

## What's News

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◆ **A wild run for bonds** took an unexpected turn after the BOE stepped in to stop a rout in the U.K. government-debt market, spurring a furious rally in bonds on both sides of the Atlantic. **A1**

◆ **U.S. stocks swung higher** after several days of losses for the S&P 500 and Dow, which rose 2% and 1.9%, respectively, on Wednesday. The Nasdaq gained 2.1%. **B1**

◆ **Canadian movie-theater chain Cineplex** has approached lenders to its bankrupt rival Cineworld about reviving a potential merger with the U.K. company's Regal Entertainment franchise. **B1**

◆ **Saudi Arabia offered** a first look inside the performance of its \$600 billion sovereign-wealth fund, disclosing a return that was in line with the broader market. **B1**

◆ **VW said** it priced Porsche's initial public offering at the top end of the targeted range, putting the IPO on track to become one of Europe's largest in more than a decade. **B2**

◆ **Lions Gate** is now considering a spinoff of its studio business rather than its Starz premium-cable channel, according to a securities filing. **B2**

◆ **Regions Financial** agreed to pay \$191 million to settle CFPB accusations that it charged surprise overdraft fees that harmed customers. **B10**

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◆ **Hurricane Ian** struck southwest Florida on Wednesday as a damaging Category 4 storm packing maximum sustained winds of 150 miles an hour, making it one of the strongest storms on record to hit the U.S. **A1, A6**

◆ **Zelensky vowed** to protect Ukrainians living under the threat of prolonged Russian rule as Moscow prepares to annex parts of four regions in the east and south of the country following staged referendums. **A7**

◆ **The EU said** it would push through legal changes to allow for an international price cap on seaborne Russian crude and proposed a new sanctions package against Russia. **A7**

◆ **European governments** raced to safeguard their energy infrastructure after detecting leaks on two major Russian natural-gas pipelines that officials said were the result of sabotage. **A7**

◆ **Business groups** including the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the American Bankers Association sued the CFPB over a recent move by the agency to combat potential discrimination in banking services. **A3**

◆ **The families of victims** of the Fourth of July mass shooting in Highland Park, Ill., are suing gun maker Smith & Wesson for its alleged role in the attack. **A3**

◆ **A wearable device** that automatically regulates blood-sugar levels was found to help people with Type 1 diabetes better manage their condition. **A3**

◆ **Died:** Coolio, 59, "Gangsta's Paradise" rapper. **A2**

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A satellite image shows Hurricane Ian making landfall near Cayo Costa on Florida's Gulf Coast Wednesday.

## Monster Hurricane Ian Lashes Florida With Wind and Rain

By JON KAMP  
AND ELIZABETH FINDELL

Hurricane Ian struck southwest Florida on Wednesday as a damaging Category 4 storm packing maximum sustained winds of 150 miles an hour, making it one of the strongest storms on record to hit the U.S. The point of landfall was near Cayo Costa, a small island on the Gulf Coast near Cape Coral and Fort Myers. But Ian's effects are expected to be widespread and catastrophic, including a storm surge that could reach 18 feet.

Tropical storm-force winds late Wednesday extended 175 miles from the storm's center, while hurricane-force winds reached 50 miles out.

"It will be one of the storms people always remember," Gov. Ron DeSantis said. Earlier in the day he warned: "This is going to be a nasty, nasty day, two days."

The hurricane knocked out power to more than 1.8 million customers, with outages concentrated in southwest Florida, according to tracking site poweroutage.us.

By 8 p.m. Eastern time, Ian

was a Category 3 storm about 95 miles from Orlando with maximum winds of 115 miles an hour, the National Hurricane Center said. It said hurricane-force winds were expected to spread inland to central Florida near Ian's core through early Thursday.

Ian is tied with seven other storms for fifth place in highest recorded sustained wind at landfall in the continental U.S., alongside Charley, a hurricane that hit the same region of Florida in 2004, according to Phil Klotzbach, a senior research scientist at Colorado

State University.

The hurricane center said the storm surge could reach 12 to 18 feet above ground along a roughly 50-mile stretch of coast, from Englewood to Bonita Beach, including Charlotte Harbor. These projected numbers grew as the storm intensified. The height would depend on whether peak surge happens during high tide.

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## Telehealth Startup Failed to Vet IDs Of Minors

By KHADEEJA SAFDAR

Telehealth startup Cerebral Inc. had software that could verify customer IDs but didn't use it to check birth dates and other details, a policy that resulted in some minors being treated without parental consent, according to former employees and documents reviewed by The Wall Street Journal.

An internal memo reviewed by the Journal described the software ID check as an impediment to customer retention when Cerebral was trying to quickly enroll tens of thousands of customers for mental-health treatment during the Covid-19 pandemic. The company used software to capture selfies of patients but relied on clinicians to verify details such as ages during 30-minute video chats.

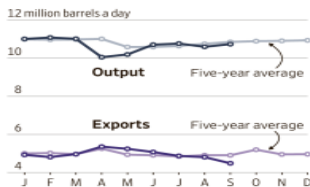
"We have provided much-needed care to hundreds of thousands of patients, many of whom would not have had access to critical mental-health support without Cerebral's telemental health services," Cerebral said in a statement. It added that it has tested different ways to verify IDs in its registration process, but has always met legal requirements.

Anthony Kroll signed up for Cerebral in December and uploaded his Missouri intermediate driver's license showing he was 17. Missouri law prohibits clinicians from providing mental-health treatment to people under 18 without parental consent.

Anthony told a Cerebral clinician he had suicidal thoughts, and she prescribed him an antidepressant that

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## Russia's crude-oil output and exports in 2022 compared with prior years



Source: OPEC

## Evidence Emerges Of Alleged Atrocities

More than 400 bodies exhumed in town Russians once occupied in Ukraine

By STEPHEN KALIN

IZYUM, Ukraine—In the early-August heat, Vitaliy Boroviy fished a pair of bloated bodies from the river bisecting this eastern Ukrainian town. From their bound hands, the municipal funeral director surmised that they had been detained, tortured and killed by occupying Russian forces.

Mr. Boroviy arranged their burial as best he could, interring them in a pine forest along with more than 400 others who perished during Russia's five-month occupation, which Ukrainian forces brought to an end this month.

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## Bend It Like Geller: Psychic Turns His Powers to a Soccer Team

No spoons, but Uri Geller has given a Scottish island its own football squad

By JAMES HOOKWAY

FALKIRK, Scotland—The players from the seaside town of North Berwick were up against it in the clash against local favorites Mill AFC. Win and they could go top of their local amateur soccer league

here in Scotland. But Mill were tough opponents, quick to get in North Berwick's faces.

"Maybe you can text Uri and get him to use his powers?" North Berwick substitute Gary Brownlee asked a spectator as Mill launched another

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## British Central Bank Moves to Buy Debt

Officials seek to calm markets after U.K.'s tax-cut announcement prompted a big selloff

By PAUL HANNON  
AND CHELSEY DULANEY

LONDON—The Bank of England said Wednesday that it would buy U.K. government bonds with long maturities "on whatever scale is necessary" in an effort to restore order to the market after a large set of government tax cuts sent borrowing costs soaring.

The furious selloff in U.K. government debt in recent days rippled through normally staid parts of the financial markets. Pension funds and insurers who hold financial derivatives tied to U.K. debt in particular faced the possibility of severe losses, according to analysts, who said the central bank stepped in to try to stop those losses from running out of control.

The BOE's move caused an immediate reaction in markets, but investors and economists said it was too soon to gauge how deep or widespread the damage was and whether the central bank's efforts would be enough to stabilize the situation.

Bond prices both in the U.K. and other markets rallied, sending borrowing costs

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## Bond-Buying Plan Sparks Rebound In Global Markets

By SAM GOLDFARB  
AND MATT GROSSMAN

A wild run for bonds took an unexpected turn on Wednesday after the Bank of England stepped in to stop a rout in the U.K. government-bond market, spurring a furious rally in bonds on both sides of the Atlantic.

The sharp move added to a stretch of highly volatile trading sessions and came just after the 10-year U.S. Treasury note had climbed above 4% for the first time in more than a decade—a significant milestone that was quickly swept away by the day's events.

After the dust settled, the benchmark 10-year U.S. Treasury yield settled at 3.707%, according to Tradeweb. That was down from as high as 4.017% in the overnight session and its Tuesday close of 3.933%, marking its largest one-day decline since March 2009.

The 10-year U.K. bond yield

fell to around 4.05% from about 4.50% before the Bank of England's announcement.

Yields on government bonds, which rise when their prices fall, have been climbing all year as central banks around the world try to combat the worst inflation in decades by raising short-term interest rates and otherwise tightening monetary policies.

In the past week, however, yields rose at an especially alarming rate.

Investors began dumping bonds last Thursday, a day after the Federal Reserve had signaled that it would likely lift rates even faster than investors had expected. They got another jolt on Friday when the new U.K. government said that it would cut taxes and greatly increase borrowing, setting off disorderly selling in U.K. bonds

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◆ Pledge to buy long-dated bonds for next 13 weekdays to calm turmoil

◆ Attempt to ease anxiety sparked by government tax cuts and borrowing

◆ 'Material risk to financial stability' dogs new Downing St administration

## Bank of England unleashes £65bn bid to avert crisis in debt markets

CHRIS GILES, EMMA DUNKLEY, OWEN WALKER, PETER FOSTER, GEORGE PARKER AND JIM PICKARD — LONDON

The Bank of England took emergency action yesterday, unleashing a £65bn bond-buying programme aimed at stemming a spiralling crisis in government debt markets.

The central bank warned of a "material risk to UK financial stability" from turmoil in the British government bond market, which was sparked by chancellor Kwasi Kwarteng's tax cuts and borrowing plan last week.

The BoE suspended a programme to sell gilts — part of an effort to get surging inflation under control — and instead pledged to buy long-dated bonds at a rate of up to £5bn a day for the next 13 weekdays.

Economists warned that the injection of billions of pounds of newly minted money into the markets could fuel inflation. "This move will be inflationary at a time of already high inflation," said Daniel Mahoney, UK economist at Handelsbanken.

The BoE also raised the prospect of a "tightening of financing conditions and a reduction of the flow of credit to the real economy".

UK government bond markets recovered sharply after the announcement but the pound fell, down 0.8 per cent against the dollar in afternoon trading in London to \$1.064.

The bank stressed it was not trying to lower long-term government borrowing costs. Instead it argued it was seeking to buy time to prevent a vicious cycle in which pension funds sell gilts to meet demands for cash from their creditors.

That process had put pension funds at risk of insolvency, because the mass sell-offs pushed down further the price of gilts held by funds as assets, requiring them to stump up even more cash.

"At some point this morning I was worried this was the beginning of the end," said a senior London-based banker, adding that at one point in the morning there was no buyers of long-dated UK gilts. "It was not quite a Lehman moment. But it got close."

At a meeting with the chancellor ear-

### 30-year gilt yield (%)



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lier yesterday, bankers urged Kwarteng not to wait until a planned statement on November 23 to take action to calm the markets. The meeting included Citi, Bank of America, UBS, JPMorgan, Deutsche Bank and Standard Chartered.

Kwarteng attempted to reassure markets that he was serious about restoring order to the public finances by telling government departments to identify efficiency savings, reminding them they would have to live within very tight spending limits, already set until 2025.

Following the BoE intervention, opposition Labour leader Sir Keir Starmer called for parliament to be recalled and for Kwarteng to abandon his plans.

The central bank took the emergency measures after Kwarteng's fiscal package last week sent the pound tumbling and set off historic falls in gilt prices.

The BoE said the bond purchases were designed to restore order, with the Treasury to underwrite any losses. After the BoE statement, 30-year gilt yields,

which earlier had touched a 20-year high above 5 per cent, fell 1 percentage point to 4 per cent — their biggest drop in a single day on record, according to Tradeweb data. Yields fell when prices rise. Ten-year yields slipped to 4.1 per cent from 4.59 per cent.

The BoE said its action would be "strictly time-limited" and came after market participants said there was a "proper shit show" happening in government bond markets.

The Treasury blamed the turmoil on

"significant volatility" in "global financial markets". It added that Kwarteng was "committed" to BoE independence.

Gerard Lyons, who has been advising Liz Truss, Britain's new prime minister, on economic strategy, said he had urged Kwarteng to keep financial markets and affordability in mind before cutting taxes. Lyons said ministers "mustn't say anything further to exacerbate the situation" and should stress parts of the government's growth plan that did not involve unfunded tax cuts.



### Mounting calls to end morality patrols in Iran

Iran's morality police have in recent days disappeared from the streets of Tehran following the death in custody of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini and the deadly protests it sparked. Voices from across the political spectrum, including conservatives, are urging an end to the policing of women's clothing. But Iran is not expected to revoke the law making the hijab obligatory, violation of which was punishable with 74 lashes before jail sentences were introduced.

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## Norwegian military guards pipelines as suspected sabotage raises alarm in EU

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The sabotage of two gas pipelines between Russia and Europe could serve as a wake-up call to the continent to protect its critical infrastructure, European officials have warned, as Denmark said the climate impact of the gas leaks would be equivalent to a third of its annual emissions.

Norway, which replaced Russia as the biggest gas exporter to the EU after the full-scale invasion of Ukraine, is deploying the military to monitor its oil and gas installations. The EU vowed "a robust and united response" to what it called a "deliberate act" while NATO and European governments said they believed the leaks were a case of sabotage.

Jens Stoltenberg, secretary-general of

the military alliance, met Denmark's defence minister Morten Bødskov yesterday and said he had "addressed the protection of critical infrastructure in NATO countries".

"Russia has a significant military presence in the Baltic Sea region and we expect them to continue their sabre-rattling," added Bødskov.

Three leaks in the two Nord Stream pipelines, which emerged in international waters off the Danish island of Bornholm, are expected to last until Sunday, according to the country's energy authority.

A new pipeline from Norway to Poland that also flows past Bornholm opened on Tuesday, hours after the explosions. "These incidents show that energy infrastructure is not safe," said Viktorija Čmilytė-Nielsen, speaker of Lithuania's parliament, adding that the

leaks could be "interpreted as a warning" as the new pipeline opened.

One of Norway's leading military officers warned that the country needed to take the threat to its infrastructure seriously, with gas pipelines leading to the UK, Germany, France, Belgium and now Poland. "Norway's gas supply is probably the biggest and most strategically important target for sabotage in all of Europe right now," Lieutenant Colonel Geir Hågen Karlsen said.

Norwegian prime minister Jonas Gahr Støre said there was "no specific threat" against his country. But he said the military would be "more present, and more visible" in the areas around Norway's oil and gas installations as a consequence of the leaks and increased drone activity close to rigs in the North Sea.

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### World Markets

STOCK MARKETS					CURRENCIES					GOVERNMENT BONDS				
	Sep 28	Prev	%Chg		Pair	Sep 28	Prev	Pair	Sep 28	Prev	Yield (%)	Sep 28	Prev	Chg
S&P 500	3687.13	3647.29	1.37	\$/€	0.963	0.962	6/8	1.030	1.039		US 2 yr	4.13	4.30	-0.18
Nasdaq Composite	10873.41	10829.50	1.30	\$/£	1.075	1.078	6/8	0.931	0.928		US 10 yr	3.76	3.96	-0.20
Dow Jones Ind	29460.79	29134.86	1.22	€/£	0.896	0.893	4/2	1.116	1.120		US 30 yr	3.68	3.81	-0.13
FTSE 100	1544.31	1539.05	0.34	\$/¥	144.585	144.725	4/4	138.242	139.250		UK 2 yr	4.25	4.65	-0.39
Euro Stoxx 50	3327.61	3329.65	0.27	\$/¥	155.378	155.953	2 index	74.160	74.097		UK 10 yr	4.00	4.50	-0.50
FTSE 100	7025.39	6984.59	0.30	SFr/¥	0.945	0.952	SFr/¥	1.095	1.098		UK 30 yr	3.92	4.98	-1.06
FTSE AEX Share	3850.23	3816.44	0.28								JPN 2 yr	-0.04	-0.05	0.02
CAC 40	5785.01	5753.82	0.15								JPN 10 yr	0.25	0.25	0.00
Xetra Dax	12183.29	12139.69	0.36								JPN 30 yr	1.47	1.43	0.04
Nikkei	26173.98	26571.87	-1.50								GER 2 yr	1.84	1.96	-0.12
Hong Kong	17250.88	17880.31	-3.41								GER 10 yr	2.11	2.23	-0.12
MSCI World	2403.88	2408.44	-0.19								GER 30 yr	2.02	2.08	-0.07
MSCI EM	891.89	889.50	0.27											
MSCI ACWI	589.72	589.43	-0.13											
FT Wilshire 2500	4741.77	4747.22	-0.11											
FT Wilshire 5000	37025.83	37084.71	-0.16											

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## Late Edition

Today, partly sunny, a bit cooler than average, high 67. Tonight, clear to partly cloudy, cool, low 52. Tomorrow, a partly sunny sky, high 67. Weather map appears on Page A24.



Flooding in Fort Myers, Fla., on Wednesday from Hurricane Ian, the most powerful storm to strike the region in nearly two decades.

## Moscow's Proxies Issue Appeal For Annexing Ukraine Regions

This article is by Andrew E. Kramer, Marc Santora and Eric Nagourney.

KYIV, Ukraine — In a display of pageantry intended to give Moscow's land grab a veneer of legitimacy, Russian proxy officials in occupied areas of Ukraine appealed to President Vladimir V. Putin on Wednesday to annex the regions.

The annexation requests had an air of order and formality at odds with the chaos Russia's leaders are facing both on the battlefield, where they continue to suffer losses, and at home, where tens of thousands of Russians are fleeing the country to avoid a military draft.

The requests from the Russian proxies followed sham referendums that ended on Tuesday in four regions in Ukraine and that,

### Adding a Formal Veneer to Sham Referendums

to no one's surprise, purported to put voters' stamp of approval on joining Russia. Many of the ballots were cast at the point of a gun, witnesses said.

One resident of the town of Berslav, in the Kherson region, scoffed at the notion of wanting to join Russia.

"When they first came to our town, they beat me up and took both of my cars," the man, Pavlo, said of Russian soldiers. "And now they threatened that if I don't vote they will evict me and my family from our apartment."

Because of the threats, said Pavlo — who insisted that his sur-

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## Burst Pipelines Seen as Attack, But the Mystery Is Who Did It

By KATRIN BENNHOLD and DAVID E. SANGER

BERLIN — Two days after a pair of explosions under the Baltic Sea apparently ruptured giant natural gas pipelines from Russia to Germany, the consensus hardened on Wednesday that it had been an act of sabotage, as the European Union and several European governments labeled it an attack and demanded an investigation.

Experts said it could take months to assess and repair the damage to the Nord Stream 1 and 2 pipelines, which have been used as leverage in the West's confrontation with Moscow over Russia's invasion of Ukraine. News of a possible attack on the lines heightened already intense fears of painful energy shortages in Europe over the winter.

### Repairs in Baltic Sea Could Take Months

But the central mystery remains: Who did it?

"All available information indicates those leaks are the result of a deliberate act," the European Union's foreign policy chief, Josep Borrell Fontelles, said in a statement on Wednesday. "We will support any investigation aimed at getting full clarity on what happened and why."

Jake Sullivan, President Biden's national security adviser, called the episode "apparent sabotage."

But with little evidence to go on — American officials said that explosive gas pouring from the bro-

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## HURRICANE SLAMS FLORIDA, DELUGING SOUTHWEST COAST

Winds of Up to 150 M.P.H. — Ian Churns East as Over a Million Lose Power

This article is by Patricia Mazzei, Lauren Sweeney, Nicholas Bagel-Burroughs and Frances Robles.

TAMPA, Fla. — Hurricane Ian bludgeoned its way through southwestern Florida on Wednesday as one of the most powerful storms to ever strike the state, bringing fierce winds, unrelenting rains and drastic inundations to coastal communities that were overtaken by the surging waters of the Gulf of Mexico.

Floridians braced for extensive and catastrophic damage around Fort Myers, near where Ian made landfall as a Category 4 storm, with winds up to 150 miles per hour, at approximately 3:05 p.m. But a huge stretch of coastline from Naples to Sarasota appeared severely affected by lapping brown waves that drowned streets, cars and homes as frightened residents sought refuge.

The storm was so massive that almost the entire state faced warnings about its possible effects, with officials fearing widespread inland flooding — as much as two feet in some areas — and more storm surge along Florida's Atlantic Coast on Thursday, when Ian is expected to cut diagonally across the peninsula. It is forecast to move offshore around Daytona Beach by Thursday evening, before turning north toward Georgia and South Carolina.

Ian will go down in history as one of the worst storms to hit the state, Gov. Ron DeSantis said, after the Labor Day Hurricane in 1935, Hurricane Andrew in 1992 and Hurricane Michael in 2018.

It will "rank as one of the top five hurricanes to ever hit the Florida peninsula," he said.

The authorities linked at least one death to the storm hours before landfall. More than 1.3 million customers were without electricity in the state by late afternoon.

Not since Hurricane Charley buzz-sawed through Southwest Florida in 2004, making landfall almost exactly where Ian did, had the densely populated, suburban communities around Fort Myers

suffered a direct hit. But while the former was a compact, fast-moving storm that inflicted destruction mostly with its winds, the latter lumbered ashore with such sheer size that it dwarfed Charley. In Lee County, which is home to Fort Myers, officials said they did not yet have a clear picture of the damage. But, the county manager, Roger Desjarlais, said at a news briefing, "We are beginning to get a sense that our community has been, in some respects, decimated."

The storm first made landfall on



Utility trucks in The Villages, Fla., as the storm approached.

the barrier island of Cayo Costa, west of Fort Myers, and later on the mainland near Punta Gorda, about 25 miles north of Fort Myers.

The wind was so intense at Robert Goodman's home in the Gulf Harbor neighborhood of Fort Myers that he and his son-in-law had to physically hold their sliding doors shut to keep it out. He was under a mandatory evacuation order, but decided to stay.

"I don't know what's worse, being here for it or leaving. I'd be stressed out either way," Mr. Goodman, 60, said, adding, "And the flooding hasn't even started yet."

Lilya Cattani, 40, rode out the storm with her husband and their two toddlers in South Fort Myers.

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## Central Bank Moves to Calm U.K.'s Markets

By ESHE NELSON

LONDON — The Bank of England intervened forcefully on Wednesday to relieve days of market turmoil after the new government's fiscal plans sent borrowing costs soaring and the British pound sinking to record lows.

In an extraordinary intervention, the bank said it would undertake large-scale purchases of British government bonds in the coming weeks. In addition to bringing down interest rates, the move helped buoy the pound, whose weakening has added to the nation's inflation worries.

"The purpose of these purchases will be to restore orderly market conditions," the central bank, which is independent of the government, said in a statement. "The purchases will be carried out on whatever scale is necessary to effect this outcome."

After the announcement, stocks on Wall Street registered their first gain in more than a week. British stocks closed up slightly.

Bond and currency trading has been roiled since the new Conservative government of Prime Minister Liz Truss announced last

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### Over the Wall, and Into History

With his 61st home run, Aaron Judge tied Roger Maris's 1961 single-season A.L. record. Page B6.

## Hong Kong Plans Rebound, but It Won't Be Easy

By ALEXANDRA STEVENSON

HONG KONG — Luxury storefronts have been replaced by pop-up shops selling masks. Whole floors of skyscrapers are deserted. Streets once crammed with locals and visitors jostling for space are quiet.

This is "Asia's World City," Hong Kong's self-appointed title, after

### Pandemic and Politics Have Changed City

more than two years under some of the world's toughest pandemic rules. The city now wants to reclaim that cosmopolitan status by taking its biggest step toward living with Covid-19: scrapping a

crushing quarantine mandate that at one point required 21 days in a designated hotel, and easing restrictions on the global gatherings that gave it its reputation as an international metropolis.

But uncertainty lingers over the new approach, which still prohibits visitors from going to places considered high risk, like restaurants, bars and gyms, during their

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## Math Scores in New York City Reflect Pandemic's Disruption

By TROY CLOSSON

In the first sign of how New York City public school students fared during the pandemic, test-score data released Wednesday showed sharp declines in math but steady performance in reading for students in the nation's largest school system.

The results of the state's standardized exams highlighted the uneven effects of the past two and a half years on learning. Less than 38 percent of third through eighth graders demonstrated proficiency in math, compared with about 46 percent of students before the pandemic, the last time the exams were given to most of the city's schoolchildren.

The overall reading scores, however, stood apart from broader national trends that have shown significant setbacks in literacy for many students. But the results also showed that the youngest children lost ground compared with their peers. Less than half of third graders, many of whom learned remotely in earlier grades when many of the fundamentals of reading are taught, were proficient in reading, for example, down four percentage points compared with students in 2019.

The results, which come after



Salvador Espinoza for the New York Times. Students on the first day of school this month in Queens.

years of steady gains in achievement in both subjects before the pandemic, also showed that students who had already long been behind, particularly Hispanic pupils and those from low-income families, fared worse as education was disrupted.

The results add pressure to Mayor Eric Adams and the schools' chancellor, David C. Banks, as they try to get students across the system back on track — and may prompt fresh questions about the administration's cuts to the school budget as a battle continues to play out in court.

"My biggest concern is inequity in the effects of the pandemic,"

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## 2 LAWS EXPAND OPTIONS FOR NEW HOUSING

Gov. Gavin Newsom signs compromise bills to spur home building in commercial areas.

BY HANNAH WILEY

In a historic deal between affordable housing groups and labor unions, Gov. Gavin Newsom signed two major bills Wednesday to convert underutilized and vacant commercial buildings into housing.

Senate Bill 6 and Assembly Bill 2011 incentivize housing projects in commercial corridors otherwise zoned for large retail and office buildings as a way to help California fill a multimillion-unit shortage in its housing supply. Both bills guarantee union-scale wages and promise an expedited construction process, while keeping development close to city centers to help the state meet its environmental goals and avoid sprawl.

Newsom said the two laws will help California address the state's "original sin" of housing affordability. "It has been a stubborn issue. Decade after decade after decade, just fighting and talking about it and fighting each other in the process," Newsom said.

"I think what makes today a special day is this is a big moment as we begin... to take responsibility, not to give the same speech and expect the same applause, but to begin to do something about it," Newsom said during a news conference in San Francisco to sign the two proposals and dozens of other measures. "This is a big package. These bills matter."

Gridlock among several opposing forces in the Capitol — where unions, developers and affordable housing groups regularly stall legislation over disputed labor standards — nearly capsized this year's historic deal. The powerful State Building and Construction [See Housing, A12]

## Ian slams into Florida with a fury

Hurricane swamps coast, cuts power to 1.8 million and threatens more damage



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CARLINE JEAN South Florida Sun-Sentinel



AMY BETH BENNETT South Florida Sun-Sentinel

A MAN in Sarasota, clockwise from top, runs to shelter after Hurricane Ian tore into Florida; Hollywood city worker Martin Lisi carries a toppled sign; and Tony Esturillo escorts his mother, Maria, in Delray Beach.

BY CURT ANDERSON

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Hurricane Ian, one of the most powerful storms ever recorded in the U.S., swamped southwest Florida on Wednesday, turning streets into rivers, knocking out power to 1.8 million people and threatening catastrophic damage farther inland.

A coastal sheriff's office reported that it received many calls from people trapped in flooded homes. Desperate people posted to Facebook and other social sites, pleading for rescue for themselves or loved ones. Some video showed debris-covered water sloshing toward homes' eaves.

The storm surge flooded a lower-level emergency room at a hospital in Port Charlotte, while fierce winds tore part of its fourth-floor roof from its intensive care unit, according to a doctor who works there.

Water gushed down from above onto the ICU, forcing staff to evacuate the hospital's sickest patients — some of whom were on ventilators — to other floors, said Dr. Birgit Bodine of HCA Florida Fawcett Hospital. Staff members used towels and plastic bins to try to mop up the sodden mess.

The medium-sized hospital spans four floors, but patients were placed into just two because of the damage. Bodine planned to spend the night at the hospital in case people injured from the storm arrive there needing help.

"The ambulances may be coming soon, and we don't know where to put them in the hospital at this point because we're doubled and tripled up," she said. "As long as our patients do OK and nobody ends up dying or having a bad outcome, that's what matters."

The hurricane's center made landfall near Cayo Costa, a barrier island just west of heavily populated Fort Myers. As it approached, water drained from Tampa Bay.

Mark Pritchett stepped outside his home in Venice around the time the hurricane came ashore about 35 miles to the south. He called it "terrifying."

"I literally couldn't stand against the wind," Pritchett wrote in a text message. "Rain shooting like needles."

[See Hurricane, A7]

## Setting stages for more 'Action!'

BY ROGER VINCENT

A historic Hollywood studio site where such stars as Rudolph Valentino and Lillian Gish made silent films is poised for a \$600-million comeback in the new era of streaming entertainment.

The owner of Television Center, once home to Technicolor's filmmaking laboratory and Metro Pictures Corp., plans to turn the dated complex on Romaine Street into a bigger, more modern studio that will rent production facilities to people who make movies and television

shows. Expansion of an old Hollywood studio joins a building boom fed by streaming

shows. Spurred by the intensifying competition between streaming platforms such as Netflix and Apple TV+, television production is the top driver of demand for both on-location and stage-based production.

In the ring of L.A.'s famed Thirty Mile Zone of filming territory, developers are upgrading old studios such as Warner Bros. Ranch in Burbank and Universal Studios and inventing whole new ones, including one on the property of the former Sears store in Hollywood and one [See Soundstages, A9]

COLUMN ONE

## COVID left me unable to smell. Here's how I cope

The pandemic has made anosmia more common and more actively studied. Living with it isn't easy — what if there's a gas leak?

BY NICOLE KAGAN

Two and a half years ago, my nose stopped working. That's when I realized how often smell comes up in daily conversation: "That Uber smelled weird," or "that woman was wearing way too much perfume," or "someone's definitely smoking weed nearby."

I have anosmia, a symptom of long COVID. I caught the virus early in the pandemic and had terrible symptoms, but after a week of bed rest, I was ready to resume my life. My nose wasn't.

With the pandemic now well into its third year, anosmia — once an obscure problem — has become increasingly widespread.

Roughly 5% of people who experience smell loss during COVID-19 will develop long-term anosmia, according to Dr. Bradley J. Goldstein, an ear, nose and throat doctor at Duke University Hospital.

The impact is more drastic than most people realize. "The sense of smell is one of our key sensory systems that is constantly providing information about our environment, about the world around us, to the brain," Goldstein said. "A lot of that is happening sort of passively to us. We're not always intentionally thinking about sniffing, but we're constantly getting a lot" [See Smell, A12]

## Iranians spin global web of protest



MARKUS SCHREIBER Associated Press

IN BERLIN, a demonstrator's sign shows 22-year-old Mahsa Amini, who died in Tehran after she was taken into custody over an alleged dress code violation.

After woman's death in custody, internet is key to publicity. Can Tehran block access?

BY OMID KHAZANI AND NABIH BULOS

TEHRAN — Iran's anti-government protests, which were sparked by the death of a young woman in police custody, have gone viral, and then some.

The internet is an essential tool for these demonstrators. For more than a week, millions have shared wrenching videos and vivid online images of confrontations between protesters and Iranian authorities.

They've topped news broadcasts and ricocheted across the globe. The hard-line government in Tehran has deployed digital trackers and waged an all-out media war [See Iran, A4]

### West denounces Putin's land grab

Russia is ready to annex four occupied regions in Ukraine after what are widely seen as illegal referendums. **WORLD, A8**

### Right to sleep outside expanded

9th Circuit ruling bans crackdowns in Oregon case — and allows for gear to protect against the elements. **NATION, A6**

### Newsom signs farmworker bill

After weeks of pressure, the governor agrees to make it easier for laborers to join unions. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

### Weather Sunny and hot. L.A. Basin: 90/64. B6



**BUSINESS INSIDE:** What do people do when they shift to a four-day workweek? Sleep. **A8**



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Democracy Dies in Darkness

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## Russians mobilize — to flee the country

Putin's call-up sends men dashing for border, and leaving much behind

BY KAREEM FAHIM, ZEYNEP KARATAS AND ROBYN DIXON

ISTANBUL — To escape having to fight in Ukraine, the 42-year-old Russian construction worker flew through two countries in four days, spending so much on tickets, so quickly, that he lost track of it all. Finally, he ended up in Turkey, where it was safe. As he stopped to breathe Tuesday, on plastic seats in the airport arrival hall, he conceded he had no idea where to go next.

But maybe it didn't matter. "The main task is to save your life," he said, as he picked at peanuts from a plastic dish. The avalanche of men fleeing Russia "don't know what to do next," he said.

President Vladimir Putin's announcement last week of a "partial" military mobilization of Russian reservists for his war in Ukraine set off a frenzied dash for the country's borders by tens of thousands of men affected by the order — but also many who simply assumed that their government, desperate for troops, would conscript any man who could carry a gun.

The mobilization is a risky and unpopular decision, bringing home the grim reality of the war to many Russians who were previously apathetic supporters of SEE RUSSIA ON A11

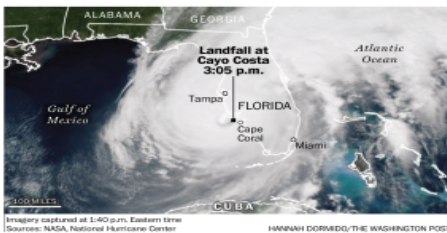
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**Pipeline leak:** European leaders vow to investigate "sabotage." A16

## 'Ferocious' hurricane wallops Florida



CLOCKWISE, FROM TOP: Wind gusts blow across the John Ringling Causeway on Wednesday in Sarasota, Fla. Brian Reschke and Susan Fassy walk on Bayshore Boulevard in Tampa. The Category 4 storm made U.S. landfall packing peak winds of 150 mph.



Imagery captured at 1:40 p.m. Eastern time. Sources: NASA, National Hurricane Center. HANNAH DORMIDO/THE WASHINGTON POST



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### IAN'S WINDS, WAVES POUND COASTLINE

Storm knocks out power for more than 2 million

BY TIM CRAIG, REIS THERIAULT, BRITANY SHAMMAS AND KARIN BRULLIARD

TAMPA — One of the strongest hurricanes ever to strike the United States slammed into southwest Florida on Wednesday afternoon with Category 4-level winds, inundating coastal communities and threatening to besiege the entire peninsula with devastating gusts and flooding as the storm slowly swirled east.

Packing peak winds of 150 mph, Hurricane Ian made landfall just after 3 p.m. near the barrier island of Cayo Costa, west of Cape Coral and Fort Myers, hours after a severe storm surge began turning roads into rivers. After rapidly intensifying overnight Tuesday, Ian tied for the fifth-strongest hurricane to hit the United States, and Gov. Ron DeSantis said he had asked President Biden to free up federal assistance by announcing a major disaster declaration for all 67 Florida counties.

The hurricane was "a ferocious storm coming in, very hazardous, very ominous," DeSantis (R) said Wednesday evening. He warned: "Once the storm goes, once there's apparent calm, there are still plenty of hazards out there."

The breadth of Hurricane Ian's damage to life and property remained unclear Wednesday evening as strong winds prevented first responders in the most-flooded communities from carrying out rescues and several jurisdictions imposed curfews. Post-storm dangers SEE HURRICANE ON A4

**Staying put:** Countless people are defying evacuation orders. A5

**Fuel waiver:** Ship will be allowed to bring diesel to Puerto Rico. A9

## In Brazil, a referendum on a young democracy

BY GABRIELA SÁ PESSOA AND ANTHONY FAIOLA

SÃO PAULO, BRAZIL — He's sowed doubt about electronic voting machines, undermined election officials and dubbed his main challenger a corrupt "thief." An unabashed fan of the former military dictatorship, he has prodded his adoring base to "go to war" if the election here Sunday is "stolen."

In the process, Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro, trailing in the polls for reelection to a second term, has raised fears of the old ghost that still haunts Latin America: a coup. Or, perhaps, a Brazilian take on the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection at the U.S. Capitol.

"There's a new type of thief, the ones who want to steal our liberty," Bolsonaro told supporters in June. He added, "If necessary, we will go to war."

Thirty-seven years after Latin America's largest nation threw off the military dictatorship, the presidential election is shaping SEE BRAZIL ON A12

These images were created by AI. They were not taken by a camera.



**Prompt:** "A woman in a red coat looking up at the sky in the middle of Times Square."



**Prompt:** "A hobbit house designed by Zaha Hadid."



**Prompt:** "Protesters outside the Capitol building on January 6, 2021, AP style."

## AI opens new frontiers in disinformation

Creating photorealistic images is now as easy as typing a few words

BY NITASHA TIKU

Since the research lab OpenAI debuted the latest version of DALL-E in April, the AI has dazzled the public, attracting digital artists, graphic designers, early adopters, and anyone in search of online distraction. The ability to create original, sometimes accurate, and occasionally inspired images from any spur-of-the-

moment phrase, like a conversational Photoshop, has started even jaded internet users with how quickly AI has progressed.

Five months later, 1.5 million users are generating 2 million images a day. On Wednesday, OpenAI removed its waitlist for DALL-E, giving anyone immediate access.

The introduction of DALL-E has triggered an explosion of text-

to-image generators. Google and Meta quickly revealed that they had each been developing similar systems but said their models weren't ready for the public. Rival start-ups soon went public, including Stable Diffusion and Midjourney, which created the image that sparked controversy in August when it won an art competition at the Colorado State Fair.

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### PERSPECTIVE

## A duet with history: Lizzo and James Madison's flute

BY THERESA VARGAS

In a city where history usually shows up in its faded and patina forms, Tuesday night saw it shimmer.

Wearing a sparkling bodysuit, Lizzo stood onstage during her concert at Capital One Arena and blew into a crystal flute that belonged to James Madison. Yes, that James Madison. The James Madison who served as the fourth president and is considered the "Father of the Constitution."

"History is freaking cool, you guys!" the singer shouted as the crowd screamed and clapped and sent social media posts flying.

That moment, in all its glittering glory, marked an unexpected collision of the past and present.

But a day before that public performance came some private moments at the Library of Congress that proved powerful for those who witnessed them and led to that flute ending up in the singer's hands at the concert. On a day when the library was closed to the public, Lizzo spent



Lizzo holds a crystal flute at the Library of Congress this week before her concert at D.C.'s Capital One Arena.

an afternoon exploring its flute collection and trying out several of the historic instruments.

No media organizations were allowed to join the tour, but people who were there described the day as bringing excitement, history lessons and some impressive flute playing.

"She is amazingly talented," said Carol Lynn Ward-Bamford, who serves as the curator for the flute collection. She said she

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### IN THE NEWS



**Home run history** Yankees slugger Aaron Judge hammered his 61st homer, tying the AL record set by Roger Maris in 1961. D5

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**Speaking during** a White House conference on combating hunger, President Biden mistakenly asked if a deceased congresswoman was in the audience. A2  
**Four months** after a Washington Post investigation, prosecutors in Texas are no longer seeking the death penalty for a Black man accused of killing a White police detective during a botched no-knock raid. A3

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**In Iraq**, farmers and fishermen are fleeing dried-out marshlands, but they aren't finding much refuge in cities, either. A8  
**Iran** carried out deadly attacks in northern Iraq, targeting the headquarters of three Iranian Kurdish opposition parties. A12  
**THE ECONOMY** Regulators announced new rules for nutrition labels that can go on

food packages to indicate that they are healthy. A13  
**The Bank of England** intervened to avert a credit crunch following an intensely negative reaction in the bond markets to Prime Minister Liz Truss's new spending plan. A16

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**Virginia Gov.** Glenn Youngkin is endorsing Republicans across the country on both sides of the "big lie" divide. B1  
**Alexandria** remembered the lynchings of Joseph McCoy and Ben-

jamin Thomas with a soil-collection ceremony over the weekend. B1  
**A two-year** analysis said affordable housing and local businesses along the Purple Line are at risk of gentrification. B1  
**Lawmakers** and residents slammed D.C.'s 911 center for dispatch delays and mishaps at an oversight hearing. B1

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**Bill Plante**, 84, was a fixture of American television sets as a CBS News correspondent for a half-century. B4

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**Building a bond** Carpentry classes for women allow them to nail skills they missed out on.

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**A Year of Marilyn** Why homages to the iconic actress seem to be everywhere lately. C1

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**Best routes by railroad to view leaves this autumn**

USA TODAY checks Amtrak rides and prices during peak color weekends. **In Money**

**Rom-com 'Bros' tackles LGBTQ+ relationships**

For star Billy Eichner, film was a chance to break oversimplified perceptions of gay culture. **In Life**

**No regrets from Bengals**

Cincinnati picked Joe Burrow, left, No. 1 in 2020, and Miami took Tua Tagovailoa at No. 5. Thursday's matchup will be key for both teams. **In Sports**

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Stewart Rhodes' attorneys plan a defense straight out of the 1870s. SUSAN WALSH/AP

## Oath Keepers trial is pivotal

Case could stand as referendum on Jan. 6

Will Carless and Ella Lee  
USA TODAY

Stewart Rhodes and others from the Oath Keepers, the armed paramilitary organization he founded, begin their trial this week in one of the most high-profile prosecutions to emerge from the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol.

The stakes are high for the federal government, which seeks to make the case not only that Rhodes and the others helped lead the attack on Jan. 6, 2021, but that they did so as the apogee of a conspiracy they had been planning for months or years.

Specifically, Rhodes and others are accused of attempting to oppose by force the peaceful transition of presidential power by disrupting Congress as it certified the results of the 2020 election. That conspiracy, prosecutors allege, involved training, communication and firearms.

While hundreds of Jan. 6 prosecutions and plea agreements have dozens of people to prison with typical sentences of just a few weeks, the Oath Keepers trial, scheduled to last six to seven weeks, could see the

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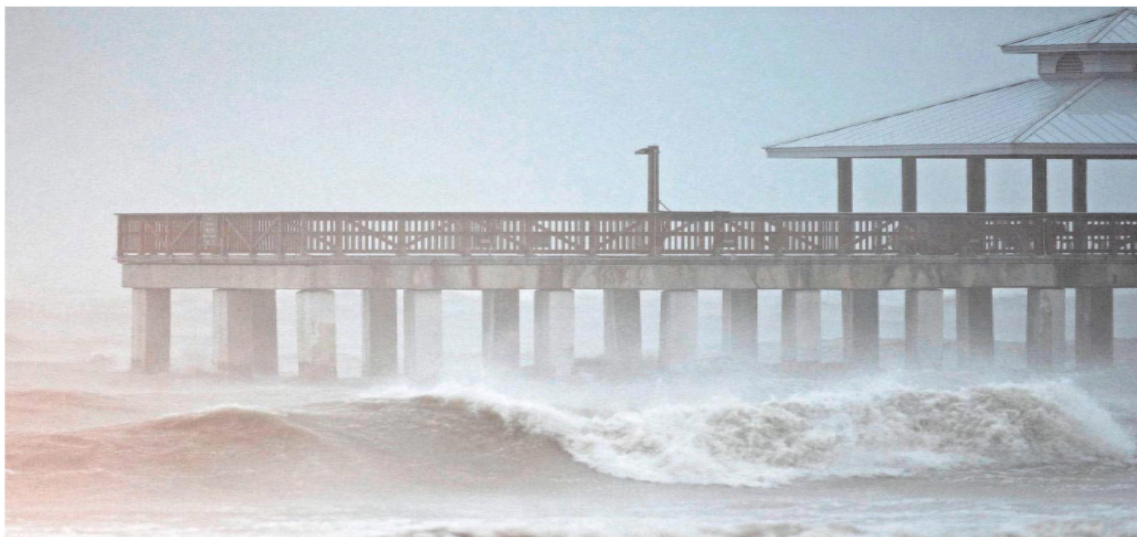


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### HURRICANE IAN

## Near-Category 5 beast barrels into, across Fla.



Hurricane Ian churns the seas along Fort Myers Beach on Thursday as the massive storm descends on southwest Florida. Wind speeds crept to within 2 mph of Category 5, the most devastating hurricane level. ANDREW WEST/USA TODAY NETWORK

"This is going to be a storm we will talk about for many years to come."

Ken Graham  
National Weather Service



### Areas most vulnerable to storm surge, flooding

How storm surges can impact water level in Gulf of Mexico. **Graphic, 3A**

## 150 mph winds slam into Gulf Coast; catastrophic flooding feared even inland

John Bacon  
USA TODAY

Floodwaters raced down streets and enveloped lawns along a wide swath of Florida's west coast Wednesday as Hurricane Ian, a near-Category 5 behemoth, roared ashore near Cayo Costa along the southwestern coast of the state.

The storm, which made landfall as a major Category 4 storm with 150 mph sustained winds amid driving rains and an angry storm surge, prompted mandatory evacuation orders for 2.5 million Floridians. Many who waited to flee discovered it was too late. Video from Fort Myers and other coastal cities showed communities awash in water.

National Weather Service Director

Ken Graham said the storm was slowing to a crawl and was "devastating" for the state, both along the shore and inland. He said it would take more than 24 hours for the storm to cross the state from the Gulf of Mexico to the Atlantic Ocean before exiting off Daytona Beach late Thursday.

"Twenty-four hours of rainfall, 24 hours of wind pushing the water," Graham said. "This is going to be a storm we will talk about for many years to come. It's a historic event."

Ian's stunning wind speeds crept to within 2 mph of Category 5, the highest status on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Scale. Hundreds of thousands of homes

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## Program would help nutritionally needy

Conference spotlights 'medically tailored meals'

Karen Weintraub  
USA TODAY

MILTON, Mass. — Standing in the doorway of his new home, Bouba Diemé, sturdy and 6 feet 8 inches tall, doesn't look medically fragile.

But Diemé, a program manager and father of three, has been waiting six years to reach the top of the local heart transplant list.

And when he finally gets there — which could happen at any time — his body has to be ready for the surgery.

That's why once a week for the past four years, Diemé, the driver of a refrigerated van, has dropped off five days' worth of "medically tailored meals" at his house.

Diemé is one of about 2,000 people across Massachusetts and parts of

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Delivery manager Larry Williams, right, has just given Bouba Diemé his Community Servings meal package for the week. KAREN WEINTRAUB/USA TODAY

## Kids' learning time can vary by hundreds of hours in US

Alia Wong  
USA TODAY

Students at Jack Lowe Sr. Elementary School in Dallas fell significantly behind during the pandemic, and Principal Sandra Barrios knew at least part of the solution: more time.

More time to learn the material they never got to learn, more time to develop the social and emotional skills that they never got to practice. More time to get acclimated to the demands and structure of school.

Last year, Dallas Independent School District, with the help of millions in federal COVID-19 relief money, gave high-poverty schools the option of adopting instructional time for certain students through a longer school year. After consulting with and winning over families and staff, Barrios

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**Nursing home care in disrepair**

Americans say issues with the quality of care in nursing homes are handled ...

Response	Percentage
Not too/not at all well	62%
Somewhat well	31%
Extremely/very well	6%
No answer	1%

SOURCE: AP-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research, AMY BARNETTE, TRACIE KEETON/USA TODAY

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## Ian, el huracán que estremece a Florida

Es uno de los ciclones más fuertes que se han registrado en Estados Unidos. Calles inundadas, destrozos y apagones se observan en ciudades como Naples (foto); evacuaciones masivas. **Página 2**



## LLEGA ARGENTINA, 1985, LA GRAN APUESTA DEL CINE NACIONAL

—espectáculos

Se estrena hoy el film de Santiago Mitre, con Ricardo Darín y Peter Lanzani, sobre el histórico Juicio a las Juntas; se espera un gran caudal de público.

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## Cristina le reclamó a Massa mayor dureza contra las empresas por la inflación

**ECONOMÍA.** La vicepresidenta marcó por primera vez diferencias públicas con el ministro

Por primera vez desde la crisis generada en julio por la renuncia de Martín Guzmán, la vicepresidenta Cristina Kirchner salió ayer a mostrar diferencias públicas con la política económica del Gobierno y, en una advertencia directa al ministro Sergio Massa, le reclamó una "intervención más precisa y

efectiva" en el sector de los alimentos. Lo hizo luego de que el Indec informó que la indigencia trepó al 8,8% y alcanza a más de 4 millones de argentinos.

La vicepresidenta volvió a cargar ayer la responsabilidad por la inflación en el sector empresarial y, a través de las redes sociales, le

exigió a Massa "una política de intervención más precisa y efectiva" en el sector alimentario.

Cristina Kirchner envió su mensaje poco después de que Massa presentó el presupuesto del año próximo en la Cámara de Diputados, y en medio de fuertes conflictos sociales y sindicales. **Página 10**

**Creció la indigencia, y la pobreza está en 36,5%**

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## Neumáticos: no hubo acuerdo y sigue el conflicto

**AUDIENCIA.** Hoy vuelven a reunirse las empresas y el gremio en Trabajo

Durante casi siete horas estuvieron reunidos ayer los representantes del Sindicato Único de Trabajadores del Neumático (Sutna) y de las tres empresas del sector en el Ministerio de Trabajo. Sin embargo, la jornada concluyó sin acuerdo y se resolvió pasar a un cuarto intermedio hasta hoy para ver si se puede destrabar el conflicto, que ya lleva varios meses y mantiene las fábricas paradas. La negociación está trabada por la definición de las paritarias de 2021 y 2022, más la compensación para quienes trabajan sábados y domingos. **Página 13**

## Otro golpe para River, en el peor año de la era Gallardo



CAPTURA

**deportes**—La decepción invadió a River: empató 2 a 2 con Patronato, pero perdió 4-3 por penales, y la eliminación en los 4° de final de la Copa Argentina confirmó el peor año en la era Gallardo. "Hay desilusión porque no completamos ningún objetivo", asumió el DT millonario. Boca venció 3 a 2 a Quilmes, en un partido que estuvo 18 minutos demorado por disturbios, y avanzó a las semifinales con goles de Benedetto, Gonzalo Morales y Langoni.

## Balearon en Rosario una sede de la Justicia Federal

**AMENAZAS.** Preocupa la repetición de ataques a tiros contra tribunales y fiscalías. **Página 26**

## Son casi 12.000 los alumnos afectados por las tomas de escuelas porteñas

**CRISIS.** No cede la protesta; se mantienen ocupados 12 colegios estatales

No cede la protesta estudiantil en 12 escuelas secundarias de gestión pública de la ciudad de Buenos Aires y ya afecta a casi 12.000 alumnos que deberían concurrir

normalmente a cursar sus estudios. Ayer, en solidaridad con la protesta "por más y mejor cantidad de viandas y problemas de infraestructura edilicia", se sumó

el colegio preuniversitario Carlos Pellegrini.

Los especialistas en educación advierten que la protesta agrava la crisis de aprendizaje. **Página 22**

## Avanzan las usurpaciones en Villa Mascardi

**PATAGONIA.** El conflicto mapuche avanzó ayer con la toma de la cabaña La Cristalina, de Diego Frutos, presidente de la junta vecinal de Villa Mascardi. Fue una nueva avanzada tras el ataque, el domingo, a un puesto de la Gendarmería. La usurpación conocida ayer se concretó luego de que el gobierno nacional prometió que iba a crear una fuerza especial para resguardar la zona. **Página 16**

## Revés para la vicepresidenta por el uso indebido de aviones oficiales

**HOTELES.** Confirmaron su procesamiento por el envío de muebles; en minoría, el juez Llorens pidió el juicio político. **Página 15**



## Presidente da Petrobras alinha estatal ao Planalto

Indicado por Jair Bolsonaro (PL) para dar "nova dinâmica" aos preços dos combustíveis, Caio Paes de Andrade completa três meses à frente da Petrobras com seguidos cortes em gasolina, diesel e gás, mas é acusado de afrouxar regras de governança da companhia e de acomodar aliados do Planalto em cargos. **Mercado A20**

## Furacão Ian chega à Flórida; cubanos somem no mar

Um barco de migrantes cubanos naufragou no litoral da Flórida com a chegada do furacão Ian —havia ao menos 20 desaparecidos. Brasileiros têm deixado suas casas, e 1 milhão de pessoas estavam sem luz no estado. **Mundo A18**

## Banco da Inglaterra age e derruba dólar

Mercado reage a anúncio de que autoridade comprará títulos do governo britânico em qualquer quantidade para garantir estabilidade. No Brasil, dólar cai 0,52%, a R\$ 5,35. **A23**

## Surto de meningite é registrado em São Paulo

Capital paulista teve cinco casos de meningite meningocócica nas regiões da Vila Formosa e Aricanduva, na zona leste. Prefeitura confirma morte de uma mulher de 42 anos. **B1**

## Brasil é o mais letal para defensores do ambiente, diz ONG

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## Para onde ir nas férias

Hotéis e destinos no Brasil e ao redor do mundo já estão preparados para receber quem busca descansar no Natal e na virada de ano —de praias sossegadas em Alagoas a vinícolas no interior de Portugal.

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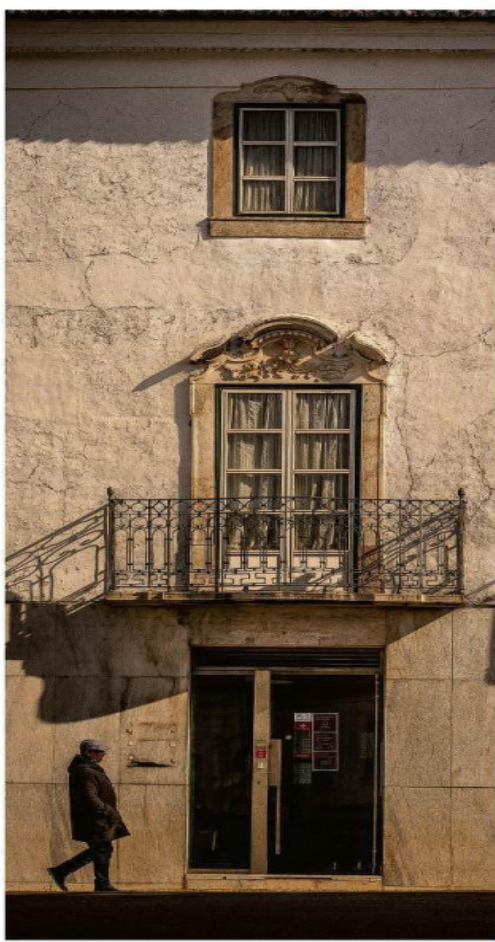
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Homem caminha pelas ruas de Estremoz, no Alentejo, em Portugal, a duas horas de carro de Lisboa **Otavio Valle/Folhapress**

# Testado e seguro, sistema de voto é alvo maior de fake news

Monitoramento de 15 mil grupos no WhatsApp mostra que mentiras sobre TSE superaram temas morais de 2018

Falsas mensagens sobre urnas e pesquisas eleitorais, teorias da conspiração sobre o Tribunal Superior Eleitoral e o boato de que o ex-presidente Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva fecharia igrejas se eleito são as principais fake news desta campanha, indica mapeamento de 15 mil grupos públicos de WhatsApp.

O resultado do levantamento, feito pela empresa de tecnologia e análises Palver, contrasta com os monitoramentos de 2018, quando mentiras que relacionavam partidos a questões morais —sobretudo as de gênero e de sexualidade— eram o alvo principal dos disseminadores de desinformação.

Vídeos e textos superaram imagens, segundo a UFMG, sobretudo com a ascensão de TikTok e Kwai e com as redes de nicho da ultradireita. Testes com urnas eletrônicas, usadas desde 1996, mostram que são seguras. Barreiras protetoras e auditorias garantem a lisura do sistema. **Política A4, A8 e A9**

## Debate é visto como decisivo por campanhas de Lula e Bolsonaro

O último debate antes do primeiro turno, hoje às 22h30 na TV Globo, é visto pelas campanhas de Lula (PT) e Bolsonaro (PL) como decisivo. O petista deverá ser incisivo para buscar desfecho no domingo; o presidente fará ataques para levar o pleito à segunda etapa. **Política A11**

## Vídeo falso de Bonner expõe falhas de big techs

Uma mensagem falsa na qual William Bonner teria anunciado Jair Bolsonaro (PL) à frente nas pesquisas foi o exemplo mais recente de falhas das big techs em combater fake news eleitorais, com demora para retirar conteúdo. **Política A6**

## Becky Korich Me engana que eu (não) gosto

Véspera de eleições, abre-se o vespereiro de mentiras. Alguns dizem que até as urnas mentem. Outros, habituados à prática, chegam a mentir a própria mentira. O fato é que todos mentem, inclusive você e eu. É sobrevivência. **Opinião A2**

## Tarcísio contrata cunhado com verba eleitoral

Tarcísio de Freitas (Republicanos) contratou o cunhado para a campanha ao governo de SP e fez repasses de R\$ 40 mil. Maurício Martins é dono de imóvel em São José dos Campos (SP) usado como prova de domicílio eleitoral. A assessoria de Tarcísio disse que esclarecimentos já foram dados. **Política A16**

## match eleitoral



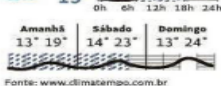
Em dúvida em quem votar para deputado e senador em SP? Mire a câmera acima

## Senado dos EUA aprova moção a favor da democracia no Brasil

O Senado dos Estados Unidos aprovou ontem, por consenso, uma resolução favorável à democracia no Brasil, em meio a ameaças ao sistema eleitoral. O texto pede que o governo Jair Bolsonaro (PL) garanta eleições pacíficas e que Joe Biden reconheça imediatamente o resultado. **Mundo A18**

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NON 41% OUI 59%

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Faut-il renforcer le contrôle de l'accès aux sites pornographiques ?

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# L'alarmante exposition des enfants à la pornographie

Dans un rapport choc, les Sénateurs alertent sur l'inquiétant rajeunissement des consommateurs de porno. Selon les experts, les conséquences psychiques sont désastreuses.

Deux tiers des enfants de moins de 15 ans et un tiers de ceux de moins de 12 ans ont déjà regardé un film pornographique. C'est l'un des constats du rapport sénatorial

« Porno : l'enfer du décor », qui décrit une génération « biberonnée » à des contenus toujours plus « violents, dégradants et humiliants ». Chute des notes, repli sur soi, sommeil

altéré, troubles de la sexualité... Les dégâts sur la santé mentale des enfants et des adolescents sont dramatiques. Pour le gynécologue Israël Nisand, cette « éducation au

non-consentement » doit être combattue à la source : chez les diffuseurs, qui contournent par tous les moyens l'obligation de bloquer leurs sites aux mineurs. En attendant, la jus-

tice s'intéresse de plus en plus au milieu du porno, et l'enquête en cours sur le site French Bukkake a mis en lumière un véritable système de traite d'êtres humains.

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## Élisabeth Borne donne un coup d'accélérateur à la filière hydrogène

Dix entreprises vont recevoir 2,1 milliards d'euros de subventions pour développer leurs projets dans cette énergie d'avenir. Gaz utilisé dans l'industrie, l'hydrogène peut aussi être transformé en électricité. Il est à ce titre appelé à jouer un rôle majeur dans les transports - automobiles, bateaux, trains, avions. En France, toute une filière s'est structurée autour de grands groupes. PAGE 24

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

### Torrent de boue

Les chiffres donnent le tournis, les sondages serrent le cœur. Quelques indicateurs suffisent à saisir le drame qui se noue, le plus souvent à l'insu des parents : un tiers des enfants de moins de 12 ans ont été confrontés à des images pornographiques. La majorité des adolescents interrogés ne cachent pas que leurs comportements ont été affectés par l'intrusion de ces images dans leur vie. Comment en serait-il autrement ?

Les uns après les autres, les rapports dénoncent l'explosion de la pornographie qui se déverse sur les écrans comme une coulée de boue ; ils décrivent une véritable massification accompagnée par la magie des algorithmes, qui va de pair avec l'augmentation de la violence de vidéos que plus aucun tabou ne contient. Les enquêtes judiciaires en cours mettent en outre en lumière les méthodes de production abjectes, voire simplement criminelles. En doutait-on vraiment ? Derrière la fiction de l'affranchissement, l'asservissement des femmes.

Dans cet univers mortifère, l'union des corps n'est plus l'origine du monde, mais un lieu de perte de soi où l'humanité se noie et l'humanité se perd : l'ensemble des experts savent

combien, chez les jeunes, les regards abimés et les imaginaires tronqués peinent, ensuite, à se réparer.

Pauvre génération que celle à qui l'on ne propose pour modèle que la « déconstruction » de soi à la Sandrine Rousseau ou la négation de l'autre que véhicule le flot du porno ; comme amputée d'une célébration millénaire chantée

Derrière la fiction de l'affranchissement, l'asservissement

par tous les arts, le mystère de la ren-contre, au sein d'une société perdue dans ses contradictions - refuser de différencier les hommes et les femmes, mais systématiser la grille de lecture du « dominant-dominé », et oublier de protéger les véritables victimes... On peine à comprendre les pesanteurs qui empêchent de saisir à bras-le-corps la question de la restriction de l'accès à la pornographie pour les mineurs : même imparfaites, les mesures ne devraient-elles pas être fermement appliquées ? Contre les violences sexistes et sexuelles, ne serait-il pas plus utile de traquer les dérives d'une telle industrie que de multiplier les pseudo-cellules et les faux tribunaux sur les réseaux sociaux ? ■

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# Bank's £65bn scramble to avert financial crisis

- Intervention to halt 'doom loop' that put pension funds in peril
- Truss facing calls from Tory MPs to sack Kwarteng or face mutiny
- Starmer warns PM has lost control and must recall parliament

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The Bank of England was forced into emergency action yesterday to halt a run on Britain's pension funds after the impact of Kwasi Kwarteng's ill-received mini-budget prompted fears of a 2008-style financial crisis.

Threadneedle Street said the fallout from a dramatic rise in government borrowing costs since the chancellor's statement had left it with no choice but to intervene to protect the UK's financial system.

City sources said that the unexpected action, less than a week after Kwarteng's unfunded tax giveaways, was needed to halt a "doom loop" in the bond markets that risked draining pension funds of cash and leaving them at risk of insolvency.

The Bank was concerned for the financial health of Britain's biggest pensions and insurance companies, which together manage trillions of pounds of people's cash.

In a reversal of a policy position announced the day before Kwarteng's fiscal event, the Bank said it was setting aside £65bn to buy bonds over the next 13 working days to ease pressure on pension funds and insurance companies.

Liz Truss faced calls from jittery Conservative MPs yesterday to sack Kwarteng or risk a mutiny after the



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Bank of England's emergency intervention prompted comparisons with Black Wednesday, the day in September 1992 when John Major's Tory government was humbled by speculators led by George Soros.

Tory MPs claimed Kwarteng would have to resign for the party to survive the financial crisis as they urged Truss to reverse her plan to scrap the top 45p tax rate, which they said had gone down badly with the public.

The Labour leader, Keir Starmer, accused the government of "losing control of the economy" and called for parliament to be recalled ahead of the Conservative party's annual conference in Birmingham this weekend.

In an interview on Sky News last

▲ Kwasi Kwarteng, the chancellor, meets investment bank executives in the Treasury yesterday

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night, the treasury minister Chris Philip said the government would not reverse its proposals and defended the move to cut the top rate of tax.

Later, while speaking on ITV's Perton, he confirmed that ministers had not decided whether state pensions and universal credit will be uprated in line with inflation this autumn, which was promised by Rishi Sunak when he was chancellor.

The Bank said it had become alarmed at the turbulence in the markets following the chancellor's

mini-budget last Friday, with particular concern over the sell-off in government gilts, the bonds it floats to cover its borrowing.

"Were dysfunction in this market to continue or worsen, there would be a material risk to UK financial stability," the Bank said. "This would lead to an unwarranted tightening of financing conditions and a reduction of the flow of credit to the real economy."



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