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• Federal investigators
contacted at least two aides
to Trump months before
the FBI searched his Mar-atago resort and have sought
to talk to them again in recent weeks, people familiar
with the matter said. A4

♦ Russian-installed officials in occupied areas of Ukraine amplified calls for residents to leave the south as Kyiv's forces step up their campaign to retake the region, and Russia builds fortifications to thwart their advance. A6

and Republican challenger Walker clashed over abor-tion, inflation and health-care at their only debate in Georgia's Senate contest. A4

◆ New offshoots of the Omicron Covid-19 varia Omicron Covid-19 variant that virus experts say ap-pear to spread easily are on the rise in the U.S., the latest federal data show. A3

◆ IMF officials said govern-

#### Business & Finance

◆ Three of the nation's largest banks—JPMorgan, Citigroup and Wells Fargo—reported double-digit profit drops, as they socked away hundreds of millions of dollars apiece to cover potential loan defaults amid uncertainty over a notential recession. Al

over a potential recession. Al ◆ A deal-making drought dinged Morgan Stanley's third-quarter results, send-ing profit down 29%. Bl3

D.S. retail spending stalled in September as the nation's shoppers grappled with high inflation and ris-ing interest rates. A1

Mikola founder Milton was convicted of securitie fraud for what prosecutor said were repeated lies about the development of Nikola' trucks and technology. A1

◆ Rupert Murdoch has proposed a recombination of Fox Corp. and News Corp nearly a decade after they split, according to people fa miliar with the situation. B1

◆ U.S. stocks fell, the latest U-turn for markets in a vola-tile week. The S&P 500, Nas-daq and Dow lost 2.4%, 3.1% and 1.3%, respectively. B13

Apple retail workers in Oldahoma City voted to unionize, becoming the second group of employees at one of the company's U.S. stores to organize officially. B12

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Will Putin Fall Like Khrushchev And Gorbachev? A15





U.K. Prime Minister Liz Truss, holding a news conference on Friday, has seen a rapid colla Ms. Truss's policy shift might not be enough to calm financial markets or stop a growing

#### Truss Fires U.K. Treasury Chief, **Backtracks on Tax-Cut Program**

LONDON—U.K. Prime Minis-ter Liz Truss fired Treasury chief Kwasi Kwarteng and re-versed crucial parts of her gov-ernment's tax cuts, after her plans to jolt the economy into growth unraveled following a backlash from financial mar-kets and her party.

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Mr. Kwarteng, who three weeks ago presented the U.K.'s largest tax cuts since the 1970s, was asked to quit by Ms. Truss as markets balked at the scale

of the borrowing required to fund the package and her Conservative Party lawmakers protested potentially deep public-spending cuts. Mr. Kwarteng was succeeded as chancellor of the exchequer by Jeremy Hunt, a party centrist and former foreign secretary.

In a scramble to shore up support within her party, Ms. Truss also ditched her plan to prevent a planned rise in the rate of corporate income tax next April to 25% from 19%—a move taken by predecessor Bo-

ris Johnson's government to help shore up finances. The U-turn was the second major part of her tax-cutting package to be abandoned recently.

"It is clear parts of our minibudget went further and faster than markets were expecting," she said in a nationally televised address. "We have to deliver the mission in a different way."

The speed of the collapse of Ms. Truss's political authority is unprecedented in modern British politics, and her policy shift might not be enough to

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calm financial markets or stop a growing rebellion within her own party. Several Conserva-tive lawmakers have accused their colleagues of plotting to have the prime minister re-moved from office, but it re-mains unclear who would suc-ceed her or how she would be removed given she only became prime minister last month. prime minister last month

Tax cuts and deregulation Please turn to page A8

♦ U.K. markets are wary of BOE's safety net...... B13

#### Banking Giants Report Lower Profits

JPMorgan, Citigroup, Wells Fargo boost loan-loss provisions amid recession fears

Three of the nation's largest banks reported double-digit profit drops on Friday—includ-ing a 25% decline at Citigroup Inc.—as they socked away hun-

By David Benoit,

Matt Grossman
dreds of millions of dollars
apiece to cover potential loan
defaults amid uncertainty over
a potential recession.
Profit fell 17% at JPMorgan
Chase & Co., but both JPMorgan and Citigroup topped analysts' expectations. Wells
Fargo & Co. reported a 31%
drop in earnings, missing expectations, though it said a \$2
billion charge for legal and
regulatory issues hurt what
was otherwise a solid quarter.
Revenue rose at all three
banks and beat analyst forecasts.

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The banks sit smack in the middle of an uncertain economy. Inflation is near its highest level in decades and the Federal Reserve is trying to curb it by rapidly lifting rates. That is making loans more explease turn to page A10

#### Nikola Founder Milton Is Convicted of Fraud

The Strange Guest

Budget Hotels Are Buzzing About

Artist checks in and secretly tries to gussy up pictures; a UFO lifting a cow

Adding character

BY CORINNE RAMEY AND BEN FOLDY

And Ben FOLDY

A federal jury in New York convicted Nikola Corp. founder Trevor Milton of securities fraud for what prosecutors said were his repeated lies about the development of the company's zero-emissions trucks and technology. Friday's guilty verdict caps the downfall of Mr. Milton, who founded Nikola in his basement in 2015 and took it public in 2020 at a valuation of \$3.3 billion, when the company hadn't sold a single truck. The company's market valuation briefly exceeded that of industry giants such as Ford Motor Co.

By ELIZABETH FINDELL

The owner of the America's Best Value Inn in Butte, Montana, got a peculiar call from an employee one summer day a few years ago. In Room 206, a mundane piece of hotel art, a pink print of a rose from the mid-1990s, had been painted over with a wide-eyed cartoon beaver.

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"My head house-keeper at the time said There's been vandalism," re- Ad

said "There's been vandalism," recalls Andy Burton, who has owned the motel for 
33 years. "I said 'Well...it is 
but it isn't. It's quirky." Burton

After about five hours of deliberations, jurors convicted Mr. Milton of one count of securities fraud and two counts of wire fraud. They acquitted him of a second securities-fraud count. After the verdict was read, Mr. Milton shook his head repeatedly and then turned to look at his family. He is scheduled to be sentenced on Jan. 27.

Each count carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison, though under federal sentencing guidelines, Mr. Milton would likely face a much shorter prison term.

"Trevor Milton lied to Nikola's investors—over and over and After about five hours of de

investors—over and over and Please turn to page A10

#### MOVING UP

If you want to get ahead at work it helps to pick the right company. B1

#### Retail Sales Flatten Amid High Inflation, Rising Interest Rates

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Retail sales—which comprise consumer spending mostly on goods like furniture, vehicles and groceries but also at restaurants—were unchanged last month from August, down from a revised 0.4% increase in August from July, the Commerce Department said Friday.

Excluding gasoline and au-

Sales at gasoline stations, a

Sales at gasoline stations, a proxy for spending by car owners, declined 1.4% last month from August but remained 21% higher than a year before. Gasoline prices dropped in September for the third month in a row, falling 4.9% from August. Still, they were up more than 18% from the same month a year ago. The average cost of a gallon of regular unleaded gasoline was Please turn to page A2

#### Xi Prepares China For a Showdown

Campaigns aim to help ensure nation could withstand potential conflict with the U.S.

ST JONATHAN CHENG

Since rising to power a decade ago, Xi Jinping has unleashed an array of campaigns to help ensure that China would prevail in, or at least withstand, a confrontation with the West. He has bolstered China's military, reorganized the economy and remade society around a more ideologically committed Communist Party.

Mr. Xi has made clear that his overarching goal is to restore China to what he believes is its rightful place as a global player and a peer of the U.S. As a consequence,

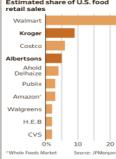
he has come to see the possibility of a showdown with the West as increasingly likely, according to people familiar with his thinking. Now he stands on the edge of a third five-year term in power at a Communist Party conclave starting Sunday, in a break with a recent precedent of stepping aside after two terms. That will likely ensure that his vision, which is simultaneously assertive and defensive, will guide China for years to come.

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#### Kroger to Buy Albertsons

The deal, valued at \$24.6 billion, would create a new power among U.S. supermarket operators. **B1** 

Estimated share of U.S. food retail sales



# googled the name scrawled on the back of the picture, and by lunchtime had figured out what happened. Far from being angry, he was delighted. He had been hit by an artist known as T Bang, who has a signature caper: Painting over stodgy hotel room artwork with his own whimsical work. Mr. Burton paid some Sedo to have the doctored painting reframed with professional art glass and added a plaque with the artist's name, room number and the date of the work. It now hangs in the hallway of the America's Best Value Please turn to page A12

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SATURDAY 15 OCTOBER / SUNDAY 16 OCTOBER 2022



JASHINE CAMERON-CHILESHE - LUTEUR LIZ Truss sacked her chancellor Kwasi Kwarteng and shredded her economic strategy yesterday but her effort to salvage her premiership failed to win over markets and Conservative MPs.

In a cursory Downing Street press

conference Truss announced that Jeremy Hunt, former foreign secretary, would be her new finance minister and

would be her new finance minister and backtracked on her promise to avoid an £18bn corporation tax increase.

"We need to act now to reassure the markets of our fiscal discipline," she said, as she acknowledged that parts of last months' mini" Budget, which contained £45bn of unfunded tax cuts, "went further and faster than markets were expecting".

But on the day that a Bank of England emergency bond-buying programme ended, Truss's comments were followed by a bigsell-off in the glit market.

Yields on long-term UK government bonds, the focus of the central bank's scheme to shore up gilt-exposed pen-

scheme to shore up gilt-exposed pen-sion funds, rose sharply as prices fell,

with investors concerned about the stability of the country's outlook. The 30-year yield ended the day at 4.81 per cent, up 0.27 percentage points.

Truss told the Number 10 press conference: "It want to be honest — this is difficult but we will get through this storm." She left after eight minutes, with one journalist shouting: "Are you out of your depth, prime minister?"

Cltigroup criticised the government for not making a broader change to policy, saying it did not expect "financial concerns to abate as a result of today's action . . . Instead, we believe further market instability likely lies ahead."

Many Tory MPS maintain that Truss cannot survive yesterday's U-turn, in which she conceded that corporation tax would rise from 19 per cent to 25 per cent next April — as planned by exchancellor Rishi Sunak, her former rival for the party leadership.

While Truss said the move would raise £18hn, helping to fill the £45hn fiscal gap created by the "mini" Budget, the corporation tax cut featured prominently in her Tory leadership campaign.

The government had already been pushed by MPs into a £2bn U-turn on its plan to axe the 45p top rate of tax. One veteran Tory told the Financial Times: "The problem is she's only got around 25 per cent of the parliamentary party backing her — if that. She's got a lot of disgruntled MPs to manage."

The government's record-low standing in polls — in one survey the opposition Labour party enjoy a 34-point lead — has increased the pressure on Truss from within her own party.

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The prime minister said the corporation tax reversal was a "downpayment", suggesting that other tax cuts could be reversed before Hunt is due to present a



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Kwasi Kwarteng arriving in Downing Street yesterday to be fired as finance minister by Liz Truss, who later held a

new medium-term plan to cut debt on October 31, although Number 10 said no new changes were planned. Truss insisted that Hunt shared her vision of a "fow-tax, high growth econ-omy". She also suggested that she would cut public spending plans in an attempt to reassure markets that debt was under control, announcing that "spending will grow less quickly than previously planned".

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Her retreat signals an apparent return of freasury "orthodoxy". In August, the prime minister told the FT that the finance ministry was obsessed with the "abacus economics of making sure that tax and spend add up".

Truss said she was "incredibly sorry" to lose Kwarteng, who she sacked as chancellor soon after he arrived back in London on an overnight flight from Washington, where he had been attending IMF meetings.

One Tory MP who spoke to the former chancellor said Kwarteng was in a "state of shock." A day earlier he had said he was "not going anywhere", but he flew back into a political storm.

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Why business is bad at politics



#### Kvlv's Twitter war targets

humour and tragedy to 'win hearts and humour and tragedy to win hearts and minds'. The defence ministry feed aims at authoritative journalists and global decision makers. It even pays homage to the fillin Gladiator — known to be popular among American men of the generation that is now influential. As the war enters its eighth month, the message is: Likrainians are stoic and set for victory thanks to western arms. Potent message > PAGE 3

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#### Putin announces end to army draft as Ukraine forces continue to progress

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Vladimir Putin has said Russia's mobi-lisation drive to bolster its forces fight-ing in Ukraine will end within two weeks but defended the army from criticism of the draft.

criticism of the draft.
Russia's president yesterday said about
220,000 men had been drafted into the
army since he called up reserves and
moved to annexe four occupied regions
of south-eastern Ukraine, a sufficient
effort to bolster forces, he said.
"Nothing additional is being
planned," Putin added, saying he did not
"see any need" to further strengthen the
1,100km frontline in Ukraine. Russia's
military continues to flail nearly eight
months after Putin first sent troops into
Ukraine and his initial plan of a blitzkrieg to capture Kylv failed.

Western officials say that Putin's mobilisation of men unfit for combat, even if the figures are in the hundreds of thousands, is unlikely to shift momentum in Russia's favour soon, as Ukraine presses on with its counteroffensive.

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The draft has also proved deeply unpopular in Russia, from which more en fled to Kazakhstan alone in the first o weeks following Putin's decree than ioined the army.

Joined the army:

In some regions, draft officers and police have press-ganged people off the street to join the army, while several men have already died at the front apparently skipping the basic training Putin promised they would be offered.

Despite Putin's threat that he would use nuclear weapons to defend the Ukrainian regions he now considers part of Russia, Ukraine's forces have continued to advance. Yesterday a west-

ern official, speaking anonymously on intelligence matters, said "it is conceivable" that Ukrainian forces could recapture much of the southern Kherson region by the end of next week.

On Monday, Russia responded to the setbacks and the bomb attack on the bridge linking the occupied Ukrainian peninsula of Crimea to Russia with its largest aerial assault since the early days of the war. The response was spearheaded by the Russian forces' new commander, Sergel Surovikin, known as "General Armageddon".

Putin said there was "no need" for further strikes on such a scale after he claimed that the army hit 22 of the 29 Ukrainian infrastructure targets. The western official said that Ukraine's allies "do not think that Russia's mobilisation will affect the battlefield situation" between now and winter.

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#### As Party Meets, Xi Embodies Imperial Rule

#### Resolute Despite Covid and Fiscal Malaise

#### By CHRIS BUCKLEY

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In his first years as China's leader, Xi Jinping paid for his own steamed dumplings in a cheap diner, casually rolled up his trouser legs to avoid splashes in the rain, and was serenaded with sugary pop tunes. His image-makers cast him as 'Xi Dada,' the people's firm but genial "Uncle Xi."

How vastly different now. A decade on, Mr. Xi looms over the country like a stern Communist monarch, reflecting on China's fallen ancient dynasties and determined to win its lasting ascendance of the communist monarch, reflecting on China's fallen ancient dynasties and determined to win its lasting ascendance of the communist praise his speeches like hallowed texts, professing loyalty with a fervor that sometimes echoes Mao Zedong's era. Privately mocking Mr. Xi can lead to prison. His public encounters are regimented displays of acclaim.

A Communist Party congress

lead to prison. His public encounters are regimented displays of acclaim.

A Communist Party congress opening Sunday is shaping up to be Mr. Xi's imperial moment, strengthening and extending his rule, while also intensifying the long-term hazards from his singular dominance. At the meeting in Beiling, he seems sure of winning as contained to the long-term hazards from his singular dominance. At the meeting in Beiling, he seems sure of winning a secretary, breaking with recent expectations that Chinese leaders would reign for around a decade.

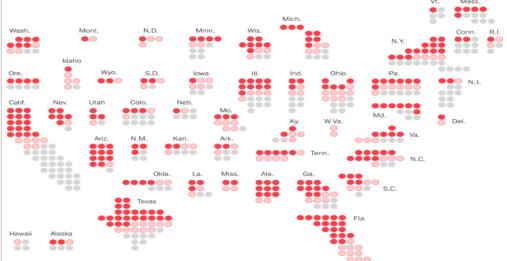
"The certainty will really only be in the arrangements at the top-most level, that his power is beyond challenge, but beneath that we'll face a great many uncertainties." Wu Qiang, a political analyst in Beijing, said in an interview. The expectation of Mr. Xi's publicated has paralleled his transfortheritarian state, scornful of criticism from Washington, increasingly sure that Western democracy has lost its allure, and impatient for a bigger say in shaping the 21st-century global order. The party congress will be Mr. Xi's stage to demonstrate that he remains undaunted, despite the recent economic malaise, Covid outbreaks and increasing animosity with the United States, which remains undaunted, despite the Continued on Page A12

#### Putting 2020 on the 2022 Ballot

candidates have questioned or spread misinformation about the 2020 election — most of them it a growing consensus in the Republican Party, and a potential threat to American democracy. Hundreds of Republican midterm candidat still are. Together they represent a growi

Each dot represents a Republican candidate for U.S. Congress, governor, ecretary of state or state Candidate questioned the 2020 election in 2022 (and may have before this year) Candidate questioned the 2020 election before this year (but The Times did not find evidence of doubt cast in 2022)

The Times found no evidence of the candidate questioning the 2020 election



#### 2020 Election Skeptics Crowd the Republican Ticket Nationwide

Corasaniti and Jonathan Weisman. They include candidates for the U.S. House and Senate, and the state offices of governor, secre-tary of state and attorney general — many with clear shots to vic-tory, and some without a chance. They are united by at least one is-sue: They have all expressed to the control of the control of the 2020 election. And they are the new normal of the Republican

Party.

More than 370 people — a vast majority of Republicans running for these offices in November — have questioned and, at times, outright denied the results of the 2020 election despite overwhelming evidence to the contrary, according to a monthslong New York Times investigation. These candidates represent a sentiment that is spreading in the Republican Party, rupturing a bedrock principle of democracy: that voters decide elections and candi-

#### Over 370 Candidates Have Voiced Doubts About the Results

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This skepticism has stretched into political races in every state and is still frequently being raised as a campaign issue, The Times has found, nearly two years after Donald J. Trump was defeated.

Hundreds of these candidates are favored to win their races.

Far from fading over time, as many Americans had hoped, election lies and misinformation have proved strikingly resilient, even amid a political campaign season in which far more is being said by candidates and their party officials about issues like inflation and abortion. The Times has for the first time identified more than 240 candidates who are still casting doubt on the presidential election of the continued on Page A14

#### AFTER BLOWBACK, BRITAIN REVERSES ECONOMIC COURSE

#### PERILS OF BIG TAX CUTS

#### Central Banks Proposing Subtler Maneuvers to Combat Inflation

#### By PATRICIA COHEN

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LONDON — Government leaders in the West are struggling with rising inflation, slowing growth, and anxious electorates worried about winter and high energy bills. But Liz Truss, Britain's prime minister is the only one that the property of the property

tax cuts, binnor-toniar spending programs and deregulation that she had asked for a scheduled increase to a scheduled increase to a scheduled increase to provate taxes to 25 percent from 19 percent, a rise she had previously opposed. That announcement came on top of backtracking last week on her proposal to eliminate the top 45 percent income tax on the highest earners. The prime minister, in office a little over five weeks, also promised that spending would grow less rapidly than proposed, although no specifics were offered.

The drama is still playing out, and it's unclear if the Truss government will survive.

In the United States, President bliden, while waging his own politication, has not people of anything like the kind of policies that Ms. Truss's government attempted, nor have any other leaders in Europe.

Still, for European govern-

nor have any content of the property of the pr

#### Protest and Prayers Became a 'Massacre' in Iran

This article is by Cora Eng-elbrecht, Nilo Tabrizy and Ishaan Jhaveri.

Jhaveri.

Some of the wounded tried to crawl away to escape the gunfire. Others bled to death on prayer mats as people tried to drag them to safety.

But the snipers and officers kept pulling their triggers, firing bullet after bullet into men and young boys at a worship area where Friday Prayer had been underway.

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The horrific scene unfolded on Sept. 30 in Zahedan, a city in southeastern Iran that is home to the ethnic Baluch minority, after a small group of worshipers emerged from the Great Mosalla prayer complex to confront security forces posted at a police station across the street.

The protesters chanted antigovernment slogans and threw rocks at the officers, prompting the security forces to fire indiscriminately into the crowd, according to witnesses. As the demonstrators scattered, the gunshots stalked their retreat back toward the complex, where

shots stalked their retreat back to-ward the complex, where thousands were still praying. "It was a massacre I had only seen in movies," said Jamshid, 28, a worshiper, who was reached by phone and identified himself only by his first name to avoid repri-sals. "They started shooting as



Nearly 100 people were killed in Zahedan, Iran, on Sept. 30.

people still had their heads bowed in prayer." Young men threw themselves in front of children and older people to shield them from the bullets, Jamshid said. "People had nowhere to go." The massacre, called "Bloody Friday" by residents, represents the most lethal government action

since a crackdown began against nationwide demonstrations a month ago. Sixty-six to 96 people were killed over the course of the next several hours, according to next several hours, according to rights groups, including Amnesty International.

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#### Furor Unmasks A Caste System Among Latinos

#### By MIRIAM JORDAN

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LOS ANGELES — Ivan
Vasquez arrived in Los Angeles in
1996, a teenager who had crossed
the border to find work and improve the lot of his family in Mexico. As a newbie washing dishes in
restaurants, the young man from
the majority Indigenous state of
Oaxaca was often called "Oaxaquita," or Little Oaxacan, by
other Mexicans because of his
deep tan skin and diminutive stature.

ure.

Still, he eventually rose to become a regional manager at Baja Fresh and opened his own restaurant in 2013, a celebration of his native state's unique cuisine. Powered by mole and mezcal, the restaurant, Madre, has won rave reviews from food critics and grown to three locations in a city that embraces multiculturalism. So Mr. Vasquez, now 41, was shocked this week to hear disparaging remarks about Oaxacanging remarks about Oaxacand Latina politician who was president of the City Council.

A recording of a closed-door meeting in 2021, in which Ms. Martinez was heard referring to Continued on Page A17 still, he eventually rose to be

#### Discovery by Chaucer Scholars Scrubs Stain From His Legacy

#### By JENNIFER SCHUESSLER

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For nearly 150 years, a cloud has hung over the reputation of Geoffrey Chaucer, the author of The American Pales, long seen are considered to the Control of the English literary canon.

A court document discovered in 1873 suggested that around 1380, Chaucer had been charged with raping Cecily Chaumpaigne, the daughter of a London baker. In the document, Chaumpaigne released Chaucer from "all manner of actions related to my raptus"—a word commonly translated as the control of the Control

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A 1380 legal document about a "raptus" was not about a rape case at all, scholars now say.

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been misinterpreted. Instead of stemming from a rape case, they argue, the document had been filed as part of a labor case, in filed as part of a labor case, in filed as part of a labor case, in died to the second of the s



#### INTERNATIONAL A4-12

#### Two Different Wars As Russia continues to bombard Kyiv from the air, Ukrainian ground troops are reclaiming territory. PAGE A5

Chinese Doctor's Final Days A Times investigation details the death of Dr. Li Wenliang, who sounded an early alarm on Covid-19. PAGE A10

Rampage Unnerves Raleigh A 15-year-old boy was in custody as investigators searched for a motive in a shooting that killed an off-duty police officer along with four others. PAGE A20

#### Appeal to Stop Special Master

Helping At-Risk Families The Biden administration is proposing spending \$20 billion over a decade to help some of the most vulnerable families in the country. PAGE A13

#### Seeking a \$24.6 Billion Merger Kroger and Albertsons, two of the big-gest U.S. grocery chains, announced a deal, which is likely to face tough fed-eral scrutiny. PAGE

#### Waging a Battle Over Wages More places are challenging a system that counts tips toward the minimum wage for service workers. PAGE BI

#### Yankees Wilt in Extra Innings Pitcher Jameson Taillon was undone by defensive miscues, and the Guardians evened the playoff series at 1-1. PAGE B7



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Her Facets Can Now Shine Unity Phelan's fall season with New York City Ballet has shown her beauty and range in a string of debuts. PAGE CI

#### A Dickens Tale Reimagined

Barbara Kingsolver reinvents "David Copperfield" as a story of the opioid crisis in Southern Appalachia. PAGE C1

#### The Return of '36 Hours'

The Keturn of '36 Hours' With today's newspaper, The New York Times is bringing back the popular Travel feature, which had been paused because of the pandemic. It will be just part of expanded Travel coverage in a weekly presentation in the Arts section, which also will include a "What to Cook" feature.

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Jesse Wegman





Gary Coronado Los Angeles Time
COUNCILMEMBERS Gil Cedillo, left, and Kevin de León flank Marqueece Harris-Dawson at Tuesday's City
Council meeting. Cedillo and De León face pressure to resign over their part in a leaked racist conversation.

### Racism cracks foundation of L.A.'s 'House of Labor'

Herrera's role in the scandal leaves unions shaken and workers' trust shattered.

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The day before he created the readlong into disgrace via the racist mess currently upending Los and the readlong should be readlong to the readlong los and the readlong los and los an

and one against the House of Labor from a Judas in their midst.

"It really hurt," she told me. "If elt betrayed."

April Verrett had a nearly identical reaction when she heard Herrera talking with three Latino politicians — Nury Martinez, Gil Cedillo and Kevin de León — a conversation that included Herrera telling them that conversation that included Herrera telling them that phen win elections because, together, the group was "like a little Latino caucus of our own."

"T'm 48 years old, and I've been a Black woman all my life, obviously, and the s—still hurts," she told me. She heads up Service Employees International Union members in the Los Angeles and Aslan Pacific Islander women.

"I keep going back to the purpose of why they were in that room. It was essentially to talk about diminishing [See Chabria, A10]

#### Cedillo's sad fall

Once a Latino lion, councilman is now a Chicanosaurus, Gustavo Arellano writes. california, bi

#### Shift to virtual

The next two council meetings will be online. CALIFORNIA, BI



RON HERRERA, who resigned this week as president of the L.A. County Federa tion of Labor, has left Black candidates and labor leaders feeling "betrayed."

#### Cedillo under pressure

#### Longtime politician faces widespread calls to resign

By Dakota Smith

When four Latino leaders held a meeting to discuss Los Angeles? City Council boundaries last year, one in the group acted at points as the political elder in the room, a now-infamous audio recording revealed.

City Councilmember Gil

Cedillo. 68, stepped in to guide the discussion among himself. Councilmembers Nury Martinez and Kevin De León and Los Angeles County Federation of Labor leader Ron Herrera when the conversation strayed from the topic of the 15 City Council districts.

"Let me say this. So unlike 25 years ago, we now

"We have more members on the council. We're in a dif-ferent spot now than we were 25 years ago. That thing for us is to exercise our

[See Cedillo, A10]

#### Legislator seeks crackdown on weed licensing

New details mirror a Times investigation on corruption in the legal cannabis market.

By Adam Elmahrek, Ruben Vives, Robert J. Lopez and Paige St. John

As a California lawmaker called for a statewide task force to crack down on corruption in the legal cannabis market. The we details are talled to the control of the contro

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bribes from weed businesses — including \$150,000 from a consultant working for a local cannabis distributor. The consultant declined, the consultant declined are consultant declined, and the consultant declined are consultant declined. The consultant declined is the consultant declined in the consultant declined is a superior on tributions requested by Pacheco, the agreement description of the dates the firm was awarded the exclusive right to distributor, but its description of the dates the firm was awarded the exclusive right to distribute cannabis matches only one company, Rukil Inc.

In the other plea agreement, a former San Bernardino County planning commissioner, Gabriel Chavez, admitted acting as an intersor of the state of the scheme.

Assemblymember Cristina García (D. Bell Gardens) asked state Atty. Gen. Rob Bonta in writing Thursday to create a task force to examine corruption in local cannabis licensing and ensure that cities are awarding permits without favoritism. She cited The Times investigation, along with recent corruption prosecutions.

My hope is that this task

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"My hope is that this task
[See Pot, A6]

#### Kroger touts deal to buy Albertsons

Owner of Ralphs says \$20-billion plan would cut prices and lift pay. Many are skeptical.

By Hugo Martín and Ronald D. White

Kroger's \$20-billion bid to buy smaller rival Albertsons would bring together several well-known Southern Callfornia grocery chains, including Ralphs and Vons, to create a supermarket giant in an era of higher food prices and increased competition for shoppers' money. As the hottest inflation in 40 years eats into buying power, Kroger Chairman and Chief Executive Rodney McMullen vowed to use \$1 billion in annual savings created by the proposed merger to lower shelf prices, remodel stores and improve worker wages and benefits.

"We will take the learnings from each company to a better experience to more customers, more associates

and more communities,"
McMullen said Friday in a
conference call with analysts
and investors. The companies said some stores would
close or change names, buts
have yet to be determined.
Consumer advocates and
union representatives
quickly decried the proposed deal and urged the
government to take a hard
look at the potential effects
and block the combination.
Jamie Court, president of
Consumer Watchdog, a
Santa Monica-based consumer advocacy group,
called the proposed merger
"a terrible idea."
"This would give too
much market power to one
big giant, especially in Calimonitor in the combination of
mercial Workers Union,
which in April signed a
three-year contract giving
double-digit wage increases
to 47,000 employees at 540
Ralphs, Albertsons, Vons
and Pavillons stores from
San Diego to San Luis
[See Grocery deal, A8]

#### As Ukraine repels Russia, tales of 'disappearing' arise

Rights groups say perhaps thousands of missing civilians are in Moscow's captivity.

By Nils Adler

LUBIANKA, Ukraine —
When Olga Shcherba
learned that her husband
might be in Russian captivity, she was relieved.
It was a strange feeling.
But it was better than the alternative.
Bohdan Shcherba, a 31year-old industrial worker

from outside Kyiv, had gone missing two days after Russia invaded Ukraine. Though devastating, word that he had been sighted in a detention camp in western Russia meant he might still be Hundreds and perhaps thousands of Ukrainian civilians who disappeared in Russian-occupied areas are imprisoned in Russia, human rights groups say. By formal and informal channels, relatives are gleaning what information they can about their fate — and desperately trying to negotiate their release.

Some civilians are being held because their captors think they have information that would help the occupiers, or because they are suspected of ties to the Ukrainian military, or because they could prove useful as hostorying to secure their freedom.

Rights organizations and Ukrainian officials say the Russian tactic of foreibly "disappearing" Ukrainians in occupied areas also serves a cynical military end: terrorizing and demoralizing the captives' compatriots [See Ukraine, A4]



A GROUP is helping Olga Shcherba's family in their quest to rescue her husband, Bohdan, and two others

Dodgers' offensive woes persist in latest loss

After falling again to the Padres 2-1, L.A. is one game away from its III-game-winning season coming to an end. SPORTS, D1

COVID misinformation law could backfire

Critics say rule penalizing doctors might hamper discussions with patients about an ever-evolving disease. CALIFORNIA, B1

Biden and Rep. Porter campaign in Irvine

The president and his fellow Democrat promote the party's efforts to lower the cost of prescription drugs. NATION, A5

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#### 15-year-old in custody after N.C. shooting

5 killed, including an off-duty officer, and more injured in the massacre

BY ANDREA SALCEDO, KIM BELLWARE, MARÍA LUISA PAÚL, AND MERYL KORNFIELD

A 15-year-old fatally shot five people and wounded others as he made his way through a quiet Ra-leigh, N.C., suburb and a popular walking trail, leaving behind a two-mile stretch of carnage and questions about his motive, police say.

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"There are several families in our community waking up this morning without their loved ones," Raleigh Mayor Mary-Ann Baldwin (D) said. "We grieve with them today."

Four people were taken to WakeMed hospital, including Marcille Gardner, 59, who is in critical condition. A Raleigh police K-9 officer who suffered injuries that were not life-threatening SEE SHOOTING ON A4



#### Weakness seen in Russia's airstrikes

Putin's military forces may lack the ability to sustain such attacks at this week's tempo, analysts say

BY ROBYN DIXON

On Monday, Russia fired 84 missiles, many at Ukraimian civiliam infrastructure targets, or the control of the c

ing civilian infrastructure is po-tentially a war crime.

"It has to be done constantly, not just once but for two to five weeks to totally disable all their infrastructure, all thermal pow-er stations, all pearer and pow-er stations, all pearer plants, all traction substations, all power lines, all railway hubs," said Bog-dan Bezpalko, a member of the Kremlin's Council on Interethnic Relations.

Relations.
"Then, Ukraine will descend into cold and darkness," Bez-palko said on state television.
"They won't be able to bring in ammunition and fuel and then

tin such attacks at this we the Ukrainian army will turn into a crowd of armed men with chunks of iron."

But the hawks, who are demanding publicly on TV broadcasts and on Telegram to know why Russia does not hit more harmonial to the telephone of the total telephone of the telephone of telephone of the telephone of the telephone of the telephone of telephone of the telephone of the telephone of the telephone of telephone of the telephone of the telephone of the telephone of telephone of the telephone of the telephone of the telephone of telephone of the telephone of telepho

Russia's sporadic air attacks. "That is essentially the only ex-planation that I have." Even as NATO allies on Thurs-day said they would rush addi-tional air defenses to Ukraine,

tional air defenses to Ukraine, the experts said the reason Rus-sia had yet to knock out electric-ty and water service across the country was simple: It can't. Since May, Russia's use of pre-cision guided missiles (PGMs) has declined sharply, with ana-lysts suggesting then that Rus-sian stocks of such missiles may be low.

Tuesday's attacks mainly used SEE ARSENAL ON A6

#### Musk imperils Ukraine internet

SAYS CAN'T AFFORD TO SUPPLY LINK

His satellite service has become key to war effort

BY ISABELLE KHURSHUDYAN, KOSTIANTYN KHUDOV, DAN LAMOTHE AND ELLEN FRANCIS

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KYIV, UKRAINE — Elon Musk
said Friday that his space company could not continue funding the
Starlink satellite service that has
kept Ukraine and its military onuproar as he suggested he was
pulling free internet after a
Ukrainian ambassador insulted
him on Twitter.

A Starlink cutoff would cripple
the Ukrainian military's main
mode of communication and potentially hamstring its defenses
by giving a major advantage to
Russia, which has sought to jam
signals and phone service in the
eastern and southern combat
zones.

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Musk, the world's richest man by Bloomberg estimates, tweeted from the United States that his company SpaceX does not want reimbursement for its past expenses in helping Ukraine. But, he wrote, it "also cannot fund the existing system indefinitely and send several thousand more terminals that have data usage up to 100X greater than typical households. This is unreasonable."

He also appeared to taunt Ukraine's ambassador to Gersel Ukraine's substantial on A6

Nobel Prize: Laureate says world must rethink wartime justice. A8

#### In long-lost graves, a search for family history

Williamsburg's 'descendant community' returns after remains unearthed at Black church

A rchaeologist Jack Gary pulls back the plastic tarp covering the grave. A few surprised frogs jump out of the way. He shows the outline of the burial, marked by the disturbed soil thrown on top of the deceased.

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At the foot of the grave, his team found a broken bottle turned upside down and probably placed intentionally. The reason is not clear. The old African American First Baptist Church that stood here and buried its dead here is long gone, replaced by a best of the control of the cont



Jacquelyn and Dennis Gardner outside the First Baptist Church in Williamsburg, Va. De Gardner says he is the church's oldest active member and began attending services at 6.

#### Newspapers with hidden agendas flood mailboxes

As local publications fold, new actors fill void with a partisan mission

#### BY MICHAEL SCHERER

Pennsylvania's most widely cir-lated newspaper showed up,

Pennsylvania's most widely cir-culated newspaper showed up, without fanfare or explanation, in the mailboxes of about 1 in every 5 households in the state this April. A12-page tabloid with a circula-tion of 953,000, it has arrived ev-ery month since, with articles from the Associated Press, cross-words, recipes and useful updates on which nearby towns had the lowest gas prices. But nowhere in its pages does it disclose its true mission.

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The Pennsylvania Independent is, in fact, a new sort of political-journalism hybrid becoming more popular on the left — just one part of a quiet four-state, \$28 million

election-year effort by the liberal-leaning American Independent

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Foundation and partner groups
aimed at swaying voters in the
midterm elections.

Only the articles offer a clue of
the underlying intent: A piece in
the October issue described the
opposition to "any gun safety measures" by "New Jersey resident"
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Biden's domestic manufacturing
initiative, Republican denials of
the 2020 election results and a
proposal for a national abortion
ban by Sen. Lindsey O. Graham
(R-S.C.).
"All of the reporting that we put
in the papers is fact-checked and
verified," said Jessica McCreight, a
former Democratic consultant
who serves as executive editor of
the operation. "It just so happens
things and Democrats doing good
things."

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A hub for the displaced A Chicago school with deep ties to Ukraine has embraced students from the war-torn country. A9

Still buffering Equity in internet access is just one issue in limbo amid a deadlock for President Biden's FCC pick, Gigi Sohn. A4

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Special section explores range of cultural roots and connections, and what it means to be Hispanic. In Weekend Extra



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#### **Eagles** flying high for now

Philadelphia off to strong start after five straight wins. They face Dallas on Sunday. A look at four things that could derail the team. **In Sports** 

WS ANALYSIS JAN. 6 COMMITTEE

## Panel demands Trump testimony under oath



Former President Donald Trump's image loomed large at the Jan. 6 committee on Thursday. Jack Gruber/USA TODAY

#### Former president defiant as midterms will likely alter outlook



Susan Page USA TODAY

Now what?
After an investigation that has lasted more than a year, the House Jan. 6 committee voted unanimously Thursday to subpoena former president Donald Trump, saying the demand for his testimony under oath was necessary to put down a marker, for history's ledger.
There is little doubt that legal challenges and the prospect the panel will

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soon be disbanded makes it unlikely it soon be disbanded makes it unlikely it will ever hear from him. But the vote spotlighted the committee's tightening focus on the single biggest question ahead: Whether Trump should be held accountable for his role in the violent assault on the Capitol – and if so, how.

"He is required to answer for his actions," committee chair Bennie Thompson, D-Miss., said before the somber, 9-0 vote. "We have left no doubt – none – that Donald Trump led an effort to up-

- that Donald Trump led an effort to up-end American democracy that directly resulted in the violence of Jan. 6." For his part, Trump was defiant.

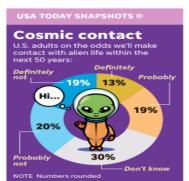
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"(Donald Trump) is required to answer for his actions. We have left no doubt none - that Donald Trump led an effort to upend American democracy that directly resulted in the violence of Jan. 6."

Rep. Bennie Thompson, D-Miss.



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#### **Drone-delivered bombs** pummel Kyiv region

John Bacon and Jorge L. Ortiz USA TODAY

Russian bombs delivered by Iranian-built drones hammered by Irani-an-built drones hammered the Kyiv region Thursday as Ukraine's capital again took the brunt of Russian Presi-dent Vladimir Putin's wrath.

The attack comes three days after missile strikes that marked the first as-

missile strikes that marked the first assault on the city since the early days of
the war, when Russia's march to Kyiv
was driven back by Ukrainian forces.
"Another attack by kamikaze
drones on critical infrastructure facilities," the deputy head of the presidential office, Kyrylo Tymoshenko, said on
the instant messaging service Telegram. "The relevant services are already ... documenting the consequences of shelling. Do not neglect
safety, stay in shelters during alarms!"
The British Defense Ministry said

- the low-flying drones were unlikely to provide strike options deep into Ukraine, and many were reportedly destroyed before they hit their targets. Also Thursday:

   Russian attacks killed 13 people and wounded 37 across Ukraine in the past 24 hours, the Ukrainian presidential office said. Three of the deaths were in the southern city of Mykolaiv when missile strikes destroyed an apartment building, but an 11-year-old boy was pulled out of the rubble.

   NATO defense ministers gathered in Brussels for a second day of talks to assess the war after the alliance committed more air defense aid.

   Qatar's emir, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, thanked Putin for what he said was Russia's support in organizing the soccer World Cup, which starts Nov. 20.

  Contributing: The Associated Press

#### **Inflation** is easing **but still** stubborn

Core price indicator hits new 40-year high

Paul Davidson

Inflation drifted lower last month, but the descent from historic highs remains painfully slow and a key measure set a new 40-year record.

Consumer prices increased 8.2% from a year earlier, down from an 8.3% rise in August and a four-decade high of 9.1% in June, as climbing food and rent costs again offset falling gasoline prices, according to the Labor Department's Consumer Price Index. Last month's increase defied forecasts for a more rapid slowdown in inflation.

On a monthly basis, consumer prices edged up a larger-than-expected 0.4% after a 0.1% increase in August. And while overall inflation is softening gradually, a key measure of

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#### **Social Security recipients** will see a hefty boost

Cost-of-living adjustment means checks will rise by 8.7% next year. **1B** 



Ryan Petty comforts Ilan Alhadeff as they await the verdict of Nikolas Cruz on Thursday. AMY BETH BENNETT VIA AP

#### Parkland families voice outrage after life sentence

Hannah Phillips, Valentina Palm and Jorge Milian Palm Beach Post USA TODAY NETWORK

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla.

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. – Jurors on Thursday recommended life in pris-on without parole for Nikolas Cruz, who pleaded guilty to killing 17 people in the 2018 school massacre in Park-land, Florida.

land, Florida.
Victims' family members seated in the gallery scowled, shook their heads, or held them in their hands as circuit judge Elizabeth Scherer read the recommendation. The 12-person jury came to a decision after seven hours of deliberations over two days, ending a three-month trial where stories of the victims' execution were retold in graphic detail.

"I'm disgusted with those jurors. I'm

See PARKLAND, Page 6A

#### deportes

#### Racing da pelea

Ganó en Santa Fe y lucha con Boca por el título

Venció a Colón por 2-0 y está a 1 punto del líder, con un partido más; un desenlace atrapante.



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Estrena Hache, una serie documental sobre grandes temas contemporáneos.

ENTREVISTA - por Pablo Sirvén

#### ESPARTANOS: PREMIO A LA REINSERCIÓN DESPUÉS DE LA CÁRCEL

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La ONG que promueve el rugby en unidades penitenciarias como aporte a la recuperación de presos distinguió por su conducta a 68 exconvictos. Página 31

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## La inflación sigue muy alta: en septiembre fue de 6,2% y acumula 83% en 12 meses

INDEC. Si bien se desaceleró respecto de agosto, alcanzó el peor nivel interanual desde 1991

La inflación volvió a situarse en niveles altos y llegó a 6,2% en septiembre. Fue una leve desaceleración frentea agosto-porque nos eincluyó la suba de tarifas prevista con la segmentación-, pero sigue en un piso muy elevado y con un fuerte avance de los alimentos, sobre todo verduras.

En lo que va del año acumuló un 66,1% y en los últimos 12 meses llegó a 83%, el peor nivel desde diciembre de 1991, cuando llegó a tocar un 84%, según los datos oficiales. La medición núcleo-que elimina precios regulados y estacionales-fue de 5,5% y el capítulo de alimentos y bebidas -el de más peso en el indice-avanzó un 6,7%. Con este número, la suba de precios se consolida en un piso mensual del 6%, con una inflación anual garantizada en tres dígitos. Página 14



#### Fernández se diferenció del kirchnerismo por la corrupción

Ante un auditorio de empresarios, el presidente Alberto Fernández marcó ayer diferencias con el kirchnerismo en un tema sensible: la corrupción. "En este gobierno, ¿alguien les pidió un centavo para hacer obra pública?", les preguntó en el Coloquio de IDEA. Lohizomientrasavanza el juicio contra Cristina Kirchner por irregularidades en la obra pública de Santa Cruz. El Presidente, además, defendió el acuerdo con el FMI y cuestionó a quienes le imputan "debilidad". Página 15

#### "Tomatazo" contra Los girasoles de Van Gogh



CAPTURA DE VIDE

cultura— En un nuevo ataque vandálico contra obras de arte, dos militantes ambientalistas de la agrupación Just Stop Oil arrojaron ayer contra el cuadro Los girasoles, de Vincent Van Gogh, que se expone en la National Gallery de Londres, el contenido de dos latas de sopa de tomate. La pintura –una de las cinco de esta serie célebre que pertenece a diferentes museos del mundo–resultó ilesa y detuvieron a las dos jóvenes. Página 32

#### Una tormenta política pone a Truss contra las cuerdas

REINO UNIDO. Destituyó al ministro de Finanzas y cambió el plan fiscal. Página 4

#### **Nueva era.** El Jockey Club deberá tener socias mujeres en su directorio

Jesús Allende

Se aproxima el fin de una era. La Sala M de la Cámara Civil confirmó ayer la resolución de la Inspección General de Justicia (IGJ) que obliga al Jockey Club a "respetar la diversidad de género" y que los órganos de conducción de la entidad estén "integrados por la misma cantidad de miembros femeninos como masculinos". El Jockey Club había interpuesto un recurso directo contra la Cámara para que la Justicia resolviera la nulidad de la medida, pero la sentencia le resultó adversa. Continúa en la página 30

#### Histórica admisión de la Argentina por la AMIA

ATENTADO. Reconoció su responsabilidad por la impunidad ante la CIDH

A 38 años del atentado contra la AMIA, el Estado argentino reconoció por primera vez ante la Corte Interamericana de Derechos Humanos (CIDH) su responsabilidad internacional por las violaciones de los derechos humanos de las victimas, así como por la negación del derecho a la justicia y por el encubrimiento. En el histórico reconocimiento, el país admittó que jueces, fiscales, fuerzas de seguridad, servicios de inteligencia y autoridades del Poder Ejecutivo acusaron a inocentes y protegieron a sospechosos cercanos al poder. Página 27

#### Dictan la falta de mérito a los iraníes del avión retenido

TERRORISMO. La Justicia determinó que no hay pruebas firmes. Página 26

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#### LEITE ESTENDE A MÃO, E ONYX NEGA

Após debate marcado por ataques no RS, Onyx Lorenzoni (PL), que fez ofensa homofóbica a Eduardo Leite (PSDB) em peça de campanha, só tocou o ombro do oponente Política A10

## Lula permanece com 49%, e Bolsonaro segue com 44%

Nulos são 5%, e indecisos, 1%, mostra Datafolha; petista tem 53% dos válidos

Pesquisa Datafolha para o 2º turno presidencial

Resposta estimulada, em 9



### Na contramão dos demais, abstenção cai entre idosos

Com pouco mais de duas semanas para a eleição, a nova pesquisa Datafolha, feita nestas quinta e sextafeiras (13 e 14), não trouxe mudança em relação à anterior, divulgada dia 7: Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT) continua com 49% das preferências neste momento, e Jair Bolsonaro (PL) mantém os mesmos 44% de anter

ferências neste momento, e Jair Bolsonaro (PL) mantém os mesmos 44% de antes. Brancos e nulos oscilaram de 6% para 5%, e indecisos, de 2% para 1%. A margem de erro é de dois pontos, o que significa que o petista teria de 47% a 51%, e o presidente, de 42% a 46%. Responderam 2.898 eleitores. Se considerados os votos válidos (sem os brancos e nulos, descartados pela Justiça Eleitoral ao anunciar o resultado), o ex-presidente vai a 53% ante 47% do atual, quadro também estático em relação à semana anterior.

quadro tambem estatico em relação à semana anterior. Igualmente congelada ficou a rejeição dos candidatos, sendo 51% os que afirmam não votar no titular do Planalto de jeito nenhum, e 46% os que descartam totalmente escolher Lula.

Apesquisa mostra que 6% dos eleitores se dizem dispostos a mudar seu voto, e 2 em cada 3 destes o fariam para anular. Política A4

#### PF prende suspeitos de corrupção com emendas de relator

A PF prendeu os irmãos Roberto Rodrígues de Lima e Renato Rodrígues de Lima, suspeitos de inserir dados falsos em sistemas do SUS em cidades do Maranhão para justificar repasses federais a municípios via emendas de relator. A defesa dos dois não retornou contato. Política Ma

#### Bolsonaro critica Moraes por barrar ação antipesquisa

Jair Bolsonaro (PL) criticou Alexandre de Moraes,
que chefia o TSE, por ter
barrado investigações pedidas pelo governo contra
institutos de pesquisa. O
presidente disse que o veto favorece Lula (PT). Especialistas divergem sobre
Moraes ter extrapolado ou
não sua atuação. Política A6

#### Luís F. Carvalho Fº Cristianismo, mentira e voto

O presidente do Conselho Administrativo de Defesa Econômica, que pretendia, ao arrepio da lei, "investigar" institutos de pesquisa, é "menino" do ministro Ciro Nogueira, coronel no Piauí e capacho de Bolsonaro. Cotidiano B3

#### Tarcísio recua de tirar câmera da farda de PMs

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#### Governo extingue conselho fiscal e comitês da Funai

O governo Jair Bolsonaro (PL) extinguiu o Conselho Fiscal e comités regionais da Fundação Nacional do Índio. Funcionários temem mais um passo para o desmonte da Funai. O órgão diz que visa a "melhorar a qualidade do serviço público". Cotidiano B3



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ATIVISTAS JOGAM SOPA DE TOMATE EM QUADRO DE GIRASSÓIS DE VAN GOGH EM LONDRES

Membros do grupo Just Stop Oil, contra o uso de combustíveis fósseis, na National Gallery; pintura é protegida por película de vidro e não sofreu danos a ustrada combustíveis fósseis.

#### Putin fala em fim de mobilização e em suspender bombardeios

O presidente russo, Vladimir Putin, acenou um abrandamento na Guerra da Ucránia. Negou a necessidade de mais ataques e de estender a mobilização. E disse que um confronto com o Ocidente seria uma "catástrofe global". Au

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#### Acusado de crimes sexuais, Brennand é preso e paga fiança

O empresário Thiago Brennand, 42, foi preso em Abu Dhabi (Emirados Árabes). Acusado de crimes sexuais e de agredir uma mulher numa academia, era considerado foragido. Ele foi solto após pagar fiança. Falta de tratado pode atrasar extradição. Cotidiano BI



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en pleine tempête politique et financière. L'ancien ministre des Affaires étrangères Jeremy Hunt, conservateur plus cen-triste, prend la suite. PAGE 8



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#### Trajectoire de collision

est une affaire entendue, ré-glée comme du papier à musique : le 20º congrès du Parti communiste chinois (PCC), qui s'ouvre dimanche, se bornera à mettre publiquement en scène des dé-cisions déjà prises dans les arcanes du pouvoir Xi Jinping, brisant la tradition de rotation dé-cennale, sera confirmé comme le maître abso-lu de l'empire rouge, fixant le cap pour au moins une décennie supplémentaire. À la fa-veur d'un changement de génération, il ren-forcera sa mainmise sur les centres de pouvoir du parti-État. Paré du titre de «navigateur», qui le rapproche du Timonier, il a déjà fait insqui le rapprocte du l'infonce, il a deja tan ins-crire sa pensée dans la Constitution et l'a enri-chie de dix livres depuis juin dernier! Dans cette quête de puissance et d'éternité, aucume tête ne peut dépasser celle de l'empe-reur, ni au Parti ni dans la Chine entière. Alors

que la dérive autoritaire de la Russie nous fe-rait presque regretter l'époque soviétique, où les apparatchiks avaient leur mot à dire, la centralisation et la personnalisation du pou-voir à Pékin s'annoncent également lourdes de menaces. La plus grande dictature du mon-de est aujourd'hui soumise à l'obsession de son chef pour le contrôle, à ses lubies nationalistes assorties de révisionnisme historique et de négationnisme ethnique, à son repli dans le «zéro Covid» coercitif et l'autosuffisance technologique, à sa répression de la société en détournant les outils qui ailleurs la libèrent... Embarrassé par les déboires de son ami Pouti-

En Chine. aucune tête ne dépasse celle de

ne en Ukraine, Xi Jinping pourrait voir un in-térêt à réchauffer ses

les institutions internationales et du clientélis-me avec les pays dans le besoin. Xi tout-puissant pourra-t-il décider seul d'envahir Taïwan? La chose serait planifiée pour la décennie suivante, ce qui peine à nous rassurer... Ayant renoncé à toute illusion de réforme, Américains et Européens peuvent au moins essaver de retarder le jour où ce rival systémi-

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Liz Truss performs another U-turn in desperate bid to save her premiership

 Kwasi Kwarteng sacked after 38 days as chancellor and replaced by Jeremy Hunt

# A day of chaos

### Rowena Mason Aubrey Allegretti Peter Walker

Liz Truss was desperately clinging to her premiership last night after she sacked her chancellor and ripped up the mini-budget but failed to calm the financial markets or furious Conservative MPs.

In a humiliating reversal, the prime minister backed down on plans to scrap a £18bn rise in corporation tax and replaced Kwasi Kwarteng as chancellor with Jeremy Hunt.

She insisted that staying in her own position as prime minister would help to "reassure the markets of our financial discipline", but the cost of government borrowing rose and the pound fell after her press conference to announce the changes.

Senior Tory MPs are now plotting how to remove her from office, with some considering whether to publicly call for her to resign in the coming days. One former minister said they thought it was "50-50 whether she will make it till Christmas", adding: "If I could wave a magic wand and get rid of her now then I would, but the problem is the mechanism."

Some Tory MPs thought that the appointment of Hunt, a Tory cen-trist who has twice failed to win the leadership, could buy Truss some time, potentially until the next fiscal event on 31 October. In a sign that the former health secretary may be a powerful figure, one of his

allies among Tory MPs, Steve Brine, told the BBC that people could regard "Truss as the



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