

What's News

Business & Finance

Walmart and Home Depot reported stronger revenue, signs that Americans are spending even as they pay more for fewer products and are shifting their purchases to mitigate the effects of inflation. **A1**

◆ **Southwestern cotton growers** are abandoning millions of parched acres they planted in spring, prompting forecasts for the weakest U.S. harvest in more than a decade and sending prices sharply higher. **A1**

◆ **Amazon is accusing the FTC** of making excessive and unreasonable demands on founder Bezos and company executives as the agency probes Amazon's Prime membership program. **A2**

◆ **A Commerce Department** process that reviews U.S. tech exports to China approves almost all requests and has overseen an increase in sales of some particularly important technologies, according to an analysis of trade data. **A4**

◆ **American Airlines** agreed to buy 20 planes from aerospace startup Boom Supersonic, betting on the future of an ultrafast aircraft that is still years away. **B1**

◆ **The S&P 500 and Dow** posted gains of 0.2% and 0.7%, respectively, while the Nasdaq fell 0.2%. **B11**

◆ **China's Tencent** is looking to sell most or all of its stake in food-delivery company Meituan, people familiar with the matter said. **B1**

◆ **Natural-gas prices** in Europe closed at a record, with hot summer weather boosting fuel demand and Russia throttling back supplies. **B1**

World-Wide

◆ **Explosions** rocked an ammunition depot in Russian-held Crimea, damaging rail tracks and power lines and marking a fresh blow to Moscow's war effort. The blasts were set off by Ukrainian saboteurs, a senior Ukrainian government official said. Russian officials also blamed sabotage. **A1, A7**

◆ **Rep. Cheney** conceded defeat in the Republican primary in Wyoming, an outcome that was a priority for Trump as he urged GOP voters to reject one of his most prominent critics on Capitol Hill. **A1**

◆ **Two top lawyers** who worked in the White House under Trump were interviewed by the FBI about the handling of classified documents well before agents searched the former president's Mar-a-Lago home, people familiar with the matter said. **A4**

◆ **Germany plans** to postpone the closure of the country's last three nuclear-power plants as it braces for a possible energy shortage this winter after Russia throttled gas supplies to the country. **A8**

◆ **The federal government** declared an unprecedented new stage to the water shortage affecting the Colorado River, triggering cutbacks likely to deepen economic damage to the Southwest. **A3**

◆ **Opposition leader Odinga** rejected the results of Kenya's presidential election and vowed to challenge Ruto's victory in court. **A9**

◆ **The FDA said** it would allow some hearing aids to be sold over the counter. **A3**

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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 task of selling it to the public. **A4**

Crimea Blasts Are Latest Sign Of Russia's War Vulnerabilities

Explosions rocked an ammunition depot in Russian-held Crimea, damaging rail tracks and power lines and marking a fresh blow to Moscow's war effort.

By James Marson, Ann M. Simmons and Matthew Luxmoore

The blasts were set off by Ukrainian saboteurs, a senior Ukrainian government official said. Russian officials also blamed sabotage, their first official acknowledgment of a major strike on the peninsula.

The explosions hit the ammunition depot at an abandoned farm near the village of Maiske early Tuesday, leaving two people with minor injuries. Authorities on the peninsula, which Russia's military seized in 2014, evacuated more than 3,000 people from a 3-mile zone around the depot and stopped trains on the nearby train line, which sweeps up from the eastern edge of the peninsula to the Ukrainian mainland.

"The demilitarization operation of the Armed Forces of

Ukraine will continue in a precise fashion until the full deoccupation of Ukrainian territories," Andriy Yermak, head of Ukraine's presidential administration, wrote on Telegram. "Crimea is Ukraine."

A senior Ukrainian government official also said information was being gathered about reports of additional blasts in Crimea, about 50 miles away in Hvardiiske. The explosions underscore Russia's vulnerabilities as Ukraine seeks to retake territory in its south that Russia occupied

in the early stages of the war. Ukraine, which lacks the forces for a head-on assault, has sought to erode Russia's ability to wage war by targeting ammunition dumps, command posts and bridges, usually with long-range rocket launchers provided by the U.S. Russia has

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Drought Devastates Cotton Harvest In the U.S.

By RYAN DEZEMBER AND KIRK MALTAIS

Southwestern cotton growers are abandoning millions of parched acres that they planted in spring, prompting forecasts for the weakest U.S. harvest in more than a decade and sending prices sharply higher.

U.S. agricultural forecasters expect drought-struck farmers to walk away from more than 40% of the 12.5 million acres they sowed with cotton and harvest the smallest area since Reconstruction. Back then, in 1868, yields per acre were less than a fifth of what they are today, but the market for cotton was vastly smaller too.

December cotton futures, the most-traded contract, rose Tuesday for the sixth straight trading session to close at \$1.69 a pound. Last week, futures gained about 13%, the sharpest weekly climb since March 2011, when prices were on their way to a record of \$2.14 a pound.

Cotton was among the commodities that shot up in price earlier this year. Like other raw materials, it was lifted by hedge funds and other speculators piling into futures markets to blunt the effect of inflation elsewhere in their portfolios. But cotton also gained from surging oil prices, which raised the price of petroleum-based fibers such as spandex, polyester and nylon. When synthetic fibers like those get more expensive, demand in

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Note: Seasonally adjusted annual rate. Source: U.S. Census Bureau via St. Louis Fed

Housing Starts Declined In July

Construction of housing in the U.S. continued to slow as inflation and high mortgage rates made it more expensive to build and buy property. Housing starts fell 9.6% in July from the prior month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.45 million, down from a revised 1.6 million in June. **A2**

Don't Fetch, It's a Rattler! Snake Safety Is Hot for Dogs

Classes teach canines to stay calm around reptiles; 'No pressure, Newton'

By JIM CARLTON

CAVE CREEK, Ariz.—On a recent toasty morning, a pointer named Lua trotted happily around a fenced enclosure, stopping to check out something she had never seen before: a coiled-up rattlesnake.

Wagging her tail, Lua bent down to investigate—then jumped straight up in the air, letting out a yelp. Trainer Cody Will had just zapped Lua with an electronic collar, enough to help make her steer clear of the venomous reptiles.

"That's not a lizard, is it?" Mr. Will said.

The Arizona desert is crawling with rattlesnakes, commonly known as

rattlers. They are increasingly coming into contact with curious canines that moved along with humans to Maricopa County, which includes Phoenix and Cave Creek and experienced an 18% population increase between 2010 and 2021, to 4.5 million people.

To keep the animals safely apart, a cottage industry of snake-avoidance classes has sprung up. Fitted with electronic collars, dogs are turned loose to face off with rattlesnakes, some in cages and some slithering in the open.

The classes cost around \$100 per dog and are so popular that Mr. Will's six-year-old business, Please turn to page A10

Cheney Loses Race To Trump's Choice

By NATALIE ANDREWS

Rep. Liz Cheney conceded defeat Tuesday in the Republican primary in Wyoming, an outcome that was a priority for former President Donald Trump as he urged GOP voters to reject one of his most prominent critics on Capitol Hill.

She is set to serve until January, when the new Congress convenes, and as co-chair of the special House committee investigating events leading up to the Jan. 6, 2021, riot at the Capitol and Mr. Trump's role in them. Ms. Cheney was the last House Republican to face a primary among the 10 who



Rep. Liz Cheney

voted to impeach Mr. Trump for his actions related to the riot. She was defeated by Harriet Hageman, a water- and

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When 'Rehab' Means Abuse and a Cell

Hundreds of Somali-American youths, sent abroad by parents, are rescued by U.S.

By MICHAEL M. PHILLIPS

NAIROBI, Kenya—The young Americans imprisoned at Irshad Rehabilitation Centre feared the isolation room the most.

When they violated some rehab-center rule, or no rule at all, they'd be locked in the room, located in a corner of an inner courtyard that was topped by electrified wire and razor coils.

Abdirizak Aden Ahmed, a Somali-American teenager from Mechanicsburg, Pa., says he spent a dozen or so stints in isolation during the eight months he was confined against his will at Irshad, in Nairobi's heavily So-

mali Eastleigh neighborhood. Irshad and similar facilities in Somalia and Kenya market themselves to desperate diaspora Somali parents as professional treatment for young people who are drug users, alcoholics, mentally ill, gay, disobedient, sacrilegious or simply too Westernized.

Mr. Aden's mother, frantic about his marijuana use in Pennsylvania, says she paid Irshad \$600 a month for what the center promised would be effective drug-treatment, room and board.

The reality is much grimier. Mr. Aden says inside the

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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.

States Curbed From Draining A Frail Lifeline

By HENRY FOUNTAIN

With water levels in the Colorado River near their lowest point ever, Arizona and Nevada on Tuesday faced new restrictions on the amount of water they can pump out of the river, the most important in the Southwest.

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.

As the water crisis intensified last year, the federal government for the first time imposed restrictions on the amount of water that could be taken. Tuesday's cuts are smaller than those put in place a year ago and also affect Mexico. And they would be dwarfed by much larger cuts that the federal government in June asked the states to negotiate among themselves and threatened to impose if the states do not reach agreement.

Officials have said the large cuts — involving 20 to 40 times as much water as Tuesday's — would be needed next year to protect the reservoirs and the dams that created them and to stabilize the water supply. Engineers point out

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In Challenge to Putin, Ukraine Targets Crimea

By MICHAEL SCHWIRTZ
and ANTON TROIANOVSKI

ODESA, Ukraine — Russian warships patrol Crimea's coasts and Russian warplanes fly from its territory, transformed by eight years of occupation into a fortress. President Vladimir V. Putin has called Crimea a "sacred place," Russia's "holy land," and one of his top advisers has warned that if the peninsula were attacked, Ukraine would face "Judgment Day."

But lately, Ukraine has been calling the Kremlin's bluff. Huge explosions rocked a temporary Russian ammunition depot in Crimea on Tuesday, in the latest in a series of clandestine Ukrainian assaults against the Black Sea peninsula that Mr. Putin illegally

Annexed 'Holy Land' Is a Staging Ground for an Invasion

annexed in 2014, and that is now being used as a vital staging ground for Russia's invasion.

A senior Ukrainian official, speaking on the condition of anonymity to discuss the operation, said that an elite Ukrainian military unit operating behind enemy lines was responsible for the blasts. Russia's Defense Ministry said in a statement that the episode was an "act of sabotage," a significant acknowledgment that the war is spreading to what the Kremlin considers Russian

territory.

The attacks in Crimea underscore Ukraine's increasingly aggressive military tactics, as the government in Kyiv leans on long-range Western weapons and special forces to strike deep behind the front, disrupt Russian supply lines and counter Russia's advantages in materiel. They also represent a growing challenge to Mr. Putin, with Crimea's security key to Russia's military effort — and to Mr. Putin's political standing at home.

No single action that Mr. Putin has taken in his 22-year rule provoked as much pro-Kremlin euphoria among Russians as his largely bloodless annexation of Crimea, an action that cemented his image as a leader resurrecting

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RUBBLE RAVE There was a D.J., and decorations, but the people weren't just there for the party. They were volunteers for a Kyiv group that organizes music-infused cleanup events. Page A10.

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

The high cost of hearing aids, which are not covered by basic

Medicare, has discouraged millions of Americans from buying the devices. Health experts say that untreated hearing loss can contribute to cognitive decline and depression in older people.

Under the F.D.A.'s new rule, people with mild to moderate hearing loss should be able to buy hearing aids online and in retail stores as soon as October, without being required to see a doctor for

Innovation and Lower Prices May Follow

an exam to get a prescription. The agency cited studies estimating that about 30 million Americans experience hearing loss, but only about one-fifth of

them get help. The changes could upend the market, which is dominated by a relatively small number of manufacturers, and make it a broader field with less costly and, perhaps, more innovative designs. Costs for hearing aids, which tend to include visits with an audiologist, range from about \$1,400 at Costco to \$4,700 or more.

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NEWS ANALYSIS

Biden Signs Bill on Taxes And Climate

New Law Falls Short of Uplifting Workers

By JIM TANKERSLEY

WASHINGTON — President Biden signed into law a landmark tax, health and energy bill on Tuesday that takes significant steps toward fulfilling his goal to modernize the American economy and reduce its dependence on fossil fuels.

The vast legislation will lower prescription drug costs for seniors on Medicare, extend federal subsidies for health insurance and reduce the federal deficit. It will also help electric utilities switch to lower-emission sources of energy and encourage Americans to buy electric vehicles through tax credits.

What it does not do, however, is provide workers with many of the other sweeping economic changes that Mr. Biden pledged would help Americans earn more and enjoy the comforts of a middle-class life.

Mr. Biden signed the bill, which Democrats call the Inflation Reduction Act, in the State Dining Room at the White House. He and his allies cast the success of the legislation as little short of a miracle, given it required more than a year of intense negotiations among congressional Democrats. In his remarks, Mr. Biden proclaimed victory as he signed a compromise bill that he called "the biggest step forward on climate ever" and "a godsend to many families" struggling with prescription drug costs.

"The bill I'm about to sign is not just about today; it's about tomorrow. It's about delivering progress and prosperity to American families," Mr. Biden said.

Administration officials say Mr. Biden has passed far more of his economic agenda than they could have possibly hoped for, given Republican opposition to much of his agenda on taxes and spending and razor-thin Democratic majorities in the House and Senate. His wins include a \$1.9 trillion economic rescue plan last year designed to get workers and businesses through the pandemic and a pair of bipartisan bills aimed at American competitiveness: a \$1 trillion infrastructure bill and \$280 billion in spending to spur domestic

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

Cheney, a Vocal Critic of Trump, Loses to a Candidate He Backed

By JONATHAN MARTIN

JACKSON, Wyo. — Representative Liz Cheney of Wyoming was decisively defeated by Harriet Hageman in her Republican primary on Tuesday, handing Donald J. Trump his most prized trophy yet in his long campaign to purge the Republican Party of his critics.

Ms. Hageman, a lawyer in Cheyenne, was lifted by Mr. Trump's endorsement in her race against Ms. Cheney, the daughter of a former vice president and former member of the House Republican leadership.

Ms. Cheney's loss was as anticipated as it was consequential. The leading Republican voice against Mr. Trump, and vice chairwoman of the committee investigating the Jan. 6 Capitol attack, next year will no longer have her perch in Congress from which to battle a

PANDEMIC FRAUD CLAIMED BILLIONS MEANT FOR RELIEF

AUTHORITIES SWAMPED

A Rushed Honor System Left the Door Open to Illegal Schemes

By DAVID A. FAHRENTHOLD

In the midst of the pandemic, the government gave unemployment benefits to the incarcerated, the imaginary and the dead. It sent money to "farms" that turned out to be front yards. It paid people who were on the government's "Do Not Pay List." It gave loans to 342 people who said their name was "N/A."

As the coronavirus shuttered businesses and forced people out of work, the federal government sent a flood of relief money into programs aimed at helping the newly unemployed and bolstering the economy. That included \$3.1 trillion that former President Donald J. Trump approved in 2020, followed by a \$1.9 trillion package signed into law in 2021 by President Biden.

But those dollars came with few strings and minimal oversight. The result: one of the largest frauds in American history, with billions of dollars stolen by thousands of people, including at least



Richard Ayvazyan, part of a ring that sought billions in loans, received 17 years.

one amateur who boasted of his criminal activity on YouTube.

Now, prosecutors are trying to catch up. There are currently 500 people working on pandemic-fraud cases across the offices of 21 inspectors general, plus investigators from the F.B.I., the Secret Service, the Postal Inspection Service and the Internal Revenue Service.

The federal government has already charged 1,500 people with defrauding pandemic-aid programs, and more than 450 people have been convicted so far. But those figures are dwarfed by the

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Vows to Continue Fight for Democracy

figure she believes poses a grave threat to American democracy.

Ms. Cheney conceded defeat just as The Associated Press called the race, suggesting she was setting a model for accepting the will of voters.

"Harriet Hageman has received the most votes in this primary — she won," Ms. Cheney told supporters gathered outdoors on a ranch here. She went on to implore Americans to stand up to Mr. Trump and others who deny his loss in the 2020 presidential election. "No citizen of this republic is a bystander," she said,

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A Clash Over Russian Gems

Russia earns billions of dollars from the production of diamonds that other nations say help finance war. PAGE A11

Kenya Vote May Land in Court

Raila Odinga, who lost the nation's presidential election, said he'd use all legal options to fight the result. PAGE A9

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A judge ruled that former Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo will not have to turn over the proceeds of his \$5.1 million deal for a book about the pandemic. PAGE A19

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Jesuits set a goal of raising \$100 million to make amends for their order's role in the slave trade. But donations have only trickled in. PAGE A22

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The Supreme Court will have a chance to decide if Andy Warhol's interpretation of a photograph of Prince is protected as a transformative work. PAGE A14



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Hannah Sung

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Fulfilling Her Potential

With the W.N.B.A. playoffs about to begin, the Liberty are relying on Sabrina Ionescu, who has had a breakout season in her third year. PAGE B7



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REP. LIZ CHENEY addresses supporters near Jackson, Wyo. Her defeat is a sweeping rejection by Republican voters, but Cheney said winning "would have required that I go along with President Trump's lie."

Cheney loses Wyoming primary

Trump's chief GOP adversary vows to continue her work to hold him accountable.

By Arif John

Rep. Liz Cheney, the vice chair of the House committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol and a leading figure in the Republican effort to hold former President Trump accountable, was defeated in the GOP primary for the Wyoming congressional district she's represented since 2017.

The three-term congresswoman lost to Harriet Hageman, a lawyer who has worked to block federal regulations in Wyoming and who was endorsed by Trump.



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DEMOCRATS UNITED

President Biden at the signing of a landmark \$700-billion climate, healthcare and tax bill, with Sens. Joe Manchin III and Charles E. Schumer and Rep. James E. Clyburn, from left. **NATION, A6**

Surrounded by family and supporters near Jackson, Wyo., on Tuesday night, Cheney said she had conceded to Hageman, who was ahead in early returns by more than 25 percentage points.

In a roughly 15-minute speech, Cheney stood by her work on the Jan. 6 committee, condemning falsehoods and conspiracies spread about the 2020 election along with the people who perpetuate them, and asserting the ongoing threat of the "Big Lie" to American democracy.

She noted that she had handily won the last election for her congressional seat and acknowledged that this primary might have gone the same way had she not opposed Trump's efforts to undermine confidence in the U.S. election system. [See Cheney, A7]

U.S. limits river water as talks stall

An emergency based on low reservoirs will cut shares for Arizona, Nevada and Mexico.

By Tony Briscoe

After Colorado River Basin states failed to meet a deadline for emergency drought reductions Tuesday, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation announced new emergency water cuts for Arizona, Nevada and Mexico as the nation's two largest reservoirs decline to perilously low levels.

The seven states that rely on Colorado River water were told two months ago to develop plans to drastically reduce water use by 2 million to 4 million acre-feet, but those talks have grown acrimonious. At a news conference Tuesday, federal officials said that an agreement was urgently needed and that it was declaring a Tier 2 shortage for next year — a historic first for the shrinking river.

"In order to avoid a catastrophic collapse of the Colorado River System and a future of uncertainty and conflict, water use in the basin must be reduced," said Tanya Trujillo, the Interior Department's assistant secretary for water and science.

Under Tier 2 shortage conditions, Arizona's annual water apportionment will be reduced by 20%, Nevada's by 8% and Mexico's by 7%. There is no required water savings contribution for California.

"The risks that we see to the system are based on the best available science that we've seen — and those risks have not changed. So today

we're starting the process and more information will follow as far as the actions we'll take in that process," said Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Camille Calim Touton.

The river's two main reservoirs — Lake Mead and Lake Powell — are now nearly three-fourths empty and are projected to continue dropping. As a result, the Biden administration ordered states to come up with a plan that would decrease the total amount of water diverted by 15% to 30%.

The absence of an agreement among the states now raises the risk that the Colorado River crisis — brought on by chronic overuse, global warming and the West's drying climate — could spiral into a legal morass. At the same time, Interior Department officials said. [See Water, A11]

Fetal death law gets scrutiny

Fatal car crash puts the spotlight back on California's 1970 'protection' statute.

By Sonja Sharpe

Guttered voices, wilted sunflowers and a menagerie of pristine plush creatures marked the blackened corner where Armani Lester's life ended before he took his first breath.

Six bodies were found by the coroner at the Aug. 4 crash site in Windsor Hills. Six murder charges were filed against the driver of the Mercedes-Benz that barreled through the intersection of La Brea Boulevard and Slauson Avenue. The fiery collision was so violent, Los Angeles County Coroner spokeswoman Sarah Ardalani said, that it tore Armani from his mother's womb.

Yet California law remains split over how to count the crash victims and what defines justice for pregnant women whose fetuses die before birth.

"Under state law, the unlawful killing of a fetus can be charged as a murder," a spokesperson for the L.A. district attorney explained. "There is no similar provision for vehicular manslaughter."

That's why the driver, Nicole Lorraine Linton, 37, was charged with five counts of that crime rather than six.

The registered nurse, who had been working at Kaiser Permanente's West Los Angeles Medical Center, was speeding at more than 90 miles per hour when she careened through a red light at Slauson and slammed into multiple cars.

The crash killed pregnant, 22-year-old Ashery Ryan and the boy posthumously named Armani, who was barely a month from his due date. It also

[See Fetus, A7]

COLUMN ONE

How a kid from El Monte broke through the static

Hollywood systemically shuts out Latinos. He became a CEO.

By Meg James

Scouring his high school class schedule, then-14-year-old Cris Abrego caught his breath. **TV Production.**

It was 1986, and the incoming freshman, a self-described TV addict, assumed the course would teach Latino teens like him how to build television sets. After all, this was an era when students in working-class communities, including those at El Monte's Mountain View High School, were encouraged to take auto or wood shop to prepare for a blue-collar life.

"When I found that it was actually to make television, I was blown away," Abrego said.

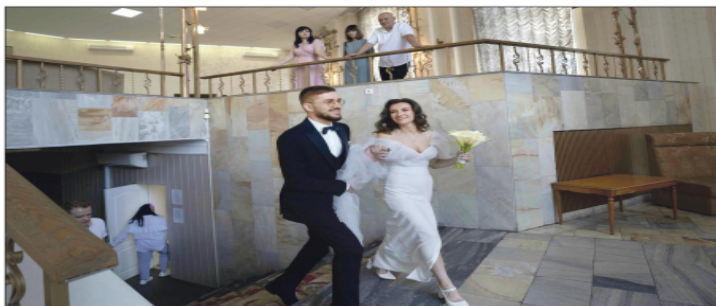
That class would prove instrumental in shaping ambitions that would take him beyond El Monte. By his junior year, Abrego was tugging around a bulky TV camera, interviewing fellow athletes, cheerleaders and the principal for a student-produced show, "What's Up," which borrowed heavily from "The Arsenio Hall Show" — albeit with less glitz.

Today, Abrego is one of Hollywood's few high-ranking Latino executives, overseeing U.S. and Latin American operations for reality TV juggernaut [See Abrego, A8]



MEL MELCOW Los Angeles Times

CRIS ABREGO is an executive for Banijay, which owns the rights to "MasterChef" and other shows.



KYRYLO SVIETASHOV For The Times

AT KYIV'S main Civil Registry office, Ukrainian couples are lining up to get married with a quick exchange of vows during a break from duty on the front line.

'THIS WAY, LOVE WINS'

Ukrainian couples flock to tie the knot as war clouds future

By Laura King

KYIV, Ukraine — Tulle and taffeta, garlands and lace. Some nuptial trappings, at least, have survived the nearly 6-month-old Russian invasion that has upended virtually every aspect of life in Ukraine.

But the matrimonial scenes that unfold nearly daily at Kyiv's main Civil Registry office — their numbers swelling rapidly after a hiatus in the conflict's first

A sign of Russian vulnerability

New blasts in Crimea may show Ukraine can deeply breach its enemy's defenses. **WORLD, A4**

few months — are also an emblem of war's vicissitudes.

For many couples, what might have been in peacetime a days-long extravaganza, with endless tradi-

tional toasts and a horde of dancing relatives and friends, is compressed into a moment where a few family members witness a hasty exchange of vows and a kiss during a break from front-line duty.

"Even though this is a completely different event than it would have been otherwise, we didn't want to postpone any longer, not even for a day," said Inessa, a 26-year-old bride with long dark ringlets and a gauzy [See Ukraine, A4]

Plea likely in Trump tax case

The finance chief of the ex-president's firm is expected to plead guilty, sources say. **NATION, A14**

Forgotten victim of Zoot Suit era

Murder of Jose Diaz led to landmark injustices against Chicanos. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Money streams turn to trickles

Streaming industry tightens its belt, and creators scramble to find right fit. **CALENDAR, E1**

Weather: Sunny. L.A. Basin: 88/65. **B6**



The Washington Post

Prices may vary in areas outside metropolitan Washington

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Democracy Dies in Darkness

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Trump short on seasoned legal help

Reputation for discord, stinginess hinders hiring of team after FBI search

This article is by Isaac Arnsdorf, Josh Dawsey, Carol D. Leonnig, Jacqueline Alemany and Rosalind S. Heiderman.

Former president Donald Trump and close aides have spent the eight days since the FBI searched his Florida home rushing to assemble a team of respected defense lawyers. But the answer they keep hearing is "no."

The struggle to find expert legal advice puts Trump in a bind as he faces potential criminal exposure from a records dispute with the National Archives that escalated into a federal investigation into possible violations of the Espionage Act and other statutes.

"Everyone is saying no," said a prominent Republican lawyer, who like some others spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss confidential conversations.

Trump is no stranger to legal proceedings, and his scramble to hire lawyers in the face of an ominous federal probe recalls his predicament in the summer of

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Legal gambit: Trump asks a judge to unseal affidavit, despite risks. A4

ELECTION 2022

Liz Cheney loses seat, says battle just begun

Trump foe, defeated in Wyo. primary, vows to keep up her opposition

BY PAUL KANE AND HANNAH KNOWLES

JACKSON, WYO. — Rep. Liz Cheney — the once-high-ranking Republican who defied her party to wage a lonely crusade against former president Donald Trump — lost her primary by a wide margin Tuesday while vowing she would do everything in her power to keep Trump from returning to the White House. Harriet Hageman, a lawyer with Trump's endorsement, ousted Cheney, clinching the GOP nomination for deep-red Wyoming's only House seat. Cheney fell in defeat despite her appeals to Democrats and independents to re-register as Republicans and vote for her. The race marked the last primary challenge to a small group of House Republicans who voted to impeach Trump last year and are mostly set to leave Congress.

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Russia's Gamble

Road to war: U.S. warnings doubted



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ANALYSIS SHOWED PUTIN PREPARING

Key allies, Zelensky were skeptical of full invasion

This article is by Shane Harris, Karen DeYoung, Isabelle Khurshudyan, Ashley Parker and Liz Sly.

On a sunny October morning, the nation's top intelligence, military and diplomatic leaders filed into the Oval Office for an urgent meeting with President Biden. They arrived bearing a highly classified intelligence analysis, compiled from newly obtained satellite images, intercepted communications and human sources, that amounted to Russian President Vladimir Putin's war plans for a full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

For months, Biden administration officials had watched warily as Putin massed tens of thousands of troops and lined up tanks and missiles along Ukraine's borders. As summer waned, Jake Sullivan, the national security adviser, had

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'Sabotage': Ukrainian special forces attack again in Crimea. A9

Regulators demand action as the Colorado drops below key threshold



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The Colorado River flows downriver from the Hoover Dam in northwestern Arizona on Sunday.

Water cuts loom as river runs low

BY JOSHUA PARTLOW AND KARIN BRULLIARD

As the historic drought in the U.S. Southwest pushes the nation's largest reservoirs to record lows, the Biden administration Tuesday announced that water shortages along the Colorado River had passed a threshold for the first time that will require unprecedented water cuts in Arizona and Nevada.

But the federal government left unresolved the looming question of how seven Western states will divide what's left of

the dwindling river in the years ahead. Those states blew past Monday's deadline, set by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in June, to reach a voluntary agreement on how to reduce water use by 2 million to 4 million acre-feet — up to a third of the river's annual average flow.

Deputy Interior Secretary Tommy Beaudreau on Tuesday told reporters there was "still time" to find consensus, and Reclamation officials did not say when they might impose their own cuts if no deal is reached.

The announcement underscored both how dire drought conditions have become in the Colorado River basin and the challenge of getting competing states to cut vital water supplies that sustain cities, agriculture and hydropower for millions of people.

The Colorado River's decline has drained three-quarters of the water from the nation's largest reservoirs, falling closer than ever to levels where hydroelectric dams can't generate power and millions will lose access to drinking water

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Teens face new complication in college search: Abortion

State laws on access factor into an already fraught decision process

BY NICK ANDERSON

Teenagers ponder many questions when they draw up college application lists. Should they go for rural or urban? Cold or warm? Big or small? Public or private? Pricey or affordable? Near home or far away?

Now comes, suddenly, another variable. Abortion: Protected or banned?

"It's so incredibly disheartening," Charlotte Hawthorn said. The 17-year-old from Orinda, Calif., doesn't want to rule out

colleges based on regional politics. She cares about weather — "I want somewhere that isn't Arctic-cold," she said — and wants a place that will challenge her liberal beliefs. Ideally, she said, it would be a school "that isn't just a bunch of super politically correct California kids."

But the Supreme Court decision in June that overturned *Roe v. Wade*, erasing the constitutional right to abortion, scrambled her calculations. Upset over the ruling, she is torn over whether to apply to a well-known university in a state that is moving to ban most abortions. She finds strict antiabortion laws disturbing. "It's really hard to ignore," she said.

The rapid emergence of state abortion bans in the South, Midwest and elsewhere has jolted

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Biden makes his mark

President Biden shakes hands with Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.) after signing into law the Inflation Reduction Act, a sweeping measure that aims to lower drug prices and tackle climate change. Story, A3

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Kenya's election Defeated presidential candidate Raila Odinga, above, declared the results of last week's contest "null and void" and promised a legal challenge. A9

THE NATION Lawmakers rebuked the Department of Homeland Security's inspector general for refusing to recuse himself from the investigation into missing Secret Service texts. A2

The \$1 trillion infrastructure law is set to almost double the number of zero-emission buses on U.S. roads with a single year's funding, the Federal Transit Administration announced. A6

THE WORLD As Boris Johnson pre-

pares to leave Downing Street, most Britons seem to feel that Brexit, his signature achievement, hasn't delivered on its lofty promises. A8

THE ECONOMY Dodge's gas-powered Challenger and Charger muscle cars will go the way of the Edsel in 2023, as the company pivots toward climate-friendly offerings. A16

The Food and Drug Administration moved to make hearing aids cheaper and easier to buy over the counter

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THE REGION A judge rejected plea bargains for a Navy engineer and his wife accused of trying to sell military secrets, saying they were too lenient. B1

The deadliest weekend of the summer in Prince George's County left five dead, even as overall homicide rates are down in the jurisdiction. B1

Jacob Fracker was sentenced to a year of probation after testifying against a fellow Jan. 6 rioter, his mentor on the Rocky Mount, Va., police force. B1

The lone survivor of a lightning strike in D.C. that killed three says she is haunted by survivor's guilt. B1

OBITUARIES Wolfgang Petersen, 81, won global acclaim for the Oscar-nominated drama "Das Boot" and later directed action-driven blockbusters. B6

STYLE The disclosure last week that actress Anne Heche was brain dead presented a challenging legal, even philosophical question for news outlets: When is someone actually dead? C1

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FOOD Noodling around Asian Americans chefs, food influencers and immigrants connect the dots between Italian and Asian cuisines. E1

STYLE Go West, rich man A luxury ranch market is booming in the region. C1

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Notable changes coming on energy use, health care costs, the federal deficit and taxes. **In News**

College QB competitions still up in air for key teams

Schools looking at multiple options with season set to open in two to three weeks. **In Sports**

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Actor shares differences between "Beast" and "Three Thousand Years of Longing" – and laughs about new status of that other feline movie. **In Life**

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SEARCH OF MAR-A-LAGO

A boxful of unknowns for Trump

Rick Rouan
USA TODAY

In the week since the FBI searched former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home, new details have trickled out about the unprecedented investigation into a former president.

The move to make public the search warrant used to seize dozens of boxes of documents and other items from Mar-a-Lago shed new light on the investigation last week, but it also spotlighted how much is unknown.

Documents were taken after term ended in 2021

Trump's management of records had been called into question as early as 2018, when a pair of watchdog groups claimed he was breaking the law by destroying documents.

More than two years later, as Trump left office after the 2020 election, staffers were photographed carrying boxes to Marine One. Some of the boxes taken from the White House contained documents the National Archives said should have been transferred to the agency under federal law. In February, the archives retrieved 15 boxes of documents.

Responding to a letter from Congress about a deeper investigation, national archivist David Ferriero said the trove of records contained classified national security documents.

Trump has denied any wrongdoing. Trump has since claimed that he declassified the information, a notion rejected by experts.

What we don't know: Why did Trump remove the documents from the White House and take them with him to Mar-a-Lago? Trump has not explained, and investigators have not offered any details about what they believe motivated the former president.

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PREGNANT BUT UNEQUAL

Maternal care 'deserts' stretch across rural USA



"You're going to die. Your baby's going to die," Christine Daniels, 33, of Jasper, Fla., says doctors told her after she went into labor in spring 2017. Her daughter, TeSharria, suffered permanent brain damage. PHOTOS BY ALICIA DEVINE/USA TODAY NETWORK

A lack of access close to home puts millions of mothers at risk

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This USA TODAY project examines the lack of maternal health care in America's rural communities of color.

Nada Hassanein USA TODAY

JASPER, Fla. – Five months into her pregnancy, Christine Daniels felt her blood pressure surge. Her head ached, and the skin on her feet stretched and cracked open. Her legs felt so heavy, she could hardly walk to her mom's apartment around the corner. Help was far away.

In her rural north Florida town, there is no hospital. No emergency room or urgent care center. No maternal health care of any kind. Daniels, 33, had to drive about 70 miles round trip every other week for her prenatal appointments, and to deliver her baby.

"Something's not right," she told medical workers during a clinic visit. "I already had two kids before. My blood pressure's never been high." She pleaded, Daniels said, but was not prescribed blood pressure medicine.

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In Jasper in rural north Florida, there is no hospital, emergency room or urgent care center. The nearest maternity hospital is 35 miles north – in Georgia.

"It's harder to get the care that you need. It takes longer. It's more dangerous."

Nddiamaka Amutah-Onukagha
Tufts University professor and expert on Black maternal health

Pentagon mentor program is facing renewed scrutiny

Despite reforms, questions persist about staffing, spending, conduct

Tom Vanden Brook USA TODAY

WASHINGTON – A lucrative Pentagon contracting program in which retired officers serve as "senior mentors" is under fresh scrutiny, despite reforms that required retired generals and admirals to disclose possible conflicts of interest.

The Pentagon employs about 80 retired generals and admirals, at around \$90 an hour, to advise current commanders involved war games and other military activities. USA TODAY reviewed the financial disclosure forms of 77 senior mentors and found only a few working for defense contractors – a problem that had plagued the program when it was loosely regulated and conflicts of interest abounded.

But the revamped senior mentor program appears to be staffed almost entirely by men, the vast majority of them white, even as the Pentagon for several years has sought to develop leaders who reflect the diversity of the armed forces and the nation.

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Pentagon "senior mentor" retired Lt. Gen. Gary Volesky was suspended after mocking first lady Jill Biden on Twitter. His tweet was later deleted. DEAN DIXON/AP, FOR INTREPID FALLEN HEROES

ELECTIONS

Go online for results

Tuesday was primary election day in Alaska and Wyoming, where results of races are expected to reflect former President Donald Trump's influence.

In Alaska: Voters chose candidates for governor, U.S. Senate and the state's only House seat. Trump-backed Sarah Palin was on a ballot for a special election aimed at replacing the late Rep. Don Young.

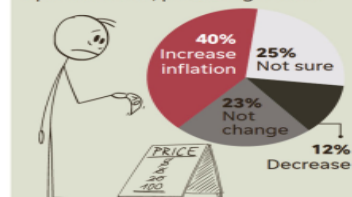
In Wyoming: Eyes were on Rep. Liz Cheney, a Trump critic who faced a competitive primary challenge.

Find results and more elections-related coverage at usatoday.com.

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Few expect act to bring down inflation

While a majority of Americans back key elements of the Inflation Reduction Act, few expect it to live up to its name, predicting it will ...



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Los 70 años de Vilas

El hombre que inspiró y cambió el tenis

El argentino rompió el molde y empujó los límites para las generaciones que siguieron su huella.



Boca nunca descansa

Con sus conflictos y castigos, recibe a Tevez

Sin Benedetto ni Zambrano, sancionados tras agarrarse a golpes, el Xeneize se expone ante su gente y frente al excapitán que llega como DT de Central. Página 3

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Fue uno de los grandes sucesos de Netflix; ayer completó su sexta temporada y se despidió a la altura de *Breaking Bad*; ganó un lugar entre lo mejor del streaming.

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Los aumentos de tarifas
empezarán con un 55% en la
luz y hasta un 149% en el agua

SEGMENTACIÓN. El gas subirá, en la primera etapa, un 21%; el sistema regirá desde el 31 de agosto

El Gobierno presentó ayer la segmentación de tarifas de electricidad, gas y agua. Según los nuevos cuadros tarifarios, las subas serán progresivas y diferentes según cada categoría de usuario, pero, en promedio, para aquellos que pierdan el subsidio, el aumento de la luz será, en el AMBA, del 55% en una primera etapa; el del agua llegará al 149%, y el más bajo

será el del gas, que se ajustará en un 21%, según los ejemplos presentados por el Gobierno. Los funcionarios dijeron que los usuarios que pierdan los subsidios pagarán inicialmente, en promedio, \$1200 adicionales entre luz y gas. Además, habrá un alza extra para los comercios que no había sido anunciada. El sistema regirá desde el 31 de agosto. Página 18

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EL ANÁLISIS

El ingrato momento de hacerse cargo

Joaquín Morales Solá

—LA NACION—

La historia (o parte de ella) les cayó encima. Cerca del 45% de la sociedad tendrá aumentos de gas del 170% y del 300% en electricidad. Los aumentos llegan en el peor momento político del Gobierno y de la economía: la inflación hace estragos en todos los sectores sociales. Continúa en la página 16

Desgarrador reclamo
por las muertes de bebés

sociedad—CÓRDOBA.—“Justicia” y “respuestas”. Esas eran las palabras que más se repetían, ayer, frente al Hospital Materno Neonatal de esta capital, donde familiares de bebés fallecidos se manifestaron para exigir que avance la investigación. Página 25



Familiares de los bebés fallecidos en el Hospital Materno Neonatal reclaman el esclarecimiento de las muertes

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Exponen más
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VIALIDAD. Los fiscales Diego Luciani y Sergio Mola focalizaron ayer la séptima jornada de los alegatos en el juicio de la causa Vialidad en la relación comercial de la familia Kirchner con Lázaro Báez. Detallaron también cómo se aceleraron los pagos para el empresario antes de las campañas presidenciales. Página 10

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Mal estacionamiento: la Ciudad toma el
control de las grúas y hará los acarreos

TRÁNSITO. En un giro sorpresivo, la Ciudad anunció ayer que tomará el control del servicio de acarreo de vehículos hasta, al menos, fin de año, cuando estima que terminará el proceso de licitación

para el sistema. Actualmente, el servicio está en manos de dos empresas, Dakota-STO y BRD-SEC, cuyos contratos fueron prorrogados, pero están vencidos desde 2001. La Capital busca regularizar

el sistema desde 2013, a partir de proyectos de ley que cayeron por decisiones judiciales. Según pudo saber LA NACION, la medida se tomó para apaciguar una iniciativa opositora en la Legislatura. Página 24

La interna de Boca Enfrentados y suspendidos

El club sancionó con dos partidos a Benedetto y Zambrano por la pelea en el entretiempo con Racing. P.41



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Tema del día ● A partir del 1° de septiembre. Dudas sobre la implementación

Las tarifas de gas, agua y luz residenciales suben en promedio entre 50 y 140%

El Gobierno anunció la suba de las tarifas de los servicios públicos, que afectará en mayor medida a los usuarios de la Capital Federal y el Gran Buenos Aires. En el caso del agua, las facturas residenciales se elevarán un 140% en promedio. Para el gas, los hogares que

pierdan los subsidios pagarán el doble que hoy, y la electricidad aumentará un 50%. En las viviendas que mantienen subsidios, los aumentos serán menores. Aún faltan precisiones sobre la aplicación. Empresas y comercios perderán el beneficio. P.3

Del Editor

Ricardo Roa

Ahora al tarifazo le dicen redistribución de subsidios. P.2

SIN RECLAMOS DEFINIDOS

Con dos marchas, la CGT y la izquierda copan el Congreso y la Plaza de Mayo

Desde las 12 se concentrarán en la zona del Obelisco y desde allí irán a los respectivos actos. Para evitar incidentes, hubo contactos entre ambos movimientos. Previo a la marcha, la central obrera advirtió que "la inflación ha alcanzado niveles intolerables". P.11

EL ARGENTINO OSCAR LABORDE

Insólita crítica del embajador en Caracas a la Justicia argentina por el avión

Alineado con los argumentos del régimen de Nicolás Maduro, en contra de la decisión del juez Federico Villena de retener la nave y a sus tripulantes, dijo: "Hay una sensación del pueblo venezolano de injusticia". Desde el Gobierno argentino, nadie objetó sus dichos. P.8

EN SEPTIEMBRE DE 2015

Milagro Sala: el nuevo testigo dijo que entregó \$5 millones para la campaña K

Según el arrepentido, ex chofer de la dirigente, ese dinero era para la campaña presidencial de la fórmula Scioli- Zannini. El hombre ya declaró que en más de 80 viajes Sala sacó plata al exterior. Ahora amplió los datos sobre los bancos con que el líder de Tupac solía operar. P.16



Extraña Buenos Aires. Por los hechos hay fuertes críticas al ministro Cabandí.

Ciudad fantasma, con humo y olor a quemado

Por los focos de incendio en islas de Entre Ríos y en Zárate y Baradero, Buenos Aires mostró un paisaje distinto. Expertos hablan de "terrorismo ambiental" y advierten por sus efectos sobre la salud. Hay cuatro detenidos. P.32

HABRÁ NUEVA LICITACIÓN

Por la polémica, las grúas ahora estarán a cargo de la Ciudad

El Gobierno porteño anunció que tomará el control en forma temporaria del acarreo de autos mal estacionados, un servicio signado por las quejas y las irregularidades: hace 21 años que las concesionarias tienen sus

contratos vencidos. Legisladores opositores y de la Coalición Cívica iban a votar la suspensión de esta prestación hasta resolver la nueva licitación, ya en marcha. Las empresas percibirán un canon fijo. P.30

Bolsonaro vê calado exaltação a urna

Representantes do Judiciário, do Congresso e ex-presidentes ovacionam sistema eleitoral em posse de Moraes no TSE

O ministro Alexandre de Moraes assumiu a presidência do Tribunal Superior Eleitoral (TSE) com um discurso de exaltação do sistema eleitoral brasileiro e a promessa de combater fake news.

Ovacionada pelas cúpulas do Legislativo e do Judiciário e por ex-presidentes, inclusive Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, a mensagem soou como recado contra arroubos golpistas de Jair Bolsonaro (PL).

"Somos a única democracia do mundo que apura e divulga os resultados eleitorais no mesmo dia, com agilidade, segurança, competência e transparência. Isso é motivo de orgulho", disse Moraes.

Bolsonaro, diferentemente dos demais, não o aplaudiu. O presidente tem atacado com frequência a lisura do sistema, mas nunca apresentou provas que embasassem suas críticas e dúvidas.

À plateia Moraes lembrou: "180 milhões de vezes, as brasileiras e os brasileiros apertaram a urna eletrônica, confirmaram o seu voto e a Justiça Eleitoral computou e depois proclamou o resultado".

Michel Temer, Dilma Rousseff e José Sarney também compareceram. **Política A4**

Fachin atende Defesa e inclui nove militares em inspeção de urnas A5



Posse de Alexandre de Moraes no TSE colocou frente a frente Jair Bolsonaro e Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (à esq., ao lado de Michel Temer, José Sarney e Dilma Rousseff) Antônio Augusto/Divulgação TSE

Bruno Boghossian O tamanho da briga no Sudeste

Brasileiros ainda em busca de um presidente em SP, RJ e MG são 2% do eleitorado do país. E uma mudança na disputa nacional a partir da região só virá se um candidato tirar votos de outro. Bolsonaro tem uma montanha a escalar. **Opinião A2**

Campanha eleitoral começa com foco na fé

Acenos a evangélicos e trocas de ataques de teor religioso entre Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT) e Jair Bolsonaro (PL), os líderes na sucessão presidencial, marcaram o primeiro dia oficial de campanha. Ambos escolheram palcos simbólicos para a largada da corrida até 2 de outubro.

A operários em São Bernardo do Campo (SP), seu berço político, Lula afirmou que o rival está "possuído pelo demônio". No palanque em Juiz de Fora (MG), onde foi esfaqueado em 2018, Bolsonaro sugeriu que, se perder, as pessoas poderiam ser proibidas de falar em Deus.

O eleitorado evangélico virou um dos cerne da disputa. Lula tem 12 pontos à frente de Bolsonaro em pesquisa do Ipec divulgada na segunda (15). Mas Bolsonaro, segundo o Datafolha de julho, abriu 10 pontos entre os evangélicos —novo levantamento sairá amanhã.

O presidente mira agora a ala feminina desse grupo, que hesita diante de seu nome. Para tanto, aposta na primeira-dama, Michelle. Ela ontem voltou a discursar. Lula, que teme perdervotos entre quem recebe Auxílio Brasil, criticou o rival pela gestão da pandemia. **Política A6**

Candidatos tomam rumos opostos em planos econômicos

Os principais candidatos à Presidência apresentam propostas vagas e pouco detalhadas para a economia. Eles apontam para direções opostas em planos relativos a privatizações, reforma trabalhista e gastos públicos. **Mercado A15**

Sobe número de candidaturas de PMs e de religiosos

Política A10

País tem recorde de mulheres e negros postulantes

Política A10

Morto em travessia, brasileiro foi deixado por coite

Investigação da PF apontou que Ayrton Gonçalves, 21, morto em 2021 ao passar mal enquanto tentava cruzar do México para os EUA, foi abandonado por um "coite". Polícia indiciou responsáveis por migração ilegal. **Mundo A13**



DJ Pernalonga, no Rio de Janeiro, em imagem do fotolivro 'Rio Baile Funk' Vincent Rosenblatt/Divulgação

Ilustrada C1 Baile de favela

Livros discutem o transe, as mudanças e a repressão ao funk nas periferias do país

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Sobre início das campanhas de Lula e Bolsonaro.

Gasto e eficiência desafiam próximo governo na saúde

VIDA PÚBLICA

A pandemia, que criou enorme demanda reprimida por procedimentos, e a estagnação de verbas federais agravaram cenário na saúde, tema que mais preocupa brasileiros. **Política A12**

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O hospital A.C. Camargo, que irá parar de atender via SUS, recebeu terreno do governo de SP condicionado ao suporte ao sistema público. Lei de 2012 prevê rescisão se o contrato for descumprido. **Saúde B1**

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Acerca de manutenção dos semáforos da cidade de SP.

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El ex ministro del Interior fue sindicado por cohecho pasivo agravado por haber alquilado una camioneta de un presunto narco. El afectado dice que es por hablar de Cartes.

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Alegre confirmó dupla con Soledad

Concertación. Por tercera vez Efraín Alegre intentará llegar a la Presidencia de la República. Esta vez con Soledad Núñez, quien aspira a la Vicepresidencia.

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Au Mali, la France met fin à une mission impossible



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Poussée vers la sortie par l'hostilité de la junte et la concurrence de mercenaires russes, l'armée française tire un bilan frustrant de ses neuf années de guerre contre les djihadistes. **PAGES 2, 3 ET L'ÉDITORIAL**

Les touristes reviennent en masse à Paris

En dépit de l'absence des Chinois et des Russes, la capitale devrait accueillir 35 millions de visiteurs cette année. Cet afflux, spectaculaire depuis le début de l'été, fait les affaires des professionnels, qui ont nettement

augmenté leurs prix, particulièrement les hôtels et les restaurants. Les sites emblématiques, comme la tour Eiffel ou le Musée du Louvre, font le plein, malgré les propositions de nouveaux circuits touristiques. **PAGE 20**



L'été hyperactif de Gérald Darmanin

Feux de forêt, rodéos urbains, bras de fer avec le maire de Lyon sur fond d'insécurité, tentative d'expulsion de l'imam Hassan Louissouen, refus du droit de vote des étrangers... Le ministre de l'Intérieur est sur tous les fronts

pendant la pause estivale. L'occasion pour Gérald Darmanin de faire oublier le fiasco de la finale de la Ligue des champions au Stade de France et de séduire la droite avant les projets de loi sur la sécurité et l'immigration. **PAGE 6**

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Empreinte légère

La date du 15 août invite évidemment à la comparaison. Un an après le départ américain d'Afghanistan, la France, à son tour, se replie de son principal théâtre d'opérations contre la pieuvre djihadiste, dans le nord-est du Mali. Dans la manière, le contraste est net, clairement à l'avantage de l'armée française : un retrait ordonné, méthodique et digne, loin du chaos et de la débâcle donnés en spectacle par la première armée du monde l'an dernier à Kaboul. La France aura été irréprochable aux deux extrémités de son aventure sahélienne : lors de son intervention éclair, en janvier 2013, pour empêcher les colonnes islamistes de prendre Bamako, et lors de son départ sans fracas ce lundi.

Entre les deux, l'exercice du bilan sur le fond se révèle presque aussi cruel pour l'ancienne puissance coloniale jouant les sauveurs en Afrique que pour l'envahisseur américain en Irak et en Afghanistan. La France a marqué des points ponctuels, sécurisant temporairement diverses portions de l'immense Mali et éliminant des chefs aussitôt remplacés. Mais elle n'a pas empêché la prolifération des djihadistes, deux coups d'État depuis 2020 et l'arrivée du groupe de mercenaires russes Wagner, qui a

accélééré son éviction à coups de désinformation et de connivence commerciale avec une junte encouragée dans ses dérives.

Ainsi, nous avons perdu 59 soldats et dépensé 1 milliard d'euros par an pour finalement laisser derrière nous un trou noir, où les mêmes périls - terrorisme et immigration - nous menacent plus que jamais. Comme on ne peut

Terrorisme et immigration, les mêmes périls nous menacent

pas simplement détourner le regard - ni se résoudre à un déclassement stratégique sur un continent qui pèsera bientôt 2,5 milliards d'êtres humains -, on invoque une nouvelle méthode miracle : faire mieux avec moins, la présence résiduelle de 2 500 hommes « moins posés et moins exposés », dit Emmanuel Macron, entre le Niger, le Tchad et le Burkina Faso. Les Américains poursuivent leur lutte antiterroriste « au-delà de l'horizon » avec des drones tueurs à distance ; nous nous mettons « au service » et « en soutien » des « gouvernements légitimes » de la région. Si par extraordinaire cette empreinte légère se révèle plus efficace, on regrettera de ne pas y avoir pensé plus tôt. ■

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Truss condemns British workers for lack of 'graft'



Exclusive Leak reveals speech also condemned 'attitude' outside London

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Liz Truss launched an astonishing broadside against British workers, saying they needed "more graft" and suggesting they lacked the "skill and application" of foreign rivals, the Guardian can reveal.

In a leaked recording of Truss speaking when she was chief secretary to the Treasury, she also risked pitting Londoners against the rest of the country by attempting to explain the difference between the capital and other regions in the UK.

Truss, who has put patriotism at

the heart of her leadership campaign, suggested the disparity was "partly a mindset or attitude thing".

In the recording, Truss - who held the Treasury post until 2019 - intimated that there seemed little desire to change the working culture so that the UK could become more prosperous.

The highly disparaging remarks echo a controversial passage about British workers being among the "worst idlers in the world", from the book *Britannia Unchained*, which she co-authored in 2012 when she was a new backbench MP seeking to make her mark as a neo-Thatcherite.

In the first televised head-to-head Tory leadership debate last month, Truss claimed she had not written the offending chapter and blamed her fellow author, Dominic Raab.

She told the BBC presenter: "Each author wrote a different chapter.

▲ Liz Truss with supporters in Perth Concert Hall for Conservative party leadership hustings yesterday

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Dominic Raab wrote that chapter - he's backing Rishi Sunak." Raab later claimed that the authors - who also included Priti Patel and Kwasi Kwarteng - had taken "collective responsibility" for the book, adding:

'It's partly a mindset and attitude thing... If you go to China it's quite different, I can assure you'

Liz Truss
When at the Treasury

"It's up to Liz to explain why she's changed her view."

In the leaked recording, Truss claimed the book had been "mischaracterised" at the time of its release a decade ago, but gave no detail as to how she felt the passage had been misrepresented. At the latest Tory leadership hustings last night, Truss was questioned about the latest revelations and appeared to confirm that she still believed British workers were not as productive as they should be.

Asked by Colin Mackay, STV's political editor and chair of the hustings in Perth, whether she stood by those remarks, Truss said: "I don't know what you're quoting there is [but] what we need in this country is more productivity and we need more economic growth. The thing is we don't have enough of is capital investment, which why it's important to get more

Kyiv vows to sow 'chaos' in Russian supply lines

Dan Sabbagh and Luke Harding
Kyiv

Ukraine is engaged in a counter-offensive aimed at creating "chaos within Russian forces" by striking at the invaders' supply lines deep into occupied territories, according to a key adviser to the president, Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

Mykhailo Podolyak told the Guardian there could be more attacks in the "next two or three months" similar to yesterday's mysterious strikes on a railway junction and airbase in Crimea, as well as last week's hit on Russian war planes at the peninsula's Saky aerodrome.

Russia said a fire yesterday had set off explosions at a munitions depot in the Dzhankoi district of Crimea - an incident Podolyak called a "reminder" that "Crimea occupied by Russians is about warehouse explosions and high risk of death for invaders and thieves".

Ukraine has not claimed responsibility for the attacks. They have prompted Russian tourists to flee Crimea in panic. There were queues yesterday outside the railway station at the regional capital Simferopol. The defence



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