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◆ **Apple is working** on new health-related features for its smartwatch. **B4**

◆ **States that ended** enhanced federal unemployment benefits early have so far seen about the same job growth as states that continued offering the pandemic-related extra aid. **A2**

◆ **The SEC has opened** an investigation into electric delivery-truck maker Workhorse, which was an early investor in now-struggling startup Lordstown Motors. **B1**

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◆ **The Nasdaq rose** 0.3% to close at a record, while the S&P 500 edged up 0.03%. The Dow slipped 0.1%. **B11**

◆ **The SEC sued BitConnect** and its founder, alleging a \$2 billion fraud that misused bitcoin raised from investors world-wide. **B9**

◆ **Amazon said** it is seeking to hire about 55,000 people globally for corporate and tech roles during a recruiting event set for Sept. 15. **B3**

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◆ **A divided Supreme Court** allowed the nation's toughest restrictions on abortions to take effect, declining to block a new Texas law that bars the procedure after approximately six weeks of pregnancy. Chief Justice Roberts and the court's three liberal justices dissented. **A1**

◆ **Clashes flared** in northern and central Afghanistan between the Taliban and local militias, as the Islamist movement continued to consolidate its grip on power in the Afghan capital. **A1, A6, A7**

◆ **Louisianians in areas** devastated by Hurricane Ida struggled with shortages of food, water and gasoline amid stifling heat, as power outages remained widespread. **A1, A5**

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◆ **Two Canadians** imprisoned in China on espionage charges are linked by photos of military equipment one took and shared with the other, according to a government-run newspaper in China. **A16**

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In Ida's Sweltering Wake, Lines Form for Food, Water and Ice



WAITING: People pick up ice in New Orleans Wednesday as temperatures rose and many remained without electricity. **A5**

In Town Destroyed by Storm, People Hope Help Comes Soon

By Rachel Wolfe

LAPLACE, La.—Residents waited for four hours in a half-mile-long line at the one working gas station. Many were out of patience. A fight broke out in the line to pay.

"We're angry," said 20-year-old Kylie Jordan as she waited. Ms. Jordan swam through 8 feet of water to get to her car after Hurricane Ida passed.

"We had to make our own way out. No Army trucks came and got us," she said. "We were on our own. So we stick

together and do what we got to do."

LaPlace, a town of 29,000 people tucked between New Orleans and Baton Rouge, is among the places hit hardest by Hurricane Ida. While the New Orleans metro area was insulated by a \$4.5 billion storm risk-reduction system of levees and water pumps, smaller, nearby towns had no such protections. A \$760 million levee against Lake Pontchartrain is under construction and should offer more protection for the areas on the

west shore in the future. Residents said they feel alone, left to fend for themselves. They are without power, without cellphone service, and what food there was is spoiling. Water started coming out of the faucets on Wednesday, and people were advised to boil it.

Melissa Fritts, a 27-year-old restaurant worker and a friend of Ms. Jordan, who came with her to the gas station, has three children, ages 5, 8 and 9.

"I'm scared we ain't going to have enough water. I'm worried about my kids eating. He's hun-

gry now," she said, gesturing to the 5-year-old boy clinging to her waist. "If we don't get power soon, there's going to be people dying from the heat."

Ida made landfall Sunday as a Category 4 hurricane near Port Fourchon, La., south of New Orleans, with winds topping 150 miles an hour. On Wednesday, power was still out for nearly one million customers in the New Orleans area. Please turn to page A5

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◆ **Qatar sent** a technical team on Wednesday to Kabul at the request of the Taliban to discuss the resumption of operations in the airport, according to a person familiar with the matter. The jet carrying the team was the first flight known to have landed in Kabul since the last U.S. military plane took off Monday at midnight local time. The Taliban said they had captured the Shotul district in Panjshir, making gains in the Please turn to page A6

High Court Declines To Block Texas' New 6-Week Abortion Ban

By Brent Kendall
And Jess Bravin

WASHINGTON—A divided Supreme Court on Wednesday allowed the nation's toughest restrictions on abortions to take effect, declining to block a new Texas law that bars the procedure after approximately six weeks of pregnancy.

The court's order, which rejected an emergency request by clinics and abortion-rights advocates, marks a significant turning point in the legal battle over abortion rights and comes the same day the Texas ban officially went into force. While not a final ruling on the measure's constitutionality, the court's action validates, at least temporarily, a novel attempt by Texas lawmakers to insulate antiabortion legislation from court challenge.

The unsigned order came

on a 5-4 vote, with most conservative justices in the majority.

Chief Justice John Roberts and the court's three liberal justices dissented.

The state law, signed by Republican Gov. Greg Abbott in May with an effective date of Sept. 1, dictates that a physician can't knowingly perform an abortion if there is "a detectable fetal heartbeat," which includes embryonic cardiac activity that appears about six weeks into a pregnancy.

An abortion ban so early in a pregnancy—at a stage before some women realize they are pregnant—conflicts with current Supreme Court precedent. The high court has previously forbidden states from banning the procedure before a fetus is able to live outside

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The McFlurry Machine Is Broken (Again). Now the FTC Is On It.

Malfunctioning of device at McDonald's gets the antitrust agency involved

By Heather Haddon

Can the FTC help get your McFlurry?

As many who eat at McDonald's know all too well, the fast-food chain has struggled for years to keep its ice cream machines working. Without them, people can't get a milkshake, a soft cone or above all a McFlurry, a cup of soft ice cream with candy and

cookies that is whipped about in a blender with a specially designed hollow spoon.

Late-night TV comedies joke about the problem. Rivals Jack in the Box and Wendy's Co. have roasted McDonald's for its on social media. An online tracker called McBroken monitors McDonald's ice cream machine outages across cities.

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Whipped and ready

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Travel agencies are back as the virus roils plans, from canceled flights to testing. **A9**



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Some traders are betting on GameStop being added to the S&P 500. **B1**

Inside a \$45 Billion Retail Crime Spree

Thieves sell their hauls online; a CVS investigator combats the boom

By Rebecca Ballhaus
And Shalini Ramchandran

Ben Dugan sat in an unmarked sedan in San Francisco's Tenderloin neighborhood one day last September waiting for the CVS to be robbed.

He tracked a man entering the store and watched as the thief stuffed more than \$1,000 of allergy medicine into a trash bag, walked out and did the same at two other nearby stores, before loading them into a waiting van, Mr. Dugan recalled.

The target was no ordinary shoplifter. He was part of a network of organized professionals, known as boosters, whom CVS had been monitoring for weeks. The company

believed the group responsible for stealing almost \$50 million in products over five years from dozens of stores in Northern California. The job for Mr. Dugan, CVS Health Corp.'s top investigator, was to stop them.

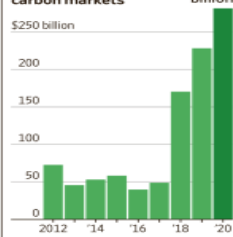
Retailers are spending millions a year to battle organized crime rings that steal from their stores in bulk and then peddle the goods online, often on Amazon.com Inc.'s retail platform, according to retail investigators, law-enforcement officers and court documents. It is a menace that has been supercharged by the pandemic and the rapid growth of online commerce that has accompanied it.

"We're trying to control it. Please turn to page A8

Carbon Trading Catches On

Firms are adding carbon trading arms as companies sell their emission allowances. **B1**

Total value of global carbon markets



Source: Refinitiv

Purdue Pharma Wins Settlement Approval

By Jonathan Randles

OxyContin maker Purdue Pharma LP won court approval of a \$4.5 billion bankruptcy settlement that shields its owners, members of the Sackler family, from lawsuits accusing them of contributing to the nation's opioid epidemic in exchange for providing funding to combat the crisis.

Judge Robert Drain of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in White Plains, N.Y., said Wednesday he will confirm a restructuring plan that will transform Purdue into a public benefit company and settle civil lawsuits filed by governments and opioid victims against the drugmaker and its owners.

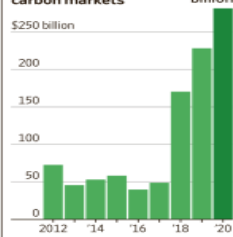
The ruling can be appealed by the handful of federal and state authorities that opposed Purdue's bankruptcy-exit plan and argued at trial that the settlement structure is unconstitutional and the Sacklers aren't contributing enough of their wealth.

Indeed, Washington state Attorney General Bob Ferguson and Connecticut Attorney General William Tong, the top law-enforcement officer in Purdue's home state, said they intend to challenge Judge Drain's ruling in appellate court. Mr. Ferguson, a Democrat, said the ruling "lets the Sacklers off the hook" in exchange for a fraction of the Please turn to page A4

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Tight game Football clubs cut spending

Lionel Messi's move from Barcelona to Paris Saint-Germain grabbed the headlines in European football's summer transfer window, which closed on Tuesday. But, once again, it was England's Premier League that dominated spending, with clubs shelling out £1.1bn.

That was down 9 per cent on last year with the pandemic squeezing clubs' income, an effect felt even more keenly in Europe's other big leagues. English net spending of €655m dwarfed Spain's La Liga, at €65m, Italy's Serie A at €15m and France's Ligue 1 at €15m.

But the outsize muscle of the Premier League was most clearly demonstrated by the return to Manchester United of Messi's great rival, Cristiano Ronaldo. Report page 6



Lionel Messi makes his debut for Paris Saint-Germain on Sunday after moving from Spain's Barcelona last month — Marco Machado/Getty Images

SEC chief warns crypto platforms must accept scrutiny to survive

◆ Gensler urges engagement ◆ 'Sparse' investor protection ◆ Worries over China shell groups

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Cryptocurrency trading platforms will put their own survival at risk unless they agree to work within the regulatory framework, the chair of the US Securities and Exchange Commission has warned.

Gary Gensler told the Financial Times that he was "technology neutral" but crypto assets were no different than any others when it came to public policy imperatives such as investor protection, guarding against illicit activity and maintaining financial stability.

"At about \$2tn of value, it's at the level and the nature that if it's going to have any relevance five and 10 years from now, it's going to be within a public policy framework," he said. "History just

tells you, it doesn't last long outside. Finance is about trust, ultimately."

Gensler expressed disappointment with the industry's response to his suggestion that trading platforms register with the SEC on the grounds that a sufficient number of cryptocurrencies qualify as securities. "Talk to us, come in," he said. "There are a lot of platforms that are in operation today that would do better engaging and instead there is a bit of... begging for forgiveness rather than asking for permission."

Cryptocurrency platforms are a big business in the US — New York-listed Coinbase reported a \$1.6bn profit in the second quarter. However, it is unclear which US regulator is supposed to oversee them and Gensler has called on Congress to clarify the situation.

Gensler said he was focused on cryptocurrency trading sites because 95 per cent or more of the activity in this "highly speculative asset" takes place in such venues, with investor protections he described as "really sparse".

He said cryptocurrency platforms posed a challenge for regulators because they existed without traditional brokers, to whom laws could be easily applied. Instead, they offer opportunities for investors to deal directly with each other. But he said regulators would be able to exercise authority over even supposedly decentralised platforms.

Gensler also reiterated his concerns about Chinese companies listing in the US through shell companies based in offshore locations that strike deals with operating groups in China.



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"Is there any real money flowing from the operating company in China to make payments or not?" he said. "There's a service agreement, and generally speaking those payment entities do not pay dividends."

The SEC is finalising rules that would suspend trading in such companies if their auditors did not allow US regulators to scrutinise their books. Under the Trump-era Holding Foreign Companies Accountable Act, those companies have until 2024 to comply with such rules.

Congress is considering bringing that timetable forward by a year. Gensler said the commission would be ready to implement those rules under the accelerated schedule, meaning that Chinese companies could face greater scrutiny as soon as 2023.

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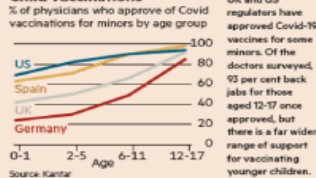
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Child vaccinations



UK and US regulators have approved Covid-19 vaccines for some minors. Of the doctors surveyed, 93 per cent back jabs for those aged 12-17 once approved, but there is a far wider range of support for vaccinating younger children.



Germany's expanded Dax Index to enter new era

Germany's blue-chip Dax index, run by Deutsche Börse, is to be revamped this month with an expansion from 30 to 40 companies and new rules on profitability for new entrants. The reforms, partly in response to the collapse of Wirecard, which sullied the index's reputation, have been welcomed by big investors. The expansion and modernisation should allow younger, innovative businesses to join the index, say observers.

Modernising the Dax — PAGE 7

UK draws up plans to move nuclear subs to US if Scotland breaks away

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The UK has drawn up secret contingency plans to move its Trident nuclear submarine bases from Scotland to the US or France in the event of Scottish independence.

Another option being considered in the event of a Scottish breakaway is seeking a long-term lease for the nuclear bases, with the aim of creating an independent British territory, said people briefed on the plans. The UK's nuclear deterrent is currently located at the Royal Navy's bases at Faslane and Coulport on the west coast of Scotland.

The governing Scottish National party, which returned to power in May, has pledged to ban nuclear weapons in an independent Scotland.

The UK government is fiercely opposed to Scottish independence but the prospect of a break-up of the UK is being taken seriously in Whitehall. Several senior officials told the Financial Times that the contingency plans for moving the submarines underscored the difficult choices ministers would have to make for Britain's nuclear programme after a Scottish breakaway.

The exercise was done "in the context" of the government's review of post-Brexit foreign and defence policy, published in March. It concluded that the Trident programme would have three post-independence options.

The first would be to relocate the bases on the British Isles. An analysis by the Royal United Services Institute think-tank just before the 2014 Scottish independence referendum estimated the costs of such a move at up to £4bn.

The second would be to move the bases to an ally, such as the US, with one expert citing Kings Bay, Georgia, the base for the US Navy's Atlantic submarine fleet. Officials also examined Île Longue in France.

Moving the bases to the US is the preferred option of the UK Treasury, as it would require minimal capital investment, according to officials. But basing Trident outside Britain could be politically difficult, as it would be viewed as a threat to UK defence sovereignty.

The third option is to negotiate a new independent British Overseas Territory with an independent Scottish state that would contain the Faslane and Coulport bases, dubbed by one insider as a "Nuclear Gibraltar".

The Ministry of Defence said there were "no plans" to move the nuclear deterrent away from Scotland.

World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				INTEREST RATES			
	1 Sep	prev	%chg		1 Sep	prev	%chg		price	yield	chg
S&P 500	4529.85	4522.68	+0.16	\$ per £	1.185	1.181	+0.34	US Gov 10 yr	149.19	1.30	0.00
Nasdaq Composite	15384.30	15259.24	+0.89	£ per \$	0.845	0.845	0.00	UK Gov 10 yr	0.60	-0.02	
Dow Jones Ind	35328.79	35300.73	+0.09	€ per \$	0.950	0.950	0.00	Ger Gov 10 yr	-0.39	0.01	
FTSE 100	4228.12	4196.41	+0.71	¥ per \$	115.854	115.136	+0.62	Japan Gov 10 yr	116.11	0.03	0.00
FTSE 250	7149.04	7119.70	+0.42	S\$ per £	1.281	1.281	0.00	US Gov 30 yr	116.23	1.92	0.00
FTSE All-Share	4128.83	4100.96	+0.68	HK\$ per £	1.294	1.291	+0.23	Ger Gov 2 yr	105.40	-0.72	0.01
CAC 40	6758.09	6690.18	+1.01	€ per \$	0.944	0.947	-0.33				
Nikkei	29451.02	29099.54	+1.29								
Hang Seng	26028.29	25876.99	+0.58								
MSCI World	3141.35	3146.63	-0.17								
MSCI EM	1306.67	1295.39	+0.81								
MSCI ACWI	741.27	740.79	+0.06								

COMMODITIES			
	1 Sep	prev	%chg
Oil WTI	69.31	68.50	+0.29
Oil Brent	71.37	71.63	-0.36
Gold	1814.85	1796.50	+0.91

FIXED INCOME			
	price	prev	chg
Fed Funds Eff	0.10	0.00	0.02
US 3m Bill	0.04	0.05	-0.01
US 10m Note	0.04	0.05	-0.01
US 30y Bond	0.04	0.05	-0.01
UK 3m Bill	0.01	0.01	0.00
UK 10m Note	0.01	0.01	0.00
UK 30y Bond	0.01	0.01	0.00

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Judge Accepts Deal to Shutter Opioid Maker

Purdue's Founders Are Free of Most Liability

By JAN HOFFMAN

Purdue Pharma, the maker of the highly addictive painkiller OxyContin, was dissolved on Wednesday in a wide-ranging bankruptcy settlement that will require the company's owners, members of the Sackler family, to turn over billions of dollars of their fortune to address the deadly opioid epidemic.

But the agreement includes a much-disputed condition: It largely absolves the Sacklers of Purdue's opioid-related liability. And as such, they will remain among the richest families in the country.

Judge Robert Drain of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in White Plains, N.Y., approved the settlement, saying he wanted modest adjustments. The painstakingly negotiated plan will end thousands of lawsuits brought by state and local governments, tribes, hospitals and individuals to address a public health crisis that led to the deaths of more than 500,000 people nationwide.

The settlement terms have been harshly criticized for shielding the Sacklers. They are receiving protections that are typically given to companies that emerge from bankruptcy, but not necessarily to owners who, like the Sacklers, do not themselves file for bankruptcy.

Several states, including Connecticut, have already said they intend to appeal the judge's ruling.

In exchange for the protections, the Sacklers agreed to turn over \$4.5 billion, including federal settlement fees, paid in installments over roughly nine years. Those payments, and the profits of a new drug company rising from Purdue's ashes with no ties to the Sackler family, will mainly go to addition treatment and prevention programs across the country. Judge Drain delivered his ruling orally from the bench in a marathon session that ran to six hours, meticulously working through his reasoning in a case he called the most complex he had ever faced. "This is a bitter result," he said. "B-I-T-T-E-R," he spelled out explaining that he felt that so much Sackler money was parked in offshore accounts. He said he had expected and wished for a higher settlement.

But the costs of further delay, he said.
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The U.S. is using Ramstein Air Base in Germany to house thousands of evacuees — both Afghans and American citizens. Page A7.

After Swift Victory, Taliban Scramble to Govern

By MATTHIEU AIKINS

KABUL, Afghanistan — Sitting in the home of the spy chief of the fallen Afghan government, cradling a Beretta submachine gun in his lap, Mawlawi Habib Tawakol recounted how he and his fighters were surprised at how quickly they were ordered to enter Kabul on Aug. 15, even after the Taliban's rapid advance across Afghanistan.

That morning, Mr. Tawakol's Taliban unit arrived on the outskirts of the Afghan capital, expecting to camp out there possibly for weeks while a formal handover was negotiated. But there would be little waiting. President Ashraf Ghani and many other senior officials were fleeing, catching everyone off guard.

"That afternoon, our leadership ordered us to enter the city in order to prevent looting," he said. The Taliban intelligence chief, Haaji Najibullah, told him and his men to rush to the headquarters of the Afghan spy agency, the National Directorate of Security, to secure equipment and documents. Prison cells, offices, security posts — all had been abandoned.

"There was no one there except a deputy director, who handed the building to us," Mr. Tawakol said.

A New York Times photojournalist who chronicled the 20-year war journeyed through the country a few weeks before the Taliban seized control last month, and he captured the angst on the faces of Afghans who feared what was to come. PAGE A8

AFGHANISTAN BEFORE THE FALL



FYLER PRICKS/THE NEW YORK TIMES

"All the prisoners had already escaped."

Two weeks later, the Taliban are expected to formally announce their new government as early as Thursday, including naming the insurgency's top religious figure, Sheikh Haibatullah Akhundzada, as the supreme leader of Afghanistan. But there is still an important gap between naming a government and fully taking up its functions, as Mr. Tawakol and other Taliban officials have found.

In Kabul, as in much of the country, most important government departments, apart from street-level security, are not functioning.

The Taliban have urged officials with the former government to stay in their roles, and some have. But in the face of a looming economic crisis, including a worsening cash shortage that has put strains on the availability of fuel, food and other staples, the past two weeks have been a scramble by the Taliban to establish themselves, both in the public eye and in practice, as the country's new governors. Much of the Afghan public remains deeply distrustful, given the harshness of the Taliban's last government.

Although surprised by the rapid takeover, Mr. Tawakol said.
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McCarthy Tells Tech Not to Aid Jan. 6 Inquiry

By LUKE BROADWATER

WASHINGTON — Representative Kevin McCarthy, the House Republican leader, has threatened to retaliate against any company that complies with the congressional committee investigating the Jan. 6 riot, after the panel asked dozens of firms to preserve the phone and social media records of 11 far-right members of Congress who pushed to overturn the results of the 2020 election.

Mr. McCarthy's warning was an escalation of his efforts to thwart a full accounting of the deadly attack at the Capitol carried out by a pro-Trump mob, and his latest attempt to insulate the former president and Republican lawmakers from scrutiny of their ties to the violence. It came after he led the G.O.P. opposition to the creation of an independent bipartisan commission to investigate the riot, and then pulled five Republican congressmen from the select committee that Democrats created on their own, boycotting the proceedings.

In preservation orders the special committee sent to 35 technology companies this week, members of the panel included the names of hundreds of people whose records they might want to review, among them some of Donald J. Trump's most ardent allies in Congress, according to several people familiar with the documents who were not authorized to discuss them.
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In Drenched Louisiana, a Survival-Level Hunt for Drinking Water

By RICK ROJAS and CAMPBELL ROBERTSON

KENNER, La. — In one of the many lines snaking into gas stations, out of groceries and around hardware stores in Jefferson Parish, La., on Wednesday, Jeanne DiLeo, in her car, waiting. The simplest of necessities required hours of effort in the world that Hurricane Ida left behind. She had driven to Mississippi to buy fuel to keep her car running and her generator going, and was now sitting in a caravan of vehicles in front of a church to get food and — most important — water.

"The water is a trickle," Ms. DiLeo, 45, said of what was happening when she turned on her faucet in Kenner. "Sometimes, it's not even a trickle."

The storm that ripped through southeastern Louisiana on Sunday left a still-untold number of people without homes and nearly a million facing an indefinite stretch with no electricity, but it also wreaked havoc on another essential service. Hundreds of thousands of people found themselves in places where water infrastructure was badly damaged by the



Water tanks delivered by truck sat outside the campus of Ochsner Medical Center in Jefferson, La.

storm, and pumps and treatment plants were left without power.

In Jefferson Parish, more populous than the city of New Orleans and right next door, virtually all residents were either experiencing

water outages or under advisories to boil their water. Even as the heat was suffocating and air conditioning almost nonexistent, drinking water in most of the parish was limited to whatever

one had stocked before the storm or could get after waiting in lines for hours.

"This has become basic-level subsistence," said Steve Robison, a local resident.
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Arizona's Embattled Governor Joins G.O.P. Anti-Mask Cause

By JACK HEALY

PHOENIX — Only weeks after Arizona's students went back to school, coronavirus infections are forcing thousands of children and teachers into quarantine. Outbreaks around Phoenix are surging. In one suburban district, so many drivers are sick that school buses are running 90 minutes late.

All this in a state that ignored C.D.C. recommendations and banned school mask mandates weeks before classes resumed. Now the back-to-school turmoil has cascaded far beyond Arizona's classrooms, igniting a political uproar for Gov. Doug Ducey and other Republican leaders in this fast-changing desert battle-

ground. The tumult underscores the perilous decisions facing governors in swing states where voters are divided over Covid-19 safety measures and personal freedoms.

Mr. Ducey, a business-minded Republican, spent much of the last year getting attacked by conservatives angry about pandemic restrictions and his defense of the 2020 election results. But he has since doubled down on anti-mask-mandate measures passed by Arizona's Republican-run Legislature.

He pledged to withhold millions of dollars in federal pandemic relief.
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Guru to Online Stars

Li Jin, above, began backing social media creators years ago. Now she's a guiding light to influencers. PAGE B1

Japan's Digital Gender Gap

The country is facing a shortage of tech workers, yet women are still not encouraged to enter the field. PAGE B1

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The race to succeed Chancellor Angela Merkel after 16 years in office is crowded, but far from exciting, and that's how Germans like it. PAGE A4

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Charges in Black Man's Death

Elijah McClain was put in a chokehold while walking home from a store. A grand jury has indicted five. PAGE A17

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A Tradition That Won't Die

In the parking lots outside appearances of Dead & Company, the post-Jerry Garcia incarnation of the Grateful Dead band, strangers can feel like family, and new blurs with old. PAGE D4

Making Fashion More Diverse

Last summer's racial reckoning brought calls for an overhaul in the industry. But change at Harper's Bazaar and other magazines is arriving slowly. PAGE D1

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He Doesn't Want Your Blood

Harvey Guillén, who plays a human in a house full of vampires in the FX comedy "What We Do in the Shadows," has become a fan favorite. PAGE C1





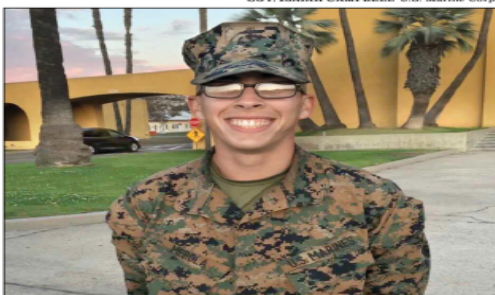
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Nikou/Chappell family



CLOCKWISE from top left: Cpl. Hunter Lopez, 22, hoped to join the Riverside County Sheriff's Department. Sgt. Nicole Gee, 23, graduated high school with a 4.1 GPA. Lance Cpl. Dylan Merola, 20, hoped to study engineering after his service. Lance Cpl. Kareem Nikou, 20, showered his mother with gifts for her birthday this year.

'TRYING DAYS, AND INDEED YEARS'

Pentagon chiefs acknowledge 'pain and anger,' vow rescues in Afghanistan will continue

By TRACY WILKINSON
REPORTING FROM WASHINGTON

Lamenting "pain and anger" over the two-decade Afghanistan war, the Pentagon's top two officials acknowledged the end of a losing mission Wednesday while vowing to continue the rescue of Americans and Afghan allies left behind in the ravaged country.

The war, Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III said, is over — but its messy and speedy conclusion has also unleashed a torrent of conflicting emotions.

"These have been incredibly emotional and trying days, and indeed years," said Gen. Mark A. Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and an Afghanistan veteran.

"We are all conflicted with feelings of pain and anger, sorrow and sadness, combined with pride and resilience," said Milley, the nation's top military commander.

The men also gave the most [See Pentagon, A6]

These young Marines were sent to the Kabul airport; it would be their last mission

By ROBIN ESTRIN, MARIA L. LA GANGA
AND BRITNEY MEJIA

Shana Chappell scrolls through her smartphone, looking and looking for a video of her son, Kareem Nikou. The one where he's entertaining the little Afghan girl, taking her mind off the chaos that surrounds them at the Kabul airport.

There's a metal bucket on the porch of Chappell's Norco home half-filled with cigarette butts. Her voice is raspy, her eyes flat with fatigue. Finally, she finds it, near the message she sent him, "I need to hear from you."

She presses play. Holds out the phone. A brown-haired girl in a pink shirt and jeans smiles at the camera. A friendly voice rings out: "Say 'hi' to the camera. Say 'hi.' Wave."

Chappell has not slept for three days, not since she found out that her boy — the Marine corporal with the big heart, who loved jujitsu and boxing and [See Marines, A4]

Getting boost from American soccer

El Salvador's national team aims for a World Cup berth with many U.S.-raised players.

By KEVIN BAXTER

SAN SALVADOR — Like many children of immigrants, Sam Chinchilla has long felt trapped between two countries, never "American enough" in the U.S. or Salvadoran enough for those from his parents' homeland.

"We never felt like we were from here or there,"

said Chinchilla, a 30-year-old Los Angeles native who spoke from Southern California and has lived his life in the empty space between Salvadoran American.

But now he's noticed a change in the people who "make fun of us" because of the American-accented Spanish. "Now that they're embracing that American Salvadoran, it does make us feel more accepted," he said. "Why not embrace us? We're part of the culture."

The cause for this embrace? Soccer.

El Salvador's national [See El Salvador, A14]

Ida's remnants inundate the East

Storm brings flooding, evacuations and at least one tornado. One person is killed. **NATION, A7**

Weather
Clearing and cool.
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Caldor fire gets closer to Nevada

Firefighters go all out to protect South Lake Tahoe. **CALIFORNIA, B1**



Texas abortion ban goes into effect

Supreme Court rejects emergency appeal to block six-week rule



JAY JANNER Austin American-Statesman

PEOPLE PROTEST the ban at the Texas Capitol in Austin. The law says anyone may sue a doctor or others involved in an illegal abortion and seek at least \$10,000.

By DAVID G. SAVAGE AND MOLLY HENNESSY-FISKE

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court by a 5-4 vote early Thursday cleared the way for Texas to enforce a ban on abortions beyond six weeks of pregnancy after denying an appeal from abortion providers.

The unusual midnight ruling signals there may be a high court majority ready to overturn the right to abortion set in the Roe vs. Wade decision of 1973.

President Trump's three appointees — Justices Neil M. Gorsuch, Brett M. Kavanaugh and Amy Coney Barrett — cast key votes to allow the Texas law to take effect.

Meanwhile, Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. joined with the three liberals in dissent. He said the court should have kept the law on [See Abortion, A8]

BUSINESS INSIDE: Purdue Pharma's opioid settlement gets a judge's conditional OK. **A11**

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Democracy Dies in Darkness

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Ryan Conerly and Rachelle Winding try to stay cool on their front porch as they chat with Candice Wilson in the Lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans. After Hurricane Ida hit Sunday, much of the city remained without power Wednesday, and heat indexes of 100 are expected.

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Texas imposes abortion ban at six weeks

PROVIDERS SEEK HIGH COURT INTERVENTION
Statute, nation's most restrictive, is direct test of Roe

BY ROBERT BARNES,
ANN E. MARIMOW,
EMILY WAX-THIBODEAUX
AND CAROLINE KITCHENER

Texas enacted the nation's strictest state-level abortion ban Wednesday, prohibiting the procedure in most cases after six weeks of pregnancy, with an emergency request for the U.S. Supreme Court to block the statute going unanswered.

The court was still considering the request from abortion providers and their advocates late Wednesday and could act at any time. But the justices' failure to move quickly left clinics in Texas saying that, for now, they would not provide abortions more than six weeks from a woman's last period.

Providers said the ban — which relies on private citizens to sue people who help women get abortions — effectively eliminates the guarantee in *Roe v. Wade* and subsequent Supreme Court decisions that women have a right to end their

pregnancies before viability, and that states may not impose undue burdens on that decision.

It was specifically designed to turn up pre-enforcement challenges in federal courts. If the Supreme Court declines to intervene, the most likely challenge would come after the law is used by a private citizen. Then the person sued could contest the constitutionality of the law, with the backing of abortion providers and abortion rights groups.

Longtime abortion opponents claimed Wednesday as "a historic and hopeful day" in Texas, and some began soliciting tips on who might violate the ban. As they did, abortion rights advocates and providers decried the impact of the law on the women they serve.

"It's just really unclear what the future will hold for women in Texas," said Kathy Kleinfeld, the administrator at Houston Women's Reproductive Services. "I really don't know. I don't feel pessimistic. I don't feel optimistic. I'm

SEE TEXAS ON A4

Post-storm desperation grows in La.

BY TIM CRAIG,
HOLLY BAILEY,
PAULINA FIROZI
AND LATESHA BEACHUM

NEW ORLEANS — Patience was beginning to wear thin among residents here Wednesday as they awoke to a third day without power, water and food following Hurricane Ida's devastating as-

sault on Louisiana.

The city's mayor and police chief continued to present a picture of progress and a city "under control."

"We do anticipate additional progress, but it will be gradual, incremental," Mayor LaToya Cantrell said, noting that power had been restored in some parts of the city. "But seeing the prog-

ress, sooner rather than later, is absolutely a step in the right direction."

Residents in the city's Lower Ninth Ward told a different story. Elbertha Williams said she has been confined to her bed in the hallway of her daughter's house for 72 hours. She has been sidelined since a stroke and a fall last year. The family has been without

power since Sunday.

"I am 64 years old, and there is no way on God's earth that I am supposed to be suffering like this," Williams said as she waved

SEE IDA ON A6

Ida's aftermath hits D.C. region

Severe flooding left one dead in Rockville, and a tornado touched down in the Annapolis area. B1

Delta upends holiday hopes for retailers and shoppers

BY ABHA BHATTARAI

More than 1 million Rainbow High dolls are primed for the holidays — but first they need to make it out of China.

The popular toys have already overcome their share of hurdles, including short-staffed factories and record-high plastic prices. But now there's a shortage of the shipping containers that ferry them from Asian factories, warehouses and ports to American fulfillment centers and stores.

"I'm afraid there is simply not enough time to get products on the shelf this year," said Isaac Larian, chief executive of MGA Entertainment, the toy giant behind Rainbow High and such popular lines as L.O.L. Surprise and Little Tikes. "The holidays are going to be very tough and, honestly, a lot of families are not going to be able to get the toys they want."

Mounting challenges — including factory shutdowns, computer chip shortages and clogged ports — are rattling the industry as it prepares for the crucial holiday shopping season, an eight-week window that can account for more than half of a retailer's

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Fire crews in Meyers, Calif., monitor the Caldor Fire on Tuesday. The blaze is 20 percent contained.

Tahoe residents flee as Caldor nears

BY SCOTT WILSON,
STUART PALLEY
AND KARIN BRULLIARD

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, CALIF. — It looked like twilight at midday here, then a billow of smoke made the sun vanish entirely on a sharp bend around Inspiration Point. The red-

woods and firs, old and graceful and lovely, now resembled nothing so much as fuel for a fire still menacing one of California's great natural wonders and the people who make a living from it.

The Caldor Fire continued to blaze along the granite ridge-line above this abandoned tour-

ist town on Wednesday, smothering the burger joints, Jet Ski rental shops, margarita havens and million-dollar homes in a thick acrid haze. By midday, the fire had burned through more than 204,000 acres of wilderness and was just 20 percent contained, but it still remained

SEE FIRE ON A5

Afghan evacuees to U.S. face tenuous path ahead

BY NICK MIROFF

The Biden administration is preparing to screen and resettle tens of thousands of Afghan evacuees in the United States over the coming weeks and months, but the majority will arrive without visas as "humanitarian parolees," lacking a path to legal U.S. residency and the benefits and services offered to traditional refugees, according to U.S. officials and worried aid groups working closely with the government.

Afghan parolees who have arrived at U.S. military bases will be eligible for an ad hoc State Department program that provides

limited assistance for up to 90 days, including a one-time \$1,250 stipend. But they will not have the full range of medical, counseling and resettlement services available to immigrants who arrive through the U.S. refugee program.

The nonprofit organizations that work with the government to resettle refugees and that are assisting with Afghan evacuees say

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After the escape: For Afghans in Qatar, limbo in desert awaits. A8

Seeking entry: Lawmaker said to have threatened Embassy staff. A13

Care providers desperate as billions for covid costs sit idle

BY AMY GOLDSTEIN

Tens of billions of dollars designated by Congress to help hospitals, nursing homes and other health-care providers stave off financial hardship in the coronavirus pandemic are sitting unused because the Biden administration has not released the money.

As many hospitals bulge again with covid-19 patients, a wide swath of the health-care industry is exasperated that federal health officials have not made available any more of the aid since President Biden took office. About \$44 billion from a Provider Relief

Fund created last year remains unspent, along with \$8.5 billion Congress allotted in March for medical care in rural areas.

With the coronavirus's delta variant fueling a fourth pandemic surge, health-care institutions, lobbyists and lawmakers have ratcheted up complaints to senior Biden administration health officials, imploring them to decide how the money will be divided and when it will be distributed.

"There's just no good reason for the administration to be sitting on these funds," said Mark Parkinson, president and chief executive of

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IN THE NEWS



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A GOP warning House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy threatened tech and telecom firms that comply with a Jan. 6 riot probe. A3

Opioid settlement approved A bankruptcy judge backed the Purdue Pharma plan — giving the Sackler family civil immunity. A5

THE NATION A Colorado grand jury has indicted three Aurora police officers and two medics in the 2019 death of Elijah McClain. A2

The Justice Department released records outlining more details of federal law enforcement efforts to secretly obtain journalists' phone and email records. A4

President Biden met with Ukraine's president in the White House, reaffirming support for the nation's sovereignty and trying to move past the Afghanistan exit. A9

The FDA is set to meet with outside advisers on

coronavirus vaccine booster shots Sept. 17 — just days before the Biden administration's planned rollout. A18

THE WORLD Venezuelan opposition parties ended a three-year boycott of elections, ditching a main strategy against President Nicolás Maduro. A10

A massive study in Bangladesh offers real-world proof of masks' effectiveness against coronavirus infection, its authors said. A10

THE ECONOMY September had been considered a potential

turning point toward normalcy, but the delta variant is upending that view. A15

Elizabeth Holmes's criminal fraud trial will probably hinge on prosecutors' ability to prove she acted with "an intent to deceive," a sometimes murky concept in Silicon Valley. A17

Paramount Pictures postponed the release of "Top Gun: Maverick," a major blow to hopes for the movie business. A18

THE REGION A man fatally shot by D.C. police in an encounter involving a pellet gun resembling a rifle had behaved erratically and made threats in the past,

a neighbor said. B1

Donald Trump warned on a radio show that Democrats might try to steal the Virginia governor's race, echoing baseless claims that GOP nominee Glenn Youngkin has flirted with. B1

D.C.'s gamble on a city-sponsored sports betting website has fallen drastically short of what officials once promised. B1

Legal experts say lawsuits over religious exemptions from coronavirus vaccines are likely to grow more common. B1

OBITUARIES Kaycee Moore, who starred in landmark Black independent films, has died at age 77. B6

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LOCAL LIVING A paradise for pollinators

Want to attract butterflies? Learn what to plant in garden spaces large or small.

STYLE George W. Bush, liberal darling? He said he had been underestimated. After the Trump years, some Democrats agree. C1

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Diez claves en la historia de ABBA antes de su regreso virtual

El grupo sueco reaparece desde hoy con el show holográfico *Voyage* y cinco temas nuevos; sus épocas de gloria, el furor de la música disco y los secretos privados de sus miembros. **Espectáculos**



EL PAPA NEGÓ LOS RUMORES: "JAMÁS PENSÉ EN RENUNCIAR"

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"Ni se me pasó por la cabeza", aseguró el Pontífice en una entrevista radial; dijo que se recupera muy bien de la cirugía a la que fue sometido: "Hago vida normal". **Página 3**

ANGUSTIA DE PADRES DE CHICOS EN RIESGO POR LA SEGUNDA DOSIS

—coronavirus

A un mes del inicio de la vacunación a adolescentes con comorbilidades, aún no les dan los nuevos turnos; denuncian problemas en varias ciudades. **Página 20**

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Por el cepo a la carne ya hay despidos en los frigoríficos

CRISIS. Un día después de que el Gobierno anunciara la extensión del cupo para exportar, echaron a 150 trabajadores de la industria en Santa Fe; pedido del sector al Presidente

Al día siguiente de que el Gobierno anunciara la extensión del cepo a las exportaciones de carne—que consiste en un cupo del 50% de lo embarcado al exterior en 2020—hasta el 31 de octubre próximo, un gremio de trabajadores de la industria frigorífica denunció el despido de 150 obreros de diferentes establecimientos de Santa

Fe. En esa provincia se concentra el 40% del volumen de cortes vacunos que se destinan a la exportación.

"Tenemos 150 despidos formalizados, con trabajadores que ya no pudieron ingresar a las plantas", dijo Daniel Roa, secretario general del Sindicato de la Carne de Santa Fe. En tanto, el Consejo Agroindus-

trial Argentino le envió una carta al presidente Alberto Fernández en la que le solicitó la revisión de la prolongación del cepo a la exportación. El Consejo, donde confluyen 64 entidades representativas de la cadena agroindustrial, pidió crear "espacios de diálogo" y "soluciones rápidas" al problema. **Página 15**

Gustavo Grobocopatel
FUNDADOR DE LOS GROBO

"Es increíble que los errores se repitan de esta manera. Va en contra de todo, hasta de los consumidores". **Página 16**

Murió Oyarbide, un exjuez rodeado de escándalos

POLÉMICO. Tenía 70 años y estaba internado con Covid; figura controvertida

Norberto Oyarbide murió anoche a los 70 años. Estaba internado desde hacía más de dos meses con un cuadro de Covid. Fue, como juez federal, una de las figuras más controvertidas de las últimas décadas en Comodoro Py. Antes de renunciar, en 2016, enfrentó varios pedidos de juicio político. Quedó asociado a los flashes y a las oscuras relaciones con el kirchnerismo. **Página 13**

Messi y la selección estrenan el título, con el foco en Qatar

—deportes

El campeón vuelve a la cancha. Después de conquistar la Copa América, la Argentina retoma las eliminatorias: desde las 21, con Messi, la selección visita a Venezuela, en Caracas



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Giro en la causa por el festejo en Olivos: pasó a San Isidro

DENUNCIA. El juez Sebastián Casanella se declaró incompetente en la causa por el festejo de cumpleaños de Fabiola Yañez en Olivos durante la cuarentena. Pasó al juzgado de Lino Mirabelli, en San Isidro, pero su colega Sandra Arroyo Salgado puede reclamarla porque investigaba una denuncia previa. **Página 6**

Cómo el abogado Fernández complicó al presidente Fernández
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Comportamento do PIB na pandemia



Em uma lista de 30 países, apenas o Brasil teve queda no PIB do 2º trimestre

Varição em relação ao trimestre anterior, em %

1º Portugal	4,9
2º Reino Unido	4,8
3º Áustria	4,3
4º Letônia	3,7
5º Israel	3,6
6º Holanda	3,1
7º Espanha	2,8
8º Hungria	2,7
9º Itália	2,7
10º Dinamarca	2,2
11º Eslováquia	2
12º Polônia	1,9
13º Finlândia	1,8
14º Romênia	1,8
15º Alemanha	1,6
16º EUA	1,6
17º México	1,5
18º Bélgica	1,4
19º Indonésia	1,3
20º China	1,3
21º Noruega	1,1
22º Chile	1
23º França	0,9
24º Suécia	0,9
25º Coreia do Sul	0,7
26º Rep. Tcheca	0,6
27º Canadá	0,6
28º Lituânia	0,4
29º Japão	0,3
30º Brasil	-0,1

Fontes: IBGE e OCDE Data

PIB estanca, e economia dá sinais de crise prolongada

Recuo de -0,1% no 2º tri frustra estimativas; recuperação é estrangulada por crises hídrica e política

O resultado do PIB brasileiro no segundo trimestre, anunciado ontem pelo IBGE, expôs uma economia que não cresce e tem a recuperação minada pelas crises hídrica (que afeta os custos de produção) e política (que abala a confiança de investir).

O recuo de -0,1% frustrou a expectativa do mercado e do governo de que o país começasse a avançar em relação a antes da crise sanitária. O ministro Paulo Guedes disse que a economia "andou de lado" no que foi "o período mais trágico da pandemia".

O Brasil deve crescer cerca de 5% neste ano devido ao efeito da base de comparação ruim de 2020. Essa dinâmica presente e futura pode ser lida no desempenho desigual entre, de um lado, indústria e agropecuária e, de outro, o setor de serviços.

Os dois primeiros recuaram, mas seguem acima do nível de 2019, e o último, soblapado pela pandemia, avançou sem voltar ao pré-Covid. Com desemprego, energia cara, risco fiscal e turbulência no Planalto, a expectativa para 2022 é inferior a 2%.

Há já quem fale em estagnação — inflação alta sem crescimento econômico. Mercado A19 a A23

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AV. FARIA LIMA, EM SÃO PAULO, É PALCO DE GUERRA DE IMAGENS

Onde cidadão dorme na calçada, apoiadores do governo cobriram com bandeira cartaz que chamava ministro Paulo Guedes de 'faria loser' (trocadilho entre 'faria limer', quem trabalha no mercado, e 'perdedor' em inglês) no centro financeiro paulista

PAINEL

STF mira pauta econômica se tom de Bolsonaro subir

AMEAÇA AUTORITÁRIA
O STF considera rebater os ataques do presidente, conforme for o 7 de Setembro, bloqueando a agenda econômica. A ação sobre precatórios é alvo. Poder A4

Bruno Boghossian

Inábil, governo finge não ver crise
Com a popularidade em baixa e uma crise permanente no colo, o presidente perdeu as condições de pagar a fatura e passou a empurrar a economia com a barriga. Opinião A2

tóquio 2020 Despedida das piscinas

Maior atleta do Brasil nas Paralimpíadas, Daniel Dias se aposentou após ter conquistado ao todo 27 medalhas. A despedida foi na final dos 50 metros livre S5, em que ele ficou em 4º. B6

Itamaraty esconde formatura que cita vítima da ditadura

Para evitar que soasse como crítica a Bolsonaro, o Itamaraty fez a formatura de novos diplomatas quase escondida. Eles escolheram como patrono o embaixador José Jobim (1909-1979), morto pela ditadura militar. Mundo A17

Suspeito de roubo é morto em frente à casa de Nunes

Policiais militares à paisana que fazem a segurança do prefeito de São Paulo, Ricardo Nunes (MDB), reagiram ontem a uma tentativa de assalto em frente à casa dele, na região de Interlagos, e mataram um suspeito. Cotidiano B5

Alvo da CPI ajudou Renan Bolsonaro a abrir empresa

A Bolsonaro Jr Eventos e Mídia, empresa de Jair Renan Bolsonaro, filho do presidente, foi aberta com a ajuda do lobista Marconny Albernaz de Faria, que é apontado pela CPI da Covid do Senado como intermediário da Precisa Medicamentos.

A Precisa está no centro das apurações da comissão por suspeitas de irregularidades nas negociações da vacina indiana Covaxin com o Ministério da Saúde. A defesa de Renan nega relação com o lobista. Faria não se manifestou. Poder A4

Senado derruba minirreforma trabalhista

O Senado rejeitou ontem o projeto que criaria novos programas trabalhistas e impôs derrota a Paulo Guedes (Economia) e Onyx Lorenzoni (Trabalho e Previdência). O governo tentou negociar, mas não teve sucesso. Mercado A24

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Área indígena em SC é base para voto no Supremo

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SP passa a dar dose extra a quem tem mais de 90 dias

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Câmara aprova texto-base da reforma do IR

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São Paulo hoje



CADA CHERY PASSA A SER A 8ª MAIOR MONTADORA DO BRASIL, DEIXANDO PARA TRÁS PEUGEOT, CITROËN, FORD, MITSUBISHI, NISSAN E CHEVROLET.

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Abandonados. Refugio insalubre de menores se mantiene por una oscura red de complicidad policial. Imagen es clara muestra de una triste realidad social.

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Sécurité, école... à Marseille, Macron rode sa campagne



Le chef de l'État, accompagné de huit ministres, s'est installé, mercredi, dans la Cité phocéenne pour une visite de trois jours aux enjeux locaux et nationaux.

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Deuxième rentrée scolaire sous le signe du Covid

Pour 12 millions de jeunes Français, c'est une nouvelle année sous la contrainte du virus qui commence ce jeudi. Protocole, masques, cours à distance : comme leurs professeurs, ils sont désormais familiers de ce vocabulaire, qui

fait partie de leur quotidien au point que le ministre de l'Éducation souhaite une école « la plus normale possible ». Le sera-t-elle, malgré la contagiosité du variant Delta ? Les prochaines semaines seront déterminantes. PAGES 8 ET 9



Être femme à Kaboul sous le joug des talibans

Terrorisée par des menaces reçues sur son téléphone et une fouille de sa maison par les talibans, Nargis, une Afghane de 24 ans active dans les affaires et sur les réseaux sociaux, a fui Kaboul dans l'espoir de trouver un vol pour l'étranger.

Loïn des caméras, les femmes sont empêchées d'étudier à l'université ou de travailler, les artistes sont traquées... Celles qui ne parviennent pas à se cacher ou qui bravent les nouveaux maîtres du pays risquent leur vie. PAGES 6 ET 7

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Marseille, France miniature

Marseille ne s'est pas défaite en trois jours ; il faudra plus d'une longue visite présidentielle pour la guérir de tous ses maux. Voilà des décennies que cette cité ensorcelante se délite. Il serait trop facile de chercher les causes de cette dislocation dans la bouillabaisse à cli-chés qu'accompagnent les évocations de la Canebière « avé » l'accent. C'est parce que notre État - dans toutes ses dimensions, locale et nationale - s'affaisse que Marseille se dégrade. Quartiers abandonnés aux trafiquants, pression migratoire continue, intégration délaissée, violences banalisées, dette abyssale, écoles déclassées, obsession victimaire, boulevards congestionnés... Comme la France, Marseille est un paradis rongé par l'enfer. Il en va de même pour la partition urbaine d'une ville qui, dans le mouvement conjugué de rues qui se gentrifient quand d'autres se tiers-mondisent, sépare de plus en plus les riches et les pauvres. Passe sanitaire pour un tatar de daurade en terrasse sur la Corniche, télépéage délinquant pour entrer dans la cité des Flamants : c'est à

Marseille, mais ce pourrait être à Strasbourg, Nantes ou Paris. C'est tout l'intérêt de la visite d'Emmanuel Macron : mettre au jour ces fissures creusées dans l'édifice national que l'urgence imposée par le Covid nous a fait oublier. Décor estival, chèque ouvert à tous les vents, attraction médiatique, effet de contraste entre la tension des quartiers nord et la quiétude des calanques, convocation probable d'Homère, Pagnol ou Basile Boli : tous les ingrédients d'une communication éclatante sont réunis. Les adversaires d'Emmanuel Macron sont prévenus : ils lutteront contre un candidat au grand train présidentiel.

L'essentiel, cependant, n'est pas là. Le défi que Marseille pose au chef de l'État comme à ceux qui souhaitent lui succéder à quelque chose d'herculéen. Il se résume en une vertu qui, de renoncements en rodromontades, a été vidée de sa substance au point de disparaître du champ politique : l'autorité. ■

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Foreign Office warned of rapid takeover by Taliban

Raab admits UK was 'caught out' as report by his department emerges

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The Foreign Office's own risk assessment warned the Taliban could return rapidly to power, causing cities to collapse and triggering a humanitarian crisis, less than a month before the fall of Kabul.

Dominic Raab, the foreign secretary, told MPs yesterday that he had believed the Afghan capital would

remain safe until next year, based on an assessment by the Joint Intelligence Committee, a view he said was widely shared by Nato allies.

During two hours of questions on the handling of the Afghanistan crisis after a fortnight of criticism, he admitted the UK had been "caught out and surprised by the scale and speed of the fall of Kabul", accepting lessons must be learned on how intelligence assessment was made.

A day after the US president, Joe Biden, said that the era of US nation building was over, Raab also appeared to question how much appetite the British public had for overseas interventions. During the hearing, Raab appeared to be taken by surprise

when he was asked why he had not acted on the Foreign Office "principal risk report assessment" from 22 July, which warned: "Peace talks are stalled and US Nato withdrawal is resulting in rapid Taliban advances. This could lead to: fall of cities, collapse of security forces, Taliban return to power, mass displacement and significant humanitarian need. The embassy may need to close if security deteriorates."

When Raab asked for the source, Tom Tugendhat, the chair of the foreign affairs select committee that was questioning him, said: "It's your principal risk report."

A copy of the report, seen by the Guardian, went on to highlight

potential consequences for the UK, including "reducing UK counter-terrorism capability and increasing compliance risks; enabling the flow of narcotics and illegal migration; increasing global humanitarian pressures; reducing oversight of government funding; destabilising the wider region, especially Pakistan; damaging the reputation of the UK and Nato and increasing threats to staff to whom [the Foreign Office] has a duty of care". No timeline was set out, however.

MPs pressed Raab on whether the Foreign Office had failed to draw up more robust contingency plans before Kabul fell to the Taliban on 15 August, necessitating the

Third jabs for people with poor immunity

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Science editor

Half a million people with severely weakened immune systems are to be offered third Covid vaccine shots in a move that will increase debate over the deployment of booster jabs for the wider population.

The NHS will provide third doses for those aged 12 and up who have severely compromised or suppressed immune systems, at a time decided by their clinicians. The move follows a recommendation yesterday from the government's Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI).

Health officials said the shots were not boosters, which are given to prolong people's protection, but instead formed part of the primary vaccination schedule for 400,000 to 500,000 vulnerable UK patients. These are the 40% of people with impaired immune systems who cannot mount a strong response even after two shots of vaccine, according to the recent Octave study of at-risk patients.

Those eligible include people with particular diseases such as HIV and blood cancer, which can impair the immune system, and those on medication that dampens down immunity, for example to prevent the body rejecting transplanted organs.

GPs and consultants will decide on a case-by-case basis when individual patients are most likely to mount the best response to the extra shot - for example, before they embark on chemotherapy, rather than afterwards. People with impaired or suppressed immune systems are more likely to be severely ill if they contract the virus.

The move was announced as the UK recorded 207 deaths within 28 days of a positive Covid test, the highest daily total since 9 March - though the bank holiday weekend is likely to have affected the



New hopes, old fears for families who have fled

Families who have managed to escape Afghanistan are waiting at an airbase in Sicily before being flown on to the US. But while they are optimistic of a new life, many fear for family left behind. **News Page 7** →



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