Major U.S. stock indexes rose, with the Nasdaq, S&P 500 and Dow industrials

+ OPEC and its allies

U.S. gasoline prices have declined for sever

price of \$4 a gallon. A3

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· Airbus has canceled

leal valued at billions dollars to supply Qutter Air ways with 19 of its largest

aircraft, according to people familiar with the matter, B3

♦ Ford's July sales in the U.S. climbed 37%, rebounding

duction shortages and pro-pelled by growing EV sales. B3

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· An attacker targeting

the solana cryptocurrenc ecosystem drained funds

in an incident that could

draw increased regulatory scrutiny to digital assets. **B11** 

World-Wide

Polosi departed Taiwan after a whirlwind trip that angived Beijing and fur-ther strained U.S.-China relations. China's navy ma-neavered into position for live-fire drills that were to encircle the island begin-ning on Thursday. AL, AS

Ukraine Grain Shipment Cleared to Sail Beyond Black Sea

KEY TEST: The first shipment of grain to leave Ukraine's Black Sea ports under a U.N.-brokered deal with Russia saled through the Bousherus after consume impection in lutaness Wednesday, Meanwhile, fightling continued in southern Ukrain

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Parties Weigh Lessons for Fall

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### A Long Wait for Water

In Monterrey, as in much of Mexico, an extreme drought is taking a toll. Stores lack bottled water, and buckets are scarce. Page A4.

## SENATE APPROVES ADDING 2 TO NATO

### Finland and Sweden Get Bipartisan Support

By CATTLE EDMONDSON WASHINGTON - The Senate and Sweden, with Republicans and Democrats linking arms to pave the way for one of the most

The vote was 95 to 1, with only Senator Josh Hawley, Republican of Missouri, opposing the move. The lopsided tally, far surpassing the two-thirds support necessary to approve a treaty, underscored the bipartisan appetite for a more muscular Western military alli-ance even amid threats from Rusdan officials that Sweden and Pin-

even further and is all the more ureven turther and is an the more tir-gent given Russian aggression, given Putin's immoral and unjus-tified war in Ukraine," said Sena-tor Chuck Schamer, Democrat of New York and the majority leader. \*Putin is strengthening the NATO alliance, and nothing shows it bet-

ter" than the Senate's resounding approval of the pact.
All 30 current members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organiza tion must ratify the accession of the two countries. Twenty-two countries have already done so, but as recently as two weeks ago, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey was threatening to block Finland and Sweden's membership bids, which would prolong

the process.

Still, the approval of the United
States is a crucial step, and the
vote was a triumph for President
Biden. It was a vindication of his nush to raily Western allies to conpush to raily western asses to con-front Mr. Putin's brutal campaign in Ukraine and a step toward ful-filling his pledge as a presidential candidate to restore the alliances frayed badly during the Trump era and reassert the role of the United States in protecting de-mocracy around the world. "This historic vote sends an im-

portant signal of the sustained, bipartisan U.S. commitment to
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## Pelosi Prods China, Stoking Simmering Tensions

After weeks of stience ahead of high-stakes visit to Taiwan. Speaker Nancy Pelosi was any thing but understated on Wednes day during a day of high-profile meetings in which she offered support for Taiwan and irked

Ms. Pelosi met with Taiwanese wmakers and then with Taiwan's president, Tsai Ing-wen, oflering full-throated assarances of U.S. support for the island democ-racy that China claims as its own. In the whirlwind day of events, she was welcomed by crowds of supporters waving banners and could encircle the island and drop

By PATRICIA COHEN

TALLINN, Estonia — The duty-free shop on Deck 7 of the Isabelle has been turned into a sterage

locker and pantry, with suitcases

sociar and party, with surfaces heaped in the perfume section and refrigerated display cases crammed with labeled grocery bags. The ship's shuttered casino has become the go-to hangout for

teenagers. And the Starlight Pal-ace nightclub on Deck 8 is where

This article is by Paul Mozur, Amy Speaker's Taiwan Visit thang Chien, John Liu and Chris Irritates Xi, for Years Set on Unification

> followed by the news media and protesters, her closely tracked meetings and movements

streamed partially online. In her wake, she set the stage for new brinkmanship between China and the United States over power and influence in Asia. Taiwan is now bracing for Beijing to begin live-fire military drills on Thursday - an escalation without

Nearly 1,900 Ukrainian refugees are housed on the Isabelle, a cruise ship docked in Tallinn, Estonia.

Idle Cruise Ship Doubles as Floating Sanctuary

Refugees From Ukraine

Are Straining Europe

across a metal frame, her 2-year

old, Emilia, tugging at her knees. For the past three months, Ms. Kotsenko and her daughter have

been living on the Isabelle, a 561-

foot cruise ship leased by the Es-

"Today the world faces a choice

between democracy and autocracy," Ms. Pelosi said during a meet-ing with the Taiwanese president. "America's determination to preserve democracy here in Taiwan and around the world remains

The meetings, though light on substance, were widely welcomed in Taiwan as a symbolic victory. Ms. Pelesi's trip was a rare mo-ment when a major foreign power publicly showed support for the is land in the face of vehement oppo sition from China. Ms. Pelosi made the trip despite discourage-ment from President Biden, and was the highest-ranking member

The ship, which once ferried

overnight passengers between Stockholm and Riga, Latvia, is now berthed next to Terminal A in the port city of Tallinn, Estonia's capital. Its 664 cabins house

roughly 1,900 people - most of them women and children who

come and go as they please through the ship's cavernous

The residents are a tiny fraction

of the more than 6.3 million

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nation Mark Finchem, who marched at the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, to protest Mr. Biden's vic-tory, for secretary of state, the top election official in the state. They also elevated Abraham Hamadeh, who called his opponents and other Republicans "weak-kneed" for supporting certification of the 2020 election, as their nominee for attorney general. And with votes still being counted, Kari Lake, who has said

she would not have certified Mr. Continued on Page A14

### Backers of Lies KANSAS' DECISION About Election TO KEEP ABORTION Rise in G.O.P. **BUOYS DEMOCRATS**

Their Goal: To Oversee Voting in Key States WARNING FOR THE G.O.P.

This article is by Jennifer Medina, Reid J. Epstein and Nick Corosaniti.

PHOENIX - With Tuesday's rimary victories in Arizona and flichigan added to those in Nevada and Pennsylvania, Republi-cans who have disputed the legitians who have disputed the segu-nacy of the 2020 presidential elec-ion and who could affect the out-tome of the next one are on a path oward winning decisive control over how elections are run in several battleground states.

Running in a year in which G.O.P. voters are energized by fierce disapproval of President Bi-den, these newly minted Republi-can nominees for secretary of state and governor have taken po dtions that could threaten the naitions that could threaten the na-ion's traditions of nonpartisan lections administration, accept-ace of election results and or-

Each has spread falsehoods about fraud and illegitimate ballots, endorsing the failed effort to ots, endorsing the timed effort to override the 2020 results and keep ormer President Donald J. Frump in power. Their history of ti-democratic impulses has rempted Democrats, democracy operts and even some fellow Redilicans to question whether ese officials would oversee fair ections and certify winners they didn't support.

There is no question that vic tories by these candidates in Noember could lead to sweeping vember could lead to sweeping changes to how millions of Ameri-cans vote. Several have proposed eliminating mail voting, ballot drep boxes and even the use of electronic voting machines, while empowering partisan election ob-servers and expanding their roles.

"If any one of these election de-niers wins statewide office, that's a five-alarm fire for our elections. said Joanna Lydgate, the chief ex-ecutive of States United Action, a ecutive of States United Action, a bipartisan legal and democracy watchdeg organization. "It could throw our elections into chaos. It could put our democracy at risk." In Arizona, Republicans memi-nated Mark Finchem, who

### VIN SCULLY, 1927-2022

# Baseball's Premier Storyteller,

Vin Scully, who was celebrated phrase and his gift for storytelling during the 67 summers he served as the announcer for Dodgers baseball games, first in Brooklyn and then in Los Angeles, died on Tuesday at his home in Los Ange-les. He was 94.

His daughter Erin confirmed

For all the Dodgers' marquee players since World War II, Mr. sports treasure as well, broad-casting for CBS and NBC. He called baseball's Game of the



Vin Scully broadcast Dodgers

Mr. Scully began broadcasting at Ebbets Field in 1950, when he was a slender, red-haired 22-year-old graduate of Ferdham University and a protégé of Red Barber When the Dodgers moved to Los Angeles in 1958, fans at the cav

# What's News Business & Finance

E leven golfers on the Saudi-backed LIV Golf circuit, including Phil Mickel son and Bryson DeChambeau

filed an autitrust lawsuit against the PGA Tour chal-lenging their suspensions. Al Lopsided Vote Signals a Danger of Overreach • Walmart is cutting handreds of corporate roles in a restructuring ef-fort, according to people familiar with the matter. Hi Post-Roe v. Wade

By KATTE GLUECK and SHANE GOLDMACHER

A decisive vote to defend abor-Wednesday, galvanizing Demcrats and underscoring for Repub-licans the risks of overreaching or one of the most emotic

Kansans delivered a clear mes-

Kansas Counties That Voted No.

Percent of votes against amendment o remove abortion rights



the potency of abortion politics since the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade: Abortion op-

The overwhelming defeat of a measure that would have re-moved abortion protections from the state constitution quickly em boldened Democrats to run me assertively on abortion rights and reach, using it to cast abortion bans as infringing on personal freedoms. (As of Wednesday, the rections. (As of wednesday, the margin was 58.8 percent to 41.2 percent.)
"The court practically dared

women in this country to go to the hallot box to restore the right to choose." President Biden said by Americans cross state lines for abortions, "They don't have a clue

In interviews, Senator Eliza beth Warren, Democrat of Massa-chusetts, urged Democrats to be "full-throated" in their support of

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# From Brooklyn to Los Angeles

By RICHARD GOLDSTEIN

Scully was the enduring face of the franchise. He was a national Week, All-Star Games, the playoffs and more than two dozen World Series. In 2009, the Ameri-ROW, DEATHS Ukraine suggested that Russia expected the lethal blast at its prison camp. PAGE A6 "Top 50 Sportscasters of All



Angeles in 1998, tarts at the cav-ernous Colliseum brought along hand-held transistor radios, re-cently popularized in America, so that Mr. Scally could guide them Continued on Page B8

• Two top lawyers who worked in the White House federal grand jury investiga-ing the events leading up t ing the events leading up to the attack on the Capitol. A4

· Russia claimed to have captured a major strate-gic position held by Ukraine's forces since 2015, marking what would be a notable advance by Mos-cow in Ukraine's east. A7

◆ The U.S. Senate over-whelmingly ratified the ad-dition of Finland and Swe-den as members of NATO, A7 + Scientists restored functhat our includes from appearing in other events with our the permission of the cor-missioner. Many of the LIV golfers, such as Destin John-working out of his home in raising hopes that a similar approach might one day make ore human organs avail-

## Golfers Backed by Saudis Sue PGA Tour

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potential impact of abortion in this fail's elections
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Eleven golfers on the Susti-bached LIV Golf circuit—in-chading Pill Microkon and Bryton DeChambeau—filed an attitutal bassisti against the Pild Tour Wichnedog challeng-ing their susprancion, the opening salvo in a legal fight that could revorberate across professional sports. The group includes three players—Talor Gooch, Badion Southerd and Mint Jenes—with Many Republicans who support Trump's false claims of 2020 election fraud are winning GOP primaries, with some advancing to positions where they could influence election administration if they

The group includes three players—Tubor Gooch, Bailson Swallfard and Mart Jenes—who are socking a temporary restraining evider that weedst allow them to play in the Tours! FedEx Cup Playeds, which begin next week. Each had qualified for the playeffs before signing on to play for Lift. View Palk Your then told them they were being excluded from the event because of their porticipation in the LIV works.

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JASON GAY

You're Back at the Office. Your

Annoying Colleagues Are, Too.

Employees rediscover the pet peeves

that come with working inches apart

An appreciation of announcer Vin Scully and his perfect baseball melody. A14

PERSONAL JOURNAL Southwest Airlines removes expiration credits. A12

### As Pelosi Departs Taiwan Chinese navy prepares live-fire drills after speaker reaffirms the

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## Netflix Scrambles to Learn Ad Business It Disdained

Rising competition forced a rethink of subscription-only model

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