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U.K.'s Truss Quits After 45 Stormy Days



'I recognize that given the situation, I cannot deliver the mandate on which I was elected by the Conservative Party,' said U.K. Prime Minister Liz Truss in resigning on Thursday.

Party support for leader vanished with collapse of tax-cut plan, leaving crisis for her successor

By MAX COLCHESTER

LONDON—U.K. Prime Minister Liz Truss said Thursday that she would resign, making her the shortest-serving prime minister in British history after a tumultuous six weeks that saw her try to push through a risky tax-cut plan, only to be forced by financial markets into a humiliating retreat that caused her political authority to disintegrate.

The 47-year-old is the third Conservative Party leader pushed out of office in as many years, less than two months after her predecessor, Boris Johnson, was also ousted by lawmakers following a series of scandals. Ms. Truss said a leadership election

would be held in the next week to find her successor. "I recognize that given the situation, I cannot deliver the mandate on which I was elected by the Conservative Party," she said, standing outside 10 Downing Street on Thursday.

Within hours of the announcement Conservative lawmakers were jostling to position themselves behind a new leader. Ms. Truss's successor will have to navigate a political crisis and economic turbulence, with the U.K. dealing with stagflation—the combination of slow growth and high inflation. The new leader is almost sure to face a long winter of discontent, with real wages forecast to fall, labor unions promising a series of strikes and many

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Economic Policies Led to Downfall

LONDON—U.K. Prime Minister Liz Truss's resignation is a stark reminder of how high inflation and rising interest rates have changed the game for politicians and narrowed their room to maneuver.

By David Luhnow, Paul Hannon and Chelsey Dulaney

For the past decade, low inflation and ultralow interest rates gave governments around the world room to spend more and pile on debt without alarming investors. Those days are over.

With central banks tightening monetary policy, political leaders are less able to borrow money without raising ques-

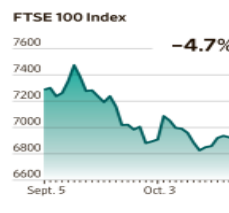
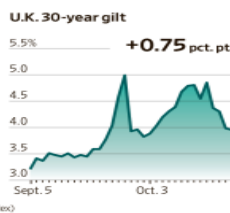
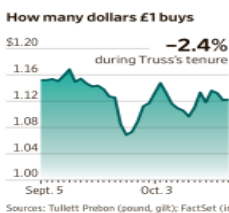
tions about how they will repay it, in part because higher borrowing costs make debt more expensive and in part because governments loaded up on debt during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The U.K. is a case in point. Debt as a proportion of economic output went from about 80% prepandemic to about 100% now.

Ms. Truss found this out the hard way. She and her ex-treasury chief, Kwasi Kwarteng, wanted to stoke growth by slashing taxes, while also splashing out billions of pounds on subsidies to protect homes and businesses from

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China's Military Catches Up

Beijing upgrades technology, training for its forces, but troops remain untested

By ALASTAIR GALE

China's military is emerging as a true competitor to the U.S. under Xi Jinping.

The People's Liberation Army now has hypersonic missiles that evade most defenses, a technology the U.S. is still developing. Its attack drones can swarm to paralyze communications networks. China's naval ships outnumber America's, and it launched its third aircraft carrier this summer, the first to be designed and built in

the country. Its defense budget is second only to the U.S.'s. China's military has more serving members, at around 2 million, compared with just under 1.4 million in the U.S.

The question for Mr. Xi, which he has raised in public, is whether those forces are ready for battle.

China hasn't fought a war since a brief border clash with Vietnam in 1979. Unlike American forces, who have fought for most of the past

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Great Pay, Many Benefits—One Catch: Simulated Drowning

Offshore oil workers have to take a water-survival class; 'Everybody hates it'

By JENNY STRASSBURG

ROBERT, La.—A dozen or so offshore oil workers showed up in jumpsuits, life vests and helmets for a mandatory water-survival course.

"You're not going to die," 56-year-old offshore electronics technician Kent Cox reassured a nervous first-timer.

It will only seem like it. Five people at a time will be tightly strapped into a simulated helicopter fuselage suspended 10 feet above an indoor pool and then take a very deep breath just before plunging into the water.

While captive in a four-

point harness under water, the trainees will count to seven then push out the nearest window. They must unbuckle themselves, escape through the window opening and swim to the surface. Not once, but over and over, at accelerating intervals, to a crescendo that a participant described as a simulated near-drowning.

The key to survival is not to panic. Yet panic is the natural response. "The level of displeasure involved, I want to call it traumatic," said Grace Rivolo, 31 years old, admittedly one of the most terrified in the group. Water and heights are her two biggest fears, she said.

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Climbing Interest Rates Crimp U.S. Home Sales

By NICOLE FRIEDMAN

U.S. existing-home sales fell for an eighth straight month in September, the longest streak of declines in 15 years, as the once-booming housing market becomes a bigger drag on the U.S. economy.

Sales of previously owned homes declined 1.5% in September from the prior month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.71 million, the weakest rate since May 2020, the National Association of Realtors said Thursday.

Excluding the early months of the Covid-19 pandemic, September's existing-home sales rate was the lowest since 2012,

when the housing market was just beginning to recover from the subprime crisis.

The market's abrupt slowdown since the start of the year is a direct response to rising mortgage rates, which reached 6.94% this week. That has made most home purchases less affordable and is scaring away buyers.

It also reflects one of the biggest impacts so far of the Federal Reserve's effort to fight high inflation by raising interest rates to slow economic growth.

Cooling off the red-hot market is a key part of the Fed's process, because home sales are highly interest-rate sensi-

tive and fuel related economic activity.

A weaker housing market damps demand for many other goods and services. Prices and sales of furniture and appliances fell in September, while spending on lumber and plumbing fixtures declined as well. New-home construction has declined in response to lower demand.

"The housing market has entered a recession before the overall economy does," said Nancy Vanden Houten, lead U.S. economist at Oxford Economics.

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Drugmakers Scramble To Stem Pricing Blow

By JARED S. HOPKINS

Drugmakers are trying to blunt Medicare's newfound power to negotiate medicine prices while coping with industry disputes and ebbing influence in Washington, D.C.

Under the Inflation Reduction Act, Congress gave Medicare, the country's biggest buyer of prescription drugs, the authority to negotiate how much it pays for certain high-price therapies and to get rates on treatments whose prices rise more than the rate of inflation.

Drugmakers are seeking to ease the law's impact as regulators begin to work on the details of implementing the provisions, according to people familiar with the efforts.

Yet the lobbying comes without some key lawmakers in the industry's corner and at a moment when one of its big-

gest trade groups, the Biotechnology Innovation Organization, must find a new leader after its chief executive clashed with board members and resigned.

"We're at a really critical moment of Big Pharma needing to step back and say, 'How am I going to continue to develop and grow and yet deal with all these pressures on my core business costs?'" said Maria Whitman, a principal with pharmaceutical consulting firm ZS Associates.

BIO and the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, the industry's other major trade group, said the law threatened investment in drug development while not doing enough to lower patients' drug costs.

Both groups said they are working to limit the law's effect on drug research.

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Biden is right to regard climate change as a global threat — ANNE-MARIE SLAUGHTER, PAGE 19

Truss quits after 44 days as PM

◆ 'Given the situation, I cannot deliver the mandate on which I was elected'

◆ Leadership hopefuls must receive backing of 100 MPs to enter ballot

◆ Timing throws plan to address £40bn fiscal hole into confusion



Liz Truss outside No 10 Downing Street as she announced that she would be stepping down as leader
Kirsty O'Connor/PA

GEORGE PARKER AND SEBASTIAN PAYNE
LONDON

Liz Truss resigned as UK prime minister yesterday, ending a 44-day tenure marked by financial turmoil, policy U-turns and collapsing poll ratings.

She was told to quit by senior Conservative party figures, leaving MPs in the bitterly divided party the task of choosing a new leader, and prime minister, by the end of next week.

Truss will go down in history as Britain's shortest-serving prime minister, her government having collapsed in the wake of its failed "mini" Budget last month, which contained £45bn of unfunded tax cuts and triggered turmoil in the sterling and gilt markets.

In a brief statement in Downing Street, Truss said she had notified King Charles she was standing down as Conservative leader and prime minister.

Truss said she had been elected leader to deliver a "low tax, high growth" economy, taking advantage of the "freedoms of Brexit", before conceding that "given the situation, I cannot deliver the mandate on which I was elected by the Conservative party".

The party has set a high threshold for leadership hopefuls, who will have to secure the support of 100 MPs — a big jump on the 20 needed to enter this summer's contest when Truss was chosen.

Sir Graham Brady, chair of the 1922

committee of backbench Tory MPs, said that if only one candidate won sufficient support, then the new leader would be confirmed on Monday, when nominations close.

Otherwise, the leader will be chosen by Friday October 28, with MPs due to reduce the list to two and party members then voting online to determine the result. As there are 357 Tory MPs, a maximum of three can make it to the ballot.

"We fixed a high threshold but a threshold that should be achievable by any serious candidate who has a realistic prospect of going through," Brady said.

The new system sparked speculation

that it was intended to hand more control of the process to MPs, rather than to party members who might prefer candidates such as Boris Johnson, the former prime minister, or Suella Braverman, the rightwing former home secretary.

Rishi Sunak, the former chancellor, and Penny Mordaunt, leader of the

House of Commons, are the frontrunners to replace Truss, although several other candidates might enter the fray.

Braverman will be encouraged by supporters to stand as a flag-bearer for the Tory right, while Johnson's supporters believe he could make a comeback, little more than three months after he was forced out of office.

Jeremy Hunt, the chancellor, has ruled out another run for the Tory leadership and will hope to stay at the Treasury. However, Truss's statement throws Britain's economic prospects into further confusion.

The chancellor is scheduled to deliver a plan to fill a £40bn hole in Britain's public accounts on October 31, but a

new prime minister will be in office by that date and would want to put their stamp on the plan.

Gilts largely shrugged off the news of Truss's resignation, after rallying in the lead-up to her statement. The yield on the benchmark 10-year gilt was 0.03 percentage points higher at 3.9 per cent by late afternoon in London trading. The 30-year yield slipped 0.04 percentage points to 3.95 per cent, a small rise in price.

Sterling held on to most of its gains against the dollar to trade 0.4 per cent higher on the day at \$1.126. It had earlier climbed above \$1.133.
Additional reporting by Tommy Stubbington

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Murdoch's bid to unify his empire fails to impress

Billionaire Rupert Murdoch, at the age of 91, appears to be finally putting in place plans for his succession and has made a first move to stitch back together his fragmented media empire by asking the boards of News Corp and Fox to consider a merger.

However, investors are sceptical of the strategic rationale for such a move, with some shareholders deriding the move as 'family drama', and one News Corp investor calling Fox 'toxic'.

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'Lucky' escape after Russian plane fires missile near UK spy jet over Black Sea

JOHN PAUL RATHBONE — LONDON

A Russian fighter jet released a missile near an unarmed British spy plane patrolling international airspace over the Black Sea on September 29, the UK has revealed, in an incident that Russia later blamed on a "technical malfunction".

Speaking to parliament, UK defence minister Ben Wallace said the Rivet joint electronic surveillance plane was shadowed by two SU-27 aircraft, "which is not unusual", except that this time one of the Russian planes "released a missile in the vicinity of the Rivet joint".

Wallace said he had suspended the patrols and raised the issue with his Russian counterpart, Sergei Shoigu, who replied on October 10 that an investigation had concluded the release was due to a malfunction.

"We do not consider this a deliberate escalation by the Russians. Our analysts would concur it was a malfunction," Wallace said. "However, it's a reminder of quite how dangerous things can be when you choose to use your fighters in the manner that the Russians have done over many periods of time."

"We are incredibly lucky that it did not become worse."

The Kremlin declined to comment. The incident underlines the risk of accidental clashes between Russia and Nato as Vladimir Putin escalates his aggression in Ukraine after military setbacks on the battlefield.

The Russian president has targeted Ukraine with missiles and "kamikaze" drones and warned its western allies that he is ready to use nuclear weapons.

Wallace said surveillance patrols had resumed but with fighter aircraft

escorts. The incident "will not prevent the UK's support for Ukraine", he added.

The encounter over the Black Sea took place shortly after explosions on two Russian gas pipelines in the Baltic Sea that heightened worries over the security of subsea infrastructure.

Communications to the Shetland Islands were disrupted yesterday after a subsea cable was cut. Another cable connecting Shetland and the Faroe Islands was damaged last week.

Western capitals are on high alert after the sabotage of the Nord Stream gas pipelines, with Norway this week flagging concerns over spying by foreign agencies. Oslo has arrested seven Russians for flying drones near its infrastructure in the past week.

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World Markets

STOCK MARKETS

	Oct 20	Prev	%Chg
S&P 500	3712.75	3695.16	0.48
Nasdaq Composite	10795.11	10680.51	1.02
Dow Jones Ind	30640.99	30423.81	0.73
FTSE100	1578.47	1576.20	0.21
Euro Stoxx 50	3498.48	3471.24	0.50
FTSE MIB	8943.91	8924.99	0.22
FTSE AEX	2740.95	2737.50	0.34
CAC 40	6090.90	6040.72	0.76
Nikkei	12767.41	12741.41	0.20
Hong Kong	27008.96	27257.38	-0.92
Hang Seng	16246.22	16421.28	-1.40
MSCI World	2439.50	2457.86	-0.76
MSCI EM	865.91	879.07	-1.50
MSCI ACWI	865.21	869.98	-0.54
FT Worldex 2500	4811.02	4852.21	-0.85
FT Worldex 1000	37578.15	37805.29	-0.60

CURRENCIES

Pair	Oct 20	Prev	%Chg
\$/£	0.864	0.879	-1.72
\$/€	1.132	1.126	0.53
\$/¥	0.869	0.870	-0.12
\$/₹	143.585	143.725	-0.10
\$/₹	169.358	169.575	-0.13
\$/₹	0.985	0.983	0.20
\$/₹	1.133	1.130	0.27

GOVERNMENT BONDS

	Oct 20	Prev	%Chg
US 2 yr	4.58	4.54	0.02
US 10 yr	4.17	4.11	0.06
US 30 yr	4.17	4.10	0.07
UK 2 yr	3.54	3.42	0.11
UK 10 yr	3.91	3.87	0.04
UK 30 yr	3.95	3.98	-0.03
JPN 2 yr	0.03	0.04	-0.01
JPN 10 yr	0.25	0.25	0.00
JPN 30 yr	1.52	1.50	0.02
GER 2 yr	2.10	2.07	0.03
GER 10 yr	2.40	2.37	0.03
GER 30 yr	2.38	2.34	0.02

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Oleksandr Avdeev watched as the body of his son, Serhii, who was seized by Russian forces last month, was exhumed in Borova.

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Fearing China, Taiwan Banks On Its Charm

By DAMIEN CAVE
and AMY CHANG CHIEN

TAIPEI, Taiwan — To maintain diplomatic ties with Guatemala, Taiwan pays the country's lobbyists in Washington. With its allies in the Pacific, Taiwan has promised to help preserve Indigenous cultures, and to thank Lithuania, Taiwan's newest unofficial ally, the government and local shoppers have embraced its imports, from lasers to bacon-flavored schnapps.

The fear of being swallowed by China — increasingly adamant in its authoritarian claims over the self-ruled democracy — focuses the diplomatic mind. Few places in the world can claim to be as scrappy with statecraft or as hungry for companionship as Taiwan today, and the effort goes beyond official channels. One digital diplomacy nonprofit has spread pro-Taiwan messages on social media worldwide through comics and product giveaways.

"Taiwan is now receiving more international attention than ever before," said President Tsai Ing-wen in her address on Taiwan's national day of Oct. 10.

While it has fewer embassies than a decade ago, Taiwan now has more substantial ties with a wider range of nations.

"It's a new trend, a new mode," said Hsiao-ting Lin, curator of the Modern China and Taiwan collection at Stanford's Hoover Institution.

"They're creatively thinking about ways to repackaging or elaborating."

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Ukrainians Tell of Torture in Russian Occupation

By CARLOTTA GALL

BALAKLIYA, Ukraine — Russian troops spent weeks searching for Mariya, the 65-year-old common-law wife of a serving Ukrainian Army officer.

Twice, she said, they ransacked her cottage in a village outside the town of Balakliya, and when they did eventually detain her months later, they tortured her repeatedly under interrogation, using electric shocks and threats of rape.

The recapturing by Ukrainian fighters of much of the Kharkiv region a month ago is now revealing what life was like for thousands of

Accounts of Detentions and Missing People Have Flooded In

people living under Russian military occupation from the early days of the war. For many there were periods of calm, but almost no food or public services. For those like Mariya, accused of sympathizing with or helping the Ukrainians, it was pure hell.

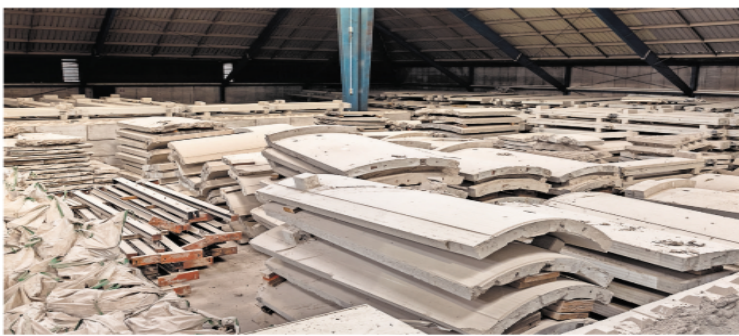
"In a word, it was horror," Mariya said. "I thought I would

not come out alive."

Police officers who have returned to towns and villages to reestablish a Ukrainian administration have been overwhelmed by complaints of theft and property damage, but also accounts of detentions, torture and missing relatives.

The scale of abuse of the population in eastern Ukraine under Russian occupation is most likely greater than that seen in the spring in Bucha and other areas around the capital, Kyiv, given the breadth of the territory and the length of the occupation, police of-

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The Recycled Office Tower

A growing movement in the Netherlands seeks a new way to build by reusing materials. Page B1.

Exploding Online, Disinformation Is Now a Fixture of U.S. Politics

By STEVEN LEE MYERS
and SHEERA FRENKEL

On the morning of July 8, former President Donald J. Trump took to Truth Social, a social media platform he founded with people close to him, to claim that he had in fact won the 2020 presidential vote in Wisconsin, despite all evidence to the contrary.

Barely 8,000 people shared that missive on Truth Social, a far cry from the hundreds of thousands of responses his posts on Facebook and Twitter had regularly generated before those services suspended him after the deadly riot on Capitol Hill on Jan. 6, 2021.

And yet Mr. Trump's baseless claim pulsed through the public consciousness anyway. It jumped

Posts From Niche Sites Go Mainstream

from his app to other social media platforms — not to mention podcasts, talk radio and television. Within 48 hours of Mr. Trump's post, more than one million people

saw his claim on at least dozen other sites. It appeared on Facebook and Twitter, from which he has been banished, but also YouTube, Gab, Parler and Telegram, according to an analysis by The New York Times.

The spread of Mr. Trump's claim illustrates how, ahead of this year's midterm elections, disin-

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TRUSS STEPS DOWN, CAPPING SIX WEEKS OF TURMOIL IN U.K.

Shortest Stint by a British Prime Minister — Fight Begins Over a Successor

By MARK LANDLER and STEPHEN CASTLE

LONDON — Prime Minister Liz Truss of Britain announced her resignation on Thursday, bringing a swift end to a six-week stint in office that began with a radical experiment in trickle-down economics and descended into financial and political chaos, as most of those policies were reversed.

With her tax-cutting agenda in tatters, her Conservative Party's lawmakers in revolt and her government in the hands of people who did not support either her or her policies, Ms. Truss, 47, concluded that she could no longer govern. She departs as the shortest-serving prime minister in British history.

"Given the situation, I cannot deliver the mandate on which I was elected by the Conservative Party," a grim Ms. Truss said, standing on the rain-slicked pavement outside 10 Downing Street, where only 44 days ago she greeted the public as Britain's new leader.

Ms. Truss said she would remain in office until the party chooses a successor, by the end of next week. That sets off an extraordinarily compressed, unpredictable scramble to replace her in a party that is both demoralized and deeply divided. Among the likely candidates is Boris Johnson, the flamboyant previous prime minister she replaced after

he was forced out in a string of scandals.

Only a day after declaring in Parliament, "I'm a fighter, not a quitter," Ms. Truss bowed out after a hastily scheduled meeting on Thursday with party elders, including Graham Brady, the head of a group of Conservative lawmakers that plays an influential role in selecting the party leader.

It was the most shocking jolt in a week of seismic developments that included the ouster of Ms. Truss's chancellor of the Exchequer, Kwasi Kwarteng; the bitter departure of the home secretary,

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Prime Minister Liz Truss said she could no longer govern.

HENRY SCHOLLA/REUTERS

Sinking Economy and Pound Sealed a Prime Minister's Fate

By MARK LANDLER

LONDON — For Liz Truss, the end came on Thursday in a midday meeting with grantees of the Conservative Party. But Ms. Truss's fate as prime minister

was all but sealed three weeks earlier when currency and bond traders reacted to her new fiscal program by torpedoing the pound and other British financial assets.

The market's swift, withering verdict on Ms. Truss's tax-cutting agenda shattered her credibility, degraded Britain's reputation with investors, drove up home mortgage rates, pushed the pound down to near parity with

the American dollar and forced the Bank of England to intervene to prop up British bonds.

That repudiation, measured in the second-by-second fluctuations of bond yields and exchange rates, mattered more than the noisy departures of Ms. Truss's cabinet ministers or the hothouse anxieties of Conservative lawmakers that ultimately made her position untenable.

For that reason, world leaders, buffeted by economic challenges, are watching the turmoil in Britain with anything but relish, concerned about the stability of Britain itself. Interest rates,

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Its Aquifer Dwindling, Virginia Finds a Solution in the Sewers

By ELENA SHAO

Virginia doesn't have a megacity like some parts of the United States, but it has water problems all the same: Homes and businesses in the Hampton Roads region, in the southeastern corner of the state, are drawing groundwater faster than it can be replenished. The situation has gotten so bad that the earth is sinking in some places.

Officials, though, think they might have found a solution in the sewers. Every day, the region's sanitation system takes a million gallons of treated wastewater and pumps it back into the Potomac Aquifer, a major source of drink-

ing water for the area. And there are plans to increase that to 100 million gallons in the coming years.

Around the country, cities and towns are increasingly turning to treated wastewater to augment their supplies of drinking water. The number of drinking-water reuse projects has quadrupled over the past two decades, according to data collected by the National Alliance for Water Innovation, a research program funded by the United States Department of Energy.

"It is now necessary for us to

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Spacey Wins in Civil Case

Anthony Rapp, an original cast member of "Rent," had filed a lawsuit accusing Kevin Spacey of making a sexual advance when Mr. Rapp was 14. PAGE A18

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Airlines Thrive as Work Shifts

Untethered from desks, passengers are flying more often and in different ways. Carriers, reaping the benefits, expect the change to stick. PAGE B1

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Astros Put Yanks in a 2-0 Hole

Houston's top hitters were quiet, but a three-run homer by Alex Bregman sent the Yankees to a 3-2 defeat in Game 2 of the A.L. Championship Series. PAGE B11

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A Broadway revival of Suzan-Lori Parks's "Topdog/Underdog" proves the two-man play is as fearless and brilliant as ever, Jesse Green writes. PAGE C1

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From activism to City Hall

Eunisses Hernandez's fearless campaign unseated Gil Cedillo. Can she help solve L.A.'s political crisis?

By JULIA WICK AND BENJAMIN ORESKES

Two days after a leaked audio recording jolted Los Angeles, angry and pained citizens packed the City Council chamber.

They chanted, jeered, cursed and vowed to prevent the Tuesday morning meeting from taking place as long as the three councilmembers heard on the racist recording remained in office.

As council leaders struggled to regain control of the room, a figure in a brightly embroidered blouse stood out among the sea of dark suits.

Eunisses Hernandez, a 32-year-old activist who ousted two-term Councilmember Gil Cedillo in the June primary, is not scheduled to take over his seat until December. This was her first time on the council floor — a space separated from the general public by a partition and a smattering of police officers.

She turned toward the gallery and urged the crowd to give Councilmember Mike Bonin, whose young son had been the subject of racist vitriol in the recording, a chance to speak.

The crowd did not fully quiet. But it was clear that Hernandez had real credibility with the organizers leading the chants.

She then crossed the council floor and approached Cedillo, one of the three councilmembers heard on the incendiary recording.

"This is extremely disrespectful," Hernandez recalled telling the veteran politician of his presence, saying the "community would like you to leave and I think that's the right move."

He made eye contact [See Hernandez, A7]

Dozens of L.A. residents weigh in
People at a town hall want change. First: resignations. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

A 'foreseeable catastrophe'
Scandal has roots in City Hall decisions made decades ago. **CALIFORNIA, B1**



WAHEED MERZAZADAH prepares a bowl of chainaki, a slow-cooked lamb stew, in his Kabul eatery. Photographs by MARCUS YAM Los Angeles Times

COLUMN ONE

Afghanistan delicacy and a master chef endure in Kabul

Day after day, second-generation chainaki maker ensures his restaurant is a constant in a city mired in conflict

By NABIH BULOS REPORTING FROM KABUL

There's a comforting immutability to the way Waheed Merzazadah prepares for his day's work: the methodical cutting of the sheep carcasses down to the right size, the readying of the vegetables and spices, the patient poring over of his well-worn collection of *chainaks*, or teapots. Watching him in the one-room kitchen of his two-room restaurant, you see him embody a constancy in a country often defined by its lack, as he repeats the process by which he makes superlative chainaki.

What is chainaki? The neophyte would contend that it's nothing more than a hearty lamb stew, because it certainly looks like that. But the connoisseur knows that chainaki is less about the ingredients than it is about how, or more accurately in what, you cook them.

As the name implies, if you want [See Chainaki, A10]



THE CHEF cooks the dish in clay teapots, or chainaks, many of which were passed down from his father.

L.A. milestone in seismic upgrades

More than 8,000 vulnerable buildings have been retrofitted across city

By RONG-GONG LIN II

Seven years into Los Angeles' landmark earthquake safety campaign, more than 8,000 seismically vulnerable buildings have been retrofitted across the city at an estimated cost of \$1.3 billion, a new analysis shows.

The improvements mark the biggest advance in seismic upgrades in decades but still leave thousands of buildings vulnerable to damage or even collapse in a catastrophic temblor.

The regulations, a legacy of Mayor Eric Garcetti's push for the nation's most sweeping earthquake safety legislation, require a total of nearly 14,000 buildings to be retrofitted. The rules came after years of stalled efforts to improve the resilience of

buildings despite growing evidence of earthquake threats.

The rules target apartments and other structures with soft, flimsy first floors as well as larger concrete-frame buildings of the type [See Upgrades, A5]

Fixing foundations: Californians can get \$3,000 grants to retrofit homes for earthquake safety. **CALIFORNIA, B3**

With another leader out, Brits don't feel so Great

Truss' resignation is the latest in a string of crises since Brexit, and a winter of discontent may be coming.

By JAWED KALEEM

LONDON — Double-digit inflation. A weakened British pound that's hovered near parity with the dollar. Soaring energy costs. The death of a revered monarch.

And now, the prospect of a third prime minister in less than three months.

Even before the spectacular political flameout of Prime Minister Liz Truss, Britain of late has often seemed like a country unsure of its place in the world: a medium-sized power, its empire long gone, teetering on the edge of becoming a small, isolated island, battered by storms within and without.



LIZ TRUSS heads back into 10 Downing St. in London after announcing her resignation as prime minister. Her tenure was the shortest in British history. STEFAN ROUSSEAU Press Assn.

Truss' tenure was so short — just 44 days — that her successor will face essentially the same array of problems she started with: a restive Scotland, where breakaway sentiment could again flare; the damaging longer-term economic ramifications of Brexit, which took effect in 2020; a social safety net and health service frayed by years of austerity; mixed sentiment about the royal family, now led by the less popular King Charles III.

And this web of woes comes against the backdrop of a war in Ukraine that has come to represent Russian President Vladimir Putin's stark challenge to a rules-based postwar security order in which Britain was once a powerful player.

Truss' resignation on Thursday was one more jolt in a succession of upheavals [See Britain, A10]

EX-UCLA DOCTOR GUILTY OF SEX ABUSE

Gynecologist James Heaps is found guilty on five counts of assaulting patients from 2013 to 2017.

By RICHARD WINTON

A Los Angeles County jury on Thursday found former UCLA gynecologist Dr. James Heaps guilty of sexually abusing female patients during his tenure at the university.

Heaps, 65, had been charged with 21 felony counts but was found guilty of only five: three counts of sexual battery by fraud and two counts of sexual penetration of an unconscious person. The assaults date from 2013 to 2017, the portion of his tenure that falls within the statute of limitations for which criminal charges could be brought.

He was found not guilty of seven other counts, including one count of sexual exploitation.

Judge Michael D. Carter declared a mistrial on nine other sex-related counts, saying the jury was hopelessly deadlocked on them.

"Instead of upholding the Hippocratic oath, [Heaps] used his position as a doctor, as a specialist, to sexually assault ... incredibly vulnerable women," Assistant Head Deputy Dist. Atty. Danette Meyers said during the trial, which began Aug. 9.

Prosecutors portrayed Heaps as exploiting his position as a renowned cancer specialist to prey on women during his 35 years associated with UCLA. Hundreds of accusers have been paid nearly \$700 million in the largest sexual abuse settlement involving a public university.

Natalie B., one of the women Heaps was found guilty of abusing, wept as he was handcuffed and led from the courtroom. "He was found guilty for what he did to me," she said in asking for Heaps to be taken into custody immediately after the verdict.

Heaps faces up to 28 years when he is sentenced on Nov. 17.

Darren Kavinsky, a civil attorney for hundreds of women who have accused Heaps of abuse, said that while his clients had hoped for a guilty verdict on all [See Heaps, A7]

Marine accused of seizing child

Afghan couple accuse Virginian of abducting their baby amid chaos of last year's U.S. withdrawal. **WORLD, A3**

Bonta promotes, defends record

Attorney general touts efforts on crime and abortion, but rival says he's fueling lawlessness. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Clippers hold on to beat Lakers

Kawhi Leonard has 14 points and seven rebounds in his first game in over a year in 103-97 win. **SPORTS, D1**

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FOREIGN SERVANTS

Below the surface in Australian sub deal

Retired U.S. admirals consulted on purchase of top-secret technology

BY CRAIG WHITLOCK AND NATE JONES

Two retired U.S. admirals and three former U.S. Navy civilian leaders are playing critical but secretive roles as paid advisers to the government of Australia during its negotiations to acquire top-secret nuclear submarine technology from the United States and Britain.

The Americans are among a group of former U.S. Navy officials whom the Australian government has hired as high-dollar consultants to help transform its fleet of ships and submarines, receiving contracts worth as much as \$800,000 a person, documents show.

All told, six retired U.S. admirals have worked for the Australian government since 2015, including one who served for two years as Australia's deputy secretary of defense. In addition, a former U.S. secretary of the Navy has been a paid adviser to three successive Australian prime ministers.

A Washington Post investigation found that the former U.S. Navy officials have benefited financially from a tangle of overlapping interests in their work for a longtime ally of the United States. **SEE FOREIGN SERVANTS ON A10**



British Prime Minister Liz Truss announces her resignation outside 10 Downing Street on Thursday. The Conservative politician's tenure as prime minister is the shortest in British history.

After Truss's fast fall, U.K. seeks direction

PRIME MINISTER COULDN'T SELL FISCAL PLAN

Resignation after just 45 days reflects a country adrift

BY WILLIAM BOOTH AND KARLA ADAM

LONDON — She campaigned for prime minister as the ideological incarnation of the 1980s Iron Lady Margaret Thatcher, as a strong, plain-speaking woman in pearls, who would finally unleash Britain's true post-Brexit potential by slashing taxes for investors and corporations, and getting the workers to work a bit harder.

The once-triumphalist Liz Truss resigned on Thursday in humiliation, after 45 days in office, becoming not a modern Conservative icon but the shortest-

serving prime minister in British history.

Truss was brought down by what is widely perceived as her incompetence, her inability to sell her vision — not just to lawmakers from her Conservative Party and the slim numbers of Tories out in the hinterlands, but to the broader electorate and to currency and bond traders in London.

Her ouster also reflects an ongoing identity crisis among Conservatives — fragmentation that led to the agonizing experience of Brexit and leaves open the question of not only who will lead the

SEE TRUSS ON A16

In premier's implosion, a look at how inflation, politics clash

BY DAVID J. LYNCH

The astonishing political demise of British Prime Minister Liz Truss shows what can happen when ambitious plans collide with a new financial market reality that places the fight against inflation above all else.

Truss resigned Thursday after just 45 days in office, a casualty of the market turmoil triggered by her plans to increase govern-

ment borrowing and cut taxes despite an annual inflation rate above 10 percent.

The Truss implosion was fueled by distinctly British considerations. But the market upheaval — which at one point saw investors judge Britain a worse credit risk than notoriously prof-

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Recession fears: Policymakers start examining their options. **A18**

Ukraine improvises with aging air defenses

BY ISABELLE KHURSHUDYAN

KYIV, UKRAINE — Dmytro Shumskyi stood in the middle of the field in northern Ukraine with the Stinger air defense missile perched on his shoulder. "It's coming!" his comrades yelled from behind him. Through the clear-blue sky, a small black streak flew past, followed by a loud whoosh — part of a barrage of missiles earlier this month that Russia said was retaliation for an attack on the Crimean Bridge.

Shumskyi waited for the telltale crack and squeal of the Stinger and then launched his missile at the Russian one now in the distance. Behind him, his fellow Ukrainian soldiers yelled profanities, willing the enemy's weapon to fail.

Something flashed on the horizon, followed by a cloud of smoke from the explosion — success on a nearly impossible shot. Stingers are short-range missiles typically used against lower, slow-moving targets such as helicopters. Shumskyi took out two missiles with them. He was quickly heralded as a hero, having probably

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Drone inspection: Weckage may help U.S. aid Ukraine in war. **A15**

In the fight for fairness, every ally is essential

To fix a broken hiring system, White coaches must speak loud enough for NFL owners to hear

BY JERRY BREWER

Andy Reid rose from his chair and, at 6-foot-3 and portly, cut an imposing figure while walking to a microphone in the center of the room. In the middle of a heated discussion about coaching diversity, the Kansas City Chiefs coach challenged an audience of NFL head coaches, executives and owners.

"I want to know about my guy," multiple people in attendance remembered Reid saying of his offensive coordinator, Eric Bieniemy, a Black man and perhaps the most accomplished active assistant who has never been a head coach. "About one-third of the teams in this room have interviewed him. I've had a few of my guys become head coaches, none of them more prepared than Eric Bieniemy."

It was late March, seven weeks after former Miami Dolphins coach Brian Flores sued the NFL for racial discrimination. With the league in crisis and with the bosses all in one place, Reid was among a few prominent coaches who recognized the moment.

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The Chiefs' Andy Reid, right, has stumped for offensive coordinator Eric Bieniemy, left, to be a head coach. Despite the team's success behind a dominant offense, that call has yet to come.

This fall, The Washington Post is examining the NFL's failure to equitably promote Black coaches to top jobs despite the multibillion-dollar league being fueled by Black players. There have been 191 head coaches since 1990. Just 25 have been Black.

Documents detail plans for big cuts at Twitter

BY ELIZABETH DWOSKIN, FAIZ SIDDIQUI, GERRIT DE VYNCK AND JEREMY B. MERRILL

Twitter's workforce is likely to be hit with massive cuts in the coming months, no matter who owns the company, interviews and documents obtained by The Washington Post show, a change likely to have major impact on its ability to control harmful content and prevent data security crises.

Elon Musk told prospective investors in his deal to buy the company that he planned to get rid of nearly 75 percent of Twitter's 7,500 workers, whittling the company down to a skeleton staff of just over 2,000.

Even if Musk's Twitter deal falls through — and there's little indication now that it will — big cuts are expected. Twitter's current management planned to pare the company's payroll by about \$800 million by the end of next year, a number that would mean the departure of nearly a quarter of the workforce, according to corporate documents and interviews with people familiar with the company's deliberations. The company also planned to make major cuts

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'My father cried as he told us' D.C.'s Daniel Smith, 90, one of the last remaining children of enslaved Black Americans, has died. **B1**

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ADHD patients describe their struggles and anxieties as many find it difficult to get their Adderall prescriptions filled. **A2**

When police found the teen accused in the fatal shootings in Raleigh, N.C., he had a bullet wound and was armed with a handgun, according to a new report. **A2**

Many young Iranian Americans have taken to social media and organized demonstrations

in the wake of the nation's protests. **A3**

House Republicans have proposed a bill that would bar lessons on gender identity and sexuality for children under 10 in public schools. **A5**

President Biden and some Democratic Party heavyweights have been absent on the campaign trail because of their lagging popularity with Americans. **A6**

A federal judge rejected a lawsuit by Republican-led states seeking to

block President Biden's student debt forgiveness program. **A6**

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With a month to go until the first World Cup soccer match in Qatar, preparations were still a work in progress. **A13**

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The Justice Department has charged five Russian nationals in an alleged sanctions evasion plot that smuggled oil and military technology to Russian companies. **A18**

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Three real estate firms and executives were ordered to pay D.C. a historic \$10 million settlement in a housing discrimination case. **B1**

Children's hospitals in the D.C. area have been full for weeks amid a surge in respiratory illnesses, adding strain to staff and beds. **B1**

STYLE

A jury found Kevin Spacey is not liable in a sexual assault and battery case brought forward by actor Anthony Rapp. **C1**

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Fashion on wheels The Link Up DC hosts themed skating events.

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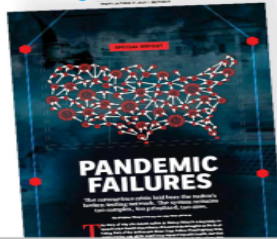
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Drug issues in NFL still a concern

Hopkins' return from suspension underscores anabolic battle. **In Sports**



COVID-19 testing failures

System too privatized, too slow to adequately respond to pandemic. **In Weekend Extra**



Superhero debut for Johnson

Actor declined every DC Comics character in order to play "Black Adam." **In Life**

KARWAI TANG/
WIREIMAGE

THE MIDTERM ELECTIONS

Democrats leaning on young voters

Abortion, climate, student debt are motivators, but will that translate to turnout?

Mabinty Quarshie and Ella Lee
USA TODAY

For years Amini Bonane suffered from abnormal menstrual cycles. Getting doctors to take her and her reproductive health seriously was hard, until she was finally diagnosed with fibroids.

So when the Supreme Court's Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization decision overturning Roe v. Wade

was announced in June, Bonane was furious. The decision, she feared, would add even more difficulty for women like herself – especially young Black women – to get the care they need.

"It's really disheartening that there's decisions being made by people who aren't affected by these things," said Bonane, 27, a women's rights community organizer.

The same day the Dobbs decision was

announced, Bonane protested in Washington, D.C. and started Fight for Fairfax, a PAC that advocates for women.

"My reaction is always going to be – because I'm a solution-oriented person – to join the collective and have our voices heard," Bonane said.

Democrats are betting that a summer of unprecedented news could motivate

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The issues

Gen Z women, transgender and nonbinary participants are concerned about:

- Health care
- Mass shootings
- Mental health
- Racial inequality
- Abortion

In a mid-May IGNITE survey of 3,200 respondents across 50 states.

Britain's Liz Truss resigns; scramble to fill seat is on

Kim Hjelmggaard
USA TODAY

LONDON – Liz Truss became the shortest-serving leader in British political history after she resigned Thursday less than two months into the job.

Her announcement came after her attempt to roll out aggressive tax cuts aimed at spurring economic growth but instead dramatically roiled financial markets, led to unprecedented central bank intervention and drove her poll ratings to the lowest ever recorded for a prime minister.

Truss, 47, lasted 45 days in office. Because Britain elects a party, not a specific leader, she will be replaced by another lawmaker from her ruling Conservative Party. The process to replace Truss will take place within the next week.

Truss will remain as prime minister until then.

"I came into office at a time of great economic and international instability," Truss said in a brief statement outside No. 10 Downing Street in London. "I recognize, given the situation, I



Truss

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Howard University in Washington, D.C., has found itself the target of eight bomb threats this year. JACQUELYN MARTIN/AP

Bomb threats at Black colleges build fear – and frustration

As months pass with no arrests, schools demand support, accountability

Tiffany Cusaac-Smith
and Francesca Chambers
USA TODAY

North Carolina Central University officials have noticed a change in students since a bomb threat in January at the historically Black university: more depression, anxiety and distress.

"With the recent bomb threats, we saw interruptions to how students felt safe and secure on our campus," said Charnequa Kennedy, director of the public liberal arts institution's counseling center.

NCCU received the bomb threat at about 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 4. The campus went into lockdown. Students were relocated. The call to the university's Durham campus was among at least half a dozen threats aimed at historically Black colleges and universities that day.

By the end of Black History Month in February, bomb threats at HBCUs had swelled to at least 57 – leaving administrators and students on edge and rekindling a history of violence aimed at Black students seeking educa-

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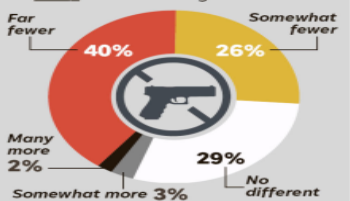


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USA TODAY SNAPSHOTS

Can gun laws curb mass shootings?

If it were harder to obtain guns legally, Americans think there would be ____ mass shootings:



SOURCE: UChicago Harris/AP-NORC Poll, July 28-Aug. 1
AMY BARNETTE, BILL CAMPLING/USA TODAY

Behold: Birthplace of stars

Images released by the James Webb Space Telescope give us a fresh look at the famed Pillars of Creation. The region appears with columns of "cool" interstellar hydrogen gas and dust" that are incubators for new stars.



The Pillars of Creation look like arches and spires rising out of a desert landscape. This is where young stars are forming.
NASA, ESA, CSA
AND STSCI

Winter to be drier, warmer

This winter is expected to be dominated by the La Niña climate pattern, federal forecasters say, which will bring warmer-than-average weather for much of the South and East. Drought is forecast across the South.

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Beyond the pillars, 5A

espectáculos**Nahuel Pennisi, el músico no vidente que enfrenta otro desafío: la actuación**

El cantante debutó en el musical *Regreso en Patagonia* y no descarta seguir ese camino en su carrera.

**Jin, de BTS, invitado especial de Coldplay en Buenos Aires**

El cantante surcoreano será parte del show del viernes 28, uno de los 10 que la banda británica dará en River; se transmitirá a todo el mundo. **Página 5**

CUMBRE EN LA CIUDAD CON CIEN ALCALDES DE TODO EL MUNDO

—sociedad

Llegaron para evaluar e intercambiar experiencias que permitan mitigar los efectos del cambio climático; ven a Buenos Aires como un modelo. **Página 23**

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Acuerdo del oficialismo y la oposición para que los jueces paguen Ganancias

CONGRESO. Se incluyó a último momento un artículo en el proyecto de presupuesto para 2023

El oficialismo de la Cámara de Diputados sorprendió ayer al incluir en el proyecto de presupuesto 2023 un artículo que obliga a todos los magistrados, empleados y funcionarios del Poder Judicial a pagar el impuesto a las ganancias, más allá de la fecha en la que fueron nombrados.

La propuesta del oficialismo recogió el apoyo de todas las bancadas, también de Juntos por el Cambio. De todas maneras, en la oposición existe cierto escepticismo sobre la aplicabilidad de la medida —si finalmente es aprobada— debido a las acordadas en contrario que ya

dictó la Corte Suprema de Justicia. La modificación, de aprobarse, afectaría incluso a los jubilados del Poder Judicial. La Asociación de Magistrados ya anticipó que pedirá reuniones con los diputados de Juntos por el Cambio para plantearles su postura. **Página 8**

Alivio por cuotas de escuelas y recargo por planes de salud

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Renunció Truss y se profundiza la crisis británica

GESTIÓN FUGAZ. La premier enfrentaba múltiples resistencias

Luís Corradini
CORRESPONSAL EN FRANCIA

PARÍS.—Acorralada, la primera ministra británica, Liz Truss, renunció ayer después de una traumática permanencia de 44 días en el poder, en los cuales sufrió una rebelión de su partido y la resistencia de la opinión pública, el Parlamento y los mercados financieros. Su fugaz gestión la convirtió en la premier más efímera en 300 años de historia. **Continúa en la página 2**

Boca se liberó en La Plata y está a un paso del título

FOTOBARRIOS

deportes—Boca sacó adelante uno de los partidos más complicados y recuperó el liderazgo de la Liga Profesional: en La Plata, superó a Gimnasia por 2-1, con goles de Fabra y Langoni y quedó a un paso de la vuelta olímpica. El equipo xeneize será campeón si derrota a Independiente, el domingo próximo, en la Bombonera. Y también le alcanzará con un empate si Racing, con un punto menos, no vence a River, en Avellaneda.

El Gobierno se enredó en una polémica por Gran Hermano

TV. El reality *Gran Hermano* provocó una insólita reacción del Gobierno. El presidente Alberto Fernández denunció al integrante del programa que lo trató de "coímero". La respuesta oficial, que tuvo a la portavoz Gabriela Cerruti como protagonista, provocó una fuerte discusión en la Casa Rosada. **Página 12**

DE NO CREER
Carlos M. Reymundo Roberts

Gaby Cerruti, la Gran Hermana
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Sexualidad adolescente. Más informal y sin presión social

No es una condición ser novios; cuidados escasos

En los últimos tiempos, en los hogares se da con más frecuencia la conversación sobre la iniciación sexual de los adolescentes. Es que se evidencian más relaciones ocasionales y menos presión social a

la hora de llegar al primer encuentro íntimo. De todos modos, los especialistas ponen el énfasis en la importancia de la profilaxis para evitar consecuencias no deseadas. **Página 23**

Revelan que es un submarino el que naufragó en Quequén

PERITAJE. Sería alemán, según la Liga Naval Italiana

MAR DEL PLATA.—"Hay 100% de seguridad de que es un submarino militar y más del 90% de que es alemán", dice un peritaje clave de la Liga Naval Italiana, que empieza a despejar el enigma del naufragio

en la costa de Quequén. Las imágenes analizadas en Italia llevan a Fabio Bisciotti, de gran trayectoria en identificación de naves hundidas en la Segunda Guerra Mundial, a ser contundente. **Página 22**

Detienen a integrantes de Revolución Federal

SOSPECHAS. Los vinculan con el ataque a Cristina; una es la hija de Basile

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Recorde, apoio à democracia vai a 79%

Às vésperas do segundo turno, índice é o maior registrado pelo Datafolha nos 33 anos da série; 5% dizem aceitar ditadura

A dez dias das eleições presidenciais, o apoio à democracia no Brasil atingiu 79%, o maior patamar da série histórica iniciada pelo Datafolha em 1989. De forma análoga, os 5% de apoio à ditadura são o menor nível já aferido.

Em agosto, 75% diziam ser a democracia sempre melhor que qualquer forma de governo — recorde anterior. Concordam com a frase 80% dos eleitores de Jair Bolsonaro (PL) e 78% dos de Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT).

Já os que afirmam que em certas circunstâncias é melhor uma ditadura são 7% entre bolsonaristas e 3% dos que preferem o petista. Dizem ser indiferentes ao regime 11% dos eleitores (13% com Lula; 9% com Bolsonaro).

O Datafolha ouviu 2.912 pessoas de 16 anos ou mais do dia 17 ao dia 19, e a margem de erro é de 2 pontos. O apoio é maior (81%) entre quem tem até 24 anos, e inferior, mas majoritário (73%), entre maiores de 60.

Renda e escolaridade são fatores diretamente proporcionais à adesão ao sistema democrático, chegando a 92% entre aqueles que cursaram o ensino superior e a 93% para os que ganham mais de 10 salários mínimos.

O ápice do apoio ao atual sistema de governo se dá após Bolsonaro fazer reiteradas ameaças às instituições — urnas, Judiciário e imprensa, por exemplo —, ainda que tenha amainado após o primeiro turno. **Política A8**



RODRIGO GARCIA ESTENDE TAPETE VERMELHO A BOLSONARO EM SÃO PAULO E ELEVA ATAQUES AO PT

Bolsonaro (PL) chega com Tarcísio de Freitas (Republicanos) e Rodrigo (PSDB) ao Palácio dos Bandeirantes para pizzada com deputados e prefeitos **Política A9**

TSE endurece ações para excluir fake news

O Tribunal Superior Eleitoral (TSE) aprovou resolução que proíbe propaganda partidária paga na internet de 48h antes a 24h após o segundo turno. As plataformas terão de remover esse tipo de publicidade imediatamente durante o período, sob risco de multa de até R\$ 150 mil por hora.

O texto permite à corte suspender o acesso à plataforma que descumprir decisões e bloquear contas que produzirem desinformação de forma "sistemática". Especialistas veem riscos à liberdade de expressão. **Política A4**

PAINEL

Boato sobre PT fechar igrejas vem de projeto de 2006

Projeto de Iara Bernardi (PT-SP) aprovado pela Câmara em 2006 previa suspensão de funcionamento de locais por homofobia. Exceção a igrejas só foi incluída no Senado, que não votou o texto. **Política A4**

Liz Truss renuncia ao cargo no Reino Unido depois de 44 dias

A primeira-ministra britânica anunciou ontem que deixa o cargo, cedendo a crise que sacudiu seu governo. Principal gatilho para a derrocada, o plano econômico proposto por Truss abalou o mercado e dividiu o Partido Conservador. **A14 e A15**

Hospital da Mulher transfere casos de aborto legal em SP

Recém-inaugurado, o Hospital da Mulher, em São Paulo, tem suspenso procedimentos ou transferido cirurgias de aborto legal. Funcionários apontam falta de estrutura. Gestor fala em normalização em até um mês. **Cotidiano B1**

Djamila Ribeiro Pintou um clima

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Liz Truss a démissionné
jeudi du poste
de première ministre,
qu'elle occupait depuis
à peine six semaines,
tirant le bilan d'une
succession d'erreurs
qui ont plongé le pays
dans le chaos.

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À Kherson, l'offensive finale des forces ukrainiennes

Face à l'avancée de l'armée ukrainienne, la ville de Kherson, occupée depuis le printemps, va déplacer « 50 000 à 60 000 civils » en quelques jours sur l'autre rive du Dniepr, selon l'administration russe de la région.

Le général Sergueï Sourovikine, récemment nommé chef des opérations russes en Ukraine, a reconnu que la situation est « très difficile » à Kherson, alimentant ainsi les spéculations sur un éventuel repli russe. PAGES 8 ET 9



Comment Laurent Wauquiez prépare déjà 2027

Le président de la région Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, qui ne cache plus ses ambitions pour 2027, se montre prolifique sur l'état de la France, ce « sentiment de dégringolade du pays », qu'il observe quotidiennement, « cette décadence

qui saute à la figure ». Pour l'élection à la présidence LR, Laurent Wauquiez apporte son soutien à Éric Ciotti. « Je suis convaincu qu'il saura rassembler les sensibilités diverses de notre famille politique. (...) Il a toute ma confiance. » PAGE 6

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À bout de souffle

« Embarras » : dans la grande tradition britannique de l'*understatement* (l'euphémisme poli), le mot de « gêne » est constamment revenu jeudi dans la bouche des commentateurs outre-Manche, qu'ils fussent journalistes ou politiques. Après trois années épuisantes vécues au rythme des foudrues de Boris Johnson, les 44 jours de pouvoir de Liz Truss se sont traduits par un tourbillon d'incohérences et de revirements qui ont encore surpassé ce que le Royaume-Uni avait connu jusque-là. Sanction d'un virage à 180 degrés sur ses orientations économiques et de la défection de deux poids lourds de son gouvernement, celle qui se prenait pour Margaret Thatcher (douze ans de main de fer dans un gant de crin) remporte le trophée du mandat le plus court, et sans doute le moins productif, en trois cents ans d'histoire politique anglaise. Voilà ce qui arrive lorsqu'on rétrécit la fonction élective suprême à de petites combinaisons d'appareil. Liz Truss a été préférée l'été dernier par quelques milliers de militants du Parti conservateur grâce à sa surenchère populiste sur les baisses d'impôts. Passé des promesses aux propositions, son plan a affolé la planète financière et fait plonger la li-

vre, aggravant les maux qui plombent l'économie britannique - inflation galopante et risque de récession. Sans attendre le départ de l'éphémère locataire du 10 Downing Street, le magazine *The Economist* résumait l'état du royaume d'une formule cruelle (pour l'Italie) : « *Britaly* », combinaison « d'instabilité politique, de faible croissance et de dépendance aux marchés ».

À bout de souffle deux ans et trois premiers ministres après la mise en œuvre du Brexit, la sixième puissance mondiale peut-elle sortir de cette spirale infernale ? Les toriers promettent de se donner un nouveau leader sous huit jours, ce qui limite les options à un combat des chefs au sein du parti. Or, voilà que Boris Johnson - le dernier à avoir été élu au suffrage populaire, en 2019 - rêve d'un come-back chuchillien au nom de « l'intérêt national ». Les parlementaires auront-ils oublié leur cabale pour le chasser du pouvoir il y a moins de quatre mois ? La crise de nerfs britannique n'est pas finie, mais « *the show must go on!* » ■

Un come-back chuchillien pour Boris Johnson ?

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Liz Truss announced yesterday that she was quitting No 10 after a calamitous 45 days in office, triggering a Tory leadership contest, with Rishi Sunak, Penny Mordaunt and Boris Johnson expected to battle it out to become Britain's next prime minister.

On another tumultuous day, Truss stood behind a lectern in Downing

Street and admitted that she could not deliver the radical economic mandate on which she had been elected by Conservative members.

She will be the country's shortest serving PM, having presided over what has been one of the most politically turbulent and economically damaging periods in modern history.

Keir Starmer led calls for an immediate general election, with the Labour leader arguing it was untenable for the Conservatives to appoint yet another head of government

without a fresh mandate. Instead, Tory grandees set a deadline of next Friday, 28 October, for the new contest to be completed.

The rivals to succeed Truss immediately embarked on urgent campaigns to sign up at least 100 Tory MPs by Monday afternoon to reach the threshold to get on the ballot paper, with Sunak quickly becoming the early frontrunner.

Johnson was said by MPs to be considering another tilt at the job, despite quitting in

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