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Nestlé and P&G squeezed as consumers tighten belts

- Third-quarter sales volumes tumble
- Shoppers recoil from price increases

JUDITH EVANS — LONDON
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The two biggest makers of consumer goods have been hit by shoppers around the world tightening their budgets and turning to supermarkets' own-brand products, with Nestlé yesterday warning prices would have to rise further. Sales volumes at Switzerland's Nestlé and US-based Procter & Gamble fell in the third quarter as inflation surged and consumers' tolerance for steep price increases began to crack.

Mark Schneider, chief executive of Nestlé, warned of more price rises ahead as energy and labour costs mount over the next few months. "Obviously some of the pricing will have to continue [rising]... our pricing is still catching up with the hit we have taken from inflation," he said.

P&G, which generates more than half of its revenues outside the US, is also suffering from a strong dollar. Andre Schuilen, its chief financial officer, said: "We fully expect more volatility in costs, currencies and consumer dynamics as we move through the fiscal year."

Price rises led by food are straining consumer budgets globally: Europe especially has been affected by the war in Ukraine and the resulting energy crisis. Eurozone inflation topped 10 per cent in the year to September, while UK inflation is also in double digits.

Schuilen added: "We see high pressure on the European consumer, with high inflation and, certainly... energy costs will hit the consumer over the winter period."

Makers of global brands have so far fared better than expected as inflation has soared, but the squeeze has begun

pushing more consumers towards cheaper products and own-brands. Companies' margins are also coming under pressure as they race to push through cost rises.

P&G raised prices by 9 per cent year-on-year across its product lines in the quarter to September, while Nestlé pushed through a 7.5 per cent year-on-year rise in the first nine months of 2022, its biggest in decades.

But P&G's sales volumes still declined 3 per cent in the quarter, while Nestlé's real internal growth — a measure of sales volumes and consumers' product choices — slid 0.2 per cent.

Nestlé's like-for-like net sales growth reached 8.5 per cent in the first nine months, its highest rate in 14 years, propelled by the price increases. The maker of Maggi noodles, Kit Kats and Nespresso coffee capsules said it expected full-year sales growth of 8 per cent.

P&G, which makes Tide detergent and Tampax tampons, expects sales volumes to fall by 1 to 3 per cent in its fiscal year, down from its previous forecast for flat to 2 per cent growth. It also forecast a \$1.3bn hit from the strong dollar this fiscal year, or a 6 per cent knock to its sales growth.

The US-based group declined to say whether it would raise prices further, but acknowledged limits to its pricing power, particularly in Europe.

James Edward Jones, an analyst at RBC Capital Markets, said Nestlé was "coping admirably" but noted that sales of its bottled water, prepared foods and confectionery had slowed. "Even Nestlé, it could be argued, is starting to show early signs of tougher conditions," Lex page 16

Uphill challenge Hong Kong seeks to attract global talent and regain hub status after Covid



Hong Kong yesterday unveiled a new scheme to woo global talent.

A US\$3.8bn fund has been launched to attract businesses back to Hong Kong after China's security crackdown and strict Covid-19 controls damaged its status as a global financial hub.

New measures include visa and tax concessions for skilled foreign workers

as well as incentives for long-term expats to buy houses. Businesses focused on healthcare, AI, data science and fintech will be prioritised.

At least 140,000 people have left the city of 7.5m after the double blow of pro-democracy protests in 2019 and the pandemic.

Hong Kong chief executive John Lee

said: "The government will proactively trawl the world for talent. We have to present the true picture of Hong Kong to the world."

However, Covid rules preventing tourists from visiting bars and restaurants during their first three days in the city remain in place.

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Food prices push UK inflation to 40-year high
The reading of 10.1 per cent for September has raised pressure on the Bank of England for a big rise in interest rates when it meets on November 3. — PAGE 2

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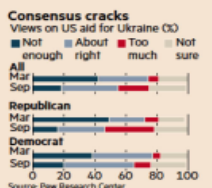
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New chief Bernd Reichart has said he wants the elite European football project to be relaunched, after it collapsed amid anger from fans and clubs. — PAGE 6

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Austrian police have confiscated devices at the HQ of the owner of department store Selfridges, as part of a probe into corruption at the top of government. — PAGE 8

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The TV streaming platform's stock has been boosted after it revealed shows such as *Stranger Things* had helped it add 2.4m subscribers. — PAGE 10, PAGE 18

Australia pilot probe
The military has opened a probe into claims ex-air force personnel were made lucrative offers to teach Chinese pilots how to fly western attack aircraft. — PAGE 4

Datwatch



The US has spent more than \$60bn on economic and military aid to Ukraine since the Russian invasion in February thanks to big bipartisan majorities in both chambers. But that consensus may be fraying as Republican sentiment shifts



Meloni set to take charge in Italy as recession looms

Former neo-fascist activist Giorgia Meloni will be facing a recession if she is invited to form a government in Rome in coming days, as expected. Her Brothers of Italy party has few obvious finance minister options to navigate the turmoil. Her search for a respected technocrat to assure markets has been fruitless. As energy prices soar it also seems unlikely that Italy could afford the kind of packages unveiled by the UK and Germany to alleviate them.

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Putin tightens security and declares martial law in occupied Ukraine areas

MAX SEDDON — RIGA
CHRISTOPHER MILLER AND
OLEKH CHAYCHYK — KYIV

Vladimir Putin has declared martial law in four occupied regions of Ukraine and given security forces sweeping powers in a sign that the Russian president is struggling to regain the military initiative nearly eight months into his war in the country.

The move, which also includes broad restrictions on travel including vehicle checks and "economic mobilisation" in much of western and southern Russia, is Putin's latest escalation as his army continues to cede ground to Ukraine.

Demanding the "entire system of state administration" contribute to the war effort, Putin yesterday authorised Russia's governors to maintain public order, ensure supplies for the armed forces

and protect critical infrastructure. The measures, which are one step below martial law, cover eight regions bordering Ukraine, including the Crimean peninsula annexed by Russia in 2014.

The revamped security measures come in response to Kyiv's successes in counteroffensives in occupied regions, including an advance on the southern city of Kherson, and rising tensions at home over Russia's faltering invasion.

Ukraine's foreign ministry yesterday said that "Russia has started a new stage of terror in the temporarily occupied territories" by introducing martial law.

Putin's attempts to raise the stakes have largely backfired: he mobilised army reserves, illegally annexed four occupied regions and threatened to use nuclear weapons to defend them.

Russia's failures prompted unusually harsh criticism of the Kremlin from pro-

war hardliners. In response, Putin appointed Sergei Surovkin, a notoriously ruthless general, to lead Russia's invasion forces and launched air strikes targeting critical infrastructure.

Russia's provisions on martial law allow Moscow to introduce stricter controls of transport, bans on all public gatherings, total wartime censorship, "additional responsibilities" for citizens, broad economic restrictions and more limits on movement — up to a possible exit ban for Russian citizens.

Occupation authorities in Kherson said they had begun evacuating residents yesterday, claiming an impending attack by Kyiv. Serhiy Kuzan, an adviser at Ukraine's defence ministry, said the evacuation amounted to a "forced deportation of civilians who have been taken hostage and are being exploited". Crackdown on drones page 2

World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				GOVERNMENT BONDS			
	Oct 19	Prev	%Chg	Pair	Oct 19	Prev	%Chg	Yield (%)	Oct 19	Prev	%Chg
S&P 500	3708.16	3719.98	-0.32	\$/£	0.979	0.985	-0.6%	US 2 yr	4.54	4.46	0.07
Nasdaq Composite	10752.82	10772.40	-0.37	\$/¥	1.126	1.132	-0.5%	US 10 yr	4.11	4.05	0.06
Dow Jones Ind	30534.88	30523.80	0.04	€/£	0.870	0.870	0%	US 30 yr	4.10	4.08	0.02
FTSE 100	1576.29	1582.88	-0.42	\$/₹	143.75	143.09	0.4%	UK 2 yr	3.42	3.46	-0.03
Euro Stoxx 50	3474.87	3463.83	0.32	\$/₹	168.575	168.753	-0.1%	UK 10 yr	3.87	3.95	-0.08
FTSE 100	6804.89	6836.74	-0.17	\$/₹	0.963	0.960	0.3%	UK 30 yr	3.98	4.31	-0.32
FTSE AEX-Share	3777.93	3752.79	-0.38	\$/₹	1.130	1.128	0.2%	JPN 2 yr	-0.04	-0.05	0.01
CAC 40	6040.72	6057.90	-0.43	\$/₹	19212.86	19228.49	-0.08	JPN 10 yr	0.25	0.25	-0.01
Nikkei 225	12711.41	12705.61	-0.19	\$/₹	1300.04	1310.06	-0.76	JPN 30 yr	1.58	1.51	-0.07
Hang Seng	27257.38	27156.14	0.37	\$/₹	77.158	76.955	0.2%	GER 2 yr	2.07	1.95	0.13
MSCI World \$	16511.28	16514.58	-0.28	\$/₹	1.130	1.128	0.2%	GER 10 yr	2.37	2.28	0.09
MSCI EM \$	2457.86	2431.84	1.07	\$/₹	1.130	1.128	0.2%	GER 30 yr	2.34	2.31	0.02
MSCI ACWI \$	679.87	685.77	-1.54	\$/₹	1.130	1.128	0.2%				
FT 1000	569.98	563.66	1.12	\$/₹	1.130	1.128	0.2%				
FT 2500	4062.21	4094.49	-1.20	\$/₹	1.130	1.128	0.2%				
FT 5000	37905.29	37495.92	1.26	\$/₹	1.130	1.128	0.2%				

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Times Square Is Latest Pitch For Casino Site

**A Glittering New Entry
in a Race for Licenses**

This article is by **Dana Rubinstein, Nicole Hong and Michael Paulson.**

Times Square, New York City's famed crossroads of the world, could hardly be considered lacking. It has dozens of Broadway theaters, swarms of tourists, costumed characters and noisy traffic, all jostling for space with office workers who toil in the area.

Now one of the city's biggest commercial developers is pitching something that Times Square does not have: a glittering Caesars Palace casino at its core.

The developer, SL Green Realty Corporation, and the gambling giant Caesars Entertainment are actively trying to enlist local restaurants, retailers and construction workers in joining a pro-casino coalition, as the companies aim to secure one of three new casino licenses in the New York City area approved by state legislators earlier this year.

The proposal has enormous implications for Times Square, the symbolic and economic heart of the American theater industry, and a key part of the city's office-driven economy. Although foot traffic in Times Square was almost back at 2019 levels during recent weekends, theatergoers and office workers have been slower



GABRIEL JONES FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES

Substantial obstacles await a casino bid for Times Square.

to re-embrace a neighborhood where violent crime has risen.

Overall attendance and box-office grosses on Broadway are lagging well behind prepandemic levels, and there is considerable anxiety within the industry about how changes in commuting patterns, entertainment consumption and the global economy will affect its long-term health.

A casino in Times Square faces substantial obstacles. There is already a competing bid for a casino in nearby Hudson Yards from another pair of real estate and gambling giants, Related Companies and Wynn Resorts.

And with casino bids also taking shape in Queens and Brooklyn, Continued on Page A20



STAFF AT A CLINIC IN BAKHMUT, ABOUT THREE MILES FROM THE FRONT IN EASTERN UKRAINE, TREATED AN INJURED UKRAINIAN SOLDIER ON WEDNESDAY.

Record Levels In Bread Prices Rattle Europe

By **LIZ ALDERMAN**

VERDELOT, France — Since Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the price of the wheat that Julien Bourgeois grinds for boulangeries at his family's flour mill in central France has increased more than 30 percent. The bill for the electricity needed to run the mill has tripled. Even the price of paper used for flour sacks has hit the stratosphere.

All of which are driving up the price of a loaf of bread. "Inflation is brutally high," said Mr. Bourgeois, inspecting the mill's mammoth crushers as they ground wheat into flour. He has urged the 1,000 bakeries that his company, Moulins Bourgeois, supplies to mark up the iconic French baguette by 10 cents, from a current range of 1 euro to €1.30, to offset the higher costs that he has had to pass along.

"Consumers can afford to pay more for now, but prices will keep rising," Mr. Bourgeois said. "It's worrisome." In France, where baguettes already cost over 8 percent more than they did a year ago, he added, "we remember that the revolution started over the price of bread."

There are signs that inflation in Europe is getting worse. Data re-

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Eerie Quiet Settles on a Moscow Drained of Men

By **VALERIE HOPKINS**

MOSCOW — Friday afternoons at the Chop-Chop Barbershop in central Moscow used to be busy, but at the beginning of a recent weekend, only one of the four chairs was occupied.

"We would usually be full right now, but about half of our customers have gone," said the manager, a woman named Olya. Many of the clients — along with half of the barbers — have fled Russia to avoid President Vladimir V. Putin's campaign to mobilize hundreds of thousands of men for the flagging military campaign in Ukraine.

Many men have been staying off the streets out of fear of being handed a draft notice. As Olya

Capital Empties Out as Many Flee Draft, or Are Swept Up in It

came to work last Friday, she said, she witnessed the authorities at each of the four exits of the metro station, checking documents.

Her boyfriend, who was a barber at the salon, has fled, and the separation is taking a toll. "Every day is hard," acknowledged Olya, who like other women interviewed did not want her last name used, fearing retribution. "It is hard for me to know what to do. We always planned as a couple."

She is hardly alone. While there are still plenty of men in a city of 12

million people, across the capital their presence has thinned out noticeably — in restaurants, in the hipster community and at social gatherings like dinners and parties. This is especially true among the city's intelligentsia, who often have disposable income and passports for foreign travel.

Some men who were repulsed by the invasion of Ukraine left when the war broke out; others who oppose the Kremlin in general fled because they feared imprisonment or oppression. But the majority of the men who have left in recent weeks were either called up to serve in the military, wanted to avoid the draft or worried that Russia might close the borders if Mr. Putin declared martial law.

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A RUSSIAN CONSCRIPT — ONE OF MANY THOUSANDS — WITH HIS PARTNER AT A RECRUITING OFFICE IN MOSCOW.

Top Trump Ally Walks Tightrope In Bid to Be New York Governor

By **NICHOLAS FANDOS**

On the day the U.S. Capitol was ransacked, as stunned lawmakers emerged from hiding and police officers were still counting the injured, Representative Lee Zeldin of New York walked into the Rotunda, held up a shaky camera and went live on Fox News.

Other Republican leaders had already begun distancing the party from President Donald J. Trump, whose monthlong campaign to overturn his election loss helped incite the violence. But

that evening, Mr. Zeldin sounded all but ready to exonerate him. "This isn't just about the president of the United States," he said, referring to what prompted the riot that he condemned. "This is about people on the left and their double standards."

The comments — blaming Democrats and "rogue state actors," not Mr. Trump, for undermining confidence in the election — drew little attention at the time.

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Strategies of C.E.O. Are at Heart of a Lawsuit Against Fox News

By **JEREMY W. PETERS**
and **RACHEL ABRAMS**

Before the committee investigating the Jan. 6 insurrection held its first prime-time hearing in June, Suzanne Scott, the chief executive of Fox News Media, called Lachlan Murdoch, her boss, to tell

him how her network planned to broadcast the event.

They wouldn't, she said. The channel would stick with its usual prime-time lineup of Tucker Carlson, Sean Hannity and Laura Ingraham. Mr. Murdoch, the executive chairman of Fox Corporation, was fine with Ms. Scott's decision, according to an executive with

knowledge of their conversation.

As a business move, Ms. Scott's call was the right one for Fox News in the end. As many viewers tuned in as they would on a regular night. And Fox still managed to best CNN in the ratings.

The decision was true to form, according to interviews with more than a dozen current and former

Late Edition
Today, sunny, breezy and remaining cool, high 58. Tonight, generally clear and chilly, low 46. Tomorrow, sunny, a light and variable wind, high 62. Weather map, Page A23.

PUTIN ANNOUNCES WIDE CRACKDOWN IN ANNEXED AREA

IMPOSES MARTIAL LAW

**Controls Also Tightened
on Russians as Losses
Mount in Ukraine**

By **ANDREW E. KRAMER**
and **NEIL MACFARQUHAR**

KYIV, Ukraine — President Vladimir V. Putin declared martial law in four Russian-occupied regions of Ukraine on Wednesday, but in a telling sign that his real concerns may lie far closer to home, he also moved to put the economy on a wartime footing and imposed restrictions in more than two dozen areas across Russia.

With battlefield losses mounting in Ukraine and the Russian public simmering over an unpopular military conscription order, Mr. Putin's actions appeared to be less a show of strength than a sign of disarray.

As a practical matter, Moscow has only tenuous control of the eastern Ukrainian regions where it imposed martial law, weeks after illegally annexing them. As of late last month, the Russian Army controlled most of Luhansk and Kherson, but only about half of Zaporizhzhia and Donetsk. And on Wednesday, Russian officials ordered the evacuation of thousands of people in Kherson and said it might move the offices of its puppet government there across the Dniipro River to a safer position.

In imposing the new restrictions, Mr. Putin spoke of the embattled regions as if they were indisputably Russian territory. "I signed a decree on the introduction of martial law in these four constituent entities of the Russian Federation," Mr. Putin said in a meeting of his Security Council. "In addition, in the current situation, I consider it necessary to give additional powers to the leaders of all Russian regions."

Some of the changes were aimed at reorienting the Russian economy toward war. In border regions as well as in Crimea, for example, the local authorities can now "mobilize the economy to meet the needs of the army," the order said. But the Kremlin also paved the way for still stricter control of the population.

"Putin has to prepare the country for much harder times, and he needs to mobilize resources," Tatiana Stanovaya, a Russian political analyst, said in a phone interview.

In Ukraine, the martial law order will allow the authorities to impose curfews, seize property, forcibly resettle residents, imprison undocumented immigrants, establish checkpoints and detain people for up to 30 days.

In Russia, the restrictions stopped short of martial law, and as with many Russian laws, their provisions are open to broad interpretation.

The new law, for example, allows for the suspension of the activities of political parties, public Continued on Page A9

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Truss Fires Home Secretary

Britain's prime minister was forced to dismiss another cabinet minister, as pressure grew on her to resign in only her second month in the job. PAGE A6

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Race and Power in Los Angeles

Recently leaked audio of Latino leaders using racist language upended politics in the city, exposing their ambition to build more clout. PAGE A21

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An Uptick in Elder Poverty

Seniors didn't fare as well through the pandemic as most people did. But longer-term trends aren't moving in their favor, either. PAGE B1

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Astros' Ace Thwarts Yankees

Justin Verlander, this year's presumptive A.L. Cy Young Award winner, struck out 11 batters as Houston won Game 1 of the A.L.C.S., 4-2. PAGE B8

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DE LEÓN VOWS: 'I WILL NOT RESIGN'

He cites needs of his district, while council president says apology is still not enough.

By DAKOTA SMITH, RUBEN VIVES AND RACHEL URANGA

Los Angeles City Councilmember Kevin De León said Wednesday that he will not resign following leaked audio of an incendiary closed-door conversation that he took part in — a position that drew an immediate outcry from some City Hall colleagues who have called for his removal.

After remaining silent for more than a week, De León gave two television interviews during which he repeatedly apologized for his role in a discussion last year where racist and demeaning language was used.

De León said he intended to stay in office to help his downtown and Eastside district and that his constituents "deserve representation."

"No, I will not resign, because there is a lot of work ahead," De León said in an interview with Noticiero Univision, describing the problems of COVID, homelessness and rental evictions in the district.

In a separate interview [See De León, A8]

De León serves up a forgive-me farce

By not resigning, he makes his apology self-serving, says G. Arellano. CALIFORNIA, B1



A HELICOPTER drops water on the Fairview fire near Hemet last month. The state hasn't considered wildfire emissions when assessing its progress toward greenhouse gas targets. Researchers argue that it should.

Call him the anti-Villanueva

Former Long Beach police chief is pitching himself as the calm after years of storm under L.A. County's current sheriff

By CONNOR SHEETS

Robert Luna likes to point out that he's held every rank in the Long Beach Police Department since he joined as a reserve officer in 1985.

Under his watch as the department's first Latino chief — a seven-year stint that ended when he retired in December — property and violent crimes in the city fell, although the annual tally of homicides and rapes increased.

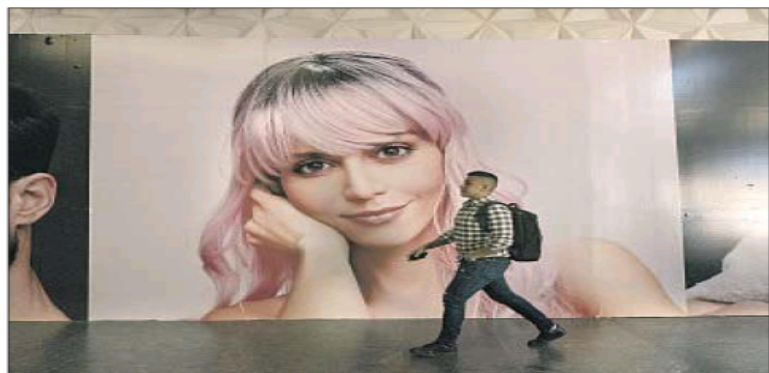
Luna is proud of his record in Long Beach, but there's one problem: It's barely known beyond the boundaries of the second-largest city in Los Angeles County.

He's running to unseat embattled Sheriff Alex Villanueva, who commands local and national headlines whether he likes it or not. But a recent poll found that more than half of likely voters had no opinion of

[See Luna, A10]



ROBERT LUNA touts his East L.A. roots in his run for L.A. County sheriff. "I will promise you this: I won't forget where I came from."



ACTIVISTS say getting Mexicans to recognize that theirs is a country with racial differences is the first step in fighting racism. Above, an ad at a Mexico City mall.

Mexico's racial reckoning

A growing movement is challenging bias based on skin color, a practice rooted in colonialism

By KATE LINTHICUM

MEXICO CITY — A few months ago, several employees of an upscale Mexico City steakhouse came forward with a damning allegation: The restaurant had a policy of segregation in which the best tables were reserved for the customers with the lightest skin.

The notion of whiter Mexicans getting preferential treatment was not surprising in a country where darker-skinned people have long earned less

money, received less schooling and been all but invisible in the media. But the ensuing public outrage was.

Within days, activists mounted a boycott and the city launched an investigation into the restaurant, Sonora Grill Prime, which denied the accusations. Multiple public figures highlighted the scandal as evidence of pervasive bigotry. "Racism is real," Mayor Claudia Sheinbaum told reporters, using a word long regarded as taboo. "We have to accept that it exists and fight it."

For the vast stretch of Mexico's modern history, many denied that racism existed here at all.

They embraced the nation's foundational myth that its people are mestizos, a single blended race of Indigenous and Spanish blood, insisting that there could be no prejudice if all Mexicans were the same.

But a growing social movement is challenging that thinking, thrusting discussions of discrimination based on skin color to the fore.

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L.A.'s mobile clinics bring 'care right where you are'

By EMILY ALPERT REYES

When she found herself struggling to breathe, Yessenia Guevara tried to get medical attention at a hospital miles away from the dusty encampment under the 10 Freeway.

But Guevara and Richard Wisar, who had been with her for years in the Pacoima encampment, said they abandoned their visit after hours had passed, feel-

ing ignored.

When things go wrong, Guevara later declared, "I'm my own doctor."

A week after their aborted trip to the hospital, a medical team turned up outside the tent that Guevara and Wisar share, telling them there was a mobile clinic stationed a short walk away near the Ritchie Valens Recreation Center. A nurse showed people a photo on her smartphone, pointing them to a sky-blue truck the

size of a semi.

"We want to be able to give you medical care right where you are," Dr. Farham Khalili told Guevara when she and Wisar arrived at the truck.

In Los Angeles County, homeless people had been suffering rising rates of mortality even before COVID-19 arrived. Deaths among unhoused people surged in the year after the pandemic began, and not

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Taylor Swift vs. the '70s greats

Her prolific run of acclaimed albums may rival stellar streaks by legends. CALENDAR, E1

Crackdowns as Putin falters

He imposes martial law in Ukrainian regions and restrictions in Russia. WORLD, A3

Plenty of blame to go around

Dodgers players share responsibility for early exit, Bill Plaschke writes. SPORTS, B10

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Election action in down-ballot races

Sleepy contest for governor eclipsed by ones for L.A. mayor, control of Congress.

By SEEMA MEHTA AND TARYN LUNA

More than \$1 billion so far has been poured into California races — but with less than three weeks to go before voting ends, candidates for governor and U.S. Senate haven't aired a single general-election ad that touts their campaigns.

What's soaking up all the money and attention is the Los Angeles mayoral race, along with sports-betting ballot measures and congressional clashes that

could determine the balance of power in Congress.

The Los Angeles television market is saturated with ads about the ballot measures and the race between billionaire developer Rick Caruso and Rep. Karen Bass to lead the nation's second-largest city.

It is already the most expensive candidate contest in city history, drawing \$76 million in spending as of last month. Caruso has outspent

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It's not just about economy this time

While Republican ads focus on inflation, Democrats highlight abortion access. CALIFORNIA, B1

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Democracy Dies in Darkness

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In cowboy country, a single mom tries to raise her boy to be a good man



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A mother's charge

MASCULINITY IN AMERICA

BY JOSE A. DEL REAL
IN JOHNSON COUNTY, WYOMING

The waitress knows to be chatty and cheerful. She makes \$3 per hour and lives on tips, so she smiles as she walks through the restaurant, especially at the men, who seem to expect it most. Her hair is long and curly; her clothes are tight. A lip ring and several tattoos hint at some irreverence but mostly they draw attention to her age, 23 years old. ¶ She introduces herself by her first name, Sarah, and for all anyone here knows or cares, these facts mark the beginning and the end of her story. ¶ But at home, after she puts her 5-year-old son to sleep, she sometimes starts to cry and can't stop. She cries because the man she was building a life with betrayed her trust and abused her body. Because she should have left him but she stayed. Because of all that happened next. ¶ More customers walk in. She gives them menus and takes their drink orders. She summons a bubbly voice to ask how their days are going.

SEE MOTHER ON A6

Sarah, a 23-year-old waitress in Wyoming, wants to see her son become a gentle and vulnerable adult.

Housing vise has Va. county reimagining idea of suburbia

BY TEO ARMUS

The email from the mortgage loan officer was supposed to be good news for Maureen Coffey.

A 27-year-old nonprofit employee, she never thought she would be able to afford to buy in Arlington County — a wealthy, liberal suburb across the river from D.C. — until he told her otherwise. Her steady income and strong credit would qualify her for a condominium costing as much as \$300,000.

But the properties within her budget in this slice of Northern Virginia were all nonstarters: either tiny studios with \$500-a-month condo fees, or units so far from public transit that she would have to commute an hour to work.

"I had done everything right," Coffey said, "and that still was not enough to buy something."

Across the country, low housing stock and skyrocketing prices mean plenty of others are facing a similar reality. With new units hardly being built fast enough in Arlington to fix the problem, local lawmakers are hoping one possible solution may lie in the county's zoning code.

A proposal expected to go before the Arlington County Board this fall would relax these rules, allowing developers to build duplexes, townhouses and small apartment buildings in the leafy suburban neighborhoods that take up much of Arlington's 26 square miles.

It's an idea that would do away with single-family zoning, which remains central to the American idea of suburbia. And it's being considered by more communities around the country as their housing stock has failed to keep up.

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In Middle East, a magnet for veterans

Retired U.S. troops have flocked to flashy, tax-free UAE to help build a powerful Arab military



UNITED ARAB EMIRATES



FROM TOP LEFT: A-109 CV-22 OSPIRY FLYING OVER ABU DHABI; RETIRED MARINE GEN. JIM MATTHEWS; UAE TROOPS. ILLUSTRATION BY FRANK HULLEY JONES; THE WASHINGTON POST; PHOTOS BY MASTER/GETTY IMAGES; U.S. AIR FORCE; U.S. MARINE CORPS; GEND HANON/PICTURE ALLIANCE/GETTY IMAGES

BY CRAIG WHITLOCK
AND NATE JONES

The hottest overseas job market for retired U.S. service members is a tiny Persian Gulf nation that outsources much of its military to foreign advisers and mercenaries.

Over the past seven years, 280 military retirees have sought federal authorization to work for the United Arab Emirates — far more than for any other country, according to documents obtained by The Washington Post under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Those who have worked as military contractors or consultants for the Emiratis include generals who made their mark fighting U.S. wars in the Middle East.

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2021 INFRASTRUCTURE ACT

Road to climate gains could be a rocky one



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US awards grants to boost batteries

President Joe Biden said the United States is bringing back manufacturing "in a big way" after announcing a federal initiative to accelerate the production of crucial minerals for batteries.

"Where in heck is it written that we can't be a manufacturing hub of the world?" Biden said Wednesday.

Biden announced that \$2.8 billion in federal grants have been awarded to 20 manufacturing and processing plants across 12 states: Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, Nevada, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Tennessee and Washington.

Over the past several months, Biden has made domestic production of batteries a top priority amid historic inflation and rising gas prices.

— Rebecca Morin and Joey Garrison

Gas prices are "not falling fast enough. Families are hurting."

President Joe Biden

Tapping into oil reserves

Will gas prices rise or fall? Answer is complicated. **Graphic, 3A**

Biden calls on U.S. companies to produce more oil. **5A**

Promised progress may come, but some experts see cracks in more ambitious goals

Kyle Bagenstose
USA TODAY

When President Joe Biden signed the \$1.2 trillion Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act last November — commonly known as the bipartisan infrastructure bill — he and other proponents noted it would be the largest investment in infrastructure in a generation.

But they also promised it would be something else: a historic effort to tackle climate change. Although it didn't devote hundreds of billions of dollars directly to the climate fight as the Inflation Reduction Act did this year, the administration said the infrastructure bill would help transition the nation to cleaner sources of energy while electrifying the transportation sector and preparing roads and bridges for a changing world.

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FLORIDA SENATE RACE

Rubio, Demings clash at debate

Abortion, migrants, climate change are among key topics

Zac Anderson

USA TODAY NETWORK — FLORIDA

The word "liar" was tossed out a few times, along with plenty of other tough language as Florida Republican U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio and his Democratic opponent, U.S. Rep. Val Demings, met on the debate stage in a heated match-up Tuesday night on the campus of Palm Beach State College.

Demings often was on the offensive as she tries to unseat a two-term incumbent and shake up a race where polls show her lagging, in a state that increasingly has trended red.

A practiced debater, Rubio deflected on some hot-button issues, such as abortion, and tried to ignore others as he sought to avoid major missteps in the home stretch.

Here are five takeaways from the debate.

Rubio deflects on abortion

One of Rubio's biggest liabilities may be his position on abortion, being on record opposing the procedure without exceptions for victims of rape

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Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., and U.S. Rep. Val Demings, D-Fla., greet each other before their Senate debate on Tuesday in Palm Beach County.

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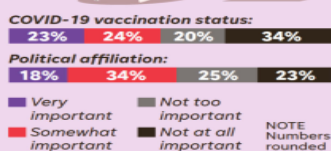
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COVID status, political camps and compatibility

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COVID-19

Virus' role in maternal deaths detailed

Report lays out widening disparities of pandemic

Nada Hassanein
USA TODAY

COVID-19 contributed to a quarter of all U.S. maternal deaths last year and in 2020, according to an oversight report.

The report, released Wednesday morning by the U.S. Government Accountability Office, a nonpartisan government auditing agency, details maternal mortality disparities during the pandemic and how the coronavirus contributed to overall maternal deaths.

Out of last year's 1,178 reported maternal deaths, COVID-19 contributed to 401, according to the report. In 2020, the virus was behind almost 12% of maternal deaths.

COVID-19 contributed to roughly 25% of the more than 2,000 maternal deaths in the two years combined.

Pregnant people are more vulnera-

25%

The estimated percentage of the more than 2,000 maternal deaths in 2020 and 2021 combined where COVID-19 contributed.

ble to adverse COVID-19 outcomes, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has said. During the pandemic, maternal deaths saw a sharp rise and disparities widened. A staggering number of those deaths were preventable, according to the CDC.

Though the report doesn't break down COVID-19 deaths among pregnant people by race and ethnicity, the authors noted the overall widening disparities amid the pandemic.

Hispanic and Latina women saw a significant surge in deaths: Their rate jumped from 12.6 to 18 deaths per 100,000 between 2019 and the first year of the pandemic to almost 28 deaths per 100,000 last year. Black women also are

still dying at almost three times the rate of white mothers, and Indigenous women are more than twice as likely to die.

COVID-19 can contribute to pregnancy complications, severe illness and death, the report says. Research has shown pregnant Hispanic women make up a larger portion of COVID-19 cases compared with non-Hispanic pregnant women.

Dr. Maureen G. Phipps, CEO of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, told USA TODAY in a statement that the data confirms expectations that the pandemic would worsen a national maternal death crisis.

The GAO's analysis was commissioned by Rep. Carolyn B. Maloney, chairwoman of the U.S. House Oversight and Reform Committee, and Rep. Lauren Underwood, co-chair of the Black Maternal Health Caucus, who introduced the Black Maternal Health Mornibus Act of 2021. It's the first of a three-part GAO analysis of maternal deaths in the United States.

Apurado por los sondeos, Lula busca el voto evangélico

Visitó un templo en San Pablo (foto) e hizo promesas en un intento de seducir a un electorado que se inclina por Bolsonaro; algunas encuestas reflejan un escenario de paridad. **Página 7**



UN AÑO DE GAGO EN RACING: EL DT QUE CUMPLIÓ LA PROMESA

—deportes

El entrenador llegó a la Academia en medio de la desconfianza, pero le cambió la identidad al equipo y, tras una situación compleja en el club, lo llevó a la lucha por el título en la Liga.

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Fracasó el acuerdo salarial con Moyano: amenaza con paro y desabastecimiento

PARITARIA. El camionero volvió a rechazar la propuesta empresarial; críticas a Kelly Olmos

El Sindicato de Camioneros, que encabezan Hugo y Pablo Moyano, ratificó ayer su reclamo de aumento del 131% interanual, el pago de un bono de fin de año y un incremento en los adicionales. Pero otra vez no hubo acuerdo. Los empresarios ofrecieron un 84%, tres puntos más que la semana pasada. Desde el gremio

(que tiene 214.000 afiliados en todo el país) adelantaron que analizarán medidas de fuerza y Pablo Moyano habló de un eventual "desabastecimiento".

Tras este nuevo desacuerdo, se anunció que la semana próxima se reunirá la cúpula de la Federación de Camioneros, en la que confluyen

los líderes de todas las regionales del país, para evaluar medidas de fuerza. "Que no hagan responsables a los camioneros si hay desabastecimiento", advirtió Pablo Moyano, quien también lanzó críticas contra la nueva ministra de Trabajo, Kelly Olmos, que había considerado "demasiado" la exigencia sindical. **Página 10**

131%

Aumento pedido

Los representantes de las empresas de transporte ofrecieron una suba de 84%

El Gobierno recortará el gasto para la niñez en 2023

PRESUPUESTO. Lo afirmó Unicef en un informe que presentó en el Congreso

En un documento presentado ayer en el Congreso, Unicef afirmó que el proyecto de presupuesto 2023 contempla un recorte en las políticas públicas destinadas a la niñez. Esta situación se dará en un contexto crítico, en el que más de la mitad de los chicos son pobres en la Argentina.

Según la agencia de la ONU en el país, la iniciativa prevé una reducción interanual de alrededor de 0,2 puntos porcentuales del PBI para el año que viene, lo que podría ampliar la cantidad de niños pobres. **Página 16**

Pánico y heridos en un avión de Aerolíneas



sociedad—Doce pasajeros de un vuelo de Aerolíneas Argentinas de Madrid a Buenos Aires sufrieron durante la madrugada de ayer heridas como consecuencia de una fuerte turbulencia. De los heridos (fotos), dos debieron ser hospitalizados. Los pasajeros se quejaron por la falta de aviso sobre el momento que iban a atravesar; varios no tenían los cinturones de seguridad puestos. Según la empresa, la tripulación había dado el aviso y estaban encendidas las señales correspondientes. **Página 23**



Cumbre del peronismo para blindarse en la provincia

ELECCIONES. El gobernador de la provincia de Buenos Aires, Axel Kicillof, y el presidente del PJ bonaerense, Máximo Kirchner, encabezaron ayer una reunión con intendentes, que expresó la apuesta electoral del kirchnerismo de fortalecerse en el territorio bonaerense frente al escenario incierto que muestra la situación nacional.

Los participantes acordaron debatir una postura común sobre el futuro de las PASO, aunque la posición de Kicillof es mantenerlas y que se voten en paralelo a la elección nacional. **Página 12**

Argentina insólita. El mejor negocio del momento es vender un auto usado

Entregar hoy un modelo 2018 comprado en 2020 permite ganar 44% promedio en dólares; inflación, falta de oferta y trabas a la importación, las causas

Francisco Olivera
LA NACION

Ni el peso ni el dólar ni el bitcoin ni siquiera la soja: la mejor inversión para un argentino fue comprar un auto usado. Pasa solo acá y es una consecuencia de la inflación, el contexto global y la escasez de vehículos en el mercado. Según datos de la Cámara del Comercio Automotor, un usado aumentó desde marzo de 2020 un 397% promedio

nominal, lo que representa un alza del 56% en términos reales.

El rendimiento también es notable si se mide en dólares. Alguien que, por ejemplo, adquirió en ese entonces una camioneta Toyota Hilux turbo diésel modelo 2018, la usó en el transcurso de estos dos años y medio y la va a vender ahora habrá ganado 49% en dólares blue y 115,3% al oficial. **Continúa en la página 21**

El kirchnerismo le apunta otra vez a la Justicia en el Senado

OFENSIVA. Activó el debate de un proyecto que intenta controlar los traslados de jueces. **Página 15**

Moraes vê desastre de fake news no 2º turno

O presidente do TSE, Alexandre de Moraes, recebeu ontem representantes de redes sociais e afirmou que a situação da desinformação no segundo turno está desastrosa. O ministro disse que as plataformas demoram a remover conteúdo quando exigidas.

Resolução a ser votada hoje pode dar poder ao tribunal para proibir fake news eleitorais sem denúncia de terceiros. **Política A9**

Pesquisa Datafolha para o 2º turno presidencial
Resposta estimulada, em %



Lula se mantém em 49%; Bolsonaro oscila para 45%

Branco e nulos são 4%, e indecisos, 1%, diz Datafolha; 6% cogitam mudar voto

O ex-presidente Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT) continua à frente nas intenções de voto, com 49%, mas o atual ocupante do cargo, Jair Bolsonaro (PL), oscilou um ponto para cima e tem agora 45% das preferências, mostra o Datafolha. Brancos e nulos somam 4%, e indecisos, 1%. Outros 6% cogitam repensar.

A margem de erro do levantamento, que ouviu 2.912 pessoas em 181 cidades nos últimos três dias, é de dois pontos para cima ou para baixo. Assim, o presidente tem de 43% a 47% no momento, e o petista, de 47% 51% —no limite, estariam colados, embora seja estatisticamente improvável.

Considerados apenas os votos válidos (sem brancos nem nulos), Lula lidera por 52% a 48%. A aferição do Datafolha foi feita após o debate no domingo (16) e a viralização do vídeo no qual Bolsonaro afirma ter "pintado um clima" com adolescentes venezuelanas. Nenhum dos dois parece ter perdido voto.

Hoje, 50% dizem rejeitar o presidente, e 46%, o petista. Para driblar esses números em uma campanha na qual acusações suplantam propostas, Bolsonaro lançou benesses econômicas aos mais pobres, eleitorado mais afeito ao rival, e Lula acena aos evangélicos, que tendem ao oponente. **Política A4**



O lateral Rodinei comemora após marcar pênalti que deu o título da Copa do Brasil ao Flamengo contra o Corinthians no Maracanã

Alexandre Cassiano/Agência O Globo

Tarcísio tem 49%, e Haddad, 40% em SP; nulos são 8%, e indecisos, 3% **A6**

Petista volta a se opor a um aborto em carta a evangélicos

A campanha do ex-presidente Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT) divulgou carta a evangélicos na qual ele volta a se dizer contra o aborto. Em encontro com líderes de igrejas, chamou de "triste escândalo" o uso eleitoral da fé. **Política A7**

Análise A. V. Balloussier
Missiva terá dificuldade para furar bolha **A7**

Doria anuncia desfiliação do PSDB após 22 anos **A11**

esporte B8 Flamengo campeão

O Flamengo venceu o Corinthians nos pênaltis ontem, no Maracanã, e foi campeão da Copa do Brasil. Após empate por 1 a 1 —Pedro, pelos cariocas, e Giuliano, pelos paulistas—, Rodinei fez o gol decisivo.

Putin declara lei marcial em áreas da Ucrânia anexadas

O presidente da Rússia, Vladimir Putin, impôs lei marcial nas quatro áreas recém-anexadas da Ucrânia, o que implica total controle da vida civil. Todo o território russo foi posto sob algum grau de alerta. O Ocidente vê desespero do Kremlin. **Mundo A12**

Guedes cogita salário mínimo e aposentadoria sem correção

Proposta que seria apresentada após o 2º turno em caso de vitória de Jair Bolsonaro (PL) desvincula o mínimo e benefícios previdenciários de correção pela inflação do ano anterior. Bolsonaro já se opôs a ideias semelhantes. **A15**

Alta de alimentos é a maior até setembro desde início do Real

Polícia vai ouvir testemunhas de ofensas a Seu Jorge

A Polícia Civil vai ouvir testemunhas de ofensas racistas ao cantor Seu Jorge no Grêmio Náutico União, clube tradicional de Porto Alegre. A delegada Andréa Mattos mandou a instituição fornecer imagens e identificar os organizadores do evento. **Cotidiano B3**

Bruno Boghossian Pesca no Sudeste e no Nordeste

Lula venceria se conquistasse 1 em cada 4 eleitores nem-nem do Sudeste e 1 em 3 do Nordeste. Mas a equação muda com um bloqueio no Sudeste, a abstenção no Nordeste ou uma reversão de votos. Bolsonaro tem se dedicado aos três. **Opinião A2**

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La CBI cuestiona duramente la permisibilidad del Poder Judicial

No se castigó como corresponde a los delincuentes. El tema se aborda en la sesión de hoy. La senadora Desirée Masi divulgó el documento completo en sus redes sociales.

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Les Européens se divisent sur les prix de l'énergie

Le sommet des Vingt-Sept convoqué ce jeudi ne décidera pas un plafonnement des prix du gaz et de l'électricité, faute d'initiative de la Commission de Bruxelles et de consensus avec l'Allemagne.

Les Vingt-Sept se retrouvent ce jeudi à Bruxelles pour un sommet à nouveau dominé par la crise de l'énergie, qui fait s'envoler les factures des particuliers et des entreprises. Mais les

Européens n'arrivent toujours pas à parler d'une seule voix, notamment sur la difficile question du plafonnement des prix du gaz et de l'électricité. Berlin et La Haye restent réservées et la

Commission n'a pas de proposition aboutie. Si la France espère des progrès, un accord à ce stade reste improbable. La relation franco-allemande s'en trouve affectée, la liste des

contentieux en matière économique ou de défense ne cessant de s'allonger. Témoin de la défiance actuelle entre Paris et Berlin, le rendez-vous annuel du Conseil des ministres fran-

co-allemand, le premier depuis l'accession du dirigeant social-démocrate, Olaf Scholz, à la Chancellerie, qui était prévu le 26 septembre à Fontainebleau, a été annulé.

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Treize ans après la catastrophe, au cœur du procès du Rio-Paris

Après une enquête à rebondissements, éprouvante pour les familles des victimes, la justice va trancher sur la responsabilité d'Air France et d'Airbus dans cet accident, qui avait causé la mort de 228 passagers en 2009. PAGE 12

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Soloreiter

Au milieu de ses déconvenues politiques en Ukraine, Vladimir Poutine trouvera une consolation dans le sommet européen convoqué ce jeudi soir à Bruxelles : le poison qu'il a injecté aux Européens en jouant avec le robinet du gaz produit ses effets. Inquiets et fébriles, les Vingt-Sept se divisent sur la réponse collective à apporter d'ici au printemps prochain, lorsqu'il faudra remplir les réserves en prévision de l'hiver 2024. La France et une quinzaine d'États membres veulent s'inspirer de la péninsule Ibérique pour plafonner les prix du gaz et, par effet mécanique, de l'électricité ; l'Allemagne et quelques-uns des plus riches y rechignent, craignant qu'une limitation artificielle des prix augmente la demande et menace la sécurité des approvisionnements.

Cette divergence politique finira peut-être par être surmontée, après des mois de négociations microcholine à Bruxelles débouchant sur des montages d'une indéchiffrable complexité. Mais elle ne constitue que la partie émergée d'un iceberg de plus en plus massif : celui du cavalier seul de Berlin, de moins en moins intéressé par son fameux « tandem » avec la France. Ce « Soloreiter » allemand a en fait

toujours été la norme, consubstantiel à une puissance industrielle reposant sur les importations de gaz russe et les exportations en Chine. On l'a vu à l'œuvre à chaque crise récente : en 2015, lorsque Angela Merkel a ouvert les frontières de l'UE aux réfugiés syriens, aux

Le cavalier seul allemand a toujours été la norme

premiers symptômes du Covid, lorsqu'elle s'est lancée dans une course solitaire aux masques et aux vaccins, comme le mois dernier, lorsque Olaf Scholz a mis 200 milliards d'euros sur la table pour protéger les entreprises allemandes, sans concertation et au risque d'une distorsion de concurrence fatale pour le marché unique. Dans son discours de Prague du 30 août, consacré à sa « vision européenne », le chancelier a à peine mentionné le partenaire français, dessinant une Europe à trente-six États à la fin du siècle, dont le centre de gravité naturel serait l'Allemagne. Un projet qui se matérialise lorsque Berlin invite quatorze pays du Nord et de l'Est sous un bouclier antiaérien commun, en excluant la France. Paris semble avoir pris note de ce mépris ; il lui reste à se rebeller. ■

Budget : Élisabeth Borne se résout à déclencher l'article 49-3

Mercredi, la première ministre a coupé court à une semaine de discussions et à une série de revers, en déclenchant l'article 49-3. Avec cette méthode forte, le gouvernement met sa responsabilité en jeu pour faire passer une loi sans vote : le premier volet du budget 2023, sans lequel le pays ne peut pas fonctionner. La Nupes et le RN ont d'ores et déjà annoncé qu'ils déposeront chacun une motion de censure. PAGES 5 ET 6

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Braverman's bombshell puts Truss on the brink

● Home secretary in stinging attack on PM after being forced out

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Liz Truss's beleaguered government appeared to be at risk of collapse last night as Suella Braverman launched a stinging attack on the prime minister after being forced to resign as home secretary.

Braverman's departure, coming just five days after Truss sacked her chancellor, Kwasi Kwarteng, risks the prime minister experiencing the sort of dramatic mass exodus of ministers that forced Boris Johnson to quit.

Amid chaotic scenes in the House of Commons, it was reported that Wendy Morton, the chief whip, and her deputy, Craig Whittaker, had left the government. However, after hours of confusion Downing Street released a statement saying the two "remain in post".

In a move first revealed by the Guardian, Braverman announced she was stepping down over the misuse of her personal email, although furious allies on the Conservative right suspect she was forced out by Truss and her new chancellor, Jeremy Hunt.

In a brutal resignation letter, which clearly contrasted her departure with Truss's decision to sacrifice Kwarteng over the debacle of the mini-budget, Braverman wrote: "Pretending we haven't made mistakes, carrying on as if everyone can't see that we have made them, and hoping that things will magically come right is not serious politics. I have made a mistake; I accept responsibility; I resign."

She added: "It is obvious to



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everyone that we are going through a tumultuous time. I have concerns about the direction of this government. Not only have we broken key pledges that were promised to our voters, but I have had serious concerns about this government's commitment to honouring manifesto commitments."

In a perfunctory reply, Truss told her former home secretary: "I accept your resignation and respect the decision you have made."

In another decision that will enrage MPs from Braverman's wing of the party, she is being replaced by

▲ Suella Braverman wrote a brutal resignation letter to Liz Truss after being forced out as home secretary

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Grant Shapps, the former transport secretary who was a leading supporter of Rishi Sunak in the race for the Tory leadership.

The change of personnel in the second of the four great offices of state came on a frantic day that also saw a series of Tory MPs, including Truss's net zero tsar, rebel in a fracking vote, another U-turn over the pensions triple lock, and the prime

minister receive a mauling from Keir Starmer at prime minister's questions. After the government won a vote to defeat a Labour motion to ban fracking, the Labour MP Chris Bryant told the Commons in a point of order that he had seen some Tory members "physically manhandled" by ministers into voting for the government. With



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