

What's News

Business & Finance

U.S. stocks fell, with the S&P 500 losing 2.1% to end at a new low for the year, as the worst bond rout in a generation upended markets and investors wrestled anew with worries about a global slowdown. The Dow and Nasdaq slid 1.5% and 2.8%, respectively. **A1, B1**

◆ **Millions of companies** in the U.S. will have to disclose their ownership to the federal government under a new anti-money-laundering rule issued by the Biden administration. **A2**

◆ **Twitter co-founder Dorsey** tried to facilitate Musk's relationship with Twitter's CEO a day after the company accepted Musk's takeover bid, according to text messages made public Thursday. **B1**

◆ **Bed Bath & Beyond** is catching up on past-due payments to suppliers, gaining some breathing room as it tries to turn itself around. **B1**

◆ **Facebook parent Meta** has told employees that it will be implementing a hiring freeze and taking more steps to reduce costs. **B4**

◆ **Barclays agreed** to pay a \$200 million fine to settle SEC charges stemming from a flubbed debt sale earlier this year. **B11**

◆ **Micron Technology** issued another subdued revenue outlook after failing to meet its sales expectations in the latest quarter. **B5**

◆ **A former eBay executive** at the center of a harassment campaign against two bloggers was sentenced to four years and nine months in prison, authorities said. **B5**

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◆ **A day after Hurricane Ian** ripped through the beach towns and coastal cities of southwest Florida, the widespread damage wrought by one of the strongest storms to hit the U.S. in decades was coming into view. **A1, A6**

◆ **NATO said a series of leaks** on the Nord Stream pipelines between Russia and Europe were the result of sabotage and that attacks on its members' infrastructure would be met with a collective response from the alliance. **A1**

◆ **Russia is planning** triumphal ceremonies and public rallies as Putin prepares to formally annex a broad, additional swath of neighboring Ukraine. **A7**

◆ **The Senate voted 72-25** to approve legislation to keep the federal government operating until mid-December as well as fund new aid for Ukraine. **A4**

◆ **Trump doesn't need** to weigh in on whether the FBI's inventory of items taken from Mar-a-Lago is accurate, a federal judge said, overruling the court-appointed arbiter overseeing a review of the documents. **A4**

◆ **The FDA approved** amlyx's new drug for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or ALS, giving patients a new option for slowing progression of the fatal disease. **A3**

◆ **Six states sued** the Biden administration over its mass student debt cancellation plan, citing harms to state higher education lending programs and reduced tax revenues. **A4**

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Homes and buildings in Fort Myers Beach, Fla., were severely damaged as Hurricane Ian swept through the state.

Florida Reels From Destruction As Ian Aims at South Carolina

FORT MYERS BEACH, Fla.—A day after Hurricane Ian ripped through the beach towns and coastal cities of southwest Florida, the widespread damage wrought by one of the strongest storms to hit the U.S. in decades was coming into view.

By Elizabeth Findell, Dan Frosch and Cameron McWhirter

Rescue workers and neighbors fanned out in search of those still trapped by the floodwaters that inundated the streets of Naples and Fort My-

ers. Hospitals, damaged by fierce winds or without running water, scrambled to evacuate patients. Stunned long-time residents picked through rubble, recounting how they managed to ride out the storm.

Some 2.3 million customers had no electricity on Thursday night, according to tracking site poweroutages.us, and energy companies were struggling to restore power as trees and vegetation blocked roads and access to grid infrastructure.

By Thursday morning, Ian was gone from the area, tracking northward as it dumped rain over Orlando, and then

drifted out over the Atlantic Ocean as a tropical storm. But by later in the afternoon, it had regained strength and become a hurricane again. Forecasters warned it would make landfall again on Friday, near Charleston, S.C. That state's entire coast has been placed under a hurricane warning.

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis Thursday night said deaths from the storm are expected, but didn't give a number, saying it would take more time to confirm. He added that more than 700 people have been rescued in Ian's aftermath, and that the number is likely to rise

significantly.

Officials had confirmed at least one death by late Thursday.

Destruction from the Category 4 hurricane, which had sustained winds of up to 150 miles an hour, was extensive.

"It's basically a 500-year flood event," Mr. DeSantis said earlier.

Mr. DeSantis, a Republican, said two of the hardest-hit counties, Lee and Charlotte, were "basically off the grid"

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Stocks Decline As Bond Selloff Resumes

S&P hits new 2022 low and Treasury yields climb on fresh slowdown concerns

By HANNAH MIAO AND CHELSEY DULANEY

U.S. stocks fell Thursday, sending the S&P 500 to a new low for the year, as the worst bond rout in a generation upended markets and investors wrestled anew with worries about a global slowdown.

The declines jolted investors who enjoyed a short-lived stock rally on Wednesday. Treasury yields settled at some of their highest levels of the year.

Rockiness in markets was exacerbated this week by the U.K. government's efforts to get its economy back on track. Late last week, the U.K. government unveiled plans for unfunded tax cuts, spooking markets. The Dow Jones Industrial Average on Monday joined the S&P in a bear market, defined in Wall Street parlance as a drop of 20% or more from a recent high, and both indexes continued to fall on Tuesday. And on Thursday, U.K. Prime Minister Liz Truss rattled investors with her first public comments defending her government's plans to cut taxes.

"This volatility is quite breathtaking," said Peter Belmont, senior portfolio manager and managing director of Belmont Gold Wealth Advisory.

On Thursday, the S&P 500 Please turn to page A2

◆ Volatility in bonds enters a new phase..... B1

NATO Blames Pipeline Leaks On Sabotage, Issues Warning

NATO said a series of leaks on the Nord Stream pipelines between Russia and Europe were the result of sabotage and that attacks on its members' infrastructure would be met with a collective response from the alliance. **A1**

By Drew Hinshaw, Matthew Dalton and Laurence Norman

bers' infrastructure would be met with a collective response from the military alliance.

The North Atlantic Council, the decision-making body of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, didn't provide details or evidence. It also noted

that the damage to the pipelines occurred in international waters. But it marks the first time the alliance has formally warned that it would deter and defend against attacks on its members' critical infrastructure following the four documented leaks in the Nord Stream and Nord Stream 2 pipelines.

NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg separately wrote on Twitter that the sabotage on the pipelines was of "deep concern."

"NATO is committed to deter and defend against hybrid attacks," he wrote. "Any delib-

erate attack against Allies' critical infrastructure would be met with a united and determined response."

At a NATO meeting Wednesday evening, Danish officials said the pipelines were damaged by two explosions Monday, each with the force of about 1,100 pounds of TNT, officials familiar with the discussions said.

Swedish and Danish authorities said Thursday that four leaks—two in the waters of each country—had been verified. The Swedish Coast Guard said the fourth leak—the sec-

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Average rate on a 30-year fixed rate mortgage



Mortgage Rates Surge To 6.7%

Rates climbed to their highest level since July 2007, marking the sixth straight week of increases and adding to pressure on the already cooling U.S. housing market. Some would-be home buyers have given up, while some existing homeowners are reluctant to sell. **A2**

'They Beat Us, They Tormented Us.'

By YAROSLAV TROFIMOV

VOVCHANSK, Ukraine—The Russian interrogators left behind some tools of their trade at the sprawling machine-parts plant in this recently liberated city a few miles from the Russian border.

In a building that served as a detention camp, there are two

rubber truncheons that former inmates said were used to beat them on the back. There is a wooden pole that was used to hit them on the calves. And there is a high-voltage panel, decorated with the Z and the V markings of the Russian invasion, which delivered electric shocks to detainees. Replicas of Soviet World War II-era posters

still hang above it.

"They beat us, they tormented us, they took us to the forest to shoot above our heads. And every day at 11 a.m., they brought me here for my electric sessions," said

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Companies Keep Hiring Despite Slowing Economy

Many employers say they struggle with staff shortages even amid recession fears

By SARAH CHANEY CAMBON

A persistent economic puzzle is why labor is still so tight amid slowing growth, high inflation and growing fears of recession.

Gross domestic product growth slipped into negative territory in the first half of the year. Borrowing costs have risen steeply as the Federal Reserve boosts interest rates in an attempt to reduce inflation. Even so, monthly payrolls have grown an average of 438,000 from January through August, nearly three times their 2019 prepandemic pace.

Many employers say they continue to struggle with lasting staffing shortages that built up during the pandemic

and are reluctant to cut head count. In many cases, they are still hiring.

"I don't think we'll see mass layoffs," said James Knightley, chief international economist at ING. "We are going to see companies prefer to hoard their labor rather than do a quick fire and then rehire because the challenges of hiring right now are incredibly intense."

In Eau Claire, Wis., Jim Fey normally buys five to eight new buses each year for his privately owned school bus service. He doesn't plan to purchase any in 2023 because high inflation and interest rates have put the price of a bus out of reach. He worries about a re-

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Why Does the Web Still Mangle Names? Ask Mr. St. O'Brien

Apostrophes, hyphens, umlauts flummox the internet; an O'Brien can't book a flight

By KATIE DEIGHTON

Sybren Stüvel is an Amsterdam-based software developer with a fairly uncommon name and a surprisingly common predicament.

As he completes the tasks of daily life, computers refuse to accept his name as valid or mangle it entirely. A credit card pro-

vider rejected his moniker, a Vancouver hotel hit bumps locating his reservation—as he stood there exhausted from a nine-hour plane trip—and an airline wouldn't let him check in. "You can imagine my stress level," he said.

While buying insurance, he said, "They asked me to confirm that my last



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Porsche's shares lose much of their luster on their first day of trading in Frankfurt. **B1**



Currency markets are waking up to reality

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Cash is king
UK mint casts
Charles coins

The UK's Royal Mint will today unveil the official coin effigy of King Charles III, designed by sculptor Martin Jennings, on a memorial £5 coin and 50 pence piece.

The coins, which will enter circulation in the next few months, will feature two new portraits of Queen Elizabeth II on the reverse to commemorate her reign.

The King has personally approved the portrait with his image facing left, unlike that of his mother, which faced right.

The Royal Mint will not take existing coins out of circulation, which means that currency featuring King Charles and Queen Elizabeth will be used for many years. Coins typically last 20 years, with about 27bn in circulation.

The Royal Mint has made coins for the British royal family for more than 1,100 years, with each monarch featured since Alfred the Great.



Charlie Stacey/FT

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President Joe Biden has declared a major disaster in the US state and pledged federal support as Hurricane Ian caused widespread damage and left more than 2.6m people without power. — PAGE 2

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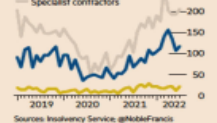
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Building bust

Monthly insolvencies
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UK construction lost 3,841 companies in the past year despite building output being higher than before the pandemic. Some 59 per cent were specialist groups, reliant on cash flow. They have suffered from sharp rises in materials costs.

Germany wields 'economic clout' with
€200bn of aid to offset energy prices

◆ Inflation hits 70-year high of 10.9% ◆ Business and consumers shielded ◆ Plan funded by borrowing

GUY CHAZAN — BERLIN
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Germany yesterday revealed a €200bn "protective shield" for businesses and consumers struggling with soaring energy bills, as inflation in Europe's largest economy soared to double digits for the first time in more than 70 years.

The largest aid package adopted by a European government since the start of the energy crisis will include an emergency cap on gas and electricity prices, to be financed by new borrowing.

"Prices must go down," chancellor Olaf Scholz said. "The government will do everything it can to ensure that happens." He described the package as a "double ka-boom" that would help everyone, from pensioners to big companies, pay their energy bills.

The move to cap energy costs came as Germany's statistical agency said inflation hit a seven-decade high of 10.9 per cent in September, accelerating from 8.8 per cent in August. Economists expect the increase in German prices to lift overall eurozone inflation to a new record of 9.7 per cent today.

"Inflation is running red hot in Germany," said Carsten Brzeski, an economist at Dutch bank ING, adding that it was "hard to see" how the European Central Bank could not raise interest

rates by 0.75 percentage points for a third consecutive time next month.

German energy prices rose 43.9 per cent in the year to September, accelerating from 35.6 per cent growth in August, while food prices surged 18.7 per cent, against 16.6 per cent a month earlier.

Germany's top institutes said the economy would expand by 1.4 per cent this year, contract by 0.4 per cent in 2023 and grow by 1.9 per cent in 2024. But they also warned that the economy could shrink by 7.9 per cent next year in the event of an unusually cold winter and gas rationing in industry.

Berlin has accused Russia of "weaponising" its energy exports since it launched its full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February. Scholz said the suspected sabotage of Nord Stream 1

and 2, the pipelines under the Baltic Sea that connect Russia to Europe, had shown that "gas will not be delivered from Russia for the foreseeable future".

Christian Lindner, Germany's finance minister, said the country was "displaying its economic clout here in an energy war", adding that he believed Russia's aim was to destroy "what people have personally built up over decades — we can't accept that, and we will fight back".

The €200bn will be financed through new borrowing and channelled through the reactivated Economic Stabilisation Fund, an off-budget facility that was set up in 2020 to help companies such as Lufthansa survive lockdowns and other public health measures imposed during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Lindner insisted that Germany would

stick with its plan to reinstate the "debt brake", a constitutional curb on new borrowing that was suspended during the pandemic, from next year, drawing a contrast with the UK's approach.

"We are not following the example of Great Britain by pursuing an expansive fiscal policy," he said.

Yesterday's announcement came just three weeks after Germany unveiled plans for a brake on electricity prices, to be funded by a new windfall levy on the profits of power companies.

Robert Habeck, economy minister, insisted that energy use still needed to be cut. "While we're willing to spend a lot of money to bring down prices, there is still a need to save energy."

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Russia to annex four regions page 4

Windhorst hired spies in
football plot, lawsuit says

Financier Lars Windhorst hired Israeli corporate spies who ran a covert plot to oust the boss of a German football club he owns. Court documents reveal that Tel Aviv-based Shilumi Strategy orchestrated an operation aimed at engineering the exit of long-serving Hertha Berlin president Werner Gegenbauer. He quit in May but the firm is now suing Windhorst, saying it is owed €1m for eight months' work, as well as a €4m success fee.

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Truss loses confidence of her MPs and
voters after vowing to stick to tax cuts

JIM PICKARD AND TOMMY STUBBINGTON

UK prime minister Liz Truss is under mounting pressure to change course on her tax and borrowing plans after a new opinion poll gave the Labour opposition party a lead of 33 points, the biggest gap with the Conservative party since the 1990s.

Truss vowed yesterday to stick to plans unveiled in last week's tax-cutting, debt-inducing "mini" Budget during a round of stilted broadcast interviews.

An opinion poll from YouGov giving Labour a 33-point lead over the Tory party found almost three times as many voters thought opposition leader Sir Keir Starmer would make a better prime minister than Truss, who entered Downing Street only this month.

With doubts growing over her competence, chancellor Kwasi Kwarteng sent a

message to MPs to rally behind their prime minister. "We need your support," he told them, adding: "The only people who will win if we divide is the Labour party."

Truss reiterated that cutting taxes for big business and high earners paying a 45 per cent upper income tax rate were vital to staving off a recession. "We are cutting taxes across the board because we were facing the highest tax burden on Britain in 70 years, and that was causing a lack of economic growth," Truss told local radio channels.

But her administration's plans for £45bn of unfunded tax cuts and other fiscal measures have prompted a sharp sell-off in sterling and government bonds, forced banks to withdraw mortgage offers, the Bank of England to pump an extra £65bn into the gilt markets and led to censure by the IMF.

Some Tory MPs, including former Truss supporters, criticised her stilted attempts to explain her policies yesterday. "Mortgage rates were already heading up but that is now, in public perception, all down to the government," said one Conservative MP. He added that she seemed to have "a wooden speaking style with a mind to match".

After Truss spoke yesterday morning, bonds and currencies gave up the gains they had made on Wednesday after the BoE's intervention. However, the pound later recovered and rose to its highest level since the "mini" Budget, climbing 1.7 per cent against the dollar to \$1.07.

Selling pressure was more acute for UK bonds, with the yield on the policy-sensitive two-year gilt rising 0.11 percentage points to 4.35 per cent.

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World Markets

STOCK MARKETS

	Sep 29	Prev	%Chg
S&P 500	3953.48	3719.04	-1.26
Nasdaq Composite	10771.29	11851.54	-2.54
Dow Jones Ind	29319.75	29683.74	-1.23
FTSEurofirst 300	1519.34	1544.31	-1.59
Euro Stoxx 50	3272.98	3325.30	-1.67
FTSE 100	6881.59	7035.30	-1.77
FTSE All-Share	3745.11	3820.23	-1.97
CAC 40	5676.87	5765.01	-1.53
Xetra Dax	11975.55	12183.28	-1.71
Nikkei 225	26422.55	26173.98	0.95
Hang Seng	17765.87	17250.88	-0.49
MSCI World	2438.78	2403.88	1.45
MSCI EM	875.85	891.89	-1.80
MSCI ACWI	1665.81	1659.72	1.09
FT Wilshire 2500	4841.39	4743.77	2.10
FT Wilshire 5000	37809.61	37025.83	2.12

CURRENCIES

Pair	Sep 29	Prev	Pair	Sep 29	Prev
\$/£	0.9777	0.9633	\$/¥	1.024	1.028
\$/€	1.103	1.075	\$/HK\$	0.968	0.951
\$/¥	0.895	0.898	\$/K\$	1.130	1.116
\$/N\$	144.595	144.585	\$/R\$	141.219	138.242
\$/S\$	159.553	156.378	\$/T\$	73.967	74.166
\$/U\$	0.958	0.945	\$/V\$	1.082	1.055

GOVERNMENT BONDS

Yield (%)	Sep 29	Prev	Chg
US 2 yr	4.20	4.13	0.07
US 10 yr	3.74	3.78	-0.02
US 30 yr	3.69	3.68	0.01
UK 2 yr	4.38	4.25	0.13
UK 10 yr	4.14	4.00	0.14
UK 30 yr	3.98	3.92	0.04
JPN 2 yr	-0.05	-0.04	-0.01
JPN 10 yr	0.25	0.25	0.01
JPN 30 yr	1.40	1.47	-0.08
GER 2 yr	2.78	2.84	-0.06
GER 10 yr	2.18	2.11	0.07
GER 30 yr	2.15	2.02	0.13

COMMODITIES

	Sep 29	Prev	%Chg
Oil WTI \$	82.58	82.15	0.52
Oil Brent \$	86.28	86.05	0.24
Gold \$	1852.15	1834.30	1.09

Prices are listed for reference
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BRITAIN'S GAMBLE ON NEW TAX CUTS WORRIES EXPERTS

EYEING PAST MISTAKES

Move Could Clash With
Worldwide Efforts to
Combat Inflation

By JIM TANKERSLEY

A stunning rebuke from the International Monetary Fund this week underscored one of the biggest risks of the new British government's plan to slash taxes on high earners: It could exacerbate rapid inflation and destabilize markets at a precarious economic moment.

The alarm from economists, central bankers, investors and top U.S. officials centered on the likelihood that the tax cuts could stoke consumer demand by giving people more money to spend, pushing crushing high prices even higher. That would put the British government in direct conflict with aggressive efforts of the central banks around the globe — and in the United Kingdom — that are raising interest rates in a bid to bring inflation under control.

Many economists say British officials are also ignoring the lessons of the most recent bout of tax cuts — those engineered in the United States by former President Donald J. Trump. Empirical research on the early results of those cuts suggests that they mostly helped the economy by temporarily increasing consumer demand, an outcome that could prove particularly damaging in the high-inflation environment that Britain and much of the world are experiencing.

L. Truss, Britain's new prime minister, has staked her fledgling government on an oversize, once-in-a-generation package of tax cuts and deregulation meant to energize the economy. It includes a cut in rates for the country's lowest income tax bracket — and, in what was a surprise move, a five-percentage-point cut in the coun-

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New York City Tightens Entry To Top Schools

Reviving Use of Grades
After 2-Year Pause

By TROY CLOSSON

New York City's selective middle schools can once again use grades to choose which students to admit, the school chancellor, David C. Banks, announced on Thursday, rolling back a pandemic-era moratorium that had opened the doors of some of the city's most elite schools to more low-income students.

Selective high schools will also be able to prioritize top-performing students.

The sweeping move will end the random lottery for middle schools, a major shift after the previous administration ended the use of grades and test scores two years ago. At the city's competitive high schools, where changes widened the pool of eligible applicants, priority for seats will be limited to top students whose grades are an A average.

The question of whether to base admissions on student performance prompted intense debate this fall. Many Asian American families were particularly vocal in arguing that the lotteries excluded their children from opportunities they had worked hard for. But Black and Latino students are significantly underrepresented at selective schools, and some parents had hoped the previous admissions changes would become permanent to boost racial integration in a system that has been labeled one of the most segregated in the nation.

"It's critically important that if you're working hard and making good grades, you should not be thrown into a lottery with just everybody," Mr. Banks said, noting that the changes were based on family feedback.

New York City has used selective admissions for public schools more than any school district in the country. About a third of the city's 900 or so middle and high schools had some kind of admissions requirement before the pandemic disrupted many measures

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A Staggering Path of Ruin Across Florida



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Hurricane Ian's aftermath included flooding in Port Charlotte, Fla., top, and wreckage in Fort Myers Beach, above. Marvis Long, middle, said "everything floated" in her North Fort Myers home.

Death Toll From Hurricane Ian May Jump

This article is by Patricia Mazzei, Nicholas Bogel-Burroughs, Frances Robles and Jack Healy.

FORT MYERS, Fla. — The extent of Hurricane Ian's destruction became clearer on Thursday as people across southwestern Florida, left without electricity, drinking water or inhabitable homes, began to assess the damage and gird for what Gov. Ron DeSantis said would be a years-long recovery.

The scale of the wreckage was staggering, even to Florida residents who had survived and rebuilt after other powerful hurricanes. The storm pulverized roads, toppled trees, gutted downtown storefronts and set cars afloat, leaving a soggy scar of ruined homes and businesses from the coastal cities of Naples and Fort Myers to inland communities around Orlando.

Although state officials had not released a death toll by late in the day, Mr. DeSantis said Thursday night that "we absolutely expect" to learn of storm-related fatalities as rescuers work through a backlog of 911 calls and scour the most devastated neighborhoods. More than 500 people in Charlotte and Lee Counties, the hardest hit, had been rescued on Thursday, the Florida Division of Emergency Management said; the small town of Fort Myers Beach, on a barrier island just off the coast, appeared decimated.

While Ian left Florida on Thursday afternoon as a tropical storm, South Carolina residents were bracing for lashing winds and heavy rain as it quickly became a hurricane again at sea; forecasters said it could strengthen again before doubling back onto land there by Friday.

Photos from several areas of the state showed homes crunched together in a chaotic jumble, or smashed into what looked like toothpicks. Fishing boats and pleasure cruisers had been hurled onto the ground as if they were bathtub toys. The streets were a perilous obstacle course of toppled trees and downed wires.

In North Fort Myers, where Marion Burkholder, 84, survived the storm by clambering into a dinghy inside a neighbor's screened-in porch and floating up with the rising waters, Thursday brought dreaded news. Her carpets were sopping and her floors were covered with a dark brown liquid. Her fridge lay on its side.

"Everything floated," said Marvis Long, 96, who lives nearby. "The water was coming in just like waves in here."

Mayors, sheriffs and other officials. Continued on Page A18

CHANGED VIEW Gov. Ron DeSantis is seeking the kind of federal aid he once opposed. PAGE A20

SEVERE TOLL In hard-hit areas of Florida, just 18.5 percent of homes have flood insurance. PAGE A16

ALEKSANDR: We can't take Kyiv. . . .
We just take villages, and that's it.

NIKITA: There are corpses lying around.

SERGEY: We were given an order
to kill everyone we see.

Bitter Tales of Failure and Fear In Russian Troops' Calls Home

This article is by Yousur Al-Hou, Masha Froljak and Evan Hill.

KYIV, Ukraine — The Ukrainian capital was supposed to fall in a matter of days.

But plagued by tactical errors and fierce Ukrainian resistance, President Vladimir V. Putin's destructive advance quickly stalled, and his forces became bogged down for most of March on the city's outskirts.

From trenches, dugouts and in occupied homes in the area around Bucha, a western suburb of Kyiv, Russian soldiers disobeyed orders by making unau-

thorized calls from their cell-phones to their wives, girlfriends, friends and parents hundreds of miles from the front line.

Someone else was listening in: the Ukrainian government.

The New York Times has exclusively obtained recordings of thousands of calls that were made throughout March and intercepted by Ukrainian law enforcement agencies from this pivotal location.

Reporters verified the authenticity of these calls by cross-referencing the Russian phone numbers with messaging apps and social media profiles to identify soldiers and family members.

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At Flooded Nursing Home, a Rush to Save Those Too Frail to Walk

This article is by Richard Fausset, Campbell Robertson and Shawn Hubler.

ORLANDO, Fla. — The emergency call came from the nursing home shortly after 5 a.m.: Water was seeping into the low-slung, low-lying complex called Avante at Orlando and threatening its 106 residents, some too frail to walk.

By daybreak, dozens of rescue workers had descended on Avante, which bills itself as a skilled nursing and rehabilitation center. The water in the building was about a foot deep, but it was perhaps as high as three feet in the parking lot outside. Many of the patients, in their 80s or 90s, were wheeled out on cots, their white sheets billowing in the

Narrow Escapes Amid the Rising Waters

whipping winds trailing Hurricane Ian, their faces filled with fear and confusion. Soon, however, they were safe — if shaken and wet — in vans and

buses bound for shelters and hospitals.

As epic rain and high wind pounded much of central Florida on Thursday, a picture emerged of what the storm had wrought, from wrenching catastrophe to mere gale-force inconvenience. The battered landscape ranged from utter devastation on the south-

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Last Days of a Toxic Town

The town of Wittenoom in Australia was poisoned by asbestos mining. Decades later, its holdouts are being removed so that it can be razed. PAGE A4

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Judge Overrules Trump Arbiter

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BRENDA BRENNAN sits next to a boat that pressed against her apartment in Fort Myers, Fla., after Hurricane Ian moved through Thursday. Ian's high winds, storm surge and rain caused severe damage. Photographs by JOE RAEDEL Getty Images

After Florida devastation, Ian aims for S. Carolina

Storm leaves vast flooding, regains hurricane strength

BY ADRIANA GOMEZ-LICON

PUNTA GORDA, Fla. — Rescue crews piloted boats and waded through inundated streets Thursday to save thousands of Floridians trapped amid flooded homes and shattered buildings left by Hurricane Ian, which crossed into the Atlantic Ocean and churned toward South Carolina.

Hours after weakening to a tropical storm while crossing the Florida peninsula, Ian regained hurricane strength Thursday evening over the Atlantic. The National Hurricane Center predicted it would hit South Carolina as a Category 1 hurricane Friday.

The devastation inflicted on Florida came into focus a day after Ian struck as a [See Ian, A6]



STEDI SCUDERI tries to clean up inside her Fort Myers apartment. The storm is predicted to hit South Carolina as a Category 1 hurricane Friday.

Heat adds to huge carbon footprint

Higher A/C use can send mega-mansions' monthly power bills well into five figures.

BY JACK FLEMING

Cooling off a 1,500-square-foot bungalow in a heat wave is expensive enough. But how big are the bills for the ever-larger mega-mansions crowding our hills?

Granted, those who can afford a \$50-million home likely aren't sweating a bloated electric bill, nor perhaps the carbon footprint, but experts say the cost of keeping a mansion cool can well north of \$10,000 per month.

Take "The One," a 105,000-square-foot home in Bel-Air that set a record this year when it sold to the highest bidder for \$141 million, the

most ever paid for a home at auction in America. It's the largest modern home in the country and looks more like a spaceship than an actual place to live.

Last year, a court-appointed receiver tasked with finding a buyer for the property told The Times that the monthly electric bill was \$27,000. At the time, the air conditioning worked only on one level.

Lawrence Castillo, president of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning company Brody Pennell, estimated that when the home is working at full capacity, the bill would be around \$50,000.

Castillo, whose company services more than 30,000 homes per year around the Westside and San Fernando Valley, said residential air-conditioning systems are generally split into zones so they can cool separate, specific [See Cooling, A9]

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AUTHORITIES respond to a shooting at an Oakland campus Wednesday. Officials said the incident appeared to be related to a conflict among gang members. RAY CHAVEZ Bay Area News Group

Shooting shocks campus

The attack could have been much worse if it had happened minutes later, an official says.

BY SUMMER LIN

It was the final minutes of class for middle schoolers at the Bay Area Technology School in Oakland when the shots were heard.

Teachers and staff first thought the noise was firecrackers, said Seth Feldman, the school's executive director. But it quickly became clear this was the latest in an epidemic of campus

violence in the U.S.

Police now say two gunmen opened fire Wednesday inside the entrance of Rudsdale Newcomer High School, which is in the front of an education complex that includes Bay Area Tech. When it was over, two students and four staff members were wounded.

A school security guard "didn't even know how he got shot because he was busy helping one of the victims," Feldman said. The guard was finally taken to a hospital after a bullet grazed his knee but returned to the school in an Uber while police were still investigating the scene.

Young adults feel strain of challenges

Pandemic added to toll in California with mental health help hard to get, poll says.

BY PALOMA ESQUIVEL

Young adults in California experience mental health challenges at alarming rates, with more than three-quarters reporting anxiety in the last year, more than half reporting depression, 31% experiencing suicidal thinking and 16% self-harm, according to the results of a survey commissioned by the California Endowment.

The numbers reflect a years-long trend of worsening mental health among young people that was exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, experts say.

The poll of nearly 800 Californians ages 18 to 24 also found young people facing significant barriers to getting help — with nearly half of those who wanted to speak to a mental health professional saying they had been unable to do so, and many saying cost or lack of access had stopped them.

The challenges reported by the poll are "extremely concerning," said Dr. Benjamin Maxwell, interim director of child and adolescent psychiatry at Rady Children's Hospital-San Diego, who was not involved in the survey.

"As a society we've underfunded mental health support for people for decades, and some of that is coming out in this survey."

The poll reveals a generation under strain from a wide range of problems, with 86% saying the cost of housing was an extremely or very serious problem and more than three-quarters saying the same about the cost of college, lack of well-paying jobs, homelessness, drugs and alcohol abuse, and the cost and availability of

healthcare.

Mental health ranked just behind the cost of housing as a widespread problem for young adults, with 82% calling it an extremely or very serious problem.

When asked to pick a word that described how they felt about their generation's future, the two dominant feelings were uncertainty and worry.

"If we compare this to what we get when we talk to [older] adults, we don't see the same breadth and intensity of concern about this wide range of issues," said pollster David Metz of the research firm Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz & Associates, which conducted the survey. "I think that says something about the burdens that young people are feeling."

The poll was commissioned by the California Endowment, a statewide health foundation, in an effort to better understand the mental health challenges young people face. The endowment funds a variety of initiatives in California that engage in advocacy on mental health and other health-related issues.

Times reporters and editors worked with the endowment on the poll questions and vetted the methodology in advance of the survey. [See Poll, A12]

New law allows state IDs for migrants

Assembly Bill 1766 expands identification eligibility for residents who lack legal status.

BY BRITTNEY MEJIA AND CINDY CARCAMO

Throughout her life in California, Cassandra Merlos has relied on her Mexican passport as her sole form of identification.

When she has rented apartments, she has been reluctant to mention that she's in the country without legal status and has only her passport for identification. When she has gone out to bars with friends, she has felt discriminated against when told she needs a California license or an ID to get in.

For nearly a decade, immigrants who are in the country illegally have been able to get a restricted California driver's license, but Merlos doesn't drive. The 26-year-old applied for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program — better known as DACA — to get a work permit, but the program is no longer processing new applications.

Her mother and brother, who has epilepsy, also don't have driver's licenses. None of them have state-issued identification.

That's expected to change now that Gov. Gavin Newsom has signed into law Assembly Bill 1766, also known as "California IDs for All." Under the bill signed last week, California ID eligibility will be expanded for close to 2 million people who lack legal status.

The law will go into effect [See IDs, A12]

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Putin set to seize 4 regions of Ukraine

Russian president to defy international law, sign 'accession treaties'

BY ROBYN DIXON

Russian President Vladimir Putin will formally move Friday to seize four Ukrainian regions by signing what the Kremlin is calling "accession treaties," in defiance of international law and widespread condemnation from world leaders.

The signing ceremony, to take place in the Grand Kremlin Palace, marks Putin's attempt to annex the regions of Donetsk, Luhansk, Kherson and Zaporizhzhia, even though Russia does not fully control them militarily or politically.

Late on Thursday, Putin signed two decrees recognizing Kherson and Zaporizhzhia as "independent" territories, an intermediate step toward annexation. Russia already recognizes Donetsk and Luhansk, in eastern Ukraine, as sovereign republics.

The move potentially slams the door on diplomacy for years to come and ensures further escalation of the war in Ukraine. Kyiv

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Aid to Russia: A U.S. Army doctor allegedly tried to leak records. **B1**

Contested ALS drug gains FDA approval

BY LAURIE MCGINLEY

The Food and Drug Administration on Thursday overcame doubts from agency scientists and approved a fiercely debated drug for ALS, a move that heartened patients and advocates who pushed for the medication but raised concerns among some experts about whether treatments for dire conditions receive sufficient scrutiny.

"It's a huge deal," said Sunny Brous, 35, who was diagnosed with ALS seven years ago after she had trouble closing her left glove while playing softball. She plans to begin taking the drug as soon as she can.

"Anything that shows any amount of efficacy is important," the resident of Pico, Tex., added. Even a small change, Brous said, "might be the difference between signing my own name and someone else signing it for me."

The newly approved therapy, which will be sold under the brand name Relyvrio, is designed to slow the disease by protecting nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord destroyed by ALS — amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. The ailment paralyzes patients, robbing them of their ability to walk, talk and eventually breathe. Patients typically die

SEE ALS ON A17

Rescuers deploy amid destruction

Ian ravages Florida from west to east, then gains strength over Atlantic as it heads for S.C.



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The hurricane left damaged homes and debris in its wake across Fort Myers, Fla. More than 2.5 million Floridians remained without power in a region where storm surge, winds and downpours inundated roads, flipped boats, unmoored houses from foundations, and made rescue missions slow and challenging in hard-hit coastal communities.

As waters warm, 7 super storms have lashed the U.S. since 2017

BY SCOTT DANCE AND KASHA PATEL

As Hurricane Ian barreled toward Florida this week, it did what six other storms did over the past six years as they approached the United States: It intensified, quickly.

A few factors help account for the shift, including the warming waters — fueled by climate change — that give hurricanes more energy to release through crushing winds and pounding waves. Climate scientists suspect the slow movement of storms like Ian also stems from global warming, giving them a greater opportunity to strengthen and destroy as long as day-to-day conditions remain ripe.

Since 2017, an unprecedented number of storms rated Category 4 or stronger have lashed the U.S. shoreline: Harvey, Irma, Maria, Michael, Laura, Ida and now Ian. They all qualify as "rapid intensification events," when a storm's wind speeds increase by at least 35 mph within 24 hours.

These kinds of storms have increased in number in recent decades. Sixteen of the last 20 hurricanes in the Atlantic basin have undergone rapid intensification.

"Especially in the near-coastal region where the hurricane is just ahead of landfall, what we are

SEE CLIMATE ON A7



JOHN RAOUK/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Residents are rescued from floodwaters in Orlando. The central Florida city, home to Walt Disney World, set a 24-hour rainfall record with 12.49 inches — roughly twice its monthly average.

With fish in the floodwaters, last-minute escapes

BY TIM CRAIG

FORT MYERS, FLA. — Kathy Sharp thought she would be safe at the Thunderbird Park, a mobile home community for retirees dotted with palm trees two miles from the Gulf of Mexico. For days, forecasters had indicated Hurricane Ian was heading north to Tampa.

But as the storm's eyewall tore through Fort Myers, Sharp looked

out a window and noticed pieces of her neighbor's roof flying into the air. Not long after, her own home started to break apart, the fierce wind casting aluminum paneling into the swirl of airborne debris.

Then the water hit. "It was just like a river out of nowhere," said Sharp, 74, describing the apocalyptic storm surge Ian pushed ashore. "There was nothing there, and then all the

sudden there was like a foot of water in the house."

Frightened, Sharp and her husband, Lonny Henry, frantically called 911. Even before a dispatcher picked up, however, she knew no one would be coming to her rescue.

Harrowing stories of survival surfaced across southwest Florida on Thursday as first responders rescued hundreds of people

SEE SURVIVORS ON A9

Storm 'changed the character' of much of state, DeSantis says

This article is by Molly Hennessy-Fiske, Brittany Shammass, Lori Rozsa, Karin Brulliard and Reis Thebaud.

FORT MYERS BEACH, FLA. — Emergency crews and search teams deployed across the battered flood zones of southwest Florida on Thursday, hunting for survivors and the missing while only beginning to measure the massive scope of destruction wrought the day before by one of the most powerful hurricanes ever to hit the United States.

More than 2.3 million Floridians remained without power Thursday night in a region where a three-pronged punch of storm surge, fearsome winds and downpours inundated roads, flipped boats, unmoored houses from their foundations and destroyed at least two bridges to barrier islands.

Yet even as the Gulf Coast emerged from more than a day of harrowing weather, Ian made clear it was not yet finished. Early Thursday, weakened to a tropical storm, it dumped record-setting rain on what officials predicted would be a deadly and costly path across the peninsula. It then moved offshore into the

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Rescue effort: A daughter took to Twitter to get help for her mom. **A8**

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Aftermath of Hurricane Ian

Florida reels from the destruction after powerful storm batters state. Millions left without power, and death toll expected to rise. **Coverage inside**



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River, en apuros

El futuro de Gallardo condiciona al club

Para proyectar 2023, la conducción de Brito necesita que el DT defina pronto sus planes.



GUNS N' ROSES VUELVE AL MONUMENTAL CON AIRES DE REENCUENTRO

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La banda toca hoy en River con sus líderes, Axl Rose y Slash, en clima de reconciliación, tras más de 20 años de peleas, separaciones y dardos envenenados.

PIEZAS DE UN MURAL ARGENTINO SE CODEAN CON DIEGO RIVERA

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Dos partes del *Rompecabezas* de Jorge de la Vega se subastan hoy en Nueva York; las presentan al nivel de los grandes muralistas del siglo XX. **Página 23**

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Massa apura un bono para reforzar la ayuda social, tras el reclamo de Cristina

AYUDA. El Ministerio de Economía intentó ayer negar diferencias con la vicepresidenta

El Ministerio de Economía apuró ayer la puesta en marcha de un bono para los sectores más pobres, en un intento de frenar la tensión que generó la advertencia de Cristina Kirchner.

El miércoles, la vicepresidenta le reclamó a Massa una mayor intervención en las empresas alimenta-

rias, con el argumento kirchnerista que responsabiliza al sector privado por la inflación. Fue luego de que se conoció que aumentó la indigencia, que ya alcanza a más de cuatro millones de personas. De esa forma, Cristina Kirchner quebró el silencio que se había impuesto desde que sus críticas contra la política

económica terminaron por eyectar a Martín Guzmán del Ministerio de Economía. El universo al que beneficiará el bono aún no está completamente definido. Sería para los próximos tres meses, y el dinero para financiarlo provendrá de lo obtenido con la liquidación del dólar soja. **Página 8**

EL ESCENARIO

Sospechas que agitan al poder

Claudio Jacquelín
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Avanza un acuerdo con el gremio de neumáticos

Sobre el filo de esta madrugada buscaban cerrar una trabajosa negociación

El Gobierno buscaba esta madrugada encarrilar el conflicto con el gremio del neumático, que mantiene paralizadas a las empresas del sector. Fuentes empresarias adelantaron que se avanzó en una fórmula de acuerdo salarial y confiaban en firmar un acta que pondría fin al paro. El fiscal Martín Otero, mientras tanto, exigió al Ministerio de Seguridad que garantice el ingreso a la planta de Fate. **Página 9**

Mapuches: despliegue policial por las usurpaciones



MARCELO MARTÍNEZ

política—Un operativo que involucró a 40 policías de Río Negro ingresó ayer a La Cristalina, una de las cabañas usurpadas esta semana en Villa Mascardi por grupos que se autodenominan mapuches. El despliegue se hizo luego de que su dueño, Diego Frutos, quien denuncia la falta de respuesta nacional y provincial, avisó que iba a entrar al predio. Luego de realizar constataciones y tras 40 minutos en el lugar, la comitiva se retiró. **Página 14**

Los salarios volvieron a perder con la inflación

INDEC. En julio subieron 5,5%, frente a 7,4% del IPC; a los privados les fue peor

El promedio de los salarios registró en julio un aumento de 5,5% respecto del mes anterior, según informó ayer el Indec. El dato refleja que los ingresos sufrieron una pérdida de casi dos puntos frente a la inflación, que ese mes fue de 7,4%. El resultado no fue parejo por sectores, ya que los salarios del sector privado formal aumentaron 5,4%; los del sector público crecieron 7,3%, y los de los trabajadores en negro, 3%. La tendencia, advierten los analistas, se habría mantenido en agosto. **Página 16**

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EDUCACIÓN. Ya son 16 las presentaciones ante la Justicia; 12 colegios siguen ocupados. **Página 24**

La Argentina ante la elección en Brasil. Una apuesta a Lula entre equilibrios diplomáticos

Janaína Figueiredo
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RÍO DE JANEIRO.—En un reciente encuentro entre el ex canciller brasileño Celso Amorim y el Grupo de Embajadores Latinoame-

ricanos y del Caribe (Grulac), en Brasilia, el embajador argentino en Brasil, Daniel Scioli, le entregó al principal consejero del presidente Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva un documento titulado "Ejes para la Integración Argentina-Brasil,

2022-2023". Son 14 páginas de propuestas para fortalecer el vínculo bilateral, discutidas y acordadas con las máximas autoridades del gobierno argentino, y que también fueron enviadas a la cancillería brasileña. **Continúa en la página 4**

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Los precios vuelan; La Cándida, también

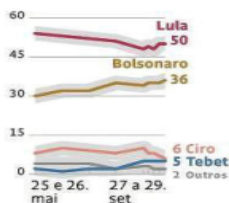
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Campanha chega à reta final no limiar de acabar no 1º turno

Votos válidos no 1º turno (excluindo brancos e nulos), em %



Fonte: Datafolha presencial com 6.800 pessoas de 16 anos ou mais em 333 municípios de 27 a 29 set.; a margem de erro é de 2 pontos percentuais e o registro no TSE é BR-09479/2022.

Lula mantém 50% dos votos válidos; Bolsonaro vai a 36%

Presidente tem rejeição maior e número menos conhecido do que o do oponente, mostra Datafolha

Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT) mantém a liderança da corrida presidencial, com 50% dos votos válidos no primeiro turno, mostra pesquisa Datafolha feita de terça-feira (27) até ontem. Jair Bolsonaro (PL) foi a 36%, tendo oscilado um ponto para cima.

A margem de erro da pesquisa, na qual foram ouvidos 6.800 eleitores, é de dois pontos a mais ou a menos. Com isso, e com 2% de indecisos, fica em aberto a possibilidade de a disputa ser selada pelo petista no primeiro turno, neste domingo (2).

Ciro Gomes (PDT) e Simone Tebet (MDB) continuam em terceiro e quarto lugar, com respectivamente 6% e 5% dos votos válidos. Para evitar o segundo turno, um candidato precisa de 50% dos votos válidos (excluídos brancos e nulos) mais um.

Eleitores de Lula (91%) e de Bolsonaro (89%) são mais firmes na decisão do que os de Ciro (54%) e de Tebet (62%), mas a hesitação recuou. Indagados em quem não votariam de jeito nenhum, 52% citam o atual presidente, e 39%, seu predecessor.

O número do petista é mais conhecido por quem o prefere (91%) do que o do chefe do Executivo entre os que o escolheram (84%). **Política A4**

Análise B. Boghossian
Decisão sobre 1º turno deve ficar para hora da urna **A6**



Jair Bolsonaro (PL), Padre Kelmon (PTB), Felipe D'Ávila (Novo), Soraya Thronicke (União Brasil), Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT), Simone Tebet (MDB) e Ciro Gomes (PDT) no último debate de candidatos à Presidência antes do primeiro turno, organizado pela TV Globo nesta quinta-feira (29). **Eduardo Arizeli/Folhapress**

Em SP, Haddad tem 41%, Tarcísio, 31%, e Rodrigo, 22%

Política A8

Castro lidera no RJ com 44%, seguido por Freixo, 31%

Política A10

Zema marca 57%, isolado à frente de Kalil, 34%, em MG

Política A10

A. Schwartzman

Em louvor do voto inútil

Não tenho a menor intenção de entregar meu voto, inútil, ao ex-presidente (muito menos ao atual). Faço questão de que meu voto vá para quem tem comprometimento com a democracia, o que exclui os dois líderes das pesquisas. Pode ser inútil, mas dormirei à noite. **Opinião A3**

Rússia anuncia maior anexação desde a 2ª Guerra

O Kremlin confirmou que Vladimir Putin assinará hoje a anexação de quatro regiões que ocupa parcialmente na Ucrânia, ou 15% do território vizinho. É a maior absorção de terra por força na Europa desde a 2ª Guerra. Kiev diz que não cessará combates até reaver as áreas. **Mundo A20**



AQUI SOMOS LIVRES, DIZEM IRANIANAS

As irmãs refugiadas Mahmonir (esq.) e Mahsima, que vivem há dez anos em São Paulo, afirmam que a temida polícia moral de seu país vê as mulheres como criminosas **Mundo A21**

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Francês pioneiro foi ao Uruguai em navio usado na 2ª Guerra

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Sobre corrida presidencial, segundo o Datafolha.

Lobby da bala
Acerca de relação entre bolsonarismo e armas.

Lula e Bolsonaro trocam ataques em debate agressivo

O último debate presidencial, na TV Globo, foi marcado por ataques entre Jair Bolsonaro (PL) e Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT), com acusações e vários pedidos de direito de resposta. Alinhado a Bolsonaro, Padre Kelmon (PTB) trocou ofensas com Lula, e William Bonner teve de interrompê-los.

Kelmon também se indispôs em diversos momentos com Soraya Thronicke (União Brasil). Apagado em meio aos confrontos, Ciro Gomes (PDT) fez dobradinha em algumas vezes com Felipe D'Ávila (Novo). Houve diálogo também entre Lula (PT) e Simone Tebet (MDB) sobre ambiente. **Política A11**

match eleitoral



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



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EDUARDO CUNHA DEVE SE ELEGER DEPUTADO FEDERAL POR SÃO PAULO

Com o número 1477, Eduardo Cunha é a surpresa desta eleição. O ex-presidente da Câmara deverá ser eleito por São Paulo. Defensor da vida e da família, combatente do PT, tendo sido o responsável pelo impeachment da Dilma, e incontestável do empreendedorismo, ele promete: "se o PT voltar, eu vou lutar pra tirar de novo".

EDUARDO CUNHA

Se destruyó depósito del TSJE que guardaba 8.500 urnas electrónicas

Sospechoso incendio echa un manto de dudas sobre internas

- Concertación habla de sabotaje y rechaza cambios en comicios
- El clima político se enrareció. Aluvión de críticas contra Bestard
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La hausse des taux d'intérêt secoue le marché immobilier

Longtemps peu élevé, le coût du crédit à l'habitat s'envole depuis plusieurs mois, sous l'effet de l'inflation. Le nombre de transactions diminue et les prix sont tirés vers le bas.

Le relèvement par la Banque de France du taux de l'usure, ce seuil réglementaire qui fixe le taux maximal tout compris - crédit, assurance, frais divers - au-delà duquel les éta-

blissements bancaires ne peuvent pas prêter, va soulager de nombreux particuliers bloqués dans leur projet d'acquisition. Mais cette bouffée d'oxygène pourrait n'être que

passagère. La hausse généralisée des taux d'intérêt, impulsée par la BCE pour maîtriser l'inflation, a fait bondir le coût des crédits à l'habitat en quelques mois. Ce brusque

mouvement, qui pénalise avant tout les jeunes emprunteurs, devrait se poursuivre et bousculer le marché. Les agences immobilières constatent un net ralentissement

depuis cet été : les logements à vendre sont plus nombreux, la négociation des prix devient plus fréquente et les transactions mettent davantage de temps à se concrétiser.

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Manifestations, événements sportifs... Les forces de l'ordre s'adaptent aux nouvelles violences

Pour endiguer les multiples phénomènes de troubles, installés ou émergents, l'Intérieur déploie des forces supplémentaires. Sur le modèle de la CRS8, ces unités doivent monter en puissance d'ici aux Jeux olympiques 2024. PAGES 12 ET 13

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Une réforme, une vraie !

Cette fois sera-t-elle la bonne ? Toujours annoncée, jamais réalisée, la réforme des retraites interviendra, promis juré, avant la fin de l'hiver pour une application à l'été 2023. D'ici là, le grand théâtre de la concertation sociale proposera au public une pièce qu'il connaît déjà par cœur, pour y avoir assisté pendant deux ans sous le précédent quinquennat.

Le diagnostic, d'abord. Le système, lit-on dans tous les rapports et sous la plume de tous les experts, n'est pas viable en l'état dans la durée. Les faits sont têtus : avec l'allongement de l'espérance de vie, et par la même occasion du temps passé à la retraite, les actifs sont de moins en moins nombreux à supporter une charge de plus en plus lourde. Si rien n'est fait, les prochaines générations n'auront plus que leurs yeux pour pleurer, une fois leur vie professionnelle achevée. Tous nos voisins sans exception ont décidé de se prémunir contre une telle catastrophe en relevant l'âge de départ à la retraite, en moyenne supérieur au nôtre de deux à cinq ans selon les pays. Les postures, ensuite. Brandissant l'héritage sacré du Conseil national de la Résistance, les syndicats et la gauche fantasment déjà sur un

grand mouvement social contre un gouvernement minoritaire voulant « attaquer les travailleurs et faire reculer les droits sociaux de millions de salariés ». Rappelons-leur que les sages du CNR avaient fixé l'âge de départ à 65 ans et qu'il a fallu toute la démagogie d'un Mitterrand pour le ramener à 60 ans, contre toute logique. Depuis, nous courons de psychodrame en psychodrame pour régler nos problèmes de retraites.

Redresser le système des retraites en alliant efficacité et justice

Il n'existe pas mille moyens d'en finir avec ce totem en conjuguant justice et efficacité. Le report de l'âge à 65 ans, comme partout en Europe, apparaît comme le minimum requis. L'alignement du régime de la fonction publique - en déficit de 30 milliards d'euros - sur celui des salariés du privé et des indépendants devrait s'imposer de lui-même. Tout comme la suppression des régimes spéciaux, aussi coûteux qu'injustifiés. Emmanuel Macron ambitionne, dit-on, de rester dans l'histoire comme un grand président réformateur ? Cela lui interdit un énième projet « petits bras ». ■

Retraites : le calendrier se précise, le contenu reste flou

Le chef de l'État a donné mercredi soir quelques indications, sur la forme mais rien sur le fond, à propos du texte législatif sans doute le plus important du quinquennat. Seule certitude, le gouvernement ne passera pas en force cet automne. Au moins trois mois devraient être dédiés à des consultations avec les partenaires sociaux et les partis. L'objectif est de présenter le texte avant la fin de l'hiver pour une adoption au Parlement avant la fin de l'été 2023. Mais la tâche s'annonce compliquée.

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Putin set to annex parts of Ukraine today

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Vladimir Putin will sign treaties today annexing territories in occupied Ukraine, the Kremlin has said, in a major escalation of Russia's seven-month-old war.

The president is expected to sign into law Russia's annexations of the Ukrainian regions of Donetsk, Luhansk, Kherson and Zaporizhzhia, where it has held fake referendums in order to claim a mandate for the territorial takeovers. Putin has said he is ready to defend those territories using all available means, indicating he would be willing to resort to a nuclear strike to stop Ukraine's efforts to liberate its sovereign territory.

Putin is seen to be passing a point of no return that will prolong the war and scuttle even the remotest chance of negotiations by obliging Russia to fight in perpetuity for Ukrainian territory, some of which it does not currently control.

The signing of "treaties on the accession of territories into the Russian Federation" will take place at 3pm in the Kremlin, the government spokesperson, Dmitry Peskov, said.

The news set off fresh international condemnation. "Any decision to proceed with the annexation ... would have no legal value and deserves to be condemned," said António Guterres, the UN's secretary general. Joe Biden said that

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Pressure grows from Tory MPs as new poll gives Labour record lead

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Liz Truss will hold emergency talks with the head of Britain's independent fiscal watchdog today after failing to dampen panic in the financial markets or shore up support from Tory MPs for her radical economic plan.

In a highly unusual move, Truss will meet Richard Hughes of the Office for Budget Responsibility, with her chancellor, Kwasi Kwarteng, before being given a first draft of its full fiscal forecasts next week.

One government insider said the OBR meeting was "like trying to read the manual after you've broken the thing" after last week's announcement of sweeping tax cuts triggered investor panic over the health of the UK economy, prompting a sharp fall in the value of the pound and driving up government borrowing costs.

The prime minister faces urgent calls from the Treasury select committee to bring forward the government's financial statement, due on 23 November, by at least a month – and to publish growth forecasts as soon as possible to help calm jitters.

Last night, the OBR confirmed that it could have produced a forecast in time for the mini-budget, but was not asked to do so by Kwarteng.

The Treasury select committee's chair, Mel Stride, said there was a path out of the current economic situation for the government, but

▲ Liz Truss defended last week's mini-budget in interviews with eight BBC local radio stations yesterday
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added: "It's not a very broad path. There is a lot of work to be done. This is a huge challenge."

The Guardian understands Truss will use the meeting to discuss the dramatic economic and fiscal

developments since March, the last time the OBR published growth forecasts. Kwarteng will continue liaising with the body over the process before the release of the next figures.

Alarm was spreading across the Conservative party last night after Truss ruled out any U-turns and a shock YouGov poll put Labour on 54%, a record 33 points ahead of the Tories, who are on 21%, doubling its lead from only four days ago.

Just 37% of 2019 Tory voters said they would now vote Conservative, and when asked who would make the best prime minister, three times as many voters backed Keir Starmer as supported Truss. The veteran Tory MP Sir Charles Walker said if the poll lead were repeated at an election, the Conservatives would "cease to exist as a political party".

After days of silence during Labour's conference

'Of course there will always be people who oppose a particular measure ... but we have to do it'

Liz Truss
Prime minister

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