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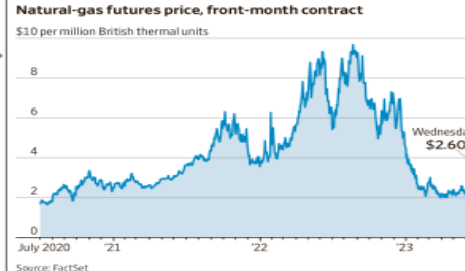
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## Ukraine war Kyiv pins faith on next push

Volodymyr Zelenskyy addresses parliament in Kyiv yesterday, hours after at least nine people were killed and 60 more injured when a Russian missile struck a popular pizza restaurant in the eastern Ukrainian city of Kramatorsk.

The latest attacks hit as Ukraine's defence minister told the Financial Times that recent modest gains against Russian occupiers were merely a "pre-view" of a much bigger counteroffensive to come. Oleksiy Reznikov said: "When it happens, you will see it."

Ukraine's troop reserves, including most brigades recently trained in the west and equipped with Nato tanks, had yet to be used in the operation, he said.

But Reznikov cautioned that Ukraine should not bank on further "mutinies and riots" in Russia, saying there were no signs of a collapse in morale.

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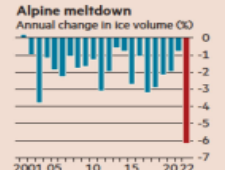
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# Interest rates will keep rising and stay elevated, central banks warn

◆ Fed, ECB and BoE resolute ◆ Inflation blamed on tight labour market ◆ IMF flags systemic crisis risk

MARTIN ARNOLD — SINTRA

The world's top central bank chiefs have signalled their readiness to increase interest rates further and keep them high, as they warned that tight labour markets are still pushing up wages and prices.

The heads of the US Federal Reserve, the European Central Bank and the Bank of England warned at a conference in Sintra, Portugal, that more action might be needed to bring inflation down towards targets of about 2 per cent despite some economists' predictions that further rate rises could trigger a recession or financial crisis.

"Although policy is restrictive, it may not be restrictive enough and it has not been restrictive for long enough," Fed

chair Jay Powell told the much-watched central bankers' conference.

"The labour market is really pulling the economy," he added, signalling the Fed could raise interest rates at its next two meetings after pausing this month.

The futures market priced in a 79 per cent probability of a July rate rise by the US central bank, up from 74 per cent before Powell spoke.

Frederik Ducrozet, an economist at Pictet Wealth Management, said the

'Although policy is restrictive, it may not be restrictive enough'

Jay Powell, Fed chair

bankers "seem ready to tolerate a mild recession if that's the price to pay" to hit their targets.

However, IMF deputy director Gita Gopinath warned the conference that central banks might need to sacrifice their fight against inflation if higher rates triggered a systemic crisis.

Investors expect the Fed, the ECB and the BoE to increase their policy rates a couple of times more in coming months, particularly as economic growth has remained relatively resilient, labour markets are still very tight and wages are rising rapidly.

Inflation has been falling in the US and in the eurozone but, excluding energy and food prices, it has been slower to decline. Powell said that while goods and housing prices had fallen, the

Fed still had not seen "any real improvement" in the labour-intensive services sector. The Fed chair added he still did not think a recession would be required to bring labour supply and demand into balance.

"Wage pressures are still high but they are definitely coming down," he said, noting there were still 1.7 vacancies for every unemployed American.

BoE governor Andrew Bailey said there could be "very big jumps down" in inflation in coming months. But he added that the core inflation rate — excluding energy and food — was "much stickier" and the UK's shrunken labour force meant high wage growth could keep price pressures elevated.

Even Bank of Japan governor Kazuo Ueda said the growth of wages and

prices was picking up in his country, after decades of near-stagnation, allowing officials to start considering the prospect of abandoning its ultra-loose monetary policy. "Wages have started to rise at 2 per cent or so for the first time in more than three decades — we are starting to see changes in inflation expectations and changes in wage-setting behaviour," said Ueda, who took charge of the BoJ this year. "This is a good sign."

Christine Lagarde, president of the ECB, said her institution was "not seeing enough tangible evidence of underlying inflation — particularly domestic prices — stabilising and moving down".

Eurozone inflation is 6.1 per cent, compared with 4 per cent in the US and 8.7 per cent in the UK.

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## UN push to discover fate of Syria's disappeared

UN states vote today on the creation of a unique body to uncover the fate of 102,000 people estimated to have gone missing since war broke out in Syria in 2011. Enforced disappearances have been common among all parties, including Islamic State militants. But campaigners say most were carried out by government forces. As the rehabilitation of the Damascus regime begins, they see the UN body as one of the few pathways left to justice.

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## Wind farms generate 40% upsurge in British monarchy's real estate profits

WILLIAM WALLIS, AKILA QUINIO AND RACHEL MILLARD — LONDON

Profits from the British monarchy's multibillion-pound legacy portfolio of land and property holdings have surged more than 40 per cent, providing a welcome boost to UK public finances in the wake of King Charles's decision to reduce the royal take from offshore wind farms.

The Crown Estate, which also owns the seabed surrounding Britain for up to 12 nautical miles, said yesterday that its profits had increased £129.9m to £442.6m in the last financial year.

The increase is largely explained by income from six offshore wind farm licences that came into effect in January. That offset an overall decline in the value of its property portfolio.

Strong wind speeds and relatively

shallow waters have helped the UK develop a huge offshore wind industry over the past 20 years, with installed capacity of almost 14 gigawatts, second only to China. Offshore wind supplied about 11 per cent of UK electricity in 2021, with the government aiming to reach 50GW by 2050.

The six lease agreements announced in January include projects off the coasts of Yorkshire and Cumbria, developed by companies including BP and TotalEnergies. The marine portfolio now accounts for more than a third of the Crown Estate's overall value.

Dan Ladd, Crown Estate chief executive, said the estate had created a "world-leading offshore wind market" that had contributed £5.2bn to the Treasury over the past decade, with the value of its portfolio rising to £16bn.

The monarchy is financed by a "sover-

eign grant" made up of 25 per cent of profits from the Crown Estate. Partly because of the boom in offshore wind farming, the monarchy has received a huge increase in the amount it is paid by the Treasury. It received £86.3m last year against £7.9m in 2011, when the Conservative government changed the way the monarchy was funded.

The six new wind farm leases were set to generate more than £8bn for the Crown Estate over the next decade. People campaigning for reform of the monarchy, including the former Liberal Democrat minister Norman Baker, have said the 25 per cent share to which the royal family is entitled is in effect a tax on renewable energy.

However, King Charles announced in January that he would be redirecting his share in the profits from wind farms to "the wider public good".

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|                  | Jun 28   | Prev     | %Chg  | Pair         | Jun 28   | Prev     | %Chg  | Yield (%)        | Jun 28  | Prev  | Chg   |       |
| S&P 500          | 4382.18  | 4348.33  | 0.76  | \$/£         | 1.090    | 1.095    | -0.5  | 0.917            | 0.913   | 4.73  | 4.74  | -0.02 |
| Nasdaq Composite | 13624.15 | 13555.67 | 0.51  | \$/€         | 1.261    | 1.275    | -1.0  | 0.763            | 0.785   | 3.74  | 3.76  | -0.02 |
| Dow Jones Ind    | 33851.47 | 33926.74 | -0.22 | \$/¥         | 0.984    | 0.959    | 2.6   | 1.157            | 1.184   | 3.83  | 3.83  | 0.00  |
| FTSEurofirst 300 | 1809.03  | 1797.19  | 0.66  | W/\$         | 144.545  | 144.025  | 0.4   | 157.581          | 157.719 | 5.13  | 5.23  | -0.11 |
| Euro Stoxx 50    | 4305.38  | 4260.57  | 1.06  | W/£          | 182.292  | 183.573  | -1.5  | 82.257           | 82.173  | 4.37  | 4.43  | -0.06 |
| FTSE 100         | 7500.49  | 7481.46  | 0.25  | \$/¥         | 0.978    | 0.981    | -0.3  | 1.132            | 1.142   | 4.34  | 4.34  | 0.00  |
| FTSE All-Share   | 4082.27  | 4052.97  | 0.72  | JPY 2 yr     |          |          |       |                  |         | -0.07 | -0.08 | 0.01  |
| CAC 40           | 7215.58  | 7184.35  | 0.43  | JPY 10 yr    |          |          |       |                  |         | 0.38  | 0.37  | 0.01  |
| Xetra Dax        | 19975.76 | 19846.86 | 0.61  | JPY 30 yr    |          |          |       |                  |         | 1.20  | 1.19  | 0.01  |
| Nikkei           | 33193.89 | 32538.33 | 2.02  | Bitcoin (\$) | 30361.00 | 30714.00 | -1.15 |                  |         | 3.10  | 3.15  | -0.05 |
| Hang Seng        | 19148.13 | 18794.13 | 1.88  | Ethereum     | 1858.47  | 1891.10  | -1.73 |                  |         | 2.31  | 2.36  | -0.04 |
| MSCI World \$    | 2821.19  | 2894.93  | 0.91  |              |          |          |       |                  |         | 2.36  | 2.39  | -0.03 |
| MSCI EM \$       | 995.02   | 989.27   | 0.58  |              |          |          |       |                  |         |       |       |       |
| MSCI ACWI \$     | 673.87   | 668.94   | 0.87  | Oil WTI \$   | 89.46    | 87.70    | 2.00  |                  |         |       |       |       |
| FT Wilshire 2500 | 9614.59  | 9560.83  | 0.42  | Oil Brent \$ | 73.92    | 72.26    | 2.30  |                  |         |       |       |       |
| FT Wilshire 5000 | 43765.70 | 44130.70 | -0.83 | Gold \$      | 1918.90  | 1922.90  | -0.21 |                  |         |       |       |       |

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## Putin Signaling Plan to Punish Allies of Rebel

### Prigozhin's Contracts Under a Microscope

By ANTON TROIANOVSKI  
As President Vladimir V. Putin seeks to assert control in Russia, he is moving to punish people who enabled the mercenary boss Yevgeny V. Prigozhin's rebellion over the weekend, but Mr. Prigozhin's deep connections with the ruling elite are complicating those efforts.

The question of who gets punished for the mutiny carries high stakes for the Russian leadership, especially because some of Mr. Prigozhin's key allies and sympathizers are believed to be inside the military and the government.

There was intense focus in Moscow about the fate of Gen. Sergei Surovkin, a senior military official whom Mr. Prigozhin praised publicly and who is said to have known about the rebellion in advance; he has not been seen publicly since early Saturday. Several other Russian blogs reported that the authorities were investigating military service members with ties to Mr. Prigozhin, but those reports could not be independently confirmed.

Mr. Putin fed speculation about a broader crackdown on Tuesday evening in a closed-door meeting with Russian media figures at the Kremlin. In the meeting, he presented himself as a leader in total control, and said he was delving into Mr. Prigozhin's business contracts with the Russian Defense Ministry.

Mr. Putin also portrayed him-



President Vladimir V. Putin leading a meeting Wednesday.

self as having been fully engaged throughout the 24-hour uprising last weekend by Mr. Prigozhin, the leader of the Wagner paramilitary group, according to a newspaper editor who attended the meeting, Konstantin Remchukov. "Putin said he didn't sleep for a minute during the rebellion," Mr. Remchukov said in a phone interview from Moscow.

In the aftermath of the rebellion, when Wagner forces seized a military installation and headed toward Moscow, he said, Mr. Putin appeared focused on the economic motives guiding Mr. Prigozhin. And he signaled that the authorities would seek out "who signed what and lobbied for orders, or for uniforms, or for weapons."

"He's deep in the numbers of the Prigozhin contracts, the money flows," Mr. Remchukov said.

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## A Whistle, an Explosion, Then Death

Rescuers at a restaurant in Kramatorsk, Ukraine, after a missile blast killed 11. Diners heard a whistle before the destruction. Page A8.

## Could Beijing Export Its Way Out of a Dip?

By KEITH BRADSHAW

SHANGHAI — China dominates the global sale of solar panels and has caught up with Japan as the world's largest car exporter. It is even gaining in the worldwide sale of low-tech products like shoes.

Now Beijing is weighing whether to deploy its considerable power as an exporter to try to stabilize an economy laboring under distinctly homegrown problems — a real estate crisis and weak spending by consumers still cautious after nearly three years of stringent pandemic restrictions. The decision could reverberate throughout the global economy and provoke a backlash among trading partners that are already under siege by China's exports.

"For the second-largest economy in the world to rely on the rest of the world to bolster its growth would not be a good portent for global economic prospects," said Eswar Prasad, an economist at Cornell University.

Top Chinese government officials have said they plan to invest in upgrading industries and in promoting more domestic commerce, and not just flood foreign markets with manufactured goods like electric vehicles. But economists say the experience of countries with consumer-spending problems suggests that a wave of Chinese exports is likely.

Relying on exports to juice growth is a tried-and-true formula for China. And Beijing has a powerful lever in its currency, the renminbi, which it has allowed to decline about 7 percent against the

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## The Earth's Axis Is Shifting, and We're the Reason

By RAYMOND ZHONG

Around the turn of the millennium, Earth's spin started going off-kilter, and nobody could quite say why.

For decades, scientists had been watching the average position of our planet's rotational axis, the imaginary rod around which it turns, gently wander south, away from the geographic North Pole and toward Canada. Suddenly, though, it made a sharp turn and started heading east.

In time, researchers came to a startling realization about what had happened. Accelerated melting of the polar ice sheets and mountain glaciers had changed

## Groundwater Pumping Is Factor in Altering the Planet's Spin

the way mass was distributed around the planet enough to influence its spin.

Now, some of the same scientists have identified another factor that's had the same kind of effect: colossal quantities of water pumped out of the ground for crops and households.

"Wow," Ki-Weon Seo, who led the research behind the latest discovery, recalled thinking when his

calculations showed a strong link between groundwater extraction and the drifting of Earth's axis. It was a "big surprise," said Dr. Seo, a geophysicist at Seoul National University.

Water experts have long warned of the consequences of groundwater overuse, particularly as water from underground aquifers becomes an increasingly vital resource in drought-stressed areas like the American West. When water is pumped out but not replenished, the land can sink, damaging homes and infrastructure and also shrinking the amount of underground space that can hold water thereafter.

Between 1960 and 2000, world-

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MARIA MAGDALENA ARRELLAGA FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES

## Floating Supermarket at Risk

The only ferry in a South American floodplain larger than Greece may soon disappear. Page A6.

## Biden, in Campaign Mode, Lauds the Economy

By MICHAEL D. SHEAR and JIM TANKERSLEY

CHICAGO — President Biden began a concerted campaign on Wednesday to claim credit for an economic revival in America, powered by policies that he said represent a fundamental break from the Republican approach "that has failed America's middle class for decades."

Flanked by blue signs with the

## Says Republican Moves Failed Middle Class

word "Bidenomics," Mr. Biden delivered what aides called a cornerstone speech of his presidency. In it, he hailed the impact of his economic agenda as the 2024 campaign cycle heats up.

"The trickle-down approach

failed the middle class," he told an audience of about 200 supporters in Chicago, referring to economic policies favoring lower taxation for the wealthy that were popularized by Ronald Reagan in the 1980s. "It failed America, it blew up the deficit, it increased inequity and it weakened our infrastructure. It stripped the dignity, pride and hope out of communities, one after another."

By contrast, Mr. Biden asserted

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## Giuliani Voluntarily Spoke to Jan. 6 Prosecutors

This article is by Ben Protess, Alan Feuer and Maggie Haberman.

Rudolph W. Giuliani, who served as former President Donald J. Trump's personal lawyer, was interviewed last week by federal prosecutors investigating Mr. Trump's efforts to overturn the 2020 election, people familiar with the matter said.

The voluntary interview, which took place under what is known as

## Discussed Schemes to Keep Trump in Power

a proffer agreement, was a significant development in the election interference investigation led by Jack Smith, the special counsel, and the latest indication that Mr. Smith and his team are actively seeking witnesses who might co-

operate in the case.

The session with Mr. Giuliani, the people familiar with it said, touched on some of the most important aspects of the special counsel's inquiry into the ways that Mr. Trump sought to maintain his grip on power after losing the election to Joseph R. Biden Jr.

"The appearance was entirely voluntary and conducted in a professional manner," said Ted Goodman, an adviser to Mr. Giuliani.

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## RUSSIA STRIKES PIZZA PARLOR

Rescue workers attempt to free a person from the rubble after a missile killed at least 11 people, including three teens, at a popular restaurant in the city of Kramatorsk in eastern Ukraine. **WORLD, A3**

## Hate crimes rise sharply in state; AG cites vitriol on social media

Attacks on Black people jump, report shows, and anti-Asian incidents decrease.

By Andrew J. Campa

Hate crimes soared in California in 2022, with year-over-year rises recorded in crimes targeting virtually every demographic group, according to a report released Tuesday.

All told, there were 2,120 reported hate crimes, a 20.2% jump from the year prior, figures from the California Department of Justice show. Overall, the number of such events has risen 145.7% since 2013. California's all-time high in reported hate crimes was 2,261 in 2001.

State Atty. Gen. Rob Bonta attributed the rising numbers to what he characterized as an encirclement of hate.

"Hate-filled rhetoric fills our social media feeds and dominates the news cycles," he said during a news conference in front of the Los Angeles Central Library on Tuesday. "It infiltrates our schools and our community gatherings. It seems to be at so many places; it's so pervasive."

A major departure from the top-line trend was the number of anti-Asian hate crimes which have soared in recent years, partly due to racially motivated attacks related to the COVID-19 pandemic, but declined sharply from 2021 to 2022.

But that was one of only a few silver linings presented by Bonta, who implored those interpreting the statistics to "remember the contrast since 2020" in anti-Asian hate crimes.

Nearly 1,300 crimes reported in 2022 were suspected to be motivated by bias against someone's race, ethnicity or national origin.

Roughly half of those, 652, were directed at Black residents — a 27.1% increase from the year before.

"The statistics on the numbers for African Americans really set me back," said Robert Sausedo, president and chief executive of the Leimert Park-based Community Build Inc., which offers education, training and employment placement assistance.

Hate crimes targeting members of the Black community have increased rapidly since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. There were 243 anti-Black hate crimes in 2019.

Unlike other groups, Sausedo said, there are "no more African American communities" to give refuge to residents, but "just communities where African Americans live."

Anti-Asian hate crimes fell to 140 in 2022, a decrease of 43.3% and the first year-over-year drop since 2018.

Last year's figure is still significantly elevated from the historic lows of the mid-2010s. There were 19 anti-Asian events in 2014 and 2015 and 35 or fewer in all but one year between 2013 and 2018.

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Reported hate crimes in California in 2022, a 20.2% jump from the year prior.

**2,261**

California's all-time high in reported hate crimes, set in 2001.

**145.7%**

The overall rise in hate crimes in the state since 2013.

## Disputing a fee on the bill

A lawsuit alleges Jon & Vinny's 18% service charge violates state's gratuity law. The restaurant says it's making pay more equitable.

By Cindy Carcamo

At one point in 2021, Jasmine Sharma was so exasperated with her low tips at the Jon & Vinny's restaurant in Fairfax that she learned to approach almost every diner with what she dubbed her "monologue."

"Hi, all. Here is the check. Take your time, no rush at all." She said she'd seek to explain an additional 18% service fee added to the check to each customer. "If you do want to leave an additional tip, it is more than appreciated, not required," she would say.

Sometimes people would hear Sharma out. Often, she got a question: "What do you mean you're not getting the tip?"

Sharma started her table-side performance when she noticed diners were leaving her less in tips for her service. The confusion about the 18% service [See Service fee, A10]



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DOUG GILLARD

**BIRDWATCHERS** who discovered a baby hawk being raised by bald eagles have sought to keep the raptors' location secret to prevent crowds from gathering.

## THAT'S JUST WILD

The brutal saga of a baby hawk abducted and raised by bald eagles has riveted Bay Area birdwatchers

By Susanne Rust

SOMEWHERE IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CALIF.

It's been a rough month for Tuffy.

He was kidnapped from his parents and watched his abductive foster father eviscerate his sibling. In recent days, his humongous step-sister seems hellbent on pecking out all his feathers and making him scream.

Tuffy is a baby red-tailed hawk who was stolen from his nest by a bald eagle on May 20. He now lives with the regal-looking kidnapper, her mate and their biological offspring, Lola, in a Bay Area forest. By all accounts, his

foster parents are bringing him food, and he's growing quickly. Just last week, he took a few successful flights away from — and back to — the birdnappers' aerie.

The avian drama has been playing out before a bevy of astonished birdwatchers, who describe bald eagles and red-tailed hawks as "mortal enemies."

Armed with high-powered binoculars and long camera lenses, the birders insist the circumstances are exceedingly rare. The phenomenon has been recorded

in the wild only four other times.

No one is entirely sure what is going on or why it happened, but several experts said the female eagle was probably getting food for her eaglet when she grabbed the red-tailed chick. Once the chick was in her nest and squawking, she probably got confused.

"I have read a few reports of similar 'adoptions' and the researchers have always concluded that the nestling hawk was delivered as prey." [See Hawk, A5]

## Mystery surrounds burnout of 'bright, shining' tech star

Bitwise Industries sold a powerful dream. Now its 900 laid-off workers feel betrayed.

By Jaimie Ding

In retrospect, the signs that trouble was brewing for Bitwise Industries had been piling up for months.

Lawsuits. Bounced paychecks. Missed property tax payments.

But for the last decade, the Fresno company had been selling a powerful dream to cities across the Central Valley and the country — places that had been left behind in the digital

transformation of the economy. Bitwise offered workforce training to the underserved, software services, and co-working spaces to revitalize downtowns. City officials and community members rallied behind the business. Gov. Gavin Newsom even thanked the company for its services during the pandemic.

That dream was abruptly shattered when Bitwise furloughed all 900 of its employees on Memorial Day, with no explanations from any of its leaders ever since. Employees later received notice that their jobs had been permanently eliminated.

"We are facilitating here a fairly significant transition of our regional economy,

[and] we felt like they were going to serve a critical role," said Ryan Alsop, Kern County chief administrative officer. "They were a bright and shining star."

Bitwise's board of directors has since fired co-Chief Executives and co-founders Irma Olguin Jr. and Jake Sobral and hired Ollen Douglass, CEO of consulting firm Hanover Street Advisors, as interim president, the board said in a news release June 3.

Meanwhile, former employees are pursuing legal action over missed paychecks and alleged labor violations. "The board of directors was recently made aware of the company's cash deficit by management and took [See Bitwise, A7]

### Yankee throws a perfect game

Domingo Germán is the first pitcher since 2012 to achieve the feat as he blanks the Oakland A's. **SPORTS, B8**

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LAX expects some of its largest crowds in years. Airlines already are dealing with disruptions across U.S. **BUSINESS, A6**

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Unhealthy haze from wildfires settles over Chicago on Tuesday, above, and other cities. More is on the way, a meteorologist warns. **NATION, A4**

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Democracy Dies in Darkness

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## Mutiny shakes Putin's standing

Lack of a tough response dents image of strongman with firm grip on power

BY LIZ SLY

Over the past decade, President Vladimir Putin has won friends and admirers worldwide as the embodiment of a strongman, using military interventions in the Middle East and Africa to restore Russia's role as a world power and promoting himself as an authoritarian alternative to the United States and the West.

The weekend mutiny by the Wagner Group and its chaotic aftermath have jeopardized that image, jolting many assumptions about Putin's autocratic credentials, Russia's stability and the likely course of the war in Ukraine.

With events continuing to unfold, it is still too early to tell how badly Putin has been weakened, analysts caution. The Wagner Group could be dismantled and its leader, Yevgeny Prigozhin, now in exile in neighboring Belarus, could end up detained or killed. Putin may yet launch a broad crackdown against all his critics that could leave him more firmly in control than he was before.

But the Russian leader's failure so far to take a tough stance against the mercenaries, or punish those involved in the mutiny, is denting the cultivated image that he always controls events — something the Kremlin projected to the wider world, as well as in Russia, said Dmitri Alperovitch, a foreign-policy analyst who heads the Silverado Policy Accelerator think tank.

"This is shocking to dictators because this is not how they would put down a mutiny," he said. "Many of Putin's supporters are quite confused and wondering about his ability to be the strong leader and strong authoritarian dictator he portrays himself to be."

Despite U.S. efforts to rally international support for Ukraine's efforts to fight off the invasion, a majority of countries, notably in the Global South, have refrained

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## Where 'a whisper' tips off the enemy

As Kyiv pushes counteroffensive elsewhere, pitched fighting in forest finds Moscow on the attack

BY FRANCESCA EBEL AND KAMILA HRABCHUK IN KREMENNA FOREST, UKRAINE

For five days, the attacking Russians threw everything they had at the Ukrainian brigade defending a patch of forest here on the eastern front — mortar, artillery, flamethrowers and tank fire — mowing down whatever stood in their way. By the sixth day, bodies littered the smoldering terrain. Only a scorched field and blackened tree stumps remained.

"We had to retreat," said an infantryman, who goes by the call sign "Master," describing the battle earlier this month. "It was very challenging for the infantry to hold the front, because we were being pushed very hard by the Russians, without adequate artillery cover."

The forest, just west of Kremenna, a Russian-occupied town in Ukraine's Luhansk region, is now an epicenter of some of the war's fiercest fighting. But unlike elsewhere on the eastern front,

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TOP: A Ukrainian artillery unit fires at Russian infantry Saturday on the eastern front, where Russians have sought to retake towns and cities liberated by Ukraine. ABOVE: A Ukrainian unit commander, 27, in the forest near Kreminna, site of some of the war's fiercest fighting.

## Beyond Mar-a-Lago, charges focus on Trump's N.J. club

Prosecutors say classified documents were shown at Bedminster estate

BY JACQUELINE ALEMANY, JOSH DAWSEY AND SPENCER S. HSU

The 49-page indictment against Donald Trump for allegedly mishandling classified documents and obstructing justice is largely focused on how boxes of sensitive documents ended up crammed into the nooks, cran-

nies and even a chandelier-adorned bathroom of Trump's Florida estate, Mar-a-Lago.

But two of the indictment's most vivid scenes took place about 1,200 miles to the north. Prosecutors accuse Trump of showing off classified documents to employees and others not authorized to see them — not once, but twice at his sprawling golf club on the rural plains of New Jersey.

According to the indictment, Trump bragged in July 2021

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GOP race: Trump's enthusiastic crowds reflect his wide lead. A3

## Scientists riding high on evidence of space-time waves

Teams concur on key element of Einstein's theory

BY JOEL ACHENBACH AND VICTORIA JAGGARD

The very fabric of the cosmos is constantly being rolled and rumbled all around us, according to multiple international teams of scientists that have independently found compelling evidence for long-theorized space-time waves.

The claim that telescopes across the planet have seen signs of a "gravitational wave background" has sent a thrill through the astrophysics community, which has been buzzing for days in anticipation of the papers that

were unveiled late Wednesday. The discovery seems to affirm an astounding implication of Albert Einstein's general theory of relativity that until now has been far too subtle to detect.

In Einstein's reimagined universe, space is not serenely empty, and time does not march smoothly forward. Instead, the powerful gravitational interactions of massive objects — including supermassive black holes — regularly ripple the fabric of space and time. The picture that emerges is a universe that looks like a

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## Casting insult as strength, president owns 'Bidenomics'

Term takes a star turn in policy speeches that prioritize middle class

BY MATT WISER AND CLEVE R. WOOTSON JR.

President Biden was midway through a recent speech at a labor rally when he turned to an explanation of a kitchen-table economic philosophy that he says was formed, literally, at his parents' kitchen table. "The press has now called [it] 'Bidenomics,'" he

said. "I don't know what the hell that is."

The crowd laughed as he offered, "But it's working."

Two weeks later, the White House has mobilized an entire week around elaborating on, reclaiming and defining just what Bidenomics is — something the Biden team has cast expansively as broadening and benefiting the middle class.

On Wednesday, the president delivered a major speech on his economic vision, with an eye toward the 2024 campaign. It followed a four-page memo from senior advisers that highlighted

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On the way back Gymnast Simone Biles, who hasn't competed since the Tokyo Olympics in 2021, is set to return to action in August. D1

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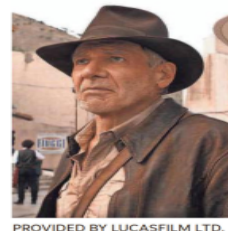
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**Simone Biles isn't done with gymnastics yet**

Four-time Olympic gold medalist will compete for first time since Tokyo Games. **In Sports**

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Experts weigh in on benefits and flaws of Biden's economic strategy. **In Money**



**Ford gets emotional over final 'Indiana' ride**

He also explains why he got slapped with a fish by "Dial of Destiny" co-star Phoebe Waller-Bridge. **In Life**

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**RUSSIA UNREST**

**Putin may be exposed after he 'blinked'**

John Bacon  
USA TODAY

Russia's Vladimir Putin is losing the war in Ukraine and has become "a bit of a pariah around the world," President Joe Biden said Wednesday. Biden said it is "hard to tell" how much Putin has been weakened by Yevgeny Prigozhin's ambitious but ill-fated coup attempt. Some experts, however, say last week's chaotic insurgency stands as the greatest challenge yet to almost a quarter-century of Putin's authoritarian rule. Mary Kate Schneider, director of global studies at Loyola University Maryland, told USA TODAY that even in failure, Prigozhin's coup attempt revealed "fissures in Putin's armor" that can be exploited by other challengers. "It doesn't matter that Prigozhin and his soldiers did not reach Moscow, and in the long run it doesn't even matter why he stopped short of Moscow," Schneider said. "What matters is that Putin blinked."



Russian missile attacks persisted this week, including this strike on a restaurant in eastern Ukraine. GENYA SAVILOV/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

Zev Faintuch, senior intelligence analyst at Global Guardian - an international security firm with boots on the ground in Ukraine - said Putin's "monopoly on violence in Russia is over." Putin's power, Faintuch said, was derived from his ability to control the "underbosses" of Russia. "What is clear is that we are now witnessing the final act of Putin's reign, and possibly even that of the modern Russian state," Faintuch told USA TODAY. "We've all seen gangster movies when the don shows weakness, and we all know what happens next. That said, it is still far too soon to predict Putin's imminent fall."

The Russian president apparently is trying to present Prigozhin as corrupt and a liar to destroy his reputation among his Wagner Group personnel and within Russian society, the Washington-based think tank Institute for the Study of War said in its latest assessment.

Also Wednesday, The Wall Street Journal, citing unnamed Western officials, reported Prigozhin had planned to seize high-ranking Russian military leaders but that he was forced to accelerate his plans after the country's domestic intelligence agency became aware of the plot. The "premature launch" of the insurrection may have led to its demise, the Journal said.

Contributing: Francesca Chambers



Downtown Columbus, Ohio, saw its skyline obscured by smoke Wednesday as Canadian wildfire haze spread in parts of the Midwest and East, where several major cities were under air quality alerts. DORAL CHENOWETH/USA TODAY NETWORK

**Harmful air returning to large swaths of US**

Canadian wildfire haze again sends vulnerable groups indoors



**Little relief from sweltering heat**  
For millions in Texas and south-central USA, danger from record heat persists. **2A**

Jeanine Santucci  
USA TODAY

Smoke drifting into the U.S. from wildfires in Canada was making air quality unhealthy in much of the Midwest, and East Coast residents were bracing for another wave of haze. Chicagoans awoke to a clouded, gray sky that limited visibility, irritated lungs and filled noses with a thick burning smell for the second straight day Wednesday. The sky was smoky in Milwaukee, Indianapolis and several other cities. In Detroit, smoke combined with a dense fog limited visibility to below a quarter-mile early Wednesday, forcing drivers to take extra caution. Residents on the East Coast were also under air quality alerts. The air was unhealthy for sensitive groups in the Washington, D.C., metro area. The quality was expected to worsen and spread more up and down the coast, into the New York City region and as far south as the Carolinas into Thursday. Particulate levels set record highs on

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**NATION'S REPORT CARD**

**Frustration grows over economy, inflation**

52% polled say it's too expensive to live in US

Terry Collins  
USA TODAY

By sunrise, Patrice Stinney is whipping up lattes at a coffee shop. At dusk, she's scurrying around as an airline customer service agent at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport. In whatever "spare time," Stinney's also a part-time hairstylist, longing to own a beauty shop. But she recently moved in with her older brother, leaving her apartment of four years because of a rent hike. Despite having three jobs, Stinney struggles to make ends meet. "Everything costs so much. Food is high. Gas is high. It's really hard for me," Stinney, 40, of Goodyear, Arizona, said after a recent 14-hour workday. "I



Many Americans continue to feel the pain of paying high prices for gasoline, groceries and other basics. MICHAEL M. SANTIAGO/GETTY IMAGES

**ABOUT THIS SERIES**

This is the second in a series examining the state of the United States as we near Independence Day and look ahead to the 2024 presidential election. The Report Card series examines the state of democracy, the economy and inflation, gun violence and racism.

can only imagine what people with a family and kids must be going through." As Americans look ahead to another Independence Day and a likely contentious 2024 presidential election, many are feeling fiscal pain as the prices of food, shelter, health care and transportation climb higher than their paychecks. About 52% of Americans participating in a USA TODAY/Suffolk Poll said the United States is too expensive to live in. And about 7 in 10 Americans said stifling inflation and the economy are the nation's top problems today, according to a new Pew Center survey. A majority across age, gender and race told Pew that inflation is "a very big problem." "Their spending power has been minimized," said Gene Ludwig, former head of the Comptroller of the Currency, a U.S. Treasury Department bureau.

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## Rescatan partes del Titán y hallan “presuntos restos humanos”

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Las piezas fueron encontradas a 488 metros del lugar en el que naufragó el Titanic; llegar a ese punto era el objetivo del submarino. **Página 6**



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### Martino dirigirá a Messi por tercera vez en su carrera

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## Massa pidió frenar las peleas en el Gobierno, pero no cede la tensión interna

**ELECCIONES.** Lo hizo en la primera reunión de gabinete en ocho meses; estuvo Alberto Fernández

La novedad podría ser que después de ocho meses el gabinete nacional volvió a reunirse, con la presencia del presidente Alberto Fernández. Sin embargo, el dato más relevante terminó siendo el reclamo del ministro de Economía, Sergio Massa, quien habló desde su nueva posición: la de candidato a la pre-

sidencia de la alianza oficialista.

Allí pidió frenar las peleas internas para poder posicionar mejor al espacio de cara a las elecciones, una clara alusión a las fuertes tensiones que sufrió el redominado Unión por la Patria por el cierre de listas.

En el encuentro participaron ministros que quedaron en bandos

diferentes aunque formarán parte de la misma boleta, como Victoria Tolosa Paz y Eduardo “Wado” de Pedro. Hubo aplausos para los postulantes, pero las tensiones en las filas oficialistas no ceden. Cristina Kirchner se reunió con Scioli, uno de los heridos tras las definiciones de candidatos. **Página 10**

**En la oposición escala el cruce de acusaciones entre Bullrich y Larreta**

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### EL ESCENARIO

Un mar de incoherencia para justificar al candidato

**Carlos Pagni**

—LA NACION—

**M**aniobró e hizo maniobrar a sus subordinados durante meses hasta conquistar la candidatura presidencial que tanto había desmentido y que tanto había soñado. Se propuso humillar a su enemigo Daniel Scioli y lo logró. **Continúa en la página 12**

## Uruguay da otro ejemplo de convivencia política



**el mundo** — MONTEVIDEO (DPA).— En otra muestra de tolerancia política y unidad democrática en Uruguay, el presidente Luis Lacalle Pou y sus antecesores José Mujica, Luis Lacalle Herrera y Julio María Sanguinetti recordaron los 50 años del golpe de Estado de junio de 1973, que interrumpió la democracia en ese país por 12 años. Lacalle Pou, además, homenajeó a los fallecidos expresidentes Jorge Batlle y Tabaré Vázquez. **Página 8**

## Capitanich ahora lanza una ofensiva contra los medios

**ESTRATEGIA.** Denuncia “mentiras” y toma distancia del clan Sena



**El traslado, anoche, de la detenida Fabiana González**

**RESISTENCIA** (De una enviada especial).— El gobernador de Chaco, Jorge Capitanich, arremetió contra los medios de comunicación que cubren el caso de Cecilia Strzyzowski, denunció “mentiras” para vincularlo políticamente con el clan Sena, y en un cambio de estrategia designó un vocero que tendrá a su cargo tres conferencias por semana. Anoche, cuatro de los detenidos fueron notificados de un agravamiento en la acusación. **Página 17**

## Faltan más de 24.000 aulas para garantizar la sala de 3 años

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## La víctima fake de Jujuy y el “activismo lumpen”

**Luciano Román**

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¿De qué nos habla una joven que se estrella la cabeza contra el vidrio de un patrullero para presentarse ante las cámaras, con el rostro ensangrentado, como victi-

ma de una represión que no existió? Nos tranquilizaría pensar que fue un acto de desequilibrio y desvarío individual. Sin embargo, el episodio ocurrido en Jujuy, en medio de un

brutal ataque contra las instituciones democráticas, tal vez encienda una alarma sobre un peligro que acecha en la Argentina: el del activismo lumpen. **Continúa en la página 29**

## Os 20 maiores municípios do Brasil

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- 4º Fortaleza (CE)
- 5º Salvador (BA)
- 6º Belo Horizonte (MG)
- 7º Manaus (AM)
- 8º Curitiba (PR)
- 9º Recife (PE)
- 10º Goiânia (GO)
- 11º Porto Alegre (RS)
- 12º Belém (PA)
- 13º Guarulhos (SP)
- 14º Campinas (SP)
- 15º São Luís (MA)
- 16º Maceió (AL)
- 17º Campo Grande (MS)
- 18º São Gonçalo (RJ)
- 19º Teresina (PI)
- 20º João Pessoa (PB)

# Censo revela Brasil menor que o esperado; país tem 203 milhões

População cresceu 0,52% ao ano desde 2010 e está 4,7 milhões de pessoas abaixo do que se projetou

O Censo Demográfico 2022 revela que a população do Brasil é menor do que as projeções apontavam. Segundo o IBGE (Instituto Brasileiro de Geografia e Estatística), o país tem 203,1 milhões de habitantes; são 4,7 milhões a menos do que o previsto.

Os dados divulgados ontem contrastam com a prévia feita pelo IBGE em dezembro passado, quando se estimou, com base em informações preliminares, que o país chegaria a 207,8 milhões, já abaixo dos 213,3 milhões projetados em 2021.

O número maior partia do Censo anterior, feito em 2010. Mas o Brasil cresceu ainda menos do que o calculado, mesmo tendo sido considerada a desaceleração iniciada nos anos 1960, logo após o país atingir o pico de 2,99% de crescimento anual.

Desde 2010, a população brasileira aumentou a um ritmo anual de 0,52% e somou 6,5% habitantes mais ao total do último levantamento, ou 12,3 milhões de pessoas. Em 150 anos de Censo, esta é a primeira vez que o avanço fica abaixo de 1%.

A tendência a ter menos filhos é global. Com ela, o Brasil se aproxima agora do fim do "bônus demográfico": a parcela da população em idade de trabalhar pode deixar de ser maioria, e a de aposentados sobe, com desafios à economia. **Cotidiano B1**

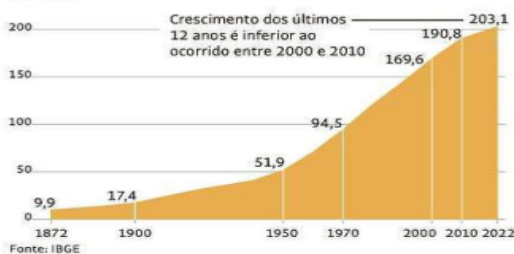
## ANÁLISE

### Vinicius Torres Freire Levantamento deve alterar quadro do mercado de trabalho

Já estava claro que o país precisaria de mão de obra imigrante, em especial mais qualificada, se a economia voltasse a crescer. Com os números do Censo, parece que a necessidade será maior. Vai ter de ser assunto de política de Estado. **Mercado A23**

### População total

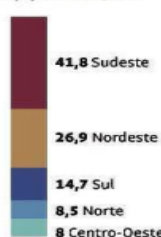
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Fonte: IBGE

### População das regiões

Participação do Brasil, em %



## Rio, Salvador, BH e outras 6 capitais perdem moradores

Das 27 capitais brasileiras, 9 tiveram queda populacional na comparação entre os censos demográficos de 2010 e de 2022, segundo o IBGE.

A maior redução foi em Salvador, com queda de 9,6%, muito mais significativa que o Rio de Janeiro, com 1,7%, a segunda. **Cotidiano B3**

## Atraso e Covid podem explicar população abaixo do projetado

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## VOLKSWAGEN SUSPENDE TEMPORARIAMENTE PRODUÇÃO DE CARROS NO PAÍS

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ainda dá tempo de viajar

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### Governo de SP homenageia ícone da ditadura militar

Gestão Tarcísio aprovou lei pela qual um entroncamento de rodovias passa a se chamar Deputado Erasmo Dias, militar que invadiu a PUC-SP em 1977. **A4**

### Haddad diz que debaterá novo sistema de metas

Fernando Haddad (Fazenda) diz que o Conselho Monetário Nacional discutirá hoje o sistema de metas de inflação. Ele considera que eventuais mudanças não afetam política de juro no curto prazo. **A19**

## Voto para tornar Bolsonaro inelegível cita violação de deveres

Relator da ação do PDT contra Jair Bolsonaro (PL), o ministro do TSE Benedito Gonçalves votou por torná-lo inelegível e citou violações aos deveres do cargo.

Para Benedito, o ex-presidente é "pessoalmente responsável" pela reunião em que mentiu sobre o sistema eleitoral. O julgamento será retomado hoje. **Política A6**

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Sobre as tendências reveladas pelo Censo 2022.

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Acerca de negociações entre governo e Congresso.

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**Fernández Valdovinos reflota la creación del Ministerio de Economía**

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Après les émeutes à Nanterre, craignez-vous un embrasement des banlieues ?

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## Après Nanterre, l'exécutif cherche à éviter la contagion



La mort du jeune Nahel, tué par un policier après un refus d'obtempérer, a déclenché une vague de violences urbaines que les forces de l'ordre tentent de contenir. **PAGES 2, 4, 6 ET L'ÉDITORIAL**

### Consommation : pourquoi les prix ne baissent pas dans les rayons

Malgré les pressions du gouvernement, les prix se sont tout juste stabilisés en juin dans les grandes surfaces. Les industriels, liés par des contrats longs avec leurs fournisseurs, estiment ne pas pouvoir répercuter la baisse des prix des matières premières sur leurs tarifs. **PAGES 20 ET 21**



### En Cisjordanie, la reprise de la colonisation nourrit les tensions

En permettant une accélération de la colonisation israélienne en Cisjordanie, inédite depuis dix ans, le gouvernement de Benjamin Netanyahu se trouve confronté à une explosion des violences entre Palestiniens et colons juifs, dont les expéditions punitives se multiplient. **PAGES 8 ET 9**

**ÉDITORIAL** par Vincent Trémolet de Villers [vtremolet@lefigaro.fr](mailto:vtremolet@lefigaro.fr)

### Tragédie française

« Rien ne justifie la mort d'un jeune », a dit le président de la République. C'était là l'expression de l'humanité la plus élémentaire. « Inexcusable », a-t-il poursuivi, condamnant de fait le policier qui a tué le jeune Nahel. Étrange pratique de la présomption d'innocence. Les images sont terriblement choquantes, mais la justice n'est pas une capture d'écran ; c'est elle, pas Emmanuel Macron, qui déterminera si le geste homicide de ce policier est coupable. Le serait-il, pourquoi déclenche-t-il automatiquement l'embrasement d'une partie de nos banlieues ? La France est un État de droit, et c'est à la justice de prononcer la sanction. Pour les bavures policières, elles sont exemplaires. « Rien ne justifie que l'on brûle des voitures, des écoles, l'antenne d'une mairie », aurait donc dû poursuivre le garant de l'ordre public. Il ne l'a pas fait. Son verbe incertain l'éloigne de Nicolas Sarkozy et le rapproche de François Hollande. Vision univoque d'une République présumée coupable face à la « jeunesse » des « quartiers ». Rhétorique friable qui, au nom de l'émotion, oublie de condamner des violences indéfendables. L'émotion fut grande après les attentats, la

décapitation de Samuel Paty, l'attaque d'Anancy. Personne pourtant n'a brûlé la voiture de son voisin, incendié des poubelles, balancé des cocktails Molotov. La vérité est que cette tragédie de Nanterre, c'est la crainte secrète qui hante tous les gouvernants. Ces territoires perdus où les règlements de comptes se font à ciel ouvert, où les mineurs roulent pied au plancher dans des voitures volées, où la police, les pompiers, les médecins subissent chaque jour des agressions gratuites, où, dans l'abandon généralisé, les forces de l'ordre restent en première ligne : c'est une poudre à canon qui attend l'étincelle. L'hybridation du « on est chez nous » communautaire et du quadrillage mafieux par les trafiquants est fantasmée par l'extrême gauche comme un brasier révolutionnaire. La France insoumise souffle dessus en espérant l'événement qui permettra l'alliance du Val Fourré et du canal Saint-Martin... Tout était en place, malheureusement, pour ces jours tragiques. ■

SI LES 3/4 DE VOTRE GIN TO C'EST LE TONIC

**FEVER-TREE**  
MEDITERRANÉEN TONIC WATER

**CHOISISSEZ LE MEILLEUR**

LABUS D'ALCOOL EST DANGEREUX POUR LA SANTÉ. À CONSOMMER AVEC MODÉRATION  
\* Sur un verre de tonic sans alcool, décrire aux enfants à l'aide d'un stylo et à la plus tendresse au monde, pour la 1<sup>re</sup> année de naissance (Droits International)

# Krishnan Guru-Murthy

## on success, swearing and barefaced lies

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# Turn back the clock Kylie and Elton find young fans on TikTok

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# Crisis talks as Thames Water faces £10bn deficit

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The government has "no true grasp on the costs" involved in preventing a collapse of Thames Water, with estimates presented to ministers and regulators suggesting the company could face a hole of £10bn in its finances, the Guardian can reveal.

The company, which serves 15 million customers, is in emergency talks with the water regulator, ministers and government departments after the departure of its chief executive and amid concerns over its ability to continue operating without a multi-billion cash injection.

Measures under discussion include placing the company into temporary national ownership in order to secure a refinancing package that would need public funds and might mean higher bills for customers.

Other options involve an onward sale of the company. The existing shareholders are large Canadian and UK pension funds, and investment vehicles for state money from China

and Abu Dhabi, who could now be at risk of losing at least some of their investment.

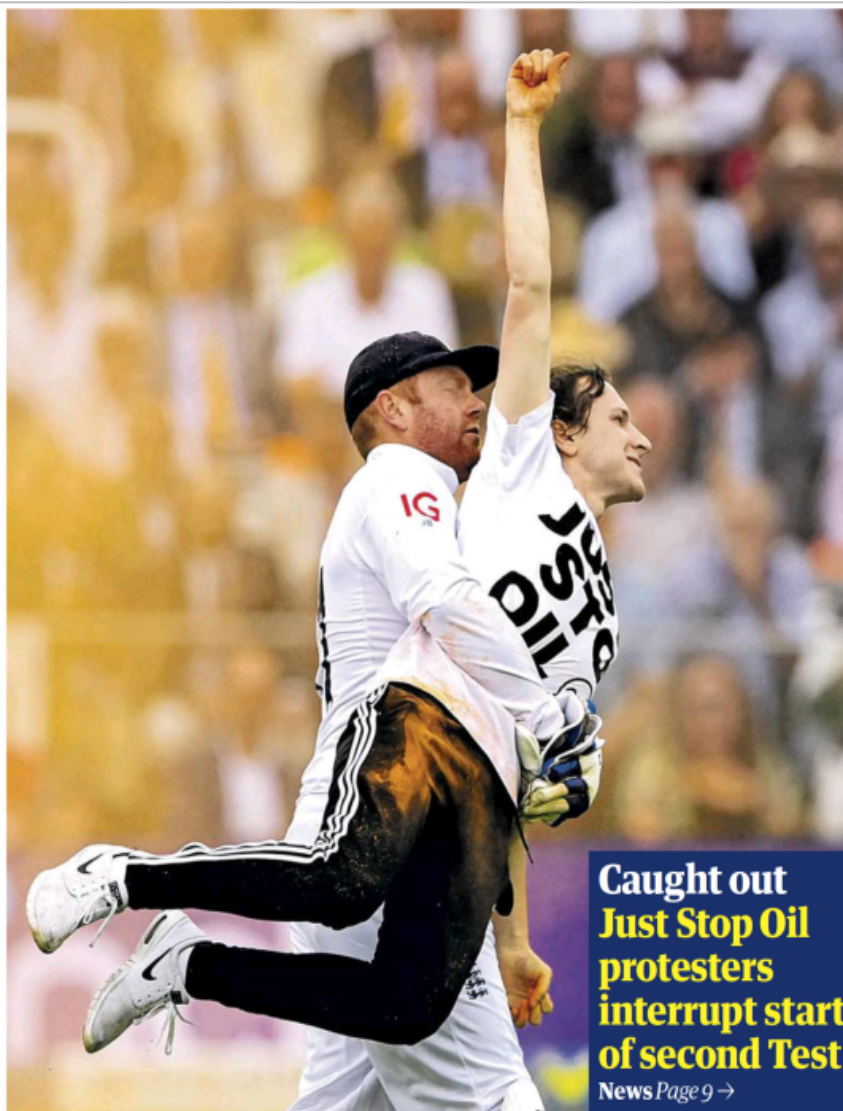
Those involved in discussions, which began in recent weeks, have been told Thames Water could need as much as £10bn more than budgeted to get its infrastructure up to regulatory standards, although officials are still scrambling to estimate the eventual cost. It is understood that figure does not include the cost of interest payments on its £14bn debt pile.

A government minister, who asked not to be named, said the government had "no true grasp on the costs" or how much support might be ultimately needed from the taxpayer. But Thames and other water companies were in distress, with "wounds which need to be cauterised".

The UK business minister, Kemi Badenoch, said on Sky News that the government was "looking at what we can do" in order to "make sure Thames Water as an entity survives".

A Thames spokesperson declined to comment on the size of the cash injection needed, but said the company had "a strong liquidity position". It was working "constructively" with shareholders

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## Caught out Just Stop Oil protesters interrupt start of second Test

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# Windfarms drive record profits for crown estate

Jillian Ambrose  
David Batty

The crown estate has generated record profits of almost £450m from Britain's offshore windfarms as talks continue over how much of the windfall should be shared with the king.

The royal property manager made £443m in profits in its last financial year, up by almost £130m from the year before, largely because of payments by renewable energy companies for accessing the seabed.

Six new offshore windfarms, which could power 7m homes, have helped to

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# Tenth of pupils in GCSE year absent each day

Exclusive  
Richard Adams  
Education editor

One in 10 pupils in their GCSE year have been absent from school in England each day this year, up 70% since before the Covid pandemic, a

Guardian investigation has found. Thousands more are attending part-time as anxiety, illness and the cost of living crisis lead to absences, including a growing rate of unauthorised absences, which are more than twice as high as they were before Covid.

Analysis of state school rolls by the FFT Datalab research consultancy

estimates that year 11 students, aged 15-16 and studying for their GCSE exams, missed 4.5% of all sessions for unauthorised reasons up to mid-May, compared with 2.1% in 2018-19.

Combined with a further 6.4% of sessions missed through illness or other authorised reasons, year 11 students missed nearly 11% of their scheduled time in school, compared with 6.4% in 2018-19.

School leaders have turned to a new wave of attendance officers and education welfare officers to fill gaps left by local authority cuts. Schools are now employing

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