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. Bank of America's

Iranian-Made Drones Launched by Russia Rain Down on Kyiv U.K. Axes

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Tax-Cut

Program Markets cheer moves

though political uncertainty persists

by new treasury chief

MOST VOTERS SAY

U.S. DEMOCRACY To Watch Vote IS UNDER THREAT Trained to Aggressively

Right Prepares

Activist Army

Seek Irregularities

On the eve of a primary runoff lection in June, a Republican can-

idate for secretary of state of outh Carolina sent out a message his supporters.
"For all of you on the team to

orrow observing the polls, Good unting," Keith Blandford, a can-

lidate who promoted the false-ood that the 2020 election was

stelon from Donald J. Tramp, wrote on the social media app Telegram. "You know what you are looking for. We have the ene-

ny on their back foot, press the at-

The next day activists inneed out to polling places in Charleston, S.C., demanding to inspect elec-tion equipment and to take photo-graphs and video. When election

vorkers denied their requests, ome returned with police officers

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to the reports about broken or missing seals on the machines, ac-cording to emails from local offi-cials to the state election commis-tion. There were no broken or

After Mr. Blandford lost, the ac-

After Mr. Biandford lost, the ac-tivists peoted online a list of more than 60 "anomalies" they ob-served, enough to have changed the outcome of races, they said. They called the operation a "pilot

The episode is one of many that

The episode is one of many that have election officials on alert as vering begins for midterm elections, the biggest test of the American election system since Mr. Trump's lies about the 2020 re-

ults launched an assault on the

are inserting themselves in the

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otel rooms used by agents pro-ecting former President Donald

Trump and his family, according

o documents released on Monday by the House Oversight Commit-on, forcing a federal agency to

pay well above government rates.

The committee released Secret

ervice records showing more service records showing more than \$1.4 million in payments by the department to Trump proper-ties since Mr. Trump took office in

017. The committee said that the

accounting was incomplete, how-ever, because it did not include

syments to Mr. Trump's foreign roperties — where agents ac-ompanied his family repeatedly

and because the records

The records the panel obtained provided new details about an ar-angement in which Mr. Trump

and his family effectively turned

the Secret Service into a captive

customer of their business - by

The records also make clear

topped in September 2021.

BUT FEW FEEL URGENCY

Deep Partisan Divide -Many Express Doubt in Election Results

This article is by Nick Corusantil, Michael C. Bender, Ruth Igielnik und Kristen Bayvakdarian.

Voters overwhelmingly helians calling it the nation's most pressing problem, according to a New York Times/Siena College poll.

In fact, more than a third of in-dependent voters and a smaller but noteworthy contingent of Democrats said they were open to supporting candidates who reject the legitimacy of the 2020 election, as they assigned greater ur-gency to their concerns about the

The doubts about elections that have infected American politics since the 2020 contest show every sign of persisting well into the fu-ture, the poll suggested: Twenty-eight percent of all voters, includ-ing 41 percent of Republicans, said they had little to no faith in the accuracy of this year's midterm

Political disagreements appear to be seeping into the fabric of ev-eryday life. Fourteen percent of voters said political views revealed a lot about whether some one is a good person, while 34 per-cent said it revealed a little.

democratic process.

In the two years since, groups of right-wing activists have banded together, spreading false claims of cent said it revealed a little.

Nearly one in five said political
disagreements had burt relationships with friends or family.

"I do agree that the biggest
threat is survival of our democrawidespread election fraud and misconduct. Now those activists cv. but it's the divisiveness that is re interting themselves in the rote count, with a broad, ag-pressive effort to monitor voting in search of evidence that con-irms their theories. Many activn't agreeing on facts anymore. We sts have been mobilized by some of the same people who tried to overturn Mr. Trump's 2020 less. going to be able to move forward and continue as

Their tactics in primary elec-tions have efficials braced for a range of new challenges, includ-ing disruptive poll watchers and and continue as a country if you can't agree on facts."

The poll showed that voters fil-tered their faith in democracy Continued on Page A12

ran the family business while his father was in office — provided a misleading account of what his

company was charging.

In 2019, Eric Trump said the Trump Organization charged the government only "like \$50" for hotel rooms during presidential visits.

Instead, records obtained by

the committee showed, the Trump International Hotel in Washing-

night. In one case, the h

a night for a room used while proa tight for a room used white pro-tecting Eric Trump in 2017. That was more than four times higher than the government's usual spending limit for Washington ho-tels — but Secret Service officials

approved the expense, according to the records.

The same year the documents

"Per diem rates could not be obsaid, referring to the govern

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guarding Donald Trursp Jr.

\$1,185 for Secret Service Rooms

By DAVID A. FAHRENTHOLD and LUKE BROADWATER

WASHINGTON — The Trump that Mr. Trump's see Eric — who reganization charged the Secret ran the family business while his ervice up to \$1,185 per night for father was in office — provided a

Neugebouer resigned as CEO of GloriFi, a startup that sought to build a banking al-ternative for conservatives. III

Deadly Message Sent by Drones: Renewed Attacks Fail to Curb

The Iranian-made drones that Russia sent on Monday to divebomb Ukraine's capital delivered the most emphatic proof yet that Tehran has become a rare, in-creasingly close ally to the Kremlin, offering both weapons and international support that Russia

There is no deep love between Rausin, newly aparish for arracking another country, and Iran, for decades one of the must strick decades one of the must decade on the must decad There is no deep love between two authoritarian governments, both chafing under Western sanc-tions, share a view of the United States as their great enemy and a

"This is a partnership of con-venience between two embattled dictatorships," said Karim Sadjadpour, an Iran expert at the Washngton-based Carnegie Endow-

This orticle is by Doisuke Wako bayashi, Chang Che and Claire Fu. During his decade as China's

leader. Xi Jinping regularly pro-

moted the importance of opening

up the economy even as he pushed the country sharply in the opposite direction. But as he laid out his ambitions at an important political meeting, he barely paid

his nearly two-hour speech on

dozen others from a longer, writ-ten version. He instead focused on

issues of national security and corruption, extolled state projects in spaceflight and supercomput-

ers, and pledged to create a larger role for socialism and the public

When he did talk about mar-

should "give full play to the deci

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Mr. Xi, who is expected to secure a groundbreaking third term when the Communist Party congress concludes this week, made just three references to markets in his merely true hour

Growing Partnership of Two Dictatorships

sis, strugging economically and politically. Iran is attempting to quell street protests that pose the most serious challenge in years to the government, while Russia is trying to manage rising dissen-sion over a faltering war effort

dimming prospects for a new deal Iran's sworn enemy, to take

Ukraine's side in the war. The relationship between Russia and Iran has been developing for years. President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia deployed his air force to Syria starting in 2015 to

It's Russia and Iran vs. the West Kyiv's Determination to Go On

By MEGAN SPECIA

KYIV, Ukraine - The Russian missile ripped a gaping hole in a major intersection in central Kylv: But just a day later, dozens of road workers spread hot as-phalt to patch over UKRAINE The spot. At a play-

ground nearby, where a missile had struck a set of swings, children raced each other up and down the steep sides of the blast crater as they played in the sun.

Russian attacks have convulsed Ukraine's capital recently, with a series of missile strikes last week, and then drones hitting the city on Monday, killing at least four people.

The renewed strikes have certainly brought fear. But the have also instilled a feeling of resilience and defiance, and a sense that Kviv must keep m

Members of the army walking by an image of President Xi Jinping at a military museum in Beijing.

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in Return of Strikes

Monday morning, many people came out of underground shel-ters and went to work. "The enemy can attack our cities, but it won't be able to break us," President Volodymyr Zelensky

said in a statement on Monday

age. Other Ukrainian cities have Continued on Page As

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Even as rescue workers were still picking through the rubble, residents spoke of anger and

unity," said Yulia Oleksandrivna 86, a retired professor who lives near a residential building that partially collapsed on Monday. "We are all in this together," she added as she surveyed the dam-

Under Xi, China May Be Reverting to State-Controlled Economy | Trump Hotels Billed Government

tue workers at a residential building hit by a drone strike Monday in Kyiv, Ukraine. At least four people died in drone attacks.

Resolve Surpasses Fear

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Small-Caps, Fueled by Dollar, Are Set to Outpace Large-Caps HORRINGULS GELIUS CIDULES

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Prosecutors proposed

House Democrats said a long-running probe found that properties controlled by Trump's company charged the Scoret Service excessive rates on dissens of government trips. A4

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Dogma Challenges China's Economy

Xi Jirging laid out ambi-bless plants how years ago in expand. Olina's wealth and double the size of the nations contemp by 2000, and one contemp by 2000, and require Chias's economy to grow as average of nearly 5% nasueally over 15 years, according to es-timates by efficials involved in policy making. Many counse paties with the contemp of the policy making. Many coun-tries inside and aeriside of schievable, not just for this year, but also for the longer term.

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the worst state and other in-stitutions expect China's growth to rebound to around 4.5% next year after an esti-mated 3% or so in 2022, as-

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namic private sector that pro-pelled China's extraordinary

INSIDE



JASON GAY A fast and furious dismisses the Dodger

An airport designed to re-

land shaped like a dolphin, with coral-roof buildings.



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Where Architects Go to Test

Their Wackiest Design Ideas

Bring 'bonkers' concepts to Saudi Arabia;

dolphin-shaped island, revamped oil rig

improve frequency of visits and fend off cancellations, 81

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Intel Lowers Sights For IPO Valuation Of Robotic-Car Unit

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Housing Codes

Many homeowners in coastal towns find it

Hurricane Irana in 2017.
Ms. Parkes, 59, plans to sell her property, "I have a great location," she said, and offer me a lot of mone

roughly \$2 million he that weathered the storm with negligible damage. Fe

Reshape Florida

too costly to rebuild after burricanes

are they thinking? "Some of the workers takes we had for a long time and were not able to express creatively," said Ah-med Al All, chairtean of Dubsi-based X Architects. "Now, we

hinh, based & Architects. "Now, we go have a platform."

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