

What's News

Business & Finance

TikTok parent ByteDance has begun talks with music labels about expanding its music-streaming service globally to compete with industry leaders including Spotify, people familiar with the discussions said. **A1**

◆ **U.S. chip-equipment suppliers** are pulling out staff based at China's leading memory-chip maker and pausing business activities there as they grapple with the impact of Commerce Department semiconductor export curbs. **A1**

◆ **Fed officials expressed concern** at their meeting last month over the persistence of high inflation, underscoring their intention to continue raising interest rates in large steps, minutes show. **A2**

◆ **U.S. stocks ended lower**, with the S&P 500 losing 0.3% and the Dow and Nasdaq both slipping 0.1%. **B10**

◆ **Many U.K. pension funds** are rushing to raise cash to satisfy collateral calls triggered by rapid moves in government bonds, as the BOE plans to end its emergency bond buying on Friday. **B1, B9**

◆ **PepsiCo said** its organic sales rose 16% in the latest quarter, boosted by price increases for the company's snacks and drinks. **B1**

◆ **An activist investor** that has long targeted Kohl's is calling on the company to make changes to its board or face another proxy fight. **B1**

◆ **Lawyers for an ex-Theranos lab director** who testified against Holmes asked a judge to reject a subpoena from the Theranos founder as she seeks a new trial. **B1**

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◆ **Ukraine's emerging strategy** in the war with Russia is combining classic military operations with opportunism on the battlefield to exploit the incompetence of Russian forces, changing the course of the conflict. **A1, A11**

◆ **The Biden administration** released its national-security strategy, saying the U.S. is entering a "decisive decade" as it confronts its competition with China and a Russia attempting to upend the international order. **A8**

◆ **The U.S. government** reached a settlement deal with victims of a pedophile doctor who sexually assaulted Native American boys at federal hospitals in Montana and South Dakota, people familiar with the matter said. **A1**

◆ **A Connecticut jury** ordered conspiracy theorist Alex Jones to pay \$965 million in damages for repeatedly claiming on his Infowars platform that the Sandy Hook massacre was a hoax. **A3**

◆ **Venezuelan migrants** who cross the U.S.'s southern border illegally to seek asylum will be expelled back to Mexico using a pandemic-era policy known as Title 42. **A2**

◆ **U.S. health regulators** expanded eligibility for the new Covid-19 booster shots to children as young as 5 years, broadening access to help bolster protection against Omicron strains. **A7**

◆ **Los Angeles City Councilwoman Nury Martinez** resigned Wednesday following outrage over racist remarks she made on a leaked audio recording. **A7**

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Strike by Refinery Workers in France Deepens Energy Woes



ON HAND: Trade unionists and employees voted on the renewal of a strike for higher wages as they gathered in front of an Exxon Mobil site in northwestern France early Wednesday. The strike has choked fuel supplies across the country. **A12**

Facing Curbs, U.S. Suppliers Leave Chinese Chip Maker

BEIJING—U.S. chip-equipment suppliers are pulling out staff based at China's leading memory-chip maker and pausing business activities there,

By Yoko Kubota,
Raffaele Huang
and Asa Fitch

according to people familiar with the matter, as they grapple with the impact of Commerce Department semiconductor-export restrictions.

State-owned Yangtze Memory Technologies Co. is facing a freeze in support from key

suppliers including KLA Corp. and Lam Research Corp., the people said. The suspensions follow last week's sweeping curbs imposed by the U.S. on China's chip sector, ostensibly to prevent American technology from advancing China's military power, though the impact might reach further into the industry.

The U.S. suppliers have paused support of already installed equipment at YMTCC in recent days and temporarily halted installation of new tools, the people said. The suppliers are also temporarily

pulling out their staff based at YMTCC, the people said.

Chip-making equipment vendor Applied Materials Inc. on Wednesday slashed its sales projection for the current quarter by about \$400 million, citing the restrictions. The company, one of the largest producers of chip equipment in the world, counts China's leading chip makers among its many customers. It generated more than 27% of its sales from China in the second quarter, or nearly \$1.8 billion. A large portion of those sales go to multinational firms

that operate in China and are expected to be exempt from controls targeting Chinese chip-makers.

Applied said it was pursuing export licenses and authorizations, but it added that it expected a similar impact to sales in the first quarter of next year.

U.S. chip-equipment manufacturers have dozens of employees stationed at YMTCC's factory. They play a crucial

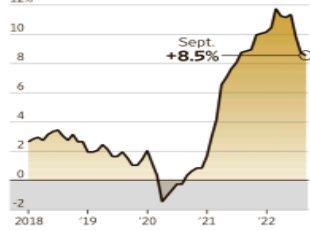
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Producer Prices Feel Pressure

The producer-price index in September rose after dropping in the prior two months, with food and home-heating costs driving the gains in what suppliers charge customers. An 8.5% annual rise last month was down from August's 8.7% increase. **A2**

Producer-price index, change from a year earlier



* Measures the prices that suppliers are charging businesses and other customers.
Source: Labor Department

Ukrainian Strategy Is Running Circles Around Russian Forces

Nimble battlefield decision-making exploits Russia's military failings

Eight months into Ukraine's war with Russia, its emerging strategy is combining classic military operations with opportunism on the battlefield to exploit the incompetence

By Stephen Fidler, James Marson
and Thomas Grove

of Russian forces—and is changing the course of the battle.

Ukraine's command structure encourages junior officers to make in-the-moment battlefield decisions, an authority that they have used to seize opportunities and quickly

take advantage of enemy weaknesses.

Russians, by contrast, have been slowed by a Soviet-era decision-making structure, in which orders trickle down the chain of command from Moscow, and troops at the front lines take little initiative.

In weeks, Ukraine has cleared Russian forces from thousands of square miles in the Kharkiv region of the country's northeast. Its forces are now advancing south toward the occupied city of Kherson, a regional capital.

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Retirees to Arizona State: Shhh

Seniors living on campus want less loud music

By James FANELLI

TEMPE, Ariz.—Arizona State University officials have bragged about hosting "the world's coolest dorm."

That is debatable. But there's little argument ASU has the most expensive. Housing at Mirabella requires one-time fees that go from \$440,000 to more than \$1 million. Residents pay another \$4,000 to \$8,000 a month, which includes classes and meals.

Mirabella also is restricted to seniors. Residents must be 62 or older. It is one of the country's few senior-living facilities set on a college campus.

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Tribal Victims Settle Hospital Abuse Suits

By CHRISTOPHER WEAVER
AND DAN FROSCHE

The U.S. government reached a deal with victims of a pedophile doctor who sexually assaulted Native American boys for decades at federal hospitals in Montana and South Dakota, people familiar with the matter said.

Under the terms of the deal, the government would pay between \$1.5 million and \$2 million to each of eight victims to settle claims that federal officials ignored or tolerated the abuse, some of the people said. In total, the government would pay the victims about \$14.5 million, one of the people said.

The IHS's mishandling of the doctor's abuse was the subject of Wall Street Journal reporting and was highlighted in a documentary made by the Journal and the PBS series Frontline in 2019.

Lawyers for the victims and

the Justice Department officials reached the deal following a meeting with mediators in Rapid City, S.D., in late September. The agreement isn't yet finalized, some of the people said. Because of the amounts involved, the deal must be approved by a senior Justice Department official, according to the agency's rules.

Lawyers for the victims and Justice Department officials declined to comment.

The abusive doctor, Stanley Patrick Weber, arrived in 1986 at the U.S. Indian Health Service, a federal agency that provides health services to Native Americans primarily in the West, government records show. His supervisors at the Browning, Mont., IHS hospital suspected him of misconduct as early as the mid-1990s. Instead of firing him, the IHS transferred him to a hospital in Pine Ridge, S.D., where he

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The industry leader in artificial intelligence software.

| RANK | COMPANY | 2021 AI REVENUE |
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| No. 1 | Palantir | \$1,392M |
| No. 2 | Microsoft | \$1,252M |
| No. 3 | IBM | \$776M |
| No. 4 | AWS | \$688M |
| No. 5 | Google | \$536M |

Source: IDC, Worldwide Artificial Intelligence Platforms Software Market Shares, 2021; AI Is Being Used In More Unique Ways Than Ever (2022)

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Nato scrambles to meet Ukraine's demand for missile defence systems

◆ US says 'will' is not lacking ◆ 50 nations at alliance meeting ◆ Call to source arms from stockpiles

HENRY FOY AND FELICIA SCHWARTZ — BRUSSELS

Nato allies are struggling to secure sufficient air defence systems to meet Ukrainian demands for additional support, western officials have admitted, as Kyiv requests greater protection from Russian missile attacks.

Ukraine has identified the procurement of air defence systems from the west as its top priority in the wake of Monday's mass barrage of its big cities.

Germany this week shipped the first of four air defence systems to Ukraine, while US president Joe Biden pledged to provide "advanced" air defence following talks with Ukrainian president Volodymyr Zelenskyy this week.

Officials from almost 50 countries met in Brussels yesterday to co-ordinate how to keep meeting Kyiv's need to protect its citizens and troops from attacks. Attendee governments have pledged to provide Ukraine with close to \$40bn in weapons and defence funding since February, when Russian president Vladimir Putin launched his full invasion of Ukraine. Zelenskyy this week urged G7 leaders to speed up supplies and help create an "air shield" for Ukraine.

"It's certainly not a question of lack of will," US defence secretary Lloyd Austin said, when asked at a press conference why allies were not sending air defence systems faster. "Countries will do whatever they can, if they can to generate additional capabilities."

He pointed to US and German pledges to send air defence technology and said some countries had volunteered to send ammunition for the US system.

General Mark Milley, chairman of the US joint chiefs of staff, said the US was asking allies to commit to providing systems from their stockpiles, including older air defence technology.

He called on the countries represented at the conference to "chip in, and help [Ukraine to] rebuild and sustain an integrated air and missile defence system, specifically older systems".

Sourcing older air defence systems is one of the biggest challenges for western nations. The US and allies are working



to locate systems that could be moved, two senior western officials said, in the face of production shortages in the west and stretched inventories. "Countries have already provided some, but there is a shortage of production capacity," said one of the officials. The person added that some Nato mem-

bers were facing years of delays for their own air defence platforms.

Nato countries including Poland and the UK have provided air defence systems to Ukraine since February, from handheld missile launchers to more complex truck-mounted systems. This has created a patchwork network of protection alongside Ukraine's own post-Soviet systems such as the S-300.

The US has promised to deliver two platforms of its advanced National Advanced Surface-to-Air Missile System (Nasams) in the next two months, as well as six more that will arrive over the longer term, officials have said. While Ukraine's existing systems were able to shoot down 41 of the more

than 80 missiles Russia fired at its cities on Monday, officials and analysts have said that there are not enough to protect civilian centres and troops on the front line from Russian attacks.

Nato secretary-general Jens Stoltenberg said yesterday: "Allies have provided air defence, but we need even more. We need different types of air defence... different systems for different tasks."

He added: "Ukraine is a big country [with] many cities. So we need to scale up to be able to help Ukraine defend even more cities and more territory against horrific Russian attacks against their civilian populations."

Putin gas pipeline hint page 2

Mikoyan MIG 29 jets from the Polish Air Force take part in a Nato exercise over Lask, Poland yesterday
Omar Marques/Getty Images



Putin's 'General Armageddon' Page 2

'He's a tough guy who knows how to run a war. He's a real beast, not some dumb, vodka-drinking guy or a pseudo-intellectual. He's a real fighter'

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Workers lose out
Total income from labour (as a % of GDP)



Labour's share of gross domestic product indicates the proportion of output that is paid as wages to employees compared with that paid to capital in the production process. The decline in developed economies has been most pronounced



Rise of the virtual idols as Beijing rejects celebrities

Companies operating in China have turned to computer-generated avatars to promote their products as Beijing cracks down on human celebrities it sees as too politically outspoken or having questionable morals. Danish jeweller Pandora and Italian luxury house Bulgari have joined the trend. They 'don't age, the IP lasts forever. They don't get sick, or tired' says one analyst. They 'do not have the risk of scandalous personal behaviour'.
Virtual influencers ► PAGE 10

Human tissue implanted in rat brains boosts research into psychiatric illness

CLIVE COOKSON — LONDON

Scientists researching ways to treat psychiatric diseases have successfully implanted human brain tissue into newborn rats, where it grew neural connections that stimulated the rodents' awareness of the outside world.

The experiments at Stanford University are the most successful attempts yet to get human neurons to thrive and function inside the brains of animals, after more than two decades of research.

In one test, the human cells in the rat brains became electrically active in synchrony with puffs of air blown at their whiskers. In another, pulses of blue light were directed towards the human neurons in the hybrid brain to train the rats to associate with the availability of drinking water. After two weeks, light directed into the human neurons sent

the rodents straight to the water spout, showing that the implanted cells were engaging with the reward-seeking circuits of the rat brains and influencing their behaviour in a specific way.

"Our mission is trying to understand psychiatric diseases at the biological level so we can find effective therapies," said Sergiu Pasca, project leader and Stanford's professor of psychiatry and behavioural sciences.

Madeline Lancaster, group leader at the MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology in Cambridge who was not involved in the research, called it an "exciting" system for modelling brain disorders and neural development.

The work builds on more than a decade of research into human brain organoids, sometimes called "mini-brains" though neuroscientists dislike the term. These three-dimensional cerebral

structures are produced from stem cells derived from skin, which are treated with a biochemical cocktail. The organoid assembles into a structure with many of the features of a real brain. But the absence of a blood supply or sensory input in a lab dish stops them developing beyond a certain point. This led the Stanford team to implant them into rats. Cells from the rat brain then migrated into the human tissue, forming blood vessels. The organoids formed connections with structures in the host brain including the thalamus that relays sensory information to the cortex.

Although human neurons filled about 30 per cent of one brain hemisphere, they produced neither improvement nor deterioration in the rodents' memory and cognitive functioning.

The research was published yesterday in *Nature* magazine.

World Markets

| STOCK MARKETS | | | | CURRENCIES | | | | GOVERNMENT BONDS | | | |
|------------------|----------|----------|-------|------------|---------|---------|------|------------------|--------|------|-------|
| | Oct 12 | Prev | %Chg | Pair | Oct 12 | Prev | %Chg | Yield (%) | Oct 12 | Prev | %Chg |
| S&P 500 | 3602.95 | 3568.84 | 0.39 | \$/£ | 0.870 | 0.871 | 0/5 | US 2 yr | 4.30 | 4.27 | 0.03 |
| Nasdaq Composite | 10471.30 | 10425.19 | 0.43 | \$/€ | 1.107 | 1.108 | 0/5 | US 10 yr | 3.92 | 3.90 | 0.02 |
| Dow Jones Ind | 29401.25 | 29238.19 | 0.55 | \$/¥ | 0.016 | 0.016 | 0/5 | US 30 yr | 3.89 | 3.86 | 0.01 |
| FTSE 100 | 1531.73 | 1528.75 | -0.46 | €/¥ | 148.855 | 148.735 | 0/5 | UK 2 yr | 3.93 | 4.20 | -0.27 |
| Euro Stoxx 50 | 3337.08 | 3340.35 | -0.10 | \$/₹ | 162.568 | 161.562 | 0/5 | UK 10 yr | 4.41 | 4.43 | -0.02 |
| FTSE 200 | 6626.15 | 6685.23 | -0.89 | \$/₹ | 0.969 | 0.968 | 0/5 | UK 30 yr | 4.80 | 4.78 | 0.02 |
| FTSE All-Share | 3712.50 | 3748.50 | -0.99 | €/₹ | 1.141 | 1.142 | 0/5 | JPN 2 yr | 0.08 | 0.06 | 0.02 |
| CAC 40 | 5818.47 | 5823.20 | -0.75 | €/₹ | 1.141 | 1.142 | 0/5 | JPN 10 yr | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.00 |
| Xetra Dax | 12172.28 | 12220.25 | -0.39 | €/₹ | 1.141 | 1.142 | 0/5 | JPN 30 yr | 1.48 | 1.44 | 0.04 |
| Nikkei | 26396.83 | 26401.25 | -0.02 | €/₹ | 1.141 | 1.142 | 0/5 | GER 2 yr | 1.81 | 1.82 | -0.02 |
| Hang Seng | 16701.03 | 16652.39 | -0.29 | €/₹ | 1.141 | 1.142 | 0/5 | GER 10 yr | 2.31 | 2.29 | 0.02 |
| MSCI World \$ | 2718.29 | 2756.61 | -0.81 | €/₹ | 1.141 | 1.142 | 0/5 | GER 30 yr | 2.34 | 2.29 | 0.06 |
| MSCI EM \$ | 664.66 | 684.81 | -2.28 | €/₹ | 1.141 | 1.142 | 0/5 | | | | |
| MSCI ACWI \$ | 562.10 | 567.51 | -0.97 | €/₹ | 1.141 | 1.142 | 0/5 | | | | |
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West Speeding Aid to Ukraine For Air Defense

Current Shield Works,
but Has Some Holes

This article is by Michael Schwartz, Lara Jakes and Eric Schmitt.

KYIV, Ukraine — In just two days this week, Russian forces fired more than 100 cruise missiles and dozens of exploding drones at cities across Ukraine, many more than the nation's aging air defenses were ever expected to encounter. And yet fewer, Ukrainian officials say.

Ukraine's success in knocking down those projectiles, and the death and destruction caused wherever missiles slipped through, have reinvigorated calls by officials in Kyiv for Western countries to provide more sophisticated defensive weapons systems. At a meeting at NATO headquarters in Brussels on Wednesday, the United States and other allies readily agreed, pledging to rapidly provide the weaponry.

Germany began delivery of four units of a missile defense system so advanced even its own forces have yet to use it. The Netherlands promised millions of dollars in air-defense missiles, and President Emmanuel Macron of France said his country would send "radars, systems and anti-air missiles."

And a day after the Biden administration said it was working to speed up delivery of two advanced missile systems, Defense Secretary Lloyd J. Austin III said, "The systems will be provided as



A German IRIS-T air defense system. Ukraine is getting four.

fast as we can physically get them there."

But for all the gaps made clear by the bombardment, which killed at least 19 people and scarred some two dozen Ukrainian cities, Ukrainian patchwork air defenses have proved to be one of the great successes of the war, and among the most unexpected. And Ukraine's response to the attacks underscored how far the air defense units have come since President Vladimir V. Putin ordered his forces to invade on Feb. 24.

On Monday, the first day of the bombardment, the country's air defenses took out more than half

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A grave prepared for a military funeral in Bucha on Wednesday. Ukrainian forces remain on the offensive against Russian troops.

In Long View, Biden Strategy Aims at China

By DAVID E. SANGER

President Biden declared on Wednesday that the overwhelming challenge for the United States in the coming years would be "out-competing China and restraining Russia" while focusing on restoring a damaged democracy at home.

In his 48-page national security strategy, which every new administration is required to issue, Mr. Biden made clear that over the long term he was more worried about China's moves to "layer authoritarian governance with a revisionist foreign policy" than he was about a declining, battered Russia. More than six months after the invasion of Ukraine, the Russian military appears less fearsome than it did when the first drafts of the document circulated in the White House in December.

"Russia and the P.R.C. pose different challenges," Mr. Biden wrote, using the abbreviation for the People's Republic of China. "Russia poses an immediate threat to the free and open international system, recklessly flouting the basic laws of the international order today, as its brutal war of aggression against Ukraine has shown."

China "is the only country with both the intent to reshape the international order and, increasingly, the economic, diplomatic,

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The Hidden Hand Guiding Conservative Causes

By KENNETH P. VOGEL

Millions of dollars in television advertisements blasting schools for teaching critical race theory and assailing corporations like BlackRock, Uber and American Airlines for catering to "woke politicians."

A lawsuit pending before the Supreme Court to radically reshape how federal elections are conducted. Complaints against President Biden for violating election law and against school districts that allow information to be withheld from parents about children's gender identities.

These initiatives were advanced in the past year or so by a handful of new or reconfigured

Millions Flow Through Network Assembled by Veteran Activist

conservative groups — each with their own leadership and mission. Behind the scenes, though, these groups have something in common: They are part of an ambitious coalition developed in recent years by the conservative activist Leonard A. Leo, who until now has been best known for his role in pushing the appointments of conservative judges to the center of the Republican Party's agenda.

Most of the initiatives were financially supported, or in some cases launched, by an opaque, sprawling network shaped by Mr. Leo and funded by wealthy patrons, usually through anonymous donations that critics call "dark money."

An investigation by The New York Times of Mr. Leo's activities reveals new details of how he has built that network, with relatively little public attention, into one of the best-funded and most sophisticated operations in American politics, giving him extraordinary influence as he pushes a broad array of hot-button conservative causes and seeks to counter what he sees as an increasing leftward

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A Daring Addiction Strategy

Rhode Island aims to prevent overdoses with supervised drug consumption sites. Cristina Ramsey, left, who died after a long battle with drugs, felt such programs might have helped her. Page A12.

New York Finds Hasidic School Fails to Offer a Basic Education

By ELIZA SHAPIRO
and BRIAN M. ROSENTHAL

New York State officials have determined that a private Hasidic Jewish boys' school in Brooklyn is violating the law by failing to provide a basic education, a ruling that could signal profound challenges for scores of Hasidic religious schools that have long re-

sisted government oversight.

The ruling marks the first time that the state has taken action against such a school, one of scores of private Hasidic yeshivas across New York that provide robust religious instruction in Yiddish but few lessons in English and math and virtually none in science, history or social studies.

It also served as a stern rebuke of the administration of Mayor

Signals Challenges for Scores of Others

Eric Adams, whose Education Department this summer reported to the state that, in its judgment, the yeshiva was complying with a law requiring private schools to offer

SANDY HOOK LIES WILL COST JONES ABOUT \$1 BILLION

VICTORY FOR FAMILIES

Decision Strikes Blow to
Culture of Conspiracy
Theories in U.S.

By ELIZABETH WILLIAMSON

WATERBURY, Conn. — The families of eight Sandy Hook shooting victims on Wednesday won nearly \$1 billion in damages from the Infowars fabulist Alex Jones, a devastating blow against his empire and a message from the jury that his lies and those of his followers have crippling consequences.

Mr. Jones, who for years said the 2012 Sandy Hook shooting that killed 20 first graders and six educators in Newtown, Conn., was a government hoax, now faces financial ruin. But it is unclear how much money the families will ultimately collect.

The families and their lawyers sat in stunned silence as the court clerk read one by one the sums awarded to each of 15 plaintiffs in the case. After court was adjourned, they hugged one another quietly, weeping.

The largest award went to Robbie Parker, who received \$120 million. For years on his Infowars show and website, Mr. Jones singled out Mr. Parker, whose daughter Emilie died at Sandy Hook, as an actor whose televised tribute to Emilie a day after her death was "disgusting."

Mr. Parker, who has endured online abuse, harassment and death threats since, formed the centerpiece of the Connecticut case. "Every day in that courtroom, we got up on the stand and we told the truth," he said. "Telling the truth shouldn't be so hard, and it shouldn't be so scary."

Mr. Parker added, in a nod to Mr. Jones's followers, "For anybody that still chooses to listen to that man, just ask yourself, what has he ever given you?"

In all likelihood Mr. Jones does not have the money to pay Wednesday's award. In August a forensic economist estimated that Mr. Jones's empire was worth a maximum of \$270 million, but that same month Mr. Jones put his parent company, Free Speech Systems, into bankruptcy. Mr. Jones claimed that a debt of \$54 million — owed to a company he controls — had made him insolvent.

But Mr. Jones's annual revenues have topped \$50 million in recent years from hawking diet supplements, survivalist gear and gun paraphernalia on his broadcasts. He has also used the Connecticut trial as well as a trial this past summer in Texas — in which he was ordered to pay two Sandy Hook parents about \$50 million — to solicit donations to his legal fund and boost his product sales.

The Sandy Hook families have challenged the bankruptcy in court, saying the filing is an effort to avoid paying what are mounting damages awards.

Mr. Jones, unrepentant, livestreamed the jury's verdict on Wednesday on his Infowars show. "They covered up what really happened, and now I'm the devil,"

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Reluctance to Fire Employees Could Help Stabilize Economy

By JEANNA SMIALEK and SYDNEY EMBER

PROVO, Utah — Chad Pritchard and his colleagues are trying everything to staff their pizza shop and bistro, and as they do, they have turned to a new tactic: They avoid firing employees at all costs.

Infractions that previously would have led to a quick dismissal no longer do at the chef's two places, Fat Daddy's Pizzeria and Bistro Provenance. Consistent transportation issues have ceased to be a deal breaker. Workers who show up drunk these days are sent home to sober up.

Employers in Provo, a college

town at the base of the Rocky Mountains where unemployment is near the lowest in the nation at 1.9 percent, have no room to lose workers. Bistro Provenance, which opened in September, has been unable to hire enough employees to open for lunch at all, or for dinner on Sundays and Mondays. The workers it has are often new to the industry, or young: On a recent Wednesday night, a 17-year-old could be found torching a crème brûlée.

Down the street, Mr. Pritchard's pizza shop is now relying on an

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Explaining a Wildlife Drop

A study found a 69 percent fall in global wildlife from 1970 to 2019, but it may not mean exactly what you think. Page A10

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A new program will provide a narrow legal pathway to the United States for up to 24,000 Venezuelans. Page A6

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More Access to New Boosters

Federal regulators authorized the shots for children as young as 5 to bolster protection against the now-dominant version of the coronavirus. Page A15

Staff Failed Trainee, Navy Says

Kyle Mullen's fellow SEAL candidates tried to get help for him as his health declined but were repeatedly rebuffed, a report on his death found. Page A19

Avoiding Talk of Abortion

G.O.P. candidates have been changing their positions, erasing references from their websites and trying to focus on other topics on the trail. Page A16



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A Fake Heiress in a Walk-Up

Released from jail, Anna Sorokin talks about her first night of house arrest in her new Manhattan apartment. Page D1

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There are no signs that Beijing plans to rethink a cornerstone of its "zero Covid" policy even as the bills pile up and infections keep spreading. Page B1

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With a new division for nonbinary runners, the Chicago Marathon gave one athlete a reason to come home. Sports of The Times. Page B9

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Connecting All That Jazz

The dancer LaTasha Barnes invites the audience into a social dance and music space in a joyous program that dissolves imposed boundaries. Page C5



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Martinez resigns from L.A. City Council

California attorney general to probe L.A. redistricting

By DAKOTA SMITH, BENJAMIN ORESKES, HANNAH WILEY AND DAVID ZAHNISER

California Atty. Gen. Rob Bonta said Wednesday that his office would investigate the Los Angeles redistricting process that took place last fall, saying an inquiry is needed to "restore confidence" in the line-drawing of the city's 15 council districts.

His announcement came days after The Times published a recording in which then-City Council President Nury Martinez is heard making racist remarks while talking with fellow Councilmembers Kevin de León and Gil Cedillo and labor leader Ron Herrera about how the city's council district boundaries should be redrawn.

This conversation focused on how the group could maintain Latino political power while also ensuring they and their colleagues would have districts that help them win reelection.

"We'll be conducting our investigation, and when it's full and thorough and comprehensive and complete, we'll have something to share about what liability there might be, either civil or criminal," said Bonta, a former member of the state Assembly who was appointed attorney general last year.

Bonta said his office had reviewed information — which he didn't detail — and the law "to determine whether we feel we have a good-faith basis to launch an investigation."

"And after conducting that process and completing that process — it was not complete yesterday, but it's now complete — we believe we have a basis ... for an investigation," Bonta said.

Calls for resignations and government structural reforms reverberated across L.A. after the leaked audio surfaced.

A group of 30 civic leaders [See Bonta, A14]



GENARO LEAL joins others in calling for the resignation of Councilmember Nury Martinez at Los Angeles City Hall on Wednesday. Martinez did resign and said she would "take the time to look inwards and reflect."

She bows to mounting pressure over racist comments

By DAVID ZAHNISER, JULIA WICK, DAKOTA SMITH AND BENJAMIN ORESKES

Nury Martinez resigned her seat on the Los Angeles City Council on Wednesday, in yet another sign of the enormous fallout that has followed leaked audio of a racist and crude conversation involving Latino political leaders.

"It is with a broken heart that I resign my seat for Council District 6, the community I grew up in and my home," Martinez wrote in a lengthy resignation message.

Martinez, who represents such San Fernando Valley communities as Van Nuys, Arleta and Sun Valley, told her constituents that it had been a privilege serving them. "I hope you stay engaged and continue to fight for your fair share of the city's resources," she said. "It's hard to say goodbye, but please know that I was in this fight for you."

She also addressed her colleagues, city workers and other groups. "And last, to all little Latina girls across this city — I hope I've inspired you to dream beyond that which you can see," Martinez said.

In closing, she said: "While I take the time to look inwards and reflect, I ask that you give me space and privacy."

The announcement came days after The Times published a recording in which Martinez is heard making racist remarks while talking with fellow Councilmembers Kevin de León and Gil Cedillo and labor leader Ron Herrera about how the city's council district boundaries should be redrawn.

The October 2021 conversation focused on how the group could maintain Latino political power while ensuring they and their colleagues [See Martinez, A8]

The mystery behind the racist tape: Who leaked it — and why?

By HARRIET RYAN, TERRY CASTLEMAN, SUMMER LIN AND MATT PEARCE

Three Los Angeles City Council members went to a squat office building near MacArthur Park last October to seek advice from an influential labor leader about solidifying their grip on power.

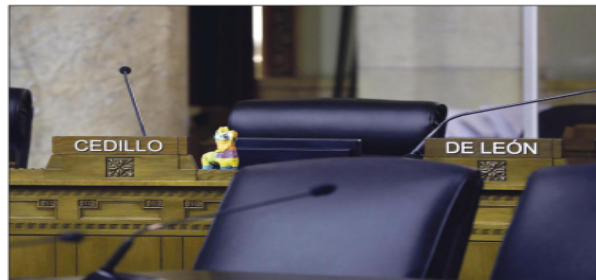
The strategy session was supposed to be a discreet backroom conversation, but as it got underway in a private room at the headquarters of the L.A. County Federation of Labor, someone was recording it. Over the next hour, a device captured the Democratic politicians and the labor leader, all Latino, speaking contemptuously about those they regarded as rivals or impediments. The recordings included racist, bigoted and crude remarks about Black, Jewish, [See Leak mystery, A8]

What comes next for council?

A caretaker will be designated, then there will be at least one special election. CALIFORNIA, B1

Reinventing the city

L.A. needs a new generation of Latino leaders, columnist Jean Guerrero writes. OP-ED, A13



ONE THEORY is that the tape was leaked by political enemies of Councilmembers Nury Martinez, Kevin de León and Gil Cedillo.



STEVEN GALLEGOS, student body president at East L.A. College, is taking courses only online.

The new virtual reality in higher ed

Huge online demand, a legacy of pandemic, is reshaping California community colleges.

By DEBBIE TRUONG

Steven Gallegos keeps a demanding schedule. As student body president at East Los Angeles College, he pitches ideas for improving mental health services and distributes groceries to students in need. That's on top of maintaining high grades in hopes of transferring to UCLA.

Yet for all his involvement, Gallegos, 46, has not set foot in a classroom this semester. Instead he takes all his courses online, steal-

ing time to complete exams and participate in class discussions between student government duties and serving as the main caregiver for his aging mother.

"Pretty much wherever I have time, that's where I do my work," he said.

Gallegos is among the thousands of California community college students who have changed the way they are pursuing higher education by opting for online classes in eye-popping numbers. The demand for virtual classes represents a dramatic shift in how instruction is delivered in one of the nation's largest systems of public higher education and stands as an unexpected legacy of the pandemic.

Although students were [See Colleges, A11]

It's good to be an American in U.K. now

With pound's decline, those with dollars are getting more bang for their buck in Britain.

By JAWEED KALEEM

LONDON — When Julian Asher moved from New York to London 16 years ago to work as a management consultant, his six-figure salary

stopped going so far. The British pound, worth twice as much as the dollar, was at a historic high.

It was "close to \$25 for a quick lunch" at his local sandwich shop, Asher said. "I was mentally doubling every cost in my head."

So as the pound came tumbling down in recent weeks, Asher kept a close eye on exchange rates — and eventually transferred \$20,000 from his U.S. savings

account to his U.K. bank at a near-equal exchange rate to fund an extensive kitchen renovation he had long put off.

The pound, long one of the world's strongest currencies, a source of pride for Brits and one of distress for tourists and newly arrived immigrants, is today a shell of its former self. Since hitting an all-time low last month of 1 pound to \$1.03, it's made little recovery and

hovers around \$1.10, one of its lowest values in decades.

As the Guardian newspaper recently put it, the British "jewel has lost its shine."

The tarnishing started in earnest six years ago when Britain voted to leave the European Union. Its currency has steadily declined as markets question the economic wisdom of the decision, which has made [See Britain, A4]



CLAYTON KERSHAW jumps in reaction to a double he yielded to the Padres' Manny Machado in the third inning. He also gave up a home run to Machado.

Dodgers fall short in Game 2

The Padres win 5-3 to even up the series, which now moves to San Diego. SPORTS, D1

Air defense aid for Ukrainians

The West pledges more systems, while nuclear plant has a "blackout." WORLD, A3

Pricey verdict for Alex Jones

Jury orders radio host to pay nearly \$1 billion for lies about Sandy Hook. NATION, A6

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Democracy Dies in Darkness

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New rules by Russia limit travel in Ukraine

Moscow seeks to solidify its illegal annexations with border measures

BY LOUISA LOVELUCK,
EMILY RAUHALA
AND ROBYN DIXON

ZAPORIZHZHIA, UKRAINE — While raining missiles down on Ukrainian land it has failed to capture on the battlefield, Russia is seeking to solidify its illegal annexation of four regions by imposing new border controls and limiting travel outside of occupied territories.

The new measures demonstrate the Kremlin's intent to absorb the four regions despite global censure, including demands by leaders of the Group of Seven industrialized powers that Russia "completely and unconditionally withdraw" its troops.

Ukrainian civilians who fled Russian-held territory in recent days said in interviews on Wednesday that they were required to provide extensive documentation to leave, including birth certificates, expected return dates and even the serial numbers of their cellphones.

In Zaporizhzhia, a region that Russia now claims as its own but only partially controls, the new measures have slowed the exodus to a trickle in recent days. People hoping to reach Ukrainian-controlled Ukraine ON A14

Brushed aside: Baltic nations have long sounded alarm on Russia. A13

Amid scandal, Montgomery planning board resigns

BY DANIEL WU
AND KATHERINE SHAVER

All five members of the Montgomery County Planning Board resigned Wednesday at the insistence of the county council after weeks of escalating misconduct accusations, media leaks and worsening staff morale.

The council, which appoints the board, voted unanimously in a closed session Tuesday to ask the entire board to resign, according to two people familiar with the vote, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly. Those who didn't resign would have faced a public hearing seeking their removal, the people said.

The upheaval at the planning agency shocked even longtime political observers in a county accustomed to intense development spats. It follows a trail of scandals and leaks that has dogged one of Montgomery's most influential institutions since mid-September.

They included an internal investigation that found the board

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Sheep in front of a Gaseco gas processing plant in Stavanger, Norway, on Sept. 28. The major Norwegian pipeline operator delivers gas to Europe, which has grown increasingly dependent on Norway for its oil and gas supply amid the war in Ukraine.

With natural gas scarce and pipelines in peril, Europe has rarely needed Norway more. Or resented it as much.

More than seven months into the war in Ukraine, the Scandinavian country is increasingly central to Europe's energy security. Norway, not Russia, is now the European Union's leading natural gas supplier. The explosions that damaged Russia's Nord Stream pipelines didn't lead to a supply crisis because the E.U. had cut its reliance on Russian gas and was celebrating a new pipeline from Norway to Poland the same week.

Countries are counting on Norwegian fuel to get them through the winter months — and to help fill their stocks for

Norway plays hero and villain in energy crisis

Now the E.U.'s leading natural gas supplier, the Scandinavian nation faces accusations of war profiteering over its gas and oil revenue

BY EMILY RAUHALA
IN STAVANGER, NORWAY

years ahead.

But even as Oslo ups exports to Europe, the do-gooding home of the Nobel Peace Prize faces pointed criticism from the continent, including charges that its windfall oil and gas revenue amounts to war profiteering.

There is no question that the fallout from the war is making Norway richer. The state is a major player in the oil and gas industry. All told, Oslo expects to bring in about \$109 billion from the petroleum sector this year — \$82 billion more than in 2021. Much of that will go to the country's sovereign wealth fund, a national nest egg worth more than \$1 trillion.

Critics call the energy income obscene. Poland's prime minister SEE NORWAY ON A15

ELECTION 2022

In blue Maryland, MAGA embrace puts GOP on the ropes

BY PETER JAMISON

FREDERICK, MD. — Perhaps it was the aroma of smoked turkey legs and warm cinnamon rolls, or the pleasant coolness that stole across the fairgrounds as the sun began to set behind the Magic Maze. Whatever the reason, Lisa Nieves was in a fine enough mood on a September evening to make a friendly overture to a man she considers her enemy.

"You want to come to the Republican side?" she called out cheerfully to Richard Kaplowitz, a 70-year-old Democratic activist, clad in blue, who strode by the Republican party's headquarters at the Great Frederick Fair.

"Only when I'm crazy," Kaplowitz replied without stopping.

Nieves' face darkened. The Republicans of Frederick County do not like it when people call them nuts. And it has not escaped their attention that people aren't hesitant these days to

SEE MARYLAND ON A6

Debate: Gloves come off quickly in lone Md. gubernatorial faceoff. B1



RECKY CAROTY FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

GOP volunteers April Montgomery, right, and Stephanie Dellamura last month at a fair in Frederick, Md., where they found few receptive ears. A poll has the GOP gubernatorial nominee down 32 points.

Worker: Trump had files moved

TELLS FBI OF ORDER AT MAR-A-LAGO

Security video is also part of key evidence

BY DEVLIN BARRETT
AND JOSH DAWSEY

A Trump employee has told federal agents about moving boxes of documents at Mar-a-Lago at the specific direction of the former president, according to people familiar with the investigation, who say the witness account — combined with security-camera footage — offers key evidence of Donald Trump's behavior as investigators sought the return of classified material.

The witness description and footage described to The Washington Post offer the most direct account to date of Trump's actions and instructions leading up to the FBI's Aug. 8 search of the Florida residence and private club, in which agents were looking for evidence of potential crimes including obstruction, destruction of government records or mishandling classified information.

The people familiar with the investigation said agents have gathered witness accounts indicating that, after Trump advisers SEE TRUMP ON A9

Jan. 6 panel: Trump was repeatedly alerted to the brewing violence. A3

Sandy Hook families win \$965M from Alex Jones

BY JOANNA SLATER

A Connecticut jury ordered Infowars founder Alex Jones to pay \$965 million in damages to the families of eight victims of the Sandy Hook shooting for the suffering caused by years of lies that the massacre was a hoax.

Wednesday's verdict marks the largest award to date in a multi-pronged legal battle by the families to hold Jones responsible for circulating falsehoods about the 2012 mass shooting, in which 20 children and six educators were killed in an elementary school in Newtown, Conn.

Within hours of the shooting, Jones was telling his audience that it was staged as a pretext for confiscating guns. Within days, he began to suggest that grieving parents were actors. In the years that followed, he repeatedly said the massacre was faked.

The families testified during the trial that the lies spread by Jones led to harassment and threats by conspiracy theorists who have accused them of faking their own children's deaths. They SEE VERDICT ON A4

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A majority of Maryland voters in a Post-UMD poll said it is inappropriate for teachers through fifth grade to discuss the acceptance of LGBTQ people. B1

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STYLE MacArthur names 'genius' fellows Among this year's grant recipients are a pair of mathematicians and a 'Chicana' artist. C1

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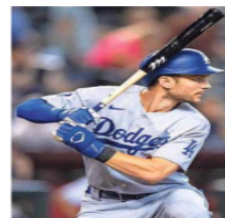
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YouTube team baits, works to take down scam callers

While creators say videos fight scammers, some experts question their efficiency. **In Money**

Jamie Lee Curtis says bye to 'Halloween Ends' icon

Actress turns to new beginnings and welcomes Oscar buzz for "Everything Everywhere." **In Life**



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Trea Turner delivers for Dodgers

Leadoff hitter who carried LA's offense against Padres in Game 1 of the NLDS is repeatedly overshadowed, columnist Bob Nightengale writes. **In Sports**

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LA council president resigns over leaked audio

Demonstrators disrupt panel's attempt to meet

Cady Stanton, Celina Tebor and Christal Hayes
USA TODAY

LOS ANGELES — Leadership behind the second most-populous city in the country was in a state of uncertainty as the Los Angeles City Council's former president, Nury Martinez, resigned in disgrace after audio leaked this week of her using racist language.

The development happened after Martinez, a rising star in California politics, already announced she was taking a leave of absence and resigned her post leading the 15-member body. The announcement came hours after a rowdy city council meeting ended with protesters drowning out officials. They demanded all officials on the recording resign.



LA City Council President Nury Martinez resigned her seat "with a broken heart."
IRFAN KHAN/AP

"It is with a broken heart that I resign my seat for Council District 6, the community I grew up in and my home," Martinez said in a statement released Wednesday afternoon.

Leaked audio revealed that Martinez made racist remarks and disparaged colleagues in a recording obtained by the Los Angeles Times.

In the recording, Martinez could be heard making remarks about a white councilmember's child, saying her colleague Mike Bonin "handled his young Black son as though he were an accessory" and describing Bonin's son in Spanish as behaving "like a monkey."

The two other councilmembers heard on the call, Gil Cedillo and Kevin de León, have not resigned amid widespread calls for them to do so, including by President Joe Biden.

The latest from Los Angeles and how the scandal unfolded, 3A



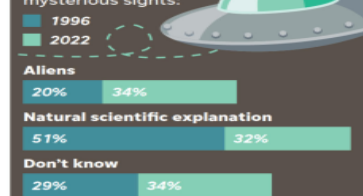
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Interdimensional or simply scientific?

Far more Americans believe aliens are behind UFOs than back when "The X-Files" was on the air. How we explain the mysterious sights:



SOURCE: Newsweek/Princeton, YouGov polls
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In search of lithium, changing our future



At top, Emily Hersh, from left, Lee Ann Munk and Mary Little have pioneered pieces of the lithium energy puzzle. Above, Hersh surveys a salt flat where her company has claims for lithium. PHOTOS BY ANDY BARRON/USA TODAY NETWORK

Three women forge new paths in male-dominated industry in pursuit of the lightest metal on Earth

Dennis Wagner USA TODAY

SILVER PEAK, Nevada

Three women trek into the barren Nevada desert, boots crunching down a wash until one of them stops at an overhang, pulls out a geology pick, and chips away a chunk of rock. • Over the next few minutes, and during hours of interviews, they explain the relationship between this stone and the battery that powers your electric car. • They talk about prehistoric volcanoes, subterranean brine lakes, advanced technology and the mineral that is changing the future of our planet. • Lithium.

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Insulin insurance coverage comparisons

With plans that fully cover

- Most expensive state: Alaska at \$1,891 for a four-month supply
- Least expensive state: Kansas at \$1,113

With plans that don't fully cover

- Most expensive state: Connecticut at \$10,689
- Least expensive state: California at \$7,221

When does open enrollment take place?

Here's what to know when picking a plan that fits your needs. 1B

Where you live can influence price for drugs under Medicare

Different location can mean thousands more

Katie Wedell
USA TODAY

Planning to move for retirement? You may want to factor in how much more you'll pay for prescription drugs under Medicare in different locations.

New data from the Medicare startup Chapter shows the cost of prescriptions can vary widely from one state to another and even from one ZIP code to another. For seniors with chronic medical conditions, a difference in geography could mean paying thousands of dollars

more per year out-of-pocket for the same medicine.

There are currently dozens of websites, including free tools from the federal government, that allow seniors to see how geography influences what they will pay for drugs under Medicare Part D. Entering the mix is Chapter, a startup Medicare advising company with backing from Silicon Valley investor Peter Thiel.

Chapter used proprietary pricing data on all active Medicare plans in order to examine the difference in cost for insulin as an example of how big an impact geography can have on price.

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Millions of Americans have watched the hearings — 20 million for the opening prime-time hearing and 17.67 million for the prime-time hearing that closed the summer.

The repercussions are notable given that the panel was launched 15 months ago amid a partisan furor. Senate Republicans filibustered a proposal to form an independent, bipartisan Jan. 6 commission. When House Speaker Nancy Pelosi then created a special House committee, she rejected two of the five members Republican leader Kevin McCarthy proposed, prompting the GOP to refuse to offi-

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How to watch

Thursday's hearing will be at 1 p.m. EDT. C-SPAN will air it, as well as TV networks such as CNN, CBS and MSNBC. Find ongoing live coverage at usatoday.com.

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"A veces somos nuestros peores enemigos", dice en una charla a fondo.

**LA LITERATURA COPÓ EL COLÓN CON ALESSANDRO BARICCO**

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LA LESIÓN DEJA A DYBALA CON UN PIE FUERA DEL MUNDIAL

—deportes

Se confirmó que sufrió un desgarró fuerte y le llevará entre cuatro y seis semanas la recuperación; está en riesgo su participación en Qatar. **Página 5**

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El blue trepó \$9 y el Central vendió US\$85 millones por el aumento del dólar turista

CEPO. En el mercado informal, la divisa llegó a \$289; continúa la pérdida de reservas

Luego de que el Gobierno encareció el dólar turista con un anticipo extra de Bienes Personales del 25%—que llevó la cotización a \$314,50 (aunque formalmente empezará a regir hoy)—, ayer los tipos de cambio libres reaccionaron

al alza. El blue trepó \$9, llegó a \$289 y acumula en lo que va de esta semana una suba de \$12. En tanto, el dólar MEP cotizó a \$294,91, un avance diario de más de \$6,50, y el CCL, a \$307,40, casi \$2 más que el martes.

Por su parte, el Banco Central encabezó la cuarta jornada consecutiva en la que tuvo que resignar reservas. Ayer vendió US\$85 millones, el mayor volumen desde el final del dólar soja, el 30 de septiembre. **Página 16**

El Gobierno espera el aval del FMI para otro desembolso

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EL ESCENARIO

El peor momento para fundar el albertismo

Carlos Pagni

—LA NACION—

Maquavelo enseñó que uno de los factores del éxito político es la fortuna. No se refería a la suerte, que tiene que ver con el azar. Para él "fortuna" estaba más cerca del sentido de la oportunidad. La sensibilidad para relacionarse con el tiempo, que es uno de los grandes misterios de la política. Alberto Fernández decidió que llegó el momento de romper con quien fue su impulsora, Cristina Kirchner. Podría haberlo hecho, como aconsejaba Maquiavelo, apenas llegó a la Casa Rosada. Continúa en la página 13

Violencia en las canchas: volvió a fallar la policía



ANÍBAL GRIBCO

deportes— Ni una semana pasó desde los graves incidentes en la cancha de Gimnasia y la policía bonaerense volvió a fallar. En Junín, antes de Sarmiento-Boca, hubo golpes y heridos al cruzarse hinchas locales y "neutrales", cuando estos comenzaron a alentar al visitante. El operativo policial no diagramó el pulmón de seguridad para separar a los simpatizantes. Kicillof, mientras tanto, respaldó a Berni. En lo deportivo, Boca ganó 1-0. **Página 8 y Deportes**

Empresarios reclaman reglas claras para invertir

COLOQUIO DE IDEA. MAR DEL PLATA.— Un fuerte llamado al diálogo y a la búsqueda de consensos marcó ayer el tono general de la apertura del Coloquio de IDEA, donde empresarios de todo el país analizan la realidad de la Argentina y plantean alternativas y perspectivas para el futuro. El titular del Coloquio, Daniel Herrero, enfatizó la necesidad de "reglas claras" para generar inversiones y potenciar el crecimiento. **Página 20**

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A basílica de Nossa Senhora Aparecida durante missa no dia da padroeira do Brasil, no interior de SP. Rubens Cavallari/Folhapress

País precisa superar ódio, diz arcebispo de Aparecida

Após discutir sobre armas com Jair Bolsonaro em 2021, d. Orlando cobra identidade religiosa do presidente

O arcebispo de Aparecida, dom Orlando Brandes, afirmou em sua homilia em missa no dia da padroeira do Brasil católico que o país precisa vencer "os dragões do ódio e da mentira". Após dizer que "Maria venceu o dragão, e temos muitos outros que ela vencerá", ele citou a superação da Covid-19. O religioso não falava diretamente sobre eleições no discurso. Após a missa, ele foi questionado sobre a presença do presidente Jair Bolsonaro (PL) e aliados na igreja.

D. Orlando mostrou desconforto pelo fato de Bolsonaro, católico, associar-se a evangélicos. "Precisamos ter uma identidade religiosa. Ou somos evangélicos, ou somos católicos", disse. Em 2021, o religioso envolveu-se em polêmica com o presidente ao criticar o armamentismo do governo. Bolsonaro encorajou um homem de vermelho, cor do PT, e também hostilizaram jornalistas. A celebração lotada foi a primeira sem restrições desde a pandemia. **Política A4**

Bolsonaro causa alvoroço na missa, e padre intervém

Política A4

Atrás na corrida no RJ, Lula pede votos em favela

Política A5

Bruno Boghossian Presidente se vê como o problema

Bolsonaro reconheceu que sua campanha tem um problema neste segundo turno: ele mesmo. O foco é recuperar eleitores de 2018, convencendo-os a votar em alguém que não existiu em 33 anos de carreira política. **Opinião A2**

Aliados de Tarcísio já disputam lugar na máquina de SP

Aliados antigos e novos de Tarcísio de Freitas (Republicanos) na disputa paulista já procuram garantir alguns dos 19 mil cargos de confiança no estado, dominado por três décadas pelo PSDB — que nem foi ao 2º turno. **Política A12**

Taxa de trabalhador no mercado é menor do que no pré-pandemia

A reabertura não se refletiu em aumento na taxa de participação no mercado de trabalho, que afere ocupação ou procura de emprego entre os que têm 14 anos ou mais. O índice está em 62,7%, abaixo do pré-pandemia. **Mercado A15**

Teórico da conspiração terá de pagar US\$ 1 bilhão por fake news

Ligado à ascensão dos conservadores nos EUA, Alex Jones, 48, foi condenado por espalhar fake news a pagar US\$ 965 milhões (cerca de R\$ 5 bilhões) a famílias de vítimas de atentado que matou dezenas em escola. **Mundo A14**

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Coreana radicada nos EUA, Michelle Zauner fala de luto e vida no livro 'Aos Prantos no Mercado'

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Corinthians empata com o Flamengo no primeiro jogo da final da Copa do Brasil, em Itaquera

Equilíbrio B4

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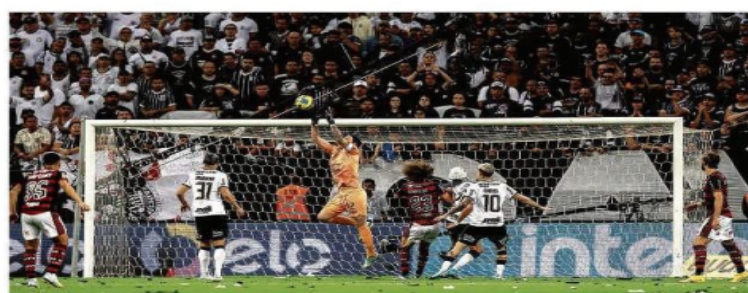
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Blocages : l'exécutif face au risque de la contagion

Malgré l'annonce par le gouvernement de réquisitions, le mouvement de grève des raffineries s'étend. Emmanuel Macron espère un retour à la normale « dans le courant de la semaine qui vient ».

La crise des carburants se déplace sur le terrain politique. Les oppositions de gauche comme de droite reprochent à l'exécutif son manque

d'anticipation. À dix jours des vacances de la Toussaint, le gouvernement a annoncé mercredi une première réquisition dans une raffinerie,

celle d'ExxonMobil à Port-Jérôme, en Seine-Maritime. Mais, en accentuant la pression sur les grévistes, l'exécutif a vu des syndicats re-

conduire les appels à la grève et d'autres rejoindre le mouvement. Dans une Assemblée nationale déjà chauffée à blanc par le débat sur le bud-

get et l'ombre du 49-3 qui plane sur l'Hémicycle, les députés de la Nupes soufflent sur les braises de la contestation dans les raffineries.

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Elles étaient réputées pour leur douceur de vivre, elles s'enfoncent désormais dans la violence. Le Figaro dresse le palmarès des communes de taille moyenne livrées à l'insécurité. PAGES 12 ET 13

ÉDITORIAL par Vincent Trémolet de Villers vtremolet@lefigaro.fr

Serial-bloqueurs

Il y avait seize ministres ce week-end à Alger. Un demi-gouvernement pour aller chercher du gaz au-delà des mers pendant qu'une partie des Français ne trouvait plus d'essence dans la station-service du coin. Image cruelle d'une maladresse d'État. Il y avait des signaux faibles, mais nos gilets jaunes de déceler les moindres prémices d'un mouvement social, n'ont rien vu venir. Pire encore, dans une étrange résonance avec la pandémie et l'absence de « pénurie de masques », Olivier Véran a nié l'évidence en affirmant que, cette fois, c'est pour l'essence qu'il n'y avait « pas de pénurie ». Faute d'anticipation ? Déconnexion ? Il est certain que la France des métropoles aux mobilités fluides dépend moins de la pompe à essence que tout le reste du pays. Pour la première, c'est un souci de loisirs (week-end, vacances), pour le second (trois quarts des Français), une nécessité vitale. On ne va pas en trottinette électrique de Bessais-le-Frumental à Saint-Amand-Montrond. Ce retard à l'allumage (qui a visiblement agacé Emmanuel Macron) n'excuse en rien l'attitude scandaleuse d'une minorité de grévistes. Grévistes ? Le mot est sérieux-

ment abîmé par ces serial-bloqueurs. Ils assurent parler au nom du peuple, mais lui rendent la vie infernale dans les moindres détails de l'existence. Ils invoquent l'état de droit, mais pléminent le premier d'entre eux, celui de circuler librement. Ils proclament l'égalité, mais sont prêts à menacer tout l'équilibre d'une société pour maintenir leurs privilèges.

La passion tyrannique des minorités

Ils s'imaginent damnés de la terre sans voir qu'ils se comportent comme des enfants gâtés. Ce n'est pas un hasard si Sandrine Rousseau est venue au soutien de ce mouvement en appelant à la « grève générale ». Même mécanique victimaire, même mépris des gens ordinaires. Ces imprécateurs sont peu nombreux mais trouvent toujours une place à la table des négociations. Pendant ce temps, la majorité silencieuse fait la queue pendant des heures devant la station-service. Elle paye au prix fort la passion tyrannique des minorités et la faiblesse des pouvoirs publics. Elle ne revendique pourtant aucun droit, seulement celui de pouvoir faire le plein. ■

La grande déprime de l'économie allemande

L'industrie exportatrice qui jusqu'ici faisait la force de la locomotive de l'Europe est en train de se retourner contre elle. Très énergivores, la chimie et la métallurgie d'outre-Rhin subissent de plein fouet le chantage au gaz de Moscou et la flambée des prix. Le ministre de l'Économie Robert Habeck l'a confirmé mercredi, l'Allemagne sera en récession l'an prochain. Dans le Brandebourg, des entreprises familiales du Mittelstand, colonne vertébrale de l'économie, craignent pour leur survie. PAGES 24 ET 25

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Truss faces new peril as Tories go on the attack over economy

PM accused of 'trashing' party values amid calls to reverse more tax cuts

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Liz Truss's leadership was in fresh peril yesterday as calls grew among senior Conservatives to reverse more proposed tax cuts and MPs accusing the prime minister of "trashing" Conservative values.

As the cost of government borrowing soared further, Truss used her second PMQs appearance to "absolutely" rule out further spending cuts, instead allowing borrowing to rise over the next few years.

The remarks failed to calm the markets. The price of 20-year UK bonds hit new lows yesterday afternoon after the Bank of England insisted its £65bn package of support for the bond market would end tomorrow.

On the day of the prime minister's first parliamentary showdown since Conservative conference, MPs renewed serious conversations about the prospect of replacing her.

Truss has pledged to increase engagement with restive MPs with a series of round-table meetings over the next week. No 10 has publicly denied there is any new examination of the tax



▲ In her second appearance at prime minister's questions, Liz Truss 'absolutely' ruled out any further spending cuts PHOTOGRAPH: JESSICA TAYLOR/PA

WHO chief calls for urgent action to tackle long Covid

Andrew Gregory
Health editor

Long Covid is "devastating" the lives and livelihoods of tens of millions of people and wreaking havoc on health systems and economies, the World Health Organization's head has warned as he urged countries to begin

immediate and sustained efforts to tackle the "very serious" crisis.

The world has never been in a better position to end the Covid-19 pandemic, but it is also "very clear" that many of those infected by the virus, which first emerged in China in late 2019, are still experiencing "prolonged suffering", said Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, the

director-general of the WHO. Covid has killed almost 6.5 million people and infected more than 600 million. The WHO estimates that 10% to 20% of survivors have been left with mid- and long-term symptoms such as fatigue, breathlessness and cognitive dysfunction. Women are more likely to suffer from long Covid effects.

In the absence of evidence about how best to treat it, long Covid is turning people's lives upside down, and many face an "often lengthy" and "frustrating" wait for support or guidance, Tedros said. The large numbers of those affected by the long tail of Covid was also having

a dangerous impact on health systems and economies still reeling from waves of infections, he said.

"While the pandemic has changed dramatically due to the introduction of many lifesaving tools, and there is light at the end of the tunnel, the impact of long Covid for all countries is very serious and needs immediate and sustained action equivalent to its scale," Tedros said, writing in the Guardian.

Countries now had to "seriously ramp up" research into the condition and access to care for those affected, if they were to "minimise the suffering" of their

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Populations of wildlife fall by 70% in 50 years

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