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OPEC, Allies to Boost Oil Output

Cartel moves to restore capacity it cut at start of pandemic as demand rebounds

By **BENOIT FAUCON**
AND **SUMMER SAID**

OPEC and its Russia-led oil-producing allies agreed to unleash millions of barrels of bottled-up crude over the next two

years, committing to restore all the cuts they made at the start of the pandemic as many economies pick up and crude demand recovers.

Underlining the uncertain speed of a full economic recovery and a return of pre-pandemic oil demand, the group chose to move gradually, agreeing to modest, monthly installments of new oil through the latter end of 2022. Oil prices have eased recently in anticipation

of a deal, but analysts said the gradual nature of the output boost could continue to pressure prices.

The prospect of an OPEC deal had already led to a drop in prices, which have recovered strongly this year. Brent, the international benchmark, and West Texas Intermediate have both fallen about 5% in recent days, as hope grew for an OPEC deal. Brent closed above \$73 a barrel, and WTI finished above

\$71 a barrel Friday, both off recent, multiyear highs.

The move also demonstrates the world's push-pull over its reliance on fossil fuels. Europe and the U.S. have pushed ambitious plans to wean themselves from carbon-emitting fuels like oil. But the world still largely depends on plentiful supplies of such fuels, including oil.

The Biden administration, while pushing for an energy transition to greener fuels,

reached out to Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates when those two OPEC members clashed over terms of a deal. U.S. gasoline prices have risen this summer, a consequence of higher oil prices.

The output increase will "please the White House, which has worried...about the impact

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Merkel Visits Germany's Devastated Flood Areas



DIRE CLEANUP: Chancellor Angela Merkel, center, and other officials listen to residents describe the destruction from flooding in the village of Schuld on the Ahr River on Sunday. Last week's floods in Germany have so far claimed nearly 160 lives. **A9**

Bipartisan Bill Drops IRS Funding

By **KRISTINA PETERSON**
AND **SARAH CHANEY CAMBON**

Lawmakers dropped plans to pay for a roughly \$1 trillion infrastructure package in part by boosting tax-collecting enforcement at the IRS, a setback for the bipartisan measure ahead of a looming deadline for agreement.

The shift came after pushback from Republicans who

were wary of granting the agency more money and power. Sen. Rob Portman (R., Ohio), one of the lead negotiators, said Sunday on CNN. Legislative aides from both parties confirmed the move.

The change means that the plan to strengthen the IRS to do more to collect taxes owed but not collected—a priority for President Biden—has stalled, at least for now. But lawmakers

said it could be revived elsewhere, in a separate spending package pushed by Democrats.

The decision to exclude the IRS provision means lawmakers would have to scramble to replace it to complete the infrastructure package before a midweek deadline, and it casts new uncertainty over the talks.

Republicans and Democrats have spent weeks trying to negotiate an infrastructure deal,

including funding for roads, bridges and broadband. But they have struggled with how to cover the cost without increasing the federal deficit, which has risen to record levels over the past few years because of tax cuts and pandemic-related spending. They have said

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Virus Looms Over Tokyo Olympics

The long-feared possibility that the Covid-19 pandemic could disrupt the Tokyo Olympics is rapidly emerging as a

By **Rachel Bachman**,
Alastair Gale
and **Louise Radnofsky**

reality, as Games organizers scramble to deal with a rising load of athletes and officials who are testing positive upon

arrival in Japan.

The stream of positive cases is quickly demonstrating how difficult it will be to stage one of the world's largest events during a pandemic. Tens of thousands of participants from more than 200 countries are entering a country where the vaccination rate of the local population remains low and the more contagious Delta variant is

spreading.

Officials have a dilemma that will run throughout the Games. The Japanese public is deeply wary of the Olympics, fearing an outbreak that will spill into the general population.

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Binge-Watching 'Peppa Pig' Has Preschoolers Speaking Colourfully

American children adopt British accents, surprising their parents; 'How clever!'

By **PREETIKA RANA**
AND **MEGHAN BOBROWSKY**

California kindergarten Dani stunned her parents in May when she addressed her mom, who said she was going to the eye doctor, in a polished British accent: "Mummy, are you going to the optician?" "And we were like, 'the what?'" said Dani's father, Matias Cavallin. "That's like a college-level word," he says.

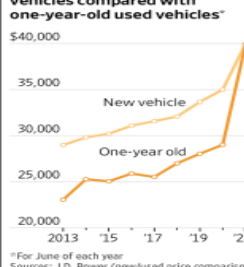
"At least, I wasn't using it." The culprit? A wildly popular English cartoon about a preschooler pig named Peppa.

Like 5-year-old Dani, children across the U.S. have binge-watched "Peppa Pig" over the past year. They are emerging from the pandemic with an unusual vocabulary and a British accent just like the show's namesake character.

The Peppa Effect, as some

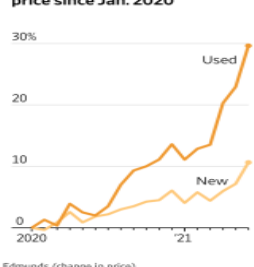
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Average price paid for new vehicles compared with one-year-old used vehicles



For June of each year
Sources: J.D. Power (new/used price comparison); Edmunds (change in price)

Change in average transaction price since Jan. 2020



Used-Car Sellers Score A Profit as Prices Soar

By **NORA NAUGHTON**

Chevy Silverado owner Franko Dokaj stopped by his dealership recently expecting to buy new floor mats. Instead, he walked away with a killer deal: The store offered to buy his one-year-old truck for \$3,000 more than he originally paid for it last spring.

"I was like, 'Holy cow,'" said Mr. Dokaj, who uses the truck for his car-detailing

business. "This is something that I've never seen happen."

Used-car prices, which have soared in recent months, are now defying economic gravity. Once thought of as the ultimate depreciating asset, some car owners are finding their vehicles are worth as much as—or more than—they

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State support Merkel meets flood victims

Chancellor Angela Merkel met locals in the village of Schuld in western Germany yesterday as she toured areas hit by the worst flooding in years.

Speaking in the nearby town of Andernach, Merkel linked the floods to climate change and said the government would "stand side by side" with those affected. "We have to hurry. We have to get faster in the fight against climate change," she said.

The death toll from the floods rose above 180 across Europe yesterday.

The devastation caused by the downpours has thrust the subject of climate change to the heart of the German election campaign, providing a potential boost to the Greens.

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Christof Stachnitski/Photo via AP

Oil producers agree to lift output as prices reach three-year high

◆ Monthly rises planned ◆ Pre-Covid level targeted by 2023 ◆ Market tightening forecast

DAVID SHEPPARD — LONDON

Opec and its allies have reached a deal to raise oil production in response to soaring prices, and set a target for the end of 2022 for restoring all the output cut during the early days of the pandemic.

Initially, so-called Opec+ will pump an extra 400,000 barrels a day each month from August, ramping up output by about 2m barrels a day in total by year-end. Those monthly increases will continue next year, with the group saying it has extended the deal until December 2022 from April 2022.

The result of yesterday's long-delayed meeting should mean higher oil production from members in the months ahead, after tight supply pushed prices to the highest level in three years.

But the modest pace of output increases is a sign of lingering concern about the strength of the global recovery as new Covid-19 variants continue to emerge. China warned last week that it faced economic uncertainty.

The deal also suggests oil producers are relatively comfortable with the current price of crude.

The group slashed production by almost 10m b/d at the height of the demand-supply lockdowns and travel bans in April 2020, but has slowly added production back as economies reopen.

About 5.8m b/d of output remains off the market, but that level is expected to be largely returned by the end of 2022.

Brent crude, the international oil benchmark, has soared to a three-year high above \$75 a barrel as demand has

recovered, with traders warning that the market is tightening rapidly.

As part of the agreement, producers including the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Russia, Iraq and Kuwait will all be awarded higher production baselines — the level from which output deals are calculated — in a victory for Abu Dhabi that had threatened to scupper a deal.

The UAE's complaints over baselines had thwarted a deal earlier this month and revealed a faultline between Abu Dhabi and Riyadh. Saudi Arabia is traditionally the most powerful member of the core Opec group.

Saudi Arabia's energy minister Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman said yesterday that the deal showed the group could overcome disagreements and that the oil market would now have more clarity.



Opec and its allies will pump 400,000 barrels a day extra each month from August, ramping up output by about 2m barrels a day in total by year-end.

"We're back with full strength and determination," Prince Abdulaziz added.

UAE's energy minister Suhail Al Mazrouei said that, despite previous disagreements, the country remained "committed to this group" when trying to balance the oil market.

Questions remain over whether the amount of volume restored by the producers will be enough to significantly damp prices in the coming months, because demand is expected to keep rising. "This is a sign that Opec+ is keen to continue managing the market and drawing down inventory," said Amrita Sen at Energy Aspects.

The next Opec+ meeting will be held on September 1.

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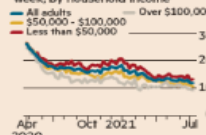
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US jobs challenge

% of adults losing pay in the prior week, by household income



Source: Morning Consult

The share of Americans experiencing a loss of pay or income since the economy started to reopen has remained more or less unchanged, a trend likely to continue given the high number of workers forced to find new jobs



Rich world's third jabs face moral and scientific doubt

Ethical and scientific doubt hangs over the vaccine booster schemes under way in Israel and under consideration in other countries. The global surge of the Delta coronavirus variant has prompted action but researchers are unsure about whether boosters are required so soon. The World Health Organization, meanwhile, challenges the ethics of administering third shots while billions of people in poorer countries are still waiting for their first.

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US-made camera drones costlier and less able than Chinese craft they replace

KIRAN STACEY — WASHINGTON

Camera drones developed by the Pentagon are more expensive and less capable than the Chinese-made aircraft they were meant to replace, according to an internal US government memo.

Officials at the Interior department, which runs the US government's biggest fleet of civilian unmanned craft, warn in the memo that the so-called Blue Drones are not good enough to carry out vital conservation work.

The Pentagon spent more than \$13m developing drones for government use instead of those made in China. But the complaint about their cost and effectiveness illustrates the difficulties the US has in trying to wean itself off Chinese technology.

The memo, penned by staff in January

for the incoming Biden administration and seen by the Financial Times, says: "By only having the 'Blue UAS [unmanned aerial systems]' approved, it reduces DoI sensor capabilities by 95 per cent... The aircraft are designed for a very specific DoD [Department of Defense] mission set and will only meet around 20 per cent of DoI mission requirements."

It adds that, with an average price of \$2,100, they cost between eight and 14 times more than those the department was previously able to buy. The Interior department declined to comment.

In 2019, the Trump administration grounded the department's 830 drones because they contained Chinese parts.

The move was part of a broader push to limit US exposure to sensitive technology, including 5G equipment made by China's Huawei, for fear that Beijing

could use such hardware for spying. Departmental officials have since been able to resume drone flights for carrying out controlled burning to prevent wildfires, but have not been able to buy any new aircraft or launch flights for other tasks, such as tracking wildlife.

The Pentagon has spent years and millions of dollars working with private companies to develop five drones it says can safely be used by government agencies. But according to a defence department report last year, at least four still contain a large number of Chinese parts.

The Pentagon said it was trying to cut costs and improve the capabilities of the drones to meet other departments' needs. It added that the systems were "only a first step towards rapid adoption of commercial UAS technology".

An official said the White House was reviewing its civilian drone fleet.

World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				
	Jul 16	Jul 9	%Week	
S&P 500	4327.18	4380.55	-0.97	
Nasdaq Composite	14427.24	14701.92	-1.87	
Dow Jones Ind	34867.85	34870.16	-0.02	
FTSEurofirst 300	1754.64	1766.01	-0.64	
Euro Stoxx 50	4026.77	4068.99	-0.79	
FTSE 100	7008.08	7121.88	-1.60	
FTSE Ase Share	4022.45	4050.79	-1.66	
CAC 40	6403.09	6525.42	-1.08	
Nikkei	15540.31	15687.93	-0.94	
Hang Seng	26003.08	26118.33	-0.41	
MSCI World \$	3643.52	-	-	3.14
MSCI EM \$	1346.48	-	-	-
MSCI ACWI \$	723.86	-	-	-

CURRENCIES				
	Jul 16	Jul 9	%Week	
\$ per €	1.181	1.187	-0.725	0.723
\$ per £	1.379	1.383	-0.285	0.286
¥ per €	0.856	0.858	-0.233	0.234
¥ per \$	110.105	110.140	-0.315	0.316
£ per €	0.847	0.843	0.475	0.476
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INTEREST RATES				
	price	yield	chg	
US Gov 10 yr	148.19	1.31	-0.02	
UK Gov 10 yr	0.63	0.04	-0.01	
Ger Gov 10 yr	-0.35	-0.02	-0.01	
Jpn Gov 10 yr	117.95	0.02	0.01	
US Gov 30 yr	115.13	1.94	-0.01	
Ger Gov 2 yr	195.73	-0.08	0.00	

COMMODITIES				
	Jul 16	Jul 9	%Week	
Oil WTI \$	71.51	74.68	-4.24	
Oil Brent \$	75.17	75.65	-0.63	
Gold \$	1823.75	1807.70	0.89	

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A storage room at Dario Sattui's winery in Calistoga, Calif., after a fire last fall. "We can't keep going like this," Mr. Sattui said.

Fire, Drought and Heat Scorch the Land of Reds and Whites

By CHRISTOPHER FLAVELLE

ST. HELENA, Calif. — Last September, a wildfire tore through one of Dario Sattui's Napa Valley wineries, destroying millions of dollars in property and equipment, along with 9,000 cases of wine.

November brought a second disaster: Mr. Sattui realized the precious crop of cabernet grapes that survived the fire had been ruined by the smoke. There would be no 2020 vintage.

A freakishly dry winter led to a third calamity: By spring, the reservoir at another of Mr. Sattui's vineyards was all but empty, meaning little water to irrigate the new crop.

Finally, in March, came a fourth blow:

Putting Sunscreen on Grapes in Desperate Napa Valley

Mr. Sattui's insurers said they would no longer cover the winery that had burned down. Neither would any other company. In the parlance of insurance, the winery will go bare into this year's burning season, which experts predict to be especially fierce.

"We got hit every which way we could," Mr. Sattui said. "We can't keep going like this." In Napa Valley, the lush heartland of America's high-end wine industry, climate change is spelling calamity. Not outwardly: On the main road running through the small

town of St. Helena, tourists still stream into wineries with exquisitely appointed tasting rooms. At the Goose & Gander, where the lamb chops are \$63, the line for a table still tumbles out onto the sidewalk.

But drive off the main road, and the vineyards that made this valley famous — where the mix of soil, temperature patterns and rainfall used to be just right — are now surrounded by burned-out landscapes, dwindling water supplies and increasingly nervous winemakers, bracing for things to get worse.

Desperation has pushed some growers to spray sunscreen on grapes, to try to prevent roasting, while others are irrigating with treated wastewater from toilets and sinks before

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Spyware Report Brings Scrutiny To Israeli Firm

By RONEN BERGMAN and PATRICK KINGSLEY

TEL AVIV — A major Israeli cyber-surveillance company, NSO Group, came under heightened scrutiny Sunday after an international alliance of news outlets reported that governments used its software to target journalists, dissidents and opposition politicians.

The Israeli government also faced renewed international pressure for allowing the company to do business with authoritarian regimes that use the spyware for purposes that go far afield of the company's stated aim: targeting terrorists and criminals.

NSO strongly denied the claims.

NSO has attracted scrutiny since 2016, when the company's software was said to be used against a rights activist in the United Arab Emirates and a journalist in Mexico. Since then, The New York Times has reported that the software was deployed against journalists, rights campaigners and policymakers in Mexico and Saudi Arabia. The new reports that appeared Sunday suggest that the firm's software has been used against more people in more countries than had previously been reported.

Among other actions, the company is said to have sold a sophisticated surveillance application known as Pegasus that the journalism consortium said appears to have been used to attempt to hack at least 37 smartphones owned by journalists from countries that include Azerbaijan, France, Hungary, India and Morocco.

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The Pandemic Has a New Epicenter: Indonesia

The suffering that ravaged places like India and Brazil — with deaths soaring, hospitals overwhelmed and oxygen running out — has reached Southeast Asia. Page A4.

Free Speech Is Put to the Test in South Korea

By CHOE SANG-HUN

SEOUL — In the history of South Korea's fight for democracy, the 1980 uprising in Gwangju stands out as one of the proudest moments. Thousands of ordinary citizens took to the streets to protest a military dictatorship, and hundreds were shot down by security forces. The bloody incident has been sanctified in textbooks as the "Gwangju Democratization Movement."

Right-wing extremists, however, have offered an alternative,

A Plan to Criminalize Conspiracy Peddling

highly inflammatory view of what happened: Gwangju, they say, was not a heroic sacrifice for democracy, but a "riot" instigated by North Korean communists who had infiltrated the protest movement.

Such conspiracy theories, which few historians take seriously,

have been spreading quickly in South Korea, where a political divide — rooted in the country's torturous and often violent modern history — is being amplified online.

President Moon Jae-in's governing party has rolled out a slate of legislation, some of which has already become law, aimed at stamping out false narratives about certain sensitive historical topics, including Gwangju. His supporters say he is protecting the truth. Free speech advocates,

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Struggle to Prosecute Rape Endures Despite #MeToo

Challenging Cases Dropped in Manhattan; D.A. Faulted for Dismissive Culture

By JAN RAMSON

Cammy Duong woke up in a Manhattan hotel room in July 2017 and, dazed, called a friend she was supposed to meet later that morning: "I think I was raped," she said, crying.

The police investigation lasted months. But when the case reached the Manhattan district attorney's office, prosecutors quickly declined to bring charges, records show. It would be seven more months before Ms. Duong got an explanation.

"I remember leaving and crying and feeling helpless," said Ms. Duong, now 32. "I felt like nobody believed me."

The Me Too movement led to heightened awareness of the prevalence of sexual assault, an increase in reports to police, and a new hope that people accused would be more frequently held accountable. But in New York City, statistics and the accounts of women who say they were attacked suggest that little has changed about the way the criminal justice system grapples with rape accusations.

Most New York City prosecutors' offices rejected a greater percentage of sex crime cases in 2019,

the last year for which reliable data is available, than they did roughly a decade earlier, before the case against Harvey Weinstein touched off a national reckoning.

In the Manhattan district attorney's office, prosecutors dropped 49 percent of sexual assault cases in 2019 — among the highest rate in the city, and an increase from 37 percent in 2017, state data shows. Only the Bronx rejected a greater percentage of cases. The data excludes most sex crimes against children, and certain nonviolent offenses like stalking.

The low prosecution rate partly reflects the inherent challenges of prosecuting sexual assault, particularly cases like Ms. Duong's, in which the attacker is not a stranger and alcohol is involved. For cases that are not dropped, conviction rates for sexual assault cases are typically much lower than for other violent crimes: 44 percent in Manhattan in 2019, compared with 79 percent for first-degree murder.

"There aren't really any third-party witnesses to these things," said Carl Bornstein, a former state

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Thriving or Not, Black Colleges Seize Moment

By STEPHANIE SAUL

Historically Black colleges and universities are having a moment, one that many educators say is more than a century overdue.

It may have started with the new vice president, Kamala Harris, who has celebrated her roots at Howard University, calling it "a place that shaped her." Howard, in Washington, also recently announced a string of high-profile hirings, including the writers Tan-Nehisi Coates and Nikole Hannah-Jones and the actor Phylicia Rashad, who was appointed dean of the fine arts program.

Athletic programs are landing top recruits, and making big-name hires. Bethune-Cookman University in Daytona Beach, Fla., recently announced that Reggie Theus, the former Chicago Bulls guard, has become its athletic director.

And money is pouring in. The philanthropist MacKenzie Scott has given more than \$500 million to more than 20 historically Black colleges in the past year. Google, TikTok and Reed Hastings, the co-chief executive of Netflix, have given \$180 million more. Lawmakers on Capitol Hill delivered more than \$5 billion in pandemic rescue funding, which included erasing \$1.6 billion in debt for 45 institutions.

The donations, hirings and government money seem to signal a belated epiphany, a sudden recognition of the importance of the nation's 100 historically Black colleges, which have educated Black Americans when other institutions openly, or subtly, would not.

"We've been here since 1865," said George T. French Jr., president of Clark Atlanta University. But it is only now, he said, that he can reel off the names of donors who have contacted him.

He often asks donors, "Why am I just getting a call from you right now?"

Their answer, he said: "We were disturbed by what happened with George Floyd and other atrocities. And we want to do our part — to say we're sorry."

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After Decades, It's Klain's Turn As Chief of Staff

By MARK LEIBOVICH

WASHINGTON — Ron Klain, who after a few near misses finally achieved his career-long goal of becoming the White House chief of staff, will turn 60 this summer. This is, as his boss might say, a big deal.

Mr. Klain has previously hosted blowouts to celebrate his round-numbered birthdays, notably his 50th in 2011, when hundreds of friends and Obama administration luminaries descended on a Maryland farm for a state fair-themed extravaganza, complete with deep-fried Oreos and tributes to the honoree.

Plans for his 60th have become such a source of Beltway status anxiety that a small universe of Washington strivers is angling for details: Some have asked White House contacts whether a celebration is in the works and if invitations have gone out.

The commotion makes clear that Mr. Klain is an unquestioned man to see in the current White House, the most influential chief of staff of recent vintage and a marked departure from the four battered and marginalized short-timers who held the position under President Donald J. Trump. Mr. Klain, who was the chief of staff for Vice Presidents Biden and Al Gore, is viewed in and out of the West Wing as the essential conductor of administration business, a surrogate for the president and — in the mischievous portrayal of opponents — an all-powerful, unelected orchestrator of an ultra-

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In Siberia, Frozen Land Burns
Arctic temperatures are taken in stride. But the region's 100-degree days have set off a cascade of wildfires. PAGE A6

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Critics assail doctors 'cartel'

Would-be reformers say California Medical Assn. fights efforts to punish bad physicians.

By MELODY GUTIERREZ, JACK DOLAN AND KIM CHRISTENSEN

SACRAMENTO — As injured patients and consumer rights groups fight for tougher penalties on grossly negligent doctors, California's powerful physicians lobby is working hard behind the scenes to water down any proposed reforms. So far, the lobbyists seem to be winning.

The battle between would-be reformers and the physicians' professional association rages regularly in Sacramento. It gained fresh momentum last week after a Times investigation that found the Medical Board of California, which oversees physicians, has consistently allowed doctors accused of negligence to keep practicing and harming patients: leaving them dead, paralyzed, brain-damaged and missing limbs.

The board allowed some doctors to keep practicing even after accusing them of misleading patients — and the board's own investigators — to conceal significant medical errors.

On Wednesday, Gov. Gavin Newsom, whose office is responsible for appointing most of the board members, refused to be interviewed about The Times' findings or to offer comment.

Despite the issues highlighted in The Times' investigation, patient advocates say they are hamstrung in their effort to push legislators to make meaningful changes in the name of public safety by the deep-pocketed California Medical Assn.

For years, reformers have been demanding significant medical license fee increases to beef up enforcement and alter the balance of the oversight board — from a physician majority to a public member majority — in the hope of getting more patient-friendly decisions in disciplinary cases.

But in a message to members last month, the doctors' lobbyists claimed they got the ear of the senator sponsoring those reforms — Richard Roth (D-Riverside) — and persuaded him to kill "problematic proposals." They also bragged of their "major victory" in reducing the proposed 50% license fee increase to just 8%.

Roth adamantly refuted that claim, saying, "I'm concerned when people misrepresent the process."

Robert Fellmeth, executive director of the Center for Public Interest Law at the University of San Diego, called the California Medical Assn. a "pernicious cartel" that consistently fights to

[See Doctors, A6]



ANCIENT FIGURES are etched into the rock faces at the Fish Slough Petroglyphs site in the Volcanic Tablelands near Bishop, Calif. Geological research has damaged sites sacred to Native Americans.

Caltech regrets drilling holes at site of sacred petroglyphs

Researcher damaged protected prehistoric carvings

By LOUIS SAHAGUN

BISHOP, Calif. — Inside federal Ranger Chris Mason's patrol truck, the radio crackled with alarming news: People were seen lugging bags of heavy equipment into a protected site containing prehistoric rock carvings.

Archeologists know the site as the Volcanic Tablelands, an otherworldly landscape of pink-hued cliffs and terraces shaped by wind, rain and earthquakes. It was also an area where it was not unusual to find looters armed with shovels and saws prowling for anything that could be sold in the illegal antiquities market.

But when Mason arrived at the scene on Earth Day 2017, he determined that the suspicious activity involved a faculty member and stu-

[See Petroglyphs, A8]



A PROFESSOR at Caltech drilled into the rock face and left the site riddled with dozens of 1-inch diameter holes marked with blue paint.

DAVID LEE

Morikawa proving to be a quick study

Golfer wins a second major on first try, making history

By SAM FARMER

It's Collin with two Ls. And now two Ws. Collin Morikawa made golf history Sunday by becoming the first player to win two different major championships on his first try.

Morikawa, a graduate of La Cañada High, shot a bogey-free, four-under-par 66 in the final round of the British Open at Royal St. George's to secure a two-shot victory over Jordan

Spieth. Eleven months earlier, Morikawa won the PGA Championship at Harding Park.

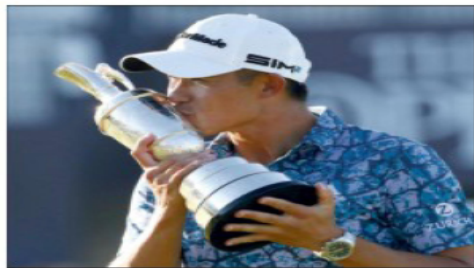
"This is by far one of the best moments of my life," said Morikawa, 24, who joins Tiger Woods as the only players to win both the British Open and PGA before turning 25.

It was the first British Open in two years, as last year's tournament was canceled amid the COVID-19 pandemic. In the aftermath of lifting the Claret Jug, Morikawa had a difficult time wrapping his mind around the idea of making golf history.

"At 24 years old, it's so hard to look back at the two short years that I have been a pro and see what I've done because I want more," said Morikawa, a three-time All-American at Cal who reached No. 1 in the world rankings for amateurs. "I love it, and I want to teach myself to embrace it a little more, maybe spend a few extra days and sit back and drink out of this."

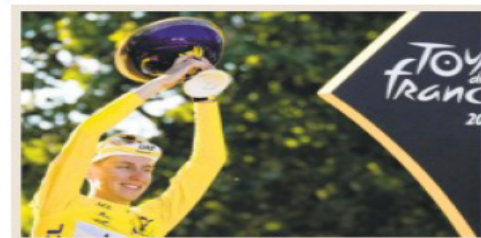
Morikawa, the first player since Bobby Jones in 1926 to win two majors in eight or fewer starts, birdied the seventh, eighth and ninth holes to pull away from Louis Oosthuizen, who finished second at last month's U.S. Open and was angling to clinch a second British Open

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PETER MORRISON/Associated Press

COLLIN MORIKAWA, a La Cañada High graduate, kisses the Claret Jug after winning the British Open.



CHRISTOPHER ZEN/Associated Press

TWICE IS NICE

Tadej Pogacar successfully defends his Tour de France title in a runaway victory. **SPORTS, D2**

Fires in Northern California fueled by winds and heat

A series of blazes, including a "megafire" that has charred more than 100,000 acres, continue to burn drought-dried vegetation. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

First lady's swift return to Haiti raises questions

Martine Moïse, who was wounded in attack on the president and treated in Miami, may want a role in politics. **WORLD, A3**

Weather
Mostly sunny.
L.A. Basin: 90°/69. **B6**

Spyware targeted political activists

Military-grade malware from Israel-based NSO Group was used to surveil journalists too, report says. **WORLD, A3**

Myanmar's war on health workers

Army is dubbing them enemies of the state because of their opposition to military takeover. **PERSPECTIVES, A3**

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10,000 virus cases a week in L.A.

Pace of new infections in the county is fastest since March as Delta variant endangers the unvaccinated.

By RONG-GONG LIN II, SEAN GREENE AND THOMAS SUH LAUDER

Los Angeles County is now recording more than 10,000 coronavirus cases a week — a pace not seen since March — an alarming sign of the dangers the Delta variant poses to people who have not been vaccinated and heightening pressure on health officials to reverse the trend.

A Los Angeles Times data analysis found L.A. County was recording 101 weekly coronavirus cases for every 100,000 residents, up from 12 for the seven-day period that ended June 15. That means the county has surpassed the threshold to have "high" community transmission of the disease, the worst tier as defined by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. A region must hit 100 or more weekly cases per 100,000 residents to enter the worst tier.

It's still far fewer than during the deadly winter surge, when L.A. County was recording more than 1,000 weekly cases for every 100,000 residents, but it underscores growing concerns that unvaccinated people are at heightened risk.

The rise here and elsewhere is the reason that 11 counties — home to more than half of Californians — are urging all residents regardless of vaccination status to wear masks in indoor public settings. So far, L.A.

[See Virus, A8]

Should lawmakers disclose vaccine status?

By JOHN MYERS

SACRAMENTO — As millions of Californians return to in-person work with a requirement to say whether they've been vaccinated for COVID-19, legislators who represent some of those residents have refused disclosure, either ignoring the question or insisting their employers — the state's taxpayers — don't have the right to know.

In a survey conducted by The Times, 12 members of the California Legislature refused to disclose their COVID-19 vaccination status. Eleven of the lawmakers are Republicans, accounting for almost 40% of all GOP members.

There are no current requirements that lawmakers get vaccinated, and a number of safety protocols are in place inside the state Capitol. Even so, there are few, if any, repercussions for legislators who choose to not vaccinate. Capitol guidelines advise lawmakers and staff to provide vaccination information to health officials, but members of the state Senate and Assembly have no traditional workplace

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BUSINESS INSIDE: Driverless tech firm testing fleet of urban robotaxis in seven cities. **A9**

THE PEGASUS PROJECT | A GLOBAL INVESTIGATION

Spyware used against journalists and activists

Efforts to infiltrate inner circle's devices surround the murder of Jamal Khashoggi

BY DANA PRIEST,
SOUD MEKHENNET
AND ARTHUR BOUVART

ANKARA, TURKEY — NSO Group's Pegasus spyware was used to secretly target the smartphones of the two women closest to murdered Saudi columnist Jamal Khashoggi, according to digital forensic analysis.

The Android phone of his wife, Hanan Elatr, was targeted by a Pegasus user six months before his killing, but the analysis could not determine whether the hack was successful. The iPhone of his fiancée, Hatice Cengiz, was penetrated by spyware days after the murder, the



Jamal Khashoggi, a Saudi journalist who was a columnist for The Post, was killed in 2018.

forensics showed.

Their cellphone numbers appeared on a list of more than 50,000 numbers that are concentrated in countries known to spy on their citizens and also known to have been NSO clients.

Another of Khashoggi's close associates was successfully hacked after the journalist's

Forensic analysis showed a high percentage of spyware infections in a sample of smartphones off a list containing thousands of numbers:

67 Phones tested
37 Targeted with spyware

Of those 37 phones:
23 Infected
14 Attempted penetrations

Takeaways: Key points from and reaction to project. **A14**

Letter from the editor: The Post's Sally Buzbee looks at the project and its findings. **A14**

Israeli firm's government clients use phone-hacking tool for surveillance far beyond terrorists, criminals

BY DANA PRIEST,
CRAIG TIMBERG
AND SOUD MEKHENNET

Military-grade spyware licensed by an Israeli firm to governments for tracking terrorists and criminals was used in attempted and successful hacks of 37 smartphones belonging to journalists, human rights activists, business executives and two women close to murdered Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi, according to an investigation by The Washington Post and 16 media partners.

The phones appeared on a list of more than 50,000 numbers that are concentrated in countries

known to engage in surveillance of their citizens and also known to have been clients of the Israeli firm, NSO Group, a worldwide leader in the growing and largely unregulated private spyware industry, the investigation found.

The list does not identify who put the numbers on it, or why, and it is unknown how many of the phones were targeted or surveilled. But forensic analysis of the 37 smartphones shows that many display a tight correlation between time stamps associated with a number on the list and the initiation of surveillance, in some cases as brief as a few seconds.

Forbidden Stories, a Paris-based journalism nonprofit, and

Amnesty International, a human rights group, had access to the list and shared it with the news organizations, which did further research and analysis. Amnesty's Security Lab did the forensic analysis on the smartphones.

The numbers on the list are unattributed, but reporters were able to identify more than 1,000 people spanning more than 50 countries through research and interviews on four continents: several Arab royal family members, at least 65 business executives, 85 human rights activists, 189 journalists, and more than 600 politicians and government officials — including cabinet min-

SEE PEGASUS ON A11

Bitter loss in S. Africa after wave of violence

'I am broken': Townships endure week of arson and looting

BY HLENGIWE MOTAUNG
AND MAX BEARAK

KATLEHONG, SOUTH AFRICA — As thousands of people pillaged Chris Hani Mall, named after the famed militant communist who led the armed struggle against apartheid, Zandile Dlamini figured she'd go watch.

To the 18-year-old, the moment felt historic: the crumbling of society that so many had long predicted here, where inequality has ballooned, fueled by corruption and neglect. The looters were the poor who had scarcely benefited from the end of White rule 27 years ago, leaving their homes in the townships that shadow Johannesburg as a wave of lawlessness swept across South Africa's two most populous provinces last week.

Her brother Vusi, even though four years younger, felt concerned — and responsible — for her safety. He jumped on his bike and headed toward the mall, thinking he would bring her home. It was Zandile who found him instead, dead on the ground with a single gunshot to the head.

Who shot Vusi isn't clear, but he is one of at least 212 who have died in the mayhem — killed by police or vigilantes, or crushed in stampedes as people fled law enforcement.

South Africa has deployed 10,000 soldiers in addition to its police and expects to deploy 15,000 more in coming days even as the looting has lessened.

"I did my best to make sure that my children are well taken care of, that they can dress up and look

SEE SOUTH AFRICA ON A10



ANGIE SMITH FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

The new real estate normal

In the fracturing American economy, any property can inspire a bidding war

BY ELI SASLOW
IN STAR, IDAHO

The new "For Sale" sign had been posted in the yard for less than 10 minutes when the first visitors started driving by the house, slowing down and stopping to take pictures. Trevor Descicciolo watched from his front lawn, trying to understand how the home he referred to as "a basic little starter" had suddenly become a destination in the far suburbs of Boise.

A few minutes later, another car pulled to the curb, and the driver rolled down his window. "Do you guys have a list price yet?" he asked.

"We're finalizing it soon," Descicciolo said. "What kind of place are you looking for?"

The driver stared for a moment and considered the house. It was a two-story craftsman in a subdivision of mass-produced homes, where identical mailboxes lined the sidewalk and some of the cul-de-sacs backed up to

cornfields. "Honestly?" he said. "At this point, we're looking for pretty much anything."

In the record-setting housing market of 2021, homeownership has become the dividing line for a fractured economy that's racing toward extremes. Real estate values have surged by almost 25 percent since the beginning of the pandemic, creating more than \$1 trillion in new wealth for existing homeowners. Many of

SEE BOISE ON A20

Farms and vacant lots on State Street in Boise, Idaho, make way for apartment buildings. The hot housing market is creating new wealth for investors and leaving first-time buyers to struggle to afford anything at all.

Rules for air travel are put to test

Unruly passengers draw penalties, but system is straining to keep up

BY MICHAEL LARIS
AND LORI ARATANI

After consuming several beers and a couple of shots before take-off, a miner started urinating near his seat on an Alaska Airlines flight, an FBI special agent recounted. Instructed to cover himself, he responded: "I have to pee."

Two weeks later, a shirtless musician with a history of mental illness tried to fling open an exit door during a flight to Los Angeles as five people fought to stop him. "He advised that he wanted to kill everyone, including himself, on the aircraft," another agent wrote.

Both men were arrested earlier this year in Denver, charged with the same broad federal crime: interference with flight crew members and attendants.

They were, in many ways, the exceptions.

The system for keeping the peace in America's skies is creaking under the pressure of what airlines and regulators say is an unprecedented proliferation of misbehavior.

The Federal Aviation Administration has received more than 3,400 reports of "unruly" passengers this year. But despite launching a "zero-tolerance" enforcement policy in January — amid a rise in conflicts often tied to mask requirements in the air — the agency said that as of mid-July it had "completely closed" just seven cases.

The sprawling, multilayered system for enforcing regulations and

SEE PASSENGERS ON A16

IN THE NEWS



PAUL ELLIS/AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE/GETTY IMAGES

British Open Collin Morikawa, right, rallies to win at Royal St. George's, capturing his second major in eight Grand Slam starts. **D1**

Disaster zones European floods spread south into the Alps as receding waters elsewhere gave a glimpse of the damage's scale. **A15**

THE NATION Public opinion polls in the 2020 presidential election suffered from errors of "unusual magnitude," the highest in 40 years for surveys estimating the national popular vote. **A2**

Glacier National Park is among the West's public landmarks experiencing extreme heat, as huge volumes of campers and hikers flock to their gates. **A3**

THE WORLD Boris Johnson is back in coronavirus quarantine less than 24 hours be-

fore he plans to end almost all government mandates in England for mask-wearing and social distancing. **A9**

The Amazon rainforest is emitting more carbon than it can absorb, in what scientists say is a disturbing new signal that Earth could be reaching a tipping point on climate change. **A15**

THE REGION Two lawsuits filed in federal court in D.C. challenged a city law passed last year that allows minors to be vaccinated without their parents' knowledge, saying

the legislation violates religious liberty. **B1**

A former District firefighter, who spent nearly two years in prison after a Fairfax County police officer concocted false reasons to pull his car over, has sued the county, the officer and his supervisor. **B1**

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY King Abdullah II, Queen Rania and Crown Prince Hussein of Jordan meet with President Biden at the White House.

TUESDAY Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez visits the United States to promote

Spain's economy and investment.

Housing starts for June are expected to total 1.59 million units on an annual basis.

WEDNESDAY Biden participates in a CNN town hall in Cincinnati.

THURSDAY Jobless claims for the week ended July 17 are estimated at 350,000. Existing-home sales for June are expected to total 5.9 million units on an annual basis.

FRIDAY First lady Jill Biden travels to Tokyo for the Opening Ceremonies of the Summer Olympics.

INSIDE



STYLE Space billionaires For Jeff Bezos, Richard Branson and Elon Musk, rocket ships have become the new super-yachts. **C1**

A hip-hop loss The rapper Biz Markie, who died Friday, was more than just a goofball. He showed how joyous the genre could be. **C1**

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River arrancó con el pie izquierdo en el Monumental

Perdió 2 a 1 frente a Colón de Santa Fe, que jugó con un hombre menor casi todo el partido; mostró un nivel muy flojo en su rendimiento. **Deportes**



MORIKAWA, LA GRAN SORPRESA DEL GOLF EN EL ABIERTO BRITÁNICO

—deportes

Era la primera vez que el golfista estadounidense, de 24 años, participaba como profesional en este torneo; un nuevo paso en una carrera que va en alza. **Página 7**

HAMILTON SE IMPUSO EN SILVERSTONE, CON POLÉMICA Y TENSIÓN

—deportes

Obtuvo una controvertida victoria en el Gran Premio de Inglaterra luego de un roce que dejó fuera de carrera a Verstappen; la Fórmula 1, al rojo vivo. **Página 8**

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Colapsan las comisarias de la ciudad y se abre un nuevo conflicto con la Nación

SEGURIDAD. Se llegó al extremo de que algunos presos tuvieran que dormir en patrulleros

Tras las disputas por la coparticipación impositiva, la cesión de inmuebles y la presencialidad escolar, un nuevo escenario de conflicto asoma entre los gobiernos nacional y porteño: la Ciudad advierte que están en situación de "colapso" los calabozos de las comisarias porteñas y responsabiliza al Servicio Peniten-

ciario Federal (SPF) por no recibir a los detenidos, algunos de los cuales ya tienen condena judicial.

Según fuentes del gobierno porteño, al cierre de esta edición había 640 detenidos alojados en las comisarias, pese a que solo tienen "plazas" para 235. Esto ha derivado en una situación insólita: presos que

duermen en patrulleros. En los calabozos, además, los presos no pueden bañarse ni recibir visitas.

La denuncia, que ya se trasladó a los tribunales, fue rechazada por el SPF, que negó demoras y culpó al estilo "punitivista" de la gestión de Pro por el aumento de detenciones que considera "irracional". **Página 12**

Detectan fallas en chalecos antibalas para la policía

Eran para las fuerzas porteña y bonaerense
Hugo Alconada Mon. **Página 13**

Un show de olas y viento para el turismo invernal

sociedad— Con ráfagas de 70 kilómetros por hora, los turistas que llegaron a disfrutar de unos días en esta ciudad desafiaron el frío. La ocupación hotelera es del 40%; para el fin de semana se esperan más visitantes y que mejore el tiempo. **Página 23**



MAURO V. RIZZI

Israel le reclamó "justicia" al Gobierno por la AMIA

ANIVERSARIO. El canciller Lapid pidió que se juzgue a los responsables

En el marco del vigésimo séptimo aniversario del atentado contra la AMIA, el canciller de Israel, Yair Lapid, acudió a las redes sociales para condenar a Irán y solicitar al Gobierno que "agote los recursos judiciales" para "llevar a los responsables del ataque ante la Justicia". El pedido, que se repite cada año, adquirió sin embargo un tono más firme en esta oportunidad. En paralelo, y sin hacer alusión a la autoría del ataque, el presidente Alberto Fernández recordó a las víctimas. "Debemos unimos contra la impunidad", pidió. **Página 13**

Crecen los planteos judiciales de las empresas

CONTROLES. Desde el año pasado, muchas empresas resolvieron acudir a la Justicia en contra de medidas que el Gobierno aplicó, en muchos casos sin consultarlas, en un intento de resolver problemas como la inflación y la falta de divisas. Telefonía, internet, TV por cable medicina prepa- ga, exportadores e importadores de varias actividades son algunos sectores que se vieron afectados. Según analistas, el Gobierno busca responsabilizarlas por problemas macroeconómicos que no pueden resolver. **Página 18**

Delta: seguirán los cupos para entrar en el país y evalúan cierres de actividades

CORONAVIRUS. Es parte de la estrategia oficial para hacer frente a esa nueva variante

"Sabemos que vamos a tener circulación comunitaria de delta. Hay que tratar de retrasarla lo más posible", admite la directora nacional de Epidemiología, Analía Rearte, en diálogo con LA NACION sobre las

estrategias que implementará el Gobierno frente a lo que ya consideran una realidad inminente. Entre las "medidas antipáticas", la funcionaria señala la continuación del cupo de viajeros para entrar en

el país y los cierres cortos y focalizados de actividades, según el mapa epidemiológico. "No podemos colapsar y no nos podemos permitir tener muchas personas graves internadas", advierte. **Página 3**

El Gobierno espera vacunar a menores en los "próximos días"

Aguarda la aprobación de las autoridades de EE.UU. para aplicarles dosis de Moderna

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Aumentan los cuadros de estrés en los equipos médicos

Angustia, cansancio y miedo son los motivos de consulta más frecuentes

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Bolsonaro diz que Pazuello agiu bem com intermediário

Logo depois de ter recebido alta hospitalar, o presidente Jair Bolsonaro deu entrevista em que defendeu o general Eduardo Pazuello da suspeita de ter negociado a compra de vacinas contra Covid com intermediários de empresários. "Se fosse propina, não dava entrevista, não faria aquele vídeo." Poder A6

Quando fala em propina, é pelado dentro da piscina

Jair Bolsonaro tentando explicar por que o vídeo em que Pazuello aparece com vendedores de vacina não é comprometedora A6



Sem-tetos fazem fila para tomar banho em ônibus adaptado no Recife e depois comer Leo Caldas/Folhapress

folha solidariedade p.1

O que saber para doar

Em pesquisa, 55% dos brasileiros dizem ter ajudado, de algum modo, um desconhecido no mês anterior; veja dicas para engrossar contingente dos que fazem o bem.

Máquina federal tem enxugamento de pessoal e gastos

Restrição a contratações e aumento das aposentadorias levam a diminuição inédita de servidores e de despesas

A máquina pública federal, que inclui ministérios, fundações e agências reguladoras, além de órgãos como INSS, IBGE, Ibama e Incra, passa por uma fase inédita de enxugamento.

Participam hoje dessa engrenagem 208 mil servidores públicos estatutários. Nos últimos três anos, apenas 11,6 mil servidores foram contratados. A taxa de reposição é a menor da série histórica brasileira.

No auge, em 2007, havia 333,1 mil servidores, com direito a estabilidade e plano de progressão automática de carreira, segundo dados do governo federal.

A diminuição se acentuou nos últimos anos, com a aprovação do teto de gastos (2015) e com o governo Jair Bolsonaro, que restringiu contratações e congelou os vencimentos dos servidores. A despesa com funcionários na ativa está caindo.

Os salários e encargos do funcionalismo federal civil ativo e inativo neste ano somam R\$ 335,4 bilhões, R\$ 2 bilhões a menos do que no primeiro ano de Bolsonaro.

O encolhimento da máquina acelerou durante a tramitação da reforma da Previdência, aprovada em 2019, que levou a uma onda de aposentadorias.

Nos últimos sete anos, os inativos saltaram de 384,2 mil para 426,5 mil. Mercado A15

Maria Homem Problemas com cocô, limite e lei

Um homem poderoso disse "caguei", como quem diz "não tô nem aí". Dias depois esse homem foi para o hospital porque não conseguia cagar. Ou seja, a verdade é que estava cagando de medo. Cotidiano B5

Aglomeramentos se multiplicam em meio a variante

Índices melhores da pandemia e o consequente afrouxamento de regras de circulação nas últimas semanas têm provocado aumento de aglomerações, acendendo alerta diante do crescimento de casos da variante delta. Saúde B1

População com 18 anos ou mais*

	ao menos uma dose	totalmente vacinada
Brasil	57,3%	21,0%
MS	73,2%	39,0%
RS	65,1%	28,2%
ES	62,5%	23,1%



Total de doses aplicadas	1ª	2ª	única
Brasil	88,9 mil	30,6 mil	3,2 mil
1ª SP	23,1 mil	7,2 mil	1 mil
2ª MG	8,4 mil	2,9 mil	207,8 mil
3ª RJ	6,9 mil	2,5 mil	223,4 mil

Números da pandemia	Casos	Óbitos
Total	19,4 mil	542,3 mil
Méd. móvel	40,9 mil	1.245
Variação**	-12,9%	-20,3%
Em 24 h	33,7 mil	939



Doações pelo Judiciário geram questionamentos
Indenizações judiciais têm sido transferidas a entidades por meio de decisões com pouca uniformidade, o que levanta questionamentos. Poder A4



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PEDESTRES, CICLISTAS E ARTISTAS VOLTAM À AV. PAULISTA EM 1º DIA DE REABERTURA

Público encheu a avenida ontem, quando a via foi fechada aos carros para retomada do lazer, em caráter experimental, depois de mais de um ano Cotidiano B2

ENTREVISTA DA 2ª Luanda de Moraes

Se não se ligar, o racismo te envolve na universidade

Integrante de um grupo pequeno de reitores negros, Luanda de Moraes, que está à frente da Uez, no RJ, celebra a redução da desigualdade racial no ensino superior, mas denuncia a persistência do racismo na sociedade e, em especial, nas universidades. A14

Folha, 100



Socióloga Virgínia Bicudo teve seção de psicanálise pioneira

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La France mauvaise élève de la « libération fiscale »

À compter de ce lundi, les salariés français commencent à empocher le fruit de leur travail, jusque-là englouti dans les taxes et prélèvements. Un cap franchi avant nous par nos voisins.

Pour la sixième année consécutive, les salariés français sont les derniers (avec l'Autriche) à être libérés fiscalement, selon l'étude annuelle de l'Institut Molinari. C'est seulement à partir de ce lundi

qu'ils commenceront à travailler pour eux-mêmes, et non pour payer impôts, taxes et cotisations sociales. Cette « libération » intervient quinze jours après celle des salariés allemands, et plus d'un mois

après l'Union européenne (en moyenne le 12 juin). La situation s'est améliorée au début du mandat d'Emmanuel Macron, sans jamais permettre à la France de rattraper ses voisins. La pression

sociale et fiscale observée dans notre pays est liée aux cotisations sociales – en particulier les charges patronales –, qui atteignent des niveaux records parmi les pays européens.

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Français, pédalez !

« Quand je donne quatre coups de pédales, il y en a trois pour l'État ! » Au pays de l'impôt roi, Bernard Hinault est entré avec panache au panthéon des plus belles citations fiscales. Chapeau, le cycliste ! Depuis plus de trente ans, notre pays n'a plus jamais entendu résonner *La Marseillaise* sur les Champs-Élysées. En revanche, en matière de matraquage fiscal, la France est indétrônable. Cette année encore, nous avons gagné la triste trophée de la « libération fiscale » la plus tardive d'Europe (ex aequo avec l'Autriche), autrement dit le jour à partir duquel les salariés ne travaillent plus pour payer impôts, charges et prélèvements, mais commencent à gagner de l'argent pour eux-mêmes. La situation s'est certes un peu améliorée depuis les années Hollande (on se console comme on peut), mais n'a pas fondamentalement changé avec nos Marcheurs. Le niveau des prélèvements obligatoires (44,5% de la richesse produite) reste stratosphérique et ne fléchit pas. En réalité, des baisses significatives et durables d'impôts et de taxes ne sont sérieusement envisageables qu'à condition de

pouvoir les financer. Comment ? En comprimant les dépenses publiques et en améliorant la dynamique des entreprises pour faire reculer le chômage et garnir les caisses de l'État. Or rien de tout cela. La compétitivité de notre pays ? Elle s'est plus détériorée au cours de la crise qu'en Italie ou en Allemagne. Et, surtout, ne nous méprenons pas sur le rebond de la croissance, il est d'autant plus spectaculaire que la chute a été profonde l'an dernier. Le sérieux budgétaire ? Bercy vient d'annoncer, hors mesures d'urgence et de relance, une hausse des dépenses des ministères pour 2022 de plus de 10 milliards d'euros... Les réformes ? Quelles réformes ? Celle des retraites est suspendue aux évolutions de la crise sanitaire et aux calculs politiques d'Emmanuel Macron. Ne rêvons donc pas ! Rien n'augure des jours meilleurs en matière de prélèvements. Salaires, retraites, contribuables... baissez la tête et surtout pédalez : l'État a bien besoin de votre sueur et de vos sous ! ■

Jean-Michel Blanquer :
« Nous sommes le pays qui a le moins fermé ses écoles »

Dans un entretien au *Figaro*, le ministre de l'Éducation nationale fait le bilan d'une année scolaire perturbée par le Covid. Il défend sa volonté de maintenir les écoles ouvertes pendant la crise sanitaire et annonce que des dispositifs de vaccination seront déployés dans les établissements à la rentrée. Il affirme par ailleurs que sa réforme du baccalauréat va revaloriser ce diplôme décrié. PAGE 2

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