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Rishi Sunak at the Conservative Party headquarters Monday after winning the leadership vote.

Sunak Wins Race for U.K. Prime Minister

Former Treasury chief, first person of Indian heritage to lead nation, faces dire fiscal woes

By MAX COLCHESTER
AND PAUL HANNON

LONDON—Former Chancellor of the Exchequer Rishi Sunak, who warned that Liz Truss's economic plans for Britain were a "fairy tale," won the contest to succeed her as prime minister on Monday, taking over the world's sixth-biggest economy at a time of deep financial and political turbulence.

Mr. Sunak prevailed after his only remaining rival for the job, former Defense Minister Penny Mordaunt, said she would drop out of the contest. Mr. Sunak is expected to meet with King Charles III to be formally appointed prime minister on Tuesday, government officials said.

Mr. Sunak's rise to the top job in the U.K. marks a historic moment. The grandson of In-

dian immigrants to Britain, the 42-year-old will be the first Hindu and the first person who isn't white to lead the U.K. He will also be the youngest prime minister since Robert Banks Jenkinson, Earl of Liverpool, in 1812. But his success will be determined by how well he manages the growing challenges to the U.K.'s economy as high inflation and a looming recession create a sense of growing despair.

"There is no doubt that we face profound economic challenges," Mr. Sunak said after his victory. "We now need stability and unity."

The former hedge-fund manager arrives with a mandate to bring calm to the ruling Conservative Party following a period of unparalleled chaos that will see the country run by three prime ministers in seven weeks. On Sunday night, his main rival for the job, former leader Boris Johnson, pulled out of the leadership contest.

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Musk Deal To Swell Twitter's Debt Load

By ALEXA CORSE

Twitter Inc. has struggled for most of its history to make a profit. If Elon Musk completes his \$44 billion acquisition of the social-media platform, one factor will make that harder: the money he borrowed to fund the transaction.

As part of the deal, Twitter will add about \$13 billion of debt. Analysts estimate, based on terms previously laid out in documents related to the transaction, that Twitter would be on the hook for annual interest payments of more than \$1 billion, compared with some \$51 million in 2021. Twitter has posted average annual earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization of about \$700 million over the past five years.

That interest burden means Twitter will need to find ways to make revenue grow and expand profit margins, said Jordan Chalfin, a senior analyst at credit-research firm Credit-Sights. "They'll probably burn a significant amount of cash," he said.

Because some of the buyout debt is expected to be a floating rate, Twitter could end up paying more.

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Lego Fans Snap Over New Boxes

Devotees fear loss of mystery bags of minifigures

By TELIS DEMOS

There is trouble in Lego land and things are in pieces. Lego A/S, the Danish company, plans to switch how it packages collectibles known as minifigures from crinkly plastic bags to recyclable cardboard boxes.

"It's changing the culture," laments Jay Ong, the author of Jay's Brick Blog, a Lego news hub where many fans panned the shift.

"Noooooooo!" wrote one. "TERRIBLE," another vented.

Understanding the angst requires some assembly. Best

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China Stocks Fall After Xi's Moves

By VICKY GE HUANG
AND MICHELLE CHAN

U.S.-listed Chinese stocks plunged to their lowest level in nearly a decade, losing tens of billions of dollars in market value on Monday, one day after President Xi Jinping secured a third term as leader of the Communist Party.

The Nasdaq Golden Dragon China Index, which tracks dozens of Chinese companies listed on American exchanges, fell more than 14% to its lowest close since April 2013,

erasing \$73.4 billion in market cap since Friday's close through Monday, according to Dow Jones Market Data.

The selloff followed a rout in Chinese stocks in Hong Kong and mainland China overnight with the Hang Seng Index recording its biggest one-day decline since the global financial crisis.

Stocks in the U.S., by contrast, continued to rally on encouraging corporate earnings results and the hope the pace of Federal Reserve rate increases will soon moderate.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose more than 400 points, or 1.3%, to its highest level in six weeks. The S&P 500 gained 1.2%, while the technology-heavy Nasdaq added 0.9%.

The frantic selling came after Mr. Xi consolidated his control over the ruling Communist Party, stacking the leadership ranks with loyalists and clinching a convention-defying third term.

Foreign investors dashed for the exit. The American depositary receipts of the five

largest Chinese stocks lost more than \$52 billion in combined market value.

Chinese internet and technology stocks were hit especially hard. Alibaba's ADRs traded below \$68, the price at which the e-commerce giant went public in its blockbuster 2014 initial public offering. Baidu, JD.com and Pinduoduo

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Animosity Strains U.S.-Saudi Ties

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia—An unwritten pact binding the U.S. and Saudi Arabia has survived 15 presidents and seven kings through an Arab oil embargo,

By Stephen Kalin,
Summer Said
and Don Nissenbaum

two Persian Gulf wars and the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Now, it is fracturing under two leaders who don't like or trust each other.

Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, the kingdom's 37-year-old day-to-day ruler,

mocks President Biden in private, making fun of the 79-year-old's gaffes and questioning his mental acuity, according to people inside the Saudi government. He has told advisers he hasn't been impressed with Mr. Biden since his days as vice president, and much preferred former President Donald Trump, the people said.

Mr. Biden said on the campaign trail in 2020 that he saw "very little social redeeming value in the present government in Saudi Arabia." He refused to talk to Prince Mohammed.

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Builders Prepare for Housing Slowdown

After ruinous bust of 2007-09, they have less debt and land; 'I've learned my lesson'

By NICOLE FRIEDMAN

NORTH LAS VEGAS, Nev.—A year ago, business was booming for Touchstone Living Inc. The Nevada builder had a list of 639 qualified buyers who wanted homes in its development about 15 miles north of the Las Vegas Strip.

Today, that list has shriveled to about 30. Many would-be buyers are unable to qualify for loans since mortgage rates have surged to 6.94%, their highest level since 2002 and more than double the rate of a year ago.

Little of this is good news for Touchstone or its owner, Tom McCormick. That said, in a potential indicator for

how this slowdown could play out, it isn't looking like the last time the Las Vegas market melted down.

Mr. McCormick said his new company has less debt and fewer lenders than his former company did heading into the 2007-09 recession, and has grown more slowly and bought less land.

"I've learned my lesson," he said. Still, he said, "I've never seen it change this fast," referring to the rapid decline in sales.

After a pandemic-fueled buying spree that unleashed the most powerful U.S. housing boom in 15 years, demand has plummeted as mortgage rates have risen.

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Sunak set for UK premiership with vow to tackle 'profound' challenge

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GEORGE PARKER AND JASMINE CAMERON-CHILESSE — LONDON

Rishi Sunak will enter Downing Street today as Britain's youngest prime minister in modern times and its first non-white leader, with a vow to get to grips with the "profound economic challenge" facing the country.

Sunak is being urged by Jeremy Hunt, the finance minister, to press ahead with a new medium-term debt-cutting plan next week, ahead of a crucial interest rate-setting meeting at the Bank of England on November 3.

Sunak, himself a former finance minister, was crowned Conservative leader yesterday after both Boris Johnson and Penny Mordaunt, his two challengers, dropped out of the contest.

Liz Truss, who resigned after a calamitous 44-day spell as prime minister, will hold her final cabinet meeting this morning before tendering her resignation to King Charles.

Sunak will then travel to Buckingham Palace to meet the monarch before returning to Number 10 to start forming a cabinet; the new premier's allies expect Hunt to stay on as chancellor.

Dave Ramsden, the BoE's deputy governor, noted that gilt yields were now not far above their level before Truss's disastrous "mini-Budget" on September 23, but only after a series of U-turns. "Credibility is being recovered, at least on that benchmark measure, but that has to be followed through," he said.

Speaking after he was confirmed as Truss's successor, Sunak told staff at Tory headquarters in London: "The UK is a great country but there is no doubt we face a profound economic challenge."

"We need new stability and unity and I will make it my utmost priority to bring our party and our country together."

Sunak, 42, is younger than both Tony Blair and David Cameron when they became prime minister. His Indian grandparents emigrated to Britain from east Africa and he grew up in Southampton in southern England.

Although he won the overwhelming backing of Tory MPs, he is a divisive figure in the party, with many supporters



Rishi Sunak is greeted by supporters as he arrives at the headquarters of the Conservative party after being announced as leader and next prime minister
Daniel Leach/PA/PA Getty

of Johnson accusing him of undermining his premiership when he quit as chancellor in July.

Sunak now faces a daunting in-tray, including a crisis in the public finances, high inflation, stretched public services, industrial unrest, soaring energy bills and even the possibility of lockdowns in the new year.

A fiscal conservative who has vowed to "fix the economy", he promised in a statement on Sunday: "There will be integrity, professionalism and accountability at every level of the government I lead."

Financial markets responded positively to Sunak's expected "coronation" in what has been dubbed in the City of London "the dullness dividend" following

the turmoil of Truss's catastrophic premiership.

Sunak has to try to reunite a deeply divided party, starting with the task of assembling a new cabinet.

The Treasury is working on the assumption that a medium-term debt-cutting plan will be presented to parliament on October 31, as Truss proposed.

Gilts and sterling rallied following Johnson's exit from the race to become the UK's next prime minister, as investors bet that Britain was likely to stick with policies outlined by Hunt that have calmed markets in recent days.

The 10-year gilt yield sank 0.23 percentage points to trade at 3.82 per cent, reflecting a sizeable price rise. The pound climbed by as much as 0.9 per

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cent against the dollar in early trading, before falling back amid a broad rise for the US currency.

Mordaunt said that "colleagues feel the need for certainty" and urged the party to unite behind Sunak.

Opposition parties repeated their call for a general election, with Labour saying Sunak had failed to explain his policies during the leadership contest.

"The Tories have crowned Rishi Sunak as prime minister without him saying a single word about how he would run the country and without anyone having the chance to vote," said Angela Rayner, Labour deputy leader.

Liberal Democrat leader Sir Ed Davey said the Tories had trashed the economy.

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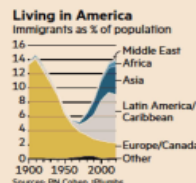
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China tech stocks tumble as Xi tightens grip and economy drops down agenda

HUDSON LOCKETT — HONG KONG
RYAN MCNORROW — BEIJING

Chinese technology stocks sold off sharply yesterday in response to Xi Jinping's securing a third term as the country's leader and data showing the economy missing growth targets.

Hong Kong's Hang Seng Tech index dropped 9.7 per cent after Chinese gross domestic product fell short of the target set by Beijing for the third quarter. Growth in the three months was 5.9 per cent year on year, below the annual goal of 5.5 per cent. The index has only once before fallen as much in a day.

Nasdaq's Golden Dragon index, which tracks US-listed shares in Chinese companies, dropped 15 per cent as Alibaba, JD.com and Pinduoduo all came under selling pressure. The gauge is down about 50 per cent since the end of 2021.

Alibaba fell 14 per cent in the Wall Street morning, pushing it below its \$68-a-share initial public offering price in New York eight years ago, in what was at the time the world's biggest listing.

Frank Benzina, head of Asia equity strategy at Société Générale, said investors had been unsettled by the shift in profile of the Communist party's leadership on Sunday, which was now stacked with cadres more focused on security than the economy.

He added tech stocks were already "extremely undervalued but now it's not so much about the earnings profiles, it's more about how much of a risk premium you want to put on these names — not just Alibaba but more generally for the Chinese tech and internet sector."

Alibaba has raised revenues more than 14-fold and doubled adjusted profits in the years since its debut. But its

shares have been sliding since 2020 when Beijing cancelled the IPO of digital payments affiliate Ant Group.

The subsequent 80 per cent decline in Alibaba's share price equates to a loss of about \$670bn in equity market value. Challenges have risen since Beijing launched a regulatory crackdown. One Alibaba employee said Beijing's antipathy and the sinking shares had sapped "drive and energy" from the company.

"People have stopped working hard," the person said, adding they worked about 20 fewer hours a week.

Alibaba said it was "illogical to use the view of one employee to represent the more than 240,000 strong at Alibaba".

Additional reporting by Nian Liu in Beijing and Patrick Mathurin in London

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Wall St heads to the desert as Riyadh's wallet bulges

US banks are being lured to Saudi Arabia in the hope of grabbing a slice of the kingdom's first oil boom in a decade. The guest list for Davos in the Desert? Includes Stephen Schwarzman, Jamie Dimon and David Solomon. They make the trip despite US president Joe Biden's warning of "consequences" for Riyadh's move to cut crude output as prices rise because of the Ukraine war. But as bank profits falter, the Saudi "wallet is growing", says one banker.

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STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				GOVERNMENT BONDS			
	Oct 24	Prev	%Chg	Pair	Oct 24	Prev	%Chg	Yield (%)	Oct 24	Prev	%Chg
S&P 500	3791.32	3752.75	1.03	\$/£	0.989	0.990	-0.01	US 2 yr	4.48	4.48	0.00
Nasdaq Composite	10862.44	10669.72	0.38	\$/€	1.131	1.117	0.01	US 10 yr	4.21	4.22	-0.02
Dow Jones Ind	31476.22	31062.56	1.27	\$/¥	0.014	0.017	-0.03	US 30 yr	4.33	4.31	0.01
FTSE100	1591.70	1572.29	1.23	\$/HK\$	148.705	148.990	-0.02	UK 2 yr	3.91	3.85	-0.34
Euro Stoxx 50	3630.50	3476.63	4.31	\$/R\$	168.313	167.476	0.05	UK 10 yr	3.73	4.05	-0.32
FTSE 100	7013.99	6969.73	0.64	\$/INR	0.989	0.985	0.04	UK 30 yr	3.74	4.05	-0.31
FTSE All-Share	3620.38	3796.89	-0.63	\$/JPY	1.132	1.122	0.01	JPY 2 yr	0.01	0.01	0.00
CAC 40	6131.36	6005.39	1.59					JPY 10 yr	0.25	0.25	0.00
Xetra Dax	12991.45	12730.90	1.58					JPY 30 yr	1.05	1.06	-0.05
Nikkei	26974.90	26890.58	0.31					GER 2 yr	2.00	2.03	-0.04
Hong Kong	15180.89	16211.12	-6.26					GER 10 yr	2.33	2.41	-0.08
MSCI World \$	2462.42	2429.26	1.37					GER 30 yr	2.33	2.43	-0.10
MSCI EM \$	865.04	864.76	0.03								
MSCI ACWI \$	869.93	863.06	1.22								
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Britain's next prime minister, Rishi Sunak, center, outside the Conservative Party's headquarters in London on Monday.

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**Ethnic Breakthrough
by a Man of Wealth**

**The Pound and U.K.
Assets Rebound**

By MEGAN SPECIA
and ISABELLA KWAI

LONDON — In northwest London, home to one of Britain's largest Hindu communities, celebrations for Diwali, a festive holiday, were well underway on Monday. Children tossed small fireworks that popped as they slammed into the sidewalk. Bright lights strung across the street twinkled overhead. Families bought sweets and candles.

But many who were gathered with their families said that they suddenly had something new to celebrate — the news that Rishi Sunak, the eldest son of a doctor and pharmacist of Indian descent, will become prime minister, the first person of color to hold Britain's highest political office.

Britain is home to a vibrant and diverse community of people with roots in India, which it ruled as a colony for nearly a century before India won independence in 1947. As many as 1.5 million people of Indian descent live in England and Wales, making them the largest ethnic group after white Britons.

That makes Mr. Sunak's triumph a significant milestone for Britain's Indian diaspora, whose long struggle against racism and prejudice is rarely a prominent issue in British politics.

"We are so proud and happy," said Hemal Joshi, 43, who lives in northwest London with his wife and son. "I've got so many messages from India already. So he has a lot of expectation now from all over the world. Let's see what he will do."

Mr. Sunak, 42, has always expressed pride in his Indian roots, and he regularly points to his upbringing as the son of immigrants. But he has not put his heritage at the center of his political message, focusing instead on his experience in finance, and the British news media has not dwelled on his ethnicity.

Instead, it is Mr. Sunak's elite education and extreme wealth that have drawn scrutiny, and become something of a political liability in a society famously divided by tensions over class.

Mr. Sunak is also a practicing Hindu, and when he took his oath of office as a member of Parliament, he did so on the Gita, a book of Hindu scripture. As chancellor of the Exchequer, he celebrated Diwali, known as the festival of lights, by putting lights outside his official residence at 11 Downing St.

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By MARK LANDLER

LONDON — Rishi Sunak prevailed in a chaotic three-day race for leader of Britain's Conservative Party on Monday, a remarkable political comeback that doubled as a historical milestone, making him the first person of color to become prime minister in British history.

The 42-year-old son of Indian immigrants, whose political career has already had its ups and downs, Mr. Sunak won the contest to replace the short-lived prime minister, Liz Truss, when his only remaining opponent, Penny Mordaunt, withdrew after failing to reach the threshold of 100 nominating votes from Conservative lawmakers.

Mr. Sunak, a former chancellor of the Exchequer, is expected to pull Britain back to more mainstream policies after Ms. Truss's failed experiment in trickle-down economics, which rattled financial markets and badly damaged Britain's fiscal reputation. He is also likely to offer a stark contrast to the flamboyant style and erratic behavior of Boris Johnson, his former boss and Ms. Truss's discredited predecessor.

But Mr. Sunak will confront the gravest economic crisis in Britain in a generation, and he will do so at the helm of a badly fractured Conservative Party. Healing the rifts in the party, and leading the country through the economic cesswinds of the months to come, will require political skills at least as adroit as those that enabled Mr. Sunak to navigate the leadership contest.

Mr. Johnson's decision to pull out of the race on Sunday night cleared a path for Mr. Sunak, who had challenged Ms. Truss last summer but lost to her in a vote of the party's rank-and-file members. With Mr. Sunak the only surviving candidate this time, he was not subject to another vote of the members.

It was a head-spinning reversal of fortune for Mr. Sunak, whose abrupt resignation from Mr. Johnson's cabinet last July set in motion Mr. Johnson's downfall and pitched Britain into upheaval, culminating in Ms. Truss's brief, calamitous stint. After he lost the leadership contest to her, it seemed as if Mr. Sunak's meteoric ascent had cratered as well.

Now, he will become Britain's third prime minister in seven weeks, the youngest in two centuries and the first person of the Hindu faith to achieve its highest elected office.

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Shifting Gears, Democrats Put Economy First

By JONATHAN WEISMAN
and NEIL VIGDOR

Democratic candidates, facing what increasingly looks like a reckoning in two weeks, are struggling to find a closing message on the economy that acknowledges the deep uncertainty troubling the electorate while making the case that they, not the Republicans, hold the solutions.

For some time, the party's candidates and strategists have debated whether to hit inflation head on or to heed warnings that any shift toward an economic message would be ending the campaign on the strongest possible Republican ground. Since June, when the Supreme Court repealed Roe v. Wade, Democrats had hoped that preserving the 50-year-old constitutional right to an abortion and castigating Republican extremism could get them past the worst inflation in 40 years.

That is looking increasingly like wishful thinking.

On Monday, Democrats unveiled new messages that appeared to switch tack, incorporating achievements of the past two years with expressions of sympathy on the economy and dire warnings for what Republicans might bring.

Former Representative Steve Israel, who headed the House Democrats' campaign arm in a strong cycle of 2012 and weak one in 2014, said the dispute over how to address voters' economic distress was essentially being resolved in favor of trying to accomplish a political feat that he said

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FETTERMAN'S CHALLENGE After a stroke, a Senate candidate will use captions at a debate. PAGE A15

Ukrainians Find Only Ruins After Russians Flee

By CARLOTTA GALL

KAMIANKA, Ukraine — Little moved in the village of Kamianka, except for a cat bolting from under the rubble of a destroyed house and metal roofing banging in the wind.

Serhii, a livestock farmer, sat slumped beside the burned ruins of his home.

"I came here in case I could find anything and to clear up a bit," he said. "But there is nothing," he said, gesturing with a sweep of his arm at the wreckage.

The scale of the destruction is staggering across hundreds of towns and villages recently vacated by Russian troops in the Kharkiv region of eastern Ukraine. The few residents who have traveled back into the war zone to check on their property, like Serhii and his wife, Iryna, of-

Vital Services Cut With Prospect of Lethal Winter Ahead

ten stand speechless with dismay before the devastation. Throughout Ukraine, the war had destroyed or damaged about 120,000 houses and 16,000 apartment buildings by the end of September, according to the Kyiv School of Economics, which estimated overall physical damage at \$127 billion. The World Bank, European Union and Ukrainian government have estimated recovery costs at about \$350 billion.

For months Kamianka, which lies on a main highway, marked the front line between Russian and Ukrainian forces, and not a single building in the village es-

caped damage. Russian troops retreated last month in the face of a Ukrainian counteroffensive, leaving the village littered with unused Russian shells and mines, its wooden church burned to the ground, its school with gaping holes in its walls.

Ukrainian emergency services had just collected the remains of two civilians — Serhii's neighbor, who was killed in a shell blast in March, and another man crushed in his car by a Russian tank on the main road around the same time. The Russian troops who had occupied the village since April had not bothered to bury the dead Ukrainians, Serhii said.

A neighbor, Oleksandr, 66, stopped by in his car and said there was another civilian lying dead in a cellar at the end of the village. Ukrainian engineers had not cleared mines from the village

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Russian forces left behind a ruined gymnasium in Kamianka that they had used as a base.

Largest Black City in U.S. Unlikely to Elect Black Representative

By CLYDE MCGRADY

DETROIT — On a recent sunny Saturday afternoon in a neighborhood park in the middle of this sprawling city, residents were distributing free backpacks for students heading back to school. Girls sat patiently under a pop-up tent to get their hair braided, while other children gleefully

leaped and collided in an inflated bounce castle.

One person stood out in the mostly African American crowd: a slim, 67-year-old Indian immigrant in a white T-shirt and dark pants, hopping from tent to tent and chatting with parents and neighbors, who seemed excited to see him.

The man, State Representative

Detroit Favors Indian Immigrant for Office

Shri Thanedar, had beaten eight Black candidates in a primary to become the Democratic candidate for Michigan's 13th Congressional District — meaning that for the

first time in almost 70 years, the nation's largest majority Black city is unlikely to have a Black representative in Congress.

His victory set off waves of anxiety among Detroit's Black political leaders, who tried desperately to prevent Mr. Thanedar from winning. (A primary win in such a heavily Democratic district

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Hollywood's #MeToo Fervor Wanes as Old Habits Return

By BROOKS BARNES

Harvey Weinstein's second sex crimes trial began Monday in Los Angeles. "She Said," about the journalist who accused him of taking him down and helped ignite the #MeToo movement, arrives in theaters on Nov. 18. "The Woman King" opened to strong ticket sales last month, with Viola Davis saying she thought about the man who sexually assaulted her to power her visceral performance as the leader of an all-female group of African warriors.

The convergence is a reminder of how earthshaking #MeToo was for Hollywood.

It helped touch off a broader reckoning in the entertainment industry around diversity, equity and inclusion on both sides of the

camera — who gets to make movies, who gets to be the subject of them. Activists say that studios and sets have been permanently changed for the better. Zero tolerance for workplace sexual harassment and discrimination is real.

In recent months, however, Hollywood's business culture has started to regress in subtle ways. New problems, widespread cost-cutting as the box office continues to struggle, coming union contract negotiations that producers worry will result in a filming shutdown — have become a higher priority. Fearing blowback, media companies that were

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Leslie Jordan, 67, became known during his time on shows like "Will & Grace." Then the pandemic brought new fame — and a new audience. PAGE B11



Subway work is curtailed due to injuries

Metro officials order contractor to improve safety conditions on part of Purple Line.

By Rachel Uranga

Los Angeles transit officials have shut down construction on part of the Westside's \$2.4-billion Purple Line Extension for two weeks amid a litany of "serious safety concerns" that have injured dozens of workers since July 2021.

Workers have fallen off ladders, crushed fingers, slipped in mud, been struck by falling slurry and hit in the face by a failed hose while building a 2.6-mile phase of the Purple Line, a nine-mile subway that will eventually run from Wilshire Boulevard and Western Avenue to the West Los Angeles VA Medical Center.

Metro officials say they have warned the project contractor, Tutor Perini O&G, about unsafe conditions at the underground site, but the substandard conditions remained.

"There is an ongoing pattern of safety issues that have not been adequately addressed by TP&O and that has continued to persist unchecked," Metro officials said in a letter sent to the contractor Friday.

The letter warned the group that underground construction could not resume until the company assesses past failures and comes up with a plan to establish a culture of safety.

"For almost two years, Metro has written letter after letter expressing concerns with safety issues on the project and the number of recordable incidents and preventable accidents that

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LIBKOS Associated Press

WAR ENTERS 9TH MONTH

Ukrainian soldiers fire at Russian positions with a U.S.-supplied howitzer in the Donetsk region Sunday. Authorities in Ukraine claimed increasing success Monday in shooting down attack drones. **WORLD, A3**

Giant megaphone to spew hate

By Grace Toohey and Salvador Hernandez

As the United States increasingly grapples with racist and bigoted rhetoric entering the mainstream, accompanied by a rise in hate crimes, the extremism has tended to come from the margins of political life.

But for the last few weeks, a series of antisemitic and conspiracy-soaked rants have emerged not from dark corners of the internet, but from one of America's most renowned rap artists and fashion icons: Kanye West.

The ugly, unrepentant nature of the comments by West, who now goes by Ye, present challenges in fighting hate, experts said.

Brian Levin, director of the Center for the Study of

West's antisemitism is amplified by huge following, cultural clout



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KANYE WEST is facing widespread condemnation for his hateful comments, including in Hollywood.

Hate and Extremism at Cal State San Bernardino, said it's unusual and deeply troubling for such vitriolic hate speech to come from a celebrity of West's caliber — and it brings with it the danger of emboldening others, because his fame give his ideas credibility.

West's words have "greater significance" because of "how high a celebrity he is and just how violent the language is," Levin said. "This is not a subtle-type of bigotry... It's more brazen, it's more violent and it's unapologetic."

West is facing increasing fallout from his hateful comments and controversial statements, including losing his talent agency Monday. But still not among the businesses to cut ties with the

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CAA DROPS WEST: The talent agency joins a growing list of firms severing ties with the rapper. **CALENDAR, B1**

U.K. gets its 3rd prime minister in less than 2 months

Rishi Sunak will be the first person of color in the role and the wealthiest.

By Jaweed Kaleem

LONDON — Seven weeks after being defeated in his first bid to lead Britain, former Treasury chief Rishi Sunak is set to replace Liz Truss as prime minister and make history as the first person of color in the role.

Sunak, 42, emerged victorious Monday in a lightning-fast contest by the ruling Conservatives to select a new party leader and, by extension, the U.K.'s new prime minister. The process began after Truss resigned Thursday as the shortest-serving premier in the nation's history, following a turbulent tenure that rolled the markets and sparked chaos among the Conservative parliamentary rank and file.

In a dizzying turnaround

of political fortune, Sunak was the only leadership candidate to receive the minimum 100 signatures required from fellow Conservative lawmakers by a Monday afternoon deadline. Rival Penny Mordaunt failed to secure enough backers, and former Prime Minister Boris Johnson pulled out of the running late Sunday.

Sunak will become Britain's third prime minister in less than two months, following the resignations of Truss and Johnson. Of Indian descent, Sunak will be the first nonwhite leader of Britain, which, by contrast, has already had three female prime ministers.

"It is the greatest privilege of my life to be able to serve the party I love and give back to the country I owe so much to," Sunak said in a brief statement at Conservative Party headquarters two hours after his ascension was announced. "The United Kingdom is a great country, but there is no

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Senator to avoid testifying for now

Justice Thomas issues temporary reprieve for Lindsey Graham, who is fighting subpoenas in 2020 inquiry. **NATION, A4**

Emmy-winning actor dead at 67

Leslie Jordan, a "queer icon" who had roles on "Murphy Brown" and "Will & Grace," dies in crash. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

A DEEP DROP IN STATE'S TEST SCORES

Percentages of pupils not meeting English, math standards grew during the pandemic.

By Paloma Esquivel and Howard Blume

Two out of 3 California students did not meet state math standards and more than half did not meet English standards on state assessments taken in the spring, reflecting sizable drops in performance compared with the year before the pandemic, when large numbers of students were already struggling to meet grade-level expectations.

The test results are even more devastating for Black, Latino, low-income and other historically underserved students — 84% of Black students and 79% of Latino and low-income students did not meet state math standards in 2022.

The dismal results provide further evidence of the profound challenges facing California schools as educators focus on helping children recover from deep pandemic setbacks with multi-billion-dollar investments in public education. The scores have also amplified the troubling fact that even before the pandemic, 60% of California's students were testing below grade level in math and nearly half in English.

The state results were released just hours after the "nation's report card" was made public Sunday night. The national assessment — which is different from the California test — also showed significant drops in math and reading scores across a majority of the country. Eighth-graders in nearly every state and fourth-graders in a large majority of states, including California, saw drops in average math scores since the pre-pandemic 2018-19 school year in what Education Secretary Miguel Cardona called "heartbreaking" academic setbacks.

Experts said the national test data did not show a clear linkage between the length of time schools were closed during the pandemic and achievement.

Scores on the national test for Los Angeles students, while alarmingly low, showed signs of resilience compared with other large urban districts. Sagging or stalled California scores fared slightly better than national averages but still left large percentages of students not achieving proficiency.

"The data prior to the pandemic did not reflect an education system that was on the right track," Cardona said. "The pandemic simply made it worse. It took poor performance and dropped it down even further."

The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress is designed to gauge whether students are meeting grade-level standards laid out by the state Department of Education. The 2022 tests, called Smarter Balanced, showed that most students are not doing so.

In both English language arts — which include writing, listening and research

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MYUNG J. CHUN Los Angeles Times

MANY OF L.A.'S emerging and established magicians share and hone their tricks in private backroom gatherings called "magic jams."

COLUMN ONE

Local magicians give a peek behind the curtain

By Deborah Vankin

Call them the wonder boys. They're in the business of manufacturing the effect.

Derek McKee, Franco Pascali and Zach Davidson look like clean-cut 20-somethings kicking back in an Arts District loft on a Friday night. They're decked out in designer leisure wear, sipping coffee and passing around a nicotine vape, and the reminiscences and laughter come quick and repeatedly.

"Dude, we have so many good memories!" Davidson says, slamming his hand onto the marble dining table they're gathered around.

Except the vast tabletop is scattered with about 17 decks of playing cards — some unused and still plastic-wrapped, others well-worn — and as they talk, each nonchalantly wields an open deck in his hand, working the cards into extravagant arrangements.

McKee, Pascali and Davidson are highly trained working magicians, and the moves they're performing are called "cardistry," a visually dynamic, kinetic art form that's part juggling and part "card flourishing," the latter referring to how magicians manipulate playing cards to give their acts oomph when performing tricks.

Cardistry, however, needs no

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Blackouts in Dnipro presage a hard winter

Rising Russian attacks on power infrastructure lead to sporadic outages

BY MICHAEL E. MILLER AND ANASTACIA GALOUCHKA

DNIPRO, UKRAINE — A powerless 15-floor apartment building in this industrial city offered a preview of what many Ukrainians fear will soon become the norm here after relentless Russian airstrikes on civilian infrastructure: Candles flickered in windows. Couples cooked by flashlight. Outside in the darkened courtyard on Saturday evening, three men and a woman drank alcohol in a cone of cellphone light.

Some residents had caught wind of the planned outage on social media. Others had no clue until it happened just as dark fell.

With the elevator useless, Tetiana walked up five floors in the dark with her dachshund to a drab apartment with no candles or flashlights. Before walking the dog, she had spent the past two hours texting with relatives across the country, some of whom were also without power. "This is the first time this has happened," said Tetiana, a middle-aged woman who declined to give her last name. "I'm in shock."

Tetiana's neighborhood wasn't the only one affected. In a leafy suburb on the other side of the city, Oleksandra Bondor had just washed her hair when the elec-

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Black family unravels mystery of 1879 wedding

BY JULIE ZAUZMER WEIL

All his life, William England has heard the tantalizing story of his great-grandmother Ella Clay's wedding.

Ella was born in slavery on a plantation in Alabama owned by Clement Claiborne Clay Jr., who served in the U.S. Senate for eight years before the start of the Civil War. She raised her family's first generation born in freedom. Her great-grandson William, now 80 years old, left Alabama for law school and a long career as a judge in the nation's capital.

It is a story of success and accomplishment. But like most Black families in America, the Englands have questions about who they are, where they came from, and what happened to them along the way.

The judge has always wondered about the lore he learned as a child from his mother and aunts about Ella. More than a decade after she was emancipated — and Clement Claiborne Clay, her enslaver, was disgraced as a traitor

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Incoming prime minister Rishi Sunak waves at Conservative Party headquarters in London after his historic victory was announced. He will have to address Britain's ongoing struggles, some of them a result of pandemic spending he authorized as finance minister.

Britain elevates first premier of color

At a 'unique moment,' economic challenges for richer-than-royals Sunak

BY WILLIAM BOOTH AND KARLA ADAM

LONDON — After months of political fever, Britain on Tuesday will get a new prime minister, the third in two months, with the country now looking to Rishi Sunak — a former finance minister and hedge-fund manager, a 42-year-old whiz kid,

richer than the royals — to beat back the harshest economic headwinds here in a generation, including some of his own creation.

Sunak, a practicing Hindu of Indian descent, will be the first person of color to serve in Britain's highest office, and his Conservative Party leadership win Monday, coinciding with the festival of Diwali, marked a moment of jubilation among many in Britain with South Asian heritage.

Sunak's rise to the top office is especially significant in a country that has sometimes struggled to grapple with the legacy

of its colonialist past. Britain ruled India for almost a century, from 1858 to 1947, and the modern-day United Kingdom is filled with the children and grandchildren of immigrants from the former realm.

In Southall, an area of west London sometimes called Little India for its large diaspora, people in the streets celebrated Sunak — even though many residents support the opposition Labour Party.

"If Rishi Sunak ever dreamed he would be prime minister on Diwali day, well, you couldn't take bets on this. What a wonderful thing," said Davinderpal

Singh Kooner, 67, a dental surgeon, who was speaking outside a temple as young children lit candles behind him.

"It's a unique moment to have an Asian PM," he said — pausing for the fireworks that burst in a bright display of red above his head — "it's a pivotal moment in the politics of this country."

Hardeep Marwa, 46, a tech worker with the National

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'Incredible feat': In India, praise for Sunak's rise to leadership. A16

THE COVID MONEY TRAIL

Billions in schools' funding is still unspent

Systems throughout the U.S. report using less than 15 percent of latest pandemic relief round

BY LAUREN LUMPKIN AND SAHANA JAYARAMAN

In March 2021, the Biden administration released the federal government's largest pool of pandemic relief for public schools. The American Rescue Plan infused campuses with \$122 billion to reopen buildings, address mental health needs and help students who had fallen behind academically.

The need was so urgent that two-thirds of the money — \$81 billion — was released less than two weeks after the plan was signed into law and before the Education Department could approve each state's spending plan.

But despite having access to the dollars, school systems throughout the country reported spending less than 15 percent of the federal funding, known as ESSER III, the most recent installment of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief, during the

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CRAG HUDSON FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Gaithersburg High School students wait to reenter after a walkout in January to protest the Montgomery County school system's coronavirus safety response.

Liberals push new Ukraine strategy

30 LAWMAKERS SEND A LETTER TO BIDEN

Urge talks with Moscow in 1st Democratic dissent

BY YASMEEN ABUTALEB

A group of 30 House liberals is urging President Biden to dramatically shift his strategy on the Ukraine war and pursue direct negotiations with Russia, the first time prominent members of his own party have pushed him to change his approach to Ukraine. A letter sent by the group to the White House on Monday, first reported by The Washington Post, could create more pressure on Biden as he tries to sustain domestic support for the war effort, at a time when the region is heading into a potentially difficult winter and Republicans are threatening to cut aid to Ukraine if they retake Congress.

In the letter, the 30 Democrats led by Rep. Pramila Jayapal (D-Wash.), chair of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, call on Biden to pair the unprecedented economic and military support that the United States is providing Ukraine with a "proactive diplomatic push, redoubling efforts to seek a realistic framework for a cease fire."

The Democrats are specifically concerned that the United States

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ELECTION 2022

Democrats accused of neglecting N.C. contest

BY CLEVE R. WOOTSON JR.

ASHEVILLE, N.C. — Cheri Beasley had spent a day earlier this month pinballing around western North Carolina, stumping for the state's soon-to-be-open Senate seat. At her last event, a brewery in this liberal mountain stronghold, the Democratic candidate eased onto a stool as a moderator asked whether anyone had a question.

When the microphone came to Ann Baxter, she unloaded her concerns. She'd seen an avalanche of ominous ads from Republican Rep. Ted Budd's camp, tearing into Beasley's record and painting what Baxter said is an untrue and unflattering picture. But she had seen only two pro-Beasley ads. When, she asked, was Beasley going to fight back?

"When I talk to a lot of my friends, most of them don't know

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Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas put a hold on an order for Sen. Lindsey O. Graham (R-S.C.) to testify in a

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Alaska Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R) and Rep. Mary Peltola (D), both up for reelection, find common ground, especially on issues related to the Alaska Native population. A8

Jury selection began accused 10 Chinese spies and government officials of "malign schemes" in three new cases. A4

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A former Brazilian lawmaker who backs President Jair Bolsonaro fired a rifle and threw grenades at officers attempting to take him into custody, wounding two and increasing fear of election violence. A17

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Hire now or wait? Bosses struggling with outlookAs economy slows, some firms scale back hiring or cut workers while others add staff. **In Money****Questlove talks chances for scoring the 'E' in EGOT**After winning Oscar for directorial debut, he says new projects let him "nerd out." **In Life****Memorable October for Houston, Philadelphia**Peña saves Astros with postseason run while Harper sparks Phillies. Now they face off in World Series. **In Sports**

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**ELECTIONS**

Early voting for the November midterm elections is strong in Georgia. ALYSSA POINTER/AP

Will new law affect Georgia turnout?

Despite concerns, voting numbers rose in May

Abraham Kenmore
USA TODAY

Despite widespread concerns that a controversial new law would deter many Georgia residents from casting ballots, voter turnout in the May primary rose across every category of race, gender and geography, an analysis by the USA TODAY Network found.

Experts in Georgia politics said the increase largely reflected an enormous outpouring of voter interest since the 2020 presidential election and subsequent national news events that have electrified the electorate.

The turnout growth, measured since the last midterm primary in 2018, was not uniform. It was stronger among white voters than Black, and participation rose more in the Republican primary than in Democratic contests. Black turnout dropped in some pockets of the state.

But political analysts said those disparities probably don't tell us much about what will happen in November, with marquee races for governor and U.S. Senate on the ballot.

On Friday, the Georgia Secretary of State's office said that in the first four days of early voting for the November election, Georgians exceeded early voting turnout for the equivalent peri-

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Test scores plummet in wake of pandemic

'Troubling' declines linked to months of learning loss



Kayla Jimenez USA TODAY



Words of wisdom from teachers

We asked people to recall the best advice they got from a teacher. Their responses, 4A



When presented with an opportunity ...

Student: Erica Riba, above left, 33.

Teacher: Oliva Kuester, above right, University of Michigan School of Social Work.

Advice: "Say yes and then figure it out."

As educators, community members and parents work to help kids catch up from pandemic-related learning loss through accelerated learning and high dosage tutoring, national test scores published Monday prove a loss already felt in America's schools.

Results from the National Assessment of Educational Progress show dramatic and sobering declines in math and reading scores for the nation's fourth and eighth graders, laying bare the ways pandemic-related disruptions damaged American students' ability to learn.

Although federal officials who administer tests also known as The Nation's Report Card typically caution against directly tying anything to students' performance on tests, this time around, National Center for Education Statistics Commissioner Peggy Carr didn't hesitate to attribute historic, "troubling" declines to student achievement during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Math scores for grades four and eight on the nationally representative tests showed the largest declines since NAEP testing began in 1990. Reading scores declined in both grades, too, since the onset of the pandemic.

In 2022, average reading scores in fourth and eighth grades decreased by three points from 2019, and average math scores in fourth and eighth grades decreased by five and eight points, respectively, the

See **TEST SCORES**, Page 5A

The in-person rhythm of nearly every school in the country was upended by the pandemic, with students shifting, sometimes clumsily, to learning on devices at home in March 2020 and beyond.

MATT ROURKE/AP

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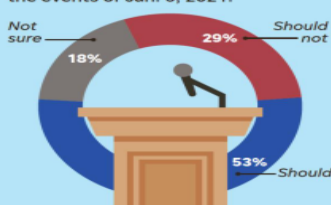
Average reading scores decreased by this amount in fourth and eighth grades from 2019 to 2022.

5 and 8 points

Average math scores decreased by this amount in fourth and eighth grades, respectively.

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Americans on whether ex-President Donald Trump should face the special U.S. House committee investigating the events of Jan. 6, 2021:

SOURCE: The Economist/YouGov poll, Oct. 16-18
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Sunak breaks through as UK premier

Culmination of political comeback is an expression of many UK firsts

Kim Hjelmgaard USA TODAY

LONDON — Former finance minister Rishi Sunak completed a political comeback Monday, when he was selected prime minister by Britain's ruling Conservative Party, just seven weeks after he was beaten to office by Liz Truss.

Sunak, 42, will be the fifth British prime minister in six years, the third in less than two months. He is Britain's first leader of South Asian descent, its first Hindu prime minister, and the nation's first leader of color. He is the youngest prime minister of modern times.

He won an internal party contest to be the country's new leader following Truss' Oct. 20 resignation. Her tenure was the shortest ever for a British prime minister and was marked by economic turmoil. Brit-

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Rishi Sunak waves Monday at the Conservative Party headquarters in London after winning the party leadership contest. He will be the U.K.'s first prime minister of color. ABERTO PEZZALI/AP

Largas colas para pedir el nuevo bono de \$45.000

Las filas se reprodujeron en numerosas oficinas de la Anses en todo el país, al abrirse el registro; en la página web del organismo la cola virtual superó los 200.000 puestos de espera. **Página 12**



COLDPLAY EMPIEZA ESTA NOCHE SU RÉCORD DE 10 SHOWS EN RIVER

—espectáculos

A las 21.15 comienza el primer recital de la banda británica en el Monumental; HER y Zoe Gotusso son las teloneras; el acampe de jóvenes comenzó el fin de semana.

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El oficialismo avanza con los cambios en Ganancias, pese al pedido de los jueces

IMPUESTO. Los magistrados obtuvieron el apoyo de la Corte y propusieron buscar un acuerdo

Hernán Cappiello
LA NACION

Los jueces, que ayer recibieron el apoyo institucional de la Corte Suprema de Justicia ante la iniciativa del Gobierno para que paguen el impuesto a las ganancias, les manifestaron a los diputados de la Comisión de

Presupuesto y Hacienda su voluntad de negociar y pidieron más tiempo para buscar una alternativa que evite judicializar el conflicto. Sin embargo, el oficialismo decidió acelerar y ratificó que buscará aprobar hoy en la Cámara de Diputados el proyecto de presupuesto con el artículo que obliga a los magistrados a pagar.

En este escenario, los jueces pidieron ser recibidos por la titular del Senado, Cristina Kirchner, quien los citó a una reunión mañana, cuando la norma ya tendría la aprobación de la Cámara baja. La intención del oficialismo es sancionarla en el Senado a mediados de noviembre.

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Se complica en Diputados la aprobación del presupuesto

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Por errores, demorará un año el resultado del Censo

INDEC. Los datos definitivos se difundirán en 2023; preocupación en la política

Camila Dolabjian
LA NACION

Una serie de imprevistos, inconsistencias y errores el día del operativo y en el análisis posterior de los datos provocó la demora de los primeros resultados del Censo 2022 —que debían ser informados hace más de dos meses—, y llevaron a cancelar definitivamente la publicación de los datos provisionales. Los definitivos, que están en proceso de digitalización, serán publicados el año próximo, lo que preocupa al menos a una parte del arco político. **Continúa en la página 18**

Un líder atípico para rescatar a Gran Bretaña



GETTY IMAGES

el mundo —LONDRES.— Envuelta en una de las peores crisis económicas de los últimos tiempos, Gran Bretaña empieza hoy una nueva página de su historia con la designación como primer ministro de Rishi Sunak, un joven multimillonario descendiente de inmigrantes indios que fue elegido por el Partido Conservador para tomar el control del país tras el fallido gobierno de Liz Truss. **Página 2**

El boom de Vaca Muerta sufre por el transporte

ENERGÍA. La producción crece al 50% anual, pero la demora del gasoducto impide ir más rápido. **Página 19**

Escala el conflicto por las tomas de escuelas: hay 366 padres denunciados por la Ciudad

EDUCACIÓN. A las presentaciones en el fuero penal se sumarán otras en el civil

Las escuelas porteñas regresaron a sus actividades tras las tomas, pero el conflicto está lejos de resolverse. En el plano penal, según el Ministerio de Educación

local, ascendieron a 25 las denuncias realizadas contra un total de 366 adultos que habrían avalado a sus hijos para participar de las tomas. Por el lado civil, la Ciudad

cursará 21 demandas por daños y perjuicios por el costo laboral que implicó el cierre de las escuelas. El monto reclamado a los padres es de \$50.538.442,85. **Página 22**

Macri: "No nos corre más ningún progre"

PRESENTACIÓN. Con un fuerte llamado a la unidad de Juntos por el Cambio y críticas al populismo, el expresidente Mauricio Macri lanzó ayer su libro *Para qué*. "No nos corre más ningún progre, ese discurso cínico no me lo banco más", exclamó Macri. El lanzamiento incluyó una amplia presencia de dirigentes de Pro y algunas ausencias de la UCR y de la Coalición Cívica. **Página 16**

Máximo dijo que no cree que Cristina sea candidata

INTERNA. Puso en duda que la vicepresidenta se postule en 2023 porque, según dijo, "hizo un gran esfuerzo". **Página 13**

Conservador Rishi Sunak é novo premiê britânico

O ex-ministro das Finanças britânico Rishi Sunak, 42, venceu a corrida iniciada dentro do Partido Conservador após Liz Truss renunciar com apenas 44 dias no cargo. Ele se torna hoje a primeira pessoa não branca a governar o Reino Unido. De ascendência indiana, terá o desafio de estabilizar o país depois do fracasso do plano econômico de Truss. **Mundo A14**

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Benigna, morta aos 13 em tentativa de estupro no CE em 1941, se torna beata

Prefeito de SP cede, e 2º turno terá transporte gratuito

Após ser pressionado por políticos e entidades, Ricardo Nunes (MDB) anunciou que a cidade de São Paulo oferecerá transporte público gratuito para o segundo turno das eleições, das 6h às 20h do próximo domingo (30). **Política A12**

Escola Sem Partido refluí, mas temas persistem

Após reverses na Justiça, movimento contra suposta doutrinação de esquerda em aula se declarou extinto, mas grupos de direita herdaram pauta crítica a discussões sobre gênero e sexualidade. **B1**

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CFM revoga norma de restrição maior à cannabis medicinal

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Acerca de perspectiva de safra recorde em 2023.

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Rishi Sunak acena ao sair da sede do Partido Conservador, em Londres, nesta segunda-feira (24) *Matja Smiejkowska/Reuters*

Jefferson responderá por tentativa de homicídio quádrupla

Bolsonaro e sua campanha tentam se distanciar de aliado que atacou PF com fuzil e granadas na reta final da eleição

O ex-deputado Roberto Jefferson (PTB), aliado do presidente Jair Bolsonaro (PL) preso em flagrante no domingo (23) após atacar policiais com granadas e cerca de 50 tiros de fuzil —segundo depôs—, foi indiciado sob suspeita de tentativa quádrupla de homicídio.

A Polícia Federal apreendeu em sua casa na cidade de Comendador Levy Gasparian (a 140 km do Rio) munições de diversos calibres e um fuzil usado por ele contra os policiais.

Dois dos seis agentes que cumpriam ordem de prisão emitida pelo ministro Alexandre de Moraes, do STF (Supremo Tribunal Federal), foram feridos por estilhaços e hospitalizados, com alta no mesmo dia. O ex-deputado, que estava em prisão domiciliar, será levado para a penitenciária de Bangu 8.

Bolsonaro e seus assessores passaram os últimos dois dias tentando se descolar do laço com Jefferson e converter o episódio em um gesto de apoio à Polícia Federal.

O caso envolvendo o político de extrema direita, réu em ação penal por incitação ao crime e ataque a instituições, tornou-se um ponto de desgaste na campanha de Bolsonaro às vésperas do segundo turno, dia 30.

Opositores associam o ocorrido a estímulos do presidente à violência e contra instituições. **Política A4**

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Prisão de ex-presidente da legenda marca fim do PTB, criado por Getúlio A4

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Escândalo aliado

Jair Bolsonaro empenha-se em facilitar o acesso a armas e em difundir a tese doentia de que a sociedade deve estar pronta para enfrentar à bala uma delirante ameaça ditatorial. Ameaçou descumprir decisões judiciais e falou em fuzilar adversários.

O desvario pistoleiro de Roberto Jefferson, a uma semana do segundo turno, operou em Bolsonaro uma notável correção de conduta. Contumaz apologista de armas e arruaças, o presidente se viu forçado a manifestar alguma compostura.

Impossível saber neste momento se a contenção de danos eleitorais será bem-sucedida, mas os próprios militantes da seita bolsonarista a gritar e agredir escancaram que o ex-deputado petebista e seu ato lunático espelham o chefe.



Em churrascaria em Brasília, Jair Bolsonaro assiste a propaganda eleitoral de Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva com os dizeres 'Bolsolão Orçamento Secreto' *Reprodução/TV Globo*

PGE se omite sobre fake news e uso da máquina pública

A Procuradoria-Geral Eleitoral chega à reta final das eleições sem fazer questionamentos ao Tribunal Superior Eleitoral, ao longo dos 70 dias da campanha, sobre desinformação ao eleitor e exploração da máquina pública. Procurado, o órgão não quis se manifestar. **Política A11**

Cecilia Machado

Salário mínimo não é bala de prata

O aumento real do salário mínimo, medida agora defendida pelos dois candidatos à Presidência, precisa ser minimamente acompanhado por ganhos de produtividade do trabalho, algo que apenas uma política educacional de qualidade será capaz de garantir. **Mercado A28**

Lula tem 50%, e Bolsonaro, 43% dos votos totais, diz Ipec

O ex-presidente Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT) segue à frente no segundo turno da disputa presidencial, com 50% das intenções de voto, ante 43% do presidente Jair Bolsonaro (PL), aponta pesquisa Ipec divulgada ontem. Pretendem votar em branco ou anular 5%, e os indecisos são 2%.

O resultado foi o mesmo do levantamento realizado há uma semana, com margem de erro de dois pontos para mais ou para menos.

Nos votos válidos —sem contagem de brancos e nulos, como faz o TSE—, os números também não se alteraram: Lula tem 54%, e Bolsonaro, 46%. **Política A8**

STF devolve cargo de governador de AL a Paulo Dantas, aliado de Lula

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Raquel Lyra afirma que campanha de Marília Arraes em PE é de 'faz de conta'

Política A13



Denuncian torturas y amenazas de la banda a los pueblos originarios

ARP dice que eliminar al EPP es vital para tranquilizar el Norte

Ganaderos consideran que tras el golpe de la FTC el grupo criminal quedó debilitado. Hay que llevar a los demás miembros ante la Justicia, dijo Pedro Galli. Se busca a presuntos heridos.

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**Rishi Sunak, l'atout des
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à flot le Royaume-Uni**



ALBERTO PIZZALI/VAP

La désignation de l'ancien chancelier de l'Échiquier comme premier ministre devrait mettre un terme, au moins provisoire, à la crise politique qui secoue le Royaume-Uni. Ce quadragénaire d'origine indienne, dont l'accession au pouvoir marque un moment d'histoire, va devoir restaurer rapidement la crédibilité économique du pays. **PAGES 10 ET 11**

La voiture, bouc-émissaire de la transition écologique

Les Français, attachés à leur autonomie, se sentent entravés et harcelés par une politique de plus en plus restrictive. Dans les villes et les campagnes, la colère monte.

Zones à faibles émissions, fin programmée de la vente des voitures à moteur thermique en 2035, piétonnisation... Viscéralement attachés à leur véhicule, les Français sont touchés de plein fouet par la

multiplication de mesures restrictives. Surtout dans les zones périurbaines, où la voiture est indispensable au quotidien. Dans la métropole de Rouen, les habitants crient à l'injustice sociale. Pour

Jean-Luc Moudenc, premier vice-président de France urbaine, une structure qui rassemble les métropoles françaises, cette politique antivoiture laisse craindre un « souffle insurrectionnel ».

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Marine Le Pen crée la surprise en votant la motion de censure de la Nupes

Personne ne s'y attendait. Marine Le Pen n'a annoncé qu'à la tribune de l'Assemblée nationale que les 89 députés RN allaient voter la motion de censure présentée par la gauche, plaçant ainsi, et c'est son

objectif, les LR devant leur responsabilité en ne votant pas le texte qui aurait pu conduire à une dissolution. La motion a recueilli 239 voix. Il en aurait fallu 289 pour être adoptée. **PAGES 8 ET 9**



ÉDITORIAL par Jacques-Olivier Martin jomartin@lefigaro.fr

Sens interdit

Touche pas à ma bagnole ! La voiture peut vite devenir un sujet éruptif chez nos concitoyens. Après tout, est-ce bien surprenant ? L'auto, c'est la liberté ! Celle de circuler pour travailler, voyager, s'évader... Les Français y tiennent, comme à toutes les libertés, du reste. Nos dirigeants seraient bien inspirés de ne pas l'oublier alors qu'ils ne cessent de planter des sens interdits sur nos chemins de vie, comme des ronds-points sur nos routes : chasse aux voitures dans les centres-villes, restriction de circulation dans certaines agglomérations selon l'âge et la motorisation du véhicule, et bientôt interdiction de vendre en Europe des voitures essence et Diesel neuves... Bien sûr, nos fonctionnaires ou élus de Bruxelles et de Navarre ne jurent agir que pour notre protection, notre santé, notre bien-être. Il en est ainsi de l'interdiction de commercialiser des moteurs thermiques en 2035, adoptée pour réduire les émissions de CO₂, qui étouffent notre planète. Nul ne conteste la nécessité de répondre à l'urgence climatique : mais fallait-il agir de la sorte ? Plutôt que d'autoriser le seul moteur électrique, n'aurait-il pas été plus constructif de fixer des objectifs d'émissions et de laisser les

industriels inventer des solutions pour répondre aux normes environnementales quelle que soit la motorisation ? Autrement dit, parier sur l'innovation plutôt que sur des banissements qui empoisonnent la vie des conducteurs et ne sont même pas entièrement fondés écologiquement. La dette carbone d'un gros SUV est remboursée après seulement 100 000 kilomètres selon l'Ademe, l'agence pour la transition écologique... Sans même parler des conséquences économiques et sociales cataclysmiques de cette décision que ni l'Amérique ni l'Asie ne se sont imposées. Non seulement la fin des bons vieux moteurs thermiques menace plus de 100 000 emplois en France (beaucoup plus en Europe), mais elle ouvre grand la porte aux voitures électriques chinoises.

Il faut se rendre à l'évidence, cette politique conduit à notre affaiblissement industriel. Et tôt ou tard à la colère. La France des « bonnets rouges » et des « gilets jaunes » n'est jamais très loin des rochades et des ronds-points ! ■



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Unite or die – Sunak's warning to Tory MPs



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Rishi Sunak warned the Conservatives it was time to unite or die as he prepared to enter No 10 today as the first person of colour to become UK prime minister.

He said he would put an end to the Conservative psychodrama and vowed to prioritise "policies not personalities", starting with a cabinet

reshuffle today. His allies briefed that he would reach across the party, in stark contrast to the divisive purges of Liz Truss or Boris Johnson.

Just short of seven weeks after losing the summer leadership contest to Truss, Sunak yesterday won the Tory leadership race without a vote cast. His victory was assured shortly before 2pm when his only remaining rival, Penny Mordaunt, narrowly failed to attract the required 100 nominations from Tory MPs.

▲ Rishi Sunak at the Conservative head office in London yesterday after becoming the party's new leader

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Sunak, who resigned as chancellor from Johnson's government in July, will become the third Conservative prime minister in under two months and the fifth in six years. He will also make history as the first Hindu to lead the country and, at the age of 42, the

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