

# THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

DOW JONES | News Corp \*\*\*\*\*

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2021 - VOL. CCLXXVIII NO. 58

WSJ.com

★★★★ \$4.00

DJIA 35100.00 ▼ 269.09 0.8% NASDAQ 15374.33 ▲ 0.1% S&P 500 472.87 ▼ 0.5% 10-YR. TREAS. 14/32, yield 1.370% OIL \$68.35 ▼ \$0.94 GOLD \$1,795.90 ▼ \$35.00 EURO \$1.1843 YEN 110.28

## What's News

### Business & Finance

Companies world-wide have embarked on an unprecedented deal spree this year, with the wave of activity yielding a windfall in advisory fees for banks. **A1**

◆ **Intel plans to build new chip-making facilities in Europe** valued at up to \$95 billion, responding to a cross-border race to add manufacturing capacity. **A1**

◆ **Deutsche Telekom is speeding up its efforts to re-take a majority stake in T-Mobile US** through a complex transaction with SoftBank. **B1**

◆ **Elliott Management has a more than \$1 billion stake in Citrix** and wants the company to take action to boost its stock price. **B1**

◆ **BlackRock raised roughly \$1 billion for the first mutual fund solely run by a foreign firm** that is allowed to sell to Chinese individuals. **B1**

◆ **Toyota said it would spend \$9 billion over the next decade to build factories for electric-car batteries.** **B1**

◆ **Ford wooed executive Doug Field away from Apple** to bolster its own efforts to better integrate software in automobiles. **B4**

◆ **The S&P 500 and Dow fell 0.3% and 0.8%, respectively, while the Nasdaq rose 0.1% to a record.** **B11**

◆ **State Street agreed to buy Brown Brothers Harriman's investor-services unit** for \$3.5 billion. **B10**

◆ **Chinese authorities dropped the case against a former Alibaba manager** accused of sexually assaulting a co-worker. **B3**

### World-Wide

◆ **The Taliban declared the restoration of their Islamic Emirate in Afghanistan** and named a new government, excluding other political forces and giving control of internal security to a U.S.-designated terrorist. **A1, A7**

◆ **El Salvador's move to become the first country in the world to adopt bitcoin** as legal tender got off to a bumpy start, as the government took its bitcoin e-wallet offline for several hours. **A1**

◆ **Iran is refusing to allow inspectors access to nuclear-related sites** and hindering a probe by the U.N. atomic agency while continuing to expand its nuclear activities, the IAEA said in two confidential reports. **A5**

◆ **Mexico's Supreme Court unanimously ruled** that making abortion a crime was unconstitutional, paving the way for far greater access to legal abortions in the country. **A6**

◆ **President Biden visited parts of the Northeast** that were battered by the remnants of Hurricane Ida. **A3**

◆ **Texas Gov. Abbott signed into law a Republican-backed bill** tightening the state's voting rules. **A3**

◆ **U.K. leader Johnson announced tax increases** to support the country's National Health Service. **A7**

◆ **A 7.1-magnitude earthquake struck near Acapulco,** causing buildings to sway across central Mexico. **A6**

◆ **Britney Spears's father moved in a court filing** to end the court conservatorship he has overseen for 13 years. **A2**

◆ **Contents:** Personal Journal A9-30 Arts in Review... A11 Property Report... B6 Business News... B3-5 Sports... A12 Crossword... A12 U.S. News... A2-4 Markets... B11 Weather... A12 Opinion... A13-15 World News... A5-7

© 2021 Dow Jones & Company, Inc. All Rights Reserved.



A member of the Taliban points his gun at protesters demonstrating Tuesday in Kabul against Pakistan. Many Afghans accuse Pakistan of assisting the Taliban in their takeover of the country. Taliban fighters violently broke up the protest.

## Taliban Proclaim Sole Rule As New Afghan Regime Named

Women, rival political forces are omitted, U.S.-designated terrorist tapped for security

By Yaroslav Trofimov

KABUL—Four days before the 20th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks that triggered the U.S. invasion of Afghanistan, the Taliban declared the restoration of their Islamic Emirate and named a new government, excluding other political forces and giving control of internal security to a

U.S.-designated terrorist. Afghanistan's new administration was formed three weeks after the Taliban conquered Kabul and deposed the Afghan republic, prompting a massive exodus of foreigners and Afghans at risk. Its makeup, unveiled at a hastily called nighttime news conference, included no women or members of the Shiite minority, belying the Taliban's repeated assurances to foreign governments and fellow Afghans that their inclusive government would represent all parts of the Afghan society. In an appointment that

would complicate any recognition of the new government by Western nations, Sirajuddin Haqqani, designated a global terrorist by Washington because of close links between al Qaeda and the Haqqani network that he heads, was named minister of interior, with oversight of Afghanistan's police and internal security. A Federal Bureau of Investigation reward offers as much as \$5 million for information leading to his arrest. While Taliban supreme leader Haibatullah Akhundzada retains overall oversight of state affairs, the new prime

minister is Mullah Hassan Akhund, who served as foreign minister in the previous Islamic Emirate, which harbored Osama bin Laden and was ousted from power by the 2001 U.S. invasion. "Our previous 20 years of struggle and Jihad had two major goals. Firstly to end foreign occupation and aggression and to liberate the country, and secondly to establish a complete, independent, stable and central Islamic system in the country." Please turn to page A7

◆ U.S., Taliban are working on allowing exits... A7

## House Flippers Face Tight Supply

Investors looking to buy houses to renovate and resell for a profit are finding fewer homes available. Rising costs and limited availability of labor and building materials, such as lumber, are also cutting into profits of house flipping and stretching the time it takes to complete the renovation and repair work. **B1**



## Economy Pulls Back, Dashing Hopes for Fall Boost

Rise of Delta variant derails expectations; businesses readjust

By Eric Lipton and Theo Francis

The U.S. economy is facing a slowdown in September, rather than the takeoff once hoped for.

Earlier this summer, many economists saw the week of Labor Day as the moment when the economic recovery would kick into high gear. Their expectation was that widespread vaccination would ease labor shortages. Schools and offices would reopen, which would mean a comeback for local businesses reliant on office workers. Travel would rebound. Stevie Nicks would be back on tour.

Instead, the rise of Covid's Delta variant

has the nation tapping the brakes.

Businesses and consumers are reworking plans to adjust to renewed mask mandates, travel restrictions, event cancellations and delayed office reopenings. Consumers are pulling back on purchases and employers have slowed hiring. Economists are downgrading their forecasts. Stevie Nicks canceled.

Economists don't expect the variant to push the U.S. back into recession. But the loss of steam could prolong the recovery of the millions of jobs lost during the pandemic, leave many on the labor market's sidelines and continue to hobble businesses.

Please turn to page A8

## Intel Tabs \$95 Billion For New Chip Plants

By Asa Fitch and William Boston

Intel Corp. plans to build new chip-making facilities in Europe valued at up to \$95 billion, responding to a cross-border race to add manufacturing capacity at a time of a global chip-supply crunch.

Intel Chief Executive Officer Pat Gelsinger on Tuesday said the company was planning two chip factories at a new site in Europe and could potentially expand it further, with the increases raising the total investment over about a decade to the equivalent of as much as \$80 billion, the equivalent of about \$95 billion. The facilities would cater to meteoric demand for semiconductors as computers, cars and gadgets become more chip-hungry.

"This new era of sustained demand for semiconductors needs bold, big thinking," he said at an auto-industry event in Munich.

Taiwan Semiconductor

Manufacturing Co., the world's largest contract chip maker, this year said it would spend a record \$100 billion over the next three years to increase production capacity. South Korean rival Samsung Electronics Co. last month said it plans to boost investments by one-third to more than \$205 billion over the next three years, in part to pursue leadership in chip manufacturing. The global chip shortage has hit auto makers particularly hard. Ford Motor Co. and General Motors Co. last week said they were curtailing production because of a dearth of chips. Japan's Toyota Motor Corp. last month said it would cut production by 40% worldwide in September.

Intel said it plans to commit manufacturing capacity at a factory in Ireland to the auto-chip sector. And it is establishing a chip-design team to help others adapt designs so they can use Intel's manu-

Please turn to page A4

## INSIDE



**U.S. NEWS**  
Some schools turn to frequent Covid-19 testing to keep classes open. **A3**



**JASON GAY**  
Prepare your snack drawer: NFL teams will each play 17 regular-season games. **A12**

## Bitcoin's First Try As Legal Tender Has a Rough Start

By Santiago Perez and Caitlin Ostroff

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador—Tiny and impoverished El Salvador's move to become the first country in the world to adopt bitcoin as legal tender got off to a bumpy start, as the government took its bitcoin e-wallet offline for several hours after tens of thousands of people trying to download the app overloaded servers.

The administration of President Nayib Bukele, 40 years old, plans to spend more than \$225 million on the rollout, including a \$30 credit in bitcoin to those who take up Chivo—the local slang for "cool"—the government-run e-wallet that can be used to buy a cup of coffee, get a haircut or even pay taxes and home loans in bitcoin or U.S. dollars. But the Chivo wallet didn't show up on

major app stores early Tuesday. Some users said on social media that they weren't able to sign up with their phone numbers or official IDs.

Bitcoin enthusiasts around the world showed their support for El Salvador by each buying \$30 of bitcoin. Still, bitcoin was at \$46,776.65 as of 5 p.m. Eastern time Tuesday, down 9.9%.

The crypto asset has proved to be much more volatile than traditional currencies, as it lacks economic fundamentals to support its value and trades entirely on sentiment.

Mr. Bukele said the government took advantage of the drop to buy 150 bitcoin. El Salvador now holds 550 bitcoin, Mr. Bukele wrote on Twitter, most of it bought since Monday.

Crypto enthusiasts called Tuesday B-Day, or Bitcoin Day. Please turn to page A8



## Short circuit

Faulty batteries are slowing electric car rollouts — INSIDE BUSINESS, PAGE 5

## Digital dictatorship

How China's immense data haul has disrupted Big Tech — FT SERIES, PAGE 15



## Fountain of youth

Silicon Valley's search for an elixir is growing up — ANJANA AHUJA, PAGE 17

# Taliban unveils government of hardliners and terrorist suspects

◆ Founder's adviser is PM ◆ Minister on FBI's most wanted list ◆ No role for opposition

STEPHANIE FINDLAY — NEW DELHI

The Taliban formed its first caretaker government in Afghanistan since it swept to power last month, featuring several members who have been sanctioned by the UN for terrorism and an interior minister on the FBI's most wanted list.

Mohammad Hassan Akhund, a close adviser to the late Taliban founder Mohammad Omar, will be acting prime minister, said Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid. Political chief Abdul Ghani Baradar, who led the Taliban's negotiations with the US, has been made deputy.

Mohammad Yaqoob, Taliban founder Omar's son, has been appointed acting defence minister.

The Taliban revealed the line-up as it grapples with a growing humanitarian and economic crisis.

The appointments highlighted the strong role in the movement of the Haqqani network, a group the US has designated a terrorist organisation.

Sirajuddin Haqqani, a senior leader of the Haqqani network who is wanted by the FBI for "cross-border attacks against the United States" and has a \$5m bounty on his head, will be interior minister.

The new regime is under increasing pressure to provide government services after weeks of uncertainty and a chaotic mass evacuation of Afghans who worked with the US and its international allies.

Analysts said that the Taliban's new government was dominated by its core leadership, with few representatives from Afghanistan's different ethnic groups or women.

"It is a government dominated by hardliners, many of whom were associated with Taliban founder Mullah Omar," said Hussain Haqqani, a former Pakistani ambassador to the US and now a senior fellow at the Hudson Institute. "Their appointments should remove any doubt that there will be much dif-

## Class divide Male and female students separated at a Kabul university



Students attend a class bifurcated by a curtain separating the men from the women at a private university in Kabul yesterday, as they abide by the Taliban's ruling on mixed education

ANSA/REUTERS/ARPA via Getty Images

ference in how the Taliban might govern from the last time they were in power," said Haqqani, who is not related to the new interior minister.

The Taliban waited to announce the government until declaring victory over the resistance in Panjshir, Afghanistan's last opposition stronghold, led by Ahmad Massoud, son of a legendary anti-Taliban fighter. Massoud has denied that the Taliban control the region and vowed to continue the fight.

Former Afghanistan president Hamid Karzai and veteran politician Abdullah Abdullah did not secure roles in the new

government, despite holding extensive talks with the Taliban leadership.

The formation of the new government, which took place without ceremony, comes after Taliban forces broke up a demonstration in Kabul against Pakistan's support of the regime, detaining journalists filming the march before releasing them.

The Taliban has suggested in recent press conferences that efforts would be made in the future to include political opponents. The US and other regional powers have said that an inclusive government was one precondition for recognising the Taliban government, but analysts said it was unlikely that the Islamists would meet that criterion.

"In our region of the world, every time someone says caretaker or interim it never necessarily means a temporary set-up," said Obaidullah Baheer, a lecturer at the American University in Kabul. "They wouldn't bring top brass leadership in a temporary role."

Baheer added that the Taliban's "indifference to international recognition is alarming". Additional reporting by Fazelminallah Qazizai in Kabul

## Briefing

► **EU seeks to fine Poland over judges spat**  
The European Commission has requested that the European Court of Justice fine Poland for ignoring rulings over judicial reforms that Brussels says damage the independence of Polish judges. — PAGE 2

► **Merkel tries to boost Laschet in polls**  
Outgoing German chancellor Angela Merkel used her final speech in parliament to urge voters to back Armin Laschet, leader of her centre-right CDU party, which trails in polls for elections this month. — PAGE 2

► **US jobless to lose Covid benefits**  
More than 7.5m people in the US will lose pandemic-era jobless benefits this week just as a spike in coronavirus infections has slowed employment growth. — PAGE 3

► **Bolsonaro rallies put Brazil on edge**  
Fears of political violence have risen in Brazil after tens of thousands of President Jair Bolsonaro backers protested in support of his attacks on the Supreme Court. — PAGE 4

► **Toyota bets big on battery development**  
Japanese carmaker Toyota is to invest \$13.6bn in battery development and supply for electric cars during the next decade as it attempts to build on its dominance in hybrid vehicles. — PAGE 5

► **Bidder drops out of race for Meggitt**  
US aircraft parts maker TransDigm has quit a potential bidding war for UK aerospace and defence group Meggitt, clearing the way for rival Parker Hannifin to seal a £6.3bn takeover. — PAGE 6

► **Missing China entrepreneur reappears**  
Duan Weihong, who was close to some of China's most powerful officials, has briefly resurfaced after a four-year disappearance, according to her former husband. — PAGE 4

## Datawatch

### Informal sector accounts for less

Value of informal work by country group (% of GDP)



Sources: IMF; Medina and Schneider (2021); ILO

The informal sector, which represents unregistered and unincorporated economic activities, accounts for more than one-third of GDP in low-income countries, far less than in the 1990s. Globally, 2bn people work in the sector

# El Salvador's tech problems take shine off debut to make bitcoin legal tender

CHRISTINE MURRAY  
MONTERREY, MEXICO

El Salvador's pioneering adoption of bitcoin as legal tender hit snags within hours of launching yesterday after the government took its digital wallet app offline and the global price of the volatile currency slumped.

President Nayib Bukele said on Twitter early yesterday that the app, which stores digital assets, would stop working while server capacity was increased.

The app, called "Chivo" — Salvadoran slang for cool — gives Salvadoran citizens \$50 of free bitcoin when they download it. Chivo returned online later yesterday, with Bukele appearing to personally supervise the testing process via Twitter.

The price of bitcoin wobbled, falling as much as 17 per cent to \$43,119 before

recovering to trade 10 per cent lower. Coinbase, the US crypto exchange, encountered technical problems that delayed or cancelled some transactions.

Bukele took to Twitter to urge citizens to buy the dip. He said El Salvador now held about 550 bitcoins.

The small Central American nation became the first in the world to make bitcoin legal tender. Economists and the international financial community have criticised the decision, which is also unpopular with Salvadorans.

Rating agency Moody's downgraded its debt rating in part because of the law, while the IMF — in talks with the government over a new loan — said such a plan could destabilise the \$25bn economy. Under the law, all businesses in El Salvador have to accept bitcoin as payment for goods and services, though citizens can still choose to use the US dollar, which has been the national currency since 2001.

Slobhan Morden, head of Latin America fixed income at Amherst Pierpont, noted that Bukele's bitcoin gambit coincided with a court ruling to allow consecutive re-election — a move that has been sharply criticised by the US.

Crypto fans have fawned over Salvador's move, with some launching a campaign to persuade people to buy \$50 of bitcoin to show support.

Bukele said he made the decision to help bring investment to the country and improve access to financial services. But yesterday he said his team was still working to increase server capacity to scan images. "It's a relatively simple problem, but you can't fix it with the system connected," he told his Twitter followers. "A little bit of patience."

Lex page 18



## Global logistics woes add fuel to eurozone inflation

Logistics bottlenecks across the globe and soaring shipping costs are threatening the post-pandemic recovery and have combined with a surge in consumer demand to stoke eurozone inflation to a decade high. While manufacturers of products from furniture to cars struggle with delays to supplies of parts and raw materials, the European Central Bank may scale down its €1.85tn pandemic stimulus programme this week to curb prices. Supply chain squeeze — PAGE 3

## Subscribe in print and online

www.ft.com/subscribe  
Tel: 1800 628 8088  
For the latest news go to  
www.ft.com

© THE FINANCIAL TIMES LTD 2021  
No. 40,807

Printed in London, Liverpool, Glasgow, Dublin, Frankfurt, Milan, Madrid, New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Tokyo, Hong Kong, Singapore, Seoul, Dubai



## World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				INTEREST RATES			
	Sep 7	prev	%chg		Sep 7	prev	%chg		price	yield	chg
S&P 500	4518.16	4525.43	-0.16	\$ per £	1.185	1.186	-0.001	US Gov 10 yr	148.66	1.37	0.05
Nasdaq Composite	15370.47	15383.52	-0.08	£ per \$	1.339	1.335	0.004	UK Gov 10 yr	0.84	0.84	0.04
Dow Jones Ind	35937.15	35938.09	-0.003	€ per \$	0.859	0.859	0.000	Ger Gov 10 yr	0.32	0.05	0.05
FTSE 100	1821.56	1829.93	-0.46	¥ per \$	110.220	109.855	0.003	Japan Gov 10 yr	115.76	0.04	0.00
Euro Stoxx 50	4228.05	4248.13	-0.47	₹ per \$	151.944	151.891	0.000	US Gov 30 yr	115.46	1.98	0.03
FTSE 250	7149.37	7187.18	-0.53	S\$ per \$	1.080	1.087	-0.007	Ger Gov 2 yr	105.40	-0.70	0.01
FTSE All-Share	4122.43	4144.51	-0.53	₹ per \$	0.844	0.843	0.001				
CAC 40	6726.07	6743.50	-0.26								
Hong Kong	15943.09	15932.12	0.06								
Nikkei	29915.14	29959.89	-0.15								
Hong Kong	26355.63	26163.63	0.73								
MSCI World	3169.64	3183.98	-0.45								
MSCI EM	1234.37	1215.91	0.64								
MSCI ACWI	748.21	746.46	0.23								

# EYE OF THE COLLECTOR

8-11 SEPTEMBER 2021  
 LONDON & ONLINE VIEWING ROOM

[eyeofthecollector.com](http://eyeofthecollector.com)

A Nikkei Company





Afghans fleeing Taliban fighters during a protest in Kabul. Qatar is seen as having influence with both the West and Afghanistan.

VICTOR J. BLUE FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES

## In Afghan Exit, Qatar Emerges As Go-Between

### Using Its Strengths as a Tiny but Rich Nation

By BEN HUBBARD

DOHA, Qatar — As chaos took over the United States' last-minute efforts to evacuate more than 120,000 of its citizens and partners from Afghanistan last month, a tiny, wealthy country that many Americans would struggle to find on a map suddenly found itself uniquely placed to help.

Qatar, a sandy, sun-baked peninsula in the Persian Gulf, received about 60,000 Americans and Afghans, more than any other country. And with its ties to both the United States — it hosts the largest American military base in the Middle East — and the Taliban, it is in position to play a strong role as an intermediary between the new Taliban-run Afghanistan and the West.

The gas-rich country, which has long used its tremendous wealth to punch above its weight, is having a moment in the world spotlight.

Even as it delivers tons of food and medical aid to Afghanistan and hosts the American secretaries of defense and state, who flew to Qatar this week, it has made attention-grabbing news in the world of soccer, where it recently signed one of the sport's greatest players, Lionel Messi, to the Paris St.-Germain team it owns. The country is also set to host the soccer World Cup next year.

"Qatar has always wanted to be a global player, whether it is hosting huge sports events or signing major players, or presenting itself as a regional linchpin for global politics and diplomacy," said Michael Stephens, a senior fellow at the Foreign Policy Research Institute and an expert on Gulf politics. "They have not always got this balance right, but at the moment they seem to have taken the right initiatives at the right time."

Qatar's help in the Afghan airlift won plaudits from President Biden, and both Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken and Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III arrived in the Qatari capital, Doha, on Monday, where they dined with the country's 41-year-old monarch, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani.

"Many countries have stepped up to help the evacuation and relocation efforts in Afghanistan, but no country has done more than Qatar," Mr. Blinken said at a news conference in Doha on Tuesday.

"The partnership between Qatar and the United States has never been stronger," he added.

Standing beside him, Qatar's foreign minister, Mohammed bin Abdulrahman al-Thani, called the United States "our most important partner."

Continued on Page A6

## TALIBAN OFFICIALS FROM OLD REGIME ASSUME KEY POSTS

### CARETAKER GOVERNMENT

Some Listed as Terrorists — A Theocratic Core Seems Unchanged

By MATTHIEU AIKINS and JIM HUYLEBROEK

KABUL, Afghanistan — The Taliban announced a caretaker government on Tuesday, taking a major step in re-establishing their Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan and empowering many of the movement's stalwarts from their regime in the 1990s.

After weeks of assurances from Taliban leaders that the movement would offer a more moderate and inclusive style of governing, most of the acting appointments on Tuesday were of senior figures who served in similar roles decades ago — a sign that the group's conservative and theocratic core remain largely unchanged. All were men, and several are listed by the United States and United Nations as global terrorists.

"I assure all our countrymen that these officials will work hard to uphold Islamic rules and Shariah law," Sheikh Haibatullah Akhundzada, the movement's supreme leader, said in a written statement handed out at a news conference in Kabul. "The Islamic Emirate needs the continued support of its people to rebuild the ruined country together."

The Taliban made clear that more appointments would be coming, extending a process that has already stretched for weeks since the group suddenly seized national control last month.

The most senior role announced on Tuesday went to Mullah Muhammad Hassan, who was named as acting prime minister, making him head of government. Mr. Hassan is a hard-liner who filled a similar role within the insurgency's leadership council in recent years, and was a deputy prime minister of the first Taliban government. Some analysts had thought that Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, who had led the Taliban's negotiations with the United States, would take that role, but instead he was named as deputy, along with Mawlawi Abdul Salam Hanafi, a prominent Uzbek member of the negotiating team.

The top security posts, however, went to relative newcomers from a younger generation of Taliban leaders, both serving as deputy commanders of the military.

Sirajuddin Haqqani, 48, appointed as acting minister of the interior, presided over the insur-

Continued on Page A6

## Mexican Court Rules Abortion Is Not a Crime

By NATALIE KITROEFF and OSCAR LOPEZ

MEXICO CITY — Criminalizing abortion is unconstitutional, Mexico's Supreme Court ruled on Tuesday, setting a precedent that could lead to legalization of the procedure across this conservative Catholic country of about 130 million people.

The unanimous ruling from the nation's top court follows years of efforts by a growing women's movement in Mexico that has repeatedly taken to the streets of major cities to demand greater rights and protections.

The decision, which opens the door for Mexico to become the most populous Latin American country to allow abortion, was met with elation by feminist activists and dismay by conservative politicians and the powerful Catholic Church.

"Today is a historic day for the rights of all Mexican women," Chief Justice Arturo Zaldívar said after the judges' votes were cast. "It is a watershed in the history of the rights of all women, especially the most vulnerable."

The decision does not automatically make abortion legal across Mexico, experts said, but it does set a binding precedent for judges across the country. Abortion rights advocates said they planned to use the ruling to challenge laws in the vast majority of Mexican states that mandate jail time or other criminal penalties for women who have the procedure.

For now, analysts said, women arrested for having an abortion can sue state authorities to have the charges dropped. Activists

Continued on Page A7

## Big Business Mobilizing to Battle Tax Proposals

This article is by Jonathan Weisman, Alan Rappeport and Jim Tankersley.

WASHINGTON — Congressional Democrats always knew their battle plan for raising taxes on corporations, large inheritances and the superwealthy would not survive initial contact with the enemy.

They just did not realize that enemy would be North Dakota-nice Heidi Heitkamp.

The Democratic former senator has emerged as the smiling face of a well-financed effort to defeat a proposed tax increase that is crucial to funding the \$3.5 trillion social spending bill at the heart of

### Democrats' Ambitions for Social Spending Are on the Line

President Biden's agenda. Her effort is indicative of the difficult slog ahead as the business lobby mobilizes to chip away at Democrats' tax-raising ambitions, which some lawmakers say will have to be scaled back to maintain party unity, an assessment the White House has disputed.

On Thursday, the House Ways and Means Committee is set to begin formally drafting its volumi-

nous piece of the 10-year measure to combat climate change and reweave the nation's social safety net, with paid family and medical leave, expanded public education, new Medicare benefits and more. The committee's purview includes much of that social policy, but also the tax increases needed to pay for it.

Democrats had hoped that the tax side would be more than notations on an accounting ledger. They regard it as an opportunity to fundamentally change policies to address growing income inequality, reduce incentives for corporations to move jobs and profits overseas, and slow the

Continued on Page A18



SARABETH MANEY/THE NEW YORK TIMES

### Delivering Comfort, and a Warning

President Biden, visiting the flood-racked Northeast, called climate change a "code red." Page A18.

## Newsom, Facing Recall, Struggles to Connect With Latino Voters

By JENNIFER MEDINA and JILL COWAN

LOS ANGELES — The political power of Latinos has never been stronger in California.

They are the largest ethnic group in the state and make up roughly 30 percent of registered voters. They have propelled Democratic victories in California for decades, helping the party win su-

permajorities in both houses of the State Legislature, where Latino senators and Assembly members hold powerful positions and pass some of the most immigrant-friendly legislation in the country.

But as Gov. Gavin Newsom tries to prevail in a recall election in a matter of days, the very Latino voters he is relying on appear to be disengaged and ambivalent about the prospect of his being ousted from office.

### Apathy Is a Warning for California Democrats

In 2018, exit polls showed Mr. Newsom with support from roughly two-thirds of all Latinos. Now, polling suggests Latinos are almost evenly split on the recall. And so far, just 17 percent of all

registered Latino voters have mailed in their ballots, compared with 31 percent of white voters, according to Political Data Inc., a Sacramento-based research group.

For many Latino voters, the mixed feelings stem from a continued struggle with the pandemic, as they face higher infection and death rates, as well as unemployment. For others, there is a

Continued on Page A19

## In New York City, 800,000 Lose Federal Aid, Imperiling Rebound

By MATTHEW HAAG and NICOLE HONG

From the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic, New York City has been pummeled economically unlike any other large American city, as a sustained recovery has failed to take root and hundreds of thousands of workers have yet to find full-time jobs.

On Sunday, the city, like other communities nationwide, was hit with another blow: The package of pandemic-related federal unemployment benefits, which has kept families afloat for 17 months, expired.

In short order, roughly \$463 million in weekly unemployment assistance for New York City residents is ending, threatening to upend the city's fledgling economic rebound and slashing the only

source of income for some to pay rent and buy groceries in a city rife with inequality.

About 10 percent of the city's population, or about 800,000 people, will have federal aid eliminated, though many will continue receiving state benefits.

The benefits were the sole income for the many self-employed workers and contract employees whose jobs are central to the city's economy and vibrancy — taxi drivers, artists and hairdressers, among many others — and who do not qualify for regular unemployment benefits.

"To just cut people off, it's ridiculous and it's unethical and it's evil," said Travis Curry, 34, a free-

Continued on Page A11



NATIONAL A10-20

### Hanging On After the Flames

Daniela Rocha's family managed to save her quinceañera dress, but little else, from an Oregon wildfire. PAGE A12

### Texas Election Law Signed

Gov. Greg Abbott called the measure, which curtails access to the ballot, a "paradigm" for other states. PAGE A20

### INTERNATIONAL A4-8

#### The Dutch Avert Disaster

Extreme rainfall is causing deadly and destructive floods globally. The Netherlands avoided rising waters this summer by creating flood plains. PAGE A5

#### Still Free After Rare Escape

A huge manhunt has failed to find six Palestinian prisoners who escaped an Israeli jail on Monday morning. PAGE A5

### SPORTS B9-12

#### A Hall of Fame Shortstop

Derek Jeter was often criticized for his fielding, but his role in the Yankees' dynasty was instrumental. PAGE B9



ARTS C1-8

### The Wizards of Wardrobes

As Broadway's curtains rise, costume shops are busy again. Above, Sally Ann Parsons, of Parsons-Mears. PAGE C1

### Speaking Up, Again

Andrea Constand reacts to the ruling that overturned Bill Cosby's conviction on sexual assault charges. PAGE C1

### BUSINESS B1-8

#### Global Inflation Could Fade

Inflation has surged from Sydney to San Francisco, worrying consumers and policymakers. But financial experts say it is most likely temporary and warn against overreaction. PAGE B1

#### A Job That's Easier to Quit

As the pandemic drags on, more people are starting and leaving positions without ever seeing their colleagues in person, leading to an easy-come, easy-go attitude toward workplaces. PAGE B1

### OPINION A22-23

Thomas L. Friedman

PAGE A22



FOOD D1-10

### Fall Restaurant Preview

Places that were put on hold by the pandemic emerge, while global powerhouses gain footholds in Manhattan. Above, Surbhi Sahni of Tagmo. PAGE D6



0 554613 9





**A TALIBAN** fighter stands guard during an anti-Pakistan rally in Kabul. The militant group allowed a march to proceed but then interceded with violence, beating protesters and firing weapons into the air. HOSHANG HASHIMI AP/GETTY IMAGES

## Taliban's Cabinet lineup fuels fears of harsh rule

Group cracks down on protests, says they won't be tolerated

BY NABIH BULOS  
AND TRACY WILKINSON

KABUL, Afghanistan — The Taliban on Tuesday named an all-male caretaker government in Afghanistan dominated by hard-line figures from its old guard, and cracked down on some of the largest street protests since the group seized control of the country last month. The developments reignited fears that the Taliban will revert to its harsh ways of controlling Afghan life despite promises of moderation. The interim Cabinet announced by the group is dominated by veteran

militants, has no women or members of the previous government and includes few members of ethnic minorities. In addition, a senior spokesman declared that protests such as those on Tuesday in Kabul, the capital, which once again included women calling for their rights to be respected, would not be tolerated. Calling the demonstrations "illegal," Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid warned Afghans against trying to "use the current situation to cause trouble." Taken together, the actions signaled that the Taliban movement faces an uphill fight to convince a skeptical world it is prepared to leave

behind the core attributes of its last rule a generation ago, marked by the subjugation of women and deadly reprisals against those who dared oppose it. At the same time, the country of 38 million people is stalked by hunger and a deepening economic crisis, lending urgency to the group's quest for aid and recognition. Senior Biden administration officials visiting the Persian Gulf emirate of Qatar, which has emerged as a key player in American engagement with the Taliban since the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan on Aug. 30, tacitly acknowledged that Western leverage is limited. [See Taliban, A4]

## CALIFORNIA RECALL ELECTION

# Democrats glad that the topic is Elder

The front-runner's controversial remarks past and present give Newsom backers a lift.

BY SEEMA MEHTA  
AND MELANIE MASON

As the recall effort charges into its final days, Democrats' midsummer panic has given way to cautious confidence that Gov. Gavin Newsom's outlook has brightened, aided by healthy turnout so far, a towering advantage in money and the emergence of an ideal foil: Larry Elder.

A spate of polls showing a tightening race in July worked to Democrats' advantage, as they marshaled their considerable institutional might in this deep-blue state to nudge their voters to the ballot box. But with seven days of voting to go, Newsom's allies are working to ensure that promising signs for the governor do not lead to last-minute voter complacency.

"Even though the polling looks better, we're still very clear that you can't take anything for granted," said Steve Smith, spokesman for the California Labor Federation, among Newsom's allies opposing the recall. "This

last ... push is where the campaign is won or lost. Absolutely we can take our foot off the pedal."

Recall proponents, meanwhile, are projecting an air of underdog scrappiness, noting that their effort, underestimated from the start, managed to give Newsom some serious heartburn. The fact that Newsom continues to seek help from national Democrats, they said, is a sign that his worries have not abated.

[See Democrats, A8]

## They're running against all odds

A shaman, a rapper, a surgeon.... Meet some of the lesser-known names on the ballot.

BY JULIA WICK

Holly Baade's "pilgrimage for the people" began on the steps of the state Capitol, with the Marin County yoga teacher launching her gubernatorial recall bid by praying to the spirits of California.

"Behold me," the self-described shaman said, "and see if I am worthy or not to enter the building as the leader of our state."

Green Party candidate Dan Kapelovitz blasted his message through the streets of Los Angeles from a de-commissioned police car he bought on Craigslist. "Dan Kapelovitz for governor," he yelled over the car's public address system as he cruised down Larchmont Boulevard. "Can yooooouuuu dig it?"

When Jacqueline McGowan needs to calm down mid-debate, the Democratic candidate has been known to take a toke off a joint. Off the campaign trail, she makes her living as a cannabis consultant.

With the state careening toward its second-ever gubernatorial recall election, the spotlight has fixed on five or six marquee candidates. But they are far from [See Candidates, A9]

## Tale of 2 states in California virus data

Cases are falling in major urban areas, while other regions struggle with a surge.

BY RONG-GONG LIN II  
AND LUKE MONEY

Coronavirus cases are showing new signs of slowing across many parts of the state, led by improvements in Southern California and the San Francisco Bay Area, while other areas of rural Northern California and the Central Valley continue to struggle with much higher rates of hospitalizations, according to a Los Angeles Times data analysis.

Over the last month, new daily coronavirus cases in California have been generally stable, hovering between 12,000 and 15,000 a day, according to the analysis. And as of Monday, COVID-19 hospitalizations across California had fallen for six consecutive days — by 8% — from the summertime high recorded on Aug. 31.

But the improvements are not even. While hospitalizations for the disease caused by the coronavirus have flattened across the most populated areas of California, regions where vaccination rates are relatively low remain hard hit by the [See Virus, A11]

## Central Valley ICUs crowded

Some patients are being sent more than 100 miles away. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

## SNOW-COVERED NO MORE

Mt. Shasta's slopes are bare, with consequences for local towns

BY LOUIS SAHAGÚN

McCLLOUD, Calif. — A brutal summer of record heat and punishing drought has claimed yet another California victim: the majestic, snow-covered slopes of Mt. Shasta.

Just as the impacts of global warming have revealed themselves in extreme wildfire behavior and plunging reservoir levels, climate change is now altering the skyline of far Northern California and wreaking havoc on communities surrounding the dormant volcano.

The unseasonable disappearance of Mt. Shasta's postcard-perfect snowpack has not only turned the landmark's peak from white to brown but has also hastened the melting of mountain glaciers, unleashing thunderous torrents of mud, boulders and trees that have destroyed bridges, made roads impassable and threatened water infrastructure. Flows of volca- [See Shasta, A14]



**THE DISAPPEARANCE** of Mt. Shasta's snowpack has hastened the melting of glaciers, unleashing torrents of mud and debris. ANDREW CALVERT U.S. Geological Survey



## TROJANS FORCE

Sam Cunningham, whose big game at Alabama helped turned the tide and integrate that team.

SAM CUNNINGHAM, 1950 - 2021

## He ran through lines, broke down barriers

BY DAVID WHARTON

College football still clung stubbornly to segregation in the early 1970s. There were still teams at major universities, in some parts of the country, that refused to put Black players on the field.

The powerhouse Alabama Crimson Tide were chief among the holdouts, which made their game

against USC in the fall of 1970 such a big deal. Not only did the Trojans bring an integrated roster to Birmingham, but they also had a Black fullback named Sam "Bam" Cunningham.

Built thick and strong, earning his nickname by crashing into the line of scrimmage time and again, he led the Trojans to victory with 135 yards rushing and two touchdowns, showing the segregationists what [See Cunningham, A14]

## Mexico court's historic ruling

Abortion is not a crime, justices decide in annulling parts of a Coahuila state law. **WORLD, A5**

## Outages persist in Louisiana

Hundreds of thousands are still without power more than a week after Hurricane Ida. **NATION, A6**

## LAUSD looks at vaccine mandate

A majority of board members is leaning toward requiring eligible students to get shots. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

## Weather

Mostly sunny. **L.A. Basin: 86/67. B8**

Printed with soy inks on partially recycled paper.





—deportes

## La verdadera trama detrás del escándalo Brasil-Argentina

La AFA asumió que hubo una "omisión involuntaria" en la confección de las declaraciones juradas; alerta por un probable caso de Covid en la burbuja de la selección.



## DEL POTRO EN NUEVA YORK, CON LA ILUSIÓN DEL REGRESO

"Decidí venir para terminar de recargar energías y hacer la etapa final de mi recuperación", dijo, tras una exhibición con John McEnroe en el US Open.

# LA NACION

MIÉRCOLES 8 DE SEPTIEMBRE DE 2021 | LANACION.COM.AR

## Tensión en la Justicia por el protocolo sanitario para las PASO

**RECLAMO.** La jueza Servini cuestionó las medidas de la Cámara Electoral y pidió que intervenga la Corte; De Pedro admitió que habrá demoras en el escrutinio

La jueza federal María Servini alertó ante la Corte Suprema sobre "graves circunstancias que afectan el normal desenvolvimiento de las elecciones", al cuestionar los protocolos sanitarios de la Cámara Nacional Electoral para las PASO del domingo próximo.

La jueza con competencia electoral en la Capital Federal dijo que hay una "intromisión constante" de la Cámara y estableció restricciones sanitarias para la votación en la ciudad que no coinciden con el protocolo dispuesto por aquel cuerpo. Por lo tanto, se abrió una disputa por la organización de los comicios entre la ciudad y el resto del país. En tanto, el ministro del Interior, Eduardo de Pedro, anunció que los primeros resultados se conocerán después de las 23, más tarde que la última elección. **Página 8**

### Manes y Santilli, al final se verán tras las PASO

Matías Moreno  
Página 12

### EL ANÁLISIS

## Las crisis que nos esperan

Joaquín Morales Solá  
—LA NACION—

**D**ejemos la astrología para Victoria Tolosa Paz, especialista ya en provocaciones en la campaña electoral y también en alejar a la política de la sociedad. ¿La astrología es la solución para los que perdieron el trabajo, cerraron sus empresas, temen tiempos peores o sobreviven a una inflación insoportable? ¿O es, acaso, la confesión implícita del oficialismo de que no tiene otra solución más que recurrir a una superstición? Continúa en la página 13

## Postergan el uso de las Pfizer para adolescentes sanos

**COVID.** A más de un año de que empezaran las negociaciones entre el Gobierno y el laboratorio norteamericano Pfizer, finalmente llegará hoy el primer lote de los 20 millones de vacunas acordados. Según fuentes oficiales, este cargamento de 100.620 dosis se destinará a suplir el faltante de segundos componentes de Sputnik V y a chicos con comorbilidades, pese a que se había anunciado que la prioridad la tendrían los adolescentes sin factores de riesgo. **Página 20**

## Con tono golpista, Bolsonaro redobló los ataques a la Corte

**BRASIL.** "Solo Dios me sacará" de la presidencia, dijo en un acto en San Pablo; amenazas a un juez



Masiva marcha en San Pablo en apoyo de Bolsonaro M. SCHINCARIOL/AFIP

Marcelo Silva de Sousa  
PARA LA NACION

**RÍO DE JANEIRO.** En una apuesta política de tono golpista, el presidente brasileño, Jair Bolsonaro, redobló ayer los ataques al Supremo Tribunal Federal (STF) y elevó las amenazas de ruptura democrática con provocadores discursos en actos callejeros en Brasilia y en San Pablo, que coincidieron con los festejos por el Día de la Independencia.

En la tensa jornada, Bolsonaro se dirigió a sus partidarios en la avenida Paulista de San Pablo y tildó de "canalla" al juez de la Corte Alexandre de Moraes, cuando dijo que no respetará "cualquier decisión" de su autoridad. Advertió que Moraes, que investiga a aliados del jefe de Estado por promover *fake news*, "debe encuadrarse o salir" de su cargo. "Solo Dios me sacará" de la presidencia, desafió Bolsonaro. Continúa en la página 2

## Uruguay ya negocia con China y sacude al Mercosur

**ACUERDO.** Discute con ese país un tratado de libre comercio; sorpresa y dudas en el Gobierno

El gobierno de Uruguay anunció ayer que inició negociaciones con China para firmar un acuerdo de libre comercio (TLC). Si bien invitó a sus socios del Mercosur —Argentina, Brasil y Paraguay— a sumarse al proyecto, aclaró que hacia fin de año, cuando prevé concluir la negociación, la concretaría en cualquier caso. Al anunciar anoche las tratativas, el presidente Luis Lacalle Pou también expresó su voluntad de hacer un TLC con el país que quiera hacerlo. "Uruguay pasa de las palabras a la acción porque queremos prosperidad para nuestros compatriotas", declaró Lacalle Pou. Si bien la cancillería argentina había sido informada por su par uruguayo, manifestó dudas sobre el final del proceso. **Página 17**

## Escala la violencia narco en Rosario

**HOMICIDIOS.** En menos de 24 horas hubo seis asesinatos

Germán de los Santos  
PARA LA NACION

**ROSARIO.** La violencia reanudó en Rosario, donde se produjeron seis crímenes en menos de 24 horas, con ataques que generaron conmoción, como el que se cobró la vida del "arrepentido" Carlos Argüelles, en medio del juicio a la banda de Los Monos y pocos días antes de las elecciones primarias, algo que preocupa al gobierno provincial.

En los últimos diez días se produjeron 17 homicidios en la ciudad. Continúa en la página 26



## Bolsonaro ameaça STF de golpe, e pressão por impeachment cresce

Presidente discursa a dezenas de milhares de apoiadores que só deixa o cargo morto e prega desobediência a Moraes

**AMEAÇA AUTORITÁRIA**  
O presidente Jair Bolsonaro ameaçou o Supremo Tribunal Federal de golpe, pregou a desobediência ao Judiciário e afirmou a dezenas de milhares de seguidores que só deixará seu cargo morto.

Os atos do 7/9, insuflados por ele durante semanas com ataques às instituições, visavam exibir força num momento de isolamento. Em São Paulo, atraíram 125 mil, segundo a PM, menos do que previa a organização.

Congressistas avaliam que as ameaças autoritárias no palanque expõem um governante acuado, e partidos de centro-direita indicam que vão se somar à oposição e apoiar a abertura de um processo de impeachment.

Em Brasília, o mandatário atacou o ministro Alexandre de Moraes, cujas decisões afetam bolsonaristas, e ameaçou o ministro Luiz Fux: "Ou o chefe desse Poder [Judiciário] enquadra o seu ou esse Poder pode sofrer".

Na plateia, faixas pediam o fechamento do Supremo. À tarde, na av. Paulista, São Paulo, o presidente voltou a pedir a saída de Moraes e a criticar o sistema eleitoral. Apesar do tom, não houve registro de violência.

Na rua, conclamando multões ao golpe, Bolsonaro abre o flanco a ações do Judiciário e do Legislativo. Rodrigo Pacheco, presidente do Senado, cancelou as sessões desta semana. Fux falará hoje sobre o ocorrido. Poder A4

### Medida sobre retirar publicações é alvo no Supremo

O PSB quer que o Supremo suste os efeitos de MP do governo que limita a remoção de contas e perfis das redes sociais. Ela foi assinada na segunda (6), véspera dos atos. Plataformas seriam impedidas de moderar conteúdo. Poder A20

### Nova MP dificulta luta contra assédio e bullying virtuais

Mercado 2 p. 1

### Exportação brasileira sofre pressão ambiental

A demanda ambiental de europeus, avalia o governo, vai afetar a exportação brasileira, em setores como ferro e aço. Mercado A23

### Afastamento por Covid dispara, e hospital cria centro de reabilitação

B1

### Chile libera Coronavac para crianças maiores de seis anos

B2

### Lei Rouanet vive pico de lentidão sob Bolsonaro, mesmo com verba

C1

### EDITORIAIS A2

**O mito na caverna**  
A respeito de atos bolsonaristas no 7 de Setembro.

**Vírus da politização**  
Sobre uso da Coronavac para 3ª dose em São Paulo.

ISSN 1414-5723  
9 771414 572049



Manifestação pró-Bolsonaro na av. Paulista atraiu 125 mil, segundo a PM Bruno Santos/Folhapress

**“ Ou o chefe desse Poder [Judiciário, ministro Luiz Fux] enquadra o seu [ministro] ou esse Poder pode sofrer aquilo que não queremos**

**“ Aqueles que pensam que podem me tirar da Presidência, digo [que] temos três alternativas: preso, morto ou com vitória**

### Nas ruas, militares e policiais ignoram aceno do Planalto

A presença de militares e policiais nas manifestações do 7/9, monitorada pelos governos estaduais e vetada pelo Código Penal Militar, foi tímida, limitando-se a integrantes da reserva ou restrita a segurança dos atos. Poder A15

### Discursos em atos têm erros sobre eleições e tribunal

Em suas falas no 7 de Setembro, o presidente Jair Bolsonaro errou sobre composição do Conselho da República, segurança das eleições e regras de impeachment de ministros do STF, conforme checagem da Lupa. Poder A14

**Análise Fábio Zanini**  
Sensação é a de que a montanha pariu um rato A18

**Análise Igor Gielow**  
Bolsonaro escancara seu maior temor: ser preso A10

**Análise Eloísa Machado**  
Deve-se frear governo que joga país ladeira abaixo A12

**Marcelo Coelho**  
Sociedade não é tão corajosa quanto STF cs

**Helio Beltrão**  
Talvez novo Congresso possa mediar a crise A26

**Ilona Szabó**  
Estadistas, apresentem-se, com urgência! B4

### Oposição promove protestos e debate abertura de processo

Várias cidades tiveram protestos menores contra Bolsonaro. Em São Paulo, Fernando Haddad e Guilherme Boulos participaram. PSDB discutirá impeachment. Poder A12 e A19

**Manifestantes desrespeitam regras sanitárias**  
Poder A18

**Ex-assessor de Trump depõe na PF sobre redes**  
Painel A4

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

VEJA NAS PÁGINAS  
5, 6 E 7

**CADA CHERY**  
QUALIDADE, TECNOLOGIA E DESIGN

Na trânsito, sua responsabilidade salva vidas.



El ministro Giuzzio y el comandante Arias se salvaron de la movida

## Purga en la Policía Nacional para dar respuesta a ola de inseguridad

La tapa de Última Hora reflejó ayer la angustia que se vive en las calles por culpa de la delincuencia. El Gobierno tuvo que salir a dismantelar el mando policial, comenzando por el subcomandante, para intentar calmar a la gente. PÁGINAS 6, 7, 50 y 51



Ex intendente de Lambaré  
**Chicanero serial: Cárdenas traba nuevo juicio por corrupción**

PÁGINA 10

Colapso por males no Covid  
**Hospital Nacional está atestado de pacientes comunes y accidentados**

PÁGINA 5

Análisis de Fitch Solutions  
**La inflación de este año puede superar la meta fijada por el BCP**

PÁGINA 15

Pese a reclamos al MEC  
**Hace tres años dan clases bajo los árboles en Concepción**

PÁGINA 25

CON ESTA EDICIÓN	COMPRA OPCIONAL 1	COMPRA OPCIONAL 2
<p><b>HORA INDUSTRIAL</b> • COMO APRENDER A DIBUJAR COMICS PÁGINA 15</p>	<p><b>COLECCIÓN MINERALES DE LA TIERRA 9</b> G. 50.000</p>	<p><b>JUEGOS Y JUGUETES</b> G. 12.000</p>

**¡VACUNATE! ES SEGURO!**

**Pasajeros rehenes de descarada jugada**

**Alevosos.** En plena época electoral autoridades asuncenas y transportistas desatan crisis para obtener subsidio. PÁGINAS 22 y 23

**César Ojeda, intendente**

**TU EQUIPO IDEAL DE TRABAJO**



**TOYOTOSHI**  
SOLUCIONES PARA TI

LUBRAX

(021) 819800 - WWW.TOYOTOSHI.COM.PY • TOYOTOSHI SA • TOYOTOSHI SA • TOYOTOSHI SA





**FIGARO**  
**scope**

- **À la une** : expositions, théâtre, danse, concerts... notre sélection de la rentrée
- **Restaurants** : 50 nouvelles tables à découvrir

**RUGBY**  
FABIEN GALTHIÉ :  
« LES FRANÇAIS, C'EST  
LE FRENCH FLAIR » **PAGE 14**



**LREM**  
La majorité veut incarner le camp de la « raison » **PAGE 4**

**BRÉSIL**  
Les partisans de Bolsonaro dans la rue **PAGE 7**

**ARCHÉOLOGIE**  
À Arles, une fresque antique retrouve sa splendeur **PAGE 12**

**CHAMPS LIBRES**

- Il y a 80 ans, Hitler faisait édifier le camp de Struthof
- Des entretiens avec Thibault de Montbrial et Anne-Clémentine Larroque
- Une tribune de Thomas Morales
- La chronique de Bertille Bayart **PAGES 16 À 19**

**FIGARO OUI  
FIGARO NON**

**Réponses à la question de mardi :**  
Faut-il supprimer les régimes spéciaux avant la fin du quinquennat ?

**NON 22% OUI 78%**

TOTAL DE VOTANTS : 168 850

**Votez aujourd'hui sur lefigaro.fr**  
Êtes-vous favorable à l'organisation d'une primaire de la droite ?

D. ENGLAND / AAPIMAGE VIA REUTERS  
CONNECT-QUANTRELL D. COLBERT / UNIVERSAL PICTURES INTERNATIONAL  
FRANCE-S. MEYSSONNIER/REUTERS

# Immobilier : le boom des villes moyennes



Avec l'essor du télétravail, les Français cherchent de l'espace et délaissent les grandes métropoles au profit des villes moyennes et des grandes banlieues. **PAGES 22 ET 23**

## Candidats de droite : les militants voteront

Cinq candidats sont prêts à porter les couleurs LR en 2022. Pour les départager, les militants devront décider si le parti

organise une primaire ouverte aux sympathisants ou réservée aux militants. Verdict le 25 septembre. **PAGES 2 ET 3**



## Attentats du 13 Novembre : un procès pour l'histoire

Le procès des auteurs des attaques qui ont frappé la France en 2015 s'ouvre ce mercredi à Paris. Des mois durant, magistrats

et observateurs vont revivre ces événements ancrés dans des mémoires encore à vif. **PAGES 10, 18 ET L'EDITORIAL**

**ÉDITORIAL** par Laurence de Charette [ldcharette@lefigaro.fr](mailto:ldcharette@lefigaro.fr)

## La barbarie en face

« **O**n est parti, on commence. » Par ces quelques mots glaçants envoyés par SMS a été scellée, le 13 novembre 2015, le funeste dessein terroriste islamiste qui a fait 130 morts et des centaines de blessés et dont la France va revivre pendant plus de huit mois les terribles instants à travers le procès d'une ampleur inédite qui s'ouvre à Paris. Cette tragédie inextinguible, d'une violence inouïe,

c'est celle des victimes et de leurs familles, de tous ceux dont l'existence a été à jamais fracturée par la folie meurtrière islamiste; c'est aussi celle de l'ensemble des Français. À tous, la justice doit cette quête de vérité, cette mise à nu des faits tendue vers un certain aboutissement : le jugement. Un procès, fût-il historique, peut-il pourtant panser les plaies des familles endeuillées et de la nation frappée au cœur? Ni l'émotion qui nous étirent devant les témoignages ni le minu-

tieux travail d'enquête sur lequel s'appuie le tribunal ne suffiront à solder l'héritage de ces jours où la barbarie a pris le pas sur la civilisation. Avons-nous réellement tiré toutes les leçons du 13 Novembre? Nos frontières sont-elles moins poreuses qu'elles ne l'ont été en 2015 lorsque Abaoud et ses coreligionnaires empruntaient la route des Balkans pour commettre leur massacre? Quid des radicalisés qui demain vont sortir de prison? Les hasards du calendrier qui ont regrou-

pé en quelques jours l'ouverture du procès des attentats de novembre 2015, les 20 ans du 11 Septembre et la chute de Kaboul aux mains des talibans se sont chargés de nous rappeler à quel point la lutte contre l'obscurantisme islamiste est une bataille de longue haleine, un front sans cesse reconstitué. Nos dirigeants politiques le savent : malgré les progrès du renseignement, la menace n'a pas disparu. Et elle se nourrit chaque jour de nos petits et grands renoncements. ■

MERCREDI 8 SEPTEMBRE

FOIRE  
AUX

Vins

RETROUVEZ NOTRE SÉLECTION EN SUPERMARCHÉ



L'ABUS D'ALCOOL EST DANGEREUX POUR LA SANTÉ, À CONSOMMER AVEC MODÉRATION



## Surviving parental burnout

How Covid made looking after kids overwhelming

→ G2



'The pain remains' Why a lecturer's rebuke changed Joan Bakewell's life

→ G2



Wednesday  
8 September 2021  
£2.50  
From £1.75 for subscribers

# The Guardian

For 200 years

# PM stakes reputation on £12bn health plan – but will it deliver?

● Johnson's bid to tackle crisis in social care will push UK tax burden to record level in peacetime

● Investment welcomed but charity raises doubts over whether cash will give long-term solution

Heather Stewart  
Peter Walker

MPs are set to usher in a historic £12bn healthcare levy today, pushing the tax burden to a record peacetime level as Boris Johnson stakes his political reputation on attempting to fix the creaking health and care systems.

Setting out the radical plan for a carved-out healthcare tax, Johnson willingly conceded that the 1.25 percentage point increase in national insurance contributions (NICs) – to be rebadged a health and social care levy – would break an explicit manifesto promise.

But Downing Street is gambling that presenting the plan as a response to the Covid pandemic, with emphasis on tackling the NHS backlog, will convince voters it is necessary.

"I'll be absolutely frank with you – this levy will break our manifesto commitment. But a global pandemic wasn't in our manifesto either," Johnson said. He declined to rule out further tax increases later in this parliament.

Under the proposals, patients entering the social care system from October 2023 would not have to pay more than £86,000 over their lifetime. More means-tested support will also be provided for those with assets of between £20,000 and £100,000.

Keir Starmer, the Labour leader, attacked the proposals as "a sticking plaster over a gaping wound", saying the revenue raised was too little to solve longstanding challenges in the NHS and social care, and that



## Inside

What the government has announced, where the money will go – and who will pay [Page 6](#) →

Plan met with confusion and dismay among small businesses and health sector [Page 9](#) →

Boris Johnson's 'plan for social care' has no plan for social care [Frances Ryan, Journal Page 1](#) →

Uncertainty and unfairness remain, despite financial boost [Leader comment, Journal Page 2](#) →

a national insurance increase was unfair on working families. But the prime minister taunted Labour for not putting forward its own proposals, saying that "plan beats no plan".

Paul Johnson, the director of the Institute for Fiscal Studies thinktank, said the move would mean "taxes will reach their highest sustained level in the UK" in the coming years – underlining the extent to which the current government has ditched the Tories' traditional role as the party of low taxes and a small state. He added that creating a new levy, instead of increasing income tax, "will mean yet more quite unnecessary complexity".

The free-market Adam Smith Institute condemned the plans as "morally

▲ Boris Johnson with the chancellor, Rishi Sunak, centre, and the health secretary, Sajid Javid yesterday

PHOTOGRAPH: NEIL HALL/REPA

**"This is a kick in the teeth for all the young working people who have already been hard done by the pandemic"**

Adam Smith  
Institute

bankrupt", saying the government was asking "poorer workers to bail out millionaire property owners" and condemning "a kick in the teeth for all the young working people of this country who have already been hard done by the pandemic".

Social care providers and charities warned the extra resources would not be sufficient to improve the standard of care for the more than a million adults receiving social care. Richard Kramer, the chief executive of the disability charity Sense, said: "We welcome the immediate investment into social care but we don't have confidence that this is the long-term, sustainable and sufficient funding plan that

4 →