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◆ **FedEx said** its quarterly revenue fell below its expectations and that it was closing offices and parking aircraft to offset declining volumes of packages. **B1**

◆ **Retail sales rose 0.3%** in August from the prior month as consumers spent at stores and restaurants at a steady pace, showing persistent demand despite high inflation. **A2**

◆ **Major U.S. stock indexes** fell, with the S&P 500, Nasdaq and Dow industrials retreating 1.1%, 1.4% and 0.6%, respectively. **B1**

◆ **Uber said** Thursday night that it was responding to a cybersecurity incident, without giving further details. **B1**

◆ **Shell named** Wael Sawan, its head of integrated gas and renewables, to succeed Ben van Beurden as the company's chief executive. **B2**

◆ **China's currency** has fallen below a widely watched level against the dollar, breaking 7 yuan for a dollar for the first time in over two years. **B1**

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## Xi Has 'Questions and Concerns' on Ukraine, Putin Says



**SUMMITRY:** At a conference in Uzbekistan, Russia's President Vladimir Putin, right, said he sought to reassure China's President Xi Jinping about Beijing's concerns over the Ukraine war in their first meeting since the start of the conflict. **A8**

## Mortgage Rates Jump Past 6%, Hit Highest Mark Since 2008

By BEN EISEN

Mortgage rates topped 6% this week, their highest level since 2008, giving a jolt to home buyers who last year were paying less than half that.

The average rate on a 30-year fixed mortgage climbed to 6.02% this week, up from 5.89% last week and 2.86% a year ago, according to a survey of lenders released Thursday by mortgage company Freddie Mac. The last time rates were this high was in the heart of the financial crisis almost 14 years ago, when the U.S. was deep in recession.

The jump in mortgage rates is one of the most pronounced effects of the Federal Reserve's campaign to curb inflation by lifting the cost of borrowing for consumers and businesses. Already, it has ushered in a sea change in the housing market by adding hundreds of dollars or more to the monthly cost of a potential buyer's mortgage payment, slowing what was a red-hot market not so long ago.

Higher rates are forcing some would-be buyers to continue renting. Other buyers are skimping elsewhere to make their mortgage payments.

The Fed is in a delicate situation. Investors hope it can cool the economy without causing a recession. The Fed is expected to keep raising rates aggressively when it meets next week, especially after Tuesday's inflation report showed that consumer prices are still rising quickly.

A borrower who buys a \$500,000 house with a 20% down payment and a rate of 2.86% could expect to pay about \$200,000 in interest.

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## Average rate on a 30-year fixed mortgage



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## Adobe To Buy Figma For \$20 Billion

Deal for small rival and earnings outlook send the tech giant's share price down 17%

Adobe Inc. agreed to buy collaboration-software company Figma for around \$20 billion, using the biggest deal in its history to acquire a

By Cara Lombardo, Dana Cimilluca and Aaron Tilley

small but fast-growing rival that the technology giant hopes can give it access to a broader group of customers.

Figma is relatively little known to the wider public but its cloud-based collaboration tools have gained a loyal following among software developers and product managers who build apps and other tech products. Adobe executives said they think the acquisition will enable them to tap into demand from such users in a way that is complementary to the base of designers who use its existing software tools—though investors pushed Adobe's stock price down sharply after the deal was announced.

David Wadhwani, president of Adobe's digital-media business, said the stock market's swoon, which makes it harder for tech startups to go public at valuations they desire, helped enable the deal. "I think moments like this create opportunities that don't exist at other times," he said.

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## Tennis Great Federer Retires



Roger Federer, winner of 20 Grand Slam titles, is retiring from professional tennis at the age of 41, but his legacy will continue to shape the sport. Jason Gay, A12

## Freight Railroads, Unions Reach Deal to Avert Strike

WASHINGTON—The biggest freight railroads and union leaders reached a tentative labor agreement to avert a nationwide strike that would have crippled segments of the U.S. economy.

President Biden and White House officials interceded to broker a deal to avoid transport disruptions that could

By Ken Thomas, Esther Fung, Andrew Restuccia and David Harrison

have snarled supply chains, putting new pressure on prices when inflation has been hovering near four-decade highs. Business groups and key rail customers, such as energy

companies and national retailers, had been calling on the government to avoid a strike.

"This agreement is a big win for America," Mr. Biden, a Democrat, said in the White House Rose Garden on Thursday.

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◆ CSX names former auto executive as CEO... **B3**

## Migrant Transfers Spark Scramble

By MICHELLE HACKMAN AND ALYSSA LUKPAT

An accelerating campaign by Republican governors to send migrants to Democratic strongholds, initially seen by many Democratic officials as a political stunt, is now sending those officials scrambling as migrants

unexpectedly arrive in a widening number of locales.

The latest instance of the campaign came Wednesday afternoon when planes carrying 50 migrants seeking asylum, mostly from Venezuela, landed unexpectedly in Martha's Vineyard in Massachusetts. The office of Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis,

a Republican, confirmed that the state orchestrated the flights.

The moves follow similar efforts by Texas Gov. Greg Abbott and Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey, both Republicans who in recent months have each sent thousands of asylum-

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## Janet Yellen Likes Rocks. Diplomats Keep Giving Her Stamps.

Treasury secretary doesn't practice philately but was once in a geology club

By ANDREW DUEHREN

When Janet Yellen was invited to join the likes of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Albert of Monaco as one of only 100 individual members of the prestigious Club de Monte-Carlo, she felt she had to decline.

The problem was the club is dedicated to collecting stamps. And despite widespread belief to the contrary, Ms. Yellen, the Treasury secretary, doesn't collect stamps.

As Ms. Yellen explained in a 2017 letter declining the invita-

tion, she inherited her mother's stamp collection and was curious about stamp collecting, or philately, as a child. Since then, her interest had waned.

"I've not had the time for many, many years to develop the collection or to be actively involved in philately," she then-Federal Reserve chair wrote, thanking the club but declining, according to a copy

shared by the club. "My professional activities in economics and finance have absorbed all of my time and attention."

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## Scotts Miracle-Gro Is Buried in Fertilizer

It produced more, then retailers slashed orders

By THOMAS GRITYA

Never in the modern global economy have businesses seen such a rapid shift from shortage to glut.

Jim Hagedorn says he is lucky it didn't get him fired.

Just months ago, the chief executive of Scotts Miracle-Gro Co. was bracing for the biggest summer ever. After two years of struggling to fill store shelves, the company had ramped up production to catch up with consumer demand for lawn seed, fertilizer and other garden products. Investments in new manufac-

turing capacity were paying off as the 67-year-old CEO prepared for the usual rush of May orders from retailers looking to replenish their stocks.

The orders never came, and by Memorial Day, Mr. Hagedorn knew his company was in trouble. Scotts has already cut about 450 jobs, or around 6% of its workforce, since May, and more layoffs are coming. Manufacturing plants have been slowed. Cash is dwindling. Nobody is getting bonuses. Instead, the company is in full-blown cri-

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## Putin admits to China 'concerns' over Ukraine in meeting with Xi

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Russian president Vladimir Putin has acknowledged Chinese "concerns" about the war in Ukraine in the first public admission of differences between Beijing and Moscow over the conflict.

Putin's comments came in a meeting with President Xi Jinping in Uzbekistan yesterday, the first time the two had met in person since the Kremlin launched its all-out invasion in February.

"We highly value the balanced position of our Chinese friends when it comes to the Ukraine crisis," Putin told Xi, according to a Kremlin transcript.

"We understand your questions and concerns about this. During today's meeting, we will of course explain our position, though we have also spoken about this before."

Putin arrived in Uzbekistan as Russian forces in the north-east of Ukraine were forced into retreat by a Kyiv counter-offensive that has recaptured important territory, boosted Ukrainian morale and raised questions over whether Moscow can sustain its offensive.

"There are setbacks for Russia on the ground in Ukraine, and now on the diplomatic front as well," said Nigel Gould-Davies, senior fellow at the International Institute for Strategic Studies, a London think-tank. Russia has often rebuffed claims that it is becoming isolated by pointing to increasingly close economic and political ties with China and other non-western nations.

China and Russia have previously been careful to avoid any public suggestion of differences over the invasion, which Putin launched just weeks after meeting Xi in Beijing where the two declared that the partnership between their nations had "no limits".

But China has been repeatedly criticised by the US and its allies for refusing to condemn the invasion.

In a statement on yesterday's meeting, the Chinese foreign ministry made no mention of Ukraine or of Beijing's concerns. The ministry said that Xi had told Putin that China would "work with



Xi Jinping, left, and Vladimir Putin at their meeting in the Uzbek city of Samarkand yesterday  
Associated Press/Reuters, via AP

Russia to fulfil their responsibilities as major countries" and "to extend strong mutual support on issues concerning each other's core interests".

Alexander Gabuev, senior fellow at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, said: "Xi has probably been voicing some concerns with the Russians. 'Oh, we really want this war to end. It's disruptive for the global economy and you should do something about it'... Putin was reacting to that."

Evan Medeiros, a China expert at Georgetown University, said that Putin's comments were significant given his recent courting of Beijing. "This statement is an odd and stark shift for Putin,

who has spent the last six months trying to pull China closer on Ukraine," said Medeiros, who served as Barack Obama's top Asia adviser.

Putin and Xi were in Samarkand for a summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation, a Eurasian political and security forum. Speaking of their last in-person meeting in February, Putin said: "A lot has happened since then." But he added that China and Russia's friendship had "remained constant".

Gould-Davies said the Ukraine war had many unwelcome implications for Beijing and that it was wrong to believe western nations' response to the invasion would push China and Russia

together. "The opposite is the case. This war is creating new difficulties in the Sino-Russian relationship," he said.

Raffaello Pantucci, a senior fellow at Singapore's S Rajaratnam School of International Studies, said that it was "no secret that the Chinese weren't ecstatic" about the Ukraine war, with its resulting disruption of energy markets and food price inflation.

"That's hugely negative to them and the Russians can see that," Pantucci said. "It's paying respect to recognise those issues publicly."

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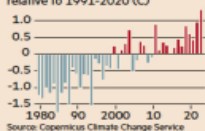
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Temperature anomalies for June-August relative to 1991-2020 (C)



The average temperature for Europe from June to August 2022 was 13.4°C, higher than the previous warmest European summer on record, which was last year.



## Bollywood fails to star in India's silver screen revival

Although India's film fans are flocking back to cinemas following two years of the pandemic, the revival is not being driven by Bollywood, the Mumbai-based movie industry. Instead, new blockbusters from southern cities that star superhero characters with violence and spectacular visual effects — and shot in languages such as Kannada, Telugu and Tamil before being dubbed into Hindi — are enticing audiences back to the big screen.

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## Federer grateful for his 'special talent' as he calls time on Grand Slam career

JOSH NOBLE — SPORTS EDITOR

Roger Federer has announced his retirement from tennis following a string of injuries, ending the career of one of the most popular and successful players in sporting history.

Federer, 41, posted an audio message on social media yesterday explaining his "bittersweet" decision.

"As many of you know, the past three years have presented me with challenges in the form of injuries and surgeries," he said. "I've worked hard to return to full competitive form. But I also know my body's capacity and limits, and its message to me lately had been clear."

"I will play more tennis in the future, of course. Just not in the Grand Slams or on the tour," he added.

The Swiss player won his first Grand Slam title at Wimbledon in 2003. He

went on to win the championship another seven times, part of his haul of 20 Grand Slam victories — the third highest in the open era and making him one of the top earners in sport.

Federer said he had been given "a special talent to play tennis", adding: "I consider myself one of the more fortunate people on earth."

After his announcement, the Wimbledon championships said: "Where do we begin? It's been a privilege to witness your journey and see you become a champion in every sense of the word."

We will miss the sight of you gracing our courts, but all we can say for now is thank you, for the memories and joy you have given to so many."

Federer's intense rivalries with Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic helped power interest in tennis around the world over the past two decades. "We

pushed each other, and together we took tennis to new levels," he said of his rivals.

His decision to quit the game comes less than two weeks after Serena Williams, the most successful women's player in the open era, played her final competitive match at the US Open.

Federer entered the top 50 rankings in the summer of 2002 and stayed there until June this year. He became the men's number one player in February 2004, a spot he would retain unbroken until August 2008 and later return to numerous times.

"Roger's impact on tennis and the legacy he's built are impossible to overstate," said Andrea Gaudenzi, chair of the Association of Tennis Professionals. "He spearheaded an incredible new era of growth and elevated the popularity of our sport. Few athletes have transcended their field in such a manner."

## World Markets

STOCK MARKETS					CURRENCIES					GOVERNMENT BONDS				
	Sep 15	Prev	%Chg		Pair	Sep 15	Prev	Pair	Sep 15	Prev	Yield (%)	Sep 15	Prev	Chg
S&P 500	3989.39	3986.01	+0.85	\$/£	1.000	1.000	6/5	1.000	1.000		US 2 yr	3.88	3.76	0.12
Nasdaq Composite	11575.87	11719.68	-1.23	\$/€	1.149	1.158	-0.8	0.870	0.864		US 10 yr	3.46	3.40	0.07
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FTSEurofirst 300	1638.89	1649.08	-0.62	\$/¥	143.470	142.825	+0.4	142.400	142.589		UK 2 yr	3.16	3.12	0.04
Euro Stoxx 50	3646.32	3667.56	-0.62	\$/¥	164.981	165.152	-0.1	77.514	77.189		UK 10 yr	3.16	3.13	0.03
FTSE 100	7282.07	7277.30	+0.07	\$/¥	0.980	0.960	+2.1	1.104	1.112		UK 30 yr	3.48	3.43	0.05
FTSE All Share	4000.33	3996.83	+0.09	€/¥							JPN 2 yr	-0.08	-0.08	0.00
CAC 40	6157.84	6222.41	-1.04	\$/¥							JPN 10 yr	0.25	0.25	0.00
Astra Dow	12566.68	13020.80	-0.55	\$/¥							JPN 30 yr	1.25	1.19	0.07
Nikkei	27875.91	27818.62	+0.21	\$/¥							GER 2 yr	1.52	1.41	0.12
Hang Seng	18930.38	18947.10	-0.44	\$/¥							GER 10 yr	1.77	1.71	0.06
MSCI World	2617.84	2619.50	-0.06	\$/¥							GER 30 yr	1.76	1.75	0.01
MSCI EM	962.19	979.19	-1.77	\$/¥										
MSCI ACWI	688.93	691.49	-0.36	\$/¥										
FT Volatile 2500	5149.97	5131.76	+0.35	\$/¥										
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## Judge Upholds Order Blocking Trump Inquiry

### Picks Arbitrator to Review Seized Documents

This article is by **Charlie Savage**, **Alan Feuer** and **Glenn Thrush**.

WASHINGTON — A federal judge on Thursday rejected the Justice Department's request to resume a key part of its inquiry into former President Donald J. Trump's handling of sensitive government records and appointed an outside arbitrator to review thousands of documents seized last month from his Florida residence. The judge, Aileen M. Cannon, declined to lift any part of an order she issued last week that barred the department from using the documents, including about 100 marked classified, in its investigation until the arbitrator, known as a special master, had completed a review.

In her 10-page decision, Judge Cannon appointed a special master suggested by the Trump legal team and agreed upon by the government: Raymond J. Dearie, a semiretired judge from the Federal District Court for the Eastern District of New York.

Judge Dearie will now have the authority to sift through more than 11,000 records the F.B.I. carted away from Mr. Trump's estate, Mar-a-Lago, on Aug. 8. The move was a blow to the Justice Department, almost certain to significantly delay its investigation into whether the former president unlawfully retained national defense records or obstructed repeated attempts by federal officials to retrieve them.

The department had asked Judge Cannon to lift restrictions on the use of documents with classification markings and set a Thursday deadline for her to respond before it said it would ask an appeals court to intervene. The department is now planning to appeal the decision, and top officials were meeting to discuss the timing of their filing, according to a senior law enforcement official.

Judge Cannon's order was the latest turn in what has now become a protracted and politically fraught court battle over the trove of documents seized in the search of Mar-a-Lago.

While Judge Cannon's order was a victory for Mr. Trump and his legal team, she also made two significant concessions to the government. She said, for instance, that Judge Dearie should first look at the classified documents and "thereafter consider prompt adjustments to the court's orders as necessary." That raised the possibility that Judge Dearie might quickly clear the items and the F.B.I. would then regain unrestricted use of them in its criminal inquiry. In her order, Judge Cannon said the special master should try to finish his review by

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## Federer Announces Retirement; Sign of Tennis's Changing Times

By **CHRISTOPHER CLAREY**

Roger Federer, the racket-throwing Swiss teenager who matured into one of the world's most polished athletes and was part of a generation that dominated tennis for two decades, announced



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Roger Federer won 20 majors.

Thursday that he would retire from competition.

"I am 41 years old; I have played more than 1,500 matches over 24 years," Federer said in an audio clip posted on social media. "Tennis has treated me more generously than I ever would have dreamed, and now I must recognize when it is time to end my competitive career."

Federer leaves the game with one of the greatest competitive records in its history: 103 tour singles titles, 20 Grand Slam singles titles, 310 weeks ranked No. 1 and a record six victories in season-ending tour finals. And, perhaps

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## Shifting Momentum at a Crucial Time

A high-stakes meeting of the Russian and Chinese leaders followed a week of retreats by Moscow.



Source: Institute for the Study of War with American Enterprise Institute's Critical Threats Project | Note: Areas are approximate.

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## Polling Shows New Strength By Democrats

By **LISA LERER**  
and **NATE COHN**

Even as they struggle to persuade voters that they should be trusted on the economy, Democrats remain unexpectedly competitive in the battle for Congress as the sprint to November's midterm election begins, a New York Times/Siena College poll has found.

The surprising Democratic strength has been bolstered by falling gas prices and President Biden's success at breaking through legislative gridlock in Washington to pass his agenda. That shift in political momentum has helped boost, in just two months, the president's approval rating by nine percentage points and doubled the share of Americans who believe the country is on the right track.

But Democrats are also benefiting from factors over which they had little control: the public outcry in response to the Supreme Court's overturning of federal abortion rights and the return of former President Donald J. Trump to an attention-commanding presence on the national stage.

Overall, 46 percent of registered voters say they back the Democratic candidate for Con-

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## Migrants Sent to Martha's Vineyard as Message

This article is by **Will Sennott**, **Zolan Kanno-Youngs**, **Eileen Sullivan** and **Patricia Mazzei**.

EDGARTOWN, Mass. — Immigration lawyers rushed onto ferries to reach a quaint red church turned shelter. Students from a high school Spanish class sought to help translate. Impromptu volunteers scoured a dollar store for clothing to donate.

The frantic activity showed just how unprepared the vacation retreat of Martha's Vineyard was for the arrival on Wednesday of nearly 50 Venezuelan migrants on planes from Texas.

"We had no inkling of what was going on," Geoffrey Freeman, director of the Massachusetts island's tiny airport, said Thursday. The decisions by Gov. Ron De-

### Governors of Texas and Florida Seek to Put Pressure on Biden

Santis of Florida to send two plane loads of people to Martha's Vineyard, and by Gov. Greg Abbott of Texas to send two busloads to Vice President Kamala Harris's residence on Thursday — roughly 150 migrants in all — were their most conspicuous attempts yet to provoke outrage over record arrivals at the border, a circumstance the Republican leaders blame President Biden for.

But while the transfers of migrants were called out by Democrats as political stunts, they also

served as vivid reminders of how ill prepared heavily Democratic parts of the Northeast are to handle influxes of poor migrants, even though they have long been immigration strongholds where many people are eager to help.

On Thursday, Mr. DeSantis spoke proudly of chartering private planes to drop mostly Venezuelan migrants on Martha's Vineyard. He did so several months after Mr. Abbott and Gov. Doug Ducey of Arizona, fellow Republicans, started sending frequent busloads of migrants to Washington and New York, straining resources there. Mayor Muriel Bowser of Washington declared a public emergency last week in response to the arrivals; on Wednesday, Mayor

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MATT COSEY FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES

Migrants met with volunteers on Thursday at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Edgartown, Mass.

## F.D.A. Relies on Funding From the Drug Companies It Oversees

By **CHRISTINA JEWETT**

Every five years, top officials of the Food and Drug Administration go behind closed doors to negotiate the terms of its core budget — about \$3 billion this year.

But the F.D.A. is not at the table with members of Congress or with White House officials. Instead, it's in dozens of meetings with representatives of the giant pharmaceutical companies whose prod-

ucts the agency regulates. The negotiations are a piece of the "user fee" program in which drug, device and biotech companies make payments to the agency partly to seek product approvals. The fees have soared since the program's inception three decades ago and now make up nearly half of the F.D.A.'s budget, financing 6,500 jobs at the agency.

The pharmaceutical industry funding alone has become so dominant that last year it accounted

### Budget Process Called a 'Devil's Bargain'

for three-quarters — or \$1.1 billion — of the agency's drug division budget.

Details of the program are being debated in Congress, which faces a deadline of Sept. 30 to approve legislation that would reau-

thorize the agency's power to collect the fees. The pharmaceutical lobby says its role in funding the agency has helped speed approvals of lifesaving drugs to the market by providing it with the resources to do the work. But advocates for patients and doctors say the agreements have enabled the industry to weaken the approval process meant to ensure that drugs are safe and effective.

"It's kind of like a devil's bar-

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**MOURNERS** wait Thursday to pay their respects to the late Queen Elizabeth II, lying in state at Westminster Hall in London. Under King Charles III, Prince William and son Prince George are next in line to the throne.

## Britain facing a long line of kings

How will the queen's three designated male successors measure up to her majesty?

By Henry Chu

LONDON — It's reigning men! Hallelujah?

Whether you like it or not, that's the forecast for this sceptered isle for the next 75 years or so.

As Britain mourns Queen Elizabeth II as she ushers in the era of King Charles III, a relatively overlooked fact is that, barring accident or revolution, the United Kingdom is set to have a man rather than a woman on the throne deep into the 21st century, perhaps even into the 22nd.

It's a switch at the top whose effect could go beyond the novel sight of a royal 5 o'clock shadow. Britons now lamenting the loss of a woman many describe as the nation's grandmother may find themselves adjusting their expectations of how their monarch ought to behave, or modifying their own ideas of gender roles.

Elizabeth — or as Charles called her, "darling Mama" — ruled Britannia for a record-shattering 70 years, longer than any of her predecessors and, in all probability, any of her successors. Most people in this country have known no other sovereign, nor uttered anything besides "God save the queen" during ceremonial toasts and renditions of the national anthem, nor used stamps or currency with anyone else's portrait.

But now they have Charles, and after him the next two heirs to the throne are also male: his elder son, William, and William's eldest child, George. (If they keep their given names as their regnal names when they take the throne, the younger two will eventually become William V and George VII.)

"Unless something dramatic happens, such as someone abdicates" — which last occurred in 1936 — "or something tragic happens, we are going to have a series of kings for the coming decades," said historian Catherine Pepinster, author of a recent book on the monarchy.

In fact, if 9-year-old George lives as long as his ill-

## Water savings go only so far

State needs 'all of the above' drought strategy, mayor says

By Hayley Smith

During a summer of soaring heat, shrinking supplies and mandatory drought restrictions, Los Angeles residents conserved water at an impressive pace in August, with that month's usage dropping below a record low set during the previous drought.

But it's becoming clear that this alone is not going to be enough. The crisis on the Colorado River, a key source of water for Southern California, is expected to bring painful cuts to supplies in the coming months. And hopes of a wet winter are looking more unlikely with another year of dry La Niña in the forecast.

Now, the pressure is on to not only increase savings, but also double-down on efforts to reduce reliance on imported supplies and to invest in long-term water solutions.

"We have to stop thinking of this as responding to this drought and act [See Drought, A7]



**SERINA COVARRUBIAS**, shown June 27, replaced the lawn of her Altadena home with California natives and drought-tolerant plants.



**COMPARED** with a year ago, today's typical interest rate adds about \$1,100 to a monthly mortgage payment if a borrower puts 20% down on a \$740,000 house.

## Buying a home? Prepare to pay 6% on a mortgage

The 30-year rate now is twice that of a year ago. Sales have sunk; values are faltering.

By Andrew Khouri

The 6% mortgage is back. For the first time since 2008, according to a widely watched survey, the average interest rate on a 30-year fixed home loan climbed above 6%, marking a dramatic explosion in borrowing costs.

The jump — the latest in

a series of mortgage rate increases this year — has the potential to further pump the brakes on a slowing housing market and make it more likely home values will decline.

"It shrinks your buying ability," said Jeff Lazerson, president of brokerage Mortgage Grader. "A lot of borrowers are saying: 'Forget it.'"

Today's environment is starkly different from this time last year.

Then, the Federal Reserve's easy money policies helped drive average rates below 3%. Homes flew off the

market in days. Home prices soared. But in recent months, inflation and the Federal Reserve's efforts to fight it have sent rates sharply higher and forced both sellers and buyers to adjust to a new reality.

With buyers able to afford less, many have called it quits. Home sales are plunging and home values are showing signs of faltering.

In July, Southern California home sales fell 35% from a year earlier, according to real estate firm DQNews. The six-county region's me-

## LEGAL WEED, BROKEN PROMISES

## Illegal stores thrive despite crime, raids

Pot's black market booms in plain sight as pricier legal shops struggle to compete.

By Matthew Ormseth

When the cannabis dispensary Hierba opened on Cesar Chavez Avenue in October, customers had "sticker shock," Guillermo Menjivar, the general manager, recalled. Even with a 30% opening week discount, shoppers still couldn't understand why, for instance, a gram of First Class Funk cost \$15.

They could be forgiven: Until Hierba — the first legal dispensary in the city's Boyle Heights neighborhood — opened its doors, the only options in the area were unlicensed storefronts that charge far less for cannabis products because they don't abide by the raft of taxes and regulatory obligations that state and local officials impose on legitimate operations.

A mile east of Menjivar's clean, brightly lit business, in fact, an unmarked and unlicensed shop had put a folding sign out on the sidewalk that read, "4.5 grams for \$20." Inside the dimly lit room was a maze of shelves high with bargain-priced buds.

The continuing success of illegal cannabis shops and the struggles of legal ones in the heart of L.A.'s Eastside offer a stark illustration of how California's legalization of marijuana has gone wrong. Far from being eradicated, the black market is booming in plain sight, luring customers away from aboveboard retailers with their cheaper — if untested and unregulated — product.

Unlicensed dispensaries have become hotbeds of crime. Sometimes the operators are the perpetrators, authorities say, selling cocaine and methamphetamine alongside cannabis. At other times, they are the victims. In August 2021, a man was gunned down in the doorway of the illegal dispensary he ran in East Los Angeles.

Authorities have made little progress in curbing the cannabis black market. Prosecutions are rare, according to some law enforcement, and employees say some dispensaries don't even wait a day to reopen after being shut down by the police.

"I don't see it slowing down," said one security [See Cannabis, A12]

## A TIMES INVESTIGATION

## Sheriff's donors got gun permits

Licenses to carry concealed weapons have gone to dozens of Villanueva backers.

By Alene Tchekmedyan and Ben Poston

There are few things Los Angeles County Sheriff Alex Villanueva has boasted about more during his first term in office than his success in dramatically increasing the number of people who are permitted to carry guns in public.

But Villanueva's decision to supercharge the issuing of weapons permits has brought problems.

A Times investigation found that among the thousands of people who have received permits under Villanueva are dozens of

donors to his election campaigns and others with special links to the sheriff. These people often gave questionable reasons for needing to be armed, received their permits more quickly than the average wait or were assisted by two deputies who worked directly for Villanueva.

And now those deputies, along with others with ties to the sheriff, have come under suspicion of wrongdoing that stems from the frenzied atmosphere Villanueva created around the permits, which are called licenses to carry concealed weapons or CCWs.

Earlier this month, the Sheriff's Department announced it was conducting a criminal investigation into "irregularities discovered in the CCW application process" that it described as a "possible long-term scheme [See Permits, A6]

## Mass grave found near Ukraine city

Zelensky says officials have uncovered evidence of war crimes and torture in the Kharkiv region. **WORLD, A3**

**Weather**  
Mostly sunny.  
L.A. Basin: 82/66. **B6**

## Migrants bused to Harris' home

Texas governor sends 100 people to D.C.; activist calls it a "racist publicity stunt." **NATION, A5**





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## U.S. sees months of fighting left in Ukraine

Despite gains against Russia, officials say there's no end in sight

BY MISSY RYAN

Despite Ukrainian forces' startling gains in the war against Russia, the Biden administration anticipates months of intense fighting with wins and losses for each side, spurring U.S. plans for an open-ended campaign with no prospect for a negotiated end in sight.

The surprise success by Ukrainian forces in areas of the country occupied by Russian troops during the weekend generated euphoria among Ukrainians sapped by months of fighting. It also fueled hopes among many of Kyiv's foreign backers that its scrappy military might be able to expel Russia's larger, better-armed force.

President Volodymyr Zelensky, raising his country's blue-and-yellow flag Wednesday over the liberated city of Izyum, promised it would be "definitely impossible to occupy our people, the Ukrainian people."

Officials in Kyiv said forces recaptured some 3,000 square kilometers in the Kherson and Kharkiv regions. Meanwhile, Russia's Defense Ministry described its forces' disorderly withdrawal as a tactical "regroup."

U.S. officials, providing a quiet check to Ukrainian exuberance, said that while Ukraine troops have performed better in offensive operations than even their American

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**Inmates to infancy:** Russia's mercenaries recruit in prisons. **A12**

**Summit:** Xi and Putin pledge to "inject stability" into the world. **A14**



WOLICSEH GRZEDONSKI FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

A tank crew with a Ukrainian flag on the road to Izyum, Ukraine, on Wednesday. Last weekend, Ukrainian forces retook the city, causing Russian forces to flee and putting nearly all of the Kharkiv region back in Ukrainian control in a matter of days.

## Letters of despair — by Russians

Demoralized soldiers in Izyum leave behind their pleas to superiors as they flee

BY SIOBHÁN O'GRADY AND ANASTACIA GALOUCHKA

**IZYUM, UKRAINE** — About 10 days before Ukrainian forces retook the city of Izyum last weekend, Russian troops stationed here were so demoralized that they drafted letters begging their superiors to dismiss them from their roles.

The 10 handwritten letters, dated Aug. 30, were left behind in a two-story residential house where Russians were squatting and later found by Ukrainian

soldiers who provided the letters to The Washington Post for review. They paint a portrait of dejected troops desperate for rest and concerned about their health and morale after months of fighting.

"I refuse to complete my duty in the special operation on the territory of Ukraine due to lack of vacation days and moral exhaustion," wrote a man who identified himself as the commander of an antiaircraft missile platoon from the Moscow region.

Another soldier asked to be released citing "the worsening of my health and not receiving the necessary medical aid." Still another said he was experiencing "physical and moral exhaustion."

Others wrote complaining that they were denied vacation time for family obligations, including to get married and to witness the birth of a child.

The similar style in which the 10 letters were written suggests the troops, weary and disheartened, banded together to draft them. The letters caught the at-

tention of Ukrainian soldiers when they first arrived in Izyum, which the Russians abandoned hastily in retreat, and some were shared on social media.

The authenticity of the letters has not been confirmed by independent forensic experts, but the original documents provided to The Post for review were among the heaps of belongings — from boots and uniforms to colorful letters of support from Russian schoolchildren — that were abandoned as the Russians fled

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## Special master named to sort Trump files seized by FBI

BY DEVLIN BARRETT AND PERRY STEIN

A federal judge has appointed Raymond J. Dearie, a former chief federal judge in New York, to sort through the more than 11,000 documents — including classified materials — that FBI agents seized from former president Donald Trump's Florida residence last month, to see if any should be shielded from criminal investigators because of attorney-client or executive privileges.

The decision could significantly slow a high-profile investigation of the former president, one that prosecutors say has already been paused at a key juncture by the judge's skepticism that the Justice Department has treated Trump fairly.

Trump's legal team proposed Dearie as a candidate to be the special master in the high-profile

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## Migrants flown from Texas to Martha's Vineyard

Florida's GOP governor claims responsibility as human rights advocates condemn the move

This article is by Dan Rosenzweig-Ziff, Maria Sacchetti, Molly Hennessy-Fiske, Joanna Slater and Hannah Knowles.

**EDGARTOWN, MASS.** — Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis on Thursday defended flying migrants from Texas to a Massachusetts resort island unprepared to receive them — a move that was sharply condemned by human rights advocates and Democrats and marked an escalation of GOP efforts to make a political point by sending undocumented immigrants to liberal enclaves.

In interviews with The Washington Post on Thursday, several migrants who had recently crossed the southern border said they boarded the planes after a woman approached them in San Antonio, offering work and a place to stay. They said they did not know they were headed for Martha's Vineyard — a tiny island

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**DeSantis pitch:** Donors got sneak peek at his migrant flight plans. **A4**



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Venezuelan migrants gather outside St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Edgartown, Mass. Many of the 48 migrants flown into Martha's Vineyard do not know what comes next or how long they will stay.

## Biden leans in on rail dispute

PRESIDENT FLEXES PRO-LABOR MUSCLE

Deal sidesteps political, economic calamity

BY JEFF STEIN, TYLER PAGER AND LAUREN KAORI GURLEY

As White House aides grew desperate this week, with the hours ticking down toward a potentially devastating strike, they began discussing a high-profile gamble — President Biden could summon negotiators to the Oval Office, where he would urge them personally to stand down.

A last-minute resolution made the gambit unnecessary, but the idea reflected Biden's deep personal involvement in one of the most dramatic confrontations between labor and capital in recent American history. The pro-union president, eager to avoid a massive economic disruption weeks before the midterms, urgently made phone calls and got updates late into Wednesday night.

Four decades after President Ronald Reagan fired thousands of striking air traffic controllers, SEE RAIL STRIKE ON A5

**It's a deal:** Unions, rail companies reach tentative agreement. **A8**

**Passenger rail:** Amtrak and commuter lines get a reprieve. **B1**

## CBP officials rapidly expand a vast database on travelers

BY DREW HARWELL

U.S. government officials are adding data from as many as 10,000 electronic devices each year to a massive database they have compiled from cellphones, iPads and computers seized from travelers at the country's airports, seaports and border crossings, leaders of Customs and Border Protection told congressional staff in a briefing this summer.

The rapid expansion of the database and the ability of 2,700 CBP officers to access it without a warrant — two details not previously known about the database — have raised alarms in Congress about what use the government has made of the information, much of which is captured from people not suspected of any crime. CBP officials told congressional staff the data is maintained for 15 years.

Details of the database were revealed Thursday in a letter to CBP Commissioner Chris Magnus from Sen. Ron Wyden

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## IN THE NEWS



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**Federer to retire** The Swiss tennis great, a 20-time Grand Slam singles champion, will play his final tournament later this month. **D1**

**Jan. 6 probe widens** Recent subpoenas show the Justice Department is seeking vast amounts of information in its inquiry. **A4**

**THE NATION** Americans over 65 who had covid-19 ran a greater risk of receiving a new diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease within a year, a new study found. **A2**

**The CDC** is planning to conduct wastewater testing for the polio virus in communities at highest risk for the life-threatening disease. **A3**

**President Biden** attempted to address hate-fueled violence by convening a group of government and faith leaders at the White House. **A7**

**In new guidance,** the

CDC said only high-risk groups should receive the monkeypox antiviral TP0XX. **A5**

**THE WORLD** Queen Elizabeth II's coffin inspired thousands of people in London to wait for hours Thursday in that peculiarly British construct: the queue. **A10**

**Mexico** arrested an army general accused of involvement in the deaths of the 43 students who disappeared on their way to a demonstration in 2014. **A15**

**President Biden's** nominee to take over

the military's nuclear arsenal said China's expansion of nuclear power demands a shift in strategy. **A15**

**THE ECONOMY** Patagonia's founder transferred ownership of the outdoor-apparel company to a trust and a nonprofit organization to help fight climate change. **A16**

**A home elevator** company agreed to fix a safety hazard that has been tied to the deaths and injuries of children, ending a lengthy pursuit by regulators. **A16**

**THE REGION** D.C. had the greatest portion of people work-

ing primarily from home last year of any big city in the nation. **B1**

**The University of Virginia** is expected to offer a one-time credit equal to its most recent tuition hike. **B1**

**A lockdown** at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School was a false alarm but terrifying nonetheless for students and parents. **B1**

**D.C. sniper** Lee Boyd Malvo's first application for parole two decades after the killings was denied in Virginia. **B3**

**Casa Ruby**, the troubled LGBTQ nonprofit that shut down earlier this year, should be dissolved, a court-appointed receiver said. **B4**

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Bengals star publicly addresses gun violence and abortion rights despite risk of backlash.  
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## Culture war battlefield: Book bans

Authors talk about having written the most banned titles in the U.S.  
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## Saluting 'M\*A\*S\*H' 50 years later

How Alan Alda's wartime CBS comedic drama changed TV and set ratings record. **In Life**

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## Tentative deal averts railway strike, shock to economy

A widespread economic crisis was temporarily averted Thursday when President Joe Biden announced a tentative deal between railway companies and the rail worker unions that had threatened to strike.

After 20 straight hours of negotiations, companies agreed to paid sick leave – for the first time – and other demands of unions.

The dispute escalated after almost three years of contract negotiations proved unfruitful, and railroad workers moved toward a strike over unmet demands for higher pay and better working conditions.

If a work stoppage did happen, it would have devastating effects on the nation's supply chain and economy. Amtrak and commuter railroads had braced for disruptions.

Biden celebrated the deal alongside union leaders and rail executives at the White House Rose Garden, calling it a "big win for America."

## Highlights of deal struck by companies and unions

- Paid time off for sick workers and exemptions for medical visits. Previously, rail freight employees did not have any sick days.
- An immediate wage increase of 14% and 24% over the next five years.
- Annual lump sum bonuses of \$5,000.

### Inside

- What railroad unions were seeking and why. **3A**
- Amtrak restoring canceled trips after railroad strike averted. **5B**



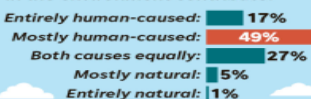
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## Most see human hand behind climate change

Americans who believe climate change is happening on how much human activities and natural changes in the environment contribute:



NOTE: Numbers rounded

SOURCE: AP-NORC Poll, June 23-27  
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Britons pay their respects Thursday to Queen Elizabeth II in London's Westminster Hall. POOL PHOTO BY YUI MOK

## Queen's majestic farewell runs like a unity 'machine'

Her funeral is more than pageantry, it's a blueprint for survival



Princess Kate, Prince William, Prince Harry and Meghan, Duchess of Sussex, make their way along the Long Walk at Windsor Castle to see the flowers and tributes to Queen Elizabeth II on Sept. 10. CHRIS JACKSON/GETTY IMAGES

Maria Puente USA TODAY

When Queen Elizabeth II is laid to rest next week, the United Kingdom will witness, for the first time in nearly 60 years, a magnificent state funeral designed in part by the queen to unite her squabbling family and divided subjects while helping ensure the monarchy survives another century.

As Monday's historic funeral approaches, it looks as if it might be working. It is not such a surprise: The royal Windsors have long known this is what royal state funerals are supposed to be in a constitutional monarchy.

The queen, who died Sept. 8 in Scotland at age 96 after 70 years on the throne, was widely considered the glue holding the U.K. together. She was also the most canny of her Windsor ancestors about using ceremony and splendor to bond the monarchy and the people who pay for it.

As Peter Morgan, the British writer and creator of the Oscar-winning 2006 film "The Queen" and Netflix's "The Crown," once told USA TODAY, "The

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## Ukraine war could be at a pivot point

Some experts see tide shifting against Russia

John Bacon and Tom Vanden Brook  
USA TODAY

A stunningly successful Ukrainian military counteroffensive has reclaimed thousands of miles of occupied territory in just two weeks while energizing the Ukrainian population, fomenting dissent in Russia and sending some of Moscow's worn-down forces scrambling in retreat.

Has the brutal war reached a turning point?

Most experts express cautious optimism. John Kirby, the National Security Council's coordinator for strategic communications at the White House, at a briefing this week described the war as a "dynamic situation" and stressed that it was unpredictable.

"What you're seeing is certainly a



President Volodymyr Zelenskyy visits Ukrainian troops in Izium in the Kharkiv region Wednesday. AP

shift in momentum for the Ukrainian armed forces, particularly in the north," Kirby said.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, his military's most vocal

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## What happens next



"It's hard to tell. It's clear the Ukrainians have made significant progress, but I think it's going to be a long haul."

President Joe Biden



"No more Westsplainin. No more dithering. No more negotiations with terrorists. Those who doubted Ukraine's strength should be apologizing. Ukraine defended us all, even when some didn't believe they could succeed."

Lithuanian Foreign Minister Gabrielius Landsbergis



## Los funerales, una ocasión para reconciliar a los Windsor

El príncipe William (en la foto, con su mujer) tuvo un acercamiento formal con su hermano Harry; los expertos lo ven como un primer paso para cerrar heridas. **Página 6**



## DEJARON EL PAÍS 12 TRIPULANTES DEL AVIÓN SOSPECHOSO

—política

Lo hicieron tras recibir la autorización judicial; hoy llegan a Caracas; los 9 restantes aún no fueron habilitados, entre ellos los pilotos iraníes. **Página 10**

## ARGENTINA, 1985, EL EJE DE UNA PELEA ENTRE EL CINE Y EL STREAMING

—espectáculos

La película de Santiago Mitre se estrena el 29 de este mes, pero no se exhibirá en las cadenas multipantalla; se oponen a los plazos impuestos por Amazon. **Página 4**

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## Procesan a Sabag y a Uliarte por intento de homicidio contra la vicepresidenta

**CAUSA.** La jueza equiparó la responsabilidad de ambos y les dictó la prisión preventiva

**Hernán Cappiello**  
LA NACION

La jueza federal María Eugenia Capuchetti procesó anoche con prisión preventiva a Fernando Sabag Montiel y a su novia, Brenda Uliarte, por el ataque a Cristina Kirchner y los embargos por 100 millones de

pesos. La magistrada los consideró coautores de intento de homicidio calificado, agravado por el uso de armas, alevosía y concurso premeditado de dos o más personas, entre otros delitos.

La resolución a la que tuvo acceso LA NACION, de 95 carillas, iguala la responsabilidad de Sabag Montiel,

que accionó el arma, con Brenda Uliarte, que la compró. Ambos "cogobernaron" el acto, sostuvo la magistrada.

"No existe duda sobre su aptitud para provocar la muerte de la víctima", remarca la jueza Capuchetti en el procesamiento. **Continúa en la página 8**

**Cristina:  
"Estoy viva  
por Dios y por  
la Virgen"**

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## Inquietud entre los jueces por actos de intimidación

**VIALIDAD.** Apareció un extraño paquete en la casa de un magistrado

Un extraño paquete apareció ayer en la puerta de la casa del juez Jorge Gorini, uno de los magistrados que integran el tribunal que juzga a los acusados de la causa Vialidad (la vicepresidenta Cristina Kirchner, entre otros). Al intervenir la brigada de explosivos, detectó que el contenido era inofensivo, pero los jueces interpretan que tenía un carácter intimidatorio, con el objetivo de señalar la casa del juez. El hecho se suma a la violación de declaraciones juradas y al hackeo del celular de otro magistrado. **Página 10**

### deportes

## El retiro de Federer, el mejor artista de una época de fantasía

Una sensación de vacío atraviesa al tenis: la leyenda se despide. A los 41 años, el suizo Roger Federer le contó al mundo que se aleja.



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## Suben las tasas y el mínimo de plazo fijo será del 75%

**INFLACIÓN.** Por tercera vez en 45 días, y para tratar de frenar el avance de la inflación, el Banco Central resolvió ayer subir las tasas de interés de referencia en 5,5 puntos porcentuales. Así, el interés mínimo que deben pagar los bancos por un plazo fijo a 30 días fue fijado en 75% anual, igual que la tasa de las Letiqa 28 días. La tasa efectiva llega al 107%. **Página 16**

**DESDE ADENTRO**  
**Florencia Donovan**

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## Por las quemaduras en el Delta, piden ayuda nacional

**PLANTEO.** Intendentes santafesinos afectados reclaman gestiones ante Entre Ríos. **Página 22**

## En el momento más crítico de la guerra, Putin recibió un apoyo con reservas de Xi

**CUMBRE.** En Uzbekistán, tuvieron su primera reunión desde la invasión de Ucrania

SAMARCANDA, Uzbekistán (AP).— En el momento más difícil de la guerra para el Kremlin, el presidente Vladimir Putin se reunió ayer con su par chino, Xi Jinping, que hasta

ahora nunca aprobó ni condenó la invasión de Ucrania. Putin dijo que comprendía las "preguntas y preocupaciones" de su homólogo, que habló de la necesidad de gene-

rar "estabilidad y energía positiva en un mundo caótico". Pero los dos mandatarios coincidieron en rechazar "los intentos de crear un mundo unipolar". **Página 2**

## Habilitan en Diputados un aumento de impuestos

**SESIÓN.** Los gobernadores podrán incrementar gravámenes; la oposición votó dividida. **Página 13**





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**TRABALHO É RAZÃO PARA METADE DOS QUE DEIXARAM ESCOLA**  
Vitor Hugo, 17, abandonou os estudos para ajudar o pai na oficina; 48% dos jovens de 11 a 19 que saíram da escola na pandemia citam necessidade de trabalhar, diz estudo Cotidiano B1

## Esporte B8

### Federer se aposenta

Admirado pelos rivais por seu estilo, o suíço Roger Federer, 41, encerrará a carreira em torneio no fim do mês. Deixará o tênis com 20 Grand Slams e 310 semanas como nº 1 do mundo.

## Cauteloso sobre Ucrânia, Xi renova aliança com Putin

No primeiro encontro entre Xi Jinping e Vladimir Putin desde que o russo invadiu a Ucrânia, o dirigente chinês reafirmou a parceria com Moscou. Não fez, porém, menção direta à guerra, ponto de tensão com o Ocidente. Mundo A18

## Djamila Ribeiro Por um Congresso mais diverso

É preciso que o Legislativo seja um reflexo do povo — e, no Brasil, esse povo são mulheres negras, indígenas, brancas, homens negros e indígenas, LGBTQIA+, enfim — para construirmos um projeto plural de país. Ilustrada C9

# Lula segue com 45%; Bolsonaro oscila para 33%, diz Datafolha

Petista melhora entre evangélicos, e presidente, em MG; quadro principal se mostra estável há quatro semanas

A 16 dias do primeiro turno, o ex-presidente Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT) continua a liderar as intenções de voto com 45%, seguido pelo atual ocupante do cargo, Jair Bolsonaro (PL), com 33%, mostra pesquisa Datafolha.

O percentual do petista é o mesmo da semana anterior, e o do presidente oscilou um ponto para baixo. O quadro é estável há um mês, com os candidatos variando na margem de erro — de dois pontos para mais ou menos.

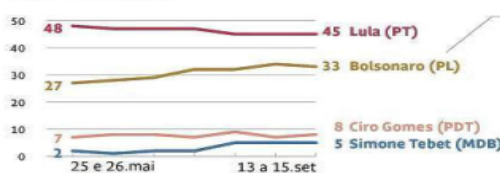
Ciro Gomes (PDT), com 8%, e Simone Tebet (MDB), 5%, estão em empate técnico. O congelamento da tendência geral é má notícia para Bolsonaro, que vem usando todos os recursos à mão — de auxílios e subsídios ao uso do Dia da Independência como palanque — para tentar reduzir a vantagem de Lula.

A cristalização surge em outra questão da pesquisa: 9 em 10 dos 78% que definiram totalmente o voto o fizeram há um mês ou mais.

As entrevistas com 5.926 eleitores, feitas ontem e anteontem, revelam algumas mudanças em determinados estratos, mas, por se compensarem, são incapazes de alterar o resultado. Lula reduziu de 23 para 17 pontos a vantagem de Bolsonaro entre evangélicos, enquanto o presidente tirou 7 pontos da margem do petista em Minas Gerais, agora em 10 pontos. Para um segundo turno, 54% dizem preferir Lula, e 38%, Bolsonaro. Política A4

## Lula tem 45% e Bolsonaro 33% no 1º turno

Resposta estimulada, em %



Fonte: Datafolha presencial com 5.926 pessoas de 16 anos ou mais em 300 municípios em 13 a 15 set; a margem de erro é de 2 pontos percentuais e o registro no TSE é BR-04099/2022

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## Les adieux au tennis de Roger Federer, champion de légende



Le Suisse a annoncé ce jeudi qu'il mettra un terme à sa carrière après un dernier tournoi exhibition, la semaine prochaine à Londres. À 41 ans, le joueur mythique va quitter les courts avec 103 titres, dont 20 du Grand Chelem, et une immense carrière portée par un jeu offensif et esthétique. PAGES 18 ET 19

# Covid : pourquoi la crise est derrière nous

La hausse du nombre de cas devrait se poursuivre avec l'arrivée de l'automne, mais les spécialistes sont confiants. Grâce aux vaccins et à l'immunité collective, cette huitième vague s'annonce moins grave que les précédentes.

Pour la première fois depuis presque trois ans, la hausse du nombre de contaminations par le Covid-19 en France n'inquiète plus la plupart des experts. Grâce à la très forte couverture vaccinale dans notre pays et à l'immunité acquise au cours des sept vagues épidémiques

précédentes, les effets sanitaires de la maladie devraient être limités dans les mois qui viennent. Contrairement aux dernières vagues, la reprise épidémique n'est pas provoquée par un variant nouveau, plus contagieux, mais par la saisonnalité et l'augmentation

du nombre de contacts lors de cette rentrée, après les vacances d'été. Pour les prochains mois, la protection vaccinale devrait fortement gagner en efficacité, grâce aux premiers vaccins à ARN ciblant directement le variant Omicron, par Moderna et Pfizer/BioNTech.

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## Suède, Italie : l'Europe sous la poussée nationaliste

À Stockholm, le parti anti-immigration des Démocrates de Suède de Jimmie Akesson, devenu la première force à droite de l'échiquier, pèsera sur la politique de la future coalition. Le parti conservateur des Modérés ne pourra gouverner qu'avec l'appui de l'extrême

droite. À Rome, à quelques jours des élections législatives, la leader de Frères d'Italie a de bonnes chances de devenir la prochaine présidente du Conseil. Dans une interview au Figaro, Giorgia Meloni a dévoilé sa vision de l'Europe. PAGES 10, 11, 20 ET L'ÉDITORIAL

ÉDITORIAL par Philippe Gélie [pgelie@lefigaro.fr](mailto:pgelie@lefigaro.fr)

## Nouvelle donne

Coupons court aux cris d'épouvante : ce n'est pas une vague néofasciste qui est en train de déferler du nord au sud de l'Europe comme un tsunami de peste brune. Il fallait être un peu myope pour ne pas voir incuber lentement, depuis deux décennies, le phénomène qui arrive aujourd'hui à maturité. À Stockholm, les Démocrates de Suède (SD), parti aux origines néonazies, viennent de s'imposer comme la deuxième force politique nationale, principal moteur de l'alternance après huit ans de pouvoir social-démocrate. À Rome, Giorgia Meloni fait figure de favorite pour succéder dimanche prochain au consensus Mario Draghi - quand bien même son parti, Frères d'Italie, arbore la flamme tricolore du fascisme mussolinien. Avec la montée en puissance de Marine Le Pen aux dernières élections françaises, le parti Droit et Justice (PIS) solidement agrippé au pouvoir en Pologne, à l'instar de Viktor Orban en Hongrie, on voit le centre de gravité politique se déplacer vers une droite nationaliste dans de nombreux pays, aux histoires et aux rapports de forces internes pourtant très différents. Le terreau commun est fait d'immigration incontrôlée, d'intégration ratée, d'insécurité croissante (48 morts par balles dans les

guerres de gangs en Suède cette année!), de perte de repères culturels et d'angoisse identitaire. S'y ajoute un patient travail de dédialisation morale, d'ancrage social et de normalisation politique de la part des souverainistes, passant notamment par un recentrage sur l'Europe - qu'il n'est plus question de détruire mais de mieux subordonner aux intérêts des États.

Le « cordon sanitaire » a sauté presque partout en Europe

et en France. Même lorsqu'ils ne sont pas au pouvoir, les partis nationalistes se placent au cœur des jeux politiques : le SD pourrait soutenir la prochaine coalition suédoise sans avoir de portefeuille ministériel, mais en lui imposant ses priorités. Les Européens vont devoir apprendre à vivre avec cette nouvelle donne, assurée de faire bouger les lignes. Le Parlement de Strasbourg n'en donne cependant pas l'exemple en décrétant que la Hongrie n'est plus une démocratie mais un « régime hybride d'autocratie électorale »... ■

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## Truss to lift fracking ban despite lack of progress on tremor risks

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Liz Truss is to lift a ban on fracking despite a leaked government report suggesting little progress has been made in reducing and predicting the risk of earthquakes caused by the practice, the Guardian can reveal.

The first drilling licences in nearly three years are expected to be issued as soon as next week, sources said,

in a move that will reignite claims of another broken pledge from the 2019 Conservative manifesto.

Given fears about spiralling energy bills, the new prime minister said last week that she would "end the moratorium on extracting our huge reserves of shale", which has been in force across England since late 2019.

The publication of a long-awaited report by the British Geological Survey (BGS) was promised, but it has been delayed because of the Queen's death. The report, seen by

the Guardian, admits forecasting fracking-induced earthquakes and their magnitude "remains a scientific challenge". It says there are still "significant existing knowledge gaps" and that problems remain with identifying potential new fracking sites that may be able to handle earthquakes with a magnitude of 3.0.

Rules require drilling to stop if tremors of 0.5 or more are caused. But fracking firms are reportedly lobbying for a substantial rise in that figure. Kwasi Kwarteng, who is now the

*'For the government to reverse its position on shale gas would be breaking a clear election promise'*

Dr Doug Parr  
Chief scientist, Greenpeace

chancellor, asked the BGS in April to look into new techniques to reduce the risk of earthquakes and their magnitude, and whether new areas could be better suited to drilling.

In its report, the BGS offers little evidence that there has been enough progress since the fracking ban to meet a 2019 Tory manifesto promise that it would only be resumed if "the science shows categorically that it can be done safely".

The limited number of UK fracking sites "makes it



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