

Right Ties Up Voting Process With Red Tape

Fraud Theories Driving Challenges to Rolls

By NICK CORASANTI and ALEXANDRA BERZON

Activists driven by false theories about election fraud are working to toss out tens of thousands of voter registrations and ballots in battleground states...

Groups in Georgia have challenged at least 65,000 voter registrations across eight counties, claiming to have evidence that voters' addresses were incorrect...

The recent wave of challenges have been filed by right-wing activists who believe conspiracy theories about fraud in the 2020 presidential election...

Groups in Michigan, an activist group tried to challenge 22,000 ballots from voters who had requested absentee ballots for the state's August primary...

Republicans-aligned groups have pushed to aggressively call the voter rolls, claiming that inaccurate registrations can lead to voter fraud...

Despite claims of flooding offices with challenges escalates that debate — and weaponizes the process...

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British Leader in Political Peril As Her Policies Rattle Economy

By MARK LANGLER

LONDON — Prime Minister Liz Truss of Britain campaigned as a tax cutter and champion of supply-side economics...

Four days after Ms. Truss's tax cuts and deregulatory plans stunned financial markets and threw the British pound into a tailspin...

SUSPICIOUS Gas is leaking from the Nord Stream 2, above, and Nord Stream 1 pipelines running to Germany from Russia. Page A10.

Tampa Braces For Hurricane; Cuba Is in Dark

By MICHAEL D. SHEAR and MIRIAM JORDAN

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At Rikers, Officials Game Numbers to Keep the Death Toll Down

By JAM RANSOM

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Immigrants last week on the Texas side of the Rio Grande, where they planned to request asylum.

KREMLIN DEPLOYS FORCES TO BLOCK EXODUS OF MEN

FLEEING DRAFT ORDERS

Europe Worries Moscow Is Close to Annexing Swaths of Ukraine

This article is by Marc Santoro, Andrew E. Kramer and Eric Lipton.

KYIV, Ukraine — The Kremlin has dispatched still more forces to shore up its faltering war effort, but the units are headed not to Ukraine but to Russia's borders with other countries...

The rush to the borders began within hours of President Vladimir V. Putin's announcement last week of a draft affecting hundreds of thousands of Russians...

As the avenues for Russians to escape a draft order issued last week narrowed, the Federal Security Service sent armored vehicles to the frontiers...

The goal is to make the system faster, in part by giving asylum judges — not just immigration officers — the power to decide who can stay and who must be turned away...

As Kazakhstan, responding to calls that the 4,900-mile border with Russia be closed, President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev urged 'humanity, patience and organization'...

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Rematch might be underway already

Biden and Trump appear to be nudging each other into rare second face-off

By Matt Viser

President Biden was at a Democratic reception in Maryland a few weeks ago when his rhetoric turned toward an increasingly frequent topic — what Trump is doing and the Trumpers are doing...

A few days earlier, former president Donald Trump was at a rally in Pennsylvania when he, too, turned toward a frequent topic: 'We're leading Biden ... by record numbers in the polls'...

The country seems to be barreling toward a rematch that few voters actually want, but that two presidents — one current, one former — cannot stop talking about...

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Myanmar's invisible toll

In year and a half since coup, losses suffered by citizens go well beyond the front line

By Rebecca Tan and Aung Mying Soe

When Kyaw Shwe, 66, packed up his family to leave Myanmar, he knew there wasn't much he could bring. The military was looking for him and the journey to the border was going to be long...

One recent afternoon, in an empty house along Thailand's western border where he's been sheltering, Kyaw Shwe retrieved the coffee packets. He wanted to explain that his 18-year-old son had given him the coffee and the cigar the day before he disappeared...

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Russia on cusp of land seizure

Proxies hail 'valid' annexation vote

After a farcical process, officials cite 95% support

By Mary Ilyushina and Isabelle Kirushidyan

Russian President Vladimir Putin's plan to illegally annex four partially occupied regions in eastern and southern Ukraine lurches forward Tuesday as Russian officials and Kremlin proxy leaders claimed that staged referendums showed that more than 95 percent of voters want to join Russia...

Defying international condemnation and threats of additional Western economic sanctions, Putin could declare Russia's absorption of the four regions — Luhansk, Donetsk, Zaporizhia and Kherson — as soon as Friday, the British Defense Ministry said...

Gas pipeline: European leaders blame Russia for explosions. A9

Floridians evacuate, hunker down as Ian nears

By Reis Theriault, Karim Bruellard, Scott Davis and Lori Rozsa

TAMPA — Floridians streamed out of low-lying coastal communities, stocked up on sandwiches and supplies, and boarded over a dozen ferries to escape the state with what Gov. Ron DeSantis called 'historic storm surge and flood potential'...

The storm is forecast to make landfall along Florida's southwest or west central coast between Wednesday afternoon and night as a major Category 4 storm...

Health care: Hospitals transfer patients and cancel surgeries. A18

Residents of Treasure Island, Fla., north of St. Pete Beach, tie down a water scooter Tuesday.

What is chess's next move if trust is taken off the board?

Don't kid yourself. Thinking is hard. You can see this in grand-master chess players, whose heart rates triple to octuple under their shirts...