovan Lewis, 20, as he sits up in bed.

Officers had entered the apartment around 2:30 a.m. with a police dog to serve Lewis arrest warrants on charges of domestic violence, assault and improper handling of a firearm. Sgt. Joe

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WUDECH GRZEDZINSKI FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

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(R-S.C.) must appear before a Georgia grand jury investigating possible attempts to disrupt the 2020 election, a judge ruled. A2

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Outgoing prime minister

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China lashed out at the U.N. over its release of a report that found the crackdown on ethnic minorities in Xinjiang involved "serious human rights violations." A9

U.N. experts journeyed through dangerous territory to begin inspection of Ukraine's embattled Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant. A9

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tive groups are readying potential lawsuits to block President Biden's plan to cancel some student debt. A13

The governor of Mississippi deployed 600 National Guard troops at water distribution sites across Jackson. A14

Twitter is testing a button that would let users edit tweets shortly after they are posted, but not everyone thinks that's a good idea. A16

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A former New York officer who assaulted police on Jan. 6, 2021, received 10 years in prison, the longest sentence yet stemming from the insurrection. B1

Kellye SoRelle, an attorney for the Oath Keepers, was arrested on charges related to the Capitol riot. B1

A former nurse practitioner is suing CVS Health, saying she was fired from an Alexandria location for not prescribing certain contraceptives or abortion-inducing drugs. B1

Gov. Glenn Youngkin announced measures to combat teacher shortages and student learning loss in Virginia. B1

A class-action lawsuit challenged the Prince George's County ban on pit bulls, calling the ordinance vague and not based in science. B1

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The popular seasonal flavor has gone from fall trend to an inevitable part of our lives. C1

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Collectors mourn loss of nostalgia and physical mementos of souvenir tickets. **In Money**

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Wilson saddling up with Broncos for a while

Nine-time Pro Bowl quarterback reportedly agrees to a five-year contract extension that is worth up to \$245 million. **In Sports**

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Military sexual assaults surge

Report comes despite vows to crack down

Tom Vanden Brook
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — A new Pentagon survey shows women in the military endured the highest level of unwanted sexual contact since the Defense Department began tracking the data 16 years ago, a startling finding that shows sexual crimes rising steadily despite hundreds of millions spent to curb the problem and vows by senior leaders to tackle it.

The new Pentagon survey also shows that trust in the military to treat accusers with dignity is declining.

The Pentagon estimates that sexual assaults among female service members surged an estimated 35% from 2018 to 2021. The survey shows that 8.4% of women and 1.5% of men in the active-duty military said they had been the victim of a sex crime, ranging from groping to rape, according to results of the survey obtained by USA TODAY. In 2018, an estimated 6.2% of women in the armed services were victims of unwanted sexual contact.

The previous high for women was 6.8% in 2006, the same year that produced the highest on record for men at 1.8%.

USA TODAY obtained some of the new data from sources familiar with a briefing that was given to members of Congress late Wednesday. The sources were not authorized to speak publicly before the report's release.

Other findings: About 1 in 5 troops —

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Quitters are making more
How much U.S. workers' wages rose over a 12-month period, by whether they'd changed jobs:



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ATHLETES, ABORTION & ANXIETY
AS RIGHTS ERODE, FEAR FOR FUTURE OF WOMEN'S SPORTS

Colleges, coaches face post-Roe uncertainty

Nancy Armour, Lindsay Schnell
and Steve Berkowitz
USA TODAY

A University of Kentucky athlete who is pregnant is to be educated on "all available options," so she can make "decisions that she believes are in her best interest."

Yet nowhere does the athletic department's current pregnancy policy, published in April 2020, acknowledge that the near-total ban on abortion that now exists in Kentucky might put those two statements at odds. Nor does it offer guidance — for the athlete, her coaches and the people who provide her with medical care — on how to navigate such a contradiction on a decision that could forever alter a young woman's life.

And it does nothing to address the whiplash speed with which abortion laws throughout the country are changing, with bans lifted one week

Patchwork laws and outdated guidelines offer no clarity for athletes

ABOUT THIS SERIES

This is the first story in what will be an ongoing series in response to the June 24 Supreme Court ruling that overturned Roe v. Wade, the 1973 case that granted women a constitutional right to an abortion.

and put back in place the next.

The Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, one Power Five coach told USA TODAY Sports, is causing "major panic" across women's college sports.

In the two months since the ruling in the case of Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, roughly a third of women in the U.S. have lost access to abortion. In college athletic departments, this has prompted anxiety and concern about what the decision will mean for female athletes and the people their families have trusted to protect them.

Mostly, though, it has created uncertainty. Coaches, athletic administrators and support staff are trying to figure out, often on their own, what is allowed and what isn't; what they can say and what they can't; and what they will do if — when

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Students more diverse but school segregation persists

Tiffany Cusaac-Smith
USA TODAY

The student population in U.S. public schools has grown significantly more diverse, but segregation remains a persistent concern, a recent federal government study found.

The Government Accountability Office found that in the 2020-21 school year, more than a third of K-12 students attended schools where 75% or more of students were of the same race or ethnicity. About 15% of students went to schools where 90% or more of the students were of a single race or ethnicity, the study said.

Although school segregation is of-



The Midwest and Northeast had the highest percentages of schools with homogenous racial makeup, the GAO says. RICH JANZARUK/USA TODAY NETWORK

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Math, reading skills are stagnant or slumping

Kayla Jimenez
USA TODAY

New federal data reveals that 9-year-olds' reading and math scores have declined significantly across the board since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The results show the largest average score decline in reading since 1990, and the first-ever score decline in mathematics, the National Center for Education Statistics said.

In other words, no group of high- or low-performing students was spared from a decline in performance by the pandemic and remote schooling.

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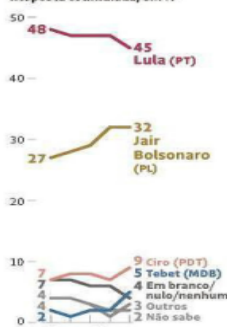
PIB está 0,3% abaixo do pico histórico

Em número índice. Média de 1995 = 100



Intenção de voto no 1º turno

Resposta estimulada, em %



Fonte: Pesquisa Datafolha presencial com 5.734 pessoas de 16 anos ou mais em 285 municípios nos dias 30 ago a 1º set, a margem de erro é de 2 pontos percentuais e o registro no TSE é BR-00433/2022

PIB supera expectativas e avança 1,2% no segundo trimestre

A economia brasileira cresceu 1,2% no segundo trimestre deste ano na comparação com os três meses anteriores e acumula avanço de 3% em relação ao nível pré-pandemia (anterior a março de 2020), informou ontem o IBGE (Instituto Brasileiro de Geografia e Estatística).

A alta do PIB (Produto Interno Bruto), que superou as expectativas do mercado financeiro, foi puxada sobretudo pelo desempenho do setor de serviços, o mais castigado pela onda de Covid. Também tiveram alta acima do esperado o consumo das famílias e os investimentos.

O resultado levou economistas a revisarem as projeções anuais para algo perto de 3% — a edição mais recente do boletim Focus, no qual o Banco Central reúne números do mercado, previa 2,1%. Ainda assim, analistas antevêm desaceleração neste semestre.

O período de abril a junho traz reflexos da reabertura de atividades após as restrições na pandemia. Com o aumento da circulação de pessoas e a volta de negócios presenciais, houve impulso para o setor de serviços, o principal do PIB, com alta de 1,3% no período. Mercado A22

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Vinicius Torres Freire
Estímulo federal ajuda, mas ritmo excede o esperado e pede explicações

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Lula tem 45% e Bolsonaro, 32%; Ciro chega a 9%, e Tebet, a 5%

Ex-governador e senadora avançam, e petista se distancia de vitória no 1º turno, mostra Datafolha

O ex-presidente Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT) oscilou dois pontos abaixo, para 45%, e o presidente Jair Bolsonaro (PL) manteve-se em 32% na nova pesquisa Datafolha para a eleição presidencial.

Ciro Gomes (PDT) passou de 7% para 9%, e Simone Tebet (MDB), de 2% para 5%. Foram ouvidos 5.734 eleitores nos dias 30, 31 e 1º, e a margem de erro é de dois pontos nas duas direções.

Assim, a fatia de votos válidos de Lula fica em 48%, sendo mais provável o segundo turno. O petista perdeu 8 pontos de frente em São Paulo e lidera por 5 pontos no maior colégio eleitoral do país.

O levantamento é o primeiro feito após o debate organizado em pool por Folha, UOL e TVs Bandeirantes e Cultura, o único até agora, no domingo (28). O desempenho da emedebista foi elogiado.

A um mês da primeira rodada, o Datafolha mostra que Lula teria 53% das intenções de voto em um segundo turno, e Bolsonaro, 38%. É a menor diferença entre os dois até agora. Política A4

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Campanha petista fará ofensiva para tentar evitar segundo turno

Revisão para cima do PIB reforçou entre lulistas ideia de que é preciso vencer no 1º turno. Estratégia é ampliar ataques a Jair Bolsonaro e atrair eleitor de Ciro Gomes. A4

Haddad lidera com 35%; Tarcísio sobe a 21%, Rodrigo, a 15% em SP

Caiu a vantagem de Fernando Haddad (PT) para o governo paulista. De 38% no dia 18, passou a 35%. Tarcísio de Freitas (Republicanos) subiu 5 pontos; Rodrigo Garcia (PSDB), 4. A7

Eleitor que não deixar celular com mesário não votará, diz TSE

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Brasileiro tenta atirar em Cristina Kirchner

Um homem identificado como Fernando Andrés Sabag Montiel, brasileiro, tentou atirar em Cristina Kirchner, ex-presidente da Argentina, na noite de ontem em Buenos Aires e foi preso. Segundo o ministro da Segurança, Anibal Fernández, o suspeito acionou o gatilho, mas a pistola não disparou. Mundo A16

Órgão determina suspender cigarro eletrônico no Brasil

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Vanessa Ziótti

Novo hype não é ser autista, sr. Pondé, é desinformar

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Rock in Rio começa hoje e terá atrações como Dua Lipa, Iron Maiden e Justin Bieber



Brasileiro Fernando Sabag Montiel, 35, ataca Cristina Kirchner, 69, no bairro da Recoleta, em Buenos Aires @LeutaroMalsin no Twitter

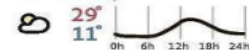
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Lua crescente
A respeito de geopolítica da nova corrida espacial.

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São Paulo hoje



Fonte: www.climatempo.com.br

Governo deve dar auxílio a mais 804 mil famílias

O governo Jair Bolsonaro prepara a inclusão de mais 803,8 mil famílias no Auxílio Brasil, a um mês das eleições. Assim, os domicílios beneficiados passarão de 21 milhões. Os recursos virão de MP que abriu crédito extraordinário de R\$ 26 bilhões. Mercado A19

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PGN 2023 prevé tomar deuda por unos USD 1.860 millones

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millones de dólares, un 1,5% del PIB, proyectan como déficit fiscal

4.148

millones de dólares serán destinados al pago de los sueldos en el Estado

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Emotivo. Con gran alegría dieron la bienvenida a Mons. Adalberto Martínez, quien se trasladó en caravana del Aeropuerto hasta la Catedral.

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19%

TOTAL DE VOTANTS : 89 266

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Les oppositions ont-elles
raison de boycotter
le Conseil national
de la refondation voulu
par Emmanuel Macron ?

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Macron peine à installer son Conseil de la refondation

Le nouvel organe de délibération imaginé par le chef de l'État, qui doit voir le jour le 8 septembre, est boycotté par toutes les oppositions et plusieurs corps intermédiaires.

Tout est prêt pour lancer en grande pompe le Conseil national de la refondation (CNR), le jeudi 8 septembre : les bristols d'invitation ont été envoyés, le lieu a été trouvé - le Centre national

du rugby, à Marcoussis -, et un secrétaire général, François Bayrou, a été nommé pour coordonner les débats. Ne manquent que les participants... Mais les défections se succèdent à moins d'une

semaine du premier rendez-vous de cette nouvelle instance de concertation voulue par Emmanuel Macron. Les oppositions dénoncent unanimement une commission « gadget » qui

se substituerait au rôle du Parlement. Syndicats et associations d'élus sont également réticents, craignant une instrumentalisation des débats au profit de l'exécutif. « Dans la période actuelle

où l'on fait face à des défis considérables, est-ce naturel de refuser la discussion avant même qu'elle n'ait commencé ? », s'interroge la première ministre, Élisabeth Borne.

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La grogne des diplomates contre la réforme du Quai d'Orsay

Dans un monde en tension où Emmanuel Macron veut faire de la France une « puissance d'équilibres », les diplomates dénoncent la perte d'expertise que provoquera la disparition de leur statut voulue par le chef de l'État. PAGES 6 ET 7

Ces entreprises françaises qui ont choisi de rester en Russie

Auchan, Bic, Danone, Lactalis, TotalEnergies, Sanofi... Six mois après l'invasion de l'Ukraine, un certain nombre de groupes français ont décidé de maintenir leurs activités en Russie. Une situation complexe, compte tenu des sanctions internationales et de la pression des pouvoirs publics russes. Ces entreprises, dont les salariés sur place sont désormais presque tous des locaux, sont en particulier confrontées à des difficultés logistiques permanentes. PAGE 22

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Fragile refondation

Le Conseil national de la refondation aura-t-il lieu ? L'affaire est en train, semble-t-il, de tourner au fiasco. Convoqué le 8 septembre, cet objet politique non identifié, destiné à réunir acteurs politiques, syndicats, associations et citoyens pour réfléchir aux grands sujets du moment, a du plomb dans l'aile. Le boycott est quasi général. Édouard Philippe lui-même prend le prétexte d'un voyage au Canada pour s'en exempter. Chargé de le présider, François Bayrou devrait s'y sentir très seul... L'idée, saugrenue, de ce CNR avait été lancée par Emmanuel Macron juste avant les élections législatives. Sans doute persuadé que celles-ci lui donneraient une confortable majorité, le président réélu souhaitait montrer que son camp n'entendait pas monopoliser tous les pouvoirs. Les « gilets jaunes » étaient passés par là. À côté de la démocratie représentative, l'heure est venue, selon lui, de la démocratie participative. Le « coup de com » est non seulement gros, mais inutile. Le scrutin a finalement fait la part belle au Rassemblement national et aux Insoumis, qui peuvent désormais donner de la voix

ailleurs que dans les médias et dans la rue. Ce CNR peut donc être vu aujourd'hui par les oppositions comme une remise en question de la légitimité du suffrage universel direct. Confier l'avenir de la France à des citoyens tirés au sort quand certains nouveaux parlementaires rivalisent déjà d'élucubrations sur le sexe des anges relève au mieux du goût du risque, au pire de l'inconscience ! Le précédent de la convention citoyenne pour le climat aurait dû servir de leçon. Les conclusions de cette agora, remises en 2020 et souvent irréalistes, ont fini en classement vertical, malgré toutes les belles promesses. On ne joue pas impunément avec les symboles, en l'occurrence celui du Conseil national de la Résistance. Même si de crise en crise et d'un Conseil de défense à l'autre Emmanuel Macron se pose volontiers en chef de guerre, il est présomptueux de vouloir confondre les époques et mélanger les genres. ■



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Revealed: two out of three police forces hit by increase in gun crime

● Offences have doubled in a decade in eight areas, official data shows

● Northern England badly affected while numbers fall in London

Robyn Vinter

Two in three police force areas in England and Wales are experiencing rising gun crime, with one force facing levels six times higher than a decade ago, Guardian analysis of Home Office data has found.

While firearms offences are down

14% overall in 10 years – helped by a big fall in London – 29 out of 43 police forces have had an increase in gun crime during that time. In eight of these it has more than doubled.

Gun crime has come to national attention in the past fortnight after the fatal shootings of three people in Liverpool in the space of a week. The most recent death was that of Olivia Pratt-Korbel, nine, who was killed

after a masked gunman chased someone else into her home. Police said yesterday that two guns had been used in the attack, and they released CCTV footage of the suspect.

Concerns are now being raised about the availability of firearms in parts of the north of England and the Midlands as some police forces are struggling to tackle rising gun crime with fewer officers.

The sharpest rise is in the north-east, where gun crime has more than tripled from an average of 91 firearms offences a year from 2009 to 2012, to 294 a year between 2019 and 2022. In the Cleveland police area, firearms offences have risen almost sixfold, from a yearly average of 22 to 127.

Gun crime numbers have more than doubled in 10 years **7** → in the Durham, Sussex,



Putin to snub Gorbachev by missing funeral

Andrew Roth
Moscow

Vladimir Putin will not attend the funeral of Mikhail Gorbachev, the last leader of the Soviet Union, the Kremlin has said, in what will be seen as an extraordinary snub by the Russian president.

Gorbachev, who died on Tuesday aged 91, will not receive an official state funeral, a Kremlin spokesperson has indicated, making him the first leader since Nikita Khrushchev not to be accorded that honour.

The spokesperson, Dmitry Peskov, said schedule constraints meant Putin would not attend a public farewell ceremony **31** →

▲ Vladimir Putin beside the coffin of the former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in Moscow yesterday
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Treasury draws up options for mini budget in fortnight

Larry Elliott
Alex Lawson

The Treasury is working on a menu of options to counter Britain's cost of living crisis in readiness for an emergency mini budget due to take place within two weeks if Liz Truss replaces Boris Johnson as prime minister.

With bookmakers' odds and opinion polls showing Truss the clear favourite to move into 10 Downing Street next week, officials are drawing up plans that would allow the new government to move quickly over bills and longer-term reforms of the energy market.

Truss said she wanted to announce a package by the end of the month but parliament will go into recess on 22 September for the party conference season. That would leave the chancellor, expected to be Kwasi Kwarteng, with little more than a fortnight to choose from a range of measures.

The Treasury accepts that the £15bn package of support announced by Rishi Sunak in May will be inadequate given the subsequent rise in the cap on average **8** →