

## What's News

## Business &amp; Finance

**Stocks plunged** after hotter-than-expected inflation data dashed investors' hopes that easing price pressures would prompt the Fed to moderate its campaign of rate increases. The S&P 500, Nasdaq and Dow slid 4.3%, 5.2% and 3.9%, respectively. Treasury prices fell sharply. **A1, A6, A7, B13**

◆ **Twitter investors** approved the \$44 billion takeover that Musk is trying to abandon on the same day a whistleblower alleged at a Senate hearing that the company misled regulators about security failures. **A1**

◆ **Americans as a whole** have experienced two years in a row of flat or declining household income, new government data showed. **A7**

◆ **Deposits at U.S. banks** fell by a record \$370 billion in the second quarter, the first decline since 2018, according to the FDIC. **B1**

◆ **Paramount Global** is considering discontinuing its Showtime streaming service and shifting its content into Paramount+. **B1**

◆ **Starbucks outlined** a strategic revamp that Schultz said would put the coffee giant on track for a turnaround by 2024. **B1**

◆ **The White House** is assessing how other transportation providers could fill potential gaps in the nation's freight network as unions and railroads continue contract talks. **B2**

◆ **Former Disney chief** Iger is joining Twitter Capital as a venture partner, where he will advise on day-to-day initiatives. **B1**

## World-Wide

◆ **Ukraine looked** to maximize gains from lightning-quick offensive in the country's northeastern Kharkiv region, making a diplomatic push for more weapons and deeper security ties with Western allies. **A8**

◆ **A new round of fighting** erupted between Armenia and Azerbaijan, threatening to unravel a peace deal brokered by the Kremlin. **A10**

◆ **The Justice Department** last week served dozens of subpoenas on people associated with Trump's attempt to overturn the 2020 election and with planning the rally that preceded the attack on the U.S. Capitol. **A4**

◆ **West Virginia lawmakers** passed a ban on nearly all abortions, the second state legislature to approve new restrictions since the U.S. Supreme Court struck down Roe v. Wade. **A3**

◆ **Sen. Graham introduced** a bill that would ban doctors from performing abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy, drawing a chilly reception from some prominent Republicans. **A3**

◆ **A foundation for CBS** founder Paley plans to auction off a trove of masterpieces long lent to New York's Museum of Modern Art for at least \$70 million to expand the museum's digital footprint. **A1**

◆ **Tens of thousands** of people said a final farewell to Queen Elizabeth II in the Scottish capital Tuesday before her coffin was flown to London later in the day. **A11**

◆ **Died: Jean-Luc Godard**, 91, iconoclastic filmmaker. **A12**

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## Stocks Sink on Dashed Inflation Hopes

Broad price pressures strengthen, new report shows, fueling Fed's tightening campaign

By GWYNETH GUILFORD

U.S. consumer prices increased sharply in August from July after excluding volatile food and energy prices, showing that inflation pressures remained strong and stubborn even as the year-over-year increase was slightly slower.

The Labor Department reported on Tuesday its consumer-price index rose 8.3% in August from the same month a year ago, down from 8.5% in July and from 9.1% in June, which was the highest inflation rate in four decades. The CPI measures what consumers pay for goods and services.

So-called core CPI, which excludes energy and food prices, increased 6.3% in August from a year earlier, up markedly from the 5.9% rate in both June and July—a signal that broad price pressures strengthened.

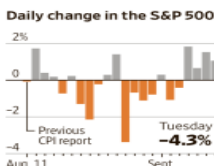
On a monthly basis, the core CPI rose 0.6% in August—double July's pace. Investors and policy makers follow core inflation closely as a reflection of broad, underlying inflation and as a predictor of future inflation.

These data are hot and are a reflection of feed-through of higher energy prices from earlier this year. Inflation is a stubborn thing," said Jamie Cox, managing partner for Harris Financial Group, in a statement.

Inflation has recently shown signs of easing for some goods and services. Gasoline prices declined 10.6% in August from July, according to the CPI report. The national average price of regular gasoline was \$3.71 a gallon on Tuesday.

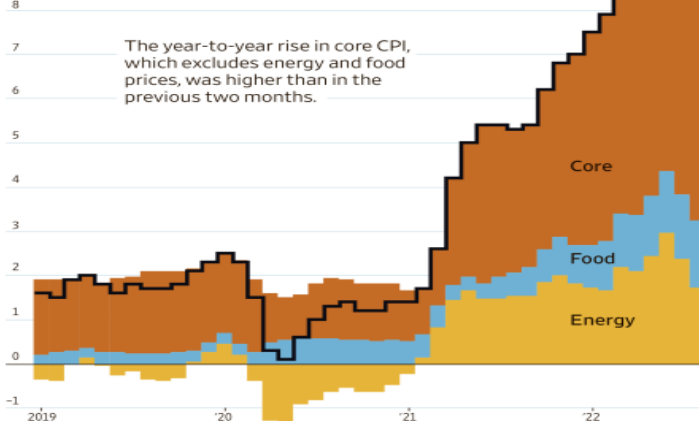
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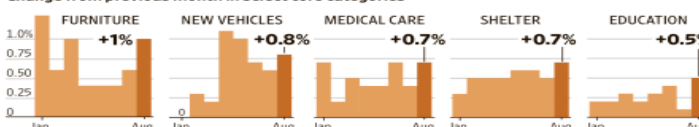


## Consumer-price index 12-month percentage change

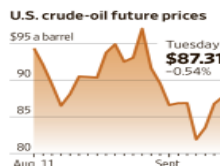
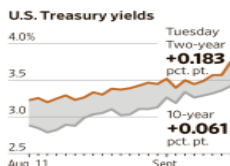
With percentage-point contributions by category



## Change from previous month in select core categories\*



\*Seasonally adjusted. Sources: FactSet (S&P 500, oil); Dow Jones Market Data (Treasury yields); Labor Department (CPI contributions); Labor Department via St. Louis Fed (change in core categories)



S&P 500 suffers worst day in over two years, as investors reconsider rate outlook

By KAREN LANGLEY AND CAITLIN OSTROFF

Stocks suffered their worst day in more than two years after hotter-than-expected inflation data dashed investors' hopes that cooling price pressures would prompt the Federal Reserve to moderate its campaign of interest-rate increases.

Investors sold everything from stocks and bonds to oil and gold. All 30 stocks in the Dow Jones Industrial Average declined, as did all 11 sectors in the S&P 500. Only five stocks in the broad benchmark finished the session in the green. Facebook parent Meta Platforms dropped 9.4%, BlackRock declined 7.4% and Boeing fell 7.2%.

The Dow fell 1,276.37 points, or 3.9%, to 31104.97. The S&P 500 declined 177.72 points, or 4.3%, to 4211.3. The Nasdaq Composite slid 632.84 points, or 5.2%, to 11633.57.

All three indexes posted their steepest one-day losses since June 11, 2020. The declines left the Dow Industrials down 14% in 2022, while the S&P 500 has lost 17% and Nasdaq Composite has retreated 26%.

The selloff continued in the Asia/Pacific region early Wednesday, with stock benchmarks in Japan, Hong Kong and Australia each losing more than 2%. But S&P 500 futures rose 0.2%.

Investors had eagerly anticipated Tuesday's release of the consumer-price index, which provided a last major look at inflation before the central bank's interest-rate-setting committee meets next week. **Please turn to page A7**

◆ Bonds fall sharply on consumer inflation report. **B13**

## Ukraine's Economy Begins to Rebuild Away From Front

Some businesses are adding jobs in safer west, becoming military suppliers

By MARCUS WALKER

KYIV, Ukraine—At Nova Pecha, Ukraine's equivalent of FedEx, deliveries are back to 90% of their prewar level of a million parcels a day.

After Russia launched its full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February, Nova Poshta's revenues fell to 2% of the prewar level. "I thought our company could disappear," said co-owner Vyacheslav Klimov. But as spring progressed, e-commerce and business activity resumed in areas away from the front lines, and many factories switched to supplying the military. "It means we're profitable and even have some money for future investments," he said.

Ukraine's economy, while hurting, is stabilizing after the deep crash set off by the war, thanks to a combination of quick policy actions, military

resilience and the flexible response of Ukrainian businesses to the damage and displacement. The uptick is boosting morale in the country along with recent combat breakthroughs in the east after months on the defensive.

Early this year, as Russian forces threatened the capital Kyiv, it looked like Ukraine's economy might collapse, with gross domestic product for the year projected to fall by as much as half. It is still expected to be down about 30%, but summer saw a rebound from the depths of last spring.

"Things are bad but stable," said Tymofiy Mylovanov, head of the National Bank. **Please turn to page A8**

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## Move Over, Bollywood, Tollywood Is Ready for Its Close-Up

South India goes crazy for films in local languages; 20,000 gallons of spilled milk

By SHAN LI AND RAJESH ROY

HYDERABAD, India—Manoj Valluri, chief executive of a Hyderabad-based social-media marketing firm, says he's given up trying to squeeze productivity out of his workers on certain key days. These

aren't official holidays—he means the opening days for the latest South Indian blockbuster action-hero films.

Swaths of the region come to a standstill for the kickoff of the star-laden movies. Some companies give their employees the day off because they

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## Twitter Investors Clear Sale As Whistleblower Testifies

By ALEXA CORSE AND SARAH E. NEEDLEMAN

WASHINGTON—Twitter Inc. shareholders approved the \$44 billion takeover that Elon Musk is trying to abandon on the same day that a whistleblower alleged at a hearing on Capitol Hill that the social-media company misled regulators about security failures.

Former Twitter security executive Peiter Zatkoff, who was

fired by the company in January, told the Senate Judiciary Committee on Tuesday that Twitter executives "incentivized them to prioritize profits over security," echoing his whistleblower complaint.

Twitter has pushed back against his charges and said he was making misleading statements. He was called before the committee to provide more information on his assertions.

Democrats and Republicans

have raised concerns about social-media companies in recent years over how they use and protect customer data. "Twitter is an immensely powerful platform that cannot afford gaping security vulnerabilities," Sen. Dick Durbin, chairman of the Judiciary Committee and a Democrat from Illinois, said in opening remarks at the hearing.

Sen. Chuck Grassley of

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## Ken Starr Dies at Age 76

Ken Starr, the independent counsel whose investigation led to President Bill Clinton's impeachment, died at age 76. He was also a former solicitor general and judge. **A3**

## Big Auction of Art to Bankroll Museum's Digital Expansion

By KELLY CROW

A foundation for CBS founder William Paley plans to auction off a trove of masterpieces long lent to New York's Museum of Modern Art for at least \$70 million this fall to expand the museum's digital footprint.

The paintings and sculptures—including works by Picasso, Renoir and Rodin—have

been in MoMA's care since Mr. Paley died in 1990. On Tuesday, his namesake foundation confirmed it had enlisted Sotheby's to auction off 29 of his 81 pieces at MoMA.

Most of the proceeds are earmarked to expand the museum's digital presence, from possibly launching its own streaming channel to potentially buying more art, digital or otherwise.

Pablo Picasso's 1919 Cubist "Guitar on a Table," which once hung above the fireplace in Mr. Paley's Manhattan bedroom, will be offered up for at least \$20 million on Nov. 14 in New York. Francis Bacon's 1963 small-format triptych, "Three Studies for Portrait of Henrietta Moraes," will be offered for at least \$35 million on Oct. 14 in London. **Please turn to page A13**



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Mourning bell  
Funeral plans  
take shape

Rehearsals under way early yesterday morning on Parliament Square in London for today's procession of Queen Elizabeth's coffin from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Hall, where she will lie in state until her funeral on Monday.

Yesterday, King Charles made his first visit to Northern Ireland since succeeding as monarch.

He pledged to follow the "shining example" of his mother in seeking "the healing of long-held hurts" in the province, riven by violent divisions until the 1998 Good Friday peace deal.

Alex Maskey, Northern Ireland Assembly speaker and a republican in the 1970s, said: "Queen Elizabeth showed that a small but significant gesture — a visit, a handshake, crossing the street or speaking a few words of Irish — can make a huge difference in changing attitudes and building relationships."

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Inflation rises more than expected  
sparking fears of US hard landing

◆ CPI up by 0.1% in August ◆ Wall St caught off guard ◆ Investors bet on robust Fed response

COLBY SMITH AND JAMES POLITI  
WASHINGTON

Hopes that the Federal Reserve can engineer a soft landing for the US economy took a hit yesterday when a crucial measure of inflation came in higher than forecast and triggered a sharp sell-off on Wall Street.

The consumer price index increased 0.1 per cent for August, above economists' expectations for a 0.1 per cent drop. Most worrying for policymakers, core inflation, which strips out volatile items such as energy and food, rose by 0.6 per cent for an annual increase of 6.3 per cent, compared with 5.9 per cent recorded for July.

The figures from the Bureau of Labor Statistics brought an end to a brief respite for Fed officials after July's reading

showed that prices had not risen compared with the prior month.

Wall Street was caught off guard by the hotter-than-expected inflation figures. The S&P 500 tumbled 3.1 per cent during morning trading yesterday, while the Nasdaq Composite, stacked with technology companies more sensitive to changes in interest rate expectations, fell more than 4 per cent.

In government debt markets, the yield on the 2-year US Treasury, which is more sensitive to interest rate expectations, surged by 0.20 percentage points at 3.78 per cent, having traded at 3.52 per cent before the release of the data.

The odds that the Federal Reserve would opt for a full percentage point rate rise in September rose to 22 per cent, according to CME Group, versus 0

per cent at the start of the week. Most economists are forecasting another 0.75 percentage point rate rise, which would lift the fed funds rate to a new target range of 3 per cent-3.25 per cent.

Yesterday's data, combined with rising wages and a tight labour market, meant the Fed was "not going to produce the soft-landing fairy tale", said Steven Blitz, chief US economist at TS Lombard.

Brian Coulton, chief economist at Fitch Ratings, said: "We don't really see anything in here that would make the Fed want to opt for a slower pace of rate hikes this month."

President Joe Biden and his economic advisers had also been hoping for a reduction in the headline figure, going so far as to schedule a "celebration" yes-



terday of his recently passed Inflation Reduction Act, a package of healthcare and climate policies.

"You can't make it up; hours after this terrible inflation report, the White House is hosting an 'inflation reduction' celebration," Mitch McConnell, the Senate minority leader, wrote on Twitter.

"Democrats have spent our economy into disaster and now they're partying while families pay. They could not look more out of touch if they tried."

The jump in inflation came despite a fall in petrol prices. Earlier this summer, they topped a record \$5 a gallon following a jump in oil prices after Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The current national average is \$3.70, according to the American Automobile Association.

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## Briefing

## ◆ US senators to vote on Taiwan arms bill

The US Senate foreign relations committee is poised to vote on a bill that would for the first time finance weapons exports to Taiwan and recast Washington-Taipei relations amid pressure from China. — PAGE 4

## ◆ Nikola founder 'distorted stock price'

Trevor Milton masterminded a scheme to cheat "innocent investors" by driving up his electric-vehicle group's shares, prosecutors alleged at the start of his criminal fraud trial in New York. — PAGE 6

## ◆ Serbia asks IMF for help over debt costs

Belgrade has asked the IMF and the UAE for help in handling its soaring debt costs. The move highlights the impact of higher interest rates and the economic downturn on Europe's emerging markets. — PAGE 2

## ◆ Pioneering film director Godard dies

Jean-Luc Godard, pioneer of the 1960s Nouvelle Vague cinema movement in France, has died peacefully at his home in Rolle, Switzerland, at the age of 91. — PAGE 2



## ◆ Germany sets up €67bn energy support

A Covid-19 fund has been repurposed so that state development bank KfW can deploy €67bn to back ailing energy groups, amid fears that high gas prices will trigger insolvencies. — PAGE 3, FT VIEW, PAGE 16

## ◆ JPMorgan warns of revenue decline

The Wall Street lender's third-quarter investment banking revenues, out on October 14, could be as much as 50 per cent down on last year's, one of the bank's top executives has warned. — PAGE 6

## ◆ Debt-hit Evergrande to restart projects

The world's most indebted developer, working to pacify a mortgage boycott in China, has pledged to resume construction of all remaining stalled property projects by the end of this month. — PAGE 10

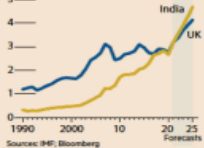
## ◆ EU defers plans to cut pesticide use

Plans to have the use of pesticides in the bloc by 2050 have been delayed after an impact assessment raised fears over output cuts and price rises. — PAGE 2

## Datawatch

## Overtaken

GDP at current prices (\$tn)



India is set to replace Britain, its former colonial power, as the fifth largest economy in the world in dollar terms. India's GDP was a third of the UK's at the turn of the millennium, but is set to be a fifth larger by 2027.

Sources: IMF; Bloomberg

Whistleblower says Twitter put profits  
before security as Musk seeks deal exit

HANNAH MURPHY — SAN FRANCISCO

The former Twitter security chief central to Elon Musk's attempt to back out of buying the social media company has accused its leadership of prioritising "profits over security".

In an appearance at the US Senate judiciary committee, Peter "Mudge" Zatkos said that Twitter was "over a decade behind industry security standards".

His testimony has opened the company's cyber security practices to scrutiny and could shape the future of Musk's high-stakes legal battle to get out of his \$44bn takeover agreement.

Zatko, who was fired by Twitter in January and filed a whistleblower complaint to US authorities in early July, accused its executives of "misleading the public, lawmakers, regulators and even its own board of directors" over its

security practices. The security lapses were so severe that they threatened national security, he told lawmakers.

The accusations have been seized upon by Tesla co-founder Musk, who is already suing Twitter to get out of the takeover deal, arguing that Twitter underestimated and misled regulators on the number of bots on the platform.

Twitter shareholders yesterday voted to approve Musk's takeover bid, according to a preliminary count.

In his opening statement, Senator Charles Grassley said Twitter chief executive Parag Agrawal had refused to attend the hearing, claiming it would "jeopardise the ongoing litigation" with Musk. "If these allegations are true, I don't see how Mr Agrawal can maintain his position at Twitter," he added.

Twitter has previously said that Zatkos was peddling a "false narrative" about

the company. It did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Zatko, who has held senior cybersecurity positions at Google and the US defence department, described Twitter as failing to address its cyber vulnerabilities as it lurched from crisis to crisis.

Staffers did not "know what data they have, where it lives" and "have too much access to too much data", he said.

Leaders "lacked the competency to understand the scope of the problem, but, more importantly, their executive incentives led them to prioritise profits over security", he added.

Lawmakers also homed in on Zatkos' allegations that foreign agents were able to get inside the company. Zatkos said the FBI had told Twitter that at least one Chinese operative was on its payroll, but that it was struggling to log and track suspicious activity on its platform.

Russia's military fragility  
exposed by broad retreat

The weakness of Russia's war machine in Ukraine, and its failings in terms of manpower, intelligence, command and morale, has again been exposed by the retreat of its forces in the country's north-east. Pro-war commentators have angrily criticised Vladimir Putin's refusal to step up the war effort with general conscription. One Crimea-based vlogger with a large following said: "We have to be honest, we've been defeated in the battle (full stop)." Kharkiv rout — PAGE 3

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## World Markets

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S&P 500	3986.27	4116.41	-3.17	\$/£	1.062	1.015	4.59	US 2 yr	3.75	3.55	0.19
Nasdaq Composite	11770.58	12296.41	-4.04	\$/€	1.154	1.171	-1.45	US 10 yr	3.44	3.30	0.14
Dow Jones Ind	31480.15	32391.34	-2.78	\$/¥	0.008	0.006	0.2	US 30 yr	3.95	3.45	0.10
FTSEurofirst 300	1962.44	1886.54	-1.43	\$/HK\$	144.235	142.375	1.29	UK 2 yr	3.17	3.09	0.08
Euro Stoxx 50	3597.64	3646.51	-1.61	\$/INR	166.505	166.657	-0.09	UK 10 yr	3.16	3.08	0.08
FTSE 100	7395.86	7473.01	-1.17	\$/KRW	0.002	0.004	-0.5	UK 30 yr	3.49	3.45	0.04
FTSE All Share	4054.12	4108.19	-1.27	\$/BRL	1.109	1.114	-0.45	JPN 2 yr	0.08	0.08	0.00
CAC 40	6245.69	6333.59	-1.39					JPN 10 yr	0.24	0.25	-0.01
Xetra Dax	13188.95	13402.27	-1.58					JPN 30 yr	1.22	1.28	-0.06
Nikkei	28614.63	28542.11	0.25	Bitcoin (\$)	20733.30	22399.24	-7.44	GER 2 yr	1.38	1.30	0.08
Hong Kong	19325.86	19302.25	-0.18	Ethereum	1502.59	1716.68	-12.23	GER 10 yr	1.73	1.65	0.08
MSCI World \$	2719.01	2862.90	-4.36					GER 30 yr	1.79	1.75	0.05
MSCI EM \$	978.05	870.29	10.80								
MSCI ACWI \$	631.00	622.92	1.30								
FT Mibex 2000	5362.76	5396.46	-0.66	Oil WTI \$	86.44	87.78	-1.53				
FT Mibex 5000	4198.58	41447.15	1.06	Oil Brent \$	92.25	94.00	-1.85				
				Gold \$	1726.40	1713.40	0.76				

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## These 97 Members of Congress Reported Trades in Companies Influenced by Their Committees

### House of Representatives



Note: Angus King is an independent who caucuses with the Democrats.

### Senate



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## INFLATION DEFYING EFFORTS FROM FED TO COOL ECONOMY

### Markets Plummet, and a Large Increase in the Interest Rate Is Expected

By JEANNA SMIALEK

Price increases remained uncomfortably rapid in August as a broad array of goods and services became more expensive even as gas prices fell, evidence that the sustainable inflation slowdown the Federal Reserve and White House have been hoping for remains elusive.

Prices rose 8.3 percent from a year earlier, a fresh Consumer Price Index report released on Tuesday showed. While slightly better than July's 8.5 percent, the rate was not as much of a moderation as economists had expected as rent costs, restaurant meals and medical care became more expensive. Compounding the bad news, a core measure of inflation that strips out gas and food to get a sense of underlying price trends accelerated more than forecast.

pushing up unemployment more starkly, as they try to wrestle prices back under control.

"Inflation momentum accelerated in all the wrong places," said Blerina Uruci, a U.S. economist at T. Rowe Price, explaining that strong household balance sheets may be helping to sustain demand even as interest rates rise and borrowing becomes expensive.

"In this environment, monetary policy has to do that much more to cool down demand and have an effect on prices," Ms. Uruci said.

The inflation data also contained unwelcome news for the



Stocks plummeted on Tuesday, with the S&P 500 falling 4.3 percent — its biggest drop since the depths of the pandemic in 2020 — as the data appeared to cement the case for another unusually large interest rate increase of three-quarters of a percentage point at the Fed's meeting next week. That would be the third consecutive move of that size and bring rates to a range of 3 to 3.25 percent. Investors speculated that officials could even opt for a more drastic adjustment of a full percentage point this month or extend their campaign of swift rate moves for longer.

Fed officials have been raising interest rates since March to slow the economy in a bid to tame America's worst bout of inflation in four decades, but the data suggested that their efforts were not yet having much of an effect. Inflation's relentlessness may force central bankers to clamp down on the economy harder, potentially

**STOCKS SLIDE** The S&P 500 fell 4.3 percent, its biggest one-day drop since June 2020. PAGE B1

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## In Congress, Thousands of Potential Conflicts in Stock Trading

This article is by Kate Kelly, Adam Playford and Alicia Parlapiano.

Senator Tommy Tuberville, Republican of Alabama and a member of the agriculture committee, regularly reported buying and selling contracts tied to cattle prices starting last year, even as the panel, by Mr. Tuberville's own account, had "been talking about the cattle markets."

Representative Bob Gibbs, an Ohio Republican on the House Oversight Committee, reported buying shares of the pharmaceutical

company AbbVie in 2020 and 2021, while the committee was investigating AbbVie and five rivals over high drug prices.

The timing of one trade by the wife of Representative Alan Lowenthal, Democrat of California, was especially striking: His disclosure statement said she had sold Boeing shares on March 5, 2020 — one day before a House committee on which he sits released damaging findings on the company's handling of its 737 Max jet, which was involved in two fatal crashes.

### Deals Intersected With Committee Work

These lawmakers — all of whom defended the transactions as proper — are among 97 current senators or representatives who reported trades by themselves or immediate family members in stocks or other financial assets that intersected with the work of committees on which they serve, according to an extensive analysis

of trades from the years 2019 to 2021 by The New York Times.

The potential for conflicts in stock trading by members of Congress — and their choice so far not to impose stricter limits on themselves — has long drawn criticism, especially when particularly blatant cases emerge. But the Times analysis demonstrates the scale of the issue: Over the three-year period, more than 3,700 trades reported by lawmakers from both parties posed potential conflicts between their public

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### NEWS ANALYSIS

## Biden Faces Dual Threat: Xi and Putin

By JANE PERLEZ

During a trip to China more than a decade ago as vice president, Joseph R. Biden Jr. gave a speech celebrating the United States as the wealthiest country ever. The United States, he said, was two and a half times as rich as his host nation.

That afternoon, when Mr. Biden met his counterpart, Xi Jinping, for an informal stroll, security dominated the discussion. Mr. Xi complained that Washington was sending surveillance planes to spy on China, and Mr. Biden replied that the flights would continue, he would later tell American journalists.

Back then, such differences looked relatively manageable, not least because of regular meetings between the two nations' officials. Now, that wealth gap has narrowed, the security challenges are more perilous, and the communication is minimal.

As their country's leaders, Mr. Biden and Mr. Xi are increasingly on a collision course that risks bringing about a new version of the Cold War, diplomats and analysts say. Military, economic and ideological tensions reverberate unchecked between the two powers. American allies in the Asia Pacific region fear being squeezed by Beijing, as China builds out its nuclear arsenal and competes for semi-conductors.

And China, seeking to create an alliance of autocracies, is increasingly finding common

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## In Ukrainian Towns Russia Fled, Signs of a Hasty, Scared Retreat

By ANDREW E. KRAMER and JEFFREY GETTLEMAN

BALAKLIYA, Ukraine — The signs of desperation were everywhere. Abandoned military vehicles. Cans of food and dishes left on tables. Mail scattered on office floors. Clothes left hanging on lines.

This is how the Russian Army left the town of Balakliya in northeastern Ukraine, in a sign of a frantic, chaotic withdrawal as the Ukrainian Army closed in during a fast-moving counteroffensive over the last few days. The lightning assaults allowed Ukraine's military to recapture hundreds of square miles of territory, strategic towns and abandoned weapons.

One resident, Oleksandr Kryvosheya, said that he had overheard Russian soldiers yelling at their commanders on a radio in an armored personnel carrier parked in the courtyard of his apartment block. "You left us behind, you got out," the soldiers protested, Mr. Kryvosheya said.

"If they came to fight, if they came to build this new Russia, why didn't they stay and fight in

Balakliya?" he said in an interview on Tuesday.

As the Russian defenses around the town collapsed, residents said, soldiers ran for whatever transport they could, leaving behind ammunition and weapons along with personal items in apartments where they had quartered, residents said.

"Trucks drove through the city honking, and they climbed on and left," said Igor Levchenko, a retiree, describing the Russian Army's withdrawal after more than six months of occupation. "They didn't have a fighting spirit. They were afraid."

The testimony of the town's residents aligned with reports from other recently retaken villages in the Kharkiv region, where Ukraine has routed Russian forces, and towns that are still occupied in the south. The accounts shed a harsh light on apparent morale and communications breakdowns within Russian occupying forces that could have broad

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A destroyed school in the recaptured village of Verbyvka on Tuesday, during a media tour arranged by Ukraine's government.

## G.O.P. Unable To Find Unity Over Abortion

By LISA LERER and ELIZABETH DIAS

For weeks, anti-abortion activists and their Republican allies have been quietly seeking to rally their party around a single platform on abortion, hoping to settle divisions and blunt political damage from an issue with growing potency in the midterm elections.

But when Senator Lindsey Graham came ahead on Tuesday with a proposed 15-week national abortion ban intended to unite his party, the result was only more division.

Mr. Graham's Senate allies swiftly distanced themselves from the plan, reflecting a lack of consensus in the party, as well as deep resistance to being drawn into any debates over abortion while economic issues hold more sway with swing voters.

The rapid rejection of Mr. Graham's gambit was the latest misfire in the party's struggle to unite behind a clear strategy on an issue that has reshaped campaigns across the country. Despite decades of Republican efforts to overturn Roe v. Wade, when the Supreme Court ultimately took that step in June, the G.O.P. was caught flat-footed, with no unified national abortion strategy ready to put into place.

What Democrats have been energized in the months since, vowing to fight for access and firing up their voters in the process, Republicans have offered a wide range of proposals and battled in state legislatures to enact them.

"The Republican response has been disastrous," said Marjorie Dannenfelser, the president of Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America, who pushed for Mr. Graham's bill.

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Jean-Luc Godard on the set of "Pierrot le Fou" in the 1960s.

JEAN-LUC GODARD, 1930-2022

## Master of French New Wave Who Dared to Shift Direction

By DAVE KEHR and JONATHAN KANDELL

Jean-Luc Godard, the daringly innovative director and provocateur whose unconventional camera work, disjointed narrative style and penchant for radical politics changed the course of filmmaking in the 1960s, leaving a lasting influence on it, died on Tuesday at his home in Rolle, Switzerland. He was 91.

His longtime legal adviser, Patrick Jeanneret, said Mr. Godard died by assisted suicide, having suffered from "multiple disabling pathologies."

"He could not live like you and me, so he decided with a great lucidity, as he had all his life, to say, 'Now, it's enough,'" Mr. Jeanneret said in a photo interview. Mr. Godard wanted to die with dignity, Mr. Jeanneret said, and "that was exactly what he did."

A master of epigrams as well as of movies, Mr. Godard once observed, "A film consists of a beginning, a middle and an end, though not necessarily in that order."

In practice he seldom scrambled the timeline of his films, preferring instead to leap forward through his narratives by means like the elliptical "jump cut," which he did much to make into a widely accepted tool. But he never

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On a rainy night, crowds lined the streets of London as the hearse carrying Queen Elizabeth II's coffin made its way to Buckingham Palace. PAGE A5

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Donna Kalil, left, Dave Hackathorn, piloting his airboat, and Dave Wagner hunt for pythons in the Everglades. Kalil was one of the first hunters hired by the South Florida Water Management District.

COLUMN ONE

## Meet the women hunting scourge of the Everglades

They've killed hundreds of Burmese pythons, but it's not personal

By SUSANNE RUST  
REPORTING FROM KENDALL, FLA.

**D**onna Kalil loves snakes. She's been fascinated by them since she was a kid living in the mountains of Venezuela's capital in the 1960s, where her father was stationed as an Air Force pilot.

"We'd play 'I spy,' and we'd use the snakes, birds and other animals that lived in the jungle," she said. "I developed a really sharp eye."

Now she kills them. Not all snakes. Just Burmese pythons. They've become a scourge in the Everglades of south Florida since one was first spotted in the 1970s — ferocious, fecund and indiscriminate in their feeding behavior.

Studies indicate pythons have devastated the Everglades' mammal population, with some species — such as marsh rabbits and foxes — entirely gone. They also

[See Pythons, A8]



HACKATHORN holds a 4-foot 6-inch Burmese python. The snakes are squeezing out native species in the Everglades.



ROBERT GAUTHIER Los Angeles Times

**A MEMORIAL** to the rapper PnB Rock, who was fatally shot Monday in an apparent robbery attempt after an Instagram post provided his location.

## Think twice before making that blingy Instagram post

Rapper's killing raises concern over real-time social media

By NOAH GOLDBERG,  
RICHARD WINTON  
AND LIBOR JANY

One of the first things attorney Dawn Florio told PnB Rock when she began representing the rapper was to be careful about what he posted on social media and when.

Avoid sharing a specific location until you've left, and never post your current location, Florio recalls telling him.

"You cannot tell people where you're going to be," she said.

On Monday, Rock was having lunch at Roscoe's House of Chicken & Waffles in South Los Angeles.

He was killed during a botched robbery after being targeted for his jewelry, police said. A suspect brandished a firearm in-

### Restaurant faces backlash

The Roscoe's outlet where PnB Rock was killed is struggling amid questions about safety. CALIFORNIA, B1

side the restaurant and demanded items from Rock, who was shot after a brief struggle with the assailant.

Chief Michel Moore said Tuesday that the Los Angeles Police Department is investigating whether the killing stemmed from an Instagram post by the rapper's girlfriend that geotagged Roscoe's, at Main Street and Manchester Avenue. It was shared minutes before the shooting.

Police said they are searching for the gunman and attempting to determine a motive, so it may

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### FOR YOUR MIND

## Mentally ill detainees get stuck in jails

Despite court orders, thousands found unfit to stand trial languish in state lockups.

By KEVIN RECTOR

John Haasjes was having a bad Christmas.

It was 2020, and he thought his downstairs neighbor was spying on him. They exchanged words, and she called the cops. He was arrested on suspicion of making a verbal threat and booked into a Kern County jail.

Haasjes has a developmental delay and schizoaffective disorder. The 58-year-old Tehachapi man has been in and out of mental health facilities most of his life. But he had never been convicted of a crime, and he said he didn't really understand the felony charge against him.

Authorities soon acknowledged the same. In March 2021, Haasjes was declared "incompetent to stand trial."

The legal designation meant Haasjes could not understand the court process for determining his guilt or innocence. It meant he was entitled to mental health treatment before he could stand trial. It also should have meant his prompt transfer to a state hospital or treatment program to receive care — but it did not.

Like thousands of other mentally ill detainees incarcerated across California in recent years, Haasjes instead languished in jail, where he was denied trial or proper treatment from the Department of State Hospitals for more than a year. He was only transferred to a hospital in February, after

his cousin, a retired social worker, testified about his lack of care before state lawmakers, and his case was suddenly fast-tracked.

Others have fared much worse.

According to a decade of legal filings reviewed by The Times and interviews with mental health advocates, public defenders, family members of the mentally ill and former detainees, Haasjes' experience fits within a much larger pattern of neglect. [See Detainees, A10]

## PRICES STILL RISING SHARPLY

Cost of gas has fallen, but inflation remains high at 8.3%, dashing hopes for quick relief.

By CHRISTOPHER RUGABER

WASHINGTON

Lower gas costs slowed U.S. inflation for a second straight month in August, but most other prices across the economy kept rising — evidence that inflation remains a heavy burden for American households.

Consumer prices rose 8.3% from a year earlier and 0.1% from July. But the jump in "core" prices, which exclude volatile food and energy costs, was especially worrisome. It outpaced expectations and ignited fear that the Federal Reserve will boost interest rates more aggressively and raise the risk of a recession.

Fueled by high rents, medical care and new cars, core prices leaped 6.3% for the year that ended in August and 0.6% from July to August, the government said Tuesday. Furniture and sports gear, among many other items, also got costlier, suggesting that businesses are still raising prices in response to robust consumer demand.

The breadth of the price increases dashed hopes, at least for now, that core inflation would moderate. Economists tend to track core prices for a clearer read on where inflation is headed.

Stock prices plunged, with the Standard & Poor's 500 index suffering its worst day since June 2020 — a loss of more than 4% — and bond

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## China sees unsteady side of clean energy

Drought and heat led to blackouts, sparking fear of a reversal to relying more on coal.

By STEPHANIE YANG

TAIPEI, Taiwan — With 80% of its electricity coming from hydropower, the province of Sichuan in southern China has been lauded as a model for a clean-energy future in the nation most crucial to the global fight against climate change.

The province usually has such an abundance of power that it sends a surplus east to Shanghai and other cities.

But a historic drought is testing China's faith in carbon-free energy. For much of August, lower river flows dramatically reduced the supply of electricity while a record heat wave increased demand.

The result: rolling blackouts that shut down factories and left millions of people desperate for ways to cool down.

Alva Zhou, a 23-year-old graduate student, was visiting her family in the city of Deyang when the power went out. Initially, they thought they might wait it out in their air-conditioned car.

But they soon realized

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ROSS D. FRANKLIN Associated Press

### A FAMILIAR FEELING

The Dodgers, led by manager Dave Roberts, front, celebrate their 4-0 win against the Arizona Diamondbacks, which clinched their ninth National League West title in 10 seasons. SPORTS, B10

### Pressure grows for Putin's forces

Russian troops continue to retreat as Ukraine retakes more territory in the northeast and south. WORLD, A3

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French writer-director Jean-Luc Godard, 91, influenced countless other filmmakers. CALENDAR, E1

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## In Ukraine, Putin is refusing to lose

Russian forces' messy Kharkiv retreat leaves him with stark choices

BY ROBYN DIXON

Vladimir Putin's definitive quality as president — his refusal ever to back down — helped him project Russian global power for years. But amid repeated setbacks in a catastrophic war in Ukraine, his inflexible approach is looking more like his great flaw. As Russian forces fled in disarray in Ukraine's Kharkiv region Saturday — dressing as civilians, stealing bicycles, abandoning tons of military equipment and ammunition — Putin sounded strikingly tone deaf as he opened a giant new Ferris wheel in Moscow. "There is nothing like that in Europe," he boasted via video-link.

Within hours, the Ferris wheel had broken down, and tickets had to be refunded. Repairing what's broken about Putin's war strategy and, by extension, his presidency and reputation, will be far harder. Ukraine's northeastern counteroffensive was underway even as Putin, at a conference in the Far East days earlier, insisted that

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Kharkiv: Russian annexation plan thwarted by Ukraine offensive. A12

## On offense, Kyiv badgers Berlin about arms delivery

BY ISABELLE KHURSHUDYAN, LOVEDAY MORRIS, EMILY RAUHALA AND DAN LAMOTHE

KYIV, UKRAINE — Ukraine's ability to expel Russian forces from its country as soon as possible now depends largely on Germany and its willingness to send desperately needed armor, a senior adviser to President Volodymyr Zelensky said Tuesday.

But Germany is balking, causing deep frustration in Kyiv. It is an echo of the earliest days of the invasion, when Berlin was derided for offering helmets when Ukraine needed heavy weapons. "Germany needs to understand that the timeline for the end of the war is dependent on its position," Mykhailo Podolyak, a top adviser to Zelensky, told The Washington Post in an interview on Tuesday.

A sweeping counteroffensive in the northeastern Kharkiv region has forced Russian soldiers into a hasty retreat and returned more than 1,100 square miles to Ukrainian control, a potential turning point more than six months into the war.

Kyiv believes the requested

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ANGELA PONCE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Once, this was where Saúl Luciano Lliuya came to find peace. The mountain's pristine beauty ensured his livelihood as a guide; its steady stream of fresh water sustained his family farm. The everlasting ice that gleamed from its rugged crest spoke of a world in balance.

But on this May morning, Luciano Lliuya surveyed Nevado Palcaraju with his eyes narrowed, his forehead creased. The glacier was almost gone, transformed by rising temperatures from solid ice into a large, unstable lagoon. At any moment, an avalanche or rockslide could cause the turquoise meltwater to surge over its banks, hurtle down the mountainside and deluge the city of Huaraz, where he and some 120,000 others lived.

"*Muy pensativo*," Luciano Lliuya described his mood in Spanish. Overthinking. Under pressure.

For seven years, Luciano Lliuya has waged a lawsuit against the German energy company RWE — part of a

## 'The lakes are the tears of the mountains'

A melting glacier, an imperiled city and one farmer's fight for climate justice

BY SARAH KAPLAN  
IN THE CORDILLERA BLANCA, PERU

Saúl Luciano Lliuya, a Peruvian farmer and mountain guide who filed a lawsuit against the German energy company RWE, visits Laguna Palcacocha in Huaraz, Peru, in May.

KENNETH STARR 1946-2022

## Tenacious investigator of Clinton

Independent counsel's land probe fueled historic impeachment

BY BRIAN MURPHY AND ADAM BERNSTEIN

Kenneth Starr, a former U.S. solicitor general who led the Whitewater investigation into the Clinton administration that began with probes into allegedly improper real estate transactions but mushroomed into wider investigations that led to President Bill Clinton's impeachment in the House, died Sept. 13 in Houston. He was 76.

The death was from complications from a surgery at Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center in Houston, according to a statement from his family.

Mr. Starr, a former solicitor general in the first Bush administration and federal appeals court judge, was seen as a reliably conservative Republican as U.S. political rifts began to widen in the early 1990s. A federal appeals panel in 1994 named Mr. Starr as replacement for the



JOHN C. GARDALOF FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Kenneth Starr, outside the U.S. District Court in D.C., probed allegations of illegal real estate deals known as Whitewater.

Independent counsel in the Whitewater inquiry, Robert B. Fiske Jr., who was selected by Attorney General Janet Reno.

Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist rejected Reno's request to reappoint Fiske, saying

that Reno should not have selected the independent counsel because Clinton nominated her to her post. The probe into the Whitewater Development Corp. looked into real estate invest-

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## Threat of freight rail strike sets off response planning

White House seeks to ensure transport of food, energy, health products

BY JEFF STEIN, LAUREN KAORI GURLEY AND TYLER PAGER

A national railroad strike could derail critical deliveries of chlorine to wastewater treatment plants and coal to utility plants, among other potentially crippling disruptions, prompting senior White House aides on Tuesday to review contingency options for protecting the nation's drinking water and energy supply.

White House aides are looking at how to ensure essential products carried by rail — such as food, energy and key health products — could still reach their destinations, even in the event of a strike. Senior officials have

looked at how highways, ports and waterways can be used to offset any damage caused, while also talking to top officials in the shipping, freight and logistics industries.

President Biden was briefed on the matter Tuesday morning, after he called the carriers and unions on Monday to press them to accept a deal, a White House official said. Senior officials at the White House are now leading daily meetings with the Departments of Agriculture, Transportation and Energy and other top agencies about how to mitigate the impact. Biden aides in particular are working to ensure that hazardous materials carried by rail are safely transported without hurting workers. The White House actions were detailed by multiple people with knowledge of the matter who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss the matter.

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## Biden's victory lap is probably premature

New inflation numbers still show danger signs

Maureen Groppe  
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden touted progress on inflation Tuesday, even though the government's latest data reinforced concerns.

The yearly pace of inflation declined slightly to 8.3% in August, the Labor Department said. But the core Consumer Price Index, which is considered a better measure of long-term trends, showed a larger-than-expected increase: 6.3% compared with a year ago. Inflation remains a top topic for voters heading into the midterm elections.

Biden and congressional Democrats have said the recently passed Inflation Reduction Act, which includes a wide array of measures to tackle climate change and health care costs, will help ease the pressure on Americans' pocketbooks. The act was celebrated Tuesday with an event at the White House.

But outside economists do not expect relief anytime soon. In the short term, the act will have a negligible effect on inflation this year and could either slightly help or slightly worsen it next year, according to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office.

Still, Biden called it "the single most important legislation passed in the Congress to combat inflation and one of the most significant laws in our nation's history."

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## Report pulls stocks down

Even though prices at the pump fell in August, other costs still elevated. 1B



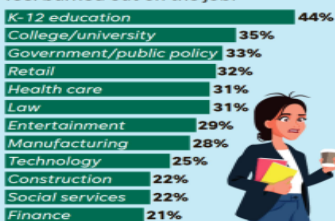
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### QUEEN ELIZABETH II

# London, world prepare for formal farewell



Grace Gothard, of London, left, is among the first to line up Tuesday for entry into Westminster Hall in London, where Queen Elizabeth II will be lying in state until Monday. JASPER COLT/USA TODAY

## A bus for Biden? World leaders are advised to share a ride

Michael Collins, Kim Hjelmgard  
and Francesca Chambers  
USA TODAY

LONDON — Ditch the armored limo. Leave the presidential chopper at home.

President Joe Biden and other dignitaries who plan to attend Queen Elizabeth II's state funeral have been advised by the British government not to take private transportation to London next week and told they will be escorted to the service in buses.

Official planning documents obtained by Politico urge presidents, monarchs and other heads of state to take commercial aircraft to London and wait for their ride to Westminster Abbey, where the solemn ceremony will be held Sept. 19.

Biden on a bus? That won't happen, said former U.S. officials who have been involved in presidential planning and security.



A cortege carrying the casket of Queen Elizabeth II crosses King George VI Bridge on its way from Balmoral Castle to Edinburgh, Scotland. STEVE WELSH/GETTY IMAGES

"I can't imagine any circumstances where the USSS (Secret Service) would agree to any of that," said Anita McBride, who was assistant to President George W. Bush and chief of staff to first lady Laura Bush.

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British authorities are preparing for millions of people to travel into central London to pay their respects to Queen Elizabeth II, who will be lying in state at Westminster Hall from Wednesday until her funeral Monday. The queen, who was the United Kingdom's longest-serving monarch, died last week at the age of 96 after 70 years on the throne.

## A full-page guide to the queen's funeral plan. 5A

● Meet some of the people waiting 48 hours to be first to pay respects to Queen Elizabeth as she lies in state. 4A

### WAR IN UKRAINE

# More towns freed as Russians retreat

Ukraine urges remaining occupiers to surrender

John Bacon and Jorge L. Ortiz  
USA TODAY

The Ukraine military claimed Tuesday that it had downed one of Russia's Iran-built drones as Kyiv's counteroffensive continued to drive back the invaders from northeastern towns occupied since the early weeks of the war.

The Ukrainian military published images of wreckage from the drone, encountered near Kupiansk in Kharkiv province, where Ukraine troops have made a push in recent days into the strategically important city of Izyum.

In Moscow, the Russian Defense Ministry tried to tamp down emerging unrest at the progress of the war, say-



This undated photograph shows the wreckage of what Kyiv described Tuesday as an Iranian drone downed near Kupiansk, Ukraine. AP

ing teams of attack helicopters are making more than five combat sorties every day to disrupt the counteroffensive near Izyum. Russian forces also shelled the center of Kharkiv, knocking out power and water in some areas of the city, Mayor Ihor Terekhov said.

Russia has withdrawn many troops from the province, but claims this was a planned regrouping to increase efforts on the southern Donetsk front.

"The enemy is demoralized and is looking for ways to leave the occupied territories," Ukraine's Operational Command South said. "But the occupiers still have a lot of strength and power."

## Ukraine tells Russian soldiers: 'You don't need this war. Surrender'

As newly liberated residents in some parts of Ukraine celebrate the Russian retreat and inspect the charred tanks left behind, Ukrainian authorities are working to persuade more of the invading troops to give up the fight.

Amid unconfirmed reports that large

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## Jean-Luc Godard.

## Un revolucionario del cine

El director francés era el último sobreviviente de la *nouvelle vague*; de su vasta producción se destacan *Sin aliento*, *El desprecio* y *Masculino-femenino*, de reciente reestreno.



## La magia de Dua Lipa conquistó a una multitud en el Campo de Polo

En un show vibrante, la cantante británica desplegó durante una hora y media algunos de sus últimos hits y grandes éxitos; fue el primero de sus dos conciertos. **Página 5**



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## Nuevas pruebas apuntan a Uliarte como instigadora del ataque a la vicepresidenta

**CAUSA.** Sospechan que actuó con una cómplice; Cristina fue aceptada como querellante

Los investigadores del ataque contra Cristina Kirchner empezaron a considerar que Brenda Uliarte, la novia de Fernando Sabag Montiel, fue quien en realidad planificó e instigó la tentativa de homicidio. La conclusión surge de nuevas pruebas, que también motivaron ayer la detención de

una amiga de Uliarte, Agustina Díaz, quien la habría ayudado a planificar el ataque y, después, a encubrirlo.

"¿Cómo no le pegó el tiro?!", le dijo Díaz a su amiga Uliarte, en alusión a Sabag Montiel, que el 1° de septiembre gatilló su pistola a centímetros

de la vicepresidenta sin que saliera el disparo. En las próximas horas, la jueza María Eugenia Capuchetti definirá los procesamientos. Ayer, Cristina Kirchner fue aceptada como querellante en la causa, lo cual le permitirá acceder al expediente.

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Joaquín Morales Solá

Cuando muchos no creen en el atentado

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## Tras la gira de Massa, elogios del Fondo y una advertencia

**DEUDA.** Destacó el compromiso del Gobierno y alertó por la inflación

WASHINGTON (De nuestro corresponsal).— Un día después de recibir al ministro de Economía, Sergio Massa, en Washington, la directora gerente del FMI, Kristalina Georgieva, destacó el "compromiso muy fuerte" de la Argentina con el programa económico que se lleva adelante. Elogió que ahora "todo el Gobierno" esté involucrado. Sin embargo, advirtió sobre los problemas "muy significativos" del país, en particular por la alta inflación. **Página 17**

## Ucrania recupera más terreno y Rusia reacciona



**el mundo**— KIEV (AP).— Las unidades de combate ucranianas intensificaron ayer la presión sobre las fuerzas rusas al adentrarse cada vez más en territorio ocupado (foto), donde provocaron que las tropas del Kremlin se replegaran ante una contraofensiva que infligió un impresionante revés al prestigio militar de Moscú. El Kremlin, en tanto, reaccionó con bombardeos masivos en toda la línea del frente oriental. **Página 2**

## Dejan salir del país a 12 tripulantes del avión iraní

**TERRORISMO.** La cámara ordenó al juez que defina la situación del resto

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Fernando Haddad (PT), líder nas pesquisas e aliado de Lula (PT), e Tarcísio de Freitas (Republicanos), vice-líder e ligado a Bolsonaro (PL), conversam antes do debate para governador de SP

## Rodrigo é alvo de Haddad e Tarcísio em debate em SP

Rodrigo Garcia (PSDB), governador de São Paulo e terceiro colocado nas pesquisas, foi o alvo maior de Fernando Haddad (PT), primeiro, e Tarcísio de Freitas (Republicanos), segundo, no debate realizado ontem por Folha, UOL e TV Cultura. Os dois também trocaram ataques e miraram o presidencialismo do oponente, Lula (PT) e Bolsonaro (PL). **Política A5**

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## Pix de R\$ 1 viram ônus em campanha do presidente

Apoiadores de Jair Bolsonaro (PL) que doam R\$ 1 ou valor similar têm gerado dificuldades à campanha. Como a ideia é que todos tenham recibos das doações, o custo do extrato individual, na prática, supera o depósito. **Política A4**

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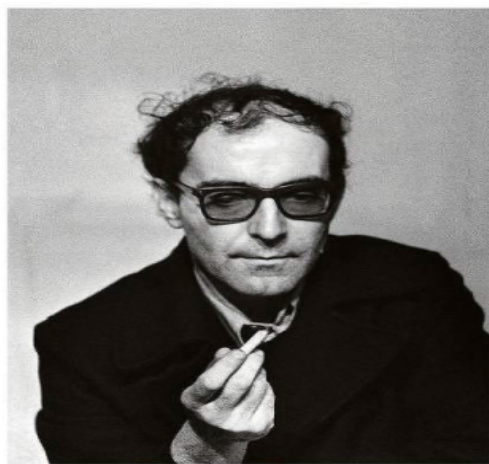
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Não imunizar uma criança hoje é flertar com a irresponsabilidade de dar a alguém o sofrimento evitável. A pólio e seus efeitos se entranharam de maneira definitiva em meu corpo, em minha mente, em meu destino. **Cotidiano B4**

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O cineasta franco-suíço Jean-Luc Godard em 1971 **AFP**

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## Je vous salue, Godard

Jean-Luc Godard, o iconoclasta que revolucionou o cinema e é símbolo da Nouvelle vague, morreu ontem aos 91 por suicídio assistido.

Em extensa obra, que inclui "Acossado", "Alphaville" e "Je vous salue, Marie", o franco-suíço testou limites e recorreu à linguagem dos filmes.

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# Moraes conversa com militares sobre urnas a portas fechadas

Reuniões, sem registro em ata nem outros observadores, geram versões divergentes entre TSE e Forças Armadas

O ministro Alexandre de Moraes, presidente do Tribunal Superior Eleitoral, se reuniu com as Forças Armadas a portas fechadas ao menos duas vezes em 15 dias para debater mudanças nas regras das eleições. Os encontros excluíram outras entidades que participam da fiscalização do pleito.

Questionado, o TSE, por meio disse que "não foi redigida ata das reuniões".

A corte também não se manifestou sobre a decisão de reabrir a discussão com os militares a poucas semanas do primeiro turno.

Sem ata nem observadores, TSE e Forças Armadas têm divergido sobre o teor dessas conversas.

A atitude de Moraes difere da de seu antecessor, Edson Fachin, que rejeitou reuniões exclusivas e defendeu o igual trato a todos os fiscais.

O tribunal inseriu a Defesa no grupo de entidades que fiscalizam as eleições e na Comissão de Transparência das Eleições no ano passado. Desde então, os militares romperam silêncio de 25 anos sobre as urnas e apresentaram dúvidas e sugestões ao tribunal. **Política A4**

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## YouTube favorece Bolsonaro, diz estudo

Estudo do NetLab, da Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ), aponta que o YouTube privilegia vídeos da Jovem Pan e a favor do presidente Jair Bolsonaro (PL) em recomendações para usuários na tela inicial.

Em 18 visitas-teste à plataforma, com perfis criados do zero e ocultados — por isso, sem interações que pudessem alimentar o algoritmo —, o site destacou em 55% das vezes vídeos pró-Bolsonaro do grupo de mídia.

As reproduções contêm alegações infundadas do presidente sobre as urnas e mostram Lula (PT) como "chefe de quadrilha". O YouTube disse que não comentaria a pesquisa porque não teve acesso a ela. **Política A10**

## Milícias expandem domínios e já ocupam 10% do Grande Rio

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**Jean-Luc Godard,  
dernière légende  
de la Nouvelle Vague**



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Après la sortie d'*À bout de souffle*, en 1960, le réalisateur fut très vite estampillé « génie ». Mais c'est *Le Mépris* qui lui permit de s'installer dans l'histoire du cinéma, et *Pierrot le Fou* reste considéré comme un chef-d'œuvre. Ami, puis ennemi, de François Truffaut, celui qui aimait tant être détesté s'est ensuite perdu dans la politique et son admiration pour Mao. Il s'est éteint à 91 ans. PAGES 32 À 34

**ÉDITORIAL** par Laurence de Charette ldecharette@lefigaro.fr

## Débat sur l'essentiel

C'est chose faite : la fin de vie vient de faire son entrée dans le grand supermarché des droits disponibles. Hier, Emmanuel Macron a officiellement lancé l'opération, toutes affaires cessantes : il faut « avancer », a dit le président. L'« avancée », soutenue par le revirement que vient d'opérer le Conseil consultatif national d'éthique, prendra la forme d'un nouveau texte sur l'euthanasie et le suicide assisté. Mais pourquoi tant de précipitation ? Peut-être parce qu'il faut bien inscrire une réforme - « sociétale », c'est plus facile - au bilan du deuxième quinquennat... Le grand débat annoncé apparaît déjà à certains comme biaisé : avant même son lancement, Emmanuel Macron a fait part de sa préférence - elle va au modèle belge, un des tout premiers pays à avoir légalisé l'euthanasie. Ce débat sera, quoi qu'il en soit, tourmenté : de quoi de plus douloureux, de plus essentiel, d'intime, que l'épreuve de la perte ? Quoi de plus difficile que de regarder la mort ? Les membres du Comité consultatif national d'éthique ont eux-mêmes montré des divergences, ne se retrouvant tout à fait que sur un point : la reconnaissance du travail admirable

et trop méconnu des médecins et des accompagnants en soins palliatifs et l'urgence de leur donner enfin des moyens.

Il faut espérer que ce débat ne soit pas l'otage d'un discours tronqué : les mots ont été trop souvent capturés et détournés par les défenseurs du « droit » à mourir « quand je veux », « comme je veux » - voire « si je veux », selon les transhumanistes -, dont la seule espérance est de gouverner les corps depuis le premier jour jusqu'à la dernière heure. Ceux-là brandissent le mot « dignité ». Il ne faudrait pas oublier celui d'« humanité », et ne pas nier à l'homme ce qui fait sa grandeur, cette intériorité dans laquelle

le grandit la fine pointe de l'âme, qui le distingue d'un simple amas de cellules. En prétendant le libérer, ne l'enferme-t-on pas dans un carcan dont le seul horizon reste - même lorsqu'on la repousse - la finitude ? Au risque de faire de lui l'esclave de la performance, et de le priver de la plus grande des manifestations d'humanité, cette remise de soi à l'amour de l'autre qu'offrent au monde l'homme qui vient de naître et celui qui s'en va... ■

# Macron ouvre la voie à une loi sur l'euthanasie

Le président de la République va lancer une consultation citoyenne sur la fin de vie dont les conclusions seront rendues au printemps 2023. Cette réforme sociétale d'ampleur, projet phare de son deuxième quinquennat, se heurte déjà au scepticisme, sur le fond et sur la forme.

Jusqu'alors défavorable à une modification de la loi Claeys-Leonetti, qui encadre depuis 2016 la fin de vie des malades incurables en France, le Comité consultatif national d'éthique (CCNE) a jugé mardi qu'une « aide active à mourir » pourrait s'appliquer, mais

dans des « conditions strictes ». Cet avis était attendu par Emmanuel Macron pour annoncer le lancement d'une consultation citoyenne sur le sujet, qui devrait s'ouvrir en octobre. Selon les conclusions, attendues au printemps prochain, un changement de

cadre légal pourrait avoir lieu d'ici à la fin 2023. Associations, lobbyistes, spécialistes de l'éthique et politiques expriment déjà leurs réserves sur ce profond bouleversement sociétal que le chef de l'État veut voir se réaliser durant son deuxième quinquennat.

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## Comment le conflit ukrainien a changé l'Europe

En sept mois, l'agression russe contre l'Ukraine a fait basculer le centre de gravité de l'Union européenne du couple franco-allemand vers l'Europe de l'Est, plus réactive et sans illusions sur le régime de Vladimir Poutine. L'Allemagne s'est marginalisée par ses choix énergétiques, la

France par son entêtement à dialoguer avec Moscou. Si Paris et Berlin refusent d'insulter l'avenir, pour les pays d'Europe de l'Est, qui ont souffert du joug soviétique, la Russie est une menace existentielle et la victoire de l'Ukraine, une nécessité. PAGES 8 ET 9



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# Johnson's junk food rules under threat as Truss targets red tape

**Exclusive** Anti-obesity campaigners 'aghast' at review of measures to promote healthier eating

**Denis Campbell**  
Health policy editor

The government could scrap its entire anti-obesity strategy after ministers ordered a review of measures designed to deter people from eating junk food, the Guardian can reveal.

The official review could pave the way for Liz Truss to lift the ban on sugary products being displayed at checkouts as well as "buy one, get one free" deals. Restrictions on advertising certain products on TV before the 9pm watershed could also go.

The review - which was ordered by the Treasury - is seen as part of the prime minister's drive to cut burdens on business and help consumers in the cost of living crisis.

Whitehall sources say the review is "deregulatory in focus" and is expected to lead to the government jettisoning a range of anti-obesity

policies inherited from Boris Johnson, Truss's predecessor in No 10.

The process - which the Department of Health and Social Care referred to as an "internal summary" of the evidence around obesity policy - will also look at possibly ditching calorie counts on menus in many cafes, takeaways and restaurants.

These are designed to encourage people to choose healthier dishes and only became mandatory in April.

The review is so radical in scope that it may even look at whether the sugar tax, which was introduced in 2018 and has helped make soft drinks

*'It would be reckless to row back on these obesity policies'*

**Katharine Jenner**  
Obesity Health Alliance

much less unhealthy, should go too. Health experts have hailed the levy as a key initiative in the fight against dangerous obesity.

"There doesn't seem to be any appetite from Thérèse [Coffey, the

new health secretary] for nanny state stuff," one source said. Truss also made Coffey her deputy prime minister after taking office last week.

Officials at the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities, the part of the Department for Health that formulates policies to tackle major public health problems, are "aghast" at the possibility of Truss discarding strategies to counter junk food that have been agreed and approved by parliament, one source said.

Almost two-thirds of adults in Britain are overweight or obese. Obesity costs the



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