



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.

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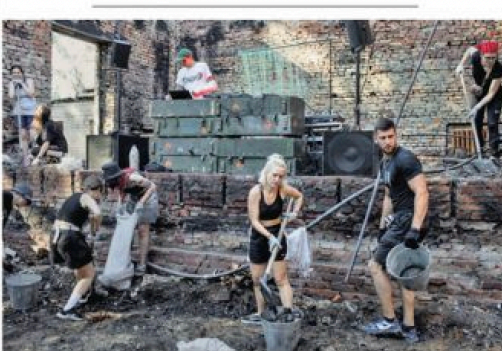
And the threat of more cuts looms. This week, those two states along with five others failed to meet a deadline for agreement on much steeper cuts in water use, raising the prospect that the federal government will step in and mandate further reductions.

The Colorado, which supplies water to 40 million people in the United States and Mexico and supports billions of dollars of agricultural production across the region, is in the throes of two decades 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.

In Challenge to Putin, Ukraine Targets Crimea

By MICHAEL SCHWITZ and ANTON TROIANOVSKI
ODESA, Ukraine — Russian warships patrol Crimea's coasts and Russian warplanes fly over its territory, transformed by eight years of occupation into a fortress.

But lately, Ukraine has been calling the Kremlin's bluff. Huge explosions rocked a temporary Russian ammunition depot in Crimea on Tuesday, the latest in a series of clandestine Ukrainian assaults against the Black Sea peninsula that Mr. Putin illegally annexed in 2014, and that is now being used as a vital staging ground for Russia's invasion.



OVERSHADOWED A big day for the president did little to distract from the circus surrounding his predecessor. PAGE A18

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

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, long-sought wish of consumers frustrated by expensive exams and devices.

What's News

Business & Finance
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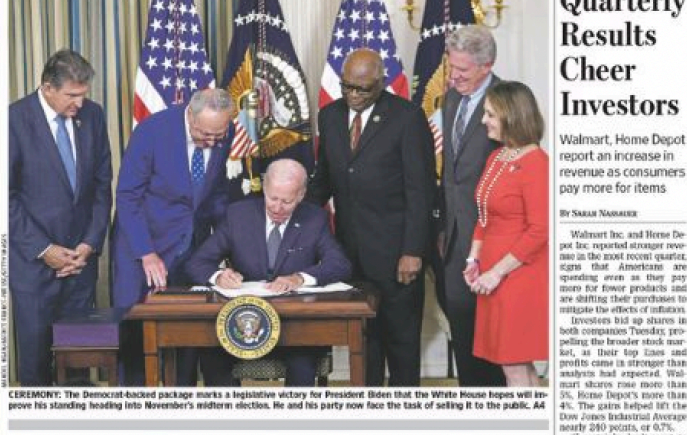
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Biden Signs Sweeping Climate, Healthcare Bill Into Law



CEREMONY: The Democrat-backed package marks a legislative victory for President Biden that the White House hopes will improve his standing heading into November's midterm election. He and his party now face the cost of selling it to the public. A4

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