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States Curbed

From Draining

By HENRY FOUNTAIN

orado River near their lowest

point ever, Arizona and Nevada on Tuesday faced new restrictions on the amount of water they can pump-out of the river, the most im-

And the threat of more cuts looms. This week, those two states along with five others failed to meet a deadline for agreement on

much steeper cuts in water use.

raising the prospect that the fed-

raising the prospect that the red-eral government will step in and mandate further reductions. The Colorado, which supplies water to 40 million people in the United States and Mexico and

supports billions of dollars of agri-cultural production across the re-gion, is in the throes of two dec-ades of drought made worse by

climate change. At the river's two immense reservoirs, Lake Mead

and Lake Powell, water levels are

at just 28 percent of total capacity because of the river's diminished flow and increased demand.

last year, the federal government

for the first time imposed restric-tions on the amount of water that could be taken. Tuesday's cuts are

smaller than those put in place a

year ago and also affect Mexico. And they would be dwarfed by much larger cuts that the federal government in June asked the states to negotiate among them-solves and threatened to impose if

the states do not reach agreement. Officials have said the large cuts — involving 20 to 40 times much water as Tuesday's — wo

be needed next year to protect the

reservoirs and the dams that cre-

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ated them and to stabilize the wa

As the water crisis intensified

portant in the Southwest.

With water levels in the Col-

A Frail Lifeline

New water cuts aim to ease a crisis in the Colorado River and one of its reservoirs, Lake Powell, above, on the Arizona-Utah border.

By MICHAEL SCHWIRTZ

ODESA, Ukraine — Russian warships patrol Crimea's coasts

and Russian warplanes fly from

its territory, transformed by eight

years of occupation into a fortress. President Viadimir V. Putin has

called Crimea a "sacred place,"

Russia's "holy land," and one of his

top advisers has warned that if the peninsula were attacked, Ukraine

But lately, Ukraine has been

Russian ammunition depot in

Crimea on Tuesday, in the latest in

a series of clandestine Ukrainian

peninsula that Mr. Putin illegally

would face "Judgment Day:"

In Challenge to Putin, Ukraine Targets Crimea

Annexed 'Holy Land'

Is a Staging Ground

for an Invasion

annexed in 2014, and that is now

being used as a vital staging

A senior Ukrainian official, speaking on the condition of ano-nymity to discuss the operation, said that an elite Ukrainian mili-tary unit operating behind everny

lines was responsible for the blasts. Russia's Defense Ministry

said in a statement that the episode was an "act of sabotage,"

a significant acknowledgment that the war is spreading to what

ground for Russia's invasion

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NEWS ANALYSIS

Bill on Taxes

And Climate

New Law Falls Short of Uplifting Workers

By JIM TANKERSLEY

WASHINGTON — President tiden signed into law a land-nark tax, health and energy bill

steps toward fulfilling his goal to nodernize the American econ-

The vast legislation will lower

prescription drug costs for sen-iors on Medicare, extend federal

and reduce the federal deficit. It will also help electric utilities

witch to lower-emission sources of energy and encourage Ameri-

What it does not do, however

s provide workers with many of

and enjoy the comforts of a mid-

le-class life. Mr. Biden signed the bill,

which Democrats call the Infla ion Reduction Act, in the State

Joining Room at the White House. He and his allies cast the success of the legislation as little thort of a miracle, given it re-

quired more than a year of in

gressional Democrats. In his emarks, Mr. Biden proclaimed

gest step forward on climate

families" struggling with pre

scription drug costs.
"The bill I'm about to sign is not just about today; it's about

omorrow. It's about delivering

con families" Mr Riden sold

Mr. Biden has passed far more his economic agenda than they

ould have possibly hoped for

and businesses through the and businesses through the pandemic and a pair of biparti-san bills aimed at American competitiveness: a \$1 trillion infrastructure bill and \$280 bil-

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from the circus surrounding his

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ans to buy electric vehicles hrough tax credits

on Tuesday that takes sign

omy and reduce its depend on fossil fuels.

Biden Signs

AUTHORITIES SWAMPED

A Rushed Honor System Left the Door Open

By DAVID A. FAHRENTHOLD

In the midst of the pandemic. the government gave unemploy-ment benefits to the incarcerated, the imaginary and the dead. It out to be front yards. It paid peo

As the coronavirus shuttered businesses and forced people out of work, the federal government sent a flood of relief money int Donald J. Trump approved in 2020, followed by a \$1.9 trillion



Richard Assazson, part of a

one amateur who boasted of his Now, prosecutors are trying to eatch up.

Cheney, a Vocal Critic of Trump, Loses to a Candidate He Backed

nary on Tuesday, handing Donald

Turny his most prised trophy yet in his long campaign to purge the Republican Party of his critics. Ms. Hageman, a lawyer in Cheyenne, was lifted by Mr.

the will of voters.
"Harriet Hageman has re-

doors on a ranch here. She went on to implore Americans to stand up to Mr. Trump and others who deny his loss in the 2020 presiden-

PANDEMIC FRAUD

to Illegal Schemes

programs aimed at helping the newly unemployed and bolstering the economy. That included \$3.1 trillion that former President package signed into law in 2021 by President Biden. But those dollars came with few

trings and minima. The result: one of the largest frauds in American history, with billions of dollars stolen by thousands of people, including at least



given Republican opposition to much of his agenda on taxes and spending and razor-thin Demo-cratic majorities in the House and Senate. His wins include a \$1.9 trillion economic rescue plan last year designed to get workers

arch up.

There are currently 500 people working on pandemic-fraud cases cross the offices of 21 inspectors general, plus investigators from the F.B.L., the Secret Service, the

postal Inspection Service and the Internal Revenue Service. The federal government has al-ready charged 1,500 people with ion in spending to spur domestic defrauding pandemic-aid pro-grams, and more than 450 people have been convicted so far. But those figures are dwarfed by the he president did little to distract Continued on Page A15

By JONATHAN MARTIN

JACKSON, Wyo. - Representa tive Liz Cheney of Wyoming was decisively defeated by Harriet Hageman in her Republican pri-

frump's endorsement in her race

pated as it was consequential. The leading Republican voice against Mr. Trump, and vice chairwoman of the committee investigating the

Jan. 6 Capitol attack, next year
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Natural-gas prices in Europe closed at a record, with hot summer weather boost-

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throttling back supplies. Bt

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House under Trump were interviewed by the FBI

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Cheney Loses Race To Trump's Choice

Construction of housing in the U.S. continued to slow as inflation and high mortgage rates made it more expensive to build and her rate of 1.45 million, down from a revised 1.6 million in Jane. AZ



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Hundreds of Somali-American youths, sent abroad by parents, are rescued by U.S.

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Irshad and similar facili-ties in Somalia and Kenya market themselves to des-

By CHRISTINA JEWETT

The Food and Drug Administration decided on Tuesday to allow hearing aids to be sold over the counter without a prescription to adults, a long-sought wish of consumers frustrated by expensive

people with mild to moderate hearing loss should be able to buy hearing aids online and in retail stores as seen as October, without

tions of Americans from buying the devices. Health experts say that untreated hearing loss can contribute to cognitive decline

and depression in older people. Under the F.D.A.'s new rule,

Innovation and Lower Prices May Follow

RUBBLE RAVE There was a D.J., and decorations, but the people weren't just there for the part

F.D.A. Decides to Allow Over-the-Counter Sales of Hearing Aids

They were volunteers for a Kyiv group that organizes music-infused cleanup events. Page A10.

an exam to get a prescription The agency cited studies estimating that about 30 million Americans experience hearing being required to see a doctor for loss, but only about one-fifth of

upend the market, which is domi-nated by a relatively small numher of manufacturers, and make it. broader field with less costly and, perhaps, more innovative de-signs. Costs for hearing aids, which tend to include visits with an audiologist, range from about \$1,400 at Costco to \$4,700 or more.

score Ukraine's increasingly ag-gressive military tactics, as the government in Kylv leans on long-range Western weapons and spe-cial forces to strike deep behind

the front, disrupt Russian supply

lines and counter Russia's advan-

tages in matériel. They also repre-sent a growing challenge to Mr. Putin, with Crimea's security key to Russia's military offort — and to

Mr. Putin's political standing at

No single action that Mr. Putin

has taken in his 22-year rule pro-voked as much pro-Kremlin eu-phorin among Russians as his largely bloodless amexation of

Crimea, an action that cemented

his image as a leader resurrecting

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Trump's endorsement in her race against Ms. Cheney, the daughter of a former vice president and for-mer member of the House Repub-lican leadership. Ms. Cheney's loss was as antici-

Congress from which to battle a

threat to American democracy. called the race, suggesting she was setting a model for accepting

Vows to Continue Fight

for Democracy

ceived the most votes in this pri mary - she won," Ms. Cheney told supporters gathered out-