



**GLAUCIA DOS SANTOS**, right, hugs a supporter outside court in Rio de Janeiro in September. Dos Santos' 17-year-old son, Fabricio, was killed by police in 2014. Two officers face charges in the killing.

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## 'Police come here to hunt'

### Brazilian cops kill at nine times the rate of U.S. officers

BY KATE LINTHICUM

**RIO DE JANEIRO** — On the day she was to face her son's killers, Glauca dos Santos rose early, smoothed her hair into a ponytail and donned a T-shirt emblazoned with a single word: "Gratitude."

It may have seemed like a surprising choice given what she was about to do: travel three hours by bus from her home on the outskirts of Rio de Janeiro to a downtown courthouse, where the two police officers who had gunned down her 17-year-old in 2014

were being tried for murder.

But she felt lucky.

In Brazil, where even the most egregious abuses by police are rarely punished, trials like this one were practically unheard of. Against all odds, and thanks only to her own dogged detective work, Dos Santos now had a shot at justice.

Her eight-year battle for a day in court had come amid a surge of killings by police that had made Brazil's law enforcement agencies among the world's most lethal.

Police killed 6,145 people here last year, according to the nonprofit Bra-

zilian Forum on Public Safety — an average of almost 17 a day and nearly triple the 2013 total.

Taking population size into account, officers killed at roughly nine times the rate of U.S. law enforcement.

In Rio de Janeiro state, killings by police accounted for nearly a third of all homicides. Most took place in favelas, former squatter settlements founded by ex-slaves that remain predominantly Black today and have few state services and a heavy gang presence.

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## Caruso exceeds \$62 million in mayoral race

Developer's spending, mostly his own funds, is 10 times the outlay of Bass' campaign.

BY JULIA WICK

Rick Caruso has spent more than \$62 million since launching his Los Angeles mayoral bid in February, nearly all of it his own money.

It's a figure that — save for fellow billionaire Michael R. Bloomberg's three successful New York mayoral campaigns — is all but unrivaled in the annals of local politics in America.

His opponent, Rep. Karen Bass, has spent just over \$6 million since entering the race more than a year ago, meaning the real estate developer has outspent her by a factor of 10.

With a little more than five weeks before the Nov. 8 election, campaign finance disclosures released late Thursday paint a revealing

picture of how both campaigns have regrouped since the primary.

Without independent wealth, Bass has little chance of matching Caruso's prodigal war chest. But over the summer, the congresswoman had what appears to be her most impressive few months of fundraising yet.

During a roughly 12-week period, Bass took in nearly \$2.2 million in contributions and more than \$250,000 in city matching funds, according to filings covering July 1 through Sept. 24 submitted to the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission. She spent just under \$1.2 million during that period.

Caruso spent a little more than \$21 million during the same time period, according to his filings.

Caruso upended the race in the spring as a first-time candidate who entered the field with little name recognition and inundated the city with ad spending. He [See Spending, A8]



**RICK CARUSO'S** fortune upended the L.A. mayoral campaign, inundating the city with ad spending.

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## 'Red-baiting' drive accuses candidate of communist ties

O.C. congresswoman's campaign exploits anti-China sentiments of Vietnamese voters.

BY SEEMA MEHTA AND ANH DO

The campaign flier sent to Vietnamese American voters in Orange County is heavily doctored and designed to inflame. A Democratic congressional candidate is photoshopped in front of a classroom of children, a copy of "The Communist Manifesto" in hand.

On the wall hang images of communist icons Mao Zedong, Vladimir Lenin and Ho Chi Minh. (Bernie Sanders, who calls himself a democratic socialist, is up there too.) A single fist in the Black power salute teaches students the number one; two is symbolized by hands holding a hammer and sickle.

"Jay Chen invited China into our children's classes" is written in Vietnamese on the

chalkboard.

The flier, crafted and funded by Chen's opponent Rep. Michelle Steel (R-Seal Beach), would be effective in much of the country. But it has the potential to be particularly powerful in Steel's Orange County-centered district. She is running for reelection in the new 45th Congressional District, which has an Asian American plurality. The district is home to the largest concentration of people of Vietnamese descent outside of Vietnam — and depicting her Democratic rival as a communist sympathizer could give Steel's campaign a big boost.

"Within the AAPI community, especially among the Vietnamese, there is a well-known and long-standing visceral opposition to communism. That's why many Vietnamese settled in the United States following the Vietnam War," said Tom K. Wong, an associate professor of political science at UC San Diego, using an acronym for Asian Americans [See Communist, A8]

## Jarrín departing with gratitude

### He connected Dodgers to Latino community via radio

BY JORGE CASTILLO

Last week, before a game against the Arizona Diamondbacks, the Dodgers honored employees who have worked for the organization for at least 25 years.

The men and women stood along the first- and third-base lines. There were ushers, ticket-takers, receptionists, a press room operator and a gardener, among others. Players-turned-broadcasters Rick Monday and Fernando Valenzuela were recognized.

Each person was acknowledged in ascending order, based on their years of service. The penultimate employee presented was an usher in his 52nd year working at Dodger Stadium. Several feet away, standing at home plate, was Jaime Jarrín, the franchise's most senior employee by 12 years.

The cheers amplified when Jarrín, who started calling Dodgers games in 1959



**JAIME JARRÍN'S** 64-year career as Dodgers' Spanish-language voice ends this year.

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and became the franchise's Spanish-language voice, was announced. He waved to the crowd, absorbing another applause as his 64-year career approaches the finish line. Jarrín is retiring at the end of this season — whenever the Dodgers' playoff run ends — as a broadcaster but will continue to represent the organization as a community ambassador. He carries six-plus decades of memories, spanning from Sandy Koufax to Clayton Kershaw, and no regrets.

"I feel really good physically, mentally really good," Jarrín, 86, said in Spanish. "I think I could keep working four or five more years, but no, I think this is the precise moment."

Jarrín estimates he has called between 10,000 and 12,000 Dodgers games. He worked nearly 4,000 straight from 1962 until 1984 when he ended the streak to lead Spanish-language radio coverage and production for the [See Jarrín, A12]

## Russia's Ukraine land grab triggers sanctions

### U.S. and allies warn other nations against supporting Kremlin's illegal annexation.

BY ELI STOKOLS AND LAURA KING

**WASHINGTON** — The war in Ukraine lurched into a volatile new phase Friday as Russian President Vladimir Putin signed decrees declaring the annexation of four Ukrainian regions, drawing

widespread international condemnation and triggering punitive new economic measures from Washington and its Western allies.

Ukraine responded to the Russian move with a swift show of defiance, declaring that Moscow's attempted territorial seizures in the country's south and east would not stand. President Volodymyr Zelensky held a signing ceremony of his own, saying his government was submitting an "accelerated" application to join the North Atlantic Treaty Organiza-

tion. "We are de facto allies already," he said of Ukraine's partnership with the West.

The United States and Group of 7 allies answered what they called Russia's illegitimate move by issuing a new round of sanctions and warning other nations that they will be similarly punished should they support the Kremlin.

"Russia is violating international law, trampling on the United Nations charter, and showing its contempt for peaceful nations every-

where," President Biden said in a statement condemning Russia's actions. "Make no mistake: These actions have no legitimacy."

Moscow's land grab now means that a battlefield stretching hundreds of miles will now run through territory that Russia considers part of its motherland, and which Putin has threatened to defend with nuclear weapons if necessary.

Putin's declaration, unveiled at a pomp-filled ceremony in the Kremlin's or [See Ukraine, A6]