



Kyiv, Draped in Darkness Ukraine's capital, many of its lights turned off to conserve power, is a city of shadows, anxiety and surprising bright spots. Page A8.

Russian Military Talked of Using Nuclear Arms

This article is by Helene Cooper, Julian E. Barnes and Eric Schmitt. WASHINGTON — Senior Russian military leaders recently had conversations to discuss when and how Moscow might use a tactical nuclear weapon in Ukraine, contributing to heightened concern in Washington and allied capitals, according to multiple senior American officials. President Vladimir V. Putin was not a part of the conversations, which were held against the backdrop of Russia's intensifying nuclear rhetoric and battlefield setbacks. But the fact that senior Russian



The deal reached in Pretoria, South Africa, includes letting humanitarian aid into the Tigray region.

Truce Is Reached in Ethiopia's 2-Year Civil War

This article is by Declan Walsh, Abdi Latif Dahir and Lynsey Chute. After two years of brutal civil war, the Ethiopian government and the leadership of the northern Tigray region agreed to stop fighting on Wednesday as part of a deal that offered a path out of a conflict that has killed hundreds of thousands and displaced millions in Africa's second-most-populous country.

G.O.P. Signals Plans to Shrink Social Security

Risk to the Safety Net Energizes Democrats

By JIM TANKERSLEY WASHINGTON — Congressional Republicans, eyeing a midterm election victory that could hand them control of the House and the Senate, have embraced plans to reduce federal spending on Social Security and Medicare, including cutting benefits for some retirees and raising the retirement age for both safety net programs. Prominent Republicans are billing the moves as necessary to rein in government spending, which grew under both Republican and Democratic presidencies in recent decades and then spiked as the Trump and Biden administrations unleashed trillions of dollars in economic relief during the pandemic. The Republican leaders who would decide what legislation the House and the Senate would consider at their party win control of Congress have not said specifically what, if anything, they would do to the programs.

Elections Get A New Focus: Judicial Seats

By MICHAEL WINES WASHINGTON — State supreme court races, traditionally Election Day afterthoughts, have emerged this year as crucial battlegrounds in the struggle over the course of American democracy, attracting a torrent of last-minute money and partisan advertising. In Ohio, an arm of the national Democratic Party funneled a half-million dollars last month into a super PAC backing three Democratic candidates for the high court. In North Carolina, a state political action committee with ties to national Republicans gave \$850,000 last week to a group running attack ads against Democratic state supreme court candidates. On another level entirely, Fair Courts America, a political action committee largely bankrolled by the Schiavini brewing heir and shipping supplies billionaire Richard E. Uhlen and his wife, Elizabeth, has pledged to spend \$32 million supporting deeply conservative judicial candidates in seven states. The motivation behind the money is no mystery: In states like Ohio, North Carolina and Michigan, partisan control of supreme courts is up for grabs, offering a chance for progressives to seize the majority in Ohio and for conservatives to take power in North Carolina and Michigan. In Illinois, competing billionaires are funding court races that offer Republicans their first chance at Supreme Court majority in 53 years.

Zeldin, Fueled by Reinvention, Tries for an Upset in New York

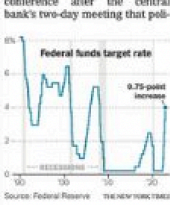
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FED RATCHETS UP RATES AND HINTS AT MORE TO COME

4TH BIG JUMP IN A ROW

'We Have a Ways to Go,' Powell Says of Effort to Rein In Prices

By JEANNA SMIALEK Federal Reserve officials made their fourth superhike interest rate increase in a row on Wednesday and signaled that they planned to lift rates higher than they had previously anticipated as inflation proves surprisingly rapid and stubborn. Markets gyrated as investors tried to digest the central bank's two-part message. The Fed made clear in its policy statement that it would soon slow down the rate increases, giving officials more time to see how the economy was holding its moves to date. That pushed stocks higher as investors sensed a lull in the Fed's aggressively pushing to constrain the economy. But Jerome H. Powell, the Fed chair, underscored during a news conference after the central bank's two-day meeting that pol-



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- Netanyahu was asked for another comeback that could savor in one of Israel's most conservative and religious governments ever.
• Russian officials in occupied Johnson said they would begin mandatory transfers of tens of thousands of workers from parts of the region, as Ukraine continues its efforts to reconquer the sector.
• Russia said it would reject a deal allowing for the safe passage of Ukrainian refugees ending days of uncertainty over future deportations.
• White suburban women have significantly shaken their support from Democrats to Republicans in the closing days of midterm campaigning, according to a Wall Street Journal poll.
• Trump associate Keith Raniere is set to see testimony before a grand jury probing the handling of classified documents at Mar-a-Lago after receiving immunity.
• U.S. Capitol Police said they weren't actively monitoring cameras at Pelosi's San Francisco home when her husband was assaulted.
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Mr. Powell also warned that reducing the size of rate increases didn't mean the Fed thought it was close to pivoting away from raising rates. "It is very premature to be thinking about pivoting," Mr. Powell said. "We think we have a ways to go."

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Poland Builds a Fence on the Russian Border as Tensions Rise



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China's New No. 2 Mixes Business With Party Loyalty

Li Qiang could serve as a moderating influence in Beijing. Xi Jinping's new right-hand man, Li Qiang, has shown two sides to his personality over his career. Mr. Li, whom Mr. Xi appointed last month as China's new No. 2, is known inside the country as a pro-business pragmatist unafraid to push the boundaries of Communist Party rule. Party insiders say he's also a loyalist who will implement Beijing's policies effectively and aggressively when needed. The question is Mr. Li steps into his new role, in which side will predominate? Mr. Li previously served as a close aide to Mr. Xi, who began his third term as party chief after a push to suppress any potential opposition and consolidate his power. Some Chinese entrepreneurs, investors and scholars say Mr. Li's record suggests he could serve as a moderating influence on Mr. Xi, nudging the Chinese leader's often hard-line policies like his zero-tolerance approach to Covid-19 and his tech-company crackdown that have pushed China toward more state control. In Shanghai, where he was the city's top leader, Mr. Li maintained close relations with technology tycoons including Alibaba Group founder Jack Ma. He also took part in a meeting with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz in Beijing. A10

Candidates Choke on Food Issues

Bier with ice, crudites draw voter backlash. For decades, Joe O'Dea poured his beer over ice in the Senate. Then he ran for the U.S. Senate. Controversy bubbled over when word spread that the Colorado Republican sipped Michelob Ultra in a glass of ice during an interview. The party's outrage spilled in a state award in craft breweries, 428 at last count. Sen. John Hickenlooper (D., Colo.), who founded a well-known Denver brewery, tweeted about the beer-drinking apostasy. Within hours, the campaign of Mr. O'Dea's Phoebe Turnage A8

Prestigious M.B.A. Programs Go Online

By LINDSEY ELLIS Executive M.B.A. students at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania will be able to earn the \$225,000 degree and credential as on-campus counterparts. The move to give students flexible location options comes as demand for two-year, full-time traditional M.B.A. programs has been dropping amid a competitive job market and growing concern about the cost of college. The pandemic definitely accelerated this in every industry," said Brian Buckner, who leads teaching and learning at Wharton and also teaches accounting. "I would be surprised if 10 or 20 years ago there were schools that only did in-person and did nothing online." Between 2009 and 2020, the number of online M.B.A.s at accredited business schools classes. Phoebe Turnage A9

Table with 3 columns: Rank, Company, Total Revenue. Includes Palantir, Microsoft, IBM, AWS, Google.

Walgreens, CVS Reach \$10 Billion Deal Over Opioids

CVS Health Corp. and Walgreens Boots Alliance Inc. agreed to pay more than \$10 billion to settle a settlement to resolve opioid-related lawsuits brought by states, cities and other governments. The two largest U.S. drugstore chains said they reached a framework to settle the collection of lawsuits brought by governments and Native American tribes-blaming pharmaceuticals for helping fuel the nation's opioid epidemic. Each state, local government and tribe still must decide whether to participate in the settlement. In a statement, the plaintiffs' attorneys appointed to lead the negotiations said they encouraged governments and tribes to join the settlement, which they said holds the pharmaceuticals accountable. Under the proposed deal, Phoebe Turnage A4