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**The U.K. government** tried to reassure investors that it is working to better coordinate with the Bank of England as Truss's tax cuts and energy subsidies complicate efforts to control spiraling inflation. **A1**

◆ **China's currency** hit its weakest-ever offshore trading level against the dollar, with the yuan falling below 7.2 to the dollar for the first time since a separate system for trading the currency outside the mainland was launched. **B1**

◆ **U.S. home prices** slid in July from June, the first monthly drop in years and the latest sign that higher mortgage rates are starting to weigh on prices in many of the biggest markets. **A3**

◆ **U.S. consumers' moods** about the economy improved in September, while a jump in new-home sales and a decline in durable-goods orders in August offered a mixed picture of demand. **A2**

◆ **The Dow industrials** fell deeper into bear-market territory, shedding 0.4%, while the S&P 500 lost 0.2%. The Nasdaq Composite eked out a 0.2% gain. **B1**

◆ **Eleven of the world's** largest banks and brokerages will collectively pay \$1.8 billion in fines to resolve regulatory investigations over their employees' use of messaging apps that broke record-keeping rules, regulators said. **B1**

◆ **Alex Mashinsky**, co-founder and CEO of bankrupt cryptocurrency lender Celsius Network, is stepping down after a resignation request from the company's creditors. **B4**

## World-Wide

◆ **Hurricane Ian** bore down on southwest Florida after pummeling Cuba, with a swath of the state's Gulf Coast in harm's way, including the vulnerable Tampa Bay area. More than 2.5 million people in Florida were under some kind of evacuation order, Gov. DeSantis said. **A1, A6**

◆ **European authorities** are investigating mysterious leaks on two closed Russian natural-gas pipelines to Germany, sparking concerns about the safety of critical energy infrastructure. **A1**

◆ **The U.S. and EU** are poised to adopt new sanctions on Russia, though some EU members are questioning existing restrictions and the economic pain in Europe is growing. **A8**

◆ **Manchin** threw in the towel on including his proposal to speed up permitting of energy projects in a must-pass funding bill, clearing the way for the Senate to advance the legislation needed to keep the government open. **A4**

◆ **McConnell** offered qualified support for a Senate bill that would overhaul a 19th-century law that governs the way Congress counts and ratifies presidential electoral votes. **A4**

◆ **Eisai and Biogen** said their experimental Alzheimer's drug significantly slowed progression of the disease in a large study, bolstering the drug's prospects for approval. **A3**

◆ **House Democrats** released their bill to ban stock trading by members of Congress, judges and senior government officials. **A4**

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## Tokyo State Funeral Honors Ex-Leader Abe Amid Protests



**FAREWELL:** Akiie Abe, widow of former Japanese leader Shinzo Abe, walks behind Prime Minister Fumio Kishida carrying her husband's ashes. Mr. Abe, whose tenure from 2012 to 2020 was marked by divisions, was assassinated in July. **A9**

## Ian Nears Florida Gulf Coast After Pounding Western Cuba

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.—Hurricane Ian bore down on southwest Florida on Tuesday after pummeling Cuba, with a swath of the state's Gulf Coast

By Jon Kamp,  
Cameron McWhirter  
and Elizabeth Findell

in harm's way, including the vulnerable Tampa Bay area.

The storm's center is forecast to approach the west coast of Florida on Wednesday afternoon and into Wednesday night, according to the Na-

tional Hurricane Center. Rain from the storm began drenching parts of the state Tuesday. Hurricane conditions are expected along the state's Gulf Coast by Wednesday morning.

The Tampa Bay metropolitan region of 3.2 million people hasn't been tested by a direct hurricane hit from a powerful storm like Ian for more than a century. The hurricane center said Tuesday that the latest forecasts have shifted the storm's track south along the coast, but a hurricane warning still covered the

Tampa Bay area while stretching south of Fort Myers to the Everglades.

"It's really imperative that people start taking this seriously and start heeding evacuation orders," said Jamie Rhome, the hurricane center's acting director.

More than 2.5 million people in Florida are under some kind of evacuation order, Gov. Ron DeSantis said Tuesday. Schools and colleges across the state canceled classes and closed campuses ahead of the storm. Hotels secured proper-

ties and prepared to shelter staff and emergency workers.

"It's always a nervous feeling when you know a storm is coming," said Yolandra Gibbons, a St. Petersburg resident, while waiting to get sandbags in a line of cars. She said she was hopeful the storm would take a turn.

Ian made landfall early Tuesday in western Cuba near the town of La Coloma as a

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◆ **Insurers brace for a new** challenge. **A6**

## Offensive Threatens Russia's Land Goals

By Yaroslav Trofimov

RUBTSY, Ukraine—The Ukrainian military offensive that ousted Russian troops from the Kharkiv region early this month has now crossed deep into the northern part of the nearby Donetsk region, threatening Russian control over lands that Moscow seeks to annex as sovereign territory in the coming days.

In Rubtsy, a village in Donetsk that Russia captured in late April, advancing Ukrainian forces stream east past burned-out Russian tanks and the bloated bodies of Russian soldiers that remain on roadsides. The Ukrainian push here aims to encircle the strategic

town of Lyman, where street battles have begun, and target the northern parts of the nearby Luhansk region. Russia is wrapping up referendums it is staging in Donetsk and Luhansk, collectively known as Donbas, and two occupied regions of southern Ukraine, aiming to formally incorporate them into Russia as soon as this week.

Demoralized by recent defeats in Kharkiv, Russian soldiers on this front line continue to retreat, despite arriving reinforcements. On Sunday, Ukrainian forces took several prisoners in a nearby village because many of the Russian soldiers were drunk, a Ukrainian soldier said. "The ones

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## Fears of Draft Prompt Exodus



**Thousands of Russians** have fled to neighboring countries since a broad military mobilization was announced. **A7**

## Europe Examines Suspicious Leaks In Gas Pipelines

By Georgi Kantchev

BERLIN—European authorities are investigating mysterious leaks on two closed Russian natural-gas pipelines to Germany, sparking concerns about the safety of critical energy infrastructure.

The leaks were detected after pressure in the Nord Stream and Nord Stream 2 pipelines, which connect Russia's prolific gas fields to Germany's industrial heartland, dropped suddenly Monday.

The incidents have no impact on Europe's gas supply be-

cause both links aren't in use. Germany halted the Nord Stream 2 pipeline in February over Russia's aggression in Ukraine, while Moscow this month indefinitely stopped flows via Nord Stream. Experts, however, said the gas leaks could harm the environment.

The Nord Stream pipelines have been at the heart of an escalating economic war between Moscow and the West that has pushed gas prices to records and threatens to hobble European industry.

Western officials said the

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## The Texans Who Are Moving To Illinois: Armadillos

Possum-sized creatures creep north, leaving mark on the Land of Lincoln

By Joe Barrett

CARBONDALE, Ill.—Judy Carver and her husband had been noticing little holes in the grass and mulched areas of their yard since early spring this year, unsure whether it might be deer or chipmunks digging up the wooded lot on a small lake outside this college town.

Then one evening this month as they headed out for a walk, they saw something in the bushes near their front door. It was a critter "about the size of a 10-pound bag of flour," she said, with pointy ears, a ridged brown shell and a long tail.

The 67-year-old immediately knew it was an armadillo.

"Believe me. When you see one you know what it is," she said. To Ms. Carver, the creature seemed as afraid of them as they were curious about it. It froze—its head hidden in the bushes—as her husband shined a light on it. "I think he thought we couldn't see him, but we could see the whole body," she said.

The possum-size critters—nearly blind and resembling a cross between an anteater and a giant potato bug—have been creeping north from Texas for decades and in recent years have made a home in the Land of Lincoln, tearing up yards, drawing puzzled looks and littering highways with their

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## Palantir

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RANK	COMPANY	2021 AI REVENUE
No. 1	Palantir	\$1,392M
No. 2	Microsoft	\$1,252M
No. 3	IBM	\$776M
No. 4	AWS	\$688M
No. 5	Google	\$536M

Source: IDC, Worldwide Artificial Intelligence Platforms Software Market Shares, 2021; AI Is Being Used In More Unique Ways Than Ever (2022)

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## Sabotage fears as Russian gas pipelines suffer series of leaks

- Nordic states say accident unlikely
- Ruptures cause 1km-wide bubble

RICHARD MILNE — OSLO  
DAVID SHEPPARD — LONDON  
GUY CHAZAN — BERLIN

Suspicious leaks on two Russian gas pipelines in the Baltic Sea are likely to be the result of sabotage, Danish, German and Polish officials have warned, heightening concerns over the vulnerability of Europe's energy infrastructure.

Denmark's prime minister Mette Frederiksen said sabotage could not be ruled out as the cause of the leaks in the Nord Stream 1 and 2 pipelines, which have been at the centre of the energy crisis between Russia and Europe.

"There are three leaks, and therefore it is difficult to imagine that it could be accidental," she said.

German officials said the sudden loss of pressure in both pipelines could be the result of a "targeted attack". They added that Russia's involvement could "not be excluded", but said Germany was not involved in the investigation being run by Denmark and Sweden.

The leaks come as Russian gas supplies to Europe have dwindled as part of President Vladimir Putin's efforts to deter support for Ukraine. The leaks, which will not directly hit Russian gas flows because the pipelines were not operating, coincide with the inauguration of a pipeline that will deliver Norwegian gas through Denmark to Poland for the first time.

"We see clearly that it's an act of sabotage, related to the next step of escalation of the situation in Ukraine," Polish premier Mateusz Morawiecki said.

Mykhailo Podolyak, adviser to Ukraine's president Volodymyr Zelenskyy, said on Twitter: "Gas leak" from NS-1 is nothing more than a terrorist

attack planned by Russia and an act of aggression towards EU. Russia wants to destabilise economic situation in Europe."

Asked if sabotage was the cause of the leak, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters "no version can be excluded now", the Russian agency Interfax reported. "Obviously the pipe has been damaged somehow," he said.

Sweden's maritime administration reported two leaks in the Russian Nord Stream 1's pipelines close to the Danish island of Bornholm in the Baltic Sea. That report came hours after Denmark's energy agency said there was a separate leak, also close to Bornholm, on the Nord Stream 2 pipeline — which Germany effectively cancelled shortly before Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Nord Stream 2 had been filled with gas by Russia at the end of last year in preparation for its planned start-up, while Nord Stream 1 was transporting gas to Germany as recently as the start of this month.

Danish authorities said the gas bubbles in the Baltic Sea measured about 1km in diameter. Sweden and Denmark warned ships to avoid the area.

Sweden's National Seismology Centre said it had detected two powerful blasts the day before in the area of the gas leaks. "There is no doubt that these were explosions," Björn Lund, a member of the seismic network, told Sweden's state broadcaster SVT.

Terje Aasland, Norway's oil and energy minister, said that as the leaks looked like sabotage the Nordic country was paying close attention to security, on the day that it opened a new gas pipeline to Poland.

## Abe honoured More than 4,000 dignitaries attend state funeral for assassinated premier



Kyodo News/Getty Images

Japan's prime minister Fumio Kishida stands before a large portrait of Shinzo Abe, one of his predecessors who was assassinated in July, as he delivers a eulogy at the state funeral in Tokyo yesterday.

During the ceremony at the Budokan arena, Kishida spoke before more than 4,000 guests including world leaders, Japanese politicians, business figures and some of the

imperial family. Foreign dignitaries included US vice-president Kamala Harris, India's premier Narendra Modi, Australia's prime minister Anthony Albanese and UK foreign secretary James Cleverly.

After a period of public grief following Abe's murder at the age of 67, the government's decision to hold an \$11m funeral sparked an outcry and a sharp fall in popularity for Kishida.

Demonstrators marched on Japan's parliament to protest against the state funeral, while tens of thousands of supporters queued nearby to honour Japan's longest-serving leader.

Abe was renowned for both his stimulus programme, dubbed Abenomics, as well as his hawkish opinions on reforming the country's pacifist constitution.

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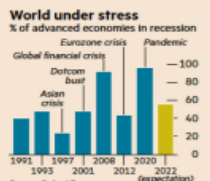
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## Datawatch



The world looks set to narrowly avoid a recession next year. Less than half of big economies typically suffer recession in stress periods, roughly the same share as expected for 2022-23. Exceptions have been the financial crisis and pandemic

## Tax the rich more to help victims of energy crisis, says ECB chief economist

MARTIN ARNOLD — FRANKFURT

The European Central Bank's chief economist has called on eurozone governments to tax rich people and companies more to finance support for those hit hardest by the energy crisis.

Philip Lane said that funding for policies to help the most vulnerable groups in society "could take the form of higher taxes on higher earners or on industries and firms that are highly profitable in spite of the energy shock".

Lane's remarks were published after the UK government's budget, which included a tax cut for the highest earners and triggered a bond sell-off and sharp depreciation of the pound.

The UK and EU member states have unveiled fiscal support for households and businesses to deal with soaring energy prices. However, after present-

ing plans for a £150bn energy price cap, the UK also unveiled £45bn of tax cuts — mainly for those earning more than £150,000 — funded by extra borrowing.

Investors globally are increasingly concerned that monetary policy and fiscal policy are out of sync. Central banks worry that expensive government support measures will lead to greater inflation, forcing them to raise rates higher.

Lane said governments faced a trade-off in choosing how to finance measures to support those hit hardest by the crisis created by Russia's invasion of Ukraine, which has drastically cut Moscow's supply of natural gas and oil to Europe.

"If you support those in need through higher taxes, it has less of an effect on inflation than if you increase deficits," he told the Austrian newspaper Der Standard, giving more detailed advice than is usually provided by the

central bank to politicians on tax policy. Lane's comments support the EU's plan to raise €140bn from a levy on excess profits in the energy sector to spend on measures cushioning the blow of high prices, to be discussed by policymakers on Friday. The EU has not, however, advocated higher taxes for wealthier citizens.

"From the point of view of fairness, but also from a macroeconomic perspective, governments should support the income and consumption of those households and firms that are suffering the most," said Lane. "The big question is whether part of this support ought to be financed by tax increases for those that are better off."

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## World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				GOVERNMENT BONDS			
	Sep 27	Prev	%Chg	Pair	Sep 27	Prev	%Chg	Yield (%)	Sep 27	Prev	Chg
S&P 500	3954.58	3959.04	-0.01	\$/£	0.962	0.965	-0.3	US 2 yr	4.30	4.29	0.02
Nasdaq Composite	10843.23	10802.92	0.37	\$/€	1.078	1.079	-0.1	US 10 yr	3.96	3.90	0.16
Dow Jones Ind	29217.48	29209.81	-0.15	\$/¥	0.893	0.894	-0.1	US 30 yr	3.81	3.66	0.15
FTSE 100	1528.06	1540.75	-0.11	€/¥	144.738	144.355	0.3	UK 2 yr	4.85	4.52	0.15
Euro Stoxx 50	3333.55	3342.56	-0.27	\$/HK\$	155.953	155.773	0.1	UK 10 yr	4.50	4.26	0.25
FTSE 100	1528.06	1540.75	-0.11	\$/N¥	0.952	0.956	-0.4	UK 30 yr	4.98	4.56	0.42
FTSE All Share	3818.44	3841.45	-0.61	\$/C\$	0.725	0.726	-0.1	JPN 2 yr	-0.05	-0.05	0.00
CAC 40	12563.62	12598.58	-0.27	\$/A\$	1.497	1.498	-0.1	JPN 10 yr	0.25	0.25	0.00
Sensex	12139.68	12227.92	-0.72	\$/NZ\$	1.344	1.346	-0.2	JPN 30 yr	1.43	1.38	0.05
Nikkei	28571.87	28431.55	0.53	\$/S\$	1.086	1.086	0.00	GER 2 yr	1.90	1.93	0.03
Hang Seng	17860.31	17855.14	0.03	\$/R\$	0.500	0.500	0.00	GER 10 yr	2.23	2.11	0.12
MSCI World	2438.44	2438.50	-0.02	\$/Z\$	0.895	0.895	0.00	GER 30 yr	2.08	1.94	0.15
MSCI EM	889.58	895.84	-0.80								
MSCI ACWI	960.43	967.88	-0.77								
FT Worldex 2500	4747.22	4800.88	-1.12								
FT Worldex 5000	37064.71	37485.50	-1.12								



## Draft dodging puts Putin in a bind over Ukraine war

Vladimir Putin's 'partial' mobilisation of reservists to bolster his forces in Ukraine has sparked the biggest backlash against the Kremlin at home since the invasion started. As large numbers of men flee or seek ways to evade the draft, it knows it can no longer rely on Russians' indifference to the war. While a further crackdown on society risks undermining support further, backtracking could open the way to more instability.

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## Right Ties Up Voting Process With Red Tape

### Fraud Theories Driving Challenges to Rolls

By NICK CORASANTI  
and ALEXANDRA BERZON

Activists driven by false theories about election fraud are working to toss out tens of thousands of voter registrations and ballots in battleground states, part of a loosely coordinated campaign that is sowing distrust and threatening further turmoil as election officials prepare for the November midterms.

Groups in Georgia have challenged at least 65,000 voter registrations across eight counties, claiming to have evidence that voters' addresses were incorrect. In Michigan, an activist group tried to challenge 22,000 ballots from voters who had requested absentee ballots for the state's August primary. And in Texas, residents sent in 116 affidavits challenging the eligibility of more than 6,000 voters in Harris County, which is home to Houston and is the state's largest county.

The recent wave of challenges have been filed by right-wing activists who believe conspiracy theories about fraud in the 2020 presidential election. They claim to be using state laws that allow people to question whether a voter is eligible. But so far, the vast majority of the complaints have been rejected, in many cases because election officials found the challenges were filed incorrectly, with bad information or based on flawed data analysis.

Republican-aligned groups have long pushed to aggressively cull the voter rolls, claiming that inaccurate registrations can lead to voter fraud — although examples of such fraud are exceptionally rare. Voting rights groups say the greater concern is inadvertently purging an eligible voter from the rolls.

The new tactic of flooding of offices with challenges escalates the debate — and weaponizes the process. Sorting through the piles of petitions is costly and time-consuming, increasing the chances that overburdened election officials could make mistakes that could disenfranchise voters. And while election officials say they are confident in their procedures, they worry about the toll on trust in elections. The challenge process, as used by election deniers, has become another platform for spreading doubt about the security of elections.

"It's a tactic to distract and undermine the electoral process," said Dele Lowman Smith, chairwoman of the DeKalb County Board of Elections in Georgia. Her county is among several in Georgia that have had to hold special meetings just to address the challenges. The state's new Republican-backed election law requires that each challenge receive a hearing, and the process was taken

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**SUSPICIOUS** Gas is leaking from the Nord Stream 2, above, and Nord Stream 1 pipelines running to Germany from Russia. Page A10.

## Tampa Braces For Hurricane; Cuba Is in Dark

This article is by Patricia Mazzei,  
Charles Ballara and Elisabeth Parker.

TAMPA, Fla. — With so many near-misses over the decades, it had become common to believe Florida's Tampa Bay region was somehow protected from hurricanes. The last one hit more than a century ago, in 1921, inundating much of Tampa and surrounding towns.

Since then, gleaming high-rises have multiplied in downtown Tampa along the Hillsborough River. Shiny new condos look out on the bay in St. Petersburg. Home values in wealthy enclaves like Shore Acres have crept higher and higher, even though many of the properties are barely a foot above sea level.

As Hurricane Ian winds its way north after swiping western Cuba, the Tampa Bay region and southwest Florida could now face a level of destruction that many who live along the densely populated coast and its white-sand beaches have never experienced. No matter where the storm hits, millions of people will be affected.

Cuba was already suffering. The entire island was without power on Tuesday night after a collapse of the power grid, the country's Ministry of Mines and

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## For Backlogged Border, a Faster Asylum Process

By MICHAEL D. SHEAR  
and MIRIAM JORDAN

WASHINGTON — Even before the political spectacle of a Republican governor flying migrants to a tiny resort island in Massachusetts, President Biden's top border officials decided there had to be a better asylum system in America.

Because of new global migration patterns, people are heading toward the southern border of the United States, many fleeing instability, persecution, war, famine and economic distress. The numbers are overwhelming; for the first time, the number of arrests of undocumented immigrants along the southwestern border exceeded two million in one year.

Venezuelans, Cubans and

### Biden's Goal Is to Trim Years Off the Wait for a Decision

Nicaraguans are joining others who are lured by America's roaring job market and the fact that Mr. Biden has promised not to separate families, build a wall across the border or force asylum seekers to wait in squalid camps in Mexico — all policies embraced by former President Donald J. Trump.

But the question that remains has vexed presidents and lawmakers from both parties for decades.

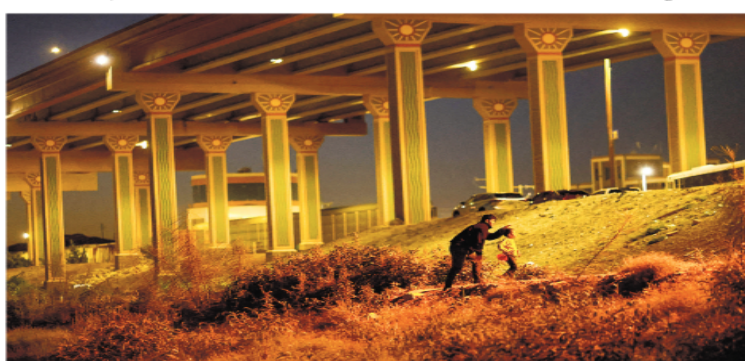
What do we do with all of these

people?

Mr. Biden has no silver bullet to overhaul the immigration system without bipartisan support from Congress, a prospect that no one in Washington expects anytime soon. But after months of debate in the White House, the Biden administration has begun to address a small slice of the problem: the woefully backlogged process to decide who qualifies for asylum, or protection from persecution, in the United States.

The goal is to make the system faster, in part by giving asylum officers — not just immigration judges — the power to decide who can stay and who must be turned away. Migrants will be interviewed 21 to 45 days after they apply for asylum, far faster than the

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JOSE LUIS GONZALEZ/REUTERS

Immigrants last week on the Texas side of the Rio Grande, where they planned to request asylum.

## British Leader in Political Peril As Her Policies Rattle Economy

By MARK LANDLER

LONDON — Prime Minister Liz Truss of Britain campaigned as a tax cutter and champion of supply-side economics, and she won the race to replace her scandal-stricken predecessor, Boris Johnson. Now she has delivered that free-market agenda, and it may sink her government.

Four days after Ms. Truss's tax cuts and deregulatory plans stunned financial markets and threw the British pound into a tailspin, the prime minister's political future looks increasingly precarious as well.

Her Conservative Party is

gripped by anxiety, with a new poll showing that the opposition Labour Party has taken a 17-percentage point lead over the Tories. It's a treacherous place for a prime minister in only her third week on the job.

Labour is seizing the moment to present itself as the party of fiscal responsibility. With some experts predicting the pound could tumble to parity with the dollar, economists and political analysts said the uncertainty over Britain's economic path would continue to hang over the markets and Ms.

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## At Rikers, Officials Game Numbers to Keep the Death Toll Down

By JAN RANSOM

After learning that a man held at the Rikers Island jail complex had suffered cardiac arrest and was on the brink of death, Louis A. Molina, the commissioner of the New York City Department of Correction, issued a directive to his subordinates.

"Make sure we do what we can,"

Mr. Molina wrote on Thursday in an email obtained by The New York Times, to ensure the man was "off the Department's count."

Hours later, after the man, Elmore Robert Pondexter, was granted a so-called compassionate release from detention, he was taken off life support and died at Bellevue Hospital. Because he had been freed, the Correction De-

### Early Release Is Urged for Ailing Detainees

partment did not count his death as having occurred in its custody, issuing no news release and providing no notice to the city's Board of Correction, a jails oversight

panel.

Mr. Molina does not have the authority to free people from custody on his own, and how much weight his directive carried in the ultimate decision to release Mr. Pondexter was not clear. But the direct involvement of the city's top jail official appeared to show the lengths to which Mr. Molina was

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### Composer's Score Finds Home

The Cleveland Orchestra has been given Gustav Mahler's "Resurrection" manuscript, which had been sold at auction for \$5.6 million. PAGE C3



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## Brazil looks back, fondly

Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva was a beloved president. He's poised to be elected again.

By KATE LINTHICUM

NOVA IGUAÇU, Brazil — Three years ago, Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva was languishing in a prison cell.

The former president of Brazil, who led the country from 2003 to 2010, was months into a 12-year jail sentence for corruption. His political career appeared to be over.

So when he took the stage on a recent rainy evening in this working-class city outside Rio de Janeiro — smiling widely as a crowd of thousands chanted his name — it was a comeback that once would have been unimaginable.

Lula, as he is widely known, appears poised to win Brazil's presidential election. The question, polls suggest, isn't whether he will beat far-right incumbent Jair Bolsonaro, but when.

Recent surveys have shown Lula with about 45% of the vote compared with 35% for Bolsonaro, putting Lula within striking distance to win outright by capturing at least half the vote in the first round of balloting Sunday. If no candidate wins more than 50%, the top two finishers will go to a runoff election Oct. 30.

A victory for Lula — who was released from prison in 2019 after a court ruled that the judge who oversaw his corruption trial was biased — would cap off one of the most remarkable political resurgences in recent memory.

It would be a testament not only to the grit and populist appeal of a man former President Obama once called "the most popular president on Earth," but also to growing concerns about widening inequality that have catapulted a new wave of leftists to power across Latin America in recent years.

Analysts say Lula's domination in the polls has plenty to do with Bolsonaro, 67, a blunt-talking former military officer who has faced his own corruption allegations and who is widely believed to have botched Brazil's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

But Lula has also skillfully tapped into Brazilians' longing for the more progressive policies of his first term. [See Brazil, A4]



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## REALLY HIGH TIDE MEANS IAN'S NEAR

A woman walks a dog down a flooded street Tuesday as the tide rises in Key West, Fla., with Hurricane Ian passing west of the island chain. Earlier, Ian hit Cuba and left the island without power. **WORLD, A3**

## A big boost for abortion rights

Gov. Newsom signs bills that fortify California's robust protections

By MELODY GUTIERREZ

SACRAMENTO — Gov. Gavin Newsom on Tuesday signed 13 abortion protection and reproductive health bills, codifying key parts of California's campaign to counter the effects of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe vs. Wade.

The newly signed laws set the stage for a November vote to enshrine abortion rights in California's Constitution, under Proposition 1.

Newsom's signatures were expected after the governor advocated for many of the measures and after California this month launched a publicly funded website to make it easier for those seeking to end a pregnancy to find services and financial assistance.

The state announced the website — at [abortion.ca.gov](http://abortion.ca.gov) — the same day that Repub-

[See Abortion, A9]



GENARO MOLINA Los Angeles Times

**ABORTION RIGHTS ADVOCATES** protest June 24 in downtown L.A. over the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe vs. Wade.

## 2 lawyers face genocide-deal inquiry

Mark Geragos and Brian Kabateck are under scrutiny in the Armenian settlement.

By HARRIET RYAN AND MATT HAMILTON

The State Bar of California announced Tuesday that two prominent Los Angeles attorneys are under in-

vestigation for their conduct in a landmark, multimillion-dollar settlement for Armenian genocide victims.

The public disclosure that lawyers Mark Geragos and Brian Kabateck are under scrutiny came six months after a Times investigation revealed how the historic legal case devolved into corruption, diverted funds and disillusionment for ethnic Armenians around the world hoping for

compensation.

The announcement by the state bar was highly unusual on two fronts: The agency's investigations of lawyers are normally conducted in secret. And it has a reputation for shying away from probes of powerful attorneys, most clearly illustrated by its decades-long failure to rein in Tom Girardi, the now-disgraced megawatt.

Ruben Duran, chair of

the state bar's governing board, opted to waive confidentiality under a little-invoked statute that allows officials to publicize an ongoing inquiry when it advances the agency's stated mission — protection of the public.

"Confidence in our ability to do so has unfortunately been shaken in recent times by the Girardi matter and what it represents." [See Inquiry, A8]

## UCLA BUYING ITSELF MORE SPACE

New satellite campus in Rancho Palos Verdes will allow for enrollment growth.

By TERESA WATANABE

In a milestone move to expand enrollment at the nation's most popular university by creating a satellite campus, UCLA announced Tuesday that it is buying two large properties owned by Marymount California University, a small Catholic institution in Rancho Palos Verdes that closed its doors last month.

UCLA's \$80-million purchase of Marymount's 24.5-acre campus and an 11-acre residential site in nearby San Pedro marks the university's most significant expansion to help meet the burgeoning demand for seats. UCLA drew nearly 140,000 first-year applications for about 6,600 spots in fall 2021 and even more applications this year — sparking angst among the growing legions of rejected Californians and pressure from state legislators to reduce the number of out-of-state students.

But UCLA, whose 419-acre Westwood footprint is the smallest among UC's nine undergraduate campuses, has no room to grow, prompting the campus to look for alternatives.

UCLA Chancellor Gene Block said the Marymount California properties — the university's largest-ever land acquisition — could accommodate 1,000 students and potentially house half of them on the residential property, which has 81 villas.

Satellite campuses are just one of several strategies UCLA is developing to add about 3,000 more undergraduates and 350 more graduate students by 2030, he said.

"This is our commitment to the people of California," Block said in an interview. "We realize there's been frustration by the number of young people that want to attend our research universities, and this is, in a significant way, our response to that need."

The university will use general revenue bonds, a common form of funding to initiate large capital projects, to pay for the properties.

[See UCLA, A11]

## COLUMN ONE

## Con artist scammed people on two coasts

'Wall Street Whiz Kid' allegedly targeted L.A. luxury apartment dwellers as new marks

By JAMES QUEALLY

David Bloom swore he knew Netflix co-Chief Executive Ted Sarandos. He flashed email exchanges with Rams executives and promised Super Bowl tickets to fellow dive bar denizens in the dark confines of the Frolic Room.

Regulars say he favored vodka sodas at 11:30 a.m. at the Walk of Fame watering hole. He told one patron his net worth was \$75 million. A bartender said Bloom routinely made overtures to buy the near century-old establishment, once a favored haunt of writer Charles Bukowski.

Bloom's boasts were the fact-lite braggadocio of a dive bar drinker. But



FRANCINE ORR Los Angeles Times

**THE FROLIC ROOM** in Hollywood, once frequented by convicted scam artist David Bloom, who made headlines in the 1980s as the "Wall Street Whiz Kid."

some were taken in by the 58-year-old New Yorker.

James Duffy said he raced to finish a draft of a screenplay that Bloom promised to show Sarandos. Hours before Super Bowl LVI kicked off at SoFi Stadium, 15 people showed up at Frolic Room to claim Bloom's promised tickets. Their purported benefactor was nowhere to be found.

The mere mention of Bloom's name at Frolic Room now elicits groans and four-letter words. But the lies he told there were largely harmless. In other parts of Hollywood, however, Bloom allegedly sold fictions with serious consequences.

According to police and several of his alleged victims, Bloom spent most of [See Bloom, A14]

## Bipartisan loss for Manchin

The senator blames "revenge politics" for the demise of his energy permitting reform proposal. **NATION, A6**

## Wider support for the LAPD

Approval has gone up since 2020, a survey finds, but concerns about bias are also high. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

## Coastal rail gets more precarious

A storm worsens an erosion problem for Metrolink and homes along San Clemente cliffs. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

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## Hawaiian attractions turn to reservation systems

Time slots help control areas with high number of tourists and protect landmarks. **In Money**

## College football's first month: Lessons learned

Among takeaways so far this season: SEC dominates and Pac-12 isn't that bad. **In Sports**



## Actress transforms herself for 'Blonde'

"I knew I had a lot of work creating this icon," Ana de Armas says on her journey to become Hollywood bombshell Marilyn Monroe. **In Life**

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JAN. 6 CAPITOL RIOT

## Partisan divide persists, poll shows

4 in 10 hold Trump responsible for siege

Bart Jansen  
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — Nearly 4 in 10 Americans feel Donald Trump was "directly responsible" for the Capitol attack on Jan. 6, 2021, but 3 in 10 believe President Joe Biden's 2020 election victory was fraudulent despite the lack of evidence, according to a poll released Tuesday.

The results of the Monmouth University Poll revealed a persistent and polarized division across the country about the attack and the House investigation into its causes and results.

A majority of Americans surveyed last week wanted the committee investigating the attack to resume hearings.

But confidence in the government ebbed to a low point during the heart of hearings in June and has since rebounded slightly. About half the country (50%) believes the government is sound, up from 36% amid the June hearings, according to the poll.

Feelings about the inquiry remain mixed. One in 4 Americans (25%) said the House investigation has strengthened democracy, but one-third (34%) said the inquiry has weakened democracy and another third (35%) said it had no impact, according to the poll.

"It may be that Americans feel confident in our democratic processes after withstanding the test of Jan. 6, or it could simply be they are no longer thinking about those dangers without the weekly presence of televised hearings," said Patrick Murray, director of the independent Monmouth University Polling Institute.

Belief in what Democrats call "the

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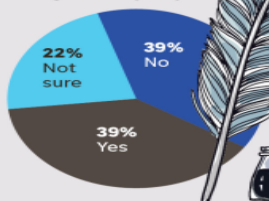


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**4 in 10 would never amend**  
U.S. adults on whether the Constitution should ever be changed in any way:



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## COMBATING SYSTEMIC RACISM

## Nationwide program aims to provide more children access to swimming pools, lessons



An instructor works with a student as part of a program with Tankproof, which offers free swimming lessons to traditionally underserved communities across the country. Experts say systemic barriers in swimming pool access continue today. PROVIDED BY THURMAN THOMAS/TANKPROOF

# Giving Black youths 'the gift of swimming'

Christine Fernando  
USA TODAY

When Torrence Thomas heard news that six Black teenagers drowned in Louisiana's Red River as they struggled to save a friend who had slipped into deeper waters, he knew something needed to be done.

The incident, now more than a decade old, shocked the state, Thomas said. It's also all too common, according to data. Black children drown at more than twice the rate of white children, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports.

Experts told USA TODAY that systemic barriers in swimming pool access continue today, and the racist history of recreational swimming still affects Black people, leaving them less likely to learn to swim. To combat this, Black swim instructors are fighting against history's harsh legacies, one swimmer at a time.

Thomas and his twin brother, Thurman, set out to make free swimming lessons more accessible to underserved communities in the Baton Rouge area. They raised money by selling band merchandise — they're musicians when they are not providing swimming lessons — and built a nonprofit called Tankproof that spread to Seattle; San Francisco; Los Angeles; New York; Dallas; Austin, Texas; and Nashville, Tennessee.

"Swimming is a life skill," Thurman said. "It's a necessity. The gift of swimming should be afforded to every single person."



Nile Swim Club in Yeadon, Pa., was created in 1959 after two Black residents were denied access to a white-owned swimming pool. PROVIDED BY ANTHONY PATTERSON SR.

### Role in the larger movement

The story of systemic racism in swimming dates back centuries, historians said.

Enslaved Black Americans were exploited for their swimming abilities in industries that relied on slave labor, like pearl diving, said Victoria Prizzia, creator of "POOL: A Social History of Segregation," a Philadelphia exhibition on racism in swimming. They were also brutally punished for swimming recreationally because it was seen as an avenue to freedom.

The first public pools in Northern

See SWIMMING, Page 4A



Bonnie Norris prepares sandbags in Stuart, Fla., on the state's Atlantic coast, with her granddaughter, Stevie Kennedy, ahead of Hurricane Ian. CRYSTAL VANDER WEIT/USA TODAY NETWORK

## Ian's aim shifts; all of Florida on notice

Storm surge could be just the opening salvo

John Bacon  
USA TODAY

Forecasts for Hurricane Ian suggest the massive, powerful storm will make landfall in Florida's Sarasota County, farther south than previous predictions but still threatening statewide devastation, authorities said.

Ian slammed into Cuba on Tuesday, a Category 3 monster that pounded the island with 125 mph winds. Its shift eastward in its approach to Florida has put the city of Venice in the storm's crosshairs sometime Wednesday. High winds and storm surge were still expected farther north into the Tampa Bay region, state Emergency Management Director Kevin Guthrie said.

Hundreds of thousands of Floridians faced evacuation orders as the National Hurricane Center expanded its hurricane warning along more than 150 miles of the state's Gulf Coast. Power outages can be expected statewide, Florida Power & Light warned.

Along with the howling winds, parts of Central Florida could see 12 to 16 inches of rain, and 2 feet is possible in isolated areas, the hurricane center said. Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis said there was potential for "historic" storm surge and flooding.

"In some areas there will be catastrophic flooding and life-threatening

See IAN, Page 3A

### Storm surge dangers

Florida's densely populated coast is at especially high risk. **3A**

## IN MONEY

## CBO: Student loan forgiveness will cost \$400B

President Joe Biden's move to cancel student loan debt for millions of borrowers and extend a moratorium on loan repayments will cost the federal government \$420 billion over three decades, according to an analysis from the Congressional Budget Office. Biden's executive action in August canceled up to \$20,000 in student loan debt for Pell Grant recipients and \$10,000 for other borrowers. **1B**

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## deportes

## Qatar, escala final

La Argentina cerró la gira con un éxito al trote

Venció a Jamaica 3-0, con goles de Álvarez y Messi (2); fue el último ensayo antes de definir la lista.



## LA LITERATURA DEL MUNDO SE INSTALA DESDE HOY EN EL PAÍS

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Hasta el domingo, más de 15 invitados internacionales y 70 locales ofrecerán charlas, talleres, caminatas literarias y recitales de poesía, en el marco del Filba. Página 23

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# Massa amenazó con abrir la importación si no hay acuerdo por los neumáticos

**TENSIÓN.** “No podemos ser rehenes”, le dijo a la industria; el gremio lo acusó de “extorsión”

El ministro de Economía, Sergio Massa, recibió ayer a representantes de las automotrices, los autopartistas y los gremios del sector, con una agenda a dos velocidades: la urgencia derivada del conflicto por la falta de neumáticos, que ya motivó el freno en la producción de dos terminales, y el reclamo por la

disponibilidad de dólares para la industria. “No podemos ser rehenes de situaciones de inflexibilidad y casi de capricho”, afirmó Massa en el encuentro. Y agregó que si la disputa no se resuelve hoy, en una reunión en el Ministerio de Trabajo, abrirá la importación de neumáticos.

Por la noche, el secretario general

del Sindicato Único del Neumático (Sutna), Alejandro Crespo, le contestó: “He visto a un ministro anunciar una clara posición del Estado en favor de las empresas. Se ha posicionado para extorsionar a los trabajadores”, afirmó. El conflicto ya afecta a toda la cadena de producción automotriz. Página 10

## Toyota también paró la producción de autos

Esteban Lafuente

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## La izquierda busca al candidato del enojo

Francisco Olivera. Página 11

## La CGT quedó al borde de la fractura

Pablo Moyano amagó con irse; fue excluido de una reunión con el Presidente

El titular del gremio de camiones, Pablo Moyano, amenazó ayer con romper la CGT, luego de ser excluido de una reunión entre la cúpula de la central obrera y el presidente Alberto Fernández, en la que hubo preocupación por el aumento de la conflictividad sindical. Si bien no concretó la fractura, el enfrentamiento profundizó las diferencias internas. Página 8

## Acampe piquetero en la 9 de Julio y caos en el centro



TOMÁS CUESTA

**política**—Las organizaciones agrupadas en la Unidad Piquetera decidieron montar anoche un acampe en la avenida 9 de Julio, frente al Ministerio de Desarrollo Social, en reclamo de más planes sociales. La protesta comenzó a las 13 y convirtió el tránsito porteño en un caos. En principio, el bloqueo de la circulación se mantendrá hasta mañana por la tarde, cuando decidirán si lo extienden o lo levantan. Página 12

## Las tomas de escuelas le cuestan a la Ciudad \$6 millones diarios

**EDUCACIÓN.** Hasta anoche eran siete los colegios secundarios afectados; polémica por un instructivo

Mientras crece la tensión con los estudiantes secundarios porteños que mantienen tomados siete colegios públicos, la Ciudad cuantificó ayer el costo laboral diario de cada uno de esos establecimientos, que se pierde al no poder abrirlos. En total son más de \$6 millones y se los reclamarán a los padres o adultos responsables de los adolescentes que participan de las protestas.

Ayer se conoció una especie de instructivo o manual de ocupación de escuelas, que el Ministerio de Educación de la Ciudad adjudica al kirchnerismo porteño. Los estudiantes que participan de la medida de fuerza niegan vínculos políticos y dicen que fue redactado y votado por ellos mismos en asambleas para organizar la protesta. Página 24

## Mapuches: usurpan el lugar que custodiaba la Gendarmería

**PATAGONIA.** Tras atacar a balazos a los gendarmes, tomaron la propiedad

La cabaña Los Radales, en Villa Mascarida, fue usurpada ayer, dos días después de que atacaran a balazos e incendiaran el puesto de Gendarmería que se había instalado para custodiarla.

Los vecinos apuntaron por la usurpación a la comunidad mapuche Lafken Winkul Mapu, que ocupa un predio a 300 metros del lugar. El ataque se produjo después de que la Casa Rosada confirmara su intención de desplegar un comando de las cuatro fuerzas federales en la región. Página 15

## Crece la huida masiva de rusos hacia la frontera

**GUERRA.** La movilización empujó a los hombres en edad militar a escapar; el éxodo fue confirmado por Georgia y Kazajistán. Página 3





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## TRANSAMAZÔNICA FAZ 50 ANOS COM DISPUTA POR TERRA E PISTOLAGEM QUE NÃO POUPA NEM ESCOLA

Carteira depredada diante do barracão que serve de escola do assentamento Dorothy Stang, em Anapu (PA); local foi queimado por pistoleiros para intimidar agricultores Ambiente B1

## País tinha 45% das crianças na pobreza em 2021

A taxa de crianças de até seis anos que viviam em domicílios abaixo da linha de pobreza chegou a 44,7% no país no ano passado, o maior patamar em uma década, aponta uma publicação de pesquisadores do PUC-RS Data Social.

A alta foi de 8,6 pontos percentuais ante 2020, ano influenciado pelo auxílio emergencial com valores maiores. O índice é mais elevado (54,3%) entre crianças negras. Mercado A20



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Axolote, anfíbio ícone de 'Minecraft', ganha exposição no Zoológico de SP

## Bolsonaro diz que Moraes extrapola ao visar Michelle

Presidente acusa ministro de vaziar inquérito da PF sobre transações citadas por auxiliar envolvendo primeira-dama

O presidente Jair Bolsonaro (PL) voltou a atacar o ministro Alexandre de Moraes, do Supremo Tribunal Federal, desta vez por ter autorizado a quebra de sigilo bancário de um assessor para apurar transações ligadas à primeira-dama, Michelle Bolsonaro.

A investida se dá após a Folha revelar que a Polícia Federal investiga um auxiliar presidencial. Bolsonaro atribuiu o vazamento a Moraes.

A PF encontrou elementos no telefone do tenente-coronel Mauro Cesar Barbosa Cid, ajudante de ordens do chefe do Executivo, que levantaram suspeita sobre operações financeiras feitas no gabinete do presidente para pagar contas da família presidencial e de pessoas próximas a Michelle.

Inquérito policial apura se foi usado dinheiro público. Não há, por ora, acusação.

"Alexandre, mexer comigo é uma coisa, você mexer com minha esposa ultrapassou todos os limites", afirmou Bolsonaro. "Você um dia vai dar uma canetada e me prender?", indagou.

O chefe do Executivo diz que as despesas somam R\$ 12 mil e cobrem gastos de Michelle, como manicure. Segundo a Presidência, o dinheiro vem da conta pessoal de Bolsonaro. Política A4

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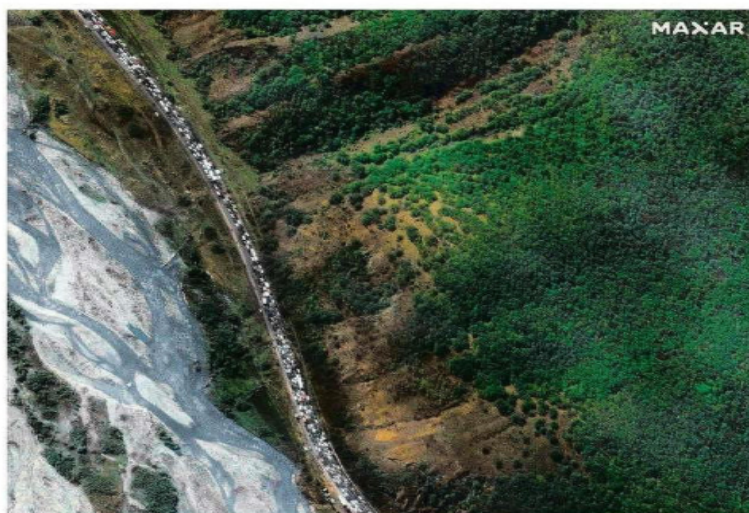
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## FUGA DE MOBILIZAÇÃO NA RÚSSIA SE INTENSIFICA

Fila de veículos perto da fronteira com a Geórgia, que diz ter passado a receber cerca de 10 mil russos por dia; civis buscam sair da Rússia após convocação para Guerra da Ucrânia Mundo A15

## Lula pede diálogo e ajuda contra miséria a empresários em jantar

O petista foi aplaudido em vários momentos em evento do grupo Esfera Brasil que teve mais nomes de peso do empresariado do que jantar com Bolsonaro (PL). Ontem, economistas ligados a universidades anunciaram apoio a Lula. Mercado A22

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**Bruno Boghossian**  
O apelo final aos evangélicos

Bolsonaro só provocaria dano razoável à campanha de Lula se revertesse a escolha de 1 em cada 10 evangélicos que hoje dizem votar no petista. Lula tem no Datafolha 32% entre evangélicos agora, mas chegou a marcar 28%. Opinião A2

**Haddad tem 34% em SP, e Tarcísio, 24%, aponta Ipec**

Fernando Haddad (PT) manteve vantagem na corrida pelo Governo de São Paulo, com 34% em pesquisa do Ipec. Tarcísio de Freitas (Republicanos), com 24%, e Rodrigo Garcia (PSDB), 19%, disputam o segundo lugar. Política A9

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# Poutine orchestre l'annexion d'une partie de l'Ukraine

À l'issue de référendums joués d'avance, le chef  
du Kremlin s'apprête à intégrer à la Russie près de  
100 000 km<sup>2</sup> de territoires occupés. Sans pratiquement  
aucun soutien international. PAGES 2 À 5 ET L'ÉDITORIAL



## La guerre et les risques de récession propulsent le dollar au sommet

Face aux incertitudes géopolitiques et économiques, le billet vert, dopé par les taux d'intérêt américains, joue plus que jamais son rôle de valeur refuge, attirant les flux de capitaux du monde entier. Sa hausse spectaculaire (+ 21 % face à l'euro en un an) bouleverse les équilibres du commerce international. PAGES 20 ET 21



## Xavier Bertrand : à droite, « il faut tout changer, sans tabous »

Le président LR des Hauts-de-France lance son parti, Nous France. Il veut incarner « une droite rassembleuse, humaniste, qui défend un changement radical sur l'organisation

de l'État et des territoires ». Pour lui, Les Républicains doivent retrouver leur ADN et dire non à « toute idée mortelle d'union de la droite et de l'extrême droite ». PAGES 8 ET 9

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## La main de Moscou

Depuis vingt-deux ans, Vladimir Poutine gère de main de maître son destin politique. Se peut-il qu'un tel sans-faute dans l'autoritarisme et l'asservissement du peuple russe tourne au fiasco dès qu'il s'agit de l'Ukraine ? Plus rien de ce que tente l'invasisseur ne semble fonctionner comme prévu. La « mobilisation partielle » de réservistes aguerris ? Les réfractaires fuient par centaines de milliers dans les pays voisins, tandis que l'armée ratisse les minorités ethniques et enrôle une chair à canon impréparée. Les référendums hâtivement arrangés dans les zones occupées de Donetsk, Louhansk, Kherson et Zaporijjia ? Personne n'a l'intention de reconnaître d'aussi grossiers simulacres de démocratie, pas même des voisins et alliés comme le Kazakhstan. L'étape suivante, déjà annoncée, de leur annexion par la Russie ? À quoi bon, sinon à justifier une escalade ? À moins que...

Par un trait de plume du chef du Kremlin, des territoires de la taille du Portugal vont donc devenir russes aux yeux de la seule Russie. Cela aura « des conséquences sur leur sécurité », prévient Moscou, l'ancien président et néofaçon Dmitri Medvedev leur appliquant déjà la doc-

trine officielle de dissuasion nucléaire : « Imaginer, dit-il, que la Russie soit obligée d'utiliser l'arme la plus redoutable contre le régime ukrainien, qui a commis un acte d'agression mettant en péril l'existence même de notre État. » Ainsi, Kiev devient l'agresseur et tout serait permis ? Pas crédible : un basculement sémantique ne peut tenir lieu de victoire militaire quand celle-ci se dérobe. Tout cela n'a de sens que si Poutine

### L'annexion, escalade ou gain stratégique ?

ne cherche un gain stratégique : gagner du temps pour regrouper ses forces à la faveur de l'hiver, ou même trouver une porte de sortie en offrant un cessez-le-feu et un gel du conflit. On voit mal pourquoi les Ukrainiens souscriraient à pareil marché de dupes. Enhardis par l'étalage des faiblesses de l'armée russe, ils ont rehaussé leurs ambitions jusqu'à vouloir récupérer la Crimée, annexée en 2014. Mais n'oublions pas que Poutine se bat sur trois fronts - ukrainien, domestique et international. S'il parvient à semer le doute parmi les soutiens de Kiev sur la pertinence de prolonger un conflit qu'il proposerait d'apaiser, il peut espérer reprendre la main. ■



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# 'A Labour moment': Starmer sets out his plan for a return to power

Pledge to create new energy company as leader lays into Tories

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Political editor

Keir Starmer pledged to establish a publicly owned energy company in his first year in office as he reflected Labour's growing hope that the party is on the path back to power.

In a conference speech that set out his vision for government, the Labour leader told delegates they must "spend each day" until the next election working to earn the trust of the British people, adding: "As in 1945, 1964, 1997, this is a Labour moment."

He said the Conservatives had "lost control of the British economy" not for the sake of ordinary working people, but for the richest 1%.

"Don't forget. Don't forgive. The only way to stop this is with a Labour government." The Tories, he said, had crashed the economy and wrecked public services through austerity. "We have to be honest. I'd love to stand here and say Labour will fix everything. But the damage they've done – to our finances and public services – means this rescue will be harder than ever." However, he added: "Britain will get its future back."

After a conference in 2 →



▲ Keir Starmer with his wife, Victoria, after giving his keynote speech on the third day of the Labour party conference PHOTOGRAPH: CHRISTOPHER FURLONG/GETTY IMAGES

## Mortgage payers warned of 'significant' rise in rates

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Britain's homeowners have been warned to brace themselves for a "significant" rise in interest rates, as pressure mounted for Kwasi Kwarteng to reverse key elements of his tax-cutting mini-budget.

Huw Pill, Threadneedle Street's chief economist, added to the

concerns of millions of mortgage payers who have already seen hundreds of home loan products pulled by lenders in anticipation of a big increase in the cost of borrowing.

With the financial markets signalling the Bank may need to raise rates to as high as 6%, Santander, HSBC and Nationwide were among the big lenders to signal that the era of cheap mortgages was coming to an end.

Roughly one in 10 deals have disappeared this week, according to the

online mortgage platform Dashly. On Monday there were 7,490 residential and buy-to-let mortgage products available but by yesterday evening that figure had slumped to 6,609.

The Bank of Ireland, Clydesdale Bank, Post Office Money and a slew of building societies were among those to have withdrawn products.

The International Monetary Fund last night launched a stinging attack on the UK's tax cutting plans and called on Liz Truss's government to reconsider them to prevent stoking inequality.

In rare public criticism of a leading global economy, the Washington-based fund said 12 →

## Sabotage fears after leaks in Nord Stream pipelines

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Gas is pouring into the Baltic Sea from three leaks on the Nord Stream 1 and 2 pipelines amid claims by seismologists in Sweden and Denmark of two sharp spikes in undersea activity, possibly indicating explosions, and speculation about sabotage.

A seismograph on the Danish island of Bornholm, near where the

leaks occurred, twice recorded spikes on Monday, the day on which both pipelines underwent dramatic falls in pressure, the German geological research centre GFZ said.

A Danish military flight 24 →



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