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## Business &amp; Finance

**The Federal Reserve** appears to be on a path to raise interest rates by another 0.75 percentage point this month in the wake of Powell's public pledge to reduce inflation even if it increases unemployment. **A1**

◆ **The Fed's Barr** said that the central bank is considering how to more closely scrutinize bank mergers and may beef up the way it requires certain banks to plan for their own demise. **A6**

◆ **The export boom** that has powered China's economy through the pandemic decelerated in August, reflecting the impact from rising inflation and slowing growth elsewhere in the world. **A1**

◆ **The U.S. reported** a sharp narrowing in the July trade deficit due to weaker demand for imports. **A2**

◆ **U.S. stocks rose**, with the Nasdaq gaining 2.1% to snap a seven-day losing streak. The S&P 500 and Dow advanced 1.8% and 1.4%, respectively. **B1**

◆ **The judge steering** the lawsuit over the stalled Twitter takeover said Musk can amend his countersuit to incorporate allegations from a whistleblower complaint by Twitter's former security chief. **B1**

◆ **Cineworld, the owner** of Regal Cinemas, filed for chapter 11 after a sluggish recovery in theater admissions fell short of the company's financial needs. **B3**

◆ **A Google product** that pays publishers to feature their content is almost a year behind its intended launch schedule in the U.S., as negotiations with media outlets have bogged down. **B4**

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◆ **Russia's Putin** threatened to curtail the export of grain from Ukraine and said Moscow is ready to extend its rationing of natural-gas exports and cut off oil and refined products if the West goes ahead with a price-cap plan for Russian crude. **A8**

◆ **An unexpected Ukrainian** military offensive in the east near the city of Kharkiv is gaining ground, testing Russian occupation forces that also are under pressure in southern Ukraine. **A8**

◆ **Democratic leaders** faced time pressure to slim down their ambitions for a bill that keeps the government funded beyond September, with Ukraine aid likely to survive but other measures seen as less certain by lawmakers. **A4**

◆ **Steve Bannon** is expected to face New York state criminal charges following an investigation into a crowd-funding campaign to build a wall along the southern U.S. border, according to people familiar with the matter. **A4**

◆ **The second of two brothers** wanted in a stabbing spree in the Canadian province of Saskatchewan following the killing of 10 people died Wednesday after officers took him into custody, police said. **A18**

◆ **Amylax's drug** for ALS won the backing of FDA advisers who just months ago narrowly recommended against its approval. **A7**

◆ **Opponents of a new California** law that could set the minimum wage for the fast-food industry as high as \$22 an hour next year have begun an effort to block it. **A3**

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## Obamas' Portraits Unveiled at the White House



**CLOSEUP:** The official portraits of former President Barack Obama and former first lady Michelle Obama were unveiled at the White House Wednesday. Mr. Obama's portrait was painted by Robert McCurdy and Mrs. Obama's by Sharon Sprung. **A3**

## China Export Boom Sputters As Inflation Tightens Its Grip

By STELLA YIFAN XIE

**HONG KONG**—The export boom that has powered China's economy through the pandemic decelerated in August, reflecting the impact from rising inflation and slowing growth elsewhere in the world.

The slowdown in exports threatens to erode the pillar that has held up growth in the world's second-largest economy, as fresh Covid-19 lockdowns in major Chinese cities are further restraining spending and the world economy edges closer to recession. China has been struggling to shake off the effects of its zero-tolerance Covid policies and a downturn in the property market.

Chinese goods shipments to the rest of the world rose by 7.1% in August from a year ago to \$314.9 billion, the weakest gain since April, China's General Administration of Customs said Wednesday. The result fell below a median forecast of 12.5% among economists polled by The Wall Street

Journal, and decelerated from July's 18% year-over-year gain.

Slowing exports partly reflect disruptions in factory production because of temporary power shortages as a severe drought and heat wave swept through central China, though economists expect the impact of that to be short-lived.

Recent flare-ups of Covid-19 cases, however, threaten to disrupt manufacturing in more cities as authorities step up restrictions ahead of a Communist Party gathering in October, when President Xi Jinping of China is expected to break with recent precedent and claim a third term.

Other economies in the region are showing signs of weakening exports. On Wednesday, Taiwan reported that export growth slowed to the lowest level in more than two years, dropping to 2% in August year-over-year from 14.2% in

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## Russia Turns Destroyed City Into a Propaganda Tool

Mariupol, a strategic prize, will host show trial; 'this is their revenge'

By ISABEL COLES

At the Philharmonic Hall in Mariupol, Ukraine, the stage is almost set for a performance this fall casting Russia as liberator of the city it battered into submission three months ago.

Where the grand piano used to sit, metal cages have been installed to hold Ukrainian prisoners of war who defended the industrial port city, and now stand accused of its destruction by Mariupol's new rulers.

"The hearings will take place in the main auditorium, and the war criminals will be led to it through an iron corridor," a reporter from the propaganda arm of Russia's military said in a recent broadcast.

The tribunal, expected to start this month, is a centerpiece of Russian efforts to

mold the city of Mariupol in a new image that reflects its narrative of the invasion: that Moscow is liberating Ukraine from violent nationalists.

Moscow has said it won't rebuild other smaller cities in Ukraine's east that stood in the way of its advance and were laid to waste in the fighting. But Mariupol is of particular value to both sides, strategically and symbolically.

For Ukraine, it is the site of a heroic last stand by outnumbered troops defending a flourishing Ukrainian city.

In Russia's telling, it is restoring the natural order here, adorning the ruins of built-up

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## Fans Keep Attempting the Famous 'Dirty Dancing' Lift

The 1987 movie still drives people to hoist their partners in the air

By JAMES FANELLI

"Dirty Dancing," the 1987 film about forbidden romance in the Catskills, is a coming-of-age tear-jerker for some viewers. Others cringe at its sappy ballads and over-the-top choreography.

This coming weekend, in Lake Lure, N.C., though, the movie will take on a truly higher meaning at the annual Dirty Dancing lift competition.

In the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, contestants will wade into a lake to re-create the film's famous scene in which leading man, Patrick Swayze, "Johnny," practices hoisting co-star Jennifer Grey,

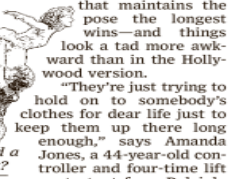
"Baby," over his head in water. She rests gracefully in the air on his hands, her arms reaching out like a superhero in midflight.

In the contest, the couple that maintains the pose the longest wins—and things look a tad more awkward than in the Hollywood version.

"They're just trying to hold on to somebody's clothes for dear life just to keep them up there long enough," says Amanda Jones, a 44-year-old controller and four-time lift contestant from Raleigh, N.C.

Ms. Jones has placed second and third before and is

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## Bed Bath &amp; Beyond Officials Thought CFO Was Overwhelmed

In the weeks before Gustavo Arnal took his own life, there was growing concern among Bed Bath & Beyond Inc. officials and directors over the demands being placed on the

By *Cara Lombardo, Sharon Terlep and Suzanne Kapner*

chief financial officer and the stress of the intensifying financial crisis at the home-goods chain, according to people familiar with the matter.

Sue Gove, a board member who took over as interim chief executive in June, and some other board members thought Mr. Arnal was overwhelmed but didn't want to replace the finance chief while the retailer was in the midst of raising money, the people said.

Mr. Arnal told people he was stressed, his friends said. He was putting in 18-hour

days while he worked on the company's restructuring plans. He was inundated with emails from individual investors and plaintiffs' lawyers questioning an August sale of some of his holdings in Bed Bath & Beyond, the people said.

Mr. Arnal was discussing with the company the possibility of taking a break, the people said. Company officials had called about the topic before the Labor Day weekend and briefed investors on a major restructuring.

Two days later, Mr. Arnal died from a fall at the 57-story New York City skyscraper where he lived with his wife, police said. The medical examiner de-

## Fed Sets Path for Another 0.75 Point Rate Rise

Ahead of Sept. 20-21 meeting, officials do little to dispel market's hardening expectation

By NICK TIMIRASOS

The Federal Reserve appears to be on a path to raise interest rates by another 0.75 percentage point this month in the wake of Chairman Jerome Powell's public pledge to reduce inflation even if it increases unemployment.

Fed officials have done little to push back against market expectations of a third consecutive 0.75-point rate rise in recent public statements and interviews ahead of their Sept. 20-21 policy meeting.

Investors in interest-rate futures markets saw a roughly 75% probability on Wednesday that the Fed will raise rates by another 0.75 point this month, according to CME Group.

Major U.S. stock indexes closed higher Wednesday, with the Nasdaq Composite ending a seven-session streak of declines. Oil prices fell to their lowest level since before Russia's invasion of Ukraine. U.S. Treasury yields also declined, with the benchmark 10-year yield closing at 3.264%, from 3.339% on Tuesday.

In a speech Aug. 26 in Wyoming, Mr. Powell underscored

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termined it was a suicide. His death and a shareholder lawsuit alleging wrongdoing at the company have become tabloid fodder. The company is investigating and reviewing Mr. Arnal's emails; company officials have seen no evidence of fraud or wrongdoing, some of the people said.

"I could see the stress on him," said Jan Zijdeveld, the former chief executive of Avon Products, who had dinner with Mr. Arnal and his wife six weeks ago at a restaurant in Manhattan.

Mr. Arnal was upbeat and animated throughout the meal, which stretched past 1 a.m., Mr. Zijdeveld said. His friend

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Seeds of doubt  
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for grain deal

Vladimir Putin greets attendees at the Eastern Economic Forum in Vladivostok yesterday. Russia's president used the event to cast doubt on the grain deal signed with Ukraine that had eased a global food crisis.

Blaming global shortages on the deal rather than on Moscow's invasion of Ukraine, Putin said that shipments had been hijacked by rich EU nations. "It may be worth considering how to limit [food exports] along this route," he said.

UN data show that of the 87 cargoes under the deal, 57 have gone to non-EU countries, including China, Egypt, India, Iran, Lebanon and Turkey.

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Vladimir Putin/Tass Photo Agency/IFP via Getty Images

Brainard adds to chorus of Fed  
hawks urging inflation vigilance

◆ Vice-chair speaks out ◆ Expectations of big rate rise grow ◆ Price-wage cycle feared

COLBY SMITH — NEW YORK

A leading Federal Reserve official has warned that the US central bank must hold its nerve as it tries to tame soaring inflation, adding her name to a long list of policymakers sounding a hawkish note on future rate rises.

Lael Brainard, vice-chair of the Fed, reinforced expectations that the US central bank would opt for a third consecutive 0.75 percentage point rate rise at its meeting this month, when she said: "We are in this for as long as it takes to get inflation down".

Brainard said the Fed had to maintain public confidence in its ability to keep inflation in check in the long run. But she added that at some point the risk of overtightening monetary policy would

become more of a focus. The forceful intervention from Brainard, generally seen as a dove on monetary policy, comes as investors ramped up their bets on another 0.75 percentage point increase when the Fed meets on September 21.

Financial markets yesterday implied an 81 per cent chance that the Fed would opt for another large increase.

Expectations of further big rate rises have propelled the dollar higher in recent months, contributing to downward pressure on other currencies.

A measure of the dollar against six peers has jumped almost 15 per cent so far this year. Sterling has slumped by the same magnitude to hover near its weakest level since 1985.

At the same time, the widening gulf

between the Fed's tightening programme and the Bank of Japan's continuing implementation of ultra-loose monetary policy has driven the yen to its lowest level in 24 years. The currency has tumbled by a fifth this year to pass through ¥144 against the dollar.

Brainard said recent rate rises had started to cool some sectors of the US economy but she warned that it would take many months of low inflation before the central bank considered moving to a less aggressive approach.

The Fed would need to see "several months of low monthly inflation readings to be confident" that price growth was moving towards the central bank's 2 per cent target, she added.

Brainard's focus on inflation expectations underscores the Fed's fear that



Fed vice-chair Lael Brainard

says the Fed has to maintain public confidence in its ability to keep inflation in check in the long run

persistently high inflation will result in a vicious cycle, with companies raising prices and workers demanding higher wages. That could force the Fed to take even more aggressive action.

The US labour market remains tight, with August's unemployment rate at 3.7 per cent — near a multi-decade low.

Thomas Barkin, president of the Richmond Fed, told the Financial Times he had a "bias in general towards moving more quickly [on interest rates] rather than more slowly, as long as you don't inadvertently break something".

Echoing chair Jay Powell's hawkish message last month, Brainard yesterday said that monetary policy would need to be restrictive "for some time to provide confidence that inflation is moving down to target".

## Briefing

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Tesla chief Elon Musk has won a victory in his legal battle to ditch his \$4.4bn purchase of the social media group, after a Delaware judge said she would consider recent whistleblower allegations. — PAGE 5

► **Truss borrowing spree batters pound**  
Sterling has touched a 37-year low to the dollar as markets braced for new UK premier Liz Truss to embark on a huge borrowing spree to fund an energy rescue. — PAGE 3; ROBERT SHIMMSLEY, PAGE 15

► **Chinese trade suffers amid Covid curbs**  
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A draft proposal from the European Commission seeks to move ahead with a windfall levy on power companies by setting a threshold at less than half the current market rates for electricity. — PAGE 2

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Prime minister Shehbaz Sharif has warned that his country faces severe struggles as catastrophic floods coincide with a financial crisis and strife between the government and ex-leader Imran Khan. — PAGE 4

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Spain's biggest oil company has said it will sell a 25 per cent stake to US energy and infrastructure investor EIG for \$4.8bn as it seeks to raise funds for renewables investments. — PAGE 6; LEX, PAGE 16

## Datwatch

## Highly charged

Historical and forecast household expenditure on gas and electricity, UK (£'000 in real terms)



Source: Resolution Foundation

Energy bills in Britain have largely kept pace with general inflation over the past 50 years — but recent rises have placed an unprecedented burden on households, as a chart from the Resolution Foundation shows

Song catalogue investor  
dances to a different tune

Hipgnosis Songs Fund was set up by a former Elton John manager with a simple pitch to investors: songs were a better investment than oil or gold. Merck Mercuriadis made his move as streaming boomed, interest rates were low and markets soared. It snapped up Blondie, pictured, and Neil Young's catalogues. But it has shown what can happen to exotic investments as the market turns. And now it has a new investor to contend with: Blackstone.

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Kardashian's latest makeover takes  
shape with private equity venture

MARK VANDELDE — NEW YORK

Kim Kardashian has launched a private equity firm to buy stakes in media and consumer companies as she aims to convert her celebrity and influence with 329m Instagram followers into financial returns.

The new firm, SKKY Partners, is a collaboration between the reality TV star turned business mogul and Jay Sammons, a former Carlyle Group executive who has carved out a niche investing in celebrity-backed ventures.

It reflects the increasing financial sophistication of a generation of entertainers who have greeted fragmenting audiences and the rise of online platforms as an opportunity to monetise their personal brands without ceding value to the media companies that once served as gatekeepers.

Sammons is a pioneer of the strategy. At Carlyle, he took a multibillion-dollar private equity firm into the unfamiliar world of show business, reaping strong returns from star-studded deals, including an investment in the headphone maker Beats by Dre.

But his 2019 acquisition of a stake in Big Machine Records attracted criticism when one of the label's biggest stars, Taylor Swift, complained that the deal had handed control of the master recordings of six of her multi-platinum albums to a man she viewed as her nemesis, the music executive Scooter Braun.

Sammons' latest venture aligns him with a family that has provided a steady stream of drama after attaining fame in 2007 with the reality TV show *Keeping Up with the Kardashians*.

Since then, they have proved adept at monetising their ability to add a sheen

of celebrity to consumer brands, including shapewear label Skims and KKW, a make-up brand in which cosmetics maker Coty invested at a \$1bn valuation in 2020.

SKKY announced its arrival in a tweet, stating that its "target sectors include consumer products, digital and e-commerce, consumer media, hospitality and luxury". The firm did not respond to a request for comment. No funds have been raised, according to the Wall Street Journal, which disclosed that Kardashian's mother, Kris Jenner, would also be a partner.

Other firms have tested institutional demand for celebrity-backed investments. Marcy Venture Partners, a firm co-founded by the rapper Jay Z, last year began raising money for a second institutional fund with a target of \$200m, securities filings show.

## World Markets

STOCK MARKETS					CURRENCIES					GOVERNMENT BONDS				
	7 Sep	6 Sep	Prev	%Chg	Pair	7 Sep	6 Sep	Prev	%Chg	Yield (%)	7 Sep	6 Sep	Prev	%Chg
S&P 500	3942.38	3908.19	0.87	0.87	\$/£	0.995	0.991	4/5	1.005	1.010	US 2 yr	3.46	3.51	-0.05
Nasdaq Composite	11665.83	11544.91	1.06	1.06	\$/€	1.147	1.153	€/\$	0.872	0.867	US 10 yr	3.28	3.34	-0.06
Dow Jones Ind	31367.80	31145.30	0.71	0.71	\$/¥	0.089	0.089	4/¥	1.152	1.164	US 30 yr	3.44	3.48	-0.05
FTSE 100	1626.75	1629.12	-0.14	-0.14	\$/HK\$	144.495	142.715	¥/\$	143.760	141.352	UK 2 yr	3.09	3.24	-0.15
Euro Stoxx 50	3566.94	3590.14	0.19	0.19	\$/N¥	185.679	184.536	¥/index	77.596	77.300	UK 10 yr	3.03	3.10	-0.07
FTSE 100	7237.83	7300.44	-0.86	-0.86	\$/¥	0.977	0.975	\$/¥	1.126	1.134	UK 30 yr	3.37	3.41	-0.05
FTSE All Share	3976.83	4005.61	-0.72	-0.72	\$/¥	0.977	0.975	\$/¥	1.126	1.134	JPY 2 yr	0.09	0.09	0.00
DAX 40	6185.92	6194.61	0.02	0.02	\$/¥	0.977	0.975	\$/¥	1.126	1.134	JPY 10 yr	0.24	0.24	0.01
Xetra Dax	12915.97	12871.44	0.35	0.35	\$/¥	0.977	0.975	\$/¥	1.126	1.134	JPY 30 yr	1.30	1.25	0.05
Nikkei	27430.30	27626.51	-0.71	-0.71	\$/¥	0.977	0.975	\$/¥	1.126	1.134	GER 2 yr	1.08	1.08	-0.02
Hang Seng	19044.30	18202.73	-0.83	-0.83	\$/¥	0.977	0.975	\$/¥	1.126	1.134	GER 10 yr	1.57	1.64	-0.06
MSCI World	2564.97	2596.70	-0.45	-0.45	\$/¥	0.977	0.975	\$/¥	1.126	1.134	GER 30 yr	1.67	1.75	-0.08
MSCI EM	465.24	467.80	-0.25	-0.25	\$/¥	0.977	0.975	\$/¥	1.126	1.134				
MSCI ACWI	602.32	604.89	-0.43	-0.43	\$/¥	0.977	0.975	\$/¥	1.126	1.134				
FT Volatility 2500	5088.86	5111.53	-0.44	-0.44	\$/¥	0.977	0.975	\$/¥	1.126	1.134				
FT Volatility 5000	26749.62	26931.75	-0.46	-0.46	\$/¥	0.977	0.975	\$/¥	1.126	1.134				

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## E.U. Confident It Can Escape Energy Crisis

### Steps Appear to Blunt Putin's Gas Power

This article is by **Melissa Eddy, Erika Solomon and Anton Troianovskii.**

BERLIN — Not long after Russian forces invaded Ukraine, another mobilization began. European energy ministers and diplomats started jetting across the world and inking energy deals — racing to prepare for a rough winter should Russia choose to cut off its cheap gas in retaliation for Western sanctions.

Since then, President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia has fiddled with the gas tap to Europe repeatedly. Through Gazprom, the Kremlin-controlled gas monopoly, Russia has vastly reduced supplies or suspended them for days at a time — until last week, when it announced that it would indefinitely halt flows through the Nord Stream 1 pipeline that supplies Germany, and through it, much of Europe.

Yet when the blow finally came, it provoked more ridicule than outrage among European leaders, who say that by now they would expect nothing less from Mr. Putin and that they have accepted that the era of cheap Russian gas is over, unimaginable as that might have seemed just months ago.

In some corners, even as Europe's leaders scramble to blunt the blow from lower gas supplies and higher prices, there is a grow-



A German fuel site near Poland where Russian gas was halted.

ing sense that perhaps Russia's weaponization of gas exports is a strategy of diminishing returns — and that Mr. Putin may have overplayed his hand.

"It would have been surprising the other way around," Robert Habeck, Germany's economy minister, said this week of Russia's announcement that Nord Stream 1 would remain shut. "The only thing from Russia that is reliable is the lies."

Even the markets seemed to take the latest disruption in stride. After rising 5 percent on the heels of Gazprom's announcement, prices are now lower than they were at the start of last week.

That does not mean that European nations are not feeling the pain, or have skirted the risk that the energy crunch could sow social unrest, fracturing their unity against the Kremlin this winter. But a lot of the damage has already been done, with gas prices several times above anything that

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**GRIEVING IN KYIV** A Ukrainian soldier's funeral. In Russia, President Vladimir V. Putin said Moscow had "not lost anything." Page A7.

## U.S. Weighing Risk of Appeal In Trump Case

By **GLENN THRUSH**  
and **ALAN FEUER**

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department faces a complex and consequential decision this week: whether to appeal all, part or none of a court order requiring it to turn over to an independent arbiter materials seized last month from Donald J. Trump's home in Florida.

The ruling, issued by Judge Aileen M. Cannon on Monday, is more likely to delay than derail the investigation into Mr. Trump's retention of highly classified documents belonging to the government.

But the judge's blunt, far-reaching defense of Mr. Trump's rights as a former president poses a dilemma for Attorney General Merrick B. Garland and his top officials, who until the ruling had controlled the public narrative surrounding the inquiry.

The case presents the department with several tough calls, requiring a careful balance between the desires to speedily resolve the investigation and to limit an expansion of executive power espoused by Mr. Trump's team.

"It is a very hard series of decisions," said Mary McCord, who held several top positions at the Justice Department from 2014 to 2017 in the Obama administration.

Department officials are expected to oppose the judge's call for the arbiter, known as a special master, by a midnight deadline on

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## G.O.P. Field With Little Interest in Compromise

By **JONATHAN WEISMAN**

Josh Brecheen, an ardent Republican who is virtually assured of victory in November to represent an overwhelmingly red House seat in eastern Oklahoma, has a message that is geared as much toward G.O.P. leaders in Washington as it is toward his party's voters: He's not going to the Capitol to make friends.

"Whoever is elected to this seat will be groomed for conformity into moderate positions and debt spending by the Republican establishment," he proclaims on his campaign website. "Only a rare few won't feast at the buffet of compromise."

Mr. Brecheen assures voters he

### Candidates From Right Put House Leaders on Notice

won't be tempted.

As the general election season begins in earnest, the House Republican conference appears destined for a more conservative, fractious future no matter which party wins a majority, thanks to the candidates chosen by voters in the most solidly G.O.P. districts.

Numerous Republican contenders in battleground districts have taken fringe positions or espoused conspiracy theories. Democrats

have trained their sights on these candidates, hoping to block a wave of extremism. But the number of open seats in solidly Republican districts means that the G.O.P. is still favored to secure a narrow majority.

That could spell trouble for Representative Kevin McCarthy of California, the man who would be speaker, and their ability to govern.

It could also mean that the government will struggle to perform such mundane tasks as keeping itself from defaulting on its debt and plunging the global financial system into chaos. At the same time, a Republican-led stream of impeachments, as some lawmakers

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### A Presidential Tradition Resumes

The official portraits of the Obamas were unveiled at the White House on Wednesday. Page A17.

## Brooklyn D.A. Seeks to Toss Tainted Convictions

By **REBECCA DAVIS O'BRIEN**  
and **TROY CLOSSON**

Brooklyn prosecutors are seeking to throw out 378 criminal convictions — mostly low-level drug and traffic offenses, dating to 1999 — that relied on the work of 13 former New York Police Department officers who were later convicted of crimes related to their work.

### Misconduct by Officers Cited in 378 Cases

The move is part of an expansive effort by prosecutors across the city to review cases, even decades old, that involved discredited police officers. It reflects a

broad push to scrutinize police testimony and a recognition of the catastrophic effects that even misdemeanor convictions can have on people. It would be among the largest mass dismissals of convictions in U.S. history, according to data collected by the National Registry of Exonerations.

Last fall, the Queens district at-

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## 'Zero Covid' Pursuit Backs China Into a Corner

By **VIVIAN WANG**

Tens of millions of Chinese confined at home, schools closed, businesses in limbo and whole cities at a standstill. Once again, China is locking down enormous parts of society, trying to completely eradicate Covid in a campaign

### Xi's Unwavering Policy Has Hurt Economy

that grows more anomalous by the day as the rest of the world learns to live with the coronavirus.

But even as the costs of Chi-

na's zero-Covid strategy are mounting, Beijing faces a stark reality: It has backed itself into a corner. Three years of its uncompromising, heavy-handed approach of imposing lockdowns, quarantines and mass testing to isolate infections have left it little room, at least in the short term, to change course.

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Despite a pardon, Stephen K. Bannon will face New York charges tied to an effort to build a border wall. PAGE A20

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A FIREFIGHTER works along Bautista Canyon Road on Wednesday as the Fairview fire rages near Hemet. INFAN KHAN Los Angeles Times

## Seconds count as wildfires' new speed outpaces alerts

As the year's death toll rises to nine, focus turns to the state's emergency systems.

BY HAYLEY SMITH AND JONAH VALDEZ

The sound of exploding propane tanks filled Avery Canyon on Monday afternoon as flames from the Fairview fire gnawed at a grassy ridge near Jeremy Fields' Hemet-area ranch home.

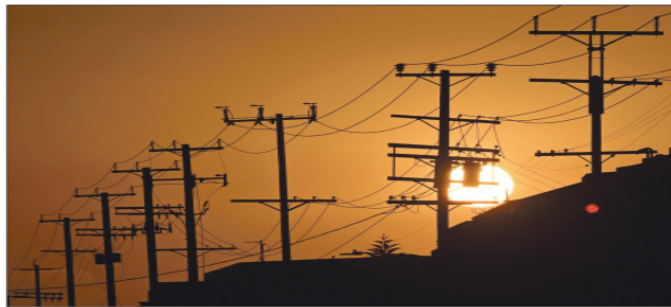
A sheriff's deputy called out with a loudspeaker, urging Fields and his family to evacuate. He and his wife, Gladys Nicomedez, gathered what they could — insurance papers, some clothes, their son's inhalers and medication — before gunning it down Gibbel Road, the only way into and out of their hillside neighborhood.

The family was among the last to leave the canyon. They would learn later that the fast-moving fire had overcome their neighbors, killing them both.

"If we wouldn't have left the second we left, we would have been blocked in," Fields recalled.

The fire was one of two deadly blazes in California during the broiling hot Labor Day weekend, with the Mill fire in Siskiyou County also claiming two lives and bringing the year's wildfire death toll to nine, including four killed in Northern California's McKinney fire and one in Petaluma's Roblar fire earlier this summer. Officials said the sobering number underscores how the state's climate change-fueled blazes are outpacing emergency alert systems and posing new threats to residents.

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"EXTREME heat is straining the state energy grid. Power interruptions may occur unless you take action," read an emergency alert sent Tuesday. PATRICK T. FALLON AP/Getty Images

## Text message is credited with averting blackouts

### Californians cut usage as grid neared limit

BY GRACE TOOHEY AND ALEXANDRA E. PETRI

About 5:45 p.m. Tuesday, millions of Californians' cellphones lit up with a new type of emergency alert: "Conserve energy now to protect public health and safety."

That text message proved crucial in helping avoid rolling blackouts during one of the worst days of a grueling heat wave that has roasted the state for more than a week, taxing California's power grid daily.

"Within moments, we saw a significant

amount of load reduction showing up, to the tune of approximately 2,000 megawatts over the next 20 to 30 minutes," said Elliot Mainzer, president and chief executive of the California Independent System Operator, which runs the state's power grid. "That significant response from California consumers to the wireless emergency alert allowed us to restore our operating reserves and took us back from the edge of broader grid disturbance."

The unprecedented demand and oppressive temperatures have imposed continuous stress on the state's power grid, where

[See Alert, A7]

**LIFE WITHOUT A/C:** For the 20% of Angelenos without air conditioning, the heat wave makes day-to-day life almost unbearable. CALIFORNIA, B1

## Putin has Germans rethinking military

BY MARKUS ZIENER

BERLIN — In some ways, it was a perfectly ordinary conversation — a trio of bright, ambitious German high school kids thinking out loud about what they might do after graduation. But their discussion reflected a sea change in social attitudes: They were considering joining the military.

A decades-old aversion to serving in the German armed forces — the scourge of Europe during World War II, underfunded and neglected after the Cold War's

end — is swiftly reversing itself as a result of the war in Ukraine.

These three 18-year-olds, all of them set to finish high school next year in the northern town of Koethen, are coming of age just as Germany, Europe's economic powerhouse, is aiming to rebuild and revitalize its military after generations of lingering Nazi-era stigma.

One of the students, Steven Foerster, said he was drawn to high-tech opportunities in the Bundeswehr, Germany's federal defense forces. His classmate Sarah

[See Germany, A4]



"THE NEGATIVE image isn't really there anymore," one citizen said of the German armed forces' post-Nazi stigma. Above, German troops arrive in Lithuania. MINDAUGAS KULBIS Associated Press

## Scholarship pulls Bass into corruption case

Her free tuition, USC ties are 'critical' to proving fraud charges, U.S. prosecutors say.

BY MATT HAMILTON

During the last decade, two influential Los Angeles politicians were awarded full-tuition scholarships valued at nearly \$100,000 each from USC's social work program.

One of those scholarships led to the indictment of former L.A. County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas and the former dean of USC's social work program, Marilyn Flynn, on bribery and fraud charges.

The other scholarship recipient, Rep. Karen Bass, is the leading contender to be L.A.'s next mayor.

Federal prosecutors have made no indication that Bass is under a criminal investigation.

But prosecutors have now declared that Bass' scholarship and her dealings with USC are "critical" to their bribery case and to their broader portrayal of corruption in the university's social work program.

When jurors ultimately decide whether to convict Ridley-Thomas and Flynn, prosecutors have indicated they want Bass' relationship with USC, the largest private employer in her congressional district, to inform their verdict.

By awarding free tuition to Bass in 2011, Flynn hoped to obtain the congresswoman's assistance in passing coveted legislation, prosecutors wrote in a July court filing. Bass later sponsored a bill in Congress that would have expanded USC's and other private universities' access to federal funding for social work. "Just as defendant Flynn wanted," the filing states.

Flynn is charged in connection with what prosecutors allege was a quid pro quo with Ridley-Thomas involving a scholarship awarded to his son in exchange for lucrative county contracts. To bolster their case, prosecutors have pointed to an email from Flynn in which she noted doing the same "sort of scholarship-for-funding with Bass."

Bass' name is redacted in much of the court filings, which prosecutors said accorded with Department of Justice policy. The Times confirmed her identity through case records, people familiar with the matter and some copies of emails that were briefly filed in court this summer and later redacted.

Federal prosecutors declined this week to elaborate on their statements about the scholarship. "At present and based on the evidence obtained to date, Rep. Bass is not a target or a subject of

[See Bass, A12]



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**REP. Karen Bass** is not "a target or subject of our office's investigation," federal prosecutors said.

## Chapter 11 filing for Regal Cinemas parent

Cineworld struggles with \$5 billion in debt and a business model smashed by COVID.

BY RYAN FAUGHNDER

Cineworld Group, the world's second-largest movie theater operator and parent company of Regal Cinemas, has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection from creditors amid a severe box office downturn.

The London-based business on Wednesday said the company and its subsidiaries had started proceedings in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas in a bid to reduce its debts. Cineworld said it had secured \$1.94 billion in new financing from existing lenders to ensure its operations continue during the reorganization and warned that its debt restructuring will result in the "very significant dilution" of shareholder value.

"The pandemic was an incredibly difficult time for our business, with the enforced closure of cinemas and huge disruption to film schedules that has led us to this point," Cineworld Chief Executive Mooky Greidinger in a statement. "This latest process is part of our ongoing efforts to strengthen our financial position and

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## Second fugitive in rampage dies

Canadian police are investigating whether Myles Sanderson also killed his brother, who was on run. WORLD, A3

## Official held in reporter's death

Robert Telles lost a June primary after Las Vegas journalist's stories exposed allegations. NATION, A6

## LAUSD at risk before hack

Key vulnerabilities in the data systems were found two years before cyberattack, a report found. CALIFORNIA, B1

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Democracy Dies in Darkness

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## Key county in Ga. still seeks chief of elections

Strife tied to 2020 vote and ongoing harassment make job a tough hire

BY MATTHEW BROWN

ATLANTA — It is in many ways an ideal job for a public servant with a passion for democracy — the chance to facilitate voting in Georgia's most populous county, the electoral center of one of the most important political battlegrounds in the nation.

Yet for 10 months, local leaders have been unable to hire a permanent director to run the Department of Registration and Elections in Fulton County, home to Atlanta.

The previous director resigned in November and left the position in April, after pressure from local lawmakers and the turmoil of the 2020 election, when county staff endured death threats, baseless conspiracy theories, high-stakes audits and harassment from former president Donald Trump and his allies.

Now, with Georgia in another highly charged campaign season and poised to play a pivotal role in the next presidential election, many here think the toxic swirl of state politics, national scrutiny, ongoing harassment and long-standing logistical issues has turned off potentially strong candidates and cast a shadow over the office itself.

The staff has worked through the uncertainty under an interim director, but the county has been slow to implement changes mandated by a sweeping new election law; update its voting equipment; finalize plans with key contractors; and recruit new polling sites and workers for the midterm.

SEE GEORGIA ON A6

## For one day, the Obamas turn back the White House clock



DEMETRIUS FREEMAN/THE WASHINGTON POST

Barack and Michelle Obama unveil their official portraits in the East Room of the White House on Wednesday in a ceremony that felt like a grand reunion for the dozens of former staffers who joined the presidential couple. Their moment was delayed for years because President Donald Trump refused to host the tradition. **Stories, A5 and C1**

## Awash in scrutiny, teachers losing public's trust

BY HANNAH NATANSON

Americans are losing faith in their schoolteachers.

New polling suggests that fierce debates over what educators should be allowed to do and say in classrooms, an ascendant parents' rights movement seeking control of what children learn at school, recent criticism of teachers from conservative lawmakers and news outlets, and

Falling poll numbers tied to pandemic, political criticism, parent activism

the lingering aftershocks of the pandemic have all sapped public confidence in the teaching profession.

In January, a Gallup poll found

that Americans' belief in grade-school teachers' honesty had dropped to an all-time low, with 64 percent of adults reporting they believe those instructors are truthful and have ethical standards, down from a high of 75 percent in 2020, during the tensest days of the pandemic. In July, another Gallup poll found that just 28 percent of Americans have "a great deal" or "quite a lot" of confidence in public schools —

the second-lowest this figure has been since Gallup began asking this question in 1973. Both polls found divisions along party lines, with Republicans more likely than Democrats to distrust teachers and schools. Seventy-three percent of Democrats and Democratic-leaning individuals gave high honesty and ethics ratings to grade-school teachers, but 54 percent of Republicans

SEE TEACHERS ON A2

## California heat wave tests goals on climate

RESIDENTS FORCED TO CUT ENERGY USE

Power grid in transition carries risk of blackouts

BY EVAN HALPER AND ERICA WERNER

California's risk of widespread blackouts this week is forcing millions of residents to keep the grid afloat by jacking up thermostats and shutting off appliances, but they are not the only ones feeling the heat. The lawmakers and regulators behind the state's emphatic embrace of green energy are feeling it, too.

Even before this week's historic September heat wave, the state's wobbly grid, with a history of disrupting political careers, had become a fresh target for critics of California's climate-forward energy policies. The same state that is rushing to rid its roads of gas-powered vehicles was pleading with electric car drivers this week not to recharge during peak hours. Meanwhile, aging natural-gas-fired generators that California wants to eradicate are being leaned on heavily to keep the lights on. And the state is scrambling to postpone the closure of a nuclear plant that officials earlier said would be made obsolete by sun and wind power.

Yet California is doubling its commitment — arguing that the culprit of its energy woes is not the aggressive pace of its transition but the climate change that transition is designed to confront.

"We understand we cannot

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Drought's toll: Yields of tomatoes, corn and more have shrunk. **A16**

## D.C. officer's recorded chats raise extremism 'red flags'

Anti-racism activist posed as Patriot Front aide to out sympathizers

BY PETER HERMANN

On one end of the phone was a D.C. police lieutenant in charge of the intelligence unit. On the other, a man who called himself "Mason," purporting to be a top adviser to the white-nationalist group Patriot Front, and its leader, Thomas Rousseau.

The veteran police supervisor, Shane Lamond, wanted to know when the group planned a return visit to the District, so police could prepare and allow demonstrators to safely protest "without being attacked or harassed," he told the man on the other end of the line.

Mason pressed for intelligence on plots targeting his purported group. And he was interested in learning of police officers' "sympa-

thetic to what we're trying to do."

"These days, we like working with patriots, and it's hard for us to trust people that don't share those patriotic views," the man said. "Where do you stand on that question?"

Lamond laughed. "Unfortunately," he said, "I can't answer that question, for the simple fact that ... I have to be objective. I can't express my personal feelings either way." Then he added, "I think if you look at just kind of the ideals and demographics of your group, and other groups, you all tend to be more favorable of law enforcement than other groups, I'll put it that way."

The man calling himself "Mason" told The Washington Post that he was not, in fact, affiliated with Patriot Front or its leader; he was an anti-racism activist posing as a member to out possible sympathizers. He said he recorded his dealings with Lamond.

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Jan. 6 probe: The DOJ invoked a domestic terrorism measure. **A4**

## Buses of migrants make D.C. an 'unofficial border town'

Republican governors are making a political statement; those seeking a better life see hope

BY ANTONIO OLIVO

DEL RIO, TEX. — They marched in caravans for weeks, past dead bodies while dodging kidnappers and thieves — and now, some of the migrants crowded inside a tiny stucco building just past the Rio Grande were looking at a star scribbled on an envelope carrying their U.S. asylum petitions.

Courtesy of the state of Texas, this meant they qualified for a free bus ride to a place that has been largely unprepared to receive them: Washington, D.C.

"They're going to give you food," a Spanish-speaking volunteer at the Val Verde Border Humanitarian Coalition temporary "respite center" said about the state-chartered buses, talking to the migrants who earlier in the week had surrendered themselves at the border to U.S. immigration officials. "It has WiFi, so you can connect with your families."

So far, more than 230 buses carrying nearly 9,400 migrants, **SEE MIGRANTS ON A20**



SARAH L. VOSS/THE WASHINGTON POST

Alejandra Pinto, center, and husband David Hernandez at the D.C. hotel room they share with their 11-year-old son and 4-year old daughter. The family fled Venezuela, eventually reaching Texas.

## IN THE NEWS



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**Tiafoe in U.S. Open semifinals** The Hyattsville native is on the cusp of ending a long drought for American men in majors. **D1**

**Shutting the tap** Russian President Vladimir Putin threatened to halt all energy sales to the West if the Group of Seven caps oil prices. **A12**

**THE NATION** New data from JAMA Pediatrics found that more than 10.5 million children lost at least one parent or caregiver during the pandemic. **A2**

**FDA advisers** voted to recommend approval of an experimental ALS drug, making it likely the hotly debated treatment will be cleared by the agency. **A3**

**A federal judge** has ruled that the Affordable Care Act cannot require a Christian-owned company to cover certain medications for its employees, citing religious freedom. **A6**

**A bipartisan group** of senators is pushing to vote this month to codify same-sex marriage into federal law. **A7**

**THE WORLD** Somalia is on the verge of famine, and the world must move faster to help, Ishaan Tharoor writes. **A8**

**Stabbing suspect** Myles Sanderson died in police custody in Canada after a four-day manhunt that set Saskatchewan on edge. **A9**

**Wounded Ukrainian** soldiers speak with frustration and fortitude about their country's

push to retake the southern city of Kherson. **A10**

**Researchers** in Borneo found evidence of a 31,000-year-old amputation that could be the oldest-known surgery. **A12**

**THE ECONOMY** Apple introduced iPhones, Apple Watches and AirPods with new features, while still keeping prices steady. All you need to know about the latest product announcements. **A14**

**THE REGION** Fresh eyes and an old tape recording helped lead to a breakthrough in the investigation of

the 1971 slaying of a Maryland sheriff's deputy. **B1**

**D.C. started** enforcing its long-standing youth curfew last month, ahead of Prince George's County's crackdown. **B1**

**The True Reformer** Building, at the corner of 12th and U streets NW, has a storied past foundational to Black Washington. **B1**

**What to know** about the updated coronavirus vaccine boosters, which are available locally. **B1**

**SPORTS** Tony Clark, MLBPA executive director, said it's the "right time" for minor league players to unionize. **D1**

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**STYLE** Losing its shine Higher costs, missing archives, less ambitious programs: Streaming TV is in an existential crisis, and viewers can tell. **C1**

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**Tiafoe ousts No. 9 Rublev to continue US Open run**

The 24-year-old is the first American man to reach semifinals since 2006. **In Sports**

**Streaming services, networks rev up for fall TV**

Must-see: Pizza-making contest, funny vampire tale and new seasons of some big shows. **In Life**

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For Bertha Anderson, 84, left, and neighbor Ruth Cottrell, 73, Jackson's water system failures are all too familiar. Anderson remembers carrying water from a well in 1960. "It ain't nothing new," she says. PHOTOS BY BARBARA GAUNT/USA TODAY NETWORK

## Waterless Jackson, Miss., holds out hope for change

'You failed your people,' say residents who want latest crisis to be a call for action

**Evan Mealins**

Mississippi Clarion Ledger  
USA TODAY NETWORK

JACKSON, Miss. — In 1960, Bertha Anderson toted water from a well in rural Yazoo County.

In 2021, she filled buckets from a ditch in Jackson.

At least in 1960, she says, she could drink the water.

Anderson, 84, lives in a tightknit, sleepy neighborhood on Dewitt Avenue, which has, like most of Jackson, lacked reliable access to water for years, long before today's water crisis.

"It ain't nothing new," Anderson said.



Anderson's tap water shows residue that "looks like moss," she says. A second bag has pennies; copper is a known fungicide. In her neighborhood, drinking the water is not an option.

Almost all of her neighbors are Black, and roughly three quarters are senior citizens. Many have felt frustrated, exhausted and overlooked by city and state leaders as they struggled with inconsistent or no water pressure since the latest crisis began. Residents hope the emergency will be the start of a change.

"You done failed your people," said Dewitt Avenue's Larry Kelly, 64, referring to the city's leaders. "You say you love Mississippi, you love your state. But I don't believe that."

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### MONKEYPOX

## Outbreak unnerves HIV/AIDS activists

Stigma, response time add angst to feelings of déjà vu

**Cady Stanton**  
USA TODAY

When 55-year-old Ken Pinkela was first navigating his coming out process as a gay man, the community he emerged into was no stranger to crisis.

In the throes of deadly HIV infections, gay men turned to self-made support groups to ask health care questions, organize protests and combat the isolation and stigma of illness.

So 30 years later, at one of those same monthly AIDS support groups in Millford, New York, Pinkela said he wasn't alone in experiencing an unsettling sense of déjà vu when reading about monkeypox.

"Here we go again," said Pinkela, a former Army lieutenant colonel turned HIV advocate. "Did we not learn something from those mistakes? ... When you see it now again, coming out of the gate, it's so wrong."

While the similarities between HIV, the virus that can lead to AIDS, and monkeypox may feel and appear striking, monkeypox is radically less fatal with a much lower rate of severe or lethal cases. Unlike HIV when it arrived in the U.S. in 1981, health authorities had access to reliable testing, a vaccine and proven treatment to combat a monkeypox outbreak.

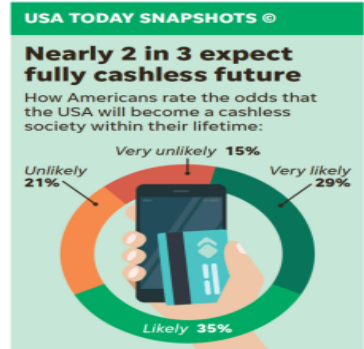
Promising data has also shown a declining rate of new cases of monkeypox in New York City and parts of California, and global cases have been dropping over recent weeks, according to the World Health Organization.

But for some historians, activists

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## BIDEN AND OBAMAS REVIVE PORTRAIT UNVEILING TRADITION

Former President Barack Obama and former first lady Michelle Obama unveiled their official portraits at the White House on Wednesday as guests of President Joe Biden. Tradition holds that first-term presidents host their predecessor for the debut as a sign of fellowship, but President Donald Trump chose not to do so for Barack Obama. The White House wouldn't say whether Biden will host a ceremony when Trump's portrait is ready. Barack Obama chose artist Robert McCurdy to paint his portrait; Michelle Obama selected artist Sharon Sprung.

## Experts worry new COVID-19 booster may fuel mistakes

Different vaccine doses add layer of complexity

**Adrianna Rodriguez**  
and **Karen Weintraub**  
USA TODAY

At least 87 times in the past few months, a health care provider has given a child the wrong dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

Luckily, none resulted in a serious medical problem, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

But it shows the challenge of delivering a vaccine that comes in multiple doses from different companies, some that require diluting and others that don't. The decision last week to add new COVID-19 boosters for everyone over 12 adds another layer

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### 'Important milestone'

Latest vaccine may become annual treatment, like the flu shot, White House COVID-19 coordinator says. **2A**



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Rossi-Armani, el duelo  
de una punta a la otra

Coincidencias y contrastes entre los arqueros de Boca y River, decisivos para sus equipos.

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—cultura

Figuras del periodismo y la cultura la despidieron ayer con un sentido homenaje; hubo muestras de admiración por su fecunda trayectoria. Página 25

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La celebración por los 200 años de la independencia de Brasil se convirtió en una gran demostración de fuerza del presidente antes de la elección. Página 2

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Fiscales repudian el intento  
de asociar la causa Vialidad  
con el atentado a Cristina

TENSIÓN. En un duro documento, le contestaron a Kicillof; exigieron "respetar las instituciones"

Fiscales de todo el país expresaron una "profunda preocupación" por declaraciones de funcionarios y legisladores contra los fiscales Diego Luciani y Sergio Mola. Exigieron "respeto a las instituciones" y denunciaron una "injerencia indebida del poder político en la función jurisdiccional". Fue a través de un duro

documento de la Asociación de Fiscales y Funcionarios del Ministerio Público Fiscal de la Nación (Affun), que apuntó a declaraciones realizadas por el gobernador de la provincia de Buenos Aires, Axel Kicillof. La entidad es presidida por Carlos Rívolo, el fiscal que ahora investiga el atentado contra Cristina Kirchner.

"El alegato del fiscal Luciani desencadenó esta fase del conflicto social", había dicho Kicillof, tras haber asociado ese mismo alegato con el atentado a la vicepresidenta. Los fiscales consideraron las expresiones del gobernador "una conducta contraria a los principios republicanos de un Estado de Derecho". Página 13

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debate sobre  
"el odio"

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Imputan a  
Sabag y a su  
novia por  
el ataqueHernán Cappiello  
LA NACION

Mientras la Justicia realizaba nuevas medidas de prueba para terminar de reunir evidencias contra Fernando Sabag Montiel y su novia, Brenda Uliarte, la jueza María Eugenia Capuchetti los imputó formalmente por "haber intentado dar muerte" a Cristina Kirchner y por haber actuado "con planificación y acuerdo previo", aprovechándose del "estado de indefensión" de la vicepresidenta. Continúa en la página 8

## Interpol ya tiene un "museo" de arte falsificado



MAURO ALFIERI

cultura — Unas 850 piezas, entre cuadros y esculturas, atribuidas a Antonio Berni, Raúl Soldi y Benito Quinquela Martín, entre otros grandes artistas, integran una colección de arte formada con las obras falsificadas que ha secuestrado la Policía Federal en sus procedimientos. Se guardan en un depósito con condiciones especiales para su conservación, y en febrero serán exhibidas al público en una muestra junto con algunos originales. Página 24

Rechazos a un  
militante K en  
la Corte de  
Santa Cruz

JUSTICIA. Fue aportante de campaña, es amigo de Máximo Kirchner y no tiene matrícula. Página 15

Rafael Grossi. "De cero a diez, el peligro de un  
accidente nuclear en Ucrania puede ser once"Elisabetta Piqué  
CORRESPONSAL EN ITALIA

ROMA. — El argentino Rafael Grossi, director del Organismo Internacional de la Energía Atómica (OIEA), el jueves pasado arriesgó su

vida y pasó momentos dramáticos en Ucrania. Aunque es diplomático y mide sus palabras, aún exuda adrenalina. Con chaleco antibalas y viviendo por primera vez una misión bajo las bombas en su larga carrera en la historia del organismo

que dirige desde diciembre de 2019, después de meses de gestiones, junto a su equipo Grossi logró ingresar en la central nuclear de Zaporizhzhia, la más grande de Europa, ocupada por las fuerzas rusas y blanco de bombardeos. Continúa en la página 4

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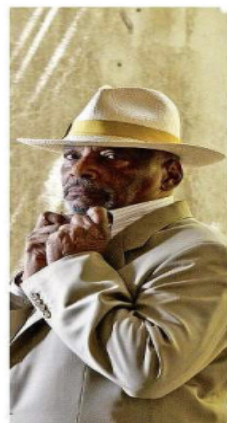
INTERCAMBIO. El ministro de Economía, Sergio Massa, busca que la Casa Blanca apruebe un convenio de intercambio automático de información financiera con el país, con la intención de detectar fondos de argentinos sin declarar depositados en cuentas en EE.UU. En el Gobierno estiman una cifra de unos US\$100.000 millones. Massa lo planteó en el Departamento de Estado y en la Casa Blanca, y el lunes lo llevará a la reunión prevista con David Lipton, en el Departamento del Tesoro. Página 17

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un hijo por el  
doble crimen  
de Vicente  
López

GIRO. Lo acusan de la autoría material del homicidio de sus padres; liberaron a la empleada doméstica.

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Araújo em sua casa, em 2012. Eduardo Knappp/Folhapress

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## Morre Manoel Araújo

Um dos gigantes das artes de raiz afro-brasileira, Manoel Araújo morreu ontem, aos 81 anos, em São Paulo. Escultor, gravurista, cenógrafo, dirigiu a Pinacoteca e foi o 1º curador do Museu Afro Brasil.

**Hélio Menezes**

Genial, artista revirou as raízes negras do Brasil

**Ilustrada C5**

**Guia C9**

Vai ao museu? Saiba onde comer e outros passeios no bairro do Ipiranga, em SP

## Congresso dos EUA cobra respeito às urnas no Brasil

Parlamentares nos EUA lançaram ofensiva no Senado e na Câmara com projetos para pressionar o governo Jair Bolsonaro a respeitar o resultado das urnas. Eles querem que Washington corte laços se houver golpe. **Mundo A13**

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**Bolsonaro transformou o 7/9 no mais desavergonhado comício eleitoral**  
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# Bolsonaro captura 7/9 com ameaça, machismo e comícios

Sem citar urnas, presidente evoca 1964 e defende 'extirpar' líderes de esquerda

Jair Bolsonaro (PL) fez do 7 de Setembro um palanque eleitoral — atacou adversários, disse que líderes de esquerda deveriam ser extirpados da vida pública e pediu votos —, e não citou o bicentenário da Independência, razão da celebração.

Em tom mais brando do que o usado em 2021, quando fez discursos abertamente golpistas em Brasília e São Paulo, desta vez o presidente não atacou a urna eletrônica nem o sistema de votação, o que foi recebido com alívio por partidários e oponentes.

Mas, ao falar no Rio, não deixou de mirar o Judiciário, embora sem citar ministros: "Esperem uma reeleição para verem se todos vão jogar dentro das quatro linhas da Constituição". "[Vocês] sabem como funciona o Supremo Tribunal Federal."

Em Brasília, evocou 1964, dizendo que "a história pode se repetir", e aludiu a uma suposta luta do bem contra o mal. Bolsonaro também recai no machismo ao comparar primeiras-damas e puxar um coro no qual se disse "imbrochável". **Política A4 a A6**

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Esquadrilha da Fumaça participa da exibição dos 200 anos da Independência na praia de Copacabana, onde esteve Bolsonaro. Alexandre Brum/Agência Enquadrar/Agência O Globo



Apoiadores de Jair Bolsonaro em Brasília; convidados, chefes do Judiciário e do Legislativo não foram a desfile militar. **TV Brasil**

**António Costa**

**Se o Brasil chama, Portugal lá estará**

Quando o Brasil nos convidou para a comemoração do bicentenário da Independência, Portugal aceitou, sem hesitar. Em cada canto de Portugal, a influência brasileira respira-se e enriquece-nos. **Opinião A3**  
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**Briga com primeira-dama põe campanha em alerta**

Equipe de Jair Bolsonaro (PL) teme repercussão negativa de discussão entre presidente e Michelle no 7 de Setembro, flagrada por câmeras de TV. **A4**

## Inflação cai em relação à mundial, mas ainda preocupa

A queda no preço dos combustíveis ajudou a inflação ao consumidor no Brasil a se aproximar da média das maiores economias desenvolvidas e emergentes, algo que não ocorria havia dois anos, segundo levantamento do banco UBS BB.

O país ainda sofre, porém, forte pressão dos valores de bens industriais, e a inflação de serviços também ressurgiu como fator de preocupação, após dois anos rodando abaixo da média das 13 nações analisadas pela instituição financeira. **Mercado A15**

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Com Jair Bolsonaro atrás nas pesquisas, principais igrejas evangélicas vão para o tudo ou nada. Pastores atacam publicamente e humilham seus próprios fiéis se estes discordam do envolvimento com disputa eleitoral. **Política A10**



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# Macron cherche toujours un cap pour son mandat

Le chef de l'État installe aujourd'hui le Conseil national de la refondation, censé répondre à la crise démocratique. Depuis sa réélection, les contours de son ambition pour le pays restent flous.

Une évaporation. Le capital politique du président de la République n'a cessé de diminuer depuis sa réélection. Contrairement à 2017, où son élection et le résultat des légis-

latives lui avaient permis de se lancer pied au plancher sur l'autoroute des réformes. Aujourd'hui, la donne est bien différente, avec une majorité relative à l'Assemblée natio-

nale et des opposants déterminés à prendre leur revanche. Puisqu'il ne pourra pas se représenter en 2027, c'est sans lui que se jouera la suite. Et, déjà, les prétendants, dans son

camp comme dans l'opposition, affichent leurs ambitions. Pour repousser au plus loin cette guerre de succession, Emmanuel Macron conserve les grands leviers institution-

nels. Il veut aussi faire la preuve de sa capacité à réformer. « Il a l'opportunité de laisser une trace dans l'histoire », plaide le député macroniste Sacha Houlié.

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Le marin de 25 ans a remporté, ce mercredi à Saint-Nazaire, la troisième et ultime étape de la Solitaire 2022, décrochant ainsi son premier sacre dans la reine des courses estivales. PAGE 12

**ÉDITORIAL** par Yves Thérard ythérard@lefigaro.fr

## Agir ou subir

La magie des mots n'opère plus. En 2017, Emmanuel Macron promettait la « révolution », titre de son livre-programme. L'homme était neuf dans le paysage, porteur, croyait-on, de belles ambitions et de nouveaux usages en politique. Cinq ans plus tard, on sait ce qu'il en est. La France est plus que jamais encaimée dans ses problèmes, que les crises successives n'ont fait qu'aggraver. Endettement, insécurité, délitement des services publics restent les trois symptômes de la dérive française. Pour y remédier, la « refondation » est le nouveau mantra du chef de l'État, à travers un conseil national dont il donne le coup d'envoi ce jeudi. Sur la forme, l'initiative présidentielle a déjà fait couler beaucoup d'encre. Aucun parti d'opposition n'accepte de participer à ce simulacre de démocratie directe. C'était prévisible. Le plus inquiétant est toutefois que cette nouvelle méthode de gouvernance cache moins une volonté de dialogue pour trouver des solutions qu'une absence d'objectifs. Emmanuel Macron, réélu sans programme, semble toujours chercher l'horizon de sa politique. Aurait-il perdu la main ? Les premiers mois

de son précédent quinquennat avaient donné lieu à quelques réformes importantes : code du travail, ISF, SNCF, dédoublement des classes de CP en zone prioritaire... Mais, aujourd'hui, que propose-t-il ? Nul ne le sait. À observer les débats qui agitent le gouvernement et la majorité - vote des étrangers aux municipales, interdiction des jets privés, taxation des superprofits... -, on se demande même s'il y a un pilote dans l'avion. Pour l'avenir de la France, les urgences sont évidemment ailleurs. Elles s'appellent nucléaire, hôpital, école, transports, restauration de l'autorité et des comptes publics... Sans parler des retraites, dont on entend dire que le contexte actuel ne se prêterait guère à la réforme. Celle engagée par Nicolas Sarkozy en 2010, en pleine crise financière, a démontré le contraire. Puisqu'il ne peut pas se représenter en 2027, Emmanuel Macron n'aurait rien à perdre en s'y attelant. Au contraire... Sur ce front et les autres, entre agir ou subir, il doit choisir. Le pays peut-il attendre plus longtemps ? ■

## La BCE relève fortement les taux d'intérêt pour contrer l'inflation

Accusée d'avoir trop tardé à prendre conscience de l'envolée des prix, la Banque centrale européenne a remis la lutte contre l'inflation au cœur de sa politique monétaire. Pour la combattre, elle annoncera ce jeudi un deuxième relèvement significatif (peut-être de 0,75 %) des taux d'intérêt, après celui du mois de juillet. Ce mouvement va renchérir le coût du crédit immobilier, mais aussi le financement des entreprises et le remboursement de la dette publique. PAGES 22 ET 23

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## Truss banks on energy bill freeze in bid to unite party

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Liz Truss will finally unveil her long-awaited plans to tackle soaring energy bills today, with some Tory MPs conceding this is already a make-or-break moment for her entire premiership.

The new prime minister is expected to announce to MPs that bills will be frozen at about £2,500 a year until 2024 as part of a package of support costing up to £130bn, funded by the taxpayer, as she tries to address the most significant economic crisis in a generation.

Senior Tories predicted the bailout would generate enough goodwill to guarantee her survival in No 10 until at least Christmas, but said she had a major challenge in keeping her deeply divided party in line beyond the new year.

In one move that will cheer some backbenchers, it is understood Truss will announce an immediate end to a pause on fracking for shale gas, with new drilling possible within weeks as part of her hydrocarbon-based push for greater energy security.

The practice is hugely controversial - the moratorium was imposed in 2019 because it can trigger earthquakes - and Truss has previously said fracking would only happen in areas where there was local support. It is unknown if this will be changed.

With the pound falling to its lowest level against the dollar since 1985 and the country set to plunge into recession, charities and thinktanks warned that government plans to cap energy bills were "poorly targeted" and would fail to protect low-income families without a package of additional support. The Institute for Fiscal Studies was among those saying ministers should adopt a scheme that did not benefit wealthier households.

Before her Commons statement, Truss said: "I know families and businesses across the country are worried about how they are going to make ends meet this autumn and winter."

"Putin's war in Ukraine and weaponisation of gas supply in Europe is causing global prices to rise - and this has only made clearer that we must boost our long-term energy security and supply. We will take action immediately to help people and businesses with bills but

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## Well played Walsh breaks world record for women's transfer fee

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## Hate tweets rise in cold snaps and heatwaves

Arthur Neslen

Hateful tweets increase dramatically as temperatures become more extreme, an analysis of 4bn geo-located tweets in the United States has found.

Scientists logged rises of up to 22% in racist, misogynist and homophobic tweets when temperatures rose above 42C (108F), and increases of up to 12% when they fell below -3C, according to a study published today by The Lancet Planetary Health.

Annika Stechemesser, its lead author and a

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## Trump's Mar-a-Lago 'a target for foreign spies'

Julian Borger  
Washington

Mar-a-Lago - the Florida resort and residence where Donald Trump reportedly stored nuclear secrets among a trove of highly classified documents for 18 months since

leaving the White House - is a magnet for foreign spies, former intelligence officials have warned.

The Washington Post reported that a document describing an unspecified foreign government's defences, including its nuclear capabilities, was one of the many highly secret papers Trump took away from the

White House when he left office in January 2021.

There were also papers marked SAP (special access programme), which are often about active US intelligence operations and whose circulation is severely restricted even among administration officials with top security clearance.

Potentially most disturbing, there were papers stamped HCS (humint control system), involving human intelligence gathered from agents in enemy countries, whose lives would be in danger if their identities were compromised.

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