

## Race Has Role In Major Cases Before Justices

By ADAM LITVAK

WASHINGTON — The last Supreme Court term ended with a series of judicial bombshells in June that eliminated the right to abortion, established a right to carry guns outside the home and limited efforts to address climate change. As the justices return to the bench on Monday, there are few signs that the court's race to the right is slowing.

The new term will feature major disputes on affirmative action, voting, religion, free speech and gay rights. And the court's right-justice conservative supermajority seems poised to dominate the new term as it did the earlier one.

"On things that matter most," said Irv Horowitz, the executive director of the Supreme Court Institute at Georgetown Law, "get ready for a lot of 6-3s."

Several of the biggest cases concern, in settings as varied as education, voting and affirmative action, the role of race.

## A majority of House Republicans last year rejected the results of the Electoral College, a historic vote that would reshape their party.



These are signatures of some of the lawmakers who pledged to join the effort, threatening the transfer of power.

## They Cemented the Myth Of a Stolen Election

This article is by Steve Eder, David D. Kirkpatrick and Mike McIntyre. Five days after the attack on the Capitol last year, the Republican members of the House of Representatives braced for a backlash.

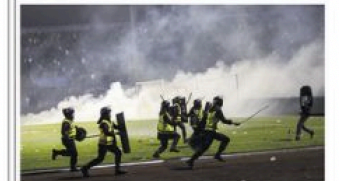
## As Florida Water Rose, a Fight To Save Two Disabled Brothers

When the water stopped in, it was just a glimmer on the floor, a sign that it was time to go. It was Wednesday around noon, and Darcy Bishop rounded up his two brothers who had been resting after lunch. She pulled the wheelchair up to the oldest, Russell, 66, and helped him rise into it before slipping his feet into black Vekros shoes.

## Fatal Stampede for Exits As Police Fired Tear Gas

Focus Turns to Riot Officers After 125 Die at a Soccer Stadium in Indonesia

This article is by Mahdiya Saharwan, Su-Lee Wee and Devi Menora Sijahat. MALANG, Indonesia — It was supposed to be a joyous occasion for fans of Arena FC, the most beloved soccer team in the city of Malang, Indonesia.



Police officers trying to stop soccer fans from rushing the field after the home team lost on Saturday in Malang, Indonesia.

## Retracing Path DeSantis Took To Fly Migrants

This article is by Edgar Savondov, Miriam Jordan, Patricia Mazzei and J. David Goodman. SAN ANTONIO — In June, Gov. Ron DeSantis signed a budget that set aside \$12 million to create a program for transporting unauthorized migrants out of Florida.

## I Was Russian? Putin's Decree Does Not Stick.

BY ANDREW E. KRAMER. LYMAN, Ukraine — As dusk gathered on Sunday, Elena Kharfovska stood in the courtyard of her apartment block, contemplating what she had just learned. Without ever moving, she had supposedly lived in Russia for one day.

## Democrats embracing dark vision in midterms

The party warns of a dystopian future if Republicans take control

BY YASMINE ABUTALEB. Democrat Max Frost, running for U.S. Congress in Florida, has said Republicans like Gov. Ron DeSantis are trying to build "right-wing fascist power."

With a tough midterm election about six weeks away, many Democrats are largely settled on a campaign message, and it's not one that stumps Republicans' accomplishments. Instead, it amounts to a stark warning: If Republicans take power, they will establish a dystopia that cripples democracy and eviscerates abortion rights and other freedoms.

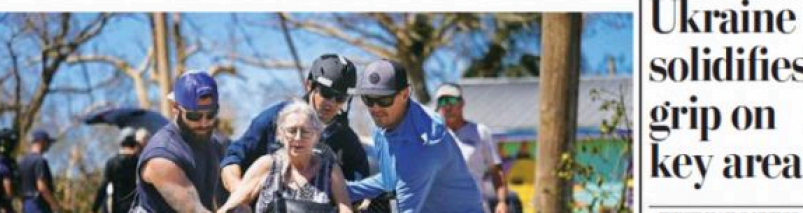
BY MOLLY HENNESSY-FINKE. SANIBEL ISLAND, Fla. — Crossing the causeway bridge from the mainland, visitors' first glimpse of this cherished Gulf Coast getaway was often Peter The Light, an iron tower built in 1884 at the tip of the 33 square-mile spit of land, surrounded by a thick green mix of palms and mangroves.

## An American education

A teacher from the Philippines tries to help a struggling Ariz. school with a dire staffing shortage

BY ELI SANLOW. IN BULLHEAD CITY, ARIZ. Carolyn Stewart had spent the past five months trying to find teachers for the Bullhead City School District, and now she walked into the Las Vegas airport holding up a sign with the name of her latest hire. The 35-year-old superintendent wandered through the international baggage claim, calling out a name she had just learned by pronunciation, "Ms. Obregon?" she said. "Teacher Rose Jean Obregon?"

## Ukraine solidifies grip on key area



Rescuers help Suzanne Tomlinson, who rode out Hurricane Ian, make her way to a boat on Pine Island, Fla.

## A rising toll, a desperate search

lan's wake: High water, widespread destruction, lingering power outages

BY TIM CRAIG, ANTONIO OLIVO AND JEANNE WHALEN. IONA, Fla. — Florida residents are grappling with widespread destruction and flooding after Hurricane Ian, one of the most powerful storms to ever hit the United States, amid ongoing search efforts and a death toll that has risen to at least 62.

## Brazil's presidential foes are headed for Round 2

Result heightens fears of destabilization as Lula and Bolsonaro square off

BY TERENCE MCCOV, PATRICK VILLASANA AND GABRIELA SA PEREIRA. RIO DE JANEIRO — Brazil's deeply polarizing presidential election, which has pitted populists from opposite ends of the political spectrum — right-wing President Jair Bolsonaro and left-wing former president Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva — will go to a second round on no candidate secured enough votes Sunday to claim outright victory.



Rose Jean Obregon, who relocated from the Philippines, assists a student at Fox Creek Junior High School on Sept. 13.

## Russian media dole out blame over latest setback

BY MISSY RYAN, ROBYN DIXON AND SERHIY MOGUCHOV. KYIV, UKRAINE — Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy announced the full recovery of a strategic town in eastern Ukraine on Sunday as a public brawl intensified in Russia over responsibility for the latest setback to the Kremlin's goal of conquering wide swaths of Ukraine.

Meanwhile, Kyiv's Western backers hailed the advance of Ukrainian forces into areas Moscow has declared will soon constitute part of Russia.

Zelenskyy said the town of Lyman, which Russian troops used as a key logistics hub in Ukraine's eastern Donetsk region since their arrival this spring, was completely "cleared of the Russian occupiers" as of midday local time, the Defense Ministry said on Twitter.

The president's statement came a day after the Russian Defense Ministry acknowledged it had been forced to withdraw troops from Lyman "to more advantageous lines."

The cementing of Ukrainian control of the town, following other gains those forces have made since launching a major counter-offensive last month, offered a sharp contrast to Russia's advancing steps to officially incorporate Donetsk and three other eastern regions into Russia, following a series of staged referendums there last week, which Kyiv and its Western supporters have denounced as illegitimate.

## Life Under the Taliban, Again

A photographer who long called Afghanistan home until days ago captured the jarring changes over the past year. Pages A8-9.



A woman in a traditional Afghan headscarf, likely the photographer mentioned in the text.