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Pelosi Visits Taiwan, Defying China



House Speaker Nancy Pelosi visited Taiwan's parliament on Wednesday and later met the Taiwanese president in defiance of Beijing's warnings that the visit would undermine U.S.-China relations. Chinese warplanes, right, flew over the Taiwan Strait on Tuesday.

Speaker hails island as 'vibrant democracy' as Beijing says it plans military exercises

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi met with Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen on Wednesday in what she called a show of American solidarity for the island, defying repeated warnings from Beijing and fueling U.S.-China tensions.

By Joyu Wang
in Taipei and Chun Han Wong and Wenxin Fan
in Hong Kong

Mrs. Pelosi, the highest-ranking U.S. official to visit the island in a quarter-century, said in a statement shortly after landing that the trip signaled "America's unwavering commitment to supporting Taiwan's vibrant democracy."

The visit has angered Beijing

over what it regards as a challenge to its sovereignty and has unsettled the White House, which is wary that the trip could further undermine already tense U.S.-China relations. The prospect of geopolitical tensions also spooked stock investors, with the benchmark S&P 500 declining 0.7% on Tuesday.

Chinese jet fighters flew over the Taiwan Strait as Mrs. Pelosi's plane neared Taipei on Tuesday night. Shortly after her arrival, Beijing issued a volley of statements condemning the visit, summoned the U.S. ambassador in Beijing, and said it would conduct live-fire exercises around the island.

Mrs. Pelosi, in an address, described the world as divided between democracy and autocracy, and said, "We will not abandon our commitment to Taiwan."

Mrs. Tsai said she would "firmly uphold our nation's sovereignty and continue to

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Robinhood Plans More Staff Cuts As Trading Plunges

By Caitlin McCabe

Robinhood Markets Inc. is slashing about 23% of its full-time staff as the online brokerage continues to reel from a sharp slowdown in customer trading activity.

The job cuts mark the second round of layoffs this year at Robinhood, which in April reduced its staff by about 9%. Together, the two rounds cut more than 1,000 jobs.

The layoffs come alongside a company reorganization, Vlad Tenev, Robinhood's chief executive, said in a message

posted to the company's blog. Mr. Tenev said the previous round of layoffs in April "did not go far enough" in helping the company cut costs.

"Last year, we staffed many of our operations functions under the assumption that the heightened retail engagement we had been seeing with the stock and crypto markets in the Covid era would persist into 2022," Mr. Tenev said in the message. "In this new environment, we are operating with more staffing than appropriate. As CEO, I approved and

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Tactical Questions Follow Killing of al Qaeda Chief

By Warren P. Strobel
and Michael R. Gordon

WASHINGTON—The CIA drone strike that killed al Qaeda's leader demonstrates potent U.S. capabilities to target individual terror chiefs, but it leaves unanswered the question of whether Washington can remotely thwart plots in Afghanistan before they become a threat.

Senior U.S. officials said that Ayman al-Zawahiri, who was killed in Kabul on Sunday morning by Hellfire missiles, wasn't involved in planning al Qaeda terror operations at the time of his death, but rather

offered guidance to the group and its many affiliates.

U.S. officials said the strike, almost a year after President Biden ordered the U.S. withdrawal, proved an American presence in Afghanistan isn't needed to hit global terror groups. But critics of the administration's Afghanistan policy say the operation, while a welcome development in the long-term campaign to eliminate leaders of the group responsible for the 9/11 attacks, didn't demonstrate that the U.S. had the ability to respond to new threats that could emanate from the Taliban-ruled country following the American exit.

Last year's chaotic withdrawal from Afghanistan and the Taliban's rapid takeover proved a foreign policy low point for the Biden administration, drawing bipartisan criticism. The Biden administration argued that it could conduct counterterrorism strikes from abroad—using so-called over-the-horizon capabilities such as airborne surveillance aircraft and Hellfire missile-armed drones—and didn't

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Stephen King Takes The Stand

The horror novelist testified in a federal antitrust case Tuesday that new authors would be harmed if his longtime publisher Simon & Schuster were acquired by rival Penguin Random House. **B1**



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College Essay Prompts Get Absurd

Writings may now play a greater role in admissions

By Isabelle Sarraf

Rachel Quayle-Asamoah is heading into her senior year at Brooklyn Technical High School in New York. She is eyeing several top-ranked colleges, and intends to major in economics. She is already preparing her personal statement for college applications, describing how her upbringing shaped her worldview around money and capitalism.

But some colleges, she is learning, are more apt to throw curveballs than gauge what applicants think of, say, budgets and bear markets.

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Equifax Sent Lenders Wrong Credit Scores

By Andrew Ackerman
and Annamaria Andriotis

Equifax Inc. provided inaccurate credit scores on millions of U.S. consumers seeking loans during a three-week period earlier this year, according to bank executives and others familiar with the errors.

Equifax sent the erroneous scores on people applying for auto loans, mortgages and credit cards to banks and non-bank lenders big and small—including JPMorgan Chase & Co., Wells Fargo & Co. and Ally Financial Inc., the people said. The scores were sometimes off by 20 points or more in either direction, the people said, enough to alter the interest rates consumers were offered or to result in their applications' being rejected altogether.

The inaccurate scores were

sent from mid-March through early April, the people said. The company began disclosing the errors to lenders in May, they said.

Equifax said it has since fixed the error, which the company described as a "technology coding issue." The glitch didn't alter the information in consumers' credit reports, the company said.

"We have determined that there was no shift in the vast majority of scores during the three-week timeframe of the issue," Sid Singh, president of Equifax's U.S. Information Solutions, said in a statement. "For those consumers that did experience a score shift, initial analysis indicates that only a small number of them may have received a different

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SoftBank Emerges As a Loser in Rout Of Tech. Again.

CEO urged staff to pour money into startup firms last year, at close to their market top

By Eliot Brown

Early last year, Masayoshi Son addressed his staff on a video call. At the time, startup companies were surging in value, but SoftBank Group Corp. wasn't investing in enough of them. His executives needed to persuade more companies to take their money, the Japanese billionaire lectured, according to former employees.

Mr. Son, SoftBank's chief executive, set up a spreadsheet tracking calls to companies and eased internal rules to invest quickly. It was an environment that left

several of his staff feeling like salespeople, the former employees said. Despite a pledge to be more restrained in his investing, given a history that included embarrassing recent flops alongside his wins, Mr. Son and his team plowed \$38 billion from SoftBank's latest giant fund into 183 companies last year, according to SoftBank's filings. It was the most money ever by a venture-capital investor in a single year.

Mr. Son bought at the top—again. Now, amid a punishing tech rout, losses are mounting, with many of

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KATHRIN HILLE — TAIPEI
DEMETRI SEVASTOPULOS — WASHINGTON

Nancy Pelosi landed in Taiwan last night in the highest-level visit by a US official for decades, triggering Chinese military operations around the island in response.

The trip by the Speaker of the US House of Representatives has become a test of how far Beijing will go to deter foreign support for Taiwan and the ability of China and the US to manage their increasingly tense relationship.

Pelosi released a statement saying her visit "honours America's unwavering commitment to supporting Taiwan's vibrant democracy... as the world faces a choice between autocracy and democracy".

The Chinese foreign ministry said Pelosi's trip "seriously infringes China's sovereignty and territorial integrity" and would have "a severe impact" on US-China relations.

Beijing said it was starting military manoeuvres around Taiwan with immediate effect. "From the evening of August 2, the Chinese People's Liberation Army will begin a series of joint military operations," the PLA's Eastern Theatre Command stated.

Pelosi is the most senior US official to visit Taiwan while in office since Newt Gingrich, one of her predecessors as Speaker, in 1997. Beijing claims Taiwan as part of its sovereign territory and has persistently warned that the PLA would "not sit by idly" if Pelosi dared visit.

In advance of Pelosi's touchdown, the PLA staged air and sea manoeuvres in the South China Sea and the Taiwan Strait as well as in other coastal areas. Beijing said there would be further air and sea operations in the waters and airspace north, south-west and south-east of Taiwan, and Chinese forces would also conduct long-range live-fire exercises in the Taiwan Strait and in waters off Taiwan's east coast.

"These operations are meant as a stern deterrent against the severe



Nancy Pelosi arrives in Taipei on a trip that, Beijing says, infringes China's sovereignty
Taiwan Ministry of Foreign Affairs via AP

Increase of negative moves from the US regarding the Taiwan question and a severe warning against "Taiwan independence" forces to conspire for "independence," the PLA said.

The US Air Force plane carrying Pelosi and her delegation did not fly directly

from her previous stop of Kuala Lumpur to Taipei, taking a wide detour via Borneo and the Philippines.

Meia Nouwens, an expert on the PLA at the International Institute for Strategic Studies, said the US military might have steered clear of the skies over the South China Sea — which Beijing claims and has militarised — because the PLA has started deploying missiles on artificial islands that could have posed a risk.

Hours before Pelosi arrived, Chinese foreign minister Wang Yi accused the US of stirring up trouble and "hollowing out" Washington's "one China" policy, under which it acknowledges Beijing's view that Taiwan is part of China.

Pelosi flew to Taiwan over the objections of the White House, which maintained her visit would unnecessarily raise already high tensions.

In public, White House officials stress that Pelosi has the right to decide her own travel, since Congress is an independent branch of government. Secretary of state Antony Blinken on Monday warned China not to engage in any escalatory activity in response to her visit.

The White House said there were signs China was preparing a response that could include firing missiles into the Taiwan Strait for the first time since the last Taiwan crisis in 1995-96.

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Buyers paying extra for items such as shaded brake pads and custom paint jobs have helped the luxury carmaker upgrade its annual earnings forecast after a quarter in which it posted record profits. — PAGE 6

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Climate divide

% of US adults in favour

Republican Democrat

Incentives for electric cars

Taxing corporations based on carbon emissions

Requiring power companies to use renewables

Source: Pew Research Center (May 2022)

Democrats and Republicans are divided over climate measures. Some 90 per cent of Democrats favour requiring power companies to use more renewable energy. Only about half of Republicans are in favour of the idea



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China could have dismissed Pelosi's trip as an unpopular president's ally engaged in a feeble act of grandstanding. But Xi has painted himself into a corner in this crisis



Chipmakers race to grab slice of US revival subsidy

A law providing \$52bn in grants to back US chip manufacturing awaits the president's signature. But, according to one industry watcher, it's not as big as everyone thinks. Plants cost more than \$10bn so the cash, aimed at reversing the US sector's decline and countering China's rise, will not cover all projects under way. Intel alone hopes for \$12bn. TSMC of Taiwan and Korea's Samsung are in the running, prompting domestic groups to push for the lion's share.

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Uber's positive cash flow arrives at last but taxi group still posts \$2.6bn loss

DAVE LEE — SAN FRANCISCO

Uber has recorded its first ever cash flow-positive quarter, after burning through \$2.6bn since its founding 13 years ago in its rush towards rapid global expansion.

The loss-making Silicon Valley group, which has relied on heavily subsidised rides to disrupt the taxi industry worldwide, said it generated free cash flow of \$382mn in the three months to the end of June.

That is significantly higher than the \$109mn predicted by analysts, according to data from S&P Capital IQ. Free cash flow is defined as cash flow from operations minus capital expenditure.

"This marks a new phase for Uber, self-funding future growth with disciplined capital allocation, while maximising long-term returns for shareholders," said Nelson Chai, the company's chief financial officer. Uber's share price jumped more than 17 per cent in morning trading in New York.

"It is the one thing that all investors were waiting for: for the company to finally hit free cash flow profitability and, more importantly, sustain it," said Youssef Squali, an analyst with Truist Securities.

The company had said this year it would rein in spending to meet the goal of reaching free cash flow positivity by the end of 2022. That included reducing driver incentives and slowing corporate hiring — one of several companies to ease up on recruitment in response to the downturn in the value of tech stocks.

The company still posted a quarterly net loss of \$2.6bn, \$1.7bn of which was attributable to poorly performing investments, including its shares in self-driving company Aurora, Singapore-based app Grab and Indian delivery app Zomato.

Chai said Uber's income would "see swings from quarter to quarter due to the large size of equity stakes on our balance sheet". The net loss was worse than Wall Street estimates, but Uber's earnings comfortably beat analysts' expectations on other measures.

Overall revenue was \$8.1bn, up 105 per cent year on year, as the company benefited from the re-emergence from the Covid-19 pandemic. Analysts had been expecting \$7.57bn.

There were 1.67bn trips taken on the platform in the second quarter, up 24 per cent year on year. The number of active users of Uber's apps grew to 122mn worldwide, up 6 per cent from the previous quarter.

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	Aug 2	Prev	%chg	Pair	Aug 2	Prev	%chg	Yield (%)	Aug 2	Prev	Chg (bp)
S&P 500	4117.80	4118.63	-0.02	\$/£	1.222	1.222	0.00	US 2 yr	2.96	2.96	0.00
Nasdaq Composite	12402.81	12368.98	0.27	\$/¥	0.835	0.836	-0.01	US 10 yr	2.70	2.60	0.10
Dow Jones Ind	32647.94	32798.40	-0.46	€/£	0.835	0.836	-0.01	US 30 yr	2.99	2.94	0.05
FTSE100	1715.45	1718.94	-0.20	\$/HK\$	131.795	131.830	-0.03	UK 2 yr	1.94	1.86	0.08
Euro Stoxx 50	3608.97	3704.62	-0.48	\$/INR	168.991	168.914	0.05	UK 10 yr	1.87	1.81	0.06
FTSE 100	7498.11	7413.42	-0.68	\$/KRW	0.873	0.876	-0.04	UK 30 yr	2.29	2.29	0.01
FTSE All-Share	4091.26	4100.09	-0.22					JPN 2 yr	-0.09	-0.09	0.00
CAC 40	6499.80	6436.86	-0.42					JPN 10 yr	0.17	0.18	-0.01
Astra Dia	13448.20	13479.63	-0.23					JPN 30 yr	1.19	1.23	-0.04
Nikkei	27594.73	27862.26	-1.42					GER 2 yr	0.31	0.25	0.07
Hang Seng	19689.21	20105.84	-2.36					GER 10 yr	0.81	0.77	0.04
MSCI World \$	2749.26	2746.36	0.11					GER 30 yr	1.03	1.03	0.00
MSCI EM \$	995.04	993.78	0.13								
MSCI ACWI \$	638.40	637.72	0.11								
FT Wilshire 2500	5360.36	5373.19	-0.24								
FT Wilshire 5000	41953.77	41953.40	-0.24								

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A plane descending toward an airstrip in the Amazon. Aircraft carrying equipment and ores are modified to avoid detection.

SECRET AIRSTRIPS GUTTING AMAZON

Small Planes Enable an
Illegal Mining Crisis

This article is by Manuela Andreatta, Blachi Migliozi, Pablo Robles and Denise Lu.

BOA VISTA, Brazil — From 2,500 feet in the air, the dirt airstrip is just a crack in a seemingly endless ocean of rainforest, surrounded by muddy mining pits that bleed toxic chemicals into a riverbed.

The airstrip is owned by the Brazilian government — the only way for health care officials to reach the Indigenous people in the nearby village. But illegal miners have seized it, using small planes to ferry equipment and fuel into areas where roads don't exist. And when a plane lands, they spread fuel canisters along the airstrip to make landing impossible.

"The airstrip now belongs to the miners," said Junior Hekurari, an Indigenous health care official.

The miners have also built four other airstrips nearby, all illegally, propelling such a rapid expansion of illegal mining on the supposedly protected land of the Yanomami people that crime has grown out of control and government workers are too scared to return.

This is just a small cluster of the clandestine airstrips pushing the illegal mining of gold and tin ore into the most remote corners of the Amazon rainforest. Carved into the dense, lush landscape, they are part of vast criminal networks that operate largely unimpeded because of the neglect or ineffectiveness of enforcement and regulatory agencies in Brazil, including the military.

The New York Times identified 1,269 unregistered airstrips throughout Brazil's Amazon rainforest in the last year, many of which supply a thriving illicit industry that has surged under President Jair Bolsonaro of Brazil.

Mr. Bolsonaro has faced constant global criticism for allowing the Amazon to be pillaged during his administration. Officials say the rapid spread of illicit mining under his watch could harm millions of people whose livelihoods rely on the Amazon's rivers and

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A Quiet Balcony Became al-Zawahri's Downfall

By JULIAN E. BARNES
and ERIC SCHMITT

WASHINGTON — Intelligence officers made a crucial discovery this spring after tracking Ayman al-Zawahri, the leader of Al Qaeda, to Kabul, Afghanistan: He liked to read alone on the balcony of his safe house early in the morning.

Analysts search for that kind of pattern-of-life intelligence, any habit the C.I.A. can exploit. In al-Zawahri's case, his long balcony visits gave the agency an opportunity for a clear missile shot that could avoid collateral damage.

The hunt for al-Zawahri, one of

Inside the C.I.A.'s Long
Hunt for the Leader
of Al Qaeda

the world's most wanted terrorists, stretches back to before the Sept. 11 attacks. The C.I.A. continued to search for him as he rose to the top of Al Qaeda after the death of Osama bin Laden and after the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan last year. And a misstep during the chase, the recruitment of a double agent, led to one of the bloodiest days in agency history.

Soon after the United States left Kabul, the C.I.A. sharpened its efforts to find al-Zawahri, convinced he would try to return to Afghanistan. Senior officials had told the White House they would be able to maintain and build informant networks inside the country from afar, and that the United States would not be blind to terrorism threats there. For the agency, finding al-Zawahri would be a key test of that assertion.

This article is based on interviews with current and former American and other officials, independent analysts who have studied the decades-long hunt and

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The Taliban sealed off the site of a drone strike that killed Ayman al-Zawahri, the leader of Al Qaeda.

Taliban Entering a New Era of Global Isolation

By CHRISTINA GOLDBAUM
and THOMAS GIBBONS-NEFF

Hours after an American drone strike killed the leader of Al Qaeda, Ayman al-Zawahri, in downtown Kabul, Taliban security forces rushed to seal off the site. Green tarps were thrown over destroyed windows. Checkpoints were put up, and shops were closed.

But there was no hiding the damage that had been done to the Taliban's nascent government, which had tried to shelter

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the world's most wanted terrorist from the eyes of the American government.

The strike early Sunday morning — and the public revelation that the Taliban had sheltered a key plotter of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in the heart of the Afghan capital — was a watershed moment for the group's new government. And it underscored the reality of their rule: The Taliban have not fundamen-

tally reformed from their first regime in the 1990s, when their hard-line policies and relationship with Al Qaeda turned the country into a pariah state.

Retaliation against Al Qaeda and the Taliban allies who sheltered the terrorist group drove the United States to invade Afghanistan in 2001, beginning a two-decade-long war that ravaged the country. Now, the Taliban seem to be once more trading the same path, fueling criticism that their government

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Pelosi's Visit to Taiwan Attracts Beijing's Scorn But Bipartisan Support

Hosts Welcome Trip
in Quiet Defiance

China Puts Pressure
on Island's Trade

This article is by Paul Mozur,
Chris Horton and Amy Chang Chien.

TAIPEI, Taiwan — In Washington, there has been anxious debate over whether Speaker Nancy Pelosi should risk the visit. In Beijing, there have been anger and threats. In Taiwan, where Ms. Pelosi landed late Tuesday, the new flare-up in tensions has been met with a subdued defiance.

Politicians from Taiwan's two main political parties have offered support for the trip, a sentiment echoed by many in the self-ruled democracy of more than 23 million people, which China claims as its own. While China released videos of planes and missiles flying to menacing music, one popular meme in Taiwan remade Ms. Pelosi as a powerful Taoist goddess. A Taiwanese politician wagged a chicken cutlet giveaway over her visit.

Inured to living in one of the world's most dangerous geopolitical flash points, Taiwanese people have largely taken the prospect of the visit in stride. That steely nonchalance belies a political reality that has been hardening over the past decade: Many in Taiwan have grown weary of China's threats and crave support from the United States.

Ms. Pelosi's trip is the highest-level visit by an American official in 25 years, and a diplomatic coup, if mostly a symbolic one, for Taiwan. Such prominent demonstrations of international support are rare for Taiwan, which Beijing has systematically worked to isolate from global institutions and diplomatic recognition.

The talk of a visit has not been without its anxieties for Taiwan. On Tuesday morning, its military said it would strengthen combat readiness in anticipation of a potential response from China, while the island's stock market fell almost 2 percent over geopolitical concerns about the trip that broadly dragged down global shares.

President Tsai Ing-wen of Taiwan has tread carefully in the fraught political moment. She has made no public comment about the trip, probably to avoid exacerbating a tense situation. Known as a cautious and pragmatic operator, Ms. Tsai has let others speak out instead.

Some support has come from unexpected corners. Two stalwarts of the generally China-friendly Kuomintang, former President Ma Ying-jeou and the

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This article is by Paul Mozur,
Amy Chang Chien and Michael D. Shear.

TAIPEI, Taiwan — Nancy Pelosi, the speaker of the House, arrived in Taiwan on Tuesday, casting aside private warnings from the Biden administration about the risk that her high-profile diplomatic visit could stoke a new crisis in Asia and immediately prompting a sharp response from the Chinese government, including new trade restrictions on Taiwan and an announcement of military exercises.

A United States military jet carrying Ms. Pelosi landed in Taipei late at night following weeks of speculation about her travel plans. Her decision to proceed with the trip makes her the highest-ranking congressional official to come to the disputed island in a quarter-century and sets up a tense standoff with China that American officials said could lead to more aggressive military posturing.



TAIWAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Foreign Minister Joseph Wu
welcoming Speaker Nancy
Pelosi in Taipei on Tuesday.

"America's solidarity with the 23 million people of Taiwan is more important today than ever, as the world faces a choice between autocracy and democracy," she said in a statement issued as she was greeted by Joseph Wu, Taiwan's foreign minister, adding that the visit did not contradict United States policy on Taiwan.

While the planning for the trip was shrouded in secrecy, its start was characterized by more of a carnival atmosphere. Ms. Pelosi arrived to a live video feed, lit-up greetings on Taipei's tallest building, and packs of supporters and protesters in front of her hotel.

The mood continued on Wednesday morning, when Ms. Pelosi arrived at Taiwan's legislature with a police escort to meet

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Kansas Retains Abortion Rights In Critical Post-Roe Referendum

By MITCH SMITH
and KATIE GLUECK

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. — Kansas voters resoundingly decided against removing the right to abortion from the State Constitution, according to The Associated Press, a major victory for the abortion rights movement in one of America's reliably conservative states.

The defeat of the ballot referendum was the most tangible demonstration yet of a political backlash against the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, the landmark decision that had protected abortion rights throughout the country. The decisive margin came as a surprise, and after frenzied campaigns with both sides pouring millions into advertising and knocking on doors throughout a sweltering fi-

Decisive Voter Backlash
to Court's Decision

nal campaign stretch.

"The voters in Kansas have spoken loud and clear: We will not tolerate extreme bans on abortion," said Rachel Sweet, the campaign manager for Kansans for Constitutional Freedom, which led the effort to defeat the amendment.

Ms. Sweet told supporters that a willingness to work across partisan lines and ideological differences helped their side win.

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Cooling Down in Singapore

Researchers are using a mobile cart that the government says could be a model for other countries.

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Johnson Still Dominates Stage

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The network is on a pace to drop below \$1 billion in profit for the first time in years, according to people familiar with its operations, amid steep declines in TV viewership.

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VIN SCULLY, 1927-2022



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'WE HAVE LOST AN ICON'
Announcer Vin Scully presided over some of baseball's greatest moments, including Sandy Koufax's perfect game, Kirk Gibson's World Series heroics and Hank Aaron's eclipse of the home run record.

Voice of the Dodgers forever

Vin Scully, the team's six-decade Hall of Fame announcer, dies at 94

By DAVID WHARTON

The way Vin Scully called a baseball game, it felt like bumping into an old friend. There were stories to tell and memories to share, his soothing banter as familiar as green grass and warm breezes on a sunny afternoon.

Generations of Southern California fans knew this, listening for hours on end, at home and in their cars, pressing transistor radios to their ears even as they sat watching at the

MORE COVERAGE

The soundtrack of a city

Vin Scully is gone, but he will never be silenced, Bill Plaschke writes.

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Worth a thousand memories

Helene Elliott recalls Vin Scully's life through the lens of old photos.

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ballpark.

"Hi, everybody, and a very pleasant good afternoon to you wherever you may be," Scully would invariably begin. "Pull up a chair and spend part of the day with us."

The renowned Dodgers broadcaster died Tuesday, the team announced. He was 94. The Dodgers said he died at his home in Hidden Hills.

"We have lost an icon," Dodgers President and Chief Executive Stan Kasten said. "The Dodgers' Vin Scully was one of the greatest voices in all of [Scully, A8]

L.A. expands homeless ban near schools

The City Council cracks down on encampments despite jeers by protesters.

By DAVID ZAHNISER AND BENJAMIN ORESKES

The Los Angeles City Council voted Tuesday to prohibit homeless people from setting up tents within 500 feet of schools and day-care centers, during a raucous meeting where protesters shouted down council members and, at one point, brought the meeting to a halt.

The new restrictions, approved on an 11-3 vote, dramatically expand the number of locations where sleeping and camping are off-limits. And they come amid a furious debate over how the city should respond to encampments that have taken hold in many parts of the city.

Audience members repeatedly chanted "shut it down" as Councilmember Joe Buscaino, a longtime proponent of increased enforcement, attempted to speak in favor of the restrictions. Council President Nury Martinez then stopped the meeting for more than an hour so police could clear the room.

After audience members

had exited, council members reconvened, discussed the measure and voted.

"I think people were intent this morning to shut this place down and keep us from doing the very job that we were all elected to do," Martinez said before the vote. "And that, I think, is incredibly disturbing."

Under the new restriction [See Homeless, A9]

LAUSD RELAXES COVID RULES

No more testing for all with masks optional as school leaders follow county's requirements.

By HOWARD BLUME

Los Angeles Unified school leaders on Tuesday officially stepped back from the most far-reaching in the country, choosing instead to mirror current county requirements and join most other school systems throughout the region, marking a reordering of priorities as the pandemic seeps into a third academic year.

What that means for students and parents is a continued deferment of L.A. Unified School District's vaccination mandate for students and voluntary masking in the nation's second-largest school system. There's also an end to weekly universal testing for coronavirus infections and no baseline testing before the Aug. 15 start of school.

Like many other school systems, L.A. Unified has shifted to "response testing," in which COVID-19 testing is required for those who are sick, who are close contacts or when there is a potential for an outbreak.

Supt. Alberto Carvalho insists that the district is not compromising safety and will continue to go to great [See LAUSD, A9]

McKinney fire has hit stratosphere

High heat, parched landscape turn deadly 55,000-acre blaze into own force of nature.

By CORINNE PURTILL

A fire big enough to make its own lightning used to be as rare as it sounds.

But the McKinney fire, which erupted Friday, generated four thunder and lightning storms within its first 24 hours alone. A deadly combination of intense heat, parched vegetation and dry conditions has turned the 55,000-acre blaze in the Klamath National Forest into its own force of nature.

Four times, columns of

Death toll from blaze rises to 4

Two more bodies were found at homes in rural Siskiyou County, authorities say. CALIFORNIA, B1

smoke rose from the flames beyond the altitude at which a typical jet flies, penetrating the stratosphere and injecting a plume of soot and ash miles above the Earth's surface. It's a phenomenon known as a pyrocumulonimbus cloud, a byproduct of fire that NASA once memorably described as "the fire-breathing dragon of clouds."

In Siskiyou County, the [See Fire, A11]



Taiwan Ministry of Foreign Affairs

NANCY PELOSI, with Foreign Minister Joseph Wu, left, as she arrives as the highest-ranking elected U.S. official to visit Taiwan since 1997.

Pelosi says Taiwan visit is in honor of democracy

Speaker's arrival sure to worsen U.S.-China tensions

By STEPHANIE YANG AND DAVID PIERSON

TAIPEI, Taiwan — U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi arrived in Taiwan on Tuesday for an unannounced but widely anticipated and controversial visit sure to deepen U.S.-China tensions and fears of military conflict between the two superpowers.

Pelosi, an outspoken critic of Beijing, is the highest-ranking elected U.S. official to visit Taiwan in 25 years. Even before her arrival during an official tour of Asia, the prospect of a stop in Taiwan drew the ire of Beijing, which sees the

trip as a challenge to its claim of sovereignty over the self-governed island.

"Our delegation's visit to Taiwan honors America's unwavering commitment to supporting Taiwan's vibrant Democracy," Pelosi tweeted within minutes of touching down at the airport in Taipei, the capital. The closely watched flight from Malaysia took a long route around the South China Sea and landed shortly after 10:40 p.m. Pelosi was greeted by Taiwanese Minister of Foreign Affairs Joseph Wu and other officials.

In a dig at China, she added that sup- [See Taiwan, A4]

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Anti-China sentiments are high in Congress, and Nancy Pelosi may see the Taiwan visit as a capstone to her diplomatic efforts. PERSPECTIVES, A2

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Taliban issues persist after hit on Al Qaeda

By NABIH BULOS

BEIRUT — By the time two U.S. Hellfire missiles slammed into the balcony of a house in downtown Kabul early Sunday morning and killed Ayman Zawahiri, the 71-year-old Al Qaeda leader had become increasingly irrelevant to the organization he had once helped shape into one of the world's most dangerous jihadist groups.

For his role as a chief

architect of the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, Washington had placed a \$25-million bounty on his head. It persisted in a frustratingly long manhunt that, after 21 years of false leads and near-misses, zeroed in on a house in the Shipur district, one of the Afghan capital's more upscale neighborhoods about a mile from the former American Embassy compound.

President Biden said [See Al Qaeda, A4]

Voters back abortion rights

Kansans reject change to constitution to allow ban. Trump's sway is tested in primaries. PERSPECTIVES, A2

A surge of rent hikes may loom

Across California, tenants are bracing for a 10% or higher increase in costs. A10

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Zawahiri mission: Months in motion

U.S. targeted al-Qaeda leader on home's balcony to prevent other deaths

BY SHANE HARRIS

Ayman al-Zawahiri, the 71-year-old leader of al-Qaeda, stepped onto the third-floor balcony of his house in an exclusive neighborhood of Kabul around 6:15 a.m. Sunday. He usually appeared in the morning, shortly after daybreak. Sometimes he read. He was always alone.

And the CIA was watching. After hunting the co-planner of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks for more than two decades, U.S. intelligence personnel had tracked Zawahiri a few months earlier to a safe house in Kabul's Shipur neighborhood, where senior Afghan officials own mansions. Members of the Haqqani Taliban faction, who patrolled the area, knew exactly who their new neighbor was, U.S. officials said.

Intelligence analysts monitored the house, creating a "pattern of life" based on the comings and goings of the occupants. They paid especially close attention to the man who, as far as they could tell, never left. The others — now believed to be Zawahiri's wife, his daughter and son — were not.

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Strike's aftermath: The Taliban faces a nationalistic backlash. A11

Fractured al-Qaeda has chance at revival

Zawahiri's death opens vacuum a charismatic leader could exploit

BY JOBY WARRICK AND SOUAD MEKHENNET

Two months before his death in a U.S. drone strike, al-Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahiri sat before a video camera to deliver a remarkable diatribe against some of his estranged former disciples. Looking like a prophet in his white beard and robe, he attacked several prominent figures in the Islamist world with the air of a peevish grandfather scolding his wayward offspring.

"You are an idiot and an imbecile," Zawahiri said at one point in his speech, referring to a Syrian Islamist leader who was once an al-Qaeda devotee. He blasts the leader of another faction as "corrupt" and accuses a third of "moral deviation."

When it was released in June, the video stood out because of its

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Tensions flare as Pelosi visits Taiwan



Taiwanese Foreign Minister Joseph Wu, left, welcomes House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) at Taipei Songshan Airport late Tuesday.

CHINA DENOUNCES HIGH-PROFILE TRIP

White House defends her call, despite reservations

BY YASMEEN ABUTALEB AND LILY KUO

TAIPEI, TAIWAN — The White House worked urgently to de-escalate tensions with China as House Speaker Nancy Pelosi met Wednesday with Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen and other officials during a high-profile visit to the self-governing island against the administration's wishes, hoping to head off a geopolitical crisis amid threats and military maneuvers by Beijing.

White House officials warned that China is preparing itself for possible aggressive actions in response to Pelosi's visit beyond this week, and they reiterated forcefully that the Chinese Communist Party should not use the visit as a pretext to increase military activity in and around the Taiwan Strait. "We've seen a number of announcements from the [People's Republic of China] in just the last several hours that are unfortunately right in line with what we

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Long adversaries: Pelosi has been a critic of China for decades. A8

Kansas voters reject bid to undo abortion rights

Decisive result buoys Democrats' hopes to catalyze issue elsewhere

BY ANNIE GOWEN AND COLBY ITKOWITZ

OVERLAND PARK, KAN. — In a major victory for abortion rights, Kansas voters on Tuesday rejected an effort to strip away their state's abortion protections, sending a decisive message about the issue's popularity in the first

political test since the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* in June.

The overwhelming support for abortion rights in a traditionally conservative state bolsters Democrats' hopes that the historic Supreme Court ruling will animate their voters in an otherwise difficult election year for their party. The Kansas vote signals that abortion is an energizing issue that could affect turnout in the November midterms.

The question presented to voters here was whether abortion protections should be stripped from the state constitution. A

"yes" vote would allow Kansas's Republican-led legislature to pass future limits on abortion — or ban it altogether — in its coming session in January. A "no" vote would leave those protections in place.

With 90 percent of the vote counted, 60 percent of voters wanted to maintain those abortion protections compared with 40 percent who wanted to remove them from the state constitution. Turnout for Tuesday's primary election far exceeded other contests in recent years, with about 900,000 Kansans voting, according to an Associated Press esti-

mate. That is nearly twice as many as the 473,438 who turned out in the 2018 primary election. Abortion rights advocates pointed to their resounding win here as evidence that Americans are angry about the efforts to roll back women's rights.

"At a time when reproductive freedom is under unprecedented threat across the country, Kansans said loud and clear at the ballot box: 'We've had enough,'" NARAL Pro-Choice America President Mimi Tammara said in a statement. "In the heartland of the United States, protecting

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Abortion in Kentucky

A judge restored a near-total ban, and clinics halted the procedure. A3

Primaries

Ballots cast in Washington, Kansas, Arizona, Michigan and Missouri. A4



Republican John Gibbs got a boost from Democratic dollars.



The departure of generational talent Juan Soto, a star outfielder who's just 23, means the Nationals parted ways with another homegrown cornerstone just three years after they won the World Series.

Nationals cap teardown, trade Soto to San Diego

In move that rattles baseball, young superstar exits after five seasons

BY JESSE DOUGHERTY

The Washington Nationals did what once seemed unthinkable Tuesday: They traded Juan Soto.

Why? That will be debated for weeks and months — let alone years and decades in a city that saw Soto, still only 23, grow into a superstar outfielder and one of the best hitters on the planet. But after Soto turned down a 15-year, \$440 million contract offer in July, the front office struck an eight-player deal with the San Diego Padres that shook Major League Baseball, altered the course of the franchise and further saddened fans who have lost

one star after another since the Nationals won the World Series in 2019.

Calling it the biggest deal of this year's trade deadline falls short. With Soto under team control through the 2024 season, the Padres could have him for three playoff races, giving them a lineup built around Soto, Fernando Tatis Jr., Manny Machado and first baseman Josh Bell, whom the Nationals packaged with Soto in the move.

D.C., meanwhile, is left to watch another homegrown cornerstone leave. Bryce Harper, who once won an MVP award with the Nationals, left for Philadelphia after the 2018 season.

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Vin Scully, 1927-2022 Longtime play-by-play voice of the Dodgers was perhaps the most-loved broadcaster in sports history. D3

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A former justice on Wisconsin's high court publicly suggested taking a "hard look" at revoking Joe Biden's 2020 win while privately rejecting the idea, a memo showed. A2

In a GOP about-face, the Senate passed legislation to help veterans fighting diseases they believe are linked to exposure to toxins. A14

Senate Democrats are racing to ready their health-care, climate and

tax legislation for a grueling floor fight as soon as this week. A18

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Ten months after populist cleric Moqtada al-Sadr won at the ballot box in Iraq, politicians are still fighting bitterly over a new government as rival groups take to the streets. A6

WNBA star Brittney Griner appeared in Russian court for her first hearing since news broke about a possible

prisoner exchange. A7

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New job openings decreased slightly in June, reflecting signs of a slowdown in the labor market, even as the number of people who quit their jobs remained elevated. A13

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At least three dozen people have been shot, including six fatally, in D.C. since July 27, according to police. B1

A study showed increased signage in school zones doesn't slow D.C.

drivers. B1

A Naval Academy plan for a new golf course led environmentalists to campaign to preserve the Greenbury Point Conservation Area. B1

The trial of Oath Keepers founder Stewart Rhodes and four co-defendants will stay set for Sept. 26, a federal judge ruled. B1

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Edward A. Feiner, 75, stood out as the first chief architect of the U.S. government through his esteemed designs for federal buildings. B6

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Rosé revolution U.S. vintners used to struggle to sell the pink stuff, but now praise has them blushing. E1

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deportes

Francisco Cerúndolo
"Después de Wimbledon
cambié la cabeza"

El joven tenista, de 23 años, disfruta de un momento único, como campeón de ATP y 24° del mundo.

POR QUÉ ETHAN HAWK
PUEDE CONSIDERARSE
EL ACTOR DEL AÑO

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Tras desprenderse de los estereotipos juveniles de sus inicios, participó de los proyectos cinematográficos más esperados y creó la serie documental *The Last Movie Stars*.

HACE 80 AÑOS NACÍA
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El cuento de Jorge Luis Borges se publicó en estas páginas en 1942; la historia del joven que todo lo recordaba es, para algunos, una tesis sobre la inmortalidad. **Página 24**

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Juicio a Cristina: los fiscales
denunciaron licitaciones
ficticias y falta de controles

CORUPCIÓN. Acusaron de "connivencia inadmisibile" al gobierno de la expresidenta

Los fiscales Diego Luciani y Sergio Mola centraron la segunda jornada de alegatos del juicio de Vialidad en demostrar que las licitaciones de las obras que se adjudicaron a Lázaro Báez eran simuladas y que los organismos de control habían sido copados por el kirchnerismo para facilitar la corrupción.

Cuatro de las 51 licitaciones fueron exhibidas en detalle ayer por Luciani y Mola como ejemplos de que "la competencia era una ficción".

A diferencia de la primera jornada, Cristina Kirchner no se conectó ayer para seguir el alegato y pidió permiso para ausentarse.

Luciani aseveró que quedó demostrada "una connivencia inadmisibile" entre Báez y el gobierno de Cristina Kirchner para favorecer al empresario.

"Está todo ahí, en los expedientes, por eso decimos que los expedientes hablan, gritan", expresó el fiscal. **Página 16**

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Un alegato que
puede cambiar todo

Joaquín Morales Solá

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Massa
impulsará
un mayor
recorte de
subsídios

MEDIDAS. Revisará los planes sociales y pedirá créditos externos

Sergio Massa asumirá esta tarde como ministro de Economía y anunciará un paquete de medidas, entre las que se encuentran un mayor recorte de los subsidios al gas y la electricidad, y una revisión de los planes sociales, con el objetivo de reducir el déficit fiscal.

La hoja de ruta que comenzó a delinear el líder del Frente Renovador incluye negociaciones por líneas de crédito con bancos internacionales y organismos multilaterales para fortalecer las reservas, e incentivos fiscales para algunos sectores estratégicos que ayuden a generar más dólares. **Páginas 8 y 9**

Cecilia Moreau asumió la presidencia de la Cámara de Diputados

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Extrema tensión tras la
llegada de Pelosi a Taiwán

el mundo—TAIPÉI (DPA).— La llegada a Taiwán, territorio reclamado por China, de la presidenta de la Cámara baja de EE.UU., Nancy Pelosi, hundió ayer en una peligrosa crisis diplomática a Washington y Pekín, que amenazó con acciones militares. **Página 2**



La presidenta de la Cámara de Representantes, Nancy Pelosi, al arribar, ayer, al aeropuerto de Taipéi

AP

Río Negro pide
auxilio federal
por los ataques
mapuches

VILLA MASCARDI. La gobernadora le reclamó a Aníbal Fernández el envío de fuerzas. **Página 15**

Conductas de riesgo. Entre los jóvenes, hay
más enfermedades de transmisión sexual

Una de las infecciones que aumentaron es la sífilis; preocupa a los médicos

Aunque la Argentina no tiene estadísticas oficiales específicas, se ha detectado un aumento de las infecciones de transmisión sexual (ITS) entre los jóvenes. Los médicos re-

conocen preocupación ante ese fenómeno y hablan de "multicausalidad de factores". Estos van desde el menor control por las restricciones de la pandemia a los cambios

en el comportamiento sexual, la influencia de drogas recreativas y la escasa información sobre salud reproductiva. La enfermedad que más crece es la sífilis. **Página 22**

La Justicia de
EE.UU. busca
incautar
el avión bajo
sospecha

PLANTEO. La Justicia de Estados Unidos quiere incautar el avión venezolano retenido desde junio pasado en la Argentina, cuya tripulación está sospechada de tener vínculos con el terrorismo. Lo pidió el Departamento de Justicia de ese país, basándose en que la aeronave es un Boeing de origen norteamericano. A eso se suma que el Departamento de Comercio de EE.UU. denegó los derechos de importación de la carga de la empresa venezolana Emtrasur para adquirir la custodia o el control del avión, lo que obstaculiza la transferencia. **Página 18**



Nancy Pelosi acena ao chegar ao Parlamento de Taiwan, em Taipé. Sam Yeh/AFP

TSE reduz acesso a informações sobre bens de candidatos

Mudança, que segue nova lei de dados, oculta nomes de empresas e evolução patrimonial de quem disputa cargos

O TSE (Tribunal Superior Eleitoral) limitou as informações sobre bens de candidatos que são divulgadas, impedindo que eleitores saibam, entre outras coisas, que empresas alguém que disputa cargos no Executivo ou no Legislativo possui. A decisão segue a LGPD (Lei Geral de Proteção de Dados) e oculta também itens sobre eleições anteriores.

Assim, os cidadãos não poderão verificar a evolução de patrimônio de um político no cargo nem quais negócios ele detém —estes são apresentados apenas sob a rubrica genérica "outras participações societárias". Até então, as informações estavam disponíveis ao público no site DivulgaCand. Para especialistas, é um retrocesso na transparência.

Procurado na véspera, o TSE não respondeu às perguntas da reportagem até a conclusão desta edição. A medida dificulta a checagem de irregularidades como conflito de interesses. Um grupo de 27 entidades que inclui a Abrapi (Associação Brasileira de Jornalismo Investigativo) pediu ao TSE que volte a divulgar todos os dados. **Política A4**

Míssil que usa lâminas matou líder da Al Qaeda

Ayman al-Zawahiri, que sucedeu Osama bin Laden no comando da Al Qaeda, foi vigiado pela inteligência americana durante meses em Cabul até ser morto neste fim de semana. Segundo a Casa Branca, a ação usou um míssil com lâminas que não explode e poupa terceiros. **Mundo A13**

Presidente da Câmara dos EUA visita Taiwan, e China reage

A presidente da Câmara dos EUA, Nancy Pelosi, cumpriu seu desafio à China e pôs ontem em Taiwan, para a primeira visita do tipo em 25 anos. No Parlamento local, Pelosi afirmou que a ilha, considerada por Pequim uma província rebelde, tem "uma das sociedades mais livres do mundo".

O regime chinês prometeu reagir militarmente. Haverá exercícios com munição real no mar em torno do território taiwanês, o que pode criar um bloqueio naval estimado em três dias. Em telefonema a Joe Biden, Xi Jinping disse que era preciso respeitar o princípio de uma só China. **Mundo A11**

Falta de comida atinge 1 a cada 3 brasileiros, mostra Datafolha

Pesquisa Datafolha feita em 27 e 28 de julho aponta que 33% dos entrevistados declararam ter sofrido com falta de comida em casa nos últimos meses. Em maio, esse contingente era de 26%. O levantamento indica ainda que 23% consumiram sobras de carne ou soro de leite. **Mercado A14**

Doenças crônicas afetam mais pobres dez anos antes de ricos

Militares solicitam código de urnas que já está disponível

Política A5

ENTREVISTA Almino Affonso

'Carta é resposta coletiva que faltava para a sociedade'

Para o ex-ministro Almino Affonso, deputado cassado pela ditadura e articulador do manifesto de 1977, o novo texto traz algo ausente na sociedade: "A carta mexeu num quadro de falta de unidade". **Política A6**

Hélio Beltrão Uma carta eleitoreira

A carta pela democracia elaborada pela USP é contra um alvo só, portanto tem conotação eleitoreira. Descarta a hipótese de que o presidente desconfeia de verdade da inviolabilidade das urnas e do processo de apuração. **Mercado A22**

Cidadão comum puxa aumento de registro de armas

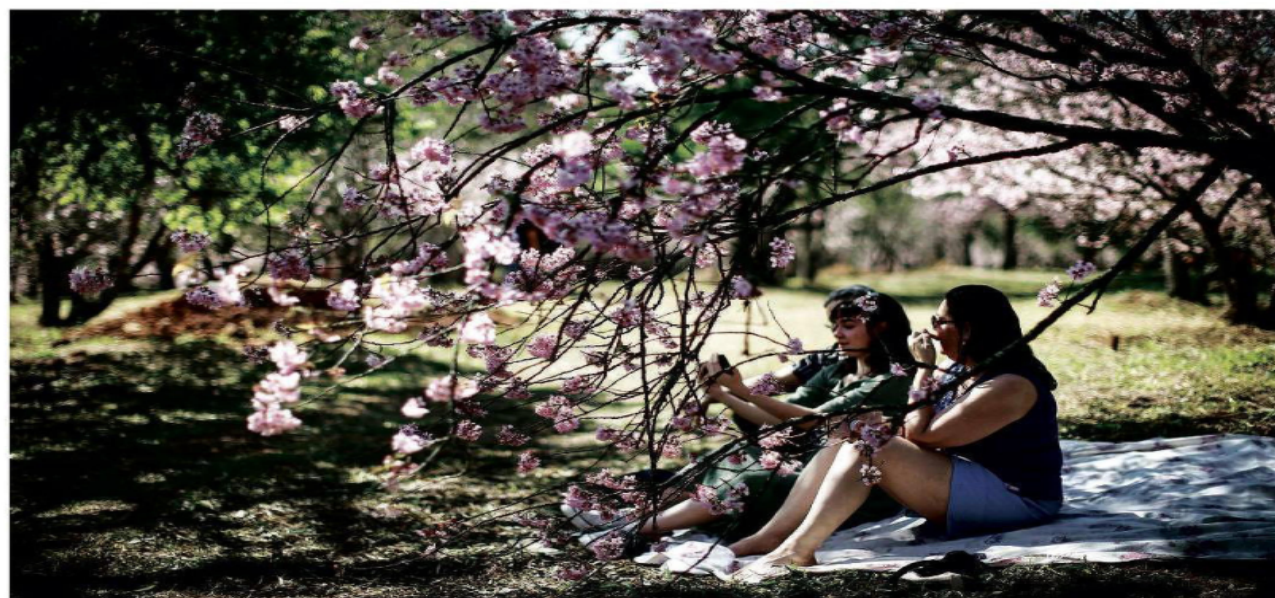
O aumento do número de armas liberadas pela PF foi liderado pelo cidadão comum, responsável por 84,4% dos registros em 2021, ante 72,6% em 2018. O crescimento se dá em paralelo a atos do governo Bolsonaro para facilitar o acesso a armamento e munições. **Cotidiano B1**

Racismo contra crianças afeta desenvolvimento

Casos como o dos filhos de Giovanna Ewbank e Bruno Gagliasso prejudicam saúde, dizem estudiosos. **B2**

Para especialistas, combate à varíola de macacos é falho

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SÃO PAULO VOLTA A TER FESTA DAS CEREJEIRAS NO PARQUE DO CARMO

Frequentadoras do parque na zona leste observam flores da árvore símbolo do evento, que ficou suspenso por dois anos por causa da pandemia **Cotidiano B3**

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Jovens, paciência

Terapeutas veem crise mental em adultos até 30 anos e tentam fazê-los lidar com mudanças

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Luís Francisco Carvalho Filho traduz insatisfação com a Justiça em "Newton"

Ilustrada C1 a C3

Catarse de 'Molly - Bloom'

Na personagem de "Ulysses", Bete Coelho capta tensão sexual em peça que estreia hoje



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Sem tolerância
Acerca de prisão de autor de ameaças contra o STF.



El piloto de la aeronave y otros seis tripulantes no pueden salir del país

Terrorismo: Piden a Argentina confiscación del avión iraní

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La chef des députés
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malgré les mises
en garde de la Chine ?

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L'Amérique solde les comptes
du 11 Septembre avec al-Qaida

Onze ans après Oussama Ben Laden, son successeur à la tête de l'organisation terroriste, Ayman al-Zawahiri, a été éliminé, dimanche, par une frappe de drone américain à Kaboul. PAGES 2 À 4 ET L'ÉDITORIAL

Les profits des majors
du pétrole s'envolent
avec la guerre en Ukraine

L'explosion des prix du pétrole, et plus encore du gaz au printemps, a permis aux cinq géants occidentaux du pétrole de dégager plus de 60 milliards de dollars de bénéfices au

deuxième trimestre. Ces performances passent assez mal un peu partout sur la planète, alors que les prix à la pompe flambent et que les factures de gaz s'envolent. PAGE 23

Les refuges débordés
par les abandons
d'animaux domestiques

Chaque été, 60 000 bêtes sont délaissées par leurs propriétaires, et confiées le plus souvent à des refuges. Ces structures, plus saturées que jamais cette année, redoutent

que la situation ne s'aggrave encore dans les jours à venir. Pour offrir un meilleur cadre à ces animaux, des familles les accueillent en attendant une adoption définitive. PAGE 8

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La vengeance de l'Oncle Sam

Depuis le sinistre docteur Mengele, aucun médecin n'a eu autant de morts sur la conscience qu'Ayman al-Zawahiri, chirurgien égyptien mué en meurtrier de masse internationale. À ses cibles américaines – dont les 2977 victimes des avions lancés sur les tours jumelles de New York et le Pentagone, le 11 septembre 2001 – s'ajoutent des dizaines de milliers de musulmans qu'il prétendait soumettre à son totalitarisme islamique. Personne, hormis quelques fanatiques décebrés, ne versera une larme sur l'élimination du successeur d'Oussama Ben Laden à la tête d'al-Qaida, onze ans après ce dernier, par un missile américain de haute précision alors qu'il prenait le frais sur son balcon à Kaboul, dimanche matin.

Ideologue arrogant et rigide d'un djihad impitoyable, al-Zawahiri prônait le « devoir individuel de chaque musulman de tuer » des Occidentaux, dogme nourri par sa détestation des Juifs, des chrétiens, de la démocratie et de la France presque autant que des États-Unis, en raison des débats sur le port du voile et des caricatures du prophète Mahomet. Sa tête avait beau être mise à prix par Washington pour 25 millions de dollars, il aura fallu plus

de deux décennies pour le débusquer, protégé par ses semblables. Dire, comme Joe Biden, que « la justice est passée » constitue peut-être un abus de langage, mais la vengeance de l'Oncle Sam, qui n'oublie rien, est accomplie. Malgré le coup de maître de ses services de renseignement et la précision de sa guerre téléguisée, le chef de la Maison-Blanche a bien du mal à projeter l'image d'une Amérique

**La restauration
d'un havre
islamiste
en Afghanistan**

forte et respectée. La présence d'al-Zawahiri au cœur de Kaboul, sous la protection dévouée des talibans, constitue la conséquence directe de la débâcle déclenchée par Biden il y a presque un an. Si le vieux président avait alors promis de poursuivre la lutte antiterroriste « au-delà de l'horizon », il a de facto permis la restauration d'un havre islamiste en Afghanistan. L'élimination d'un méchant septuagenaire, à la tête d'une organisation criminelle affaiblie, fera peut-être remonter ses sondages de quelques points, mais elle lui promet à nouveau des temps difficiles avec l'irréductible abcès de Kaboul. ■

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Outrage as oil firms rake in huge profits while bills soar

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Bumper profits of nearly £50bn shared by the world's five biggest oil companies prompted a chorus of calls for higher taxes on the sector as UK households were told to brace for average annual energy bills of more than £3,600 this winter.

The UK firm BP was accused of "unfettered profiteering" after it said

yesterday that underlying profits had tripled to \$8.5bn (£6.9bn) between April and June, thanks to high oil prices. It was its biggest quarterly profit in 14 years and BP said it would hand out nearly £4bn to shareholders as a result.

Prices have soared amid fears over supplies of energy caused in part by Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Oil companies in the UK and beyond have enjoyed booming earnings in recent months on the

back of those rising energy prices as households around the world have struggled with soaring bills.

Rachel Reeves, Labour's shadow chancellor, said the "eye-watering profits" showed that the government was "totally wrong" to have given significant tax breaks to oil companies.

A host of MPs from Labour, the Liberal Democrats and the Green party, as well as environmental campaigners, called for a higher windfall tax on oil companies. The profits bonanza in

the second quarter included a record \$11.5bn profit for BP's FTSE 100 rival Shell, record profits of \$17.6bn and \$11.6bn respectively for the US's ExxonMobil and Chevron, plus \$9.8bn for France's Total. In the first six months of the year the companies made combined adjusted profits of nearly \$100bn.

As Russia's invasion grinds on, the research firm Cornwall Insight predicted the energy price cap on annual bills in Great

CIA strike

In elite Kabul zone where the al-Qaida chief was hit

Emma Graham-Harrison
Kabul



The leader of al-Qaida spent the last weeks of his life less than 500 metres from the swimming pool and bar where British diplomats relaxed during their Kabul tours.

It was in a gaudy house, nestled at the very heart of the Afghan capital, that Ayman al-Zawahiri was killed while out on his balcony on Sunday morning in a drone strike hailed by Joe Biden as delivering "justice" to one of the architects of the 9/11 attacks on America.

The CIA strike will be seen as a proof of the US's ability to conduct "over-the-horizon" operations despite last year's military withdrawal from Afghanistan, but it also raised questions over al-Qaida's continued presence in the country since the Taliban regained power.

By yesterday morning sheets of dark green plastic covered shattered windows that were shown in photos shared earlier on social media. Afghanistan's new rulers were also aggressive about keeping journalists and curious bystanders from taking a closer look at the damaged house.

"It is our own pain, let us deal with it," one belligerent Taliban guard told Guardian reporters, after blocking entry to the street where Zawahiri had lived, following them as they left the site and demanding access to their phones.

Other journalists were harassed and had guns pointed at them. Neighbours said the Taliban had visited overnight and ordered them not to let anyone on to rooftops that might give a clear view of the four-storey home.

Local residents in the capital's Sherpur neighbourhood said they had no idea they



Pelosi lands in Taiwan
US speaker's visit leaves China furious
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▲ The US House of Representatives speaker with Taiwan's foreign minister last night. China said it had put its forces on high alert PHOTOGRAPH: REX/SHUTTERSTOCK

Truss feels heat after U-turn over £9bn in cuts

Heather Stewart
Jessica Elgot

Liz Truss suffered a humiliating setback in her attempt to become the next prime minister yesterday as she was forced into a U-turn on civil service pay after a backlash from within her own party.

The foreign secretary swiftly

abandoned the cornerstone of her plan for a "war on Whitehall waste" when it was revealed it could lead to pay cuts for millions of teachers, nurses and police officers.

Truss had proposed creating "regional pay boards" to set civil sector pay, matching it more closely to local labour markets outside London and the south-east.

But it was scrapped within hours

after analysts pointed out the purported £8.8bn saving from the policy was only remotely achievable by cutting wages across the public sector.

With ballot papers dropping this week, Truss is widely regarded as the frontrunner in the race to succeed Boris Johnson; but one new poll put her just five points ahead of Rishi Sunak, while Conservative MPs say many members

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