

### What's News

Business & Finance

China's economic rebound slowed in the second quarter but continued to show unusual resilience. The country's GDP expanded by 7.9% in the April-to-June period compared with a year earlier. **A1**

◆ **The Fed's Powell** said the central bank wouldn't hesitate to raise rates to keep inflation under control, but he repeatedly emphasized he still expects price pressures to ease later this year. **A1**

◆ **BoFA** said the economic rebound helped to nearly triple its profit, but low rates weighed on revenue. **B1**

◆ **Wells Fargo** posted its highest revenue since before the pandemic began. **B10**

◆ **Citigroup** said its second-quarter profit soared thanks to an increasingly bright view of consumer health. **B10**

◆ **China's Alibaba** and Tencent are considering moves to gradually open their services to one another. **B1**

◆ **NortonLifeLock** is in talks to buy cybersecurity firm Avast, which has a market value of around \$72 billion. **B1**

◆ **Facebook** said it would pay more than \$1 billion to content creators on its social networks through 2022. **B1**

◆ **The S&P 500** and Dow both gained 0.1%, while the Nasdaq fell 0.2%. **B11**

◆ **OPEC members** reached a compromise with the U.A.E., agreeing to lift the amount of oil that country can eventually pump. **B11**

◆ **Delta Air Lines** said U.S. vacation travel has fully recovered, as it posted second-quarter profit of \$652 million. **B3**

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◆ **The EU and China** presented sweeping plans to limit greenhouse-gas emissions that will increase costs for industry and consumers, but they drew criticism from environmentalists as not going far enough to slow climate change. **A1**

◆ **Drug-overdose deaths** in the U.S. surged nearly 30% in 2020, the result of a deadlier supply and the destabilizing effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, according to preliminary federal data and public-health officials. **A1**

◆ **FBI agents** disregarded allegations by Olympic gymnasts that they were sexually assaulted by former national team doctor Nassar and later made false statements to cover their mistakes, Justice Department investigators said. **A6**

◆ **Several centrist Democrats** in the Senate took a neutral stance on a new \$3.5 trillion budget agreement, saying they needed to review details of the sweeping plan. **A4**

◆ **Facebook** sought the refusal of Federal Trade Commission chief Khan from the agency's deliberations on whether to file a new antitrust case against the company. **A4**

◆ **The Bootleg Fire** in Oregon is now the largest fire in the U.S., as firefighters across the West work to contain dozens of blazes that have been fueled by hot temperatures and drought. **A3**

◆ **Brazilian President** Bolsonaro was flown to São Paulo from Brasília for medical treatment after his doctor diagnosed him with an intestinal obstruction. **A11**

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Flags Wave for Washington Monument's Reopening



TOWERING: A National Park Service employee replaces a worn flag as the Washington Monument reopens Wednesday, with Covid-19 restrictions. The monument had reopened in October but closed again in January because of the pandemic.

Powell Says Fed Would Raise Rates if Inflation Risk Persists

By Nick Timiraos

Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell said the central bank wouldn't hesitate to raise interest rates to keep inflation under control, but he repeatedly emphasized he still expects price pressures to ease later this year.

Inflation "has been higher than we've expected and a little bit more persistent," Mr. Powell said in a semiannual report Wednesday to House lawmakers. His appearance came a day after the government reported the fastest monthly rise in consumer prices in 13 years, largely because of special factors including a semiconductor shortage that is reducing the supply of autos.

Pandemic-related bottlenecks and other supply constraints created "just the perfect storm of high demand and low supply" that led to rapid price increases for certain goods and services, Mr. Powell said. Higher inflation readings "should partially reverse as the effects of the bottlenecks unwind," he said.

While Mr. Powell's remarks amounted to a reaffirmation of his view that inflation is likely to be temporary, even in light of Tuesday's report, he also acknowledged more explicitly that the Fed could turn out to be wrong in its inflation forecasts. "We're anxious, like everybody else, to see that inflation pass through," he said.

Beijing, EU Plan Sweeping Limits on Emissions

The European Union and China presented sweeping plans to limit greenhouse-gas emissions that will increase costs for industry and consumers, but they drew criticism from environmentalists as not going far enough to slow climate change.

By Matthew Dalton in Paris and Sha Hua in Hong Kong

The moves, while both long discussed and still months or years from full implementation, show a new urgency to regulate emissions in two of the world's biggest economies. They come as the Biden administration promises its own bold initiatives but faces big obstacles in Congress.

Lumber Starts To Look Cheap

Lumber prices are down nearly 70% from highs hit in May. **B1**



Miami's Big Condo Problem: Two-Thirds Are Over Age 30

Buildings line beachfront, and salt corrosion is speeding their decline

Engineers say it can take just 30 years for condominium buildings to reach a point when owners can no longer delay making critical repairs.

By Laura Kusisto, Jon Kamp and Daniela Hernandez

In the Miami region, two out of every three condo buildings are more than 30 years old, according to data compiled by real-estate data firm Zillow for The Wall Street Journal. In at least seven other Florida cities, some three-quarters of condo buildings have hit that age.

front, where salt corrosion and other forces are speeding their decline. That is leaving thousands of buildings saddled with multi-million-dollar repair costs—and little notion of how to pay for them.

Investigators are still trying to determine the cause of last month's collapse of the 40-year-old Champlain Towers South condominium, which left at least 95 dead. The property showed multiple points of strain, including eroded concrete and failed waterproofing at its base, according to a 2018 engineering report.

It often takes as little as 20 years for many building materials, including stucco, windows and shingles, to reach the end of what engineers

U.S. Drug Overdose Deaths Soared Nearly 30%

By Betsy McKay

Drug-overdose deaths in the U.S. surged nearly 30% in 2020, the result of a deadlier supply and the destabilizing effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, according to preliminary federal data and public-health officials.

The estimated 93,331 deaths from drug overdoses last year, a record high, represent the sharpest annual increase in at least three decades, and compare with an estimated toll of 72,151 deaths in 2019, according to provisional overdose drug data released Wednesday by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"That is a stunning number even for those of us who have tracked this issue," said Brendan Saloner, associate professor of health policy and management at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

"Our public-health tools have not kept pace with the urgency of the crisis." The surge, the 2020 data show, was driven largely by a proliferation of fentanyl, a powerful synthetic opioid whose use has spread across the nation. The pandemic am-

plified the epidemic of overdoses, bringing on social isolation, trauma and job losses, according to addiction experts and treatment providers. Overdose deaths began rising in the fall of 2019 with the spread of fentanyl, but really took off starting in March 2020, when pandemic-driven shutdowns and physical-dis-

Ted Lasso School of Leadership Inspires Real NBA Coaches

TV character doesn't know his sport, but knows his players; 'required watching'

By Ben Cohen

Utah Jazz coach Quin Snyder needed some help dealing with a tricky situation at work not long ago. He took advice from one of his favorite television shows.

"I don't know if you watch 'Ted Lasso,'" he said. "But sometimes your favorite animal is a goldfish because it has a memory of 10 seconds. That's where we need to be."

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# Brussels unveils sweeping plan to cut EU's carbon footprint

◆ Net-zero emissions target date set at 2050

◆ Carbon trading system at heart of new strategy

◆ Fierce talks expected among bloc's 27 states

MEHREEN KHAN — BRUSSELS

Brussels has set out sweeping plans for the EU to become the world's first mover on achieving net-zero emissions to limit global warming, with a strategy targeting all sectors of the economy.

The European Commission unveiled 13 policies designed to tackle climate change by ensuring the continent meets its goal of reducing average greenhouse gas emissions by 55 per cent in 2030 and net zero by 2050, against 1990 levels.

"Europe is the first continent with a comprehensive architecture to meet our climate goals," said Ursula von der Leyen, the commission president. "Our package aims to combine the reduction of emissions with measures to preserve nature and to put jobs and social balance at the heart of this transformation."

The plan risks provoking a backlash from poorer EU countries and parts of industry that argue the pace of change and increased regulations will become a financial burden. The measures will also be examined closely by the bloc's trading partners as their companies face penalties on exports of carbon-intensive products such as steel and cement.

The centrepiece of the EU's master plan is to expand the emissions trading scheme, a system that makes companies pay for the cost of polluting.

Brussels wants to go further with the scheme to include emissions from the car industry and heating buildings to quicken the pace of decarbonisation.

The commission hopes to ward off a political revolt over the creation of a separate carbon market for cars and buildings by using part of the revenues to fund a €72bn facility to help govern-

ments alleviate energy poverty for households that may face higher fuel and heating bills.

Frans Timmermans, the commission's executive vice-president in charge of green policy, said the measures would succeed only if they proved to be fair.

"It's going to be bloody hard to do... but just imagine for one second the cost of non-action," he said.

The plan will be subject to fierce negotiations among the bloc's 27 member states that will take years to complete. The US and the UK will follow keenly how the EU's efforts play out as they attempt their own ambitious net-zero emissions goals.

"One of the most anticipated measures is an EU carbon border adjustment mechanism that will force importers of steel, cement, aluminium and fertiliser to pay for the soaring carbon costs faced



Green policy commissioner Frans Timmermans: "It's going to be bloody hard to do... but just imagine for one second the cost of non-action"

by European industry. The prospect of the levy has alarmed Russian businesses that say they will be worst hit.

The car industry is included in the ETS and new vehicles will be subject to stricter CO2 reduction standards over the next 15 years. The commission's targets will amount to a de facto ban on the sale of new diesel and petrol cars by 2035. That will be accompanied by new rules to increase the availability of charging points and encourage the switch to electric cars.

Aviation and shipping are due to be penalised for polluting, with plans for a tax on aviation and maritime fuels proposed for the first time. The shipping industry will also fall under the expanded ETS to cover intra-EU journeys and 50 per cent of journeys outside the bloc from 2023.

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Chair Jay Powell has told a congressional committee that the central bank will not be complacent over rising prices. But he stuck to his view that the recent surge in inflation was largely temporary. — PAGE 2

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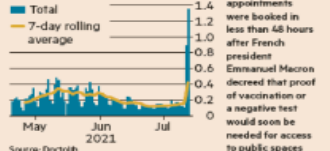
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### Shot in the arm

Vaccine appointments in France (m)



Source: Doctolib

More than 2.2m vaccination appointments were booked in less than 48 hours after French president Emmanuel Macron decreed that proof of vaccination or a negative test would soon be needed for access to public spaces

# BlackRock's Fink warns on higher US inflation as staff take home 8% pay rise

MICHAEL MACKENZIE

BlackRock chief executive Larry Fink has warned that the US should brace itself for a period of higher inflation, as the world's largest asset manager handed the majority of its employees an 8 per cent pay rise.

The forecast came a day after figures showed the US consumer price index rose in June at the fastest pace in more than a decade, fanning concern that the economy may be overheating. "We have been accustomed to sub-2 per cent inflation," said Fink, who did not rule out inflation staying above 3 per cent as the result of higher energy costs, global supply chain disruptions and the Federal Reserve's focus on job growth.

"In conversations with business leaders, they are seeing higher commodity prices and some are raising their prices

and wages," Fink told the Financial Times. BlackRock announced the increase in base salary for all employees up to and including director level alongside second-quarter earnings that comfortably beat analysts' expectations.

Riding the rebound in equity markets, BlackRock's assets under management surged to a record \$9.5tn. Revenues climbed 32 per cent to \$4.8bn, exceeding expectations of \$4.6bn, thanks to strong organic growth and higher performance fees. Net income climbed 14 per cent to \$1.58bn.

Fink said the decision to lift the base pay for almost 95 per cent of its 16,500 staff reflected a desire to share the benefits of the group's growth, rather than a reaction to inflationary pressures that employees might confront. The increase will come into effect in September.

Although assets under management

set a new record, net inflows of \$81bn for the three months to the end of June ended a streak of four quarters in which they had topped \$100bn.

Long-term investment flows, a metric that excludes cash management, came in at \$60bn, shy of the \$94bn analysts expected. A US pension fund client pulled \$58bn from an equity index mandate during the quarter.

"While the pension client loss weighed on the overall flow figure, underlying trends were solid," said Kyle Sanders, an analyst at Edward Jones.

Wall Street remains bullish on BlackRock's growth prospects, given the substantial lead it has over rivals in ETFs and technology services through its Aladdin platform.

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## World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				INTEREST RATES			
	Jul 14	prev %chg		Jul 14	prev	Jul 14	prev		price	yield	chg
S&P 500	4383.09	4388.21	+0.14	\$ per £	1.182	1.183	0.00	US Gov 10 yr	140.37	1.35	-0.01
Nasdaq Composite	14626.32	14627.69	-0.09	\$ per €	1.387	1.386	0.00	UK Gov 10 yr	0.63	0.80	0.00
Dow Jones Ind	34848.92	34888.29	-0.12	€ per £	0.852	0.854	0.00	Ger Gov 10 yr	0.32	-0.03	0.00
FTSE Euro Stoxx 500	4100.64	4094.56	+0.15	¥ per \$	110.090	110.315	-0.20	Jpn Gov 10 yr	117.29	0.02	0.00
Euro Stoxx 50	4100.64	4094.56	+0.15	¥ per £	152.651	152.732	-0.05	US Gov 30 yr	113.58	1.99	0.01
FTSE 100	7091.19	7124.72	-0.47	SFr per €	1.083	1.083	0.00	Ger Gov 2 yr	105.74	-0.88	-0.01
FTSE All Share	4049.86	4071.21	-0.52	€ per \$	0.846	0.846	0.00				
CAC 40	6558.39	6558.47	0.00								
Xetra Dax	15768.99	15789.64	-0.03								
Nikkei	28692.49	28712.24	-0.38								
Hang Seng	27787.49	27963.41	-0.63								
MSD World \$	3058.28	3068.27	-0.29	Oil WTI \$	73.05	75.25	-2.13				
MSD EM \$	1339.51	1328.63	0.86	Oil Brent \$	75.15	76.49	-1.75				
MSD ACWI \$	728.33	727.33	-0.14	Gold \$	1813.05	1782.40	1.20				

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## Soho House opens doors to investors with listing

Private members' club Soho House is targeting a \$3bn valuation when it lists today. With 30 clubs in 12 countries, the company that targets 'creatives' has come a long way since the original club opened in London 26 years ago. As it banks on aggressive growth to woo investors, its fifth original member, screenwriting agent Greg Hunt, remembers sitting in the bar of that first venue 'wondering if the place will get more busy'.

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## Democrats Set Budget Outline At \$3.5 Trillion

### Vow to Expand Social and Climate Agenda

This article is by Jonathan Weisman, Emily Cochrane and Jim Tankersley.

WASHINGTON — President Biden and congressional Democrats vowed on Wednesday to push through a \$3.5 trillion budget blueprint to vastly expand social and environmental programs by extending the reach of education and health care, taxing the rich and tackling the warming of the planet.

The legislation is far from passage, but top Democrats have agreed on working to include several far-reaching details. They include universal prekindergarten for all 3- and 4-year-olds, two years of free community college, clean energy requirements for utilities and lower prescription drug prices. Medicare benefits would be expanded, and green cards would be extended to some undocumented immigrants.

At a closed-door luncheon in the Capitol, Mr. Biden rallied Democrats and the independents aligned with them to embrace the plan, which would require every single one of their votes to move forward over united Republican opposition. But several moderate lawmakers who are crucial to the plan's success had yet to say whether they would accept the proposal.

Mr. Biden's message was "be unified, strong, big and courageous," Senator Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut said.

Senate Democratic leaders have said they aim to pass both the budget blueprint and a narrower, bipartisan infrastructure plan that is still being written before the August recess. That will be a politically tricky task in an evenly split Senate. The narrowly divided House would also have to pass the blueprint before both chambers tackle the details.

Speaker Nancy Pelosi embraced the deal. "This budget agreement is a victory for the American people, making his-

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**CARBON TARIFF** Democrats have agreed to a plan to tax imports from polluting nations. PAGE A10

## He Couldn't Speak. Implants Turned His Thoughts Into Words.

By PAM BELLUCK

He has not been able to speak since 2003, when he was paralyzed at age 20 by a severe stroke after a terrible car crash.

Now, in a scientific milestone, researchers have tapped into the speech areas of his brain — allowing him to produce comprehensible words and sentences simply by trying to say them. When the man, known by his nickname, Pancho, tries to speak, electrodes implanted in his brain transmit signals to a computer that displays them on the screen.

His first recognizable sentence, researchers said, was, "My family is outside."

The achievement, published on Wednesday in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, could eventually help many patients with conditions that steal their ability to talk.

"This is farther than we've ever imagined we could go," said Melanie Fried-Oken, a professor of neurology and pediatrics at Oregon Health & Science University, who was not involved in the project.

Three years ago, when Pancho, now 28, agreed to work with neuroscience researchers, they were unsure if his brain had even retained the mechanisms for speech.



Families displaced by fighting took refuge at the Bibi Amina school in Kunduz, a provincial capital in northern Afghanistan.

## Delta Variant Widens Gulf Between '2 Americas'

By APOORVA MANDAVILLI

and BENJAMIN MUELLER

Even as many Americans celebrate the apparent waning of the pandemic, the thrum of concern over the so-called Delta variant grows steadily louder.

The variant, the most contagious version yet of the coronavirus, accounts for more than half of new infections in the United States, federal health officials reported this month. The spread of the variant has prompted a vigorous new vaccination push from the Biden administration, and federal officials are planning to send medical teams to communities facing outbreaks that now seem inevitable.

Infections, hospitalizations and deaths are rising swiftly in some states with low vaccination rates like Arkansas, Missouri, Texas and Nevada, and are beginning to show small upticks in all of the others. The curves have also begun shifting upward in New York City, and the percentage of positive

### Different Paths Seen for the Vaccinated and the Unvaccinated

tests in the city has doubled in the past few weeks to just over 1 percent.

Nationwide, the numbers remain at some of the lowest levels since the beginning of the pandemic, but are once again slowly trending upward, prompting a debate about when booster shots might be needed to protect Americans.

The virus has also set off large outbreaks across the globe, from Japan and Australia to Indonesia and South Africa, forcing many countries to reimpose stringent restrictions on social activity. Even in places like Britain, where wide swaths of the population are immunized, the Delta variant has outpaced vaccination efforts, pushing the goal of herd immunity

further out of reach and postponing an end to the pandemic.

But scientists say that even if the numbers continue to rise through the fall, Americans are unlikely to revisit the horrors of last winter, or to require booster shots in the foreseeable future.

If Britain's experience is a harbinger of what's to come, the overall number of infections may rise as the Delta variant spreads through the United States. But hospitalizations and deaths are likely to be much lower than they were following the arrival of previous variants, because the average age of those infected has shifted downward and young people tend to have mild symptoms.

As important, vaccines are effective against the Delta variant and already provide a bulwark against its spread.

"I think the United States has vaccinated itself out of a national coordinated surge, even though we do expect cases pretty much everywhere," said Bill Hanage, an epidemiologist at the Harvard

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## Afghan City Feels Taliban Tighten Vise

By ADAM NOSSITER

and NAJIM RAHIM

KUNDUZ, Afghanistan — The Afghan way of war in 2021 comes down to this: a watermelon vendor on a sweltering city street, a government Humvee at the front line just 30 feet away, and Taliban fighters lurking unseen on the other side of the road.

When the shooting starts, the vendor makes himself scarce, leaving his melons on the table and hoping for the best. When it stops, selling resumes, to customers now all too rare.

"I don't have a choice. I've got to sell the melons," said the vendor, Abdel Alim, speaking to New York Times journalists while he kept an eye on a lane within Kunduz city from which he said Taliban had emerged. "Most people have left," he said. "There is fighting all the time."

The Taliban are pressing in on all sides of Kunduz, a provincial capital of roughly 374,000 in Afghanistan's north, and several other provincial capitals as well, as the Afghan government's war with the Taliban enters a new and dangerous phase. For weeks, the insurgents have captured vulnerable districts across the country's north, sometimes without even firing a shot. And on Wednesday, the Taliban said they had captured an important border crossing with Pakistan, at Spin Boldak — the

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## Drug Deaths Surged to Record As Pandemic Ravaged Country

By JOSH KATZ and MARGOT SANGER-KATZ

As Covid raged, so did the country's other epidemic. Drug overdose deaths rose nearly 30 percent in 2020 to a record 93,000, according to preliminary statistics released Wednesday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It's the largest single-year increase recorded.

The deaths rose in every state but two, South Dakota and New Hampshire, with pronounced increases in the South and West.

Several grim records were set: the most drug overdose deaths in a year; the most deaths from opioid overdoses; the most overdose

deaths from stimulants like methamphetamine; the most deaths from the deadly class of synthetic opioids known as fentanyl.

"It's huge, it's historic, it's unheard-of, unprecedented and a real shame," said Daniel Ciccarone, a professor of medicine at the University of California, San Francisco, who studies heroin markets. "It's a complete shame."

In recent years, annual drug overdose deaths had already eclipsed the peak yearly deaths from car crashes, gun violence or the AIDS epidemic.

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### Mimi Swartz

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**A TRUCK** crosses a bridge at Lake Oroville, which was 33% full on June 30. Drought has hit hard in Northern and Central California.

## NEWSOM WATER TACTICS RAISE DOUBTS

Officials support the voluntary approach, but some scientists say it's too little too late.

By Ari Plachita

When Gov. Gavin Newsom asked Californians to voluntarily conserve water last week as he stood in front of the retreating shoreline at Lopez Lake in San Luis Obispo County, some must have had déjà vu.

It was only six years ago when his predecessor Gov. Jerry Brown stood in a field near Lake Tahoe that was bereft of normally plentiful snow and called for water restrictions amid the state's punishing years-long drought.

But by that point, Brown was done asking. In April 2015, he ordered cities and towns across the state to cut water use by 25%, the first mandatory statewide water restrictions in California history that browned lawns and shortened showers to the tune of more than 500 billion gallons saved that year.

As Californians wonder when mandatory water restrictions might be coming, officials and experts including those who played roles in addressing the 2012-2016 drought say the pace and strategy of Newsom's current response sufficiently incorporates insights gained from the past.

The governor's approach, however, has also frustrated some scientists who consider his actions too little too late as record-high temperatures intensify the water shortage, particularly in the north and central parts of the state.

Newsom, who is facing a September recall election, called on Californians on July 8 to voluntarily cut their water use by 15% compared with last year and expanded his regional drought state of emergency to 50 counties, home to roughly 42% of the population.

"We're optimistic that Californians are going to step up as they have in the past," said Natural Resources Agency Secretary Wade Crowfoot. "And if the drought persists and conditions get worse, we'll obviously have to contemplate other actions including mandatory restrictions."

Conditions already appear to be outpacing the previous drought. Scant winter rainfall led to minimal snowpack on the Sierra Nevada mountains, and spring heat evaporated much of the run-off. [See Water, A6]

## Biden rallies Democrats to back his agenda

Lawmakers are urged to unite behind infrastructure plan, new social programs.

By Jennifer Haberkorn and Eli Stokols

WASHINGTON — President Biden on Wednesday tried to solidify a fragile coalition of Democrats to make progress on his massive infrastructure proposal that would both rebuild the nation's roads and enact a broad array of social programs, such as new Medicare benefits, child-care assistance and immigration reform.

Biden visited Capitol Hill a day after a group of Democrats said their social program bill, which Democrats plan to enact on a strict party-line vote, would total \$3.5 trillion.

Added to the approximately \$600 billion earmarked for "hard infrastructure" that Biden hopes to enact on a bipartisan basis, the

whole package would amount to \$4.1 trillion in new spending over a decade.

"We're going to get this done," Biden said as he arrived for the Senate Democrats' lunch in the Capitol.

Democrats have to walk a tightrope as they try to push the bills ahead in the coming weeks. Biden's challenge, with a slim margin for error, will be preserving support from progressives, who originally wanted \$6 trillion in new spending, and centrists, who wanted a smaller price tag and an assurance that it is entirely paid for.

Biden also needs the support of at least 10 Senate Republicans on the bipartisan infrastructure plan in order to pass it.

"We know we have a long road to go," Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.) said Tuesday.

The \$3.5-trillion proposal exists only as a framework, with details to be negotiated in the weeks to come. The outline is ambitious and, if enacted, would be one of the most substantial expansion [See Democrats, A7]

### COLUMN ONE

## One man's quest to solve desert riddle

By Thomas Curwen  
Reporting from Yermo, Calif.

A certified letter arrived April 8 for Fred E. Budinger Jr., from the federal Bureau of Land Management. It read like an eviction notice and came across like a punch.

Dear Mr. Budinger: The Bureau of Land Management proposes to remediate the remnant archaeological excavation and study features of the Calico Mountains Archaeology District because they pose a significant threat to public safety.

Budinger stopped. Remediate, he thought: Orwell

would spit at a word like that. Officials at the federal agency, in his opinion, had treated the Calico Early Man Site as nothing less than a nuisance. Now they were getting rid of it.

"This is a destruction project," he told his wife, Pam.

Pending permits and approvals, the Bureau of Land Management next year will remove vandalized buildings from the site in the central Mojave Desert and fill all but five of the primary excavation pits with dirt and polyurethane foam. Visitors may still tour the site, but for Budinger, the bureau's decision signaled the end of the most promising chapter in North American archaeology.

A dissertation shy of a doctorate, he is an archaeologist. [See Calico, A12]



**MIKE SNOOK** bought property in Doyle, Calif., hoping to work on Burning Man art projects and host fellow free spirits. Then came a savage wildfire.

## Fire took his possessions, except for the Zamboni

By Anita Chabria

DOYLE, Calif. — Mike Snook had a vision for this rough and faded California town on the Nevada border: It would be a refuge for the free spirits of Burning Man, those priced out of the Bay Area and looking for a place to build really big art.

In 2019, he began buying run-down property for cheap — his first purchase was \$30,000 — while slowly loading it up with tools, supplies and random stuff. Think an entire shipment of Chinese teak doors, a 1946 UPS truck, a Zamboni ice resurfacer.

Saturday night, much of that dream went up in smoke when the Beckwourth Complex fire roared through Doyle, burning 33 houses, including several owned by

### New blaze adds to woes

The Dixie fire began in Butte County at 5 p.m. Tuesday and has already burned 2,200 acres. CALIFORNIA, B3

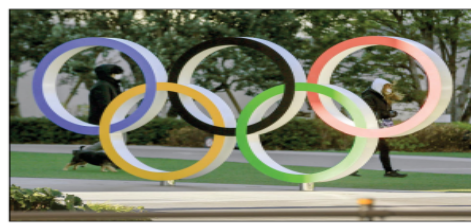
Snook — as just about everyone here calls him.

"Five houses down, one left," Snook said, with a forced laugh, sitting in the midday darkness of the Buck Inn, Doyle's only bar. "I thought, 'There's no way it's going to hit all of them.'"

Ignited by lightning that struck bone-dry tinder in the Plumas National Forest, the Beckwourth Complex remains California's largest wildfire this year, having grown to more than 95,000 acres in less [See Snook, A6]

### TOKYO OLYMPICS

## Japan's COVID-19 strategy scores far from a perfect 10



**IN TOKYO**, many are focused less on the Games and more on the pandemic and fourth state of emergency.

By Victoria Kim

SEOUL — In a week's time, the now-anachronistic named 2020 Olympic Games will finally get underway.

It's a moment Japan has long been preparing for — since March of last year, when the Tokyo Games were pushed back because of the pandemic; since 2016, when Japan's then-Prime Minister Shinzo Abe took the baton from Rio de Janeiro in a Super Mario get-up; since 2013, when the country first [See Japan, A4]

### Drug overdose deaths at record

The 93,000 fatalities last year are a 29% increase over the peak of 72,000 in 2019. PERSPECTIVES, A2

### Larry Nassar inquiry faulted

A Justice Department watchdog finds "fundamental errors" in a molestation inquiry by the FBI. SPORTS, B10

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## Biden revs Democrats for massive spending

Hill 'pep rally' aims to unite party on budget package, infrastructure

BY SEUNG MIN KIM, TONY ROMM, MIKE DEBONIS AND MARIANNA SOTOMAYOR

President Biden went to Capitol Hill on Wednesday to rally Senate Democrats around roughly \$4 trillion in new, once-in-a-generation economic investments to revitalize U.S. infrastructure, battle climate change, and expand health-care benefits and the federal social safety net.

Inside the closed-door lunch — Biden's first such in-person visit as president — he tapped into his roots, emphasizing the package's potentially transformational effect on America's middle class, according to Democrats who were present. Biden mused at one point about how appealing the proposals might have been to his father and asked senators to keep in mind people like his old neighbors in Scranton, Pa., as they consider the legislation.

"This president makes an incredibly compelling case that this is the moment to go big," said Sen. Chris Murphy (D-Conn.). "This is a moment you have to be able to deliver real money in the pockets of Americans that are hurting."

Biden's salesmanship opened a new chapter in a complicated battle over his infrastructure

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Elizabeth Elias and Jose Espinoza, seen at home with their children in California's Central Valley, received \$1,000 from Save the Children during the pandemic as their bills piled up. The initiative offers a preview of the expanded child tax credit's impact.

## Can a tax credit help students in poverty learn?

BY MORIAH BALINGIT

POPULAR-COTTON CENTER, CALIF. — There are some days when 16-year-old Alexa Martinez struggles to focus. Even when she's immersed in classwork, her lingering anxiety over her family, and everything that's gone wrong, seeps in.

Until two years ago, Alexa's father, Jose, was one of the more than 200,000 people who worked in agriculture in a region that produces 40 percent of the fruits and nuts consumed in the United States. Then he had a stroke. The man who once provided for the family — Alexa's mother and four

Advocates hope \$100 billion program expansion gets to the root of classroom inequities

siblings — now struggles to keep his balance. Alexa or her mother, Nancy, must watch over him in case he falls. Even though her school reopened, the high school sophomore had to stay at home — taking classes on a laptop from the one-room trailer her family shares — so she

could watch her dad and younger siblings.

"I used to always be concentrated at school, do all my work," Alexa said. "After [his stroke], I was still trying to concentrate. But it was a little bit more difficult because I had that at the back of my mind."

Educators and policymakers have spent decades — and billions of dollars — trying to figure out how to make it easier for students like Alexa, bright young people who face a cascade of challenges linked to poverty, to succeed in school. Almost nothing has stuck. Students growing up in poverty are already lagging behind their

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## Overdose deaths surged in 2020

PANDEMIC, FENTANYL HELP FUEL 30% JUMP

White House lays out plans to combat crisis

BY LENNY BERNSTEIN AND JOEL ACHENRACH

Deaths from drug overdoses soared to more than 93,000 last year, a staggering record that reflects the coronavirus pandemic's toll on efforts to quell the crisis and the continued spread of the synthetic opioid fentanyl in the illegal narcotic supply, the government reported Wednesday.

The death toll jumped by more than 21,000, or nearly 30 percent, from 2019, according to provisional data released by the National Center for Health Statistics, eclipsing the record set that year.

The increase came as no surprise to addiction specialists, drug counselors and policy experts who have watched the steady rise in deaths throughout the pandemic. But that did not make the statistics any less horrifying.

"Every one of those people, somebody loved them," said Keith Humphreys, a psychiatry professor at Stanford University and an expert on addiction and drug policy. "It's terrifying. It's the biggest increase in overdose deaths in the history of the United States, it's the worst

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## DOJ watchdog lashes FBI for failing victims in Nassar case

BY DEVLIN BARRETT

The FBI failed to properly investigate serious sex-abuse allegations against former USA Gymnastics doctor Larry Nassar, according to the Justice Department's inspector general, who also determined that FBI officials gave misleading or false answers when confronted about those failures.

The scathing report released Wednesday paints a disturbing portrait of the nation's premier law enforcement agency being told details of what would become one of the most shocking cases of sexual abuse in recent American history, yet failing to follow up with key witnesses or even notify other law enforcement agencies of potential crimes happening in their jurisdictions.

The report noted that according to civil court filings, about 70 women and girls were victimized by Nassar between the time when the FBI was first told of the allegations, and when Michigan

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## On the hunt for cardboard gold

A 22-year-old looks to cash in on a pandemic-fueled sports-card craze

BY KENT BABB

SANTA ANA, CALIF. — He gave up on sleep a little before daybreak, opting to begin his workday early and maybe right the previous night's wrong. Now Sasha Tamaddon checks his watch lists on eBay, slides on black jeans and a T-shirt, and laces up the Air Jordan sneakers for trading cards. He navigates another site that tracks the valuations of collectibles. He tries to move on.

"I don't know what happened," he mutters. He keeps navigating, trying to distract himself from the six figures he didn't spend on a Michael Jordan rookie card a few hours ago. He saw it as a rare, devastating setback after a year of success.

"That's a tough one, bro," says Tamaddon, a 22-year-old who used to clean swimming pools before, he says, turning a \$15,000 investment in sports cards — one of several economic crazes that sprung to life during the coronavirus pandemic — into a collection worth about \$1 million.

But on this morning, nothing has soothed him. So he packs nine trading cards worth about \$160,000 into a small cardboard box and stashes it, alongside \$10,000 in cash, into his Toyota Tacoma. Then he hits the road, starting a frenetic and unpredictable workday



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that will cover many miles, result in a few deals and maybe bring back his luck. Last year, with millions of Americans at home, fear and isolation gave way to boredom and nostalgia. Alongside cryptocurrency and non-fungible tokens, the trading card market became another

SEE CARDS ON A6

## How Carlson became voice of White grievance

Fox News host is shaping a GOP energized by racial resentment

BY MICHAEL KRANISH

Tucker Carlson huddled in a low-ceilinged dungeon that had served as a holding pen for Africans bound for enslavement in the United States. It was a July day in 2003 in Ghana, and Carlson stood alongside some of America's most prominent civil rights leaders.

The conservative commentator, who at the time co-hosted the CNN show "Crossfire," walked through the memorial, where a guide told how the shackled Africans who did not perish during the voyage were sold as human chattel in America.

The civil rights leaders prayed, cried and sang "We Shall Overcome." They peered toward the sea from the Door of No Return. But Carlson seemed strangely detached, according to two of the civil rights leaders who were present.



Tucker Carlson occupies a singular role in the Republican Party's information universe.

"When we got to the castle and the dungeon, it had an emotional impact on all of us, as Africans in America," said the Rev. Albert Sampson, a former associate of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Then there was what he called "the tragedy of Carlson."

"He did not cry," Sampson told The Washington Post in his first interview about the encounter. "He did not have any intellectual response. He didn't give any verbal response. It was a total detachment from the reality of the event."

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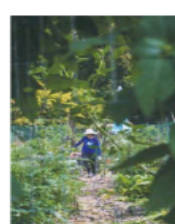
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Dominó a Argentinos Juniors en el Monumental, pero terminó 1-1 en el partido de ida por los octavos de final de la Copa Libertadores. Deportes



## PREOCUPACIÓN EN BRASIL POR LA SALUD DE BOLSONARO

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Fue trasladado de Brasilia a San Pablo por un delicado cuadro intestinal; anoche evaluaban la posibilidad de someterlo a una cirugía de emergencia. Página 15

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## La pandemia no cede y el país cruza otra barrera dramática

Las muertes diarias siguen entre las más altas del mundo; buscan acelerar la vacunación

Con 614 muertos registrados ayer, la Argentina cruzó la trágica barrera de los 100.000 fallecidos a causa del coronavirus desde marzo del año pasado, cuando se produjo la primera víctima mortal.

La jornada estuvo marcada, además, por el silencio del Gobierno frente a la tragedia sanitaria, que lleva a la Argentina a integrar el triste panteón de los diez países con mayor tasa de muertes por cada millón de habitantes. Perú encabeza esa tabla, que integran también Brasil y Colombia.

Aunque la campaña de vacunación comenzó a fines de diciembre pasado, y se prometieron millones de dosis para el verano, solo el 11% de la población argentina tiene el esquema completo de inmunización, una de las claves para frenar el avance del virus. Para tomar una dimensión de la tragedia, el promedio diario de muertos es de 200 personas, lo que significa un deceso cada 7,12 minutos. Los 100.250 muertos acumulados equivalen a la desaparición de la población de una ciudad como Santa Rosa, La Pampa. Página 2

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## Familias diezmadas

Los Cedrón, de Comodoro Rivadavia (1); los Güida, de Concordia, Entre Ríos (2), y los Domínguez, de Esteban Echeverría (3) —con dos hijos veteranos de Malvinas—, son algunas de las familias que sufrieron el impacto más terrible de la pandemia: el virus se cobró, casi al mismo tiempo, la vida de varios de sus integrantes. Los sobrevivientes hoy intentan reconstruir hogares destruidos por el dolor que ha sembrado la pandemia en la Argentina.

## Aumentan un 26% las prepagas tras un fallo judicial

LITIGIO. Reconoce la validez de tres subas que el Gobierno postergó

Las cuotas de la medicina prepaga subirán un 26% a partir de septiembre, después de un fallo judicial que ordenó suspender las resoluciones del Ministerio de Salud que habían suspendido los últimos aumentos en el sector.

Es una medida cautelar que quedará sujeta al fallo sobre el fondo de la cuestión, pero mientras tanto las empresas se preparan para aplicar los ajustes. "Nos presentamos a la Justicia porque nadie nos escuchaba, pero estamos dispuestos a sentarnos con la autoridad de aplicación y el Gobierno para buscar una solución a la cuestión de nuestro financiamiento", dijo Claudio Bellocopp, presidente de la Unión Argentina de Salud (UAS) y dueño de Swiss Medical. Página 22

## Suspenden la quiebra de Correo Argentino

CONFLICTO. La jueza comercial nacional Marta Cirulli hizo lugar a un pedido de apelación del grupo Macri y suspendió de manera provisional la quiebra de Correo Argentino, que ella misma había decretado la semana pasada en sintonía con lo que reclama el gobierno de Alberto Fernández. La decisión sobre el destino de la empresa queda ahora en manos de la Cámara Comercial. Página 16

## El régimen cubano aplaca el estallido

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## Pela 1ª vez, maioria vê pandemia sob controle

Em um momento em que os casos de Covid-19 desaceleram no Brasil, mas permanecem em patamar alto, a percepção de que a pandemia está sob controle no país é majoritária pela primeira vez, mostra pesquisa Datafolha. Mais da metade da população avalia que a crise sanitária está parcialmente controlada (53%) ou totalmente controlada (5%). Para 41%, ela está fora do controle, e 1% não sabe. **Saúde B1**

## Mortalidade por Covid caiu 46% em São Paulo com avanço da vacinação, diz Doria

**Saúde B3**

## Capital confirma circulação da variante delta

A Prefeitura de São Paulo confirmou que a variante delta da Covid-19 já circula na cidade. A transmissão comunitária do coronavírus foi atestada depois do rastreamento de ao menos 40 pessoas que tiveram contato com o primeiro paciente infectado, um homem de 45 anos. **Saúde B1**

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## A Vila antes dos Jogos

Enquanto Tóquio registra um aumento nos casos de coronavírus, a Vila Olímpica tenta preservar a tradição do evento em meio às restrições impostas na cidade, que vive seu quarto estado de emergência.

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# Com obstrução intestinal, Bolsonaro é internado em SP

Equipe médica fará exames para avaliar possível cirurgia; reunião entre chefes de Poderes é cancelada



Jair Bolsonaro no Hospital das Forças Armadas, em Brasília, antes de ser transferido para SP

Após sentir dores abdominais na madrugada de ontem, Jair Bolsonaro foi internado no Hospital das Forças Armadas e, mais tarde, transferido para o hospital Vila Nova Star, na zona sul de São Paulo. Com quadro de obstrução intestinal, ele passaria por exames mais detalhados para avaliar a possibilidade de cirurgia.

O presidente sofria com soluços havia 11 dias e se queixava de cansaço. Sua transferência foi decidida pelo médico Antonio Macedo, que o operou em 2018, quando Bolsonaro levou uma facada no abdômen em campanha. Uma hipótese é a obstrução ter relação com aderências (partes do intestino que ficam coladas) decorrentes das intervenções naquela época.

Sob pressão, na segunda (12) ele ensaiou uma trégua e moderou suas declarações golpistas. Também aceitou participar de um encontro com os chefes dos demais Poderes, mas a reunião prevista para ontem foi cancelada com a internação.

Bolsonaro publicou texto com forte teor político, no qual pediu a apoiadores que não desistissem de "nossos valores". **Poder A4 a A6**

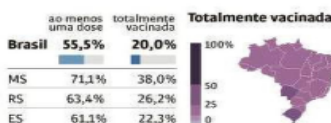
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## População com 18 anos ou mais\*

Dados das 20h de 14 jul.  
\*Ao menos uma dose; tomou dose única ou 1ª dose. Totalmente vacinada; tomou dose única ou 2ª dose. \*\*Em relação a 14 dias



## Números da pandemia

	Casos	Óbitos
Total	19,2 mi	537,5 mil
Méd. móvel	42,9 mil	1.270
Variação**	-22,7%	-19,2%
Em 24 h	57,0 mil	1.574

## Taxa de ocupação de UTIs é a menor de 2021

Capitais apresentaram nesta semana o menor nível de ocupação de UTIs para Covid do ano, de acordo com levantamento. **B2**

## PAINEL S.A.

Servidor de SP que rejeitar dose não terá home office

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Funcionários da Secretaria da Justiça e Cidadania de SP no primeiro dia de trabalho presencial, ontem, após mais de 1 ano de home office **Mathilde Missionheiro/Folhapress**

## Vanessa R. Canado

Gastos e reforma tributária  
O sonho de qualquer narrador é enviar proposta de reforma tributária que reduza impostos, mas a redução da carga tributária depende da revisão dos gastos públicos. Grande parte do valor arrecadado destina-se a salários e benefícios. É mais difícil do que parece. **Opinião A2**

## Governo beneficia igrejas aliadas em regra de TV a cabo

Fábio Faria (Comunicações) convenceu Jair Bolsonaro a aceitar mudanças nas regras de TV por assinatura para ajudar a base no Congresso. Agora, operadores terão de oferecer gratuitamente canais de TV aberta pertencentes a aliados, principalmente ligados a igrejas. **Mercado A15**

## UE planeja vetar carros a combustão a partir de 2035

A União Europeia apresentou seu novo plano para tentar conter o aquecimento global. Um dos pontos é o veto à fabricação de automóveis movidos a combustão a partir de 2035. É preciso aval do Parlamento do bloco e dos 27 países-membros no Conselho Europeu. **Mundo A12**

## Racionamento de água já afeta interior paulista

Com a queda nos níveis dos reservatórios, decorrente da pior crise hídrica em 91 anos, algumas cidades do interior de São Paulo já passaram a adotar algum tipo de racionamento de água, como Itu e São José do Rio Preto. Outras, como Franca, já estão de sobrelavagem. **Cotidiano B6**

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# Relajo social puede hacer que restricciones sigan hasta 2023

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- El MEC plantea ampliar las burbujas para vuelta a clases



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Faut-il interdire, comme le demande l'UE, les moteurs essence et Diesel à partir de 2035 ?

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# Taxes, normes... Le plan vert à hauts risques de Bruxelles

Fin des voitures à essence, taxation des importations, du kérosène, du carbone... L'UE a présenté douze textes législatifs sévères pour réduire les émissions de CO<sub>2</sub> de 55 % d'ici à 2030.

Dans son plan climat présenté mercredi, la Commission défend l'arrêt de la commercialisation des voitures à moteur thermique en 2035, la taxation des vols au sein de l'UE, un élargissement considéra-

ble du marché du carbone européen où s'échangent les « permis à polluer », la création d'une taxe carbone aux frontières... En tout, douze textes législatifs, qui seront largement débattus par les États de l'UE, qui pourraient

juger la potion zéro carbone plutôt amère. Le gouvernement a salué le plan climat mais se montre « réservé » sur certaines dispositions pouvant avoir des « conséquences sur les ménages et les petites entreprises ». Paris

s'inquiète de l'extension aux transports et au bâtiment du marché du carbone européen, qui, entre autres, renchérit le chauffage. La Commission propose un fonds d'aides pour compenser les surcoûts et éviter la colère sociale.

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## Les soldats de l'opération Barkhane à l'honneur sur les Champs-Élysées

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## Présidentielle : les petites candidatures se multiplient

Leurs yeux sont rivés sur la présidentielle de 2022. Ils s'appellent Jean Lassalle, Florian Philippot, Éric Zemmour (chroniqueur au Figaro), ou encore Philippe Poutou. Iront-ils ? N'iront-ils pas ? Pourront-ils se lancer ? Tous piaffent d'impatience, tergiversent encore sur la ligne de départ et tentent de mettre en place les réseaux nécessaires à leur mise en orbite. Aucun n'est en mesure aujourd'hui d'afficher les 500 parrainages indispensables pour avoir le droit de concourir. Les partis traditionnels, eux, regardent ce ballet entre curiosité et vigilance. PAGES 2 ET 3

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## Le chiffon vert

**L**e monde veut sauver la planète, et l'Europe veut sauver la planète, et n'importe quel autre continent. Le docteur Bruxelles a délivré son ordonnance pour réduire de 55 % les émissions de CO<sub>2</sub> d'ici à 2030 et atteindre la neutralité carbone au milieu du siècle. Pas moins d'une douzaine de remèdes, essentiellement des interdits, des normes, des taxes, des délais... Cette potion, que les écologistes plus zélés - ceux qui ne veulent ni voiture, ni avion, ni usine, ni pétrole, ni plastique - trouvent bien légère, provoque déjà des sueurs froides chez les dirigeants d'entreprise, surtout dans les PME, et pourrait, si l'on n'y prend garde, nourrir la colère sociale. Ne nous méprenons pas, chacun est bien d'accord pour sauver la planète, mais chaque tour de vis imposé par la Commission se traduit par de nouveaux défis industriels, de nouvelles dépenses pour y répondre... et, tôt ou tard, des hausses de prix.

« Concilier écologie et économie, écologie et progrès », selon les bons vœux d'Emmanuel Macron prononcés lors de son allocution présidentielle de lundi, est plus facile à dire qu'à faire. Le chemin du zéro carbone est en réalité

semé d'embûches de toute nature. Industriellement, d'abord. Bruxelles veut imposer par exemple à l'automobile européenne de renoncer à sa suprématie mondiale dans les moteurs thermiques pour l'électrique, largement dominé par les Asiatiques et surtout les Chinois. Les petits équipementiers de la vallée de l'Arve, de la Seine ou d'ailleurs ne se disent-ils pas qu'ils ont plus à y perdre qu'à y gagner ? Politiques, aussi. Comment embarquer dans cette révolution les plus modestes, ceux qui n'ont d'autre choix que de se déplacer avec des véhicules anciens et polluants ? Face au défi de l'urgence climatique, l'Europe est légitime à vouloir agir avec ambition, mais doit plus que jamais s'appliquer à trouver le juste équilibre entre vitesse de changement et capacité des industriels et des consommateurs à l'absorber. À la France d'être vigilante et de se faire entendre, pour éviter une destruction industrielle sans création et empêcher Bruxelles d'agiter un chiffon vert aux visages des « gilets jaunes » ! ■

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## Amazon alarm as rainforest now emits more CO<sub>2</sub> than it absorbs

Region is a net polluter, say scientists, as fires and clearances intensify

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Environment editor

The Amazon rainforest is now emitting more carbon dioxide than it is able to absorb, scientists have confirmed for the first time.

The emissions amount to a billion

tonnes of carbon dioxide a year, according to a study. The giant forest had previously been a carbon sink, absorbing the emissions driving the climate crisis, but is now causing its acceleration, researchers said.

Most of the emissions are caused by fires, many deliberately set to clear land for beef and soy production. But even without fires, hotter temperatures and droughts mean the south-eastern Amazon has become a source of CO<sub>2</sub>, rather than a sink.

Growing trees and plants have taken up about a quarter of all fossil

fuel emissions since 1960, with the Amazon playing a major role as the largest tropical forest. Losing the Amazon's power to capture CO<sub>2</sub> was a stark warning that slashing emissions from fossil fuels was more urgent than ever, scientists said.

The research used small planes to measure CO<sub>2</sub> levels up to 4,500 metres above the forest during the last decade, showing how the whole Amazon was changing. Previous studies indicating the Amazon was becoming a source of CO<sub>2</sub> were based on satellite data, which can be hampered

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**Prof Simon Lewis**  
University College London

by cloud cover, or ground measurements of trees, which can cover only a tiny part of the vast region.

The scientists said the discovery that part of the Amazon was

emitting carbon even without fires was particularly worrying. They said it was most likely the result of each year's deforestation and fires making adjacent forests more susceptible the next year.

The trees produce much of the region's rain, so fewer trees means more severe droughts and heatwaves and more tree deaths and fires.

The government of Brazil's president, Jair Bolsonaro, has been harshly criticised for encouraging more deforestation, which has surged to a 12-year high, 16 →

## Sugar and salt tax 'to wean UK off junk food'

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Ministers are being urged to levy a £3bn sugar and salt tax as part of a "once-in-a-lifetime opportunity" to break Britain's addiction to junk food, cut meat consumption by nearly a third and help tackle climate change.

The government-commissioned National Food Strategy, drawn up by the restaurateur Henry Dimbleby, says the UK population's "mal-functioning" appetites and poor diets - fuelled by consumer and manufacturer reliance on processed food - place an unsustainable burden on the NHS and contribute to 64,000 deaths each year.

Its most eye-catching recommendation is a levy of £3 a kilo on sugar and £6 a kilo on salt sold wholesale for use in processed food, restaurants and catering, which it says would be a world first. This would raise up to £3.4bn a year, some of which should fund an expansion of

free schools meals to an extra 1.1m children and 4 →



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## Croatia gets holiday green light - for now

Mallorca, Menorca and Ibiza were added to the government's amber travel list yesterday, but Croatia (above) was placed on the green watchlist **News Page 8** →



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