

## What's News

## Business &amp; Finance

**OPEC** and its Russia-led allies agreed to slash output by 2 million barrels of oil a day, delegates said, a move likely to push up already-high global energy prices and help oil-exporting Russia pay for its war in Ukraine. **A1**

◆ **Representatives of Musk and Twitter** were still grappling with terms of an agreement that would enable the purchase of the company to proceed, continuing a drama over the fate of the deal. **A1**

◆ **World trade in goods** is projected to slow sharply next year amid high energy prices, rising interest rates and war-related disruptions, raising the risk of a global recession, according to a WTO forecast. **A1**

◆ **A jury found** former Uber security chief Joseph Sullivan guilty of criminal obstruction for failing to report a 2016 cyber intrusion to federal authorities. **B1**

◆ **Major U.S. stock indexes** ended lower after giving up late-session gains, with the S&P 500 and Nasdaq both losing 0.2% and the Dow Industrials slipping 0.1%. **B1**

◆ **Activity in the market** for stock options is hitting a fever pitch, with many rushing to trades expiring within mere hours or days to play wild market swings. **B1**

◆ **Meta announced** tweaks to the Facebook news feed in an attempt to give users more control over what they see on the platform. **B3**

◆ **Tyson Foods is closing** several of its corporate offices across the country as rising costs pressure the meat giant's bottom line. **B3**

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◆ **The Biden administration** is preparing to scale down sanctions on Venezuela's authoritarian regime to allow Chevron to resume pumping oil there, paving the way for a potential reopening of U.S. and European markets to oil exports from Venezuela. **A1**

◆ **U.S. intelligence agencies** have concluded that Ukraine was responsible for the assassination outside Moscow of the daughter of a prominent far-right Russian ideologue, a U.S. official said. **A6**

◆ **Russia used** suicide drones to strike a military base deep inside Ukraine, posing a growing challenge for Kyiv as its forces pressed advances in the south and east. **A6**

◆ **An appeals court ruled** that the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals initiative is unlawful, placing the decade-old program in jeopardy. **A4**

◆ **U.K. leader Truss tried** to recover the confidence of both the public and her own party by defending her controversial plans for tax cuts. **A8**

◆ **North Korea test-fired** two short-range ballistic missiles off its east coast on Thursday, shortly after the U.S. said at the U.N. that Pyongyang is feeling emboldened. **A9**

◆ **An appeals court said** it would fast-track consideration of the government's request to halt an outside review of documents seized from Trump's Mar-a-Lago home. **A4**

◆ **SpaceX blasted** another crew toward the International Space Station, launching a group that includes a Russian cosmonaut and the first Native American woman in space. **A3**

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## Biden, DeSantis Assess Hurricane Ian Damage in Florida



IN STRIDE: President Biden and first lady Jill Biden join Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis and his wife, Casey DeSantis, Wednesday to tour an area hit by Hurricane Ian in Fort Myers Beach, Fla. Damage from the hurricane is estimated at over \$100 billion. **A3**

## U.S., Venezuela Prepare Deal To Loosen Sanctions on Oil

The Biden administration is preparing to scale down sanctions on Venezuela's authoritarian regime to allow Chevron

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and Kejal Vyas

ron Corp. to resume pumping oil there, paving the way for a potential reopening of U.S. and European markets to oil exports from Venezuela, according to people familiar with the proposal.

In exchange for the significant sanctions relief, the government of President Nicolás Maduro of Venezuela would resume long-suspended talks with the country's opposition to discuss conditions needed to hold free and fair presidential elections in 2024, the people said. The U.S., Venezuela's government and some Venezuelan opposition figures have also worked out a deal that would free up hundreds of millions of dollars in Venezuelan state funds frozen in U.S.

banks to pay for imports of food, medicine and equipment for the country's battered electricity grid and municipal water systems.

U.S. officials said details are still under discussion and cautioned the deal could fall through, since it is contingent on Mr. Maduro's aides resuming talks with the opposition in good faith.

"There are no plans to change our sanctions policy without constructive steps from the Maduro regime," said Adri-

enne Watson, spokesperson for the National Security Council.

If the deal goes through and Chevron and U.S. oil service companies are allowed to work in Venezuela again, it would put only a limited amount of new oil on the world market in the short term.

Venezuela was once a major oil producer, pumping more than 3.2 million barrels a day in the 1990s, but the state-run industry has collapsed over the past decade because of un-

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## Fast-Rising Rates Stress Markets

Turmoil in Britain exposes potential risks in pensions and government bond markets

Central banks are raising interest rates at the fastest pace in more than 40 years—and signs of stress are showing.

By Jon Hilsenrath,  
Sam Goldfarb  
and Chelsey Dulaney

Recent turmoil in British bond and currency markets has exposed potential risks lurking in pensions and government bond markets, which were relative oases of calm in past financial flare-ups.

The Federal Reserve and other central banks are raising interest rates to beat back inflation by slowing economic growth. The risk, in addition to losses in

wealth and household savings, is that increases can cause disruptions in lending, which swelled when rates were low.

Major U.S. stock markets recorded their worst first nine months of a calendar year since 2002, before rallying this week. Treasury bonds, one of the world's most widely held securities, have become harder to trade. There also are signs of strain in markets for corporate debt and concerns about emerging-market debt and energy products.

Most analysts still don't expect a repeat of the

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## Mint Chocolate on Fried Chicken? A Food Craze Opens Up a Divide

South Korea's trendy flavor has everyone taking sides; 'reminds me of toothpaste'

By JIYOUNG SOHN

SEOUL—Kang Seung-yong's fondness for mint chocolate started innocently enough, with a few nibbles of ice cream.

Now, Mr. Kang moisturizes his hands with mint-chocolate scented lotion. He starts and ends his days gulping down a mint-chocolate protein shake. He's had mint-

chocolate-flavored takes on fried chicken, liquor and a sandwich, oozing with a teal-colored cream.

"When it comes to mint-chocolate food, I like to try them out, whatever it may be," said Mr. Kang, a 33-year-old who works in the security sector in Seoul. "I usually like them, too."

South Korea is drowning in mint chocolate, creating a gooey

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## Musk and Twitter Discussed Possible Price Cut for Deal

By CARA LOMBARDO  
AND ALEXA CORSE

Representatives of Elon Musk and Twitter Inc. were still grappling Wednesday with terms of an agreement that would enable his purchase of the social-media company to proceed, continuing a months-long drama surrounding the fate of the blockbuster deal.

The discussions are the latest the two sides have held as courtroom clash draws nearer. They quietly held unsuccessful talks about a possible cut to the price of \$44 billion for the social-media platform before Mr. Musk reversed course Monday and said he would return to the original agreement's terms, people familiar with the matter said.

As of late Wednesday, representatives of Mr. Musk and Twitter were trying to hash out the details of his proposal this week to stick to that original agreement, the people familiar with the matter said. Sticking points include what would be required from both sides for litigation over the stalled deal to be dropped and whether the deal's closing would be contingent on Mr. Musk receiving the necessary debt financing, some of the people said.

There was initially hope a deal could be reached Tuesday or Wednesday, averting a trial scheduled to start Oct. 17, the people said. The two sides have agreed to delay Mr. Musk's deposition, which was scheduled to begin Thursday in Texas, some of the people said.

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## Global Trade Slowdown Raises Risk of Recession, WTO Says

By PAUL HANNON

World trade in goods is projected to slow sharply next year under the weight of high energy prices, rising interest rates and war-related disruptions, raising the risk of a global recession, according to a new forecast.

Total exports and imports of goods are likely to grow by just 1% in 2023, the World Trade Organization said Wednesday. That would be down from its previous forecast of 3.4% and its forecast of 3.5% for this year.

The WTO also lowered its

forecast for global economic growth in 2023 to 2.3% from earlier expectations of 3.3%, and warned of an even sharper slowdown should central banks raise interest rates too sharply in their efforts to tame high inflation.

The report follows multiple signs that global economic growth is weakening.

"The global economy faces a multipronged crisis," said Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, director-general of the WTO, the Geneva-based body responsible for enforcing the rules that govern global trade, at a news conference. "The picture for 2023 has dark-

ened considerably."

The U.S. trade picture in August reflected the broad slowdown in demand.

Exports of goods dropped 0.3% in August from the previous month, the first decline since January, the Commerce Department said Wednesday. Goods imports fell 1.5% during the period.

When including both goods and services, such as tourism, education and healthcare—total U.S. exports fell 0.3% in August from July, while imports decreased 1.1%.

Because imports fell more

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Miami tops FT-Nikkei US investment league  
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Fund managers feel heat of banking scrutiny  
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# US hits out at oil cuts that 'align Opec with Russia'

- Producers to slash 2mn barrels a day
- Backlash as nations face price rises

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The US has accused Opec+ of aligning with Russia after Saudi Arabia led the group in agreeing deep oil output cuts, prompting a backlash from countries battling surging energy inflation triggered by Moscow's invasion of Ukraine.

The Opec+ group said it would reduce production targets by 2mn barrels a day, equivalent to 2 per cent of global supply, after its first in-person meeting in two years in Vienna. The actual cut in output is likely to be closer to 1mn b/d as many weaker members have struggled recently to hit production targets.

The decision to cut came despite extensive lobbying by Joe Biden's administration before the meeting, and marks a significant breach with the White House which is seeking to drive down oil and petrol prices ahead of mid-term elections in November and to starve Russia of energy revenues.

Biden officials criticised the move, saying it was a "shortsighted decision" at a time when "maintaining a global supply of energy is of paramount importance". The White House added that it was "clear" that Opec+ was "aligning with Russia", according to Reuters.

Saudi Arabia energy minister Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman dismissed suggestions that the cuts would hurt consumers, arguing instead that the group's actions were intended to encourage long-term investment in production.

"Show me where is the act of belligerence," he said. Energy markets required "guidance without which investment would not happen".

The US said it would continue to release oil from its strategic stockpiles "as appropriate" and was exploring "additional responsible actions" to lift domestic oil supply. Biden will also work with Congress on legislation to "reduce Opec's control over energy prices", it added, in an apparent reference to anti-cartel legislation known as Nopec that has long been considered by US legislators but never passed.

Oil prices had risen more than 5 per cent since Friday in the run-up to the meeting, and international benchmark Brent edged higher to \$93.95 a barrel after news of the cut.

Analysts said Saudi Arabia's move would damage western efforts to curb the oil income Moscow needs to sustain its war in Ukraine, and marked a significant moment in Riyadh's 75-year-long energy alliance with the US.

"Saudi Arabia has set Opec on a collision course with the free world. They have sided with Russia in the name of protective oil market management," said Bill Farren-Price, a veteran Opec watcher at consultancy Enverus. "There are bound to be political consequences for Riyadh."

The cartel's decision came hours after the EU agreed to a US plan for a price cap on Russian oil exports. Saudi Arabia and other Opec oil countries feared that this plan would cut prices across the board and could even be used against them in future. "This is hugely political and a very clear signal of Opec's discontent regarding the price cap," said Amrita Sen, chief oil analyst at Energy Aspects. "Regardless of whether the price cap is actually effective, they see this as a dangerous precedent."

## Rallying cry Truss attacks 'anti-growth' coalition in bid to get premiership on track



Charlie Stebbins

Liz Truss attempted to rally Conservative party members and MPs at their annual conference in Birmingham yesterday by attacking the "anti-growth coalition" opposed to her policies.

Britain's new prime minister blamed the adverse market reaction to the "mini" Budget last week on global factors together with domestic opposition parties, trade unions, and anti-Brexit and environmental campaigners

who did not understand "aspiration". The fiscal statement delivered by her chancellor, Kwasi Kwarteng, had caused the pound to plunge and sparked turmoil in the gilt markets, setting the tone for a conference that descended into acrimony.

Truss's speech was a chance to put her premiership on a little more than a month old — on the front foot. Her initially uncertain delivery was

bolstered when protesters with a Greenpeace flag were dragged out of the hall to cheers from Tory members.

Nevertheless, with opinion polls showing slumping support for the government, the mood remained far from buoyant.

"Either it will be fine or we're screwed," said one cabinet minister. Pound slides again page 8 Robert Shrimley page 15

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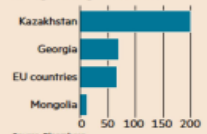
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### Datawatch

**Russian exodus**  
Numbers said to have fled to neighbouring states ('000)



Source: Bloomberg  
More Russians are fleeing their country than enlisting in the military. Defence minister Sergei Shoigu said more than 200,000 people had been conscripted since Vladimir Putin's order. That matches the exodus to Kazakhstan alone



### Kyiv races to secure south before winter mud sets in

The treacherous conditions of the looming Ukrainian winter are spurring Kyiv's push to deny Russia a chance to solidify its hold on the south. The liberation of Kherson, a region claimed as Russian by Vladimir Putin, is a key test since it is the gateway to the port of Odesa. But the land does not freeze as it used to and mud will favour those defending positions since they do not have to move. Kyiv hopes more arms from allies will make the difference.

Advantage in the south — PAGE 3

## Goldman set to swoop as UK pension funds hold fire sale after gilts crisis

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AND ROBERT SMITH — LONDON

Goldman Sachs is one of several investors looking to swoop on cut-price private assets from UK pension funds, which are rushing to raise cash after last week's crisis in the government bond market.

British pension funds have sold liquid assets since chancellor Kwasi Kwarteng's "mini" Budget sparked a crisis in the gilts market last week, forcing some to raise cash urgently. Many are now planning to sell more illiquid holdings, including property, private credit and stakes in buyout funds.

"We're seeing discounts of 20-30 per cent for a high-quality portfolio [of stakes in private equity funds]", said Gabriel Möllerberg, a managing director at Goldman Sachs Asset Manage-

ment. "It's absolutely an opportunity." Other investors, including a unit of Blackstone, have multibillion-dollar funds that can buy up pension scheme holdings, some of which are now trading far below their face value.

The deals are privately negotiated and can take months to arrange but investors are expecting a surge in the next few months.

"In these market conditions, you get very attractive buying opportunities," said Ross Hamilton at the Switzerland-based private equity firm Partners Group, who specialises in buying pension schemes' private fund stakes. "We've got dry powder of over \$9bn... it's an exciting opportunity for us."

Many pension funds moved into illiquid private markets in search of higher yields during a decade of low interest rates. They began selling stakes in pri-

vate equity and venture capital funds this year at a record pace, partly to rebalance portfolios after a sell-off in publicly traded equities and bonds.

During last week's gilts crisis, pension funds were hit with collateral calls relating to debt-fuelled derivatives strategies, leading to more pressure to sell assets and raise cash.

"There's a cold wind blowing for more illiquid assets," said David Lloyd, fund manager at M&G.

Pantheon, which specialises in buying investments in private equity and credit funds from other investors, said some were now looking to sell their holdings for discounts in the region of 10 per cent. "Turnover generally drives activity in the secondary market," he added. Lifeboat faced £1.6bn hole page 5 FT View page 14

### World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				GOVERNMENT BONDS			
	Oct 5	Prev	%Chg	Pair	Oct 5	Prev	%Chg	Yield (%)	Oct 5	Prev	%Chg
S&P 500	3743.29	3750.93	-1.26	\$/£	0.986	0.996	-0.9	US 2 yr	4.16	4.09	0.07
Nasdaq Composite	10987.16	11176.41	-1.69	\$/€	1.124	1.140	-1.5	US 10 yr	3.77	3.61	0.16
Dow Jones Ind	36016.24	36016.32	-0.09	\$/¥	0.077	0.073	0.2	US 30 yr	3.76	3.69	0.08
FTSE 100	1592.40	1598.78	-0.90	W/\$	144.765	144.455	0.2	UK 2 yr	3.99	3.91	0.08
Euro Stoxx 50	3445.23	3404.48	-1.13	N/¥	162.774	164.723	-1.2	UK 10 yr	4.03	3.87	0.16
FTSE 250	7052.62	7098.46	-0.65	\$/¥	0.972	0.977	-0.5	UK 30 yr	4.19	4.03	0.17
NYSE Asia Share	3348.67	3372.21	-0.63	\$/¥	1.108	1.119	-1.0	JPN 2 yr	0.07	0.06	0.01
CAC 40	5985.48	6026.69	-0.90	CRYPTO				JPN 10 yr	0.24	0.23	0.02
Xetra Dax	12517.18	12670.48	-1.21	Bitcoin (B)	20089.82	20344.36	-1.26	JPN 30 yr	1.33	1.32	0.02
Nikkei	27120.53	26992.21	0.48	Ethereum	1338.12	1362.22	-1.77	GER 2 yr	1.67	1.55	0.12
Hang Seng	19897.97	17079.53	5.99	COMMODITIES				GER 10 yr	2.03	1.86	0.17
MSCI World \$	2511.22	2426.81	3.37	Oil WTI \$	87.79	88.52	-1.47	GER 30 yr	2.02	1.80	0.13
MSCI EM \$	893.65	876.15	2.00	Oil Brent \$	93.40	91.80	1.74				
MSCI ACWI \$	1662.14	1663.99	-0.11	Gold \$	1714.85	1669.40	2.76				
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## Disaster-Zone Détente

Gov. Ron DeSantis and President Biden put their differences aside as they toured storm-damaged sites in Fort Myers, Fla. Page A17.

## U.S. Bolstering Taiwan Muscle Against China

By EDWARD WONG  
and JOHN ISMAY

WASHINGTON — American officials are intensifying efforts to build a giant stockpile of weapons in Taiwan after studying recent naval and air force exercises by the Chinese military around the island, according to current and former officials.

The exercises showed that China would probably blockade the island as a prelude to any attempted invasion, and Taiwan would have to hold out on its own until the United States or other nations intervened, if they decided to do that, the current and former officials say.

But the effort to transform Taiwan into a weapons depot faces challenges. The United States and its allies have prioritized sending weapons to Ukraine, which is reducing those countries' stockpiles, and arms makers are reluctant to open new production lines without a steady stream of long-term orders.

And it is unclear how China might respond if the United States accelerates shipments of weapons to Taiwan, a democratic, self-governing island that Beijing claims is Chinese territory.

U.S. officials are determining the quantity and types of weapons sold to Taiwan by quietly telling Taiwanese officials and American arms makers that they will reject orders for some large systems in favor of a greater number of smaller, more mobile weapons. The Biden administration announced on Sept. 2 that it had approved its sixth weapons package for Taiwan — a \$1.1 billion sale that

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## Use of 'Civil War' Soars After Mar-a-Lago Search

By KEN BENSINGER  
and SHEERA FRENKEL

Soon after the F.B.I. searched Donald J. Trump's home in Florida for classified documents, online researchers zeroed in on a worrying trend.

Posts on Twitter that mentioned "civil war" had soared nearly 3,000 percent in just a few hours as Mr. Trump's supporters denounced the action as a provocation. Similar spikes followed, including on Facebook, Reddit, Telegram, Parler, Gab and Truth Social, Mr. Trump's social media platform. Mentions of the phrase more than doubled on radio pro-

## Analysts Worry About Fiery Term's Spread Before Midterms

grams and podcasts, as measured by Critical Mention, a media-tracking firm.

Posts mentioning "civil war" jumped again a few weeks later, after President Biden branded Mr. Trump and "MAGA Republicans" a threat to "the very foundations of our republic" in a speech on democracy in Philadelphia.

Now experts are bracing for renewed discussions of civil war, as

the Nov. 8 midterm elections approach and political talk grows more urgent and heated.

More than a century and a half after the actual Civil War, the deadliest war in U.S. history, "civil war" references have become increasingly common on the right. While in many cases the term is used only loosely — shorthand for the nation's intensifying partisan divisions — observers note that the phrase, for some, is far more than a metaphor.

Polling, social media studies and a rise in threats suggest that a growing number of Americans are anticipating, or even welcoming, the possibility of sustained politi-

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## A Final Farewell

A slain E.M.S. captain, Alison Russo-Elling, was buried Wednesday in Brookville, N.Y. Page A18.

## Newtown Would Like to Forget the Conspiracy Theorist in Court

By KAREN ZRAICK

NEWTOWN, Conn. — Less than 20 miles from the place where a gunman massacred 20 first graders and six educators at Sandy Hook Elementary School, the trial of Alex Jones, who has spent much of the decade since the attack spreading lies about what happened that day, neared

its conclusion this week.

The closely watched courtroom spectacle playing out just up Interstate 84 is part of a long-running defamation case that has featured wrenching testimony and explosive outbursts. But in Newtown, people are done talking about Mr. Jones.

"I think that most of the people in this town would like to forget

## Haunted by Massacre 10 Years Later

about him, to forget his name," said Richard Fattibene, 81, as he sat in the town's general store having a coffee on Tuesday morning.

As the founder of the conspiracy website Infowars, Mr. Jones was found liable last year in four defamation lawsuits, and a jury in nearby Waterbury, Conn., is expected to decide within days how much he should pay in compensatory and punitive damages in one of the cases.

But for the very real town that

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## SAUDIS AND RUSSIA AGREE TO OIL CUTS, IN JAB AT THE WEST

NEWS ANALYSIS

### A U.S. Strategy Fails to Sway Riyadh

By DAVID E. SANGER  
and BEN HUBBARD

WASHINGTON — The move by OPEC on Wednesday to reduce oil production sharply undercuts President Biden's effort to avoid an increase in gas prices ahead of the midterm elections, while setting back his push to constrain the oil revenue Russia is using to pay for its war in Ukraine.

It also exposes the failure of his flimsy diplomacy over the summer with the crown prince of Saudi Arabia.

In both optics and substance, the decision by OPEC and its allied oil producers underscored the challenges the United States faces in managing its foreign and economic policy at a time when the global economy is at risk of recession, and energy politics has emerged as a key component of the conflict in Ukraine.

The meeting in Vienna was attended by Russia's deputy prime minister, who is under American sanctions. It came after a concerted but ultimately unsuccessful diplomatic effort by Washington to halt the oil production cut, a signal that Mr. Biden's influence over his Gulf allies was far less than he had hoped.

And it demonstrated anew that, even in an era in which oil should be diminishing in importance as a source of energy, OPEC Plus acts in its own self-interests. In this case, sustaining the price per barrel has proved far more important to its members than making Russia pay a price for invading Ukraine.

The meeting of the OPEC Plus energy cartel, led by Saudi Arabia and Russia, brought together an array of foreign and economic issues that affect everything from domestic politics in the United States to the war in Ukraine.

For days, the White House sought to prevent the cut of two million barrels a day. It called on some of its closest Arab allies — starting with Saudi Arabia, where Mr. Biden visited in July, and met with the crown prince, Mohammed bin Salman, over the objections of human rights organizations and even some of his

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### Biden to Tap Reserve as Move by Cartel Lifts Crude Price

By STANLEY REED

LONDON — Saudi Arabia and Russia, acting as leaders of the OPEC Plus energy cartel, agreed on Wednesday to their first large production cut in more than two years in a bid to raise prices, countering efforts by the United States and Europe to choke off the enormous revenue that Moscow earns from the sale of crude.

President Biden and European leaders have urged more oil production to ease gasoline prices and punish Moscow for its aggression in Ukraine. Vladimir V. Putin, the Russian president, has been accused of using energy as a weapon against countries opposing his invasion of Ukraine, and the optics of the decision could not be missed.

The White House was not happy. "The president is disappointed by the shortsighted decision by OPEC Plus to cut production quotas while the global economy is dealing with the continued negative impact of Putin's invasion of Ukraine," Brian Deese, the director of the National Economic Council, and Jake Sullivan, the national security adviser, said in a statement.

The cut of two million barrels a day represents about 2 percent of global oil production.

By reducing output, OPEC Plus was also seeking to make a statement to energy markets about the group's cohesion during the Ukraine war and its willingness to act quickly to defend prices, analysts say.

At a news conference after the meeting, the Saudi energy minister, Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman, said OPEC Plus was acting amid signs of a downturn in the world economy that might cause demand for oil to weaken and prices to fall.

"We would rather be pre-emptive than be sorry," he said.

The move appeared to have the desired result: The price of Brent crude, the international benchmark, which had slumped last summer, rose more than 1.5 percent after the meeting, extending the gains recorded in recent days and bringing prices back to levels last seen in mid-September. The average price of gasoline in the United States recently began to

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## U.S. Believes Ukrainians Backed A Russian Nationalist's Murder

This article is by Julian E. Barnes, Adam Goldman, Adam Entous and Michael Schwartz.

WASHINGTON — United States intelligence agencies believe parts of the Ukrainian government authorized the car bomb attack near Moscow in August that killed Daria Dugina, the daughter of a prominent Russian nationalist, an element of a covert campaign that U.S. officials fear could widen the conflict.

The United States took no part in the attack, either by providing intelligence or other assistance, officials said. American officials also said they were not aware of the operation ahead of time and would have opposed the killing had they been consulted. Afterward, American officials admonished Ukrainian officials over the assassination, they said.

The closely held assessment of Ukrainian complicity, which has not been previously reported, was shared within the U.S. govern-



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Daria Dugina's father, Aleksandr Dugin, may have been a car bombing's actual target.

ment last week. Ukraine denied involvement in the killing immediately after the attack, and senior officials repeated those denials when asked about the American intelligence assessment.

While Russia has not retaliated in a specific way for the assassination, the United States is concerned that such attacks — while high in symbolic value — have lit-

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## ‘RUST’ ACTOR SETTLES WITH FAMILY

Baldwin reaches deal with slain filmmaker's husband, who will be an executive producer.

BY SUMMER LIN,  
ANOUSHA SAKOUI  
AND MEG JAMES

Nearly a year after cinematographer Halyna Hutchins was killed on the film set of “Rust” in an incident involving a prop gun fired by producer and actor Alec Baldwin in New Mexico, the Hutchins family and Baldwin have reached an undisclosed settlement in a wrongful-death lawsuit.

As part of the settlement, filming will resume next year on the low-budget western with the cinematographer's husband, Matthew Hutchins, as executive producer, according to his statement.

Joel Souza, the director injured alongside Halyna, will also return to the project, he said. The civil case will be dismissed as part of the settlement, which is subject to court approval in New Mexico.

“The filming of Rust, which I will now executive produce, will resume with all the original principal players on board, in January 2023,” Matthew Hutchins said in a statement Wednesday. “I have no interest in engaging in recriminations or attribution of blame (to the [See ‘Rust,’ A1])”

### Will this affect D.A.’s decision?

The civil settlement is unlikely to deter the criminal investigation, experts say. **CALENDAR, E1**



**FAMILY AND FRIENDS** of Ignacio Soto move a dollhouse out of the driveway, next to other items recovered a few days after Hurricane Ian sent murky brown saltwater into his home in Cape Coral, Fla.

Photographs by JENNY JARVIE Los Angeles Times

## When nature’s forces destroy a manufactured ‘wonderland’

Should Florida’s low-lying cities rebuild after hurricanes?

BY JENNY JARVIE

CAPE CORAL, Fla. — A home on the water’s edge. That was the dream.

Two and a half years ago, Ignacio Soto could hardly believe his good fortune when he snagged a three-bedroom waterfront home in Cape Coral for \$335,000 — a tropical haven where he could catch snapper from his dock and watch dolphins from his back patio.

But last week, after Hurricane Ian barreled into southwest Florida with a biblical surge of ocean surf, the 57-year-old registered nurse was confronting the downside of living just 7 feet above sea level.

Murky brown saltwater rushed up into the Cuban immigrant’s palm-tree-dotted yard, past his wooden dock, filling his solar-heated swimming pool. It seeped into his home, soaking his laminated wood floors, kitchen cabinets and leather sofas, and reached the middle of the second story of his daughters’ wooden [See Florida, A8]



**FLORIDA’S** flag flies near a pile of soggy furniture. An analysis says Cape Coral has over 90,000 properties at substantial risk of flooding.

### Biden surveys damage

The president comforts Fort Myers, Fla., residents, alongside Gov. Ron DeSantis. Both said they’d put politics aside for now. **NATION, A5**

## OPEC+ cuts stir fears of rising gas costs

Even as group reduces production, experts say California drivers should see relief soon.

BY SUMMER LIN  
AND RONALD D. WHITE

As gas prices hit record highs in Los Angeles on Wednesday, a pledge by OPEC+ to reduce its oil production by 2 million barrels a day brought concerns about more economic pain to come.

California is facing surging oil prices in the wake of shutdowns at several oil refineries that produce a specific grade of fuel for the state. Prices began to creep up in September after months of declines. And unlike the nationwide rise in gas prices over the summer, this most recent spike is mostly confined to California and the West Coast.

There was also debate among experts about the effect of the move by OPEC+, which amounted to the biggest reduction since 2020 and was designed to boost sagging oil prices.

It remains unclear how the reduction would affect pump prices, but experts said it poses another threat to the shaky global economy as growing concerns about an impending recession.

The OPEC+ move comes a month before crucial midterm elections in the U.S. President Biden and other Democrats hoped the decline in gas prices in recent months would help them win an electorate angry at rising inflation and concerned over an economic downturn.

In March, Biden announced [See Gas prices, A14]



**THE DEATH** of Mahsa Amini, 22, in police custody has sparked protests in Iran and abroad, including in Istanbul. Iran is facing its most intense unrest in years.

## A ‘full social revolution’ Iranians ramp up protests over woman’s death amid anger about economy and state control

BY OMID KHAZANI  
AND NABIH BULOS

TEHRAN — Twice now, the mass protests rolling Iran have reached even her deeply conservative neighborhood. Shahrzad, a 36-year-old teacher who lives with her parents and acts as their caregiver, has so far heeded her promise to them not to join, although she wants to.

She had participated in demonstrations that erupted in 2009 after a disputed presidential election

many believe was fraudulent. Those lasted a year and came to nothing — as did the huge economic protests of early 2018 and late 2019.

But this time things feel different.

“You just can’t compare the anger to how it was in 2009. Back then it was mostly the middle class protesting. Now you barely find anyone who supports the government line or agrees with how things are,” said Shahrzad, who asked that her full name not be used for fear of reprisal.

Even in the conservative

part of Tehran where she lives, teenage schoolgirls were taking off their head scarves in the street — something unthinkable a few weeks ago, before the fury sparked by the death of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini in the custody of Iran’s morality police, who arrested her because she allegedly violated laws mandating hijabs and modest dress for women.

“It’s going to be very hard to stop this,” Shahrzad said. Two and a half weeks into the nationwide demon-

[See Iran, A4]

## Key state officeholders hold on to leads despite scandals

Slip-ups by treasurer, insurance chief and schools head haven’t turned off voters.

BY MACKENZIE MAYS  
AND HANNAH WILEY

SACRAMENTO — A California insurance commissioner who billed taxpayers for long-distance living expenses and broke a vow not to accept campaign donations from members of the industry he was elected to regulate.

A state treasurer sued for

sexual harassment and wrongful termination and criticized for how much she charged taxpayers for business trips.

A superintendent of public instruction accused of creating a toxic workplace and flouting state rules by hiring a friend from out of state to a top-paying position at the California Department of Education.

Three of California’s eight statewide constitutional officers up for reelection in November — all Democrats — have had missteps or faced allegations of misconduct during their first four years in office, but

voters don’t seem to mind. June’s primary election results show that all three are likely to cruise to reelection — a phenomenon that political analysts chalk up to the power of incumbency. California’s polarized politics and voter apathy toward lesser-known offices.

Either voters aren’t paying attention or have decided that the incumbents are still their best option, even in bad times, said Jessica Levinson, an ethics expert and professor at Loyola Law School.

“I think there are some people who will say, ‘Do I [See Scandals, A9]”

### GOP tack said to attract migrants

Border chief says many are lured by stories that governors are offering free rides to major U.S. cities. **NATION, A6**

### Wave of avian flu sweeps the state

An “unprecedented” surge kills wild birds and poultry and threatens food supply, experts say. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

### Weather

Mostly sunny.  
L.A. Basin: 85/63. **B6**



CHRISTOPHER KNIGHT Los Angeles Times

### A NEW VISION IN O.C.

Christopher Knight checks in on the new Orange County Museum of Art and its collections, including Charles Ray’s works, above. **CALENDAR, E1**



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Democracy Dies in Darkness

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## Putin faces limits of his military power

Troop influx may not be sufficient for Russia to regain military advantage

BY PAUL SONNE

Russian President Vladimir Putin is betting that an impending infusion of drafted troops can change the dynamic on the battlefield in Ukraine, but analysts say he is losing time, as his military operation succumbs further to Ukrainian advances and shows signs that it needs more than just raw personnel to regain the initiative.

Putin has distracted attention from the bleak battlefield picture in recent days by orchestrating referendums, declaring annexations and making nuclear threats — all part of an attempt to freeze Russian territorial gains amassed since February that are unraveling by the day.

But those political machinations in Moscow, carried out with great fanfare and bluster, have been unable to mask the reality some 600 miles away in Ukraine: Russia's force is beleaguered and poorly managed — and in the immediate future, there may not be a silver bullet to fix it.

Military analysts agree that Russia's haphazard mobilization of at least 300,000 reservists is unlikely to help Putin on the battlefield in a matter of days. Whether it can aid Moscow in stabilizing the situation longer term — into

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**Nuclear arsenal:** Why it's hard to fully tally up Russian weapons. A8

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## THE COVID MONEY TRAIL

## GOP in Okla. ties hospital's relief to end of trans care

BY KIMBERLY KINDY

When Oklahoma lawmakers met last week to distribute more than \$108 million in federal pandemic relief funds for one of the state's largest hospital systems, many expected a routine vote in favor of upgrading its medical records and a cancer-treatment center.

Instead, Republican lawmakers added an explosive provision: OU Health would only get these funds, including \$39.4 million for a new pediatric mental health facility, if its Oklahoma Children's Hospital stopped providing gender-affirming care.

The move, which Oklahoma Gov. Kevin J. Stitt (R) signed into law on Tuesday, marks the first time conservative state lawmakers have successfully tied gender-affirming care to the receipt of funds from the American Rescue

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**Serial fraud:** Man gets 10 years for phony tax returns, covid theft. B1

To fight crime, the city sought to intervene with 230 people in the path of violence. Half have yet to be reached, and two have been killed.



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## Missteps mar D.C.'s at-risk list

BY EMILY DAVIES, PETER HERMANN AND KEITH L. ALEXANDER

A month after the D.C. government set out to do whatever it took to save Jahmeze Williams and people like him, the 20-year-old collapsed in the back seat of a car, a bullet lodged in his right arm.

He died within half an hour, shot inches above a tattoo of his mother's name.

His life wasn't supposed to end this way. Williams was one of about 230 D.C. residents the city had dubbed "People of Promise," a diplomatic way of referring to a list of those considered most at risk of committing violence — or becoming a victim of violence themselves.

The initiative, a key pillar of D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser's effort to combat crime as homicides continue at a pace that could reach a two-decade high, was designed to bring intense government services to those on the list, assigning a cabinet-level official to supervise each person's case.

But about five months after the city formally launched the program, two people, including Williams, have been killed, at least eight others on the list have been shot, and more than a dozen have been charged in connection with nonfatal

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Alethea Cumbo poses with a photo of her son Jahmeze Williams, who was shot dead at age 20 in May in the 1200 block of North Capitol Street NW, above, after he was named to the city's "People of Promise" list.

## Biden, DeSantis present united front

Political rivals emphasize a spirit of cooperation in hurricane relief efforts

BY TOLUSE OLORUNNIPAA

FORT MYERS BEACH, FLA. — As President Biden visited this storm-stricken community in southwest Florida on Wednesday, touring the damage from Hurricane Ian and pledging billions of dollars for recovery, he used the opportunity to praise one of his political rivals and harshest critics — Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis.

"I think he's done a good job," Biden told reporters when asked about the governor's handling of the deadly storm. "We have very different political philosophies, but we've worked hand in glove. ... In dealing with this crisis, we've been in complete lockstep." With those comments, Biden



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Gov. Ron DeSantis (R) and his wife, Casey, left, talk with President Biden and first lady Jill Biden on their visit to southwest Florida.

offered a nod to the kind of bipartisanship he once pledged to restore to politics, while at the same time extolling a man who could soon seek to oust him from the White House.

DeSantis, who has previously

assailed Biden as weak and has threatened to send panelists of undocumented immigrants to the president's home in Delaware, said Biden had been an admirable partner as Florida

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## Hurricane Ian's death toll shows perils of storm surge

More than half of victims drowned, highlighting danger of water vs. wind

BY DANIELLE PAQUETTE AND MERYL KORNFIELD

FORT MYERS BEACH, FLA. — The water was rising quickly, so the women ran to the top floor of the vacation house they had rented for Nishelle Harris-Miles's 40th birthday and huddled together on a bed.

But Hurricane Ian's storm surge gushed through the floor, lifting the mattress higher and higher until the four were smashed against the ceiling. Then the roof collapsed, lodging a nail into the neck of the woman they affectionately called Nene. "Nene died right there with us," said Chanel Maston, 48, sobbing

as she recounted the ordeal. "She took her last breaths with us."

As stories of death emerged from the destruction in southwest Florida, President Biden, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis and local authorities have clashed over Ian's casualty toll. Lee County Sheriff Carmine Marceno told "Good Morning America" that deaths could range into the hundreds. Biden warned that Ian could be the "deadliest hurricane in Florida's history." The governor has downplayed deaths in daily briefings, saying the tropical cyclone's numbers will not come near the 1928 hurricane that killed a record 2,500.

Yet Ian already is shaping up to be the deadliest storm to pound Florida since 1935. State authorities have documented 72 deaths thus far — slightly under Hurricane

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William Shatner talks death, Leonard Nimoy

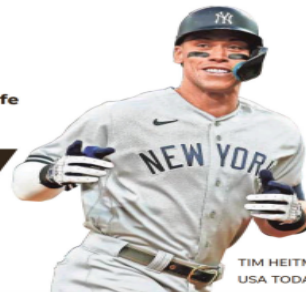
Home run glory for Aaron Judge

Here's what experts say about level of risk in some of the most visited destinations. **In Money**

In new book "Boldly Go," "Star Trek" captain shares thoughts about real final frontier. **In Life**

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An unforgettable night for Yankees star after hitting American League record 62nd home run. He called the anticipated moment "a big relief."  
**In Sports**

## Gun shop license seizures triple

Uptick reflects Biden administration's new get-tough approach

Champe Barton  
The Trace

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The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives revoked gun store licenses at a higher rate in 2022 than in any year since 2006, according to data published by the agency Tuesday.

The numbers provide the first indication that federal investigators have cracked down on lawbreaking gun dealers following guidance from the Biden administration ordering the agency to take a harsher tack during inspections.

Altogether, the agency revoked 92 licenses in 2022 — roughly 1.3% of all the dealers inspected. The total more than triples the number of licenses revoked in 2021, when a similar number of dealers were inspected. Another 136 dealers received warning conferences, the steepest penalty inspectors can recommend without revocation.

The pandemic hobbled the ATF's ability to conduct compliance inspections at gun stores, and the total number of inspections has yet to rebound to pre-pandemic levels, the data shows. Investigators conducted just over 7,000 inspections in 2022, compared with more than 13,000 in 2019. Still, they revoked more licenses in the past fiscal year than in any year since 2008.

David Chipman, a former ATF agent who now works as an advisory board member for the Center for Gun Violence Solutions at Johns Hopkins University, said he is encouraged by the

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#### What's blocking teaching

Some problems Americans see as barriers to becoming K-12 teachers:



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### AFTERMATH OF HURRICANE IAN

## In the rush to recovery, migrants often fall prey



Tom Slattery, a homeowner in Gulf Cove Mobile Home Park in Fort Myers Beach, Fla., surveys damaged to the park Sunday. He was looking for items from his own home, which was severely damaged. ANDREW WEST/USA TODAY NETWORK

### ASSESSING THE DAMAGE

## Biden, DeSantis meet — and put their rivalry aside

Maureen Groppe and Francesca Chambers  
USA TODAY

One week after Hurricane Ian slammed into Florida, President Joe Biden visited the area Wednesday to assess the recovery and talk to families in need after the storm.

Biden, who took a helicopter tour of the damage and got a briefing on the work being done on the ground, said he has instructed his administration to bring together "every element" of the federal government to help with immediate needs and long-term rebuilding.

"Today, we have one job and only one job, and that's to make sure that people in Florida get everything that they need to fully, thoroughly recover," he said in hard-hit Fort Myers.

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis joined Biden after his arrival and praised the "team effort" between the administration and state and local officials. Biden said he has "worked hand in glove" with the Republican governor.

The handling of such a major disaster can have extra importance in the politically important state of Florida — both for Biden and DeSantis. The governor has been a frequent critic of the president, and DeSantis is up for reelection this year in Florida and could face off against Biden in a run for the presidency in 2024.

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## Workers take on perilous jobs for subpar — or stolen — pay



McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers is lined with wreckage left by Ian.

AMANDA INSCORE/  
USA TODAY NETWORK

"They're the bread and butter of this dirty and dangerous work."

Saket Soni  
Migrant advocacy group  
Resilience Force

### IN NEWS

Florida medical examiners report grim details of Hurricane Ian's victims. 4A

Rick Jervis  
USA TODAY

The Venezuelan migrants were cold and disoriented, wandering Queens, New York, looking for a white van that would shuttle them to jobs cleaning up after Hurricane Ian in Florida.

They didn't find the vehicle. Instead, community organizers discouraged the migrants from taking a job with people they didn't know. The whole thing, they warned, was a scam.

"It sounds like human trafficking," said Ariadna Phillips, of community organizers South Bronx Mutual Aid, who intercepted the migrants and steered them to a shelter. "They recruit migrants, take them down there, don't pay them and get them deported. We've seen it with other hurricanes."

Immigrant workers from Mexico, Venezuela, Guatemala, Honduras and other countries are often at the center of the multibillion-dollar disaster recovery industry, and the aftermath of Hurricane Ian probably will be different. Experts predict migrants will descend on Florida to help repair properties after the deadly storm, putting their lives at danger for little pay.

The death toll in Florida climbed to 75 on Tuesday. As rescue teams searched

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## Digital age makes propaganda easy

### Memes are weaponized to spread disinformation

Taraneh Azar  
USA TODAY

Amid the haze of smoke grenades and bear spray unleashed as a mob stormed the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, were recognizable symbols that have been adopted by far-right extremists: a noose and makeshift gallows; the Confederate stars and bars; and the coiled snake of the Gadsden

flag with its "Don't Tread On Me" warning.

But for those unfamiliar with certain Internet subcultures, less obvious but equally potent icons at the riot may have caused confusion. They included a green, anthropomorphic cartoon frog named Pepe on masks and clothing, and green flags with a black symbol spelling the word "Kek" waving above the crowd.

Both the frog and the flag — each associated with a fictional country called "Kekistan" — are Internet memes that have come to represent ironic, tongue-in-cheek symbols of white nationalism.

Although their origin stories are bizarre, they are emblematic of how messaging on the fringes of the digital world has made the leap into real-world instances of violence, underscoring the importance of recognizing the implicit and explicit threats they can represent.

USA TODAY reviewed thousands of Internet memes ranging from serious issues like the Jan. 6 hearings and the FBI's search of Mar-a-Lago, to absurd conspiracy theories concerning 5G and Jewish space lasers. The examination

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## deportes

## Giovanni Simeone

"Los futbolistas estamos llenos de excusas"

Goleador en Napoli, el hijo del Cholo ofrece una mirada diferente; "no me rindo", avisa sobre Qatar.



## Tropiezo de Racing

Empató en Varela y se afirmaron los tucumanos

La Academia igualó 3-3 con Defensa y Justicia y frenó su envío, mientras Atlético ganó y será puntero al menos hasta que hoy juegue Boca con Gimnasia.

## LEVANTAN LA TOMA DEL LENGÜITAS ANTES DE LOS FERIADOS

—sociedad

Ayer, parte de los alumnos fueron a clases en otro edificio público de la ciudad y hoy vuelven a sus aulas habituales; solo queda ocupada una escuela, la Yrurtia. Página 25

## LA NACION

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# Habrà otra suba en trenes y colectivos y acumulará un 80% en cinco meses

**TARIFAS.** El nuevo aumento será del 40% a partir de diciembre en el área metropolitana

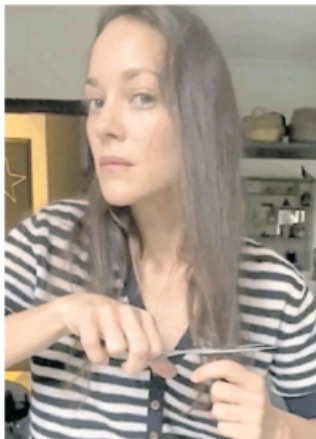
El ministro de Transporte, Alexis Guerra, anticipó ayer que en diciembre próximo se aplicará un ajuste en las tarifas del transporte público en todas sus modalidades, que se estima en un 40% promedio.

Guerra precisó que el incremento se aplicará en el transporte público del área metropolitana y en los medios de transporte "federales", regulados por el Estado nacional. Así, se verán afectados trenes y colectivos urbanos e interurbanos.

Este aumento en las tarifas del transporte se sumará al que se aplicó a partir de agosto pasado, que también fue de 40%, por lo que, sumados esos dos ajustes, se consolidará una suba de un 80% en apenas cinco meses. Página 18

Sin el dólar soja, el BCRA tuvo que volver a vender reservas. Página 19

## Mechones por la libertad



**el mundo**—El cuerpo como símbolo de protesta: sacarse el pelo, descubrir el pelo o cortarse mechones son los actos con los que mujeres de todo el mundo muestran su solidaridad con las iraníes tras la muerte de una joven poco después de haber sido detenida por la policía de la moral en ese país. A ellas se sumaron ayer artistas francesas como Isabelle Huppert (izq.), Juliette Binoche (centro) y Marion Cotillard (der.), junto con otras actrices y cantantes. Página 3

## EL ESCENARIO

## Cirugía a cielo abierto en Juntos por el Cambio

Carlos Pagni

—LA NACION—

El doctor Facundo Manes practicó una cirugía a cielo abierto en Juntos por el Cambio, aferrado a un instrumental inesperado: el amateurismo y la impericia. Recordó lo obvio: que durante el gobierno de Mauricio Macri se practicó el espionaje clandestino. Y que Macri se sirvió de operadores judiciales. No aportó un solo dato nuevo. Tal vez no conozca siquiera los datos conocidos. Continúa en la página 15

## El Gobierno se prepara para una ofensiva mapuche

**PATAGONIA.** Reconoce que puede haber intentos de recuperar las tierras

Tras el desalojo en Villa Mascardi de las propiedades públicas y privadas usurpadas por grupos que se definen como mapuches, el Gobierno reconocía ayer que puede producirse un intento de retomar las usurpaciones, al tiempo que mantenía la custodia de los predios recuperados. Ayer fueron vandalizadas con consignas mapuches la capilla de la Asunción y la parroquia del centro de Villa La Angostura. Página 10

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3ª colocada no 1º turno

**Ciro Gomes (PDT)**  
4º colocado no 1º turno

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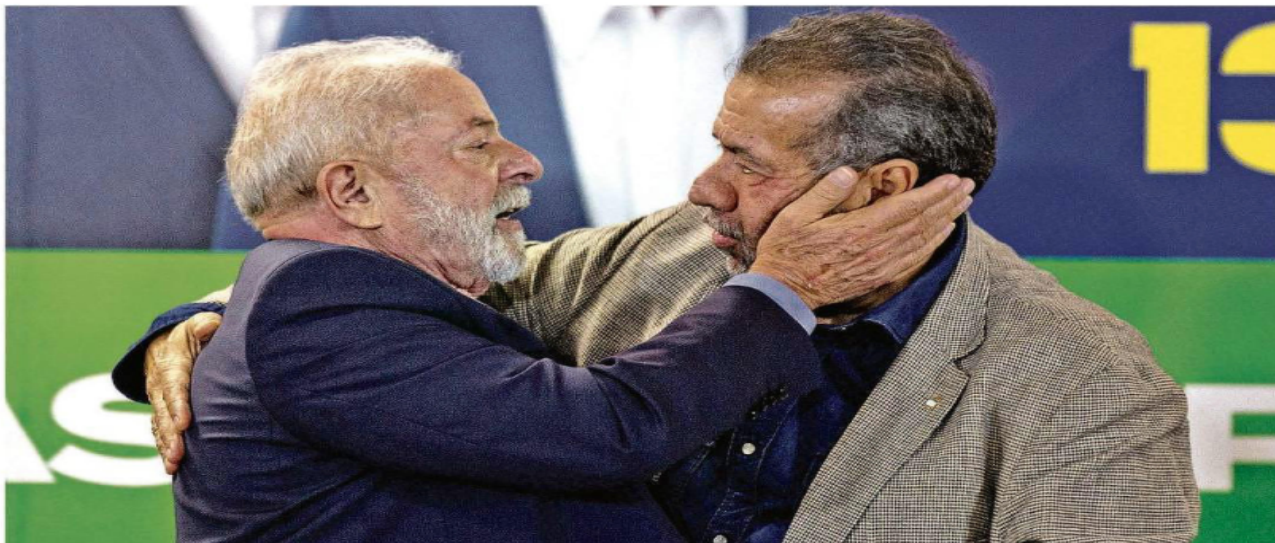
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Rodrigo Garcia (PSDB)  
governador de SP

**Romeu Zema (Novo)**  
governador reeleito de MG

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governador reeleito do RJ

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O ex-presidente Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva se encontra com Carlos Lupi, presidente do PDT do ex-presidenciável **Ciro Gomes**, em São Paulo. Mathilde Missionheiro/Folhapress

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Nobel de Química vai para técnica simples e rápida de criação de novas moléculas

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'Pantanal', que acaba amanhã, embala volta de novelas rurais com rara unanimidade

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Darwin Núñez fugiu da fome para ir ao Liverpool e defender o Uruguai no Qatar

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Empanadas e belas paisagens fazem a fama e o encanto da Argentina Salta

## Petróleo em alta limita redução de preços da Petrobras

A alta do petróleo limita a redução de preços dos combustíveis pela Petrobras, usada na campanha de Jair Bolsonaro (PL). O governo pressiona a estatal a não anunciar aumentos até o 2º turno e quer trocar diretor financeiro. Mercado A17

## Jovem fere 3 com arma de CAC em escola no CE

Jovem de 15 anos usou arma de CAC, diz a polícia, contra três colegas em escola de Sobral (CE). Um deles está em estado grave. B2

## Líder britânica, Truss cita 'tempestade' em 1º mês

Com inflação e instabilidade política herdada de Boris, primeira-ministra conservadora diz que vai superar "tempos difíceis". A15

# Lula colhe apoio de Tebet e FHC, e Bolsonaro, de governadores

Senadora critica falta de plano de governo, mas diz ver compromisso com democracia em petista

Três dias após receber 4,9 milhões de votos e ficar em terceiro no primeiro turno das eleições presidenciais, a senadora Simone Tebet (MDB-MS) declarou apoio a Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT) por um "compromisso com a democracia" que não vê em Jair Bolsonaro (PL).

Tebet, cujo partido liberou seus filiados para se alinharem a quem quiserem, afirmou que no pleito de 30 de outubro "o que está em jogo é muito maior do que cada um de nós". Manteve a crítica a Lula e frisou o fato de ele não ter apresentado plano detalhado para governar.

O Paineis relata que o petista pediu à senadora, nome mais bem-sucedido da terceira via, atuação na campanha e indicou que, se eleito, quer vê-la em seu governo. Na véspera, o PDT de **Ciro Gomes** formalizara aliança com o PT, e o ex-candidato disse acatar a decisão.

Lula recebeu ainda endosso do ex-presidente Fernando Henrique Cardoso (PSDB-SP), com quem dividiu o palanque nas Diretas Já (1984) e por quem foi derrotado nas eleições de 1994 e 1998. "Voto por uma história de luta pela democracia e inclusão social", escreveu FHC.

O atual presidente, por sua vez, continua a alongar a lista de governadores a seu lado. A **Rodrigo Garcia** (PSDB-SP), **Romeu Zema** (Novo-MG) e **Cláudio Castro** (PL-RJ) somaram-se **Ratinho Júnior** (PSD-PR), **Ronaldo Caiado** (União Brasil-GO) e **Ibaneis Rocha** (MDB-DF). Política A4

## Petista lidera por 51% a 43%, diz Ipec

Pesquisa feita pelo Ipec com 2.000 eleitores nos últimos três dias indica que o ex-presidente Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT) tem, no momento, 51% das intenções de voto, e o presidente **Jair Bolsonaro** (PL) conta com 43%. A margem de erro é de dois pontos a mais ou a menos.

Isso significa que o petista detém de 49% a 53% das preferências nesta primeira aferição do segundo turno, e o atual mandatário possui de 41% a 45% das intenções. Aqueles que declaram votar em branco ou anular somam 4%, e 2% não responderam ou se dizem indecisos.

Se considerados apenas os votos válidos, que excluem brancos e nulos e são os que a Justiça Eleitoral considera para o resultado da eleição, Lula tem 55% ante 45% de Bolsonaro, segundo o Ipec. No primeiro turno, dominado (2), o petista ficou na frente por 48% a 43%. Política A6

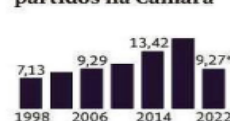
## Presidente cita NE e liga vitória de Lula a analfabetismo A8

## Maria H. Tavares A nova cara das direitas

O antipetismo deixou de se personificar na direita tucana, democrática, civilizada — e elitista. A rejeição aos valores da esquerda tem agora um líder popular que fala a língua dos mais primitivos grotnos morais da pátria. Opinião A2

## Eleitor do PT mata bolsonarista após discussão política em SP A14

## Número efetivo de partidos na Câmara



\*Se desconsiderar as federações, o número sobe para 9,93. Fonte: Cepesdata (até 2018)/Lara Mesquita (2022)

## Fragmentação partidária cai quase pela metade

A fragmentação partidária do Legislativo caiu quase pela metade na eleição deste ano em comparação com 2018. Pelo cálculo de partidos considerados efetivos na Câmara, o número passou de 16,46 há 4 anos para 9,27. Política A13

## Corte de R\$ 2,4 bi pelo governo no MEC ameaça universidades

O governo federal bloqueou R\$ 2,4 bilhões do orçamento do MEC deste ano. O valor é 11,4% das despesas livres do ministério. Os impactos recaem sobre as atividades da pasta e também sobre universidades e institutos federais, que já temem pela continuidade dos serviços. Cotidiano B1

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**Mutação partidária**  
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Formação rochosa em Salta, na Argentina. Clauber Larre/Folhapress





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## Hay temor de que Fiscalía blanquee a gobernador destituido por corrupción

Aun así, el defenestrado Juan Carlos Vera sigue con su candidatura para la senaduría. En la Cámara Baja abogan porque no haya impunidad.

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**Odesur.** Las atletas guaraníes llevan en alto la insignia patria. Alexandra Alonso (izq.) logró ayer la preselección dorada en remo y las hermanas Jennifer y Leyla Servin, plata y bronce, en karate. Las cuatro medallas de oro de Paraguay fueron ganadas por mujeres.

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# Prix de l'énergie : l'Europe va-t-elle changer les règles ?

La Commission propose un plafonnement temporaire des prix du gaz, comme le réclament quinze pays de l'Union européenne, avant une grande réforme du marché de l'électricité.

Les Vingt-Sept ont, comme lors de la crise du Covid, enchaîné les réunions de crise depuis l'invasion de l'Ukraine par la Russie. Objectif : réduire les effets dévastateurs de la flambée des prix de l'énergie. Bien sûr, chaque État a son propre bouquet énergétique, une dépendance plus ou

moins importante à l'égard du gaz russe et des moyens budgétaires variés. Chacun a déployé ses propres solutions pour protéger ménages et en-

treprises. Mais, face à la gravité de la crise, la solidarité européenne progresse malgré tout. Bruxelles accélère sur le plafonnement du prix du gaz

tandis qu'un accord a été trouvé pour prélever les recettes excessives des producteurs d'électricité, que chaque État redistribuera.

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**Alors que le crack déferle sur la France entière, Darmanin fait évacuer le camp de la Villette**

Lieu de rassemblement des consommateurs à Paris, le campement de Force equestre a été démantelé mercredi. Aujourd'hui, la « drogue du pauvre » n'empoisonne plus seulement la capitale, elle provoque des ravages dans tout le pays. PAGES 2 ET 3

## L'Ukraine veut un tribunal international pour juger les crimes de la Russie

Le Figaro a rencontré le procureur général d'Ukraine, Andriy Kostine, et celui de la CPI, le Britannique Karim Khan. Le premier accuse l'armée russe d'au moins 36 000 crimes de guerre relevant d'un tribunal international. Le second souhaite arriver à « une dissuasion plus efficace des crimes », mais la question d'un procès de Vladimir Poutine est pour lui politique. PAGES 6 ET 7

## ÉDITORIAL par Gaëtan de Capèle gdecapèle@lefigaro.fr

### Négociation électrique

À l'approche de la rigueur de l'hiver, le risque d'une pénurie d'énergie, accompagnée d'une explosion des prix, fait partie des scénarios catastrophes qui ne relèvent plus de la fiction. On savait que le système fonctionnait déjà à flux tendu depuis la fin du Covid, en raison de la reprise en trombe de la croissance économique. Avec la guerre en Ukraine, il se trouve au bord de la rupture. Les Européens, qui avaient eu tant de mal à se coordonner pour combattre la pandémie, n'ont d'autre choix que de s'entendre pour vaincre ce nouveau péril. L'affaire paraît en bonne voie, mais, dans ce dossier si complexe que les esprits les plus brillants y perdent leur latin, mieux vaut ne pas vendre la peau de l'ours.

Le fond de l'affaire consiste à détricoter un système de fixation des prix ubuesque, qui lie celui de l'électricité à celui du gaz. Ce qui, lorsque le principal fournisseur - la Russie - de la première puissance économique d'Europe - l'Allemagne - entre en guerre et coupe son robinet, conduit à la catastrophe. Berlin refuse de plafonner le prix du gaz pour être sûr de ne pas en manquer, et préfère utiliser toute sa puissance financière pour soutenir ses entreprises. L'Allemagne montre une nouvelle fois combien la

défense de ses propres intérêts dicte son engagement européen. Négociation électrique.

Cette grande remise en question énergétique devrait conduire la France à en tirer quelques leçons utiles. L'électricité est un bien trop rare et trop précieux pour devenir, comme ce fut le cas ces dernières années, l'otage de marchandages politiques.

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# Truss delivers a new common enemy to fractured Tory party

Embattled PM warns of 'stormy days' and tries to unite MPs in opposition to 'anti-growth coalition'

**Pippa Crerar**  
Political editor

Liz Truss attempted yesterday to unite her party around a common enemy of the "anti-growth coalition" of trade unions, remainers and green campaigners after a turbulent Tory conference that left her party divided and her leadership in peril.

After a fractious four-day gathering in Birmingham, the prime minister pledged to get the country "through the tempest" of the winter economic crisis by pressing on with her economic plan for growth despite the "disruption" it risked unleashing.

Amid dire polling, Conservative MPs put her on notice with warnings that if she radically diverged from the party's electoral mandate in coming months she risked being ousted at next spring's local elections, the first electoral test of her tenure at No 10.

"These are stormy days," Truss admitted as she sought to revive her faltering leadership. "In these tough times we need to step up. I am determined to get Britain moving, to get us through the tempest and put us on a stronger footing as a nation." However, the party returns to Westminster still reeling



▲ Liz Truss delivers her keynote speech to the Conservative party conference at the end of a turbulent week in Birmingham. PHOTOGRAPHS: GETTY IMAGES/REUTERS/REX

# Poland's president asks US for nuclear weapons

**Julian Borger**  
Washington

Poland has asked to have US nuclear weapons based on its territory amid growing fears that Vladimir Putin could resort to using nuclear arms in Ukraine to stave off a rout of his invading army.

The request from the Polish president, Andrzej Duda, is widely seen as symbolic, as moving nuclear warheads closer to Russia would make them more vulnerable and

less militarily useful, experts say. It comes as the US and its allies are seeking to deter Putin from the first nuclear use in battle but also preparing potential responses, if deterrence fails, that would have maximum punitive impact while containing the risk all-out nuclear war.

Previous war games conducted by US administrations have shown that is a fine, and fuzzy, line to tread, given the uncertainty over Putin's state of mind and his record of massive miscalculations over Ukraine.

Duda's remarks on basing nuclear

weapons followed changes in the constitution of neighbouring Belarus that would allow Russian nuclear weapons to be based on its territory.

The Polish president said there was "a potential opportunity" for Poland to take part in "nuclear sharing", by which pilots from the host country are trained to fly missions carrying US nuclear bombs, which are stored on their territory.

"We have spoken with American leaders about whether the United States is considering such a possibility. The issue

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