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National Edition Upper Midwest: Sunny. Cooler than average. High in 60s to lower 70s. Mostly clear tonight. Lows in 40s. Mostly sunny tomorrow and mild. Weather map appears on Page A14. Printed in Chicago \$3.00



Flooding in Fort Myers, Fla., on Wednesday from Hurricane Ian, the most powerful storm to strike the region in nearly two decades.

## Moscow's Proxies Issue Appeal For Annexing Ukraine Regions

This article is by Andrew E. Kramer, Marc Santora and Eric Lipton. KYIV, Ukraine — In a display of ingenuity intended to give Moscow's hand grab a veneer of legitimacy, Russian proxy officials in occupied areas of Ukraine appealed to President Vladimir V. Putin on Wednesday to annex the regions.

## Burst Pipelines Seen as Attack, But the Mystery Is Who Did It

By KATRIN BENNIGOLD and DAVID E. SANDER. BERLIN — Two days after a pair of explosions under the Baltic Sea apparently ruptured giant natural gas pipelines from Russia to Germany, the consensus hardened on Wednesday that it had been an act of sabotage, as the European Union and several European governments labeled it an attack and demanded an investigation.

## Central Bank Moves to Calm U.K.'s Markets

By ESHIE NELSON. LONDON — The Bank of England intervened forcefully on Wednesday to relieve days of market turmoil after the new government's fiscal plans sent borrowing costs soaring and the British pound sinking to record lows.

## Math Scores in New York City Reflect Pandemic's Disruption

By TROY GLOSSON. In the first glimpse of how New York City public school students fared during the pandemic, test-score data released Wednesday showed sharp declines in reading but steady performance in math for students in the nation's largest school system.

## HURRICANE SLAMS FLORIDA, DELUGING SOUTHWEST COAST

Winds of Up to 150 M.P.H. — Ian Churns East as Over a Million Lose Power

This article is by Patricia Mezei, Lauren Sweney, Nicholas Bagel-Burroughs and Frances Robles. TAMPA, Fla. — Hurricane Ian lumbered ashore with such sheer size that it dwarfed Charley.



The storm first made landfall on Tuesday as a Category 4 storm, with winds up to 150 miles per hour, at approximately 3:05 p.m. But a huge stretch of coastline from Naples to Sarasota appeared severely affected by lapping brown waves that drowned streets, cars and homes as frightened residents sought refuge.

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## Hong Kong Plans Rebound, but It Won't Be Easy

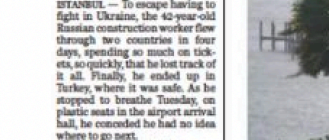
By ALEXANDRA STEVENSON. HONG KONG — Luxury storefronts have been replaced by pop-up shops selling masks. Wholesale floors of skyscrapers are deserted.

## Pandemic and Politics Have Changed City

more than two years under some of the world's toughest pandemic rules. The city now wants to reclaim that cosmopolitan status by taking its biggest step toward living with Covid-19: scrapping a

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## 'Ferocious' hurricane wallops Florida

IAN'S WINDS, WAVES POUND COASTLINE



CLOCKWISE, FROM TOP: Wind gusts blow across the John Klinging Causeway on Wednesday in Sarasota, Fla. Brian Roschke and Susan Fusay walk on Bayshore Boulevard in Tampa. The Category 4 storm made U.S. landfall packing peak winds of 150 mph.



Fuel tanker: Ship will be allowed to bring diesel to Puerto Rico.

## AI opens new frontiers in election administration

Creating photorealistic images is now as easy as typing a few words. Since the research lab OpenAI debuted the latest version of DALL-E in April, the AI has dazzled the public, attracting digital artists, graphic designers, early adopters, and anyone in search of online distraction.