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Strains mount in Europe's power market as Nordics launch rescue

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More governments will need to intervene to relieve the strains on Europe's power market, officials and industry figures have warned, after Sweden and Finland launched emergency backstops for their energy producers and UK electricity generators called on the British government to help.

Energy generators are facing rapidly mounting calls for collateral as a result of extreme volatility in energy prices. Russia's announcement on Friday that it would no longer supply gas through the Nordstream 1 pipeline could push prices up further this week, adding urgency to the pleas for government support.

Sweden said yesterday that it would provide up to \$25bn in credit guarantees to Nordic utilities to help them avoid technical defaults. Prime minister Magdalena Andersson warned that if left unchecked, electricity producers' rising collateral demands could ripple through markets and, in the worst cases, spark a financial crisis.

"This is a problem that is Europe-wide... liquidity is probably an issue in many countries. It may be the case that other countries will have to follow suit," Max Elger, Sweden's financial markets minister, told the Financial Times.

Finland proposed a €10bn loan and guarantee package. Prime minister Sanna Marin said it was designed to protect companies that were essential for the functioning of society. "The nervousness in the market is strong," Finland's economy minister Mika Lintilä said. "Here were all the ingredients for the energy sector's version of Lehman Brothers," he added, referring to the collapse of the US bank during the 2008 global financial crisis.

Germany's chancellor Olaf Scholz yesterday announced a windfall tax on electricity generators to help fund a €65bn package of support for households and companies grappling with



Olaf Scholz, Magdalena Andersson and Sanna Marin
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soaring energy bills. Berlin has already offered government-backed funding for energy companies.

Jean Francois Lambert, founder of Lambert Commodities and former head of commodity trade finance at HSBC, said other countries were likely to intervene too. "The crisis is moving into the

next stage. If one of the large energy companies collapses there are fears there could be a domino effect," he said.

Electricity producers in Britain are "really concerned about the situation this winter in relation to [financial] liquidity", warned Adam Berman, deputy director at Energy UK, a trade body that speaks for 100 energy companies. "The energy market is not designed to deal with the scale of market volatility that we have seen over recent months."

Some traders said gas and power prices could break records in the next few days. "We're expecting... the market to test new highs this coming week," said

James Waddell, head of European gas at the consultancy Energy Aspects.

Deepa Venkateswaran, European utilities analyst at Bernstein, said there were "rising collateral requirements across the board" in Europe. Traders said energy providers' short-term credit facilities with banks were in danger of becoming tapped out, while lenders are hesitant to increase their exposure.

EU energy ministers will consider taking bloc-wide steps at an emergency meeting on Friday, according to two officials briefed on the discussions.

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“Today's soaring gas prices are as much a weapon in Vladimir Putin's fight as missiles directed at Ukraine and, like them, they will kill”
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The rapidly growing payments group has come under pressure from its auditors to bolster internal controls after British regulators highlighted big flaws in the auditing of its accounts. — PAGE 5

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A man who fell to his death from a New York apartment block on Friday has been identified as Gustavo Arnal, chief financial officer of troubled home goods retailer Bed Bath & Beyond. — PAGE 5

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US ambassador to Japan and ex-Obama aide Rahm Emanuel has predicted that cutting costs will take second place to a "predictability premium" in a new globalisation. — PAGE 4

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The bloc plans to invite the next prime minister to an October gathering as it seeks to build regional ties amid Russian aggression. Liz Truss is expected to be named premier in London today. — PAGE 2

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The Swiss bank today goes on trial in Singapore over its past relationship with former Georgian prime minister Bidzina Ivanishvili, who is pursuing the lender for up to \$800m in damages. — PAGE 7

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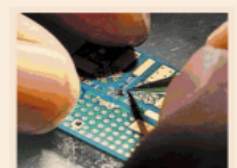
Some 100,000 electric cars subsidised by taxpayers — including thousands of Teslas — have probably found their way abroad as buyers sell them on to drivers in neighbouring countries for profit. — PAGE 7

Datawatch

Leaving work



The labour force participation rate of US low-income workers has not recovered since pandemic-related benefits were phased out. Goldman Sachs says this is attributable to demographic trends such as population ageing.



China powers up local chip efforts to offset US ban

Washington's latest restrictions on US chip exports to Chinese companies are expected to unleash a new wave of funding to boost domestic production of semiconductors. One senior executive at a Chinese chipmaker said such a "blockade" would turbocharge China to find local replacements. The government has already poured vast sums of money into the sector, with the aim of replacing foreign rivals.

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Stability is key — PAGE 4

Investors in line for \$75bn windfall as swath of Spacs approach expiry date

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NEW YORK

Investors in blank-cheque vehicles are set to receive up to \$75bn in repayments over the next six months as special purpose acquisition companies that went public at the height of a listings boom are forced to return their cash.

The surge in Spac liquidations will remove some of the last remnants of one of the most extreme market frenzies of recent years while giving a welcome injection of cash to many investors who have been hit by losses in this year's market downturn.

Spacs aim to use the proceeds from a stock market listing to hunt for private companies to take public, but most have a two-year time limit to close an acquisition before they have to return all the

raised funds to investors if they do not seek an extension. Almost \$75bn worth of Spacs are due to hit their expiry date between now and the end of February, according to data from Spac Research, with a further \$36bn to come in March.

"It's bullish for the market. The money will go back to the equity market overall because there are no Spacs to go back into," said a senior banker who has helped blank-cheque companies to raise cash and find deals.

Investors have sunk more than \$250bn into Spacs since the start of 2020, but enthusiasm waned after a series of high-profile disappointments and a crackdown by regulators. Hedge funds were among the biggest investors. Some invested through multi-strategy vehicles, others used dedicated funds.

One senior prime broker said money invested through these funds was likely

to be returned to limited partners such as pension funds and university endowments. Multi-strategy funds, meanwhile, will be able to redeploy the cash into other areas, or meet redemption requests from backers who have been spooked by losses elsewhere.

Some of the windfall for investors may come sooner than scheduled as they seek to avoid being hit by new tax rules from January. The majority of Spacs are based in the Cayman Islands, the Caribbean tax haven, but some are incorporated in the US state of Delaware. Lawyers fear that the wording of a new tax on stock buybacks could apply to redemptions from Delaware-based Spacs.

Spacs that know they will not find a deal can call a special shareholder meeting to unwind early. Others may ask investors for time to get a merger over the line.

World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				GOVERNMENT BONDS			
	Sept 2	Prev	%Chg		Sept 2	Aug 26	%Chg		Sept 2	Aug 26	%Chg
S&P 500	4014.42	3965.85	1.20	\$/£	1.003	1.002	0.04	US 2 yr	3.43	3.50	-0.19
Nasdaq Composite	11916.98	11765.13	1.12	\$/¥	1.159	1.179	-0.17	US 10 yr	3.23	3.26	-0.03
Dow Jones Ind	32005.76	31856.42	1.10	€/£	0.966	0.950	1.68	US 30 yr	3.38	3.38	0.00
FTSEurofirst 300	1640.63	1609.57	1.93	\$/₹	140.005	137.270	1.97	UK 2 yr	3.20	3.17	0.03
Euro Stoxx 50	3545.95	3456.70	2.58	\$/₹	162.209	161.862	0.21	UK 10 yr	2.92	2.88	0.04
FTSE 100	7281.19	7148.50	1.86	\$/₹	0.982	0.985	-0.31	UK 30 yr	3.27	3.19	0.08
FTSE All-Share	3998.48	3926.25	1.84	\$/₹	0.987	0.990	-0.31	JPN 2 yr	-0.08	-0.06	0.00
CAC 40	6167.51	6034.31	2.21	\$/₹	0.987	0.990	-0.31	JPN 10 yr	0.24	0.24	0.00
Korea Dax	13090.27	12630.23	3.33	\$/₹	0.987	0.990	-0.31	JPN 30 yr	1.26	1.22	0.04
Nikkei	27850.84	27861.47	-0.04	\$/₹	0.987	0.990	-0.31	GER 2 yr	1.08	1.17	-0.09
Hang Seng	19452.09	19597.31	-0.74	\$/₹	0.987	0.990	-0.31	GER 10 yr	1.52	1.56	-0.04
MSCI World \$	2610.25	2627.32	-0.65	\$/₹	0.987	0.990	-0.31	GER 30 yr	1.88	1.89	-0.01
MSCI EM \$	876.14	894.11	-1.81	\$/₹	0.987	0.990	-0.31				
MSCI ACWI \$	688.31	693.11	-0.70	\$/₹	0.987	0.990	-0.31				
FT Wilshire 2500	5154.47	5152.58	0.13	\$/₹	0.987	0.990	-0.31				
FT Wilshire 5000	40342.93	40295.16	0.12	\$/₹	0.987	0.990	-0.31				

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Unwritten Rule Poses Dilemma For 2 Inquiries

Midterms Could Delay Justice Dept. Moves

By CHARLIE SAVAGE

WASHINGTON — As the midterm elections near, top Justice Department officials are weighing whether to temporarily scale back work in criminal investigations involving former President Donald J. Trump because of an unwritten rule for bidding overt actions that could improperly influence the vote, according to people briefed on the discussions.

Under what is known as the 60-day rule, the department has traditionally avoided taking any steps in the run-up to an election that could affect how people vote, out of caution that such moves could be interpreted as abusing its power to manipulate American democracy.

Mr. Trump, who is not on the ballot but wields outside influence in the Republican Party, poses a particular dilemma for Attorney General Merrick B. Garland, whose department is conducting two investigations involving the former president. They include the sprawling inquiry into the Jan. 6 riot and his related effort to overturn the 2020 election and another into his hoarding of sensitive government documents at his Florida club and residence.

A Justice Department spokesman declined to comment. But as the 60-day deadline looms this week, the highly unusual situation offers no easy answers, said Jack Goldsmith, a Harvard Law School professor and the former head of the Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel.

"It's an unwritten rule of uncertain scope, so it's not at all clear that it applies to taking investigative steps against a noncandidate former president who is nevertheless intimately involved in the November election," Mr. Goldsmith said. "But its purpose of avoiding any significant impact on an election seems to be implicated."

Despite its name, the 60-day rule is a general principle rather than a written law or regulation. Its breadth and limits are undefined. The Justice Department has some formal policies and guidelines that relate to the norm, but they offer little clarity to how it should apply to the present situation.

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THE KEEPER

Soccer meant everything to Fati. In a country where women had few options, playing goalkeeper for the Afghan national team gave her courage, confidence, a name. When the Taliban rolled into Kabul, she received a text from a teammate: *They are going to kill the athletes. A new life awaited in a place far away, if only she could get there.*



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BY JULIET MACUR | SPORTS, SECTION D

Serena's Seven-Day Goodbye to the Sport She Changed Forever

By JOHN BRANCH

Serena Williams left the Lotte New York Palace hotel on Madison Avenue and folded herself into the back seat of a dark green Lincoln Navigator. She arrived at the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center about 15 minutes later. Traffic's bearable on Saturday mornings.

Her five-person, one-dog entourage convened on Practice Court 1. With more weariness than joy in her face, and a bit of a slump in her step, she set down her orange bag. It held a Ziploc bag filled with clean socks and a pink skirt to wear after practice. She checked her phone, in a black case with an "SW" pop socket. Her black Nikes had a gold "SW" too. She wore a wedding ring, the stone the size of a meatball.

Sometime soon — maybe a couple of days, maybe two weeks — her tennis career would end. But not yet. There was one more tournament: the U.S. Open.

A trainer smeared sunscreen on her face, then helped her warm up with elastic bands and stretches. There was little small talk.

Would she miss mornings like this?
"Honestly, I can't wait to wake up one day and literally never have to worry about performing on such a high level and compet-

ing," she had told Meghan Markle — yeah, the Duchess of Sussex and a good friend — on a podcast days before the tournament. "I've actually never felt that."

She began swatting balls to her hitting partner. Whatever morning and middle-age lethargy she had soon disappeared in an arsenal of sharp forehands and two-

handed backhands.

She was nearly ready. Serena glowed in sweat.

A Time Capsule

Let's agree to call her Serena, because only chair judges call her Williams. To fans at the U.S. Open, "Serena" was her last name and her first name was "C'mon."

The story started last month, when Vogue magazine published an essay in which Serena said she was "evolving away from tennis" to grow her businesses and her family.

"I have never liked the word 'retirement,'" she wrote. "It doesn't feel like a modern word to me."

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Serena Williams took a selfie with fans after her first-round victory last week at the U.S. Open.

Russians Use Bioweapon Lie To Smear U.S.

Disinformation Keeps Circulating Abroad

By STEVEN LEE MYERS

The United States secretly manufactured biological weapons in Ukraine. It trained birds to carry pathogens into Russia. It created Covid-19. It operated laboratories in Nigeria that engineered this year's outbreak of monkeypox.

Of the many falsehoods that the Kremlin has spread since the war in Ukraine began more than six months ago, some of the most outlandish and yet enduring have been those accusing the United States of operating clandestine biological research programs to wreak havoc around the globe.

The United States and others have dismissed the accusations as preposterous, and Russia has offered no proof. Yet the claims continue to circulate. Backed at times by China's diplomats and state media, they have ebbed and flowed in international news reports, fueling conspiracy theories that linger online.

In Geneva this week, Russia has commanded an international forum to air its unsupported assertions again. The Biological Weapons Convention, the international treaty that since 1975 has barred the development and use of weapons made of biological toxins or pathogens, gives member nations the authority to request a formal hearing of violations, and Russia has invoked the first one in a quarter-century.

"This is the military biological Pandora's box, which the United States has opened and filled more than once," Irina A. Yarovaya, the deputy chair of Russia's lower house of Parliament, the State Duma, said last month. She is leading a parliamentary committee that was formed to "investigate" American support for biological research laboratories in Ukraine and elsewhere.

Virtually no Western officials or experts expect Russia to produce, during the weeklong gathering, facts that corroborate the accusations. If the past is any guide, that will not stop Russia from making them. Experts say Russia is likely to use the mere existence of the investigative session, much of

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EUROPE SPRINTS TO SUPPLY RELIEF ON ENERGY COSTS

FEAR OF SOCIAL UNREST

As the War Grinds On, Bracing for Cold Days and Hot Tempers

By ERIKA SOLOMON

BERLIN — European governments moved this weekend to soften the blow of soaring costs and a deepening energy crisis set off by the war in Ukraine, and scrambled to prepare for the possibility of social unrest as the days grow colder.

With Europe trying to wean itself off Russian fossil fuels, and the first mass protests over energy costs appearing on the continent, governments are racing to adopt stopgap measures ahead of the fall and winter. Energy ministers of the European Union have planned an emergency meeting this week, and three countries announced relief measures on Sunday.

The biggest package came from Germany, where Chancellor Olaf Scholz's government pledged \$65 billion in relief measures to cushion the blow of inflation and the energy crisis, which worsened after Russia's invasion of Ukraine and Western governments' imposition of harsh sanctions on Moscow in response. Europe is now working to drastically reduce its purchases of Russian oil and gas.

Berlin announced its package two days after Gazprom, the Kremlin-controlled Russian energy giant, announced an indefinite halt to the flow of gas through the Nord Stream 1 pipeline, which terminates in Germany and provides gas to much of Europe. Gazprom said the pipeline would remain closed until problems found during inspections were resolved, but offered no timeline.

European officials say the move is politically motivated. It came on Friday, the same day that finance ministers for the Group of 7 countries agreed to impose a price cap on Russian oil in an effort to cut off some of the energy revenue Moscow continues to earn from Europe.

"Russia is no longer a reliable partner," said a European official. "Continued on Page A6"

Washington River Might Yield Model for Ending a Water War

By HENRY FOUNTAIN

YAKIMA, Wash. — The water managers of the Yakima River basin in arid Central Washington know what it's like to fight over water, just like their counterparts along the Colorado River are fighting now. They know what it's like to be desperate, while drought, climate change, population growth and agriculture shrink water supplies to crisis levels.

They understand the acrimony among the seven Colorado Basin states, unable to agree on a plan for deep cuts in water use that the federal government has demanded to stave off disaster.

But a decade ago, the water managers of the Yakima Basin tried something different. Tired of spending more time in courtrooms than at conference tables, and faced with studies showing the situation would only get worse, they hashed out a plan to manage the Yakima River and its tributaries for the next 30 years to ensure a stable supply of water.

The circumstances aren't completely parallel, but some experts on Western water point to the Yakima plan as a model for the kind of cooperative effort that needs to



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A concrete-lined irrigation canal in Washington State.

happen on the Colorado right now.

"It's going to require collaboration on an unprecedented level," said Maurice Hall, vice president for climate resilient water systems at the Environmental Defense Fund. The Yakima Basin plan, he said, "is the most complete example of what we need that I have observed."

Representative Melanie Stansbury, a New Mexico Democrat who worked on the Yakima Basin and other water issues for years before being elected to Congress in 2021, said the plan "represents the best of a collaborative, scientific approach."

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Some in the G.O.P. want a convention to consider changes. Democrats see a big risk, Carl Hulse writes. PAGE A10

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New York City has removed dozens of dining sheds and is considering more regulations for the rest. PAGE A9



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In a pilgrimage to Justin Bieber's hometown, fans have joined the theater fanatics drawn to the Shakespeare festival in Stratford, Ontario. PAGE A4

Chile Says 'No' to New Charter

Most Chileans wanted a new Constitution, but the proposal may have overreached, with items like legalized abortion and universal health care. PAGE A8

A City Divided by a Bridge

In Mitrovica, Kosovo, tensions between ethnic Albanians and ethnic Serbs have flared, stoked by an identity-politics dispute over vehicle tags. PAGE A8

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Some 50 million Americans left their jobs since the start of 2021, and the shift has led to personal exploration. PAGE B1

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A project from the visual artist Charles Atlas that is opening in Brooklyn takes on consciousness itself. PAGE C1



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Mark Spitz won seven gold medals at the 1972 Summer Games, before terrorists attacked Israelis. PAGE D3

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A powerhouse team that used to rely on platoons has put together a set lineup full of stars. On Baseball. PAGE D2

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HEAT WAVE PROBABLY HASN'T PEAKED

Southland saw several record highs Sunday, and higher Labor Day temps are forecast.

BY CONNOR SHEETS, ANDREW J. CAMPA AND RUBEN VIVES

Shorts, sundresses and sandals were in abundance Sunday afternoon as searing temperatures baked the Grand Central Market in downtown Los Angeles.

Undeterred by the 103-degree heat, family and friends of Cesar Aguilar celebrated his 47th birthday at the popular market, laughing and drinking beers and eating seafood.

"It's hot here and it's hot there, so it doesn't matter where you go," Aguilar said, referring to the 99-degree heat at his home in Tustin. "So, what can you do but have a cold drink?"

How to cope with the heat weighed on Southern Californians' minds during another scorching day of a prolonged, record-breaking heat wave that is forecast to worsen Monday, bringing bad air quality and increasing the risks of power outages and potentially deadly fires. Hundreds of miles to the north in Siskiyou County, authorities Sunday recovered the bodies of two people killed in the Mill fire that destroyed homes the day before in Weed.

The California Independent System Operator, which operates the state's power grid, said the extended heat wave has driven the demand for electricity to the brink of [See Heat, A7]



SUNSET on Northern California's Samoa Peninsula, where locals and real estate agents speak of "climate refugees": people moving to the damp little towns beyond the Redwood Curtain to escape fire and heat.

Photographs by MYOUNG J. CHUN Los Angeles Times

For them, 82 degrees is hot

As most of California is dripping with sweat, residents in a gray part of the northern coast are pulling out their jackets



DON HOFACKER, a docent at Humboldt Bay Maritime Museum, says locals are comfortable with temps in the mid-50s.

BY HAILEY BRANSON-POTTS

SAMOA, Calif. — There's a saying about the denizens of this foggy timber town: They don't tan. They rust.

That's because it's usually so misty, so salty and so gray here along California's far northern coast, said Don Hofacker. But sometimes, he emphasized, it does "get pretty doggone hot."

"It does get extremely warm here," Hofacker said. "It gets up to 82 at times."

Hofacker, 69, is a docent at the maritime museum on the Samoa Peninsula, the narrow spit of sand on Humboldt Bay where he lives. As he muses about his hometown, the afternoon temperature was 56 degrees.

This was 24 hours after Burbank and Woodland Hills broke daily heat records last week, topping out at 112 degrees.

Told about the temperatures down in sunny Southern California, Hofacker joked that he could think of one [See Oasis, A6]

ANALYSIS

The legacies of America's two longest wars



RELATIVES AND NEIGHBORS of the Ahmadi family gather around a vehicle destroyed by a U.S. drone strike that left 10 civilians dead in Kabul in 2021.

COLUMN ONE

The 'cyborg oracle,' in repose

Rest is a radical act for Alice Wong, the disability rights activist who has done plenty of heavy lifting

BY SONJA SHARP

Alice Wong is resting. It's an unusual pose for an author on the eve of a literary debut. It's also an unaccustomed posture for the 48-year-old disability rights activist and self-styled "cyborg oracle," whose work has earned her the ear of American presidents and the trust of tens of thousands of strangers. With her trademark red lipstick, black power chair and gray ventilator, the petite public figure has spent the last decade

shaping policy from the cramped bedroom of her San Francisco apartment.

When the city moved to ban plastic straws in 2019, she faced death threats for insisting that many disabled people need them. Her hashtag #CripTheVote ensured that every Democrat on the ballot on Super Tuesday knew her name. And her pressure campaign in 2021 helped prioritize access to COVID vaccines for thousands of high-risk Californians.

Even now, in repose, she tweets constantly, though her muscles ache with the effort.

[See Wong, A8]

Although Vietnam and Afghanistan both ended disastrously, the earlier conflict had wider, deeper effects.

BY TRACY WILKINSON

WASHINGTON — When a comparison was made between the chaotic U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan a year ago and a similar debacle in Vietnam 46 years earlier, President Biden and his administration recoiled.

The Afghan capital, Kabul, would not become another Saigon, Biden assured the American people. There would be no dramatic helicopter rescues from rooftops nor would the U.S. walk away and allow the

Afghan government to collapse as the South Vietnamese regime did so quickly.

But latter-day versions of both did unfold in a matter of days as the United States withdrew from Afghanistan, ending its 20-year military and political involvement.

Vietnam and Afghanistan were America's two longest wars. Yet despite a number of similarities, including mistakes made and disastrous denouements that spelled defeat for the U.S., each conflict had entirely different impacts on U.S. society, culture and politics.

The two wars started differently and for very different reasons. And they were fought differently — in different technological eras and, in particular, with very different [See Wars, A4]

Police release shooting video

Officers thought man was holding a firearm, but it was an auto part. "It's not a gun, bro," one says. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Honoring more than an athlete

Jackie Robinson Museum highlights the former Dodger's civil rights efforts, baseball feats. **SPORTS, D1**

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Mostly sunny, hot. L.A. Basin: 100/75. **B6**



MICHAEL BELL Canadian Press

CANADA STABBINGS

A police official gives updates next to images of the suspects in attacks that left 10 dead and 15 wounded in two communities. **WORLD, A4**

The Washington Post

Prices may vary in areas outside metropolitan Washington



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Pay, perks pile up in bid war for Minn. labor

Employers in red-hot market go to great lengths to lure workers

BY LAUREN KAORI GURLEY

MANKATO, MINN. — A construction company needs workers so badly, they're flying them in from Puerto Rico and Texas and paying \$20 an hour to install roofs. An online Halloween costume retailer booked hundreds of hotel rooms across the city to house its seasonal workforce.

Welcome to Mankato, Minn., home to one of the tightest labor markets in the nation. The unemployment rate in this metro area of 103,000 is even lower than the state average of 1.8 percent — a record low since federal labor statistics began tracking data, and far below the national average of 3.7 percent.

The U.S. labor market is in its 20th month of eye-popping job creation, as worker shortages, abundant job growth and mass resignations have become a hallmark of the recovery after the pandemic downturn, helping blunt the pain of widespread inflation.

Minnesota is weathering an extreme version of the tight labor

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Where will Amazon go next in health?

Despite Care service ending, the company still has industry ambitions

BY CAROLINE O'DONOVAN

Late last month, staffers at Amazon Care — the company's in-person and virtual primary care service — were called into a meeting and given bad news: Amazon was shutting it down. Some employees were let go immediately. Others walked out. Everyone was promised paychecks through the end of December.

The news caught Amazon employees by surprise — including those who used the service as patients. The company's human resources staff had been promoting Amazon Care as a health benefit the same week it shut down, an Amazon employee told The Washington Post.

"This is a huge shock to a lot of us," said the employee, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to protect their job.

The demise of Amazon Care also came as a shock to industry observers. After launching publicly in 2019, it expanded quickly and was touted as one of the com-

SEE AMAZON CARE ON A6



CAMILLE LENAN FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

'No one is taking responsibility'

To residents of Jackson, Miss., water crisis is the culmination of years of government neglect

BY EMMANUEL FELTON
IN JACKSON, MISS.

What stood out last week was the calm. The streets were quiet, and residents queued expectantly for resources. The entire city of more than 150,000 was without safe drinking water, with no end in sight. Many residents here say they adapted long ago to catastrophic government failure.

"Jackson's water's been messed up; I don't even feel like they should be issuing people bills," said Roshonda Snell, 32, who works at a local hotel. "It's infected, and you can't even do nothing with it."

Snell is a beneficiary of the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and says she has been using most of the money she receives from it to buy water for her family for a while. "I spend about \$200 on bottled water every month. That's mainly what I

use that money for, to buy five big cases of water for the month," said Snell, a Jackson native. "I really want to leave Jackson so bad."

The water system in Jackson, the Mississippi capital, has been failing for years. In 2021, a harsh winter storm knocked the system out for a month. Even when water is flowing from the taps, residents struggle with intermittent boil-water advisories and high bills

SEE JACKSON ON A4

Roshonda Snell and her 2-year-old daughter sit in front of the house they have been renting for the past three years in South Jackson, Miss. She says she has been using most of her SNAP money, about \$200 a month, to buy bottled water.



ILRI TSOUKO FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

The wrong plane out of Afghanistan

Evacuees who fled last year, expecting to resettle in the U.S., remain in Albania — and in limbo

BY ABIGAIL HAUSLOHNER
IN SHENJIN, ALBANIA

The 21-year-old university student did not realize it at the time, but he got on the wrong plane out of Afghanistan.

How was he — or any of the other 780 Afghans approaching their first anniversary at this Albanian beach resort — to know then what they know now?

What he did know last August was that amid the Taliban's return to power and the chaos of the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan, an

escape was an escape. An evacuation plane was an evacuation plane. A safe place was a safe place.

And it still is. Certainly here, on the gentle, sun-drenched coast of the Adriatic Sea, in a tiny European nation more than 2,600 miles from home where — unlike many larger ones — the government and community welcomed the Afghans with open arms. But a year after the valiant efforts of so many helped tens of thousands of Afghans escape their country as their government collapsed, many

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Three Afghan siblings at the Rafale Resort in Albania do not know when or if they will be allowed to join their brother, a U.S. citizen.

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After Serena Williams As women's tennis searches for its next star, Coco Gauff, 18, advances to the U.S. Open quarterfinals. D1

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MONDAY Labor Day is observed. President Biden attends Labor Day events in Milwaukee and Pittsburgh, and Vice President Harris attends one in Boston.

TUESDAY Biden delivers remarks at a White House event regarding the Inflation Reduction Act. Harris will also attend.

The Senate considers the nomination of John Z. Lee for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the

7th Circuit.

WEDNESDAY Biden and first lady Jill Biden host Barack and Michelle Obama for the unveiling of the Obamas' official White House portraits.

International trade for July is expected at a deficit of \$70.5 billion.

THURSDAY Jobless claims for the week ended Sept. 2 are expected at 240,000.

FRIDAY Biden delivers remarks in Ohio at the future site of two Intel microchip manufacturing plants. Harris visits Houston for a meeting of the National Space Council.

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La Justicia sospecha que el atacante de Cristina no actuó solo

MAGNICIDIO. Es por la información recopilada en las imágenes de las cámaras; se pueden haber perdido datos claves de su celular; anoche detuvieron a su novia

Paz Rodríguez Niell
y Candela Ini
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La jueza María Eugenia Capuchetti sospecha que el atacante de Cristina Kirchner no actuó solo y ayer decretó el secreto de sumario de la causa después de analizar las imágenes de las distintas cámaras que registraron lo sucedido el jueves por la noche, cuando Fernando Andrés Sabag Montiel gatilló un arma a centímetros de la cabeza de la vicepresidenta.

Fuentes judiciales dijeron a LA NACIÓN que ya reconstruyeron el camino del agresor, cómo llegó y si lo hizo acompañado, pero advirtieron que se trata de información que buscan preservar con la declaración del secreto. Además del análisis de las cámaras, revisaron las llamadas entrantes y salientes del celular de Sabag Montiel, cuya información se puede

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Más angustias para una sociedad angustiada

Claudio Jacquelin

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haber perdido en gran parte luego de que apareciera reseteado tras ser revisado por la policía.

"No descartamos ninguna hipótesis", dijeron en Comodoro Py, aunque sugirieron que por el momento no creen que haya una gran organización detrás. Anoche, a última hora, detuvieron a la novia del atacante. Continúa en la página 10

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Aplastante rechazo a la nueva Constitución en Chile

REVÉS. Más del 61% la desaprobó; Boric, en problemas



Un golpeado Boric anunció que hará cambios en el gabinete

SANTIAGO, Chile (Para LA NACIÓN).— Un terremoto político estremeció anoche a Chile después de que sus ciudadanos rechazaron por una aplastante mayoría (61,9% contra 38%) la nueva Constitución. El resultado es un duro revés para el presidente Gabriel Boric, que dijo que trabajará por una propuesta que "interprete a todos". Página 2

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Rige hasta fin de mes un dólar a \$200 para la soja

MEDIDA. Esperan que entren US\$5000 millones; críticas de los productores

El ministro de Economía, Sergio Massa, anunció anoche un nuevo dólar soja para acelerar las ventas de este complejo oleaginoso en busca de fortalecer las reservas del Banco Central. El valor de pizarra del grano, que hoy ronda los \$53.000 la tonelada, pasará a más de \$70.000, una mejora de más del 32%. Para los productores significará un tipo de cambio a \$200, una mejora de más del 37%. Tendrá vigencia solo hasta el 30 de este mes. Hubo críticas de entidades y productores. Página 18

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Cristian Mira

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En menos de dos meses, el Gobierno pasó de etiquetar al campo como especulador a considerarlo motor de la economía y clave para la seguridad alimentaria mundial. Continúa en la página 19



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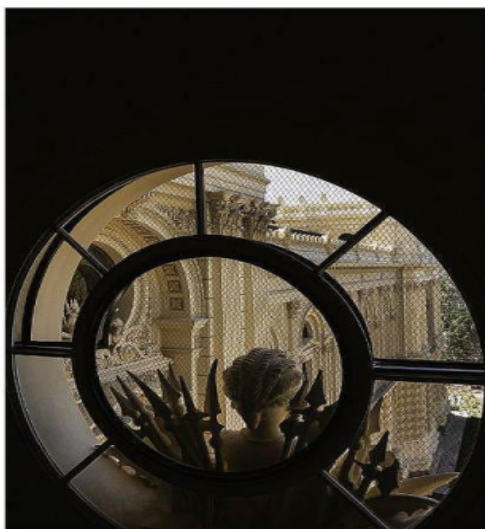
CARTERA DE CONSUMO. OTORGAMIENTO SUJETO A CONDICIONES DE CONTRATACIÓN Y EVALUACIÓN CREDITICIA. LOS ACCIONISTAS DE BANCO SANTANDER ARGENTINA S.A. NO RESPONDEN EN EXCESO DE SU INTEGRACIÓN ACCIONARIA.

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Chile rejeita nova Carta e entra em fase de incerteza

População vota contra texto elaborado por Assembleia Constituinte, em derrota para o governo de Gabriel Boric

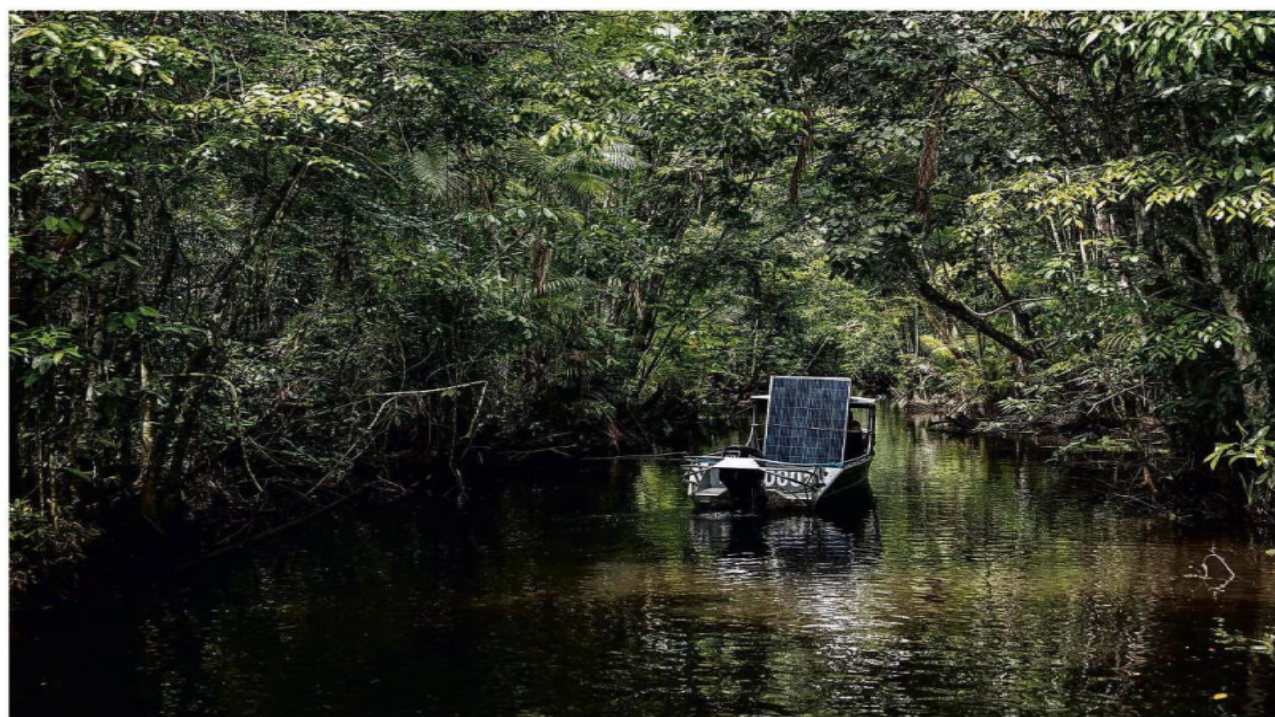
Os chilenos rejeitaram a proposta de nova Constituição que foi a votação ontem. Com 99,86% das urnas apuradas até as 22h30 de Brasília, o "não" à Carta venceu por 61,87% a 38,13%.

A rejeição ampla é vista como derrota da gestão do esquerdista Gabriel Boric, informa a enviada Sylvia Colombo. Boric disse que "a democracia sai mais robusta".

"É preciso escutar a voz do povo, devemos ser autocríticos", afirmou. A nova Carta era um dos motores de sua coalizão política e parte importante da campanha à Presidência.

A criação da Assembleia Constituinte para redigir texto substituído à Carta, da ditadura de Augusto Pinochet (1973-90), foi uma resposta aos protestos de 2019.

Entre os pontos controversos da nova Carta, estão a afirmação de que o Chile passa a ser um Estado plurinacional, reconhecendo autonomia de indígenas sobre suas terras, a aprovação de uma lei de aborto que considera apenas a vontade da mulher e a proteção ampliada do meio ambiente, o que desagradou interesses do setor minerador. Mundo A18



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Dez morrem e 15 são feridos em ataque no Canadá

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Kenneth Maxwell
Imagem do Brasil no exterior não poderia ser pior

Um dos principais brasileiros do mundo, Kenneth Maxwell, 81, afirma que a imagem do Brasil no exterior não poderia ser pior. "É um reflexo do que acontece na Amazônia." O professor, que fez carreira nos EUA e vive na Inglaterra, chama Jair Bolsonaro de populista e diz se preocupar com possível volta de Trump à Presidência. A20

Projeção otimista vê crescimento de até 2,5% em 2023

Apesar do pessimismo com a economia em 2023, alguns analistas têm previsões otimistas para o início do próximo governo. Se o gasto público for controlado, com queda de juros e inflação, sem recessão global, o PIB pode crescer até 2,5%, segundo especialistas. Mercado A21

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Brasil come bem, mas consome mais ultraprocessados

O brasileiro ainda se alimenta de forma saudável em geral, mas tem consumido mais ultraprocessados, como refrigerantes e salgadinhos, segundo estudo da USP e UFMG. Alimentos in natura estão mais caros. Saúde B1

Celso R. de Barros Bicentenário terá pior líder do país

É triste que a festa do bicentenário não seja em homenagem ao Brasil, mas ao pior líder que o país já teve, culpado pelas mortes na pandemia. Se fosse sincero, Bolsonaro gritaria no discurso: "Incompetência e morte!". Política A17

STF suspende novo piso da enfermagem

O STF concedeu liminar que suspende os efeitos da nova lei do piso da enfermagem, fixado em R\$ 4.750. Sancionada por Bolsonaro, a medida não indicou fonte de custeio e gerou protestos de instituições de saúde. Mercado A21

Preparativo para ato de 7/9 vai de democracia a golpismo

Mensagens nos grupos bolsonaristas no WhatsApp e Telegram indicam que não há orientação homogênea sobre o mote principal e o conteúdo dos cartazes para os atos programados, em várias cidades, em comemoração ao 7 de Setembro.

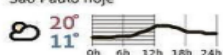
Fala-se em destacar "democracia", mas há intenso compartilhamento de textos contra o Supremo Tribunal Federal e pedindo que o presidente acione as Forças Armadas. O levantamento foi feito pelo Observador Folha/Quaest. Política A4

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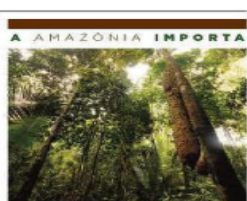
Alckmin criou onda de sigilos de dados em SP

Vice na chapa de Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT), Geraldo Alckmin (PSB) foi pioneiro no uso do sigilo de dados públicos, tema que o petista tem criticado em Bolsonaro (PL). Política A7

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Républicains : la bataille pour la présidence est lancée

Au campus des Jeunes LR à Angers, les candidats à la direction du parti ont commencé à rassembler leurs troupes. La campagne durera jusqu'au scrutin prévu en décembre prochain.

Les différents prétendants déclarés ou putatifs à la présidence des Républicains ont fait entendre leur voix au campus de rentrée des Jeunes LR, ce week-end, à Angers. Après sa déclaration de candidature dans *Le Figaro*, ven-

dredi dernier, Bruno Retailleau a répété vouloir « rassembler » l'ensemble de sa famille politique. Il a redit aussi sa volonté de « tout changer » pour « reconstruire une vraie droite courageuse mais pas honteuse ». Idéolo-

giquement proche de lui, le député des Alpes-Maritimes Éric Ciotti, autre candidat déclaré, a vanté l'« indispensable rassemblement » de la droite. En prévenant toutefois : « Il faut être clair, il ne faut pas que le rassemblement

soit le statu quo. » Le secrétaire général de LR, Aurélien Pradié, à qui on prête l'intention de briguer la tête du parti, n'a toujours pas officialisé sa participation à un scrutin qui aura lieu en décembre.

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À Paris, ouverture du procès de l'attentat qui endeuilla la promenade des Anglais

À Nice, le 17 juillet 2016.

Six ans après l'attaque terroriste au camion-bélier à Nice, la justice, à partir de ce lundi, va se pencher sur la tragique soirée du 14 juillet 2016. Sans le meurtrier, tué par la police, mais avec huit accusés soupçonnés d'être impliqués. PAGES 8

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Extension du domaine de la droite

Le rappel est pénible mais indispensable. La droite à l'élection présidentielle a réuni 4,7 % des voix. Six fois moins que Macron, cinq fois moins que Le Pen, une fois et demie moins que Zemmour, autant que Nicolas Dupont-Aignan en 2017 ! Les soixante-deux députés élus aux législatives restent une illusion d'optique : LR se meurt, LR est mort ? Le paradoxe est que le parti s'atrophie quand le domaine de la droite, de Bruno Le Maire à Marine Le Pen, s'étend chaque jour un peu plus. La bataille qui s'engage entre Bruno Retailleau et Éric Ciotti avec Aurélien Pradié en troisième homme doit se dérouler avec, dans toutes les têtes, cette réalité. Le parti est trop affaibli pour s'offrir une nouvelle guerre civile.

Fort heureusement, le style plus que les idées distingue les deux favoris. Ciotti, c'est le vent décoiffant du Sud-Est, Retailleau, la force tranquille de l'océan, mais l'un et l'autre assument une doctrine franchement libérale et conservatrice. Accord sur la ligne, donc - c'est la bonne -, mais le flou reste entier sur la stratégie. Pour comprendre les deux chemins qui

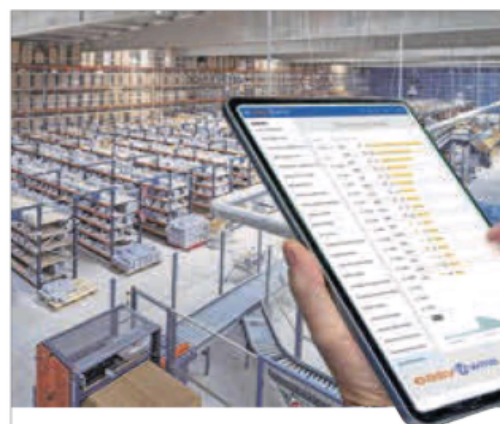
s'ouvrent, il faut regarder au-delà de nos frontières. En Italie, c'est le choix de l'alliance des droites. LR comme force d'appoint du macronisme ou du lepenisme ? Dans les deux cas, le rapport de force est trop défavorable, le parti serait englouti. L'autre chemin est britannique. C'est celui emprunté par les conservateurs. Ils sont parvenus à réunir la City et les campagnes oubliées, à convaincre les électeurs partis en masse vers l'Ukip sans perdre l'établissement londonien. Ce que Nicolas Sarkozy, en 2007, avait magistralement réussi.

LR se meurt, LR est mort ?
Si cette stratégie n'oblige à aucune « nupeserie », elle exige cependant de se débarrasser de toutes les incantations que la droite (qui fut de gouvernement) reprend mécaniquement dès qu'apparaissent le sigle RN, le mot Reconquête. Elle n'interdit pas même quelques recrutements transgressifs. On ne désarme pas la défiance des catégories populaires en leur faisant la morale.

Modestie, clarté, unité, audace : avec des si, on mettrait LR au pouvoir. ■

Les États-Unis face à un espionnage chinois de plus en plus agressif

Le directeur du FBI, Christopher Wray, a tiré la sonnette d'alarme. Aucune institution américaine n'est à l'abri des menées de Pékin. Les entreprises, les laboratoires, les universités, les chercheurs et les législateurs sont ciblés par le renseignement chinois, qui cherche à étendre son influence en contrant les décisions qui pourraient lui être défavorables. PAGES 6 ET 7



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Truss will press on with tax cuts despite Tory warnings

Germans to get €65bn in help to pay energy bills

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Germany "will get through this winter", the country's chancellor said yesterday, as he announced a €65bn (£56.1bn) package to help households and companies manage soaring energy prices that includes a windfall tax on electricity producers.

Olaf Scholz said yesterday he was "very aware" many Germans were struggling to cope with rising prices, and that the government was prepared to help.

"As a country we will get through this difficult time," Scholz said at a press conference with coalition partners, the Greens and the pro-business Free Democratic party. "We take these concerns very, very seriously."

Scholz said Germany would reduce consumer prices for gas, coal and oil using the income from windfall taxes on electricity producers he accused of making "excessive" profits.

Some energy companies that may not be using gas to generate electricity were "simply using the fact that the high price of gas determines the price of electricity and are therefore making a lot of money", he said. "We have therefore resolved to change the



Likely PM says seeing things 'through lens of redistribution' is wrong and helping rich is fair

Peter Walker and Rupert Neate

Liz Truss has insisted she will press ahead with plans for the UK to be a low-tax economy with less focus on wealth redistribution under her premiership, sparking calls for caution from Tory grandees.

There were also reports that Truss, who is expected to be named as the new prime minister at lunchtime today, was considering freezing energy bills this winter at a cost mooted to be as high as £100bn.

Asked about her national insurance policies, she said it was fair that her planned tax cut would benefit the highest earners 250 times more than the poorest, arguing it was wrong to view all economic policy through the "lens of redistribution".

As analysts warned that relying on boosting economic growth to reduce income inequalities could increase disparities, Conservative grandees sounded the alarm over what they said risked being an overly doctrinaire approach.

If Truss, now foreign secretary, does beat the former chancellor Rishi Sunak in the Conservative leadership race, she will travel to Balmoral tomorrow to be confirmed by the Queen as Boris Johnson's successor in Downing Street.

In her only in-depth media interview of the two-month Tory

▲ Liz Truss on Sunday with Laura Kuenssberg. She dismissed fears of a cost of living 'Armageddon scenario'

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leadership campaign, which took place after voting among the Tory party membership had closed, Truss told BBC One's Sunday with Laura Kuenssberg show that she would provide immediate help with energy bills

'Britain has been through worse - we have the spirit to get through it'

Liz Truss
Tory frontrunner

if elected, though she declined to say how. "Within one week I will make sure there is an announcement on how we are going to deal with the issue of energy bills, and of long-term supply, to put this country on the right footing for winter," she said.

"I understand people are struggling, that businesses are concerned about their energy bills and the impact it could have on their future." Truss nonetheless dismissed what she called fears of "an armageddon scenario": "Britain has been through worse in the past. We have the attitude and spirit to get through it."

Pledging to ensure secure long-term energy supplies, Truss said she did back some aspects of renewable sources, but stressed her plans to push ahead with more North Sea drilling and fracking for shale gas.

Three men arrested over death of Olivia Pratt-Korbel

Merseyside police say 34-year-old held on suspicion of murder and attempted murder in connection with shooting of schoolgirl

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