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As vaccines blunt the threat of severe illness and death from Covid-19, millions of people remain at risk of developing an array of less serious but potentially debilitating long-term symptoms of the disease that scientists call long Covid. **A1**

◆ **The Justice Department** dropped cases against five visiting researchers accused of hiding their affiliations with China's military. **A4**

◆ **Huawei has hired** veteran Democratic lobbyist Tony Podesta as part of the Chinese company's expanded U.S. influence operation. **A4**

◆ **State and local governments** are struggling to distribute \$47 billion in federal money aimed at helping tenants who can't pay rent because of the Covid-19 crisis. **A2**

◆ **Tom Barrack was freed** from detention on a \$250 million bond. The real-estate investor and Trump ally faces charges that he worked as a foreign agent of the U.A.E. **A4**

◆ **The French Parliament** passed a bill that aims to boost oversight of mosques and other religious organizations, and counter the influence of Islamist movements. **A8**

◆ **Cleveland's MLB team** will change its name to the Guardians starting at the end of the 2021 season, dropping the name Indians. **A14**

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◆ **U.S. stocks rallied** Friday, pushing the Dow across the 35,000 closing milestone for the first time, in a striking rebound from major indexes' pullback earlier this week. The S&P 500 and Nasdaq also closed at records. **A1**

◆ **Parts of the global economy** are expected to surge over the coming months and start to catch up with the U.S. and China, though the Delta variant of Covid-19 looms as a potential headwind, according to surveys of purchasing managers. **A1**

◆ **The auto industry's push** into electric vehicles has gained traction this year, with sales of those models growing at a faster clip than the broader U.S. car business. Tesla is the biggest factor driving the gains. **B1**

◆ **GM is recalling** its all-electric Chevrolet Bolt for a second time because of a potential battery defect that can cause a fire. **B10**

◆ **The U.K.'s accounting** regulator said that audits performed by the big four accounting firms and smaller rivals failed to meet expectations. **B11**

◆ **Concerns about a Chinese government crackdown** on after-school tutoring hammered shares in Chinese education stocks. **B3**

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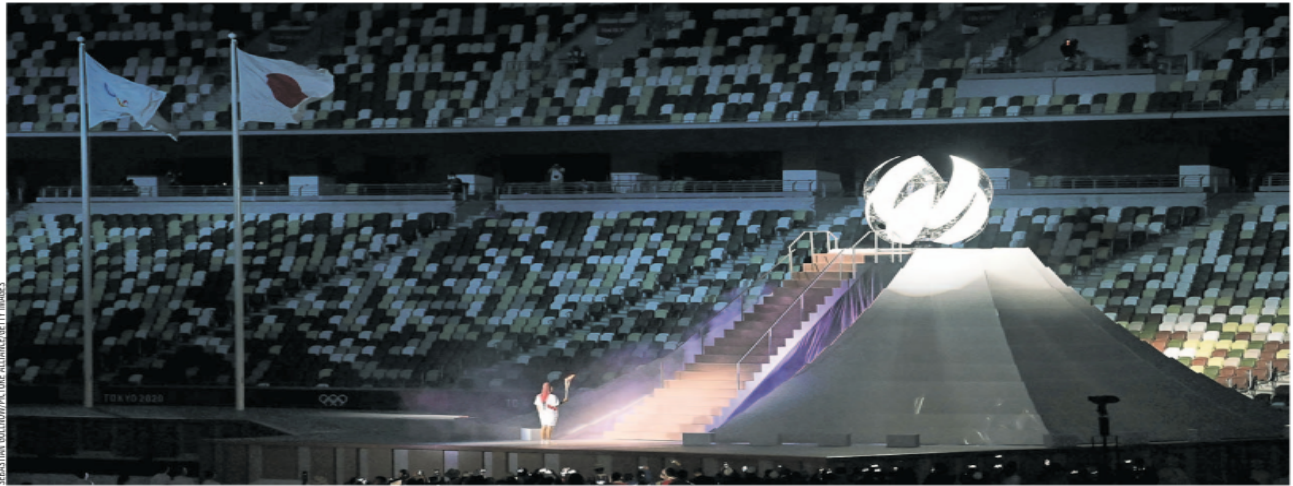
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## One Year Late, the Tokyo Olympics Open to an Empty House



**MUTED:** Friday's opening ceremony was stripped of pomp, most spectators and many athletes after Covid-19 forced a change from the bustling celebrations that kicked off past Games. Tennis star Naomi Osaka lit a cauldron with the Olympic flame. See pages A7, A14 and B2. Follow the Games at WSJ.com.

## Fast Growth Set to Reach Europe and Parts of Asia

By PAUL HANNON  
AND DAVID HARRISON

Parts of the global economy are expected to surge over the coming months and start to catch up with the U.S. and China, though the Delta variant of Covid-19 looms as a potential headwind, according to surveys of purchasing managers.

The U.S., which saw red-hot growth in the second quarter, is meanwhile expected to see growth ease amid continued supply constraints, a shortage of available workers and the spread of the new Delta variant, the IHS Markit survey of U.S. businesses said on Friday. Separate surveys of European businesses recorded the strongest increase in activity for more than two decades, suggesting the continent is set for the kind of growth already being experienced by the U.S. Surveys in Australia, India and other parts of Asia, however,

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## Markets Rebound to Hit Highs After Pullback in Volatile Week

By CAITLIN MCCABE  
AND JOE WALLACE

U.S. stocks rallied Friday, pushing the Dow Jones Industrial Average across the 35,000 closing milestone for the first time, in a striking rebound from major indexes' pullback earlier this week.

All three major U.S. stock indexes finished Friday at all-time highs after each posted weekly gains of more than 1%. At the start of the week, all three indexes had dramatic falls. On Monday, the Dow slid roughly 725 points, or more than 2%, as anxiety mounted over the Delta variant of the coronavirus. Investor concern over the U.S. economy's potential slowing exacerbated the fall.

By Tuesday, stocks sharply reversed course, kicking off a four-day streak of gains. With Monday's pullback in the rearview mirror, investors turned their attention to a string of strong earnings.

#### Index performance this week



Source: FactSet

#### Dow Jones Industrial Average



Meanwhile, across other asset classes, Treasury yields recovered after also sliding Monday. Oil markets ended the week with gains after plummeting sharply to start the week, too. "If you had called me on

Monday and said, 'Are we going to be seeing new highs on Friday?' I'd say there was a low probability," said Keith Lerner, chief market strategist for Truist Advisory Services. "It just goes to show how

quickly this market moves."

The S&P 500 finished Friday up 44.31 points, or 1%, to close at 4,411.79, notching a 2% gain for the week and its 40th record close for the year. The Dow industrials added 238.20 points, or 0.7%, to close at 35,061.55, marking a 1.1% weekly gain. The climb past 35,000 marked the index's fastest 5,000-point gain to a new milestone, according to Dow Jones Market Data, taking only 165 trading days, including Friday, to climb from 30,000.

The Nasdaq Composite, meanwhile, gained 152.39 points, or 1% Friday, to finish the week at 14,836.99. The technology-heavy index rallied 2.8% for the week.

On a weekly basis, stay-at-home stocks and healthcare companies were among those to power the market higher, in a trading pattern that echoes the markets during the spring and summer of last year. Etsy Inc. gained 13% for the week. Please turn to page A6

## Gas Engines and Their Builders Cast Aside for Electric Vehicles

Transition not yet noticeable in showrooms, but industry resources have shifted; 'We're trying to make things change pretty quickly'

By MIKE COLIAS

Steven Penkevich spent 36 years at Ford Motor Co., as part of an army of Detroit engineers who perfected the internal combustion engine, a technology dating back to the dawn of the automobile era. He developed gasoline engines for family sedans as well as thunderous Nascar racing machines.

By last year, though, the excitement was gone. His projects were no longer about advancing the engine, just nursing along exist-

ing technology. All the buzz had shifted to electric vehicles. In December, Mr. Penkevich took early retirement at age 59.

"It got to feel like you're on a maintenance crew," he said. For more than a century, auto makers continually honed their gas and diesel engines, sparring over which had greater power, better fuel efficiency, more durability

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### EXCHANGE



#### THE RETURN

Inside the companies that have called everyone back to the office. **B1**

## Scientists Investigate Mystery of Long Covid

By DENISE ROLAND

As vaccines blunt the threat of severe illness and death from Covid-19, millions of people remain at risk of developing an array of less serious but potentially debilitating long-term symptoms of the disease that scientists call long Covid.

Many of the most vulnerable are among younger unvaccinated people who are unprotected against the rapidly spreading Delta variant of the coronavirus, now responsible for more than 80% of America's growing caseload.

Long Covid—a term referring to symptoms that linger for weeks or months beyond infection—affects between 10% and 30% of people who catch the virus, including those with mild or asymptomatic infections, according to experts. In Please turn to page A8

## Wells Fargo Deflates Its Nine-Story-Tall Floating Logo

Stagecoach-shaped hot air balloon is retired; 'like flying a small mountain'

By BEN EISEN

Each fall for 13 years, Beth Wright-Smith fired up a nine-story-tall hot-air balloon shaped like a stagecoach and took to the desert skies.

The red-and-yellow tangle of fabric—weighing in at 1,445 pounds—was slow to lift off

and land, but it always turned heads at the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta.

"It was like flying a small mountain, basically," said Ms. Wright-Smith, the pilot.

But the floating stagecoach will be missing from this year's festival in October for the first time since its maiden voyage

roughly 20 years ago. Instead, portions of it are in a warehouse in town, waiting to be recycled into parts for other hot air balloons. One of Ms. Wright-Smith's friends wants to use part of it as a tarp.

The stagecoach was hogtied by changing tastes in marketing. Wells Fargo & Co., owner

of the unwieldy contraption as well as a couple of traditional hot-air balloons in the past, has been paring back use of its Wild West-themed logo. The giant hot-air balloon likeness didn't make the cut.

Before the balloon rendition, Wells Fargo was known for its Please turn to page A10

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## Let the Games, finally, begin

A visual spectacle in an empty arena

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Marko Djuric/Reuters

## Hedge funds retreat from Binance in fear of global 'regulatory attack'

◆ Crypto exchange feels heat ◆ Summer of watchdog scrutiny ◆ Group says no drop in trading

LAURENCE FLETCHER, EVA SZALAY AND ADAM SAMSON — LONDON

Several hedge funds have backed away from trading and other activities on Binance in response to the accelerating regulatory crackdown on the crypto exchange, deepening the strain on one of the sector's biggest companies.

Crypto specialist Tyr Capital said it had "significantly decreased its exposure" to the group, while fellow hedge fund ARK36 said it was also reducing its activity on the venue after "what feels like an orchestrated regulatory attack".

Another crypto specialist hedge fund that was due to start spot and

derivatives trading on Binance has also reversed those plans, a person familiar with the decision said.

The pullback indicates that while regulators often struggle to stop crypto exchanges from conducting unauthorised business in their jurisdictions, they can still have a chilling effect.

"Our primary concern is protecting our investors from unknown unknowns that may pop out of the current multi-jurisdictional regulatory clampdown on the exchange," said Ed Hindi, chief investment officer and co-founder at Tyr Capital.

Traders on Binance typically hold balances in cryptocurrencies that are used

as "margin" deposits for leveraged trading. The company also offers an array of programmes in which investors can earn often high rates of interest through lending out their coins on the venue.

Binance, which is led by crypto mogul Changpeng Zhao and has no formal headquarters, has been the subject of censures by a number of regulators this summer. Market supervisors in financial centres including the UK, Hong Kong and Japan have all issued warnings and restrictions over the past month. Regulators' concerns have focused on Binance's practice of allowing residents of many countries where it is not authorised to operate to use its service.

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It has also struggled to build up its anti-money laundering oversight in line with its rapid growth, people familiar with its practices have said.

Binance said it had "not seen a slowdown in institutional activity". "On the contrary, we have seen continued interest in our institutional offering from not only crypto native firms but also traditional finance institutions that have entered the crypto space."

The exchange is a top market for many of the most actively traded crypto derivatives. Last month, for example, it recorded about \$1tn in trading in bitcoin futures, according to data collated by the Block Crypto.

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## Billions wiped from Chinese education companies as Beijing weighs profit ban

SUN YU — BEIJING

About \$16bn was wiped from the value of three big Chinese education companies listed in New York yesterday after a leaked memo suggested that Beijing might ban academic tutors from making a profit.

The document, dated July 19 and seen by the Financial Times, requires home-schooling or off-campus education companies to register for non-profit status and bars local authorities from approving any new agencies.

If the measures are enacted, it would be a heavy blow to one of China's fastest-growing industries: tutoring children outside school and preparing them for university entrance exams.

Share prices in some of China's biggest education companies plunged. TAL

Education, Gaotu Techedu and New Oriental Education, which are listed in New York and previously had a combined market value of more than \$26bn, all fell by 60 per cent at the start of trading. TAL, the largest in terms of market value, has about 45,000 employees and runs 990 teaching centres in 102 cities.

China's after-school tutoring industry has taken off in recent years by providing a way for students to gain admission to top middle schools and universities.

However, the tutoring boom has worried Beijing because of the added workload on students and growing financial burden on parents. The authorities are also concerned that the spending on extra tuition may widen education disparity and stoke social unrest.

"The government decided to kill the sector because it had created too many problems, ranging from education ine-

quality to low birth rates," said Li Chengdong, founder of Dolphin Think Tank in Beijing.

Beijing's latest industry overhaul aims to address a range of concerns. The document said China would "effectively" reduce students' academic burden and households' education spending in one year and make "significant progress" in three years.

To meet those goals, according to the memo, China will ban academic training agencies from raising capital through IPOs and prohibit already listed companies from raising capital to invest in academic training agencies.

To ease education expenses, according to the circular, the government will also set guidance prices for off-campus training courses. "That is going to create a credit crunch for the industry," said a Beijing-based education investor.



Ibiza's party brought to early end by Delta surge

Ibiza's party is flopping before it has even had the chance to get going. The summer started well for the Spanish island with a wave of young Dutch visitors, followed by a surge of Britons when London put the Balearics on its 'green' list. But now surging infections have forced both nations to harden their advice. Hotels that depend on the package holidays trade have been hit hard and the reopening of renowned superclubs such as Pacha is in doubt.

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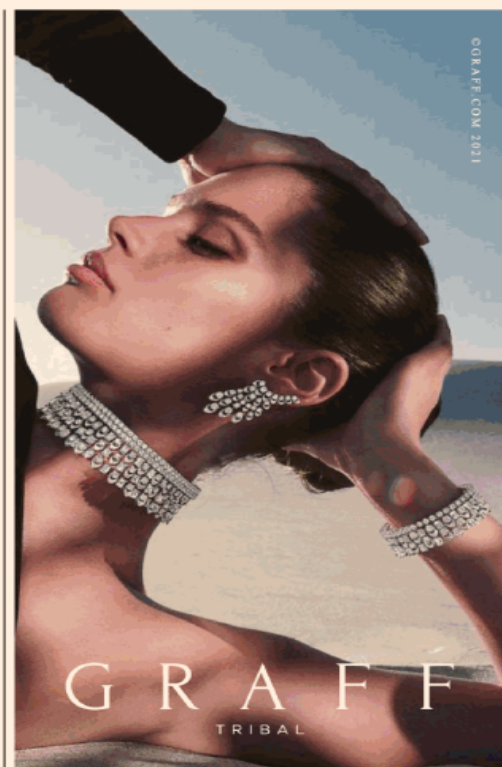
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### World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				INTEREST RATES			
	Jul 23	prev	%chg		Jul 23	prev	%chg		price	yield	chg
S&P 500	4400.76	4367.46	0.76	\$ per €	1.176	1.179	-0.27	US Gov 10 yr	149.35	1.28	0.05
Nasdaq Composite	14800.81	14684.90	0.79	\$ per £	1.375	1.376	-0.07	UK Gov 10 yr	0.59	0.02	
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FTSE100	1178.70	1159.51	1.10	¥ per \$	110.570	110.125	0.40	Japan Gov 10 yr	117.45	0.01	0.00
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FTSE All-Share	4025.12	3991.48	0.84	€ per \$	0.850	0.848	0.24				
CAC 40	6568.82	6481.59	1.35	COMMODITIES							
Xetra Dax	15689.29	15544.54	1.00		Jul 23	prev	%chg				
Nikkei	27548.00	27388.16	0.58	Oil WTI \$	71.86	71.91	-0.07				
Hang Seng	27321.86	27723.94	-1.45	Oil Brent \$	73.81	73.79	0.16				
MSCI World \$	3046.80	3036.72	0.33	Gold \$	1798.45	1802.15	-0.15				
MSCI EM \$	1326.38	1312.15	1.08								
MSCI ACWI \$	722.80	719.78	0.42								

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**Late Edition**  
Today, clouds and sunshine, humid, spotty thunderstorms late, high 85. Tonight, thunderstorms, low 72. Tomorrow, warm, clearing, high 88. Weather map appears on Page 24.



Deborah Emiko, right, and her 18-year-old daughter, Mala Elizabeth, checking their fishing nets in the Niger Delta region of Nigeria.

## Biden Brings In Antitrust Team To Test Titans

By JIM TANKERSLEY  
and CECILIA KANG

WASHINGTON — President Biden has assembled the most aggressive antitrust team in decades, stacking his administration with three legal crusaders as it prepares to take on corporate consolidation and market power with efforts that could include blocking mergers and breaking up big companies.

Mr. Biden's decision this past week to name Jonathan Kanter to lead the Justice Department's antitrust division is the latest sign of his willingness to clash with corporate America to promote more competition in the tech industry and across the economy. Mr. Kanter has spent years as a lawyer fighting behemoths like Facebook and Google on behalf of rival companies.

If confirmed by the Senate, he will join Lina Khan, who helped reframe the academic debate over antitrust and now leads the Federal Trade Commission, and Tim Wu, a longtime proponent of breaking up Facebook and other large companies who is now the special assistant to the president for technology and competition policy.

The appointments show both the Democratic Party's renewed antitrust activism and the Biden administration's growing concern that the concentration of power in technology, as well as other industries like pharmaceuticals, agriculture, health care and finance, has hurt consumers and workers and stunted economic growth.

They also underscore that Mr. Biden is willing to use the power of his office and not wait for the tougher grind of congressional action, an approach that is both faster and potentially riskier. This month, he issued an executive order stuffed with 72 initiatives meant to stoke competition in a variety of industries, increase scrutiny of mergers and restrict the widespread practice of forcing workers to sign noncompete agreements.

Outside groups and ideological allies of the administration warn that if Mr. Biden hopes to truly follow through on his promises, he must

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## Taking On Big Oil, and a Dirty Legacy, in Nigeria

By RUTH MACLEAN

GBARAMATU, Nigeria — When the tide rose under the rickety wooden house-on stilts of Onitsha Joseph, a fisherman who lives above the twisting rivers of the Niger Delta in southern Nigeria, it brought a slick of crude oil.

Before long, she saw dead fish floating on oil inches thick, and fishing — her livelihood — became impossible. The fumes were so strong at one point that Ms. Joseph fainted. She was rushed to the hospital on a speedboat.

At first, she had no idea where it was coming from. Then, out with some other fishermen one day in February, she said they spotted something bubbling up to the river's surface. Ms. Joseph steered her oil-blackened canoe closer.

Far below her snaked a pipe.

### Livelihoods Imperiled, Fishermen Direct Anger at Chevron

The American oil giant Chevron laid that pipe 46 years before, according to many neighbors of Ms. Joseph who were there at the time, and now, they said, it was leaking.

So began a battle between Chevron and hundreds of fishermen in the Niger Delta. Chevron denies that oil was spilling from its pipes. But the women insisted that this was just another instance of oil companies refusing to take responsibility, and decided to take the fight to the oil company's doors.

"You want to kill us with your oil," Ms. Joseph said, growing

emotional. "We'll come to you so you can kill us yourselves. In person."

Oil companies like Chevron, Shell and Eni have made billions in profits in the vast Niger Delta region in the last decades. But now some are pulling out — and they are leaving utter ruin in their wake, according to government monitors and environmental and human rights organizations. The delicate ecosystem of the Niger Delta, once teeming with plant and animal life, is today one of the most polluted places on the planet.

It is the women, who do most of the fishing in the creeks and marshes in this part of the Niger Delta, who are trying to call the oil companies to account.

When they found the ominous bubbling, the fishermen alerted local leaders, who in-

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## Unbowed, Biles Keeps on Rising Five Years Later

By JULIET MACUR

In the many months leading to this summer, Simone Biles couldn't wait for the Tokyo Olympics. Not for them to start. For them to end.

The weight she carried as the face of the sport had become a burden. And the wear and tear on her body had become what she called "unreal," with the pain in her ankles making every excruciating step a reminder of how unforgiving gymnastics can be.

In a telephone interview about a week before leaving for the Tokyo Games, she was asked to name the happiest moment of her career.

"Honestly, probably my time off," she said.

Coming from the most decorated gymnast in history, a woman who revolutionized the sport, it was a striking comment.

Five years ago, Biles did everything her sport and her country asked her to. Sporting a red, white and blue bow in her hair, she

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Simone Biles's clout now reaches far beyond the balance beam.

CHANG W. LEE/THE NEW YORK TIMES

## Disinformation Is Big Business For One Doctor

### Chief Online Spreader of Vaccine Doubts

By SHEERA FRENKEL

SAN FRANCISCO — The article that appeared online on Feb. 9 began with a seemingly innocuous question about the legal definition of vaccines. Then over its next 3,400 words, it declared coronavirus vaccines were "a medical fraud" and said the injections did not prevent infections, provide immunity or stop transmission of the disease.

Instead, the article claimed, the shots "alter your genetic coding, turning you into a viral protein factory that has no off-switch."

Its assertions were easily disprovable. No matter. Over the next few hours, the article was translated from English into Spanish and Polish. It appeared on dozens of blogs and was picked up by anti-vaccination activists, who repeated the false claims online. The article also made its way to Facebook, where it reached 400,000 people, according to data from CrowdTangle, a Facebook-owned tool.

The entire effort traced back to one person: Joseph Mercola.

Dr. Mercola, 67, an osteopathic physician in Cape Coral, Fla., has long been a subject of criticism and government regulatory actions for his promotion of unproven or unapproved treatments. But most recently, he has become the chief spreader of coronavirus misinformation online, according to researchers.

An internet-savvy entrepreneur who employs dozens, Dr. Mercola has published over 600 articles on Facebook that cast doubt on Covid-19 vaccines since the pandemic began, reaching a far larger audience than other vaccine skeptics, an analysis by The New York Times found. His claims have been widely echoed on Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.

The activity has earned Dr. Mercola, a natural health proponent with an Everyman demeanor, the dubious distinction of the top spot in the "Disinformation Dozen," a list of 12 people responsible for sharing 65 percent of all anti-vaccine messaging on social media, said the nonprofit Center for Countering Digital Hate. Others on the list include Robert F. Kennedy Jr., a longtime anti-vaccine activist, and Erin Elizabeth, the founder of the website Health Nut News, who is also Dr. Mercola's girlfriend.

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## For Camps, Staffing Problems Can Mean Summer Ends Now

By ELLEN BARRY

BOSTON — Joseph Charnock, like many parents, drew a sigh of relief when he dropped his 12-year-old daughter off for an eight-week session at Camp Quinebaug, on the shores of Lake Winnepesaukee in New Hampshire.

It worried him a little, in the days that followed, when no sunlit pictures appeared on the camp's Facebook page. Or when the camp's director, in a note to parents, confessed that "the last couple of days have been a bit rough."

But nothing prepared him for the message he got five days later, announcing that staffing shortages and delays in food delivery had made further operation impossible.

"We are asking parents to pick up their campers tomorrow," said a note signed by the camp's director, Eric Carlson, and other administrators.

When Mr. Charnock arrived at the camp the next morning, he said he found the campers' possessions in a field, in a dreary rain, and his daughter waiting inside, crestfallen. He said Mr. Carlson circulated among the parents, describing with frustration the number of counselors who had walked off the job.

The meltdown at Camp Quinebaug is an extreme example of an industrywide problem, as summer camps reopen after co-

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In 2015, the country pledged to grant citizenship to people of Sephardic Jewish descent. Rejected applications began pouring in this summer.

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Charleston, S.C., is coming to terms with intensifying storms, a rising sea and streets that flood with distressing regularity, often by lifting houses.

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Even as 609,000 Americans have died, the Delta variant surges and millions of workers are jobless, the tech industry has managed to flourish.

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Jackie Mason kept the borscht belt style of comedy alive long after the Catskills resorts had closed and took it, triumphantly, to Broadway.

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## Endorsements from Trump reshaping GOP

Use of 'Mar-a-Lago primaries' to promote loyalists in 2022 races gives some fellow Republicans pause.

By JANET HOOK

WASHINGTON — Former President Trump, again upending American political norms, is moving to remake Congress and the Republican Party in his own image.

Since leaving the White House, he has issued a spate of endorsements of House and Senate candidates for next year's crucial midterm election, including an array of political outsiders, conspiracy theorists and others who — like Trump himself — break the traditional mold.

While most former presi-

dents have steered clear of politics, Trump is intervening in Republican primaries like an old-style ward boss: rewarding allies, punishing enemies and trying to use his vast popularity among Republican voters to keep himself and his agenda at the center of the GOP.

Targeting one of his most prominent Republican critics, Rep. Liz Cheney of Wyoming, Trump plans to meet this week at his New Jersey golf club with Wyoming Republicans who are running against her. His goal: to endorse one, clear the field of others and set up a head-to-head contest.

But Trump's heavy hand in GOP primaries carries risks for his party. Some Republicans fear that some of his endorsements — those based not on electability but on candidates' loyalty to him and his false claim that he [See Trump, A9]



**YOSH UCHIDA**, drafted by the U.S. in World War II, saw his family split among incarceration camps.

## At 101, godfather of judo isn't done

Coach is a one-man support network for U.S. Olympians

By JORGE CASTILLO

TOKYO — Yosh Uchida made a promise to Colton Brown in 2016, right after Brown competed in judo for the United States at the Rio de Janeiro Olympics: Qualify for the 2020 Games in Tokyo and I'll be there.

Attending the Tokyo Olympics would have closed a circle for Uchida. The son of Japanese immigrants and raised in Orange County, he was the U.S. judo team's coach at the Games in 1964, when the sport made its Olympic debut in its birthplace. The city, the country, the martial art supplied him

more than a lifetime's worth of memories.

Uchida was 96 years old in 2016. He would be a centenarian by the next opening ceremony. People his age usually don't make plans four years in advance. But Uchida reached his 100th birthday in April 2020 and bought his ticket to the Nippon Budokan to fulfill his pledge.

The COVID-19 pandemic postponed the Games a year. Still, Uchida, at 101, was ready to make the long journey to watch Brown — until spectators were banned from most Olympic venues.

The gut punch precluded [See Uchida, A4]



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## Superintendent's tenure dominated by crisis

Beutner's three years leading L.A. schools marked by teachers' strike, the pandemic.

By HOWARD BLUME

On his first day as Los Angeles schools superintendent, Austin Beutner visited 11 campuses in 12 hours, boarding a school bus before dawn and later slinging aside his suit jacket to take afternoon batting practice.

In his last weeks, he hoppedscotched around the reopened district, talking up summer school in South L.A. and showcasing robotics at Roosevelt High on the Eastside.

A former Wall Street executive with no experience in education management, Beutner wanted to see schools and be seen at schools; those visits, he said, energized him.

Yet his tenure, which ended last month, would be defined by events outside the classroom, in ways no

one imagined when he was appointed chief of the nation's second-largest school district in 2018. At the time, he was seen as a controversial choice who, for better or worse, was going to shake things up.

Instead, the coronavirus pandemic threw the district into unprecedented turmoil. Using emergency powers granted by the Los Angeles Board of Education, Beutner became a crisis manager. He launched a massive food-distribution initiative and school-based corona-

virus testing. He was forced to take on suddenly critical questions: How to teach students online when they didn't have computers or Wi-Fi, how to make classrooms safe from infection, how to balance the intense debate among parents and educators about when to reopen campuses.

He acted on his own and quickly, forming alliances with the private sector, re-deploying district resources and lobbying for aid. He also found common ground with [See Beutner, A12]



**IMPORTED CARS** at the Port of Los Angeles. Electric cars account for 1.7 million vehicle sales annually worldwide, and that could hit 8.5 million by 2025. The change is happening quickest in Europe and China.

## E-CARS MIGHT SAVE THE PLANET BUT SCORCH THE EARTH

The state's push for electric vehicles boosts demand for battery metals that must be extracted from deserts and ocean floors

Text by Evan Halper | Photography by Carolyn Cole  
REPORTING FROM SAN DIEGO

The precious cargo on the ship docked in San Diego Bay was strikingly small for a vessel built to drag oil rigs out to sea. Machines tethered to this hulking ship had plucked rocks the size of a child's fist from the ocean floor thousands of miles into the Pacific.

The mission was delicate and controversial — with broad implications for the planet.

Investors are betting tens of millions of dollars that these black nodules packed with metals used in electric car batteries are the ticket for the United States to recapture supremacy over the green economy — and to keep up with a global transportation revolution started by California.

Alongside his docked ship, Gerard Barron, chief executive of the Metals Co., held in his hand one of the nodules he ar-

### UNITED STATES OF CALIFORNIA

No state has had a bigger impact on the direction of the United States than California, a prolific incubator and exporter of outside-the-box policies and ideas. This occasional series examines what that has meant for the state and the country, and how far Washington is willing to go to spread California's agenda as the state's own struggles threaten its standing as the nation's think tank.

gues can help save the planet. "We have to be bold and we have to be prepared to look at new frontiers," he said. "Climate change isn't something that's waiting around for us to figure it out."

The urgency with which his company and a few others are moving to start scraping the seabed for these materials alarms oceanographers and advocates, who warn they are literally in uncharted waters. Much is unknown about life on the deep sea floor, and vacuuming swaths of it clean threatens to have unintended and far-reaching consequences.

The drama playing out in the deep sea is just one act in a fast unfolding, ethically challenging and economically complex debate that stretches around the world, from the cobalt mines of Congo to the corridors of the Biden White House [See Batteries, A10]

## Year has left officer feeling 'in between'

By KEVIN RECTOR

Los Angeles Police Officer Michael Silva stood stoically on the steps of LAPD headquarters one night last fall as several young protesters, two in horror masks, taunted him with racial slurs and flashed the middle finger in his face.

The demonstrators, who were Black, were protesting a grand jury decision not to charge officers in the fatal shooting of Breonna Taylor in her home in Louisville, Ky. Silva, who is also Black, normally patrolled some of



ROBERT GAUTHIER Los Angeles Times

**OFFICER** Michael Silva was jeered by activists yet judged by peers for sympathizing with some of them.

L.A.'s most impoverished neighborhoods, but that evening, he had been given protest duty.

As the slurs landed, Silva appeared unfazed, even calm, as a video of the encounter that later went viral shows. But his brain was working overtime, he said, trying to focus on his training while processing thoughts about the rage directed at him.

Silva watched the protesters' eyes and hands for threats but saw none. The young men were just venting frustration and anger — [See Silva, A8]

### Dual wildfires up north force more to flee homes

Dixie and Tamarack blazes rage on in unusually dry conditions. CALIFORNIA, B1

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Technology that lets patients receive care from afar raises concerns about access. CALIFORNIA, B1



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## 'Chaos' hits Okla. justice system

Ruling on Indian rights scrambles jurisdictions, imperils criminal cases

BY ANNIE GOWEN AND ROBERT BARNES

Kyle Willis hadn't seen Kimberly Graham in years, since the day she was sentenced to 107 years in prison after she drunkenly plowed her truck into a group of motocyclists in Tulsa, killing five people, including his mother and stepfather.

So it was a shock when he saw her at a court hearing last month — tanned, dressed in a frilly purple top and jeans and laughing — a free woman. Graham, who is Native American, was let out of prison in April after a Supreme Court decision last year that found that a large part of eastern Oklahoma is still Indian country. Despite a century of state and local prosecutions, the court ruled that crimes there were the province of federal and tribal courts.

"She's enjoying life as if nothing ever happened," said Willis, 34, of Broken Arrow, Okla., who said the sight of Graham left him numb. "It's bizarre. It's crazy."

The Supreme Court's landmark decision in *McGirt v. Oklahoma* had prosecution of Native Americans for crimes in the expanded Indian country must be carried out in federal and tribal courts, rather than by state or local officials. It was celebrated across the country by Native Americans last July, who saw it as a historic affirmation of treaties signed with the U.S. government in the year since, the ruling has upended Oklahoma's criminal justice system, imperiled convictions in thousands of cases, sowed confusion for police and emergency responders and led to the direct release of more than 50 criminals convicted on charges including second-degree murder and child abuse, state records show.

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A woman waits for her bus in March in a Southeast D.C. shelter partly shattered by stray bullets. Within the Marshall Heights neighborhood, casings pile up quickly from crime scene to crime scene: 83 on one street, 76 on another, 59 on a third.

## Fear is part of everyday life

Thousands of bullets have been fired in this D.C. neighborhood

BY PETER HERMANN AND JOHN D. HARDEN

Markeith Muskelly, a barber who has spent half his 52 years cutting hair in Southeast Washington, has seen people get shot on the street outside the shop where he works.

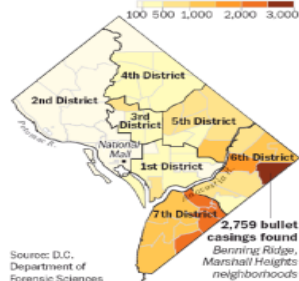
Last fall, he saw a man die there. Fifteen bullets fired. The cracks of gunfire stick with him, the sound of a neighborhood under threat.

"It is like a rack of firecracker sounds," said Muskelly, who works at Unique Cutz on Benning Road. "You go to work and you see someone get killed. How would it impact you?"

The shop is tucked into a corner of the Benco Shopping Center, a mainstay in the Marshall Heights neighborhood for six decades. Its plate-glass window has long offered a view of one of the most dangerous streets in the District.

A rising number of shootings in cities nationwide has led to more deaths, left

Bullet casings recovered in D.C., 2018 to February 2021



Source: D.C. Department of Forensic Sciences  
WILLIAM NEFF/THE WASHINGTON POST

communities including the District struggling to quell gun violence and put residents on edge. Late on July 16, a 6-year-old D.C. girl was fatally shot and her mother and four others were wounded in a burst of gunfire in the city. The next night, fans at Nationals Park rushed for cover and ducked under seats when they heard rapid pops of gunfire from just outside the ballpark that wounded three people and brought the game to a halt.

And on Thursday night, two people were wounded by bullets fired along 14th Street NW, scattering outdoor diners and causing new panic along a stretch of restaurants and bars in the Logan Circle area.

In some places, the violence is nothing new. Each blast of gunfire strips away a sense of security, instilling fear even if no casualties are claimed. In the neighborhood where Muskelly works, gun violence has affected generations, bringing a sad realization that, for some, the danger may never end.

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## Variant upends Biden's plans

WHITE HOUSE HOPED WORST WAS OVER

Surge takes focus off stimulus, infrastructure

BY ANNIE LINSKEY, TYLER PAGER AND DAN DIAMOND

The rapid increase in coronavirus infections driven by the delta variant over the past month is turning the country's attention back to the pandemic and threatening to subsume President Biden's agenda — just as the White House and its allies hoped to move on from the virus and focus on promoting the administration's other accomplishments.

Inside the White House, top officials are growing increasingly anxious about the state of the pandemic and are gravely concerned about the situation spiraling out of control in some areas of the country with low vaccination rates, according to two people who work in the administration and two others in close touch with the White House.

Biden's team had always expected to see additional coronavirus outbreaks, but the White House assumed the increases in infections would be "mounds" and not "peaks," according to one top administration official, who like others spoke on the condition of anonymity to reveal private discussions.

Officials are now looking at models that predict anywhere from a few thousand new covid cases to more than 200,000 every day in the fall. One new forecast also estimates the United States could see three times the number of daily deaths from the coronavirus by October compared with now. The current seven-day average is about 250 deaths per day.

Stock markets have already

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## Escalating violence and wrenching poverty threaten to shatter Caribbean nation Haiti buries a president, but crisis lives on

BY ANTHONY FAIOLA

PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI — A few blocks from the gang-controlled neighborhoods where Haiti's warlords have been massacring residents and torching homes, it is hard to separate sanctuaries from perdition inside the red metal gates of St. Martin and St. Yves Catholic Church.

The assassination of President Jovenel Moïse remains one of the world's most gripping whodunits, seen as a touchstone moment for his widow, his followers and government ministers who are now in charge of the nation.

But for the throngs of Haitians who crammed into this churchyard in recent weeks — some of the 19,000 fleeing war-zone-like conditions across swaths of the capital — his killing is really just one more death.

The real national crisis, they insist, is playing out in places like St. Martin and St. Yves, where more than 1,100 impoverished

SEE HAITI ON A20



People walk near a street market in Port-au-Prince on Friday, the day of the funeral for Haitian President Jovenel Moïse. Gang violence, building for years, has sharply escalated in recent weeks.

## In disastrous summer, climate inaction lurks

Extreme floods and fires signal a critical moment for course-correction

BY SARAH KAPLAN AND BRADY DENNIS

The panicked commuters of Zhengzhou, China, could only stand on seats and cling to poles in a desperate attempt to keep their heads above the muddy torrent this past week, as floodwaters from record-breaking rains inundated the subway system.

On the other side of the planet, in Gresham, Ore., a 61-year-old maker of handcrafted ukuleles slowly died in June as searing temperatures made an oven out of his lifelong home — one of at least 800 victims of what one scientist called "the most anomalous heat event ever observed on Earth."

Massive floods deluged Central Europe, Nigeria, Uganda and In-

dia in recent days, killing hundreds. June's scorching temperatures, followed by a fast-moving wildfire, erased a Canadian town. More than a million people are close to starvation amid Madagascar's worst drought in decades. In Siberia, tens of thousands of square miles of forest are ablaze, potentially unleashing carbon stored in the frozen ground below.

In Italy on Friday, a top U.N. climate official once again pleaded for the world to heed the alarm bells, reminding leaders that these catastrophes are simply the latest in a ghastly string of warnings that the planet is hurtling down a treacherous path.

"What more can numbers show us that we cannot already see? What more can statistics say

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1. Tolosa Paz  
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1. Manes  
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JUNTOS INTERNA



1. Vidal  
2. Tetaz



1. Rubinstein  
2. Marquina



1. López Murphy  
2. Pitta

FRENTE DE TODOS



1. Santoro  
2. Marziotta

# El oficialismo pactó listas para equilibrar su interna y la oposición apuesta a las PASO

**CIERRE.** El Presidente, aliviado tras semanas de tensión; Santilli y Manes completaron su oferta

Después de una semana frenética, el Frente de Todos terminó de cerrar anoche su oferta electoral en la provincia de Buenos Aires y se lanzó a la campaña con un acto en el que intentó mostrar fortaleza y unidad. Alberto Fernández, Cristina Kirchner, Sergio Massa y Axel Kicillof presentaron una lista de diputados nacionales sin figuras de primera línea, pero que buscó repartir lugares entre todas las facciones internas.

Fernández resultó aliviado al lograr imponer a Victoria Tolosa Paz

como cabeza de la boleta bonaerense, secundada por el ministro de Salud provincial, Daniel Gollán. En la ciudad, va en primer lugar el legislador Leandro Santoro.

Aunque cedió los primeros lugares, el kirchnerismo obtuvo una presencia mayoritaria en las listas.

“La vida que queremos” fue el eslogan del acto de lanzamiento de la campaña, en el que Fernández y su vice pusieron énfasis en cuestionar la política económica del macrismo y defender el plan de vacunación.

Juntos por el Cambio cerró sus listas para las primarias, que en Buenos Aires enfrentarán a Diego Santilli con Facundo Manes. En la ciudad, se inscribieron tres listas de la coalición: una con María Eugenia Vidal al frente, otra con Ricardo López Murphy y una tercera con Adolfo Rubinstein.

En la provincia apuntan a conseguir bancas terceras fuerzas como Vamos con Vos, de Florencio Randazzo, más los liberales de José Luis Esperty el Frente de Izquierda. **Página 14**

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Ante una dirigencia sorda y ciega

**Joaquín Morales Solá**  
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Muy pocas veces antes, la política estuvo como ahora tan lejos de la sociedad. Los plazos electorales existen, y las elecciones también. Pero la dirigencia argentina se abocó en el último mes, día y noche, a resolver las internas que se disputarán en las elecciones primarias de septiembre y en las generales de noviembre. Asuntos y disputas que no provocan el entusiasmo de nadie. Continúa en la **página 39**

## WhatsApp es el nuevo blanco del ciberdelito

**FRAUDE.** Desde mayo, aumentan las denuncias

La excusa puede ser la supuesta confirmación de identidad para un turno de vacunación. El estafador pide para eso el número de validación de la cuenta de WhatsApp y

a partir de ese momento empieza la pesadilla de perder el control del sistema de mensajería online. Desde mayo pasado se denuncian entre 10 y 15 casos por día. **Página 33**

## Crisis. La región, terreno de bandas criminales

Un explosivo combo alimenta su consolidación

Una peligrosa mezcla de inestabilidad de las instituciones, corrupción, pobreza y porosidad de las fronteras lleva a América Latina a ser un territorio a merced de las bandas

del crimen organizado y las redes de violencia transnacionales, que afectan a muchos países y que se intensificaron con la pandemia, según advierten los expertos. **Página 10**

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No protesto deste sábado em SP, grupo tenta ofuscar a prevalência do vermelho recorrendo às cores verde e amarelo, frequentes em manifestações bolsonaristas. Karline Xavier/Folhapress

## Pela 4ª vez, atos pedem impeachment de Bolsonaro

Manifestantes pelo país voltaram às ruas neste sábado (24) no quarto ato em dois meses pelo impeachment do presidente. Em São Paulo, com menos pessoas que nos anteriores, a PM lançou bombas de efeito moral nos participantes. Brasília, Rio de Janeiro, Salvador e outras cidades também no exterior tiveram protestos. Poder A6

## Arminio Fraga

### É preciso fazer a democracia funcionar melhor

Faz falta uma visão de longo prazo no Brasil que sirva de bússola para cada passo do caminho. Que visão? No topo da lista, preservar a democracia, hoje ameaçada. Além de zelar, é preciso fazer com que ela funcione melhor. Poder A6

## Kassio Nunes Marques pede que colunista da Folha seja investigado

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## PROTESTO INCENDEIA O BORBA GATO

Monumento na zona sul de São Paulo é vandalizado em ato do grupo Revolução Periférica, que aponta a participação do bandeirante no genocídio indígena cotidiano B3

# Inflação e desemprego tiram arroz e feijão do prato do brasileiro

Aumento nos preços de alimentos, gás e luz priva fatia mais pobre da população até dos produtos mais básicos

A alta de preços combinada com o desemprego recorde já priva o prato do brasileiro mais pobre da refeição-símbolo do país, o arroz com feijão. Óleo de soja, feijão e carne foram trocados por banha de porco, lentilha e ovo por causa da inflação, que afetou o custo dos alimentos. O arroz quebrado assumiu o lugar do padrão. Frutas e verduras já haviam sido retiradas do cardápio. Em seguida, as pessoas em situação de insegurança

alimentar abdicaram da carne e dos laticínios, segundo a Rede Brasileira de Pesquisa em Soberania e Segurança Alimentar e Nutricional. Com o desemprego em 14,7% no trimestre encerrado em abril e a redução do auxílio emergencial, o consumo de carne bovina teve queda de 40% em cidades como Cuiabá, tendo sido trocada por frango. Em todo o país, a adoção de ovos na dieta cresceu 9%. As classes D e E passaram a comer mais

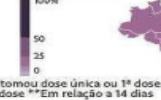
apresentados, empanados e pães industrializados. Pesam ainda no orçamento dos mais pobres a disparidade de 24% do preço do gás de botijão nos 12 meses até junho e o salto na conta de luz, de 14%. Para a fatia da população que ganha menos de R\$ 1.650,50, a faixa de renda mensal mais baixa, a inflação foi de 9,2% no período, a maior variação para um grupo de renda entre todos os pesquisados pelo Ipea. Mercado A19

## População com 18 anos ou mais\*

	ao menos uma dose	totalmente vacinada
<b>Brasil</b>	<b>61,4%</b>	<b>23,2%</b>
MS	75,3%	42,0%
RS	69,2%	31,1%
SP	72,7%	25,8%

Dados das 20h de 24 jul. \*Ao menos uma dose: tomou dose única ou 1ª dose. Totalmente vacinada: tomou dose única ou 2ª dose. \*\*Em relação a 14 dias

## Totalmente vacinada



## Total de doses aplicadas

	1ª	2ª	única
<b>Brasil</b>	<b>95,2 mi</b>	<b>33,8 mi</b>	<b>3,6 mi</b>
1ª SP	25,1 mi	8,2 mi	1,1 mi
2ª MG	9,2 mi	3,1 mi	327,4 mil
3ª RJ	7,3 mi	2,8 mi	250 mil

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qui provoque l'exaspération

Sur terre comme en mer, le gouvernement poursuit ses objectifs et multiplie les parcs éoliens, malgré la généralisation des oppositions locales, nationales et européennes.

De la baie de Saint-Brieuc au Parlement européen, les éoliennes suscitent une crispation croissante. Alors que les pêcheurs des Côtes-d'Armor s'attaquent au navire envoyé sur le chantier pour le forage

des sols, les eurodéputés vont à propos d'un rapport qui alerte sur l'impact environnemental d'un tel projet. Les mâts, communément décriés pour l'atteinte qu'ils portent aux paysages, sont maintenant souvent attaqués

pour les dommages qu'ils causent à la biodiversité. Un comble. Pourtant, rien ne semble faire dévier le gouvernement de sa trajectoire sur le sujet. Quatrième parc éolien terrestre européen, la France compte

actuellement plus de 8000 mâts. Le total doit atteindre environ 14500 éoliennes en 2028. En mer, la programmation pluriannuelle de l'énergie (PPE) veut faire doubler la capacité installée sur le même laps de temps.

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l'émotion et la ferveur  
malgré tout

Au terme d'une cérémonie d'ouverture plus sobre que d'habitude mais émouvante, la joueuse de tennis japonaise Naomi Osaka a allumé la flamme olympique des Jeux de Tokyo qui va briller jusqu'au 8 août prochain. PAGES 10 À 12

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Le casse-tête  
des  
contrôles  
sanitaires  
dans les  
aéroports

Le temps passé par un passager dans un aéroport a doublé en deux ans avec les démarches liées au Covid. Les opérateurs aéroportuaires et les compagnies aériennes multiplient les initiatives pour limiter les files d'attente. En parallèle, les spécialistes de la sécurité travaillent sur de nouvelles solutions numériques à base d'intelligence artificielle, afin de fluidifier les contrôles. PAGES 24 ET 25

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## Dix ans pour rien

Dix ans que ça dure. À Nantes, la cour d'appel administrative vient d'annuler les autorisations d'un parc éolien dans les Côtes-d'Armor, en raison de son impact négatif sur le paysage. Les travaux avaient déjà démarré et la société responsable a annoncé se tourner vers le Conseil d'État. Près de Saint-Brieuc, malgré la colère croissante des pêcheurs, l'érection de soixante-deux mâts de 207 mètres de haut a été validée le long de côtes labellisées Grand Site de France. Dans le Nord, la Belgique saisit la justice pour tenter de faire annuler un vaste projet offshore du côté de Dunkerque... Quel gâchis ! De temps, d'argent, d'énergie. À quoi servent les dirigeants s'ils sont incapables de fixer une ligne claire sur un point aussi fondamental que la politique énergétique de la France ? À nourrir l'abstention. Malgré les recours, les dossiers alarmistes, les critiques étayées, les éoliennes continuent, dans un va-et-vient chaotique, à tracer leur sillon de laideur inutile. Coulés dans le béton, nourris de métaux rares, à l'extraction polluante, alimentés par des centrales à gaz, ces candides moulins à vent persistent à

faire figure de sauveurs de la planète. Tous les rapports sur leurs limites - faible rendement, coût exorbitant, impact désastreux sur le patrimoine et l'environnement - n'y font rien. Aux yeux de leurs partisans les plus acharnés, ces encombrants pylônes demeurent le seul moyen d'avancer sur la voie magique de la neutralité carbone. Quoi qu'il en coûte.

Quel gâchis !  
De temps,  
d'argent,  
d'énergie

Il est temps de dissiper le brouillard coupable qui entoure et dissimule la vraie nature de ces tourniquets ; d'extirper les arrière-pensées idéologiques de ceux qui aspirent à les voir balayer les fondements de notre croissance. « Du rêve aux réalités », comme le dit un documentaire dont l'audience témoigne de l'évolution de l'opinion, la marge est béante. L'exigence d'une énergie propre, renouvelable, est partagée par le plus grand nombre. On ne peut la laisser entre les pales d'une armée dont l'une des caractéristiques est de demeurer les bras croisés les trois quarts du temps. ■

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