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◆ **GameStop narrowed** its losses and posted sales growth of roughly 26% for the latest quarter, as the videogame retailer seeks to reset its business. **B1**

◆ **Boeing's board must** face a shareholder lawsuit over the fatal crashes of two 737 MAX jets, according to a Delaware judge's ruling. **B1**

◆ **U.S. stocks fell**, with the S&P 500, Dow and Nasdaq retreating 0.1%, 0.2% and 0.6%, respectively. **B11**

◆ **Saudi Prince al-Waleed** agreed to sell half his stake in Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts to co-owner Bill Gates, giving Gates control. **B3**

◆ **Goldman named** Kevin Sneader to help run its operations in Asia, months after he was voted out as the leader of McKinsey. **B10**

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◆ **The Delta surge** appears to have peaked in Florida and other states that drove the most recent Covid-19 surge, but cases and hospitalizations have been rising elsewhere in the U.S. **A1**

◆ **Efforts to get 100** stranded Americans and thousands of vulnerable Afghans out of Afghanistan foundered as the Taliban imposed more restrictions on flights out of the country. **A8**

◆ **Afghan women** took to the streets of Kabul to protest for a second consecutive day, outraged by the formation of a hard-line Taliban government. **A8**

◆ **The Supreme Court** blocked Texas from executing an inmate who argued the state would violate his rights by refusing to allow his pastor to lay hands upon him and recite prayers as authorities put him to death. **A3**

◆ **The Treasury could** run out of room next month to keep paying the government's bills on time unless Congress takes action on the federal borrowing limit, Yellen said. **A4**

◆ **France opened a trial** that will examine the origins and fallout of terrorist attacks that ripped through Paris in 2015, killing 130 people. **A7**

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Theranos Founder's Fraud Trial Hears Opening Statements



IN COURT: Theranos founder Elizabeth Holmes, with her husband, Billy Evans, arrives for opening statements Wednesday in San Jose, Calif. She has pleaded not guilty to 10 counts of wire fraud and two counts of conspiracy to commit wire fraud. **B1**

SEC Investigates Coinbase Over Crypto Lending Plan

By DAVE MICHAELS
AND PAUL VIGNA

The Securities and Exchange Commission is investigating Coinbase Global Inc. over a lending program the company plans to market and has indicated it would sue the company over the offering, Coinbase said.

Coinbase co-founder and Chief Executive Brian Armstrong disclosed the dispute in a series of tweets late Tuesday. He called the SEC's actions "sketchy" and "intimidation tactics behind closed

doors," and said other crypto companies are able to offer such programs.

Coinbase's lending platform would allow customers holding a stablecoin called USD Coin to earn interest by lending it to other traders. Stablecoins are crypto assets that are supposed to maintain a peg to national currencies, such as the dollar, and make it easier to swap from one crypto asset to another. Coinbase planned to eventually expand the program to include other cryptocurrencies.

The SEC indicated the ac-

tivity would constitute a type of investment that needs to be registered with the government under investor-protection laws. Several state regulators, including in New Jersey, have accused other crypto lending platforms, including one offered by BlockFi Inc., of violating securities laws.

Regulators gave Coinbase official notice last week that they plan to take civil enforcement action over the program, the company wrote in a blog post. Public companies rarely disclose SEC investigations through blog posts and

tweets, but crypto companies have become increasingly frustrated with what they view as the SEC's zeal to regulate their industry.

Coinbase said its interactions with the SEC began about six months ago. An SEC spokesman declined to comment.

Coinbase disputes that its program would constitute an investment contract that should be overseen by the SEC. Mr. Armstrong tweeted

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◆ **Bitcoin steadies** after a flash crash **B11**

Delta Variant Peaks in Hard-Hit Regions

The Delta surge appears to have peaked in Florida and other states that drove the most recent Covid-19 surge, offering some relief after the variant upended what many thought would be a more normal summer.

By Jon Kamp,
Brianna Abbott
and Anthony DeBarros

But cases and hospitalizations have been rising in many other states including Kentucky and North Carolina, data show, and public-health experts said the return of unvaccinated children to classrooms, cold weather in Northern states and the holiday season could give the virus new opportunities to spread.

"I don't know if we've peaked for all time, but the wave that was currently ongoing seems to have crested and is falling in some states but is rising in others," said Andrew Noymer, an infectious-disease epidemiologist and demographer at the University of California, Irvine.

The highly contagious Delta variant fueled a rapid increase in cases, often in places where vaccination rates have lagged behind the national average. By Saturday, before the holiday weekend slowed data reporting, the U.S. was adding about 164,000 new Covid cases daily, according to a seven-day average compiled from Johns Hopkins University data. The average dipped below 12,000

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◆ **In Europe, schools** test Covid-19 progress **A9**

Robert E. Lee Statue Dismantled



A statue of Gen. Robert E. Lee was removed and the torso sawed off in Richmond, Va., on Wednesday. It is the latest in a series of Confederate symbols taken down across the U.S. **A3**

Walk—Don't Run—
To Catch That Football

College players are obsessed
with new slow-motion version of game

By ANDREW BEATON

The most unforgettable moment of Grayson Winters's college-football career happened when the 275-pound lineman was in the weight room wearing sandals.

He wasn't playing football. He was playing Walk Ball. The first rule of Walk Ball is you don't run during Walk Ball. That's also the only rule of Walk Ball. It's a game based on a simple code—and football players everywhere are obsessed.

Mr. Winters, who plays football at Division II Southern Naz-

arene University in Oklahoma, trudged across the team's weight room while teammate Mylic Ritchie, a 280-pound defensive lineman in Crocs, guarded him. Mr. Winters slogged across the floor at tempting to break free of his defender, and as he stomped in his sandals, he quickly glanced to his right toward some exercise equipment.

"Everybody had been walking routes over there," Mr. Ritchie says. "I tried to jump the route."

"Then," Mr. Winters says, "I went back."

Mr. Winters left Mr. Ritchie in the dust. He caught a

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TikTok Serves Up
Sex and Drug Videos
To Young Users

The popular app can quickly drive teenagers into endless spools of adult content

After signing up for an account on TikTok, a 13-year-old user started by searching the app for "onlyfans"—the name of a site known for hosting adult entertainment—then watched a hand-

By Rob Barry, Georgia Wells, John West, Joanna Stern and Jason French

ful of videos in the results, including two from accounts selling pornography.

Then the user turned to the app's personalized "For You" feed, where TikTok delivered a string of popular videos that many users see. The app didn't forget the young user's interest in sex, quickly serving up more.

The account was one of

dozens of automated accounts, or bots, created by The Wall Street Journal to understand what TikTok shows young users. These bots, registered as users aged 13 to 15, were turned loose to browse TikTok's "For You" feed, the highly personalized, never-ending feed curated by the algorithm.

An analysis of the videos served to these accounts found that through its powerful algorithms, TikTok can quickly drive minors—among the biggest users of the app—into endless spools of content about sex and drugs.

TikTok served one account registered as a 13-year-old at least 569 videos about drug use, references to

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U.S. Weighs Suit Over
Texas Abortion Law

By SADDIE GURMAN

WASHINGTON—The Biden administration is preparing to sue Texas over its new law banning most abortions, people familiar with the matter said, an action that would set off a federal-state clash at a time when the future of abortion rights becomes an ever-more-pressing question before the courts.

The Justice Department could file a lawsuit as soon as Thursday, the people said, adding that the timing could be pushed back. The Biden administration has faced pressure from Democrats and abortion-

rights groups to take action to stop the Texas restrictions after the Supreme Court last week allowed them to take effect.

Attorney General Merrick Garland said Monday that the Justice Department was urgently exploring all of its options, which legal experts said could include attempting to strip federal funding and trying to determine whether there are federal facilities within the state that could provide abortions. Those experts warned, however, that novel provisions in the law, which prohibits most abor-

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Storm's
Fallout
Cripples
U.S. Oil
Output

Some 80% of offshore production in the Gulf is offline more than a week after Ida's landfall

By CHRISTOPHER M. MATTHEWS

Nearly four-fifths of U.S. oil and gas production in the Gulf of Mexico remained offline more than 10 days after Hurricane Ida tore through Louisiana, as companies struggle to restart offshore platforms.

Ida, which barreled through the heart of the Gulf as a Category 4 hurricane, is turning out to be the most damaging storm for offshore production in more than 15 years. It crippled key onshore infrastructure, which has contributed to keeping about 12% of U.S. oil production idle. Its storm surge and maximum winds of 150 miles an hour also damaged some offshore operations, including underwater pipelines that have leaked oil into the Gulf.

The Gulf of Mexico accounts for about 17% of U.S. oil output, and about 5% of natural-gas output. Companies including Chevron Corp., Royal Dutch Shell PLC, BP PLC and Exxon Mobil Corp. operate sizable facilities in the area.

Myriad problems are combining to slow the recovery, according to analysts and company representatives. Key ports and airports were knocked offline, slowing the redeployment of staff and equipment. Companies haven't been able to find enough offshore staff as workers tend to their families and homes fol-

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Judgment day Bataclan trial opens in Paris

A lawyer arrives yesterday for the opening of a trial in Paris of 20 men accused of planning and carrying out terror attacks in the French capital in November 2015.

Some 130 people were killed and hundreds more wounded — many at the Bataclan theatre where gunmen opened fire at a crowded rock concert.

Only one of the men on trial, Salah Abdeslam, is accused of being directly involved in the attacks.

The trial is being held in a temporary structure built inside the ceremonial hall at the Palais de Justice. It could last for around nine months. Former president François Hollande is expected to be called as a witness.

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Briefing

Pfizer defends Covid booster drive

Pfizer's top scientist has dismissed criticism that it is pushing use of Covid-19 boosters too aggressively and denied it should have developed a more potent jab to stave off "breakthrough infections". — PAGE 6

US cites 'concern' at Afghan government

The US secretary of state said that the international community was "concerned" by the Taliban's interim government and urged it to allow foreign nationals to exit. — PAGE 2, KEVIN WATKINS, PAGE 17

López Obrador backs abortion ruling

Mexico's president said that a court ruling to decriminalise abortion should be respected, a victory for rights activists in contrast to restrictions on the practice in the US. — PAGE 2



Gates tightens grip on Four Seasons

Bill Gates has cemented control of the Four Seasons hotel group in a \$2.2bn deal with a Saudi prince that marks the billionaire's first big deal since he split his fortune with Melinda French Gates this year. — PAGE 6

Fed official urges taper despite jobs data

The US Federal Reserve should press on with a plan to ease back its pandemic stimulus programme despite a slowdown in US jobs growth last month, the president of the St Louis Fed has said. — PAGE 4

PayPal to purchase Paddy for \$2.7bn

The US online payments group is to acquire Tokyo-based "buy now, pay later" group Paddy in a further reorg of the industry that deepens PayPal's push into a crowded BNPL sector. — PAGE 8, LEX, PAGE 18

BHP to use AI for battery metals search

The world's biggest miner is to use artificial-intelligence tools developed by Kibo, a Bill Gates-backed start-up, to find new deposits of metals needed for batteries and clean energy. — PAGE 10

US risks running out of cash by October, Treasury chief warns

◆ Sovereign default fears ◆ Pressure on Biden agenda ◆ Investors wary of debt deadline

JAMES POLITI AND COLBY SMITH

WASHINGTON Janet Yellen has warned that the US Treasury risks running out of cash next month unless Congress increases its borrowing limit, as Joe Biden's administration grows increasingly worried about a possible debt default.

In a letter to congressional leaders yesterday, the Treasury secretary said she could not offer "a specific estimate" of when it would run out of cash, but the "most likely outcome" was that it would be "exhausted" in October.

"A delay that calls into question the federal government's ability to meet all its obligations would likely cause irreparable damage to the US economy and global financial markets," she added.

The mounting risk of a US sovereign

debt crisis as early as next month complicates Biden's efforts to pass his multi-trillion dollar economic agenda through Congress. It also comes as Biden grapples with the impact of the spread of the Covid-19 Delta variant across the country, and the fallout from the chaotic and deadly pullout from Afghanistan last month — both of which have dented his popularity.

Increasing the US debt limit used to be a routine affair for Congress, allowing the Treasury to pay the bills for spending already approved by lawmakers.

But Republican lawmakers have recently resisted increasing the debt limit when the White House is controlled by Democrats, often demanding conditions that triggered impasses on Capitol Hill and occasionally bringing

the US to the brink of default. Stand-offs over the debt limit are sometimes dismissed as political theatre that is ultimately resolved, but top Biden administration officials view the stand-off with increasing seriousness.

Yellen wrote in her letter that even "waiting until the last minute" to avert a debt limit crisis could cause "serious harm to business and consumer confidence, raise short-term borrowing costs for taxpayers, and negatively impact the credit rating of the United States".

"At a time when American families, communities, and businesses are still suffering from the effects of the ongoing global pandemic, it would be particularly irresponsible to put the full faith and credit of the United States at risk."

An increase in the US debt limit could



Janet Yellen, the US Treasury secretary, said: "It would be particularly irresponsible to put the full faith and credit of the United States at risk."

be passed as a standalone bill, although it is more likely to be attached to other economic and budgetary legislation that is being considered by Congress in the coming weeks.

This includes the \$3.5tn social safety net expansion that is expected to garner only Democratic votes, and a government funding bill to avoid a shutdown.

The looming debt limit deadline is being closely watched among investors and strategists. Lou Crandall, chief economist at Wrightson ICAP, said the Treasury was on course to run out of money by October 22.

In the weeks leading up to that so-called "drop-dead date", it is likely to be forced to cut back further on issuing new US government debt securities, he added.

SEC threatens to sue Coinbase over launch of crypto lending yield product

HANNAH MURPHY — SAN FRANCISCO

The US Securities and Exchange Commission has warned that it will sue Coinbase if it launches a digital asset lending product, and also issued subpoenas to the cryptocurrency trading platform to provide it with more information, according to executives.

Paul Grewal, Coinbase's chief legal officer, said the company, which in April became the first big US cryptocurrency exchange to list publicly, had received a Wells notice from the regulator saying it would pursue legal action if Coinbase introduced a yield product called Lend.

A Wells notice means the SEC intends to pursue an enforcement action and gives the recipient a chance to respond.

Lend is designed to allow users to earn interest on certain digital assets on the platform. Grewal said that the SEC had

told Coinbase this year that it considered the Lend product to be a security "but wouldn't say why or how they'd reached that conclusion".

SEC jurisdiction revolves around whether a product such as Lend is an "investment contract", which would make it a security under federal law. The Supreme Court has ruled that such a contract exists when "a person invests his money in a common enterprise and is led to expect profits solely from the efforts of the promoter or a third party".

Coinbase announced the product in June, prompting the SEC to launch a formal investigation into the exchange and issue it with subpoenas, said Grewal.

"Despite Coinbase keeping Lend off the market and providing detailed information, the SEC still won't explain why they see a problem," Grewal said.

"Rather, they have now told us that if

we launch Lend they intend to sue." He added that Lend did not constitute a security because it was "not an investment contract or a note".

Brian Armstrong, Coinbase's chief executive, took to Twitter to attack the SEC, arguing that its actions constituted "sneaky behaviour".

A number of platforms have started offering to pay interest to cryptocurrency holders if they lend or "stake" their balances but the mechanisms for returning interest are often complex and there is little regulatory oversight for investors if they face losses.

The SEC warning comes as US regulators rush to keep up with the growth of the crypto industry. Gary Gensler, the SEC chair, has called on Congress to give regulators more authority to monitor crypto exchanges.

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Refiners shake up US food industry in edible oils fight

Tightening supplies of vegetable oil have pitted food groups against the energy sector amid a search for lower-carbon motor fuel. Refiners Marathon and ExxonMobil are adding "renewable diesel" to their product mix in response to government incentives for cleaner fuels. The raw materials are typically edible oils extracted from plants or animal fat. The global push has alarmed food companies that are coping with record prices for many edible oils.

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	Sep 8	prev	%chg		Sep 8	prev	%chg		price	yield	chg
S&P 500	4499.02	4520.03	-0.46	\$ per £	1.181	1.185	-0.32	US Gov 10 yr	148.31	1.35	-0.02
Nasdaq Composite	15219.54	15324.33	-0.61	\$ per €	1.374	1.379	-0.36	US Gov 10 yr	0.85	0.01	0.00
Dow Jones Ind	34947.24	35100.00	-0.43	£ per \$	0.850	0.859	-1.06	UK Gov 10 yr	-0.33	0.00	0.00
FTSE100	1802.86	1821.56	-1.03	¥ per \$	110.335	110.220	0.10	Jpn Gov 10 yr	115.80	0.04	0.01
Euro Stoxx 50	4192.06	4225.01	-0.78	₹ per \$	151.567	151.944	-0.25	US Gov 30 yr	114.50	1.96	-0.01
FTSE 100	7095.53	7149.37	-0.75	SFr per €	1.089	1.088	0.09	UK Gov 2 yr	105.36	-0.70	0.01
FTSE All-Share	4089.76	4122.43	-0.79	€ per \$	0.947	0.944	0.33				
CAC 40	6968.89	6726.07	-0.85								
Nikkei 225	19519.26	19643.08	-0.62								
Hang Seng	26232.93	26963.63	-0.12								
MSCI World \$	3158.94	3169.64	-0.34								
MSCI EM \$	1325.85	1324.37	0.10								
MSCI ACWI \$	746.07	748.21	-0.29								



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Pandemic Aid Prevented Rise In Hunger Rate

But a Black-White Gap on Food Grew Wider

By JASON DEPARLE

As 20 million jobs vanished at the start of the coronavirus pandemic and traffic jams for food outside food banks, many experts warned that the twin crises of unemployment and disease would produce soaring rates of hunger. But huge expansions of government aid followed, and data released on Wednesday suggests the extraordinary spending achieved a major goal: Despite shuttered businesses and schools, food insecurity remained unchanged from prepandemic levels. That result defied past experience, when recessions caused food hardship to spike.

"This is huge news — it shows you how much of a buffer we had from an expanded safety net," said Elaine Waxman, who researches hunger at the Urban Institute in Washington. "There was no scenario in March of 2020 where I thought food insecurity would stay flat for the year. The fact that it did is extraordinary."

The government found that 10.5 percent of American households were food insecure, meaning that at some point in the year, they had difficulty providing enough food to all members of the home because of a lack of money. It also found that 3.9 percent experienced "very low food security," meaning the lack of resources caused them to reduce their food intake. That was statistically unchanged from the previous year.

Food insecurity did rise among some groups, including households with children, households with Black Americans and households in the South. The gap between Black and white households, which was already large, widened further, with 21.7 percent of Black households experiencing food insecurity, compared with 7.1 percent of white households. That is a gap of 14.6 percentage points, up from 11.2 points in 2019, before the pandemic struck.

Black households suffered disproportionately from job losses and school closings during the pandemic and had fewer assets with which to buffer a crisis.

Still, the overall pattern — of hunger constrained — contrasted sharply with the country's experience in 2008, when nearly 13 million additional Americans became food insecure at the start of the Great Recession. Last year, 38.3 million Americans lacked food security, a level far below the 50.2 million Americans in that situation.

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A New Chapter in Richmond

In a symbolic moment, a towering statue of Robert E. Lee was taken down on Wednesday. Page A9.

A City Under Surveillance in the Shadow of 9/11

By ALI WATKINS

It was an unusual forearm tattoo that the police said led them to Luis Reyes, a 35-year-old man who was accused of stealing packages from a Manhattan building's mailroom in 2019.

But the truth was more complicated: Mr. Reyes had first been identified by the New York Police Department's powerful facial recognition software as it analyzed surveillance video of the crime.

His guilty plea this year was not solely the result of keen-eyed detectives practicing old school police work. Instead, it was part of the sprawling legacy of one of the city's darkest days.

Attacks Changed How the N.Y.P.D. Tackled Everyday Crime

Since the fall of the World Trade Center, the security apparatus borne from the Sept. 11 attack on the city has fundamentally changed the way the country's largest police department operates, altering its approach to finding and foiling terror threats, but also to cracking minor cases like Mr. Reyes's.

New Yorkers simply going about their daily lives routinely encounter post-9/11 digital surveillance tools like facial recognition software, license plate readers or mobile X-ray vans that can see through car doors. Surveillance drones hover above mass demonstrations and protesters say they have been questioned by antiterrorism officers after marches. The department's Intelligence Division, redesigned in 2002 to confront Al Qaeda operatives, now uses antiterror tactics to fight gang violence and street crime.

Police technology has always advanced along with the world at large. And the police have long used surveillance cameras to find suspects caught on video, published on Page A14

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California Vote Could Reshape Climate Policy

U.S. Goals at Stake in Bid to Oust Newsom

By BRAD PLUMER

California has long cast itself as a leader in the fight against global warming, with more solar panels and electric cars than anywhere else in the nation. But the state's ambitious climate policies now face their biggest reckoning to date.

Voters in California are deciding whether to oust Gov. Gavin Newsom, a Democrat, ahead of a Sept. 14 recall election. Many of the Republicans vying to replace Mr. Newsom want to roll back the state's aggressive plans to curb its planet-warming emissions, a move that could have nationwide implications for efforts to tackle climate change given California's influence as the world's fifth-largest economy.

Under the rules of the election, Mr. Newsom would be removed from office if more than 50 percent of voters choose to recall him. If that happens, the governorship would go to whichever of the 46 replacement candidates on the ballot gets the most votes — even if that person does not win a majority.

Democrats have worried that Mr. Newsom could lose, although polling over the past week suggests that voters in the state have started rallying around him.

Polls say the leading Republican is Larry Elder, a conservative radio host who said in an interview that "global warming alarmism is a crock" and that he intends "to stop the war on oil and gas." Another top candidate, Republican businessman John Cox, says California's climate policies have made the state unaffordable for many. Also running is Kevin Faulconer, a former Republican mayor of San Diego, who oversaw the city's first climate plan but has taken issue with Mr. Newsom's approach.

There's the real potential for a huge shift in direction," said Richard Frank, a professor of environmental law at the University of California, Davis. "California has had substantial influence over the direction of climate policy both nationally and internationally, and that could easily wane."

Under the past three governors — Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jerry Brown and Mr. Newsom — California has enacted some of the

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PLUG PROBLEM One roadblock for President Biden's electric-car goals: a lack of chargers. PAGE B1

ENERGY OUTLINE AIMS TO HASTEN RELIANCE ON SUN

A NEW FEDERAL REPORT

Blueprint for How 45% of U.S. Power Could Be Solar by 2050

By IVAN PENN

The Biden administration on Wednesday released a blueprint showing how the nation could move toward producing almost half of its electricity from the sun by 2050 — a potentially big step toward fighting climate change but one that would require vast upgrades to the electric grid.

There is little historical precedent for expanding solar energy, which contributed less than 4 percent of the country's electricity last year, as quickly as the Energy Department outlined in a new report. To achieve that goal, the country would have to double the amount of solar energy installed every year over the next four years and then double it again by 2030.

Such a large increase, laid out in the report, is in line with what most climate scientists say is needed to stave off the worst effects of global warming. It would require a vast transformation in technology, the energy industry and the way people live.

The report is consistent with climate and energy plans laid out by President Biden during his campaign last year, when he said he wanted to bring net planet-warming emissions from the power sector to zero by 2035. He also wants to add hundreds of offshore wind turbines to the seven currently in American waters. And last month, he announced that he wanted half of all new cars sold to be electric by 2030 in a White House event with executives from three of the nation's largest automakers — a goal that will depend in large part

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President Biden has pushed to cut planet-warming emissions.

For the Aid Workers Still in Afghanistan, Hurdles at Every Turn

By CARLOTTA GALL

Even as American and NATO forces and almost the entire Western diplomatic corps packed up and fled the Afghan capital last month as the Taliban seized control, a handful of international aid directors made a decision: They were staying put.

They are now the most visible representatives of the decades-long Western development mission in Afghanistan, and along with United Nations humanitarian agencies, are the people on the ground negotiating with the Taliban on working conditions for thousands of Afghan employees.

Seven out of eight of the directors who stayed to lead their organizations' aid efforts in Afghanistan are women.

"There aren't a lot of us here," said one of them. "There's a lot of uncertainty." She, like others, asked not to be named while relations with the Taliban remain so tentative.

For the past 20 years, military



JIM LEVY/BROOK FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES

Schoolgirls in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Wednesday. Big humanitarian groups said they never weighed packing up or closing.

and diplomatic forces from all over the world took over central Kabul, filling a green zone beside the presidential palace with embassies, military bases and residences. But long before they came, nongovernmental development organizations were working to alleviate poverty and help develop essential health and educa-

tional services in Afghanistan. Most of them were careful to distance themselves from the U.S.-led military operations after they began in 2001. They already had experience working with the Taliban, when it ruled the country in the late 1990s and as it gained control of rural districts in recent months and years.

Now, at a time when Afghanistan's aid needs are more desperate than ever, the aid organizations' diplomatic skills are being put to the test as perhaps never before.

One of the world's poorest countries, Afghanistan was already in serious need before the Taliban takeover, with 3.5 million people internally displaced and 18 million people dependent on humanitarian assistance in a country of about 38 million. But aid groups worry about being too quick to embrace an organization like the Taliban with a history of brutality.

"We need to engage, because this is a very important time to engage," said one aid worker. "We need to engage, because this is a very important time to engage."

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The former Yankees captain's induction in Cooperstown was greeted with a familiar salute. On Baseball. PAGE B7

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The heaviest toll

After 9/11, California lost 776 men and women to the ensuing wars, more than any other state. Memories of selflessness and patriotism mix with enduring love to fill the void.

By Maria L. La Ganga
COLUMN ONE

Leroy Harris Kelly III enlisted in the U.S. Army at age 17. He was married at 18. A father at 19. Dead at 20.

His parents, Guiselle Harris and Leroy Harris Jr., buried their son in the suit he wore to his senior prom at Azusa High School. His father had helped him pick it out — a bright white number with a long jacket, gold buttons and a black turtleneck.

The Harrises still live in the townhouse where the young private first class grew up. It is a shrine to their dead child. Every day, Guiselle pins on a big round button that bears her son's uniformed likeness and the words "Loving Memory Leroy."

Every day.

"I carried him for nine months," Guiselle said. Before he enlisted, "he was with me for 17 years. I wish he was still here. Some people turn around and ask me, 'Why do you still wear the pin?' I say, 'This is my hero. This is my baby.'"

Leroy was killed in Iraq on April 20, 2004, three years into the war on terror, three years after hijacked planes crashed into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon and a field in rural Pennsylvania, leaving behind a scar on this nation that has yet to fade and for families like the Harrises remains as fresh as ever.

As the 20th anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001, nears, the toll to the U.S. military in the war on terror — in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere — has reached a terrible peak. With at least 13 troops killed in the August suicide bombing at the Kabul airport, about 7,050 men and women in uniform have died in the "forever war."

No state has lost as many as California; 776 men and women who called the Golden State home have died, 19% of the nation's casualties. Nearly 20% of California's war dead were old enough to die for their country but too young to buy a drink. They left behind 453 children.



LEROY HARRIS KELLY III was one of 22 Californians killed in Iraq or Afghanistan in April 2004. His parents made their home a shrine to him.

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Brutal fire season is still 'far from over'

Dryness, heat and winds forecast for California in the fall could spell danger.

By Hayley Smith
AND LILA SEIDMAN

With more than 2 million acres burned so far this year, California's already destructive wildfire season may worsen this fall, with long-term forecasts showing little signs of relief.

Fall is almost always a race between intense seasonal winds and the arrival of rain. Officials say the next few months look considerably dry and dangerous.

The summer brought fires of rare ferocity that leveled the town of Greenville. For the first time, flames swept from one side of the Sierra to the other. Drought conditions and rising temperatures spurred by climate change have left the landscape bone-dry and ready to explode.

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Gen. Lee statue in Virginia is out

Removal of Confederate monument marks a victory for civil rights activists. NATION, A5

Weather
Partly sunny.
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No uptick seen in vaccinations

Despite FDA approval, demand for shots is not growing. CALIFORNIA, B1



CALIFORNIA RECALL ELECTION

Hunting for a message that moves voters

Elder says he's a 'sage,' but his ties to Black L.A. are tense

By Donovan X. Ramsey

Two weeks ago, Larry Elder took Fox News' Laura Ingraham and a camera crew to his old neighborhood. The interview was promoted as a tour of South-Central but viewers didn't get scenes of the gubernatorial candidate pressing the flesh in Leimert Park, Watts or even Hyde Park, where he grew up.

Instead, they were treated to carefully staged shots of Elder in front of his childhood home and Crenshaw High School, his alma mater. Standing in front of Crenshaw's brick facade, Elder declared proudly to Ingraham: "I was born and raised here. I'm from the 'hood."

The self-proclaimed "Sage from South Central" has embraced his origin story as a defense of racial politics. His critics say he's made a career of upbraiding Black people to white audiences. They say he's the Black face of white supremacy and his proposals would harm Black and Latino Californians.

Elder answers with where he's from. "Do I look like a white supremacist?" he asks in a new ad. "I walked those hard streets."

As for his old neighborhood, Elder said he's seen no evidence that voters here dislike him.

"A 37-year-old man came up to me and told me he was voting for me," he told The Times about people he met during the taping for Fox News. "And some people came out of the house and told me that they were voting for me."

But Elder has struggled to gain wide support in his old neighborhood in his quest to become California's first Black governor.

Many Black voters here have heard him deny the existence of systemic anti-Black racism, have read his

[See Elder, A12]

Newsom boils his rallying cry down to: Fear a GOP governor

By Taryn Luna

SACRAMENTO — Gov. Gavin Newsom warned in the Bay Area that electing Larry Elder would have deadly consequences for Californians amid the still-raging COVID-19 pandemic.

In Los Angeles, he painted the recall as a battle against "Trumpism" that could plunge the state into an uncharted, near-apocalyptic future. And in ads, his campaign has cautioned that failing to vote could mean the state ends up with an "anti-vax Republican governor."

As he barnstorms the state, Newsom's strategy to generate fear about a GOP takeover appears to be working to turn out Democratic voters, allowing the governor to avoid more complicated conversations about his own record.

With his governorship beset by record wildfires, poor marks on homelessness and an 18-month struggle to contain virus transmission in the state, Newsom and his political advisors have sought to reframe the election as a vote on Republican rule before the recall even qualified for the ballot.

"It was about making the campaign a referendum on the opposition, not just kind of a dunking booth exercise on the incumbent and making the stakes, what this means for California if this recall were to go through," said Sean Clegg, a senior political advisor to Newsom.

If Newsom prevails on election day, political observers say his survival should be credited to cut-throat strategy, a multimillion-dollar advertising blitz and a little luck.

Newsom's campaign team successfully kept other well-known Democrats off the ballot, a move that ensured the governor wouldn't lose votes to an intraparty rival and gave him the ability

[See Strategy, A12]

The voter fraud fairy tale

If the GOP loses, it will say it was robbed, George Skelton writes, but that's a myth. CALIFORNIA, B1

In Kabul, women challenge Taliban

Protests against new rulers met with force; journalists held, beaten



TALIBAN fighters confront protesters in Kabul, Afghanistan, many upset with the makeup of the new government, which includes no women and few minorities.

By Nabih Bulos
AND MARCUS YAM

KABUL, Afghanistan — After being shut out from the Taliban's new government, women increased pressure on Afghanistan's new rulers with a number of protests Wednesday, at least one of which was broken up by Taliban fighters who whipped some of the demonstrators and arrested local journalists.

The protests came one day after the Taliban announced an interim Cabinet composed exclusively of the group's stalwarts, with no women or former political figures and few minorities. Although the rallies were small, with only a few dozen women in each case, they put the new government to the test after it declared that participating in — and covering — protests is illegal without government permission.

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BUSINESS INSIDE: Workers are quitting, and a pay raise won't necessarily sway them. A8

Ohio firm is key player in race for clean energy

Solar panel maker ramps up as U.S. concerns over China's dominance grow

BY JEANNE WHALEN

WALBRIDGE, OHIO — On the outskirts of Toledo, a short drive from Interstate 90, thousands of glass panels rumble along assembly lines at a factory that will help determine whether the Biden administration can meet two of its biggest goals — dramatically reducing carbon emissions and lessening reliance on China.

First Solar is one of the few U.S. solar-panel manufacturers in an industry dominated by Chinese factories, some of which the Biden administration has accused of employing forced labor. Lately, that has made First Solar particularly popular with panel buyers, which have snapped up the company's entire production run through 2022.

Posters in the factory's lobby proudly declare that the company is "countering China's state-subsidized dominance of solar supply chains" while churning out products that are "uniquely American" and "Ohio-made."

The question now: Can First Solar and its smaller counterparts in the U.S. solar industry crank up enough manufacturing capacity to meet the administration's

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As families of slain troops shun Biden, Trump calls

BY MATT VISER AND JOSH DAWSEY

When Darin Hoover traveled to Dover Air Force Base to receive the casket of his 31-year-old Marine son, who was killed in Afghanistan, he, like several other families, declined an offer to meet with President Biden.

But out of the blue last week his cellphone rang, and he instantly recognized the voice on the other line: Donald Trump.

"It was just very cordial, very understanding. He was awesome," Hoover said, recalling the conversation. "He was just talking about the finest of the finest. He said he heard and saw everything that we had said, and he offered his condolences several times, and how sorry he was."

The past two weeks have put on display not only a nation divided about a 20-year war and its messy withdrawal but also a nation whose politics do not allow it to grieve together. Some families opted to not meet with or hear from Biden at all, while

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Wyo. primary: Trump expected to back Cheney's GOP challenger. A4



Crews cut the statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee in two as it was taken down Wednesday on Richmond's Monument Avenue, allowing them to place both pieces on a flatbed truck. Several other Confederate monuments in the city have already been removed.

In Richmond, Lee rides no more

BY GREGORY S. SCHNEIDER AND LAURA VOZZELLA

RICHMOND — Workers have removed Virginia's biggest statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee from its towering stone base and cut it into two pieces, ending the monument's 131-year reign embodying this city's mythology as the former capital of the Confederacy.

Lee's surrender came so fast — after less than an hour of work Wednesday — that hundreds of onlookers were caught by surprise. Workers who had affixed slings to the statue from a cherry picker began waving their arms,

After legal hurdles fell, Confederate monument removed as crowd cheers

urging the crowd to cheer, and one of the workers held up five fingers, then four, then three, two, one, and a crane lifted the statue from its base.

The crowd roared and began singing, "Hey, hey, goodbye!" Lowered quickly to the ground, the statue of Lee stood looking directly over at the crowd cheering and taunting him from

behind barricades. Gov. Ralph Northam (D) and other state officials stood looking on, along with Rita Davis, the former counsel to the governor who formulated the legal plan that led Northam to order the statue's removal.

"I was always probably 90 percent sure we were going to get here," said Davis, who is Black and attended Washington and Lee University.

A small group of residents filed unsuccessful lawsuits to protect the monument, and the Supreme Court of Virginia rejected their appeals last week and cleared the way for removal.

"Now I believe it... It is wonderful to see," Davis said, holding a big cigar moments after the statue was lowered to the ground. "I wish the people who came before me and paved the way for me could actually see this. Ultimately, goodness prevailed."

The statue was on the ground by about 9 a.m., and by 10:45 a.m., workers had sawed off the torso of Lee and begun loading it onto a flatbed truck. Hours later, in the early afternoon, the truck carrying Lee and the horse pulled away in a thunderstorm. It was efficiently methodical compared with the rage and joy that erupted

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RAUL AGUIRRE/GETTY IMAGES

A tense quake cleanup in Mexico

Cars hang along a caved-in roadside in Acapulco after the resort city was hit by a magnitude-7.0 earthquake that killed at least two and was felt 200 miles away in Mexico City. Story, A17

Theranos's failures weren't fraud, founder's lawyer says

Elizabeth Holmes's trial centers on her intent in dealing with investors

BY RACHEL LERMAN AND GERRIT DE VYNCK

SAN JOSE — After years of media coverage, a best-selling book, a documentary, a podcast and a government investigation, the saga of Theranos and its founder Elizabeth Holmes is culminating in a drab California courtroom.

Prosecutors unveiled their line of attack in Holmes's criminal fraud trial, which began Wednesday in front of a jury and a roomful of reporters, curious members of the public, and a handful of her supporters and family members.

At the center of the U.S. government's argument is the accusation that, rather than being a

young, ambitious tech visionary who simply failed to pull off her dreams, Holmes crossed the line into outright fraud, misleading investors, business partners and the media about the blood-testing machines her company was trying to develop. She ultimately did it to save her faltering business, prosecutors alleged.

"This is a case about fraud, about lying and cheating to get money," Robert Leach, an assistant U.S. attorney, told the courtroom during the prosecution's opening statement.

Holmes's defense shot back. In a two-hour rebuttal, her lawyers argued that the story of Theranos is not so different from those of a thousand other business ideas that didn't work out.

"Failure is not a crime. Trying your hardest and coming up short is not a crime," defense attorney Lance Wade said.

Theranos is no longer a company, but its founder is still in the

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IN THE NEWS



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Indonesia jail fire A blaze in a packed prison block that held more than three times the approved number of inmates killed 41. A18

Recanting nothing Backers of California Gov. Gavin Newsom say he'll survive the recall if GOP opponent Larry Elder keeps talking. A10

THE NATION Just ahead of the 20th anniversary of 9/11, more Americans think the attacks changed the country for the worse, a Washington Post-ABC News poll finds. A2

A talk-radio station in New Orleans has been broadcasting around the clock since Hurricane Ida struck. A3

The Supreme Court granted a last-minute reprieve to a Texas inmate who wants his preacher physically by his side and audibly praying for him during his execution. A5

People who got the Johnson & Johnson

vaccine are feeling left behind by the Biden administration's push for boosters, which doesn't yet cover them. A7

Three Vermont state troopers have resigned following accusations of being involved in a scheme to create fake vaccination cards. A8

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The Taliban brought back its feared ministry of vice and virtue. A16

The world's biggest

plant to capture carbon dioxide just opened in Iceland, and will capture 4,000 metric tons of it per year. A18

THE ECONOMY The federal safety net helped prevent widespread hunger during the pandemic, an Agriculture Department study found. A19

THE REGION More than 100,000 students filled classrooms and hallways in Prince George's County, many of them back for the first time in 18 months as the school year got underway. B1

After 9/11, attorney Kenneth Feinberg took

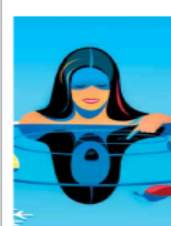
on an unfathomable task: assigning a dollar figure to each life lost in the attacks. B1

The owners of a dog euthanized after it was shot inside their apartment by Prince George's County police have given notice of their intent to sue. B1

A D.C. mother's search for her daughter ends in tragedy at the scene of a shooting in Brightwood Park. B1

OBITUARIES Patricia Maginnis, an early abortion rights activist who helped thousands of women get the procedure in the years before Roe v. Wade, died Aug. 30 at 93. B6

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LOCAL LIVING

Calm yourself By using some surprising science-based strategies, you can find quick relief from stress.

STYLE Artistic reckoning Breonna Taylor's image adorned signs and street murals. Now her portrait is in the Smithsonian. Critic Philip Kennicott takes a look. C1

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Las chicas maravilla que atrapan la atención en Nueva York

Ellas son las revelaciones del US Open: Emma Raducanu (atrás) y Leylah Fernández (adelante), de 18 y 19 años, están en las semifinales del Grand Slam. Deportes, página 8



IVÁN DE PINEDA INVITA A TOMAR CADA VIAJE "COMO UNA AVENTURA"

—espectáculos

LA NACIÓN fue con el conductor a Bariloche para conocer por dentro su programa de viajes por el país, que comenzó su cuarta temporada, la primera en Telefe.

POLÉMICA EN EL INICIO DE LA FERIA DEL LIBRO DE MADRID

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Colombia, país invitado de honor, decidió llevar solo autores "neutrales" y no tendrá en su comitiva figuras como Santiago Gamboa, Laura Restrepo y Fernando Vallejo. Página 23

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Cuatro días antes de las PASO, el dólar blue llegó a \$187 y tocó el valor más alto del año

MERCADOS. Aumentó \$3,50 y superó los \$185 de julio pasado; la brecha con el oficial es de 90%

En la etapa final de la campaña de las elecciones primarias del domingo próximo, el dólar blue volvió a subir ayer \$3,50—después del \$1,50 que había aumentado anteayer—y se vendió a \$187. De esta forma, alcanzó el precio máximo del año, al superar los \$185 que había tocado en julio.

El dólar oficial mayorista, cu-

ya demanda está acotada por los controles cambiarios y el cepo que mantiene vigente el Banco Central (BCRA), cerró a \$98, dos centavos arriba frente al cierre del martes. Así, la brecha entre el paralelo y la cotización oficial alcanzó el 90%.

El economista y socio en FMyA, Fernando Marull, dijo a LA NACIÓN

que el contexto de la suba del blue es el clima preelectoral. "El mercado siempre se pone un poquito nervioso. Hay más cobertura de empresas y más demanda de dólares en general. Esto es típico antes de las elecciones y puede que haya alguien anticipándose al después", opinó. Página 14

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La sostenida emisión monetaria que el BCRA acumula para asistir al Tesoro está desafiando sus límites. Página 15

EL ESCENARIO

El alarmante espejo de la economía de Alfonsín

Carlos Pagni

—LA NACIÓN—

Alberto Fernández le agrada evocar a Raúl Alfonsín. Lo cita en sus discursos casi más que a Néstor Kirchner. Seguro más que a Perón. Y realiza en su propio cuerpo una reivindicación estética del expresidente radical: bigotes, ojeras, traje con corbata y algunos kilos de más. Solo Ricardo, el hijo del prócer, lo supera en esa reencarnación, con la ventaja de que hasta conserva los trajes de su padre. Ricardo Alfonsín: el embajador de Fernández en España, el leal defensor de sus políticas en Twitter. Continúa en la página 12

Euforia por la selección, maltrato para la gente

deportes— La selección festeja como local la conquista de la Copa América: recibe hoy a Bolivia, a las 20.30, por las eliminatorias. La prueba piloto del Gobierno y la AFA del regreso del público empezó mal: la gente tuvo que canjear las entradas bajo la lluvia.



A la odisea para comprar los 17.000 tickets por internet le siguió un inexplicable sistema de canje bajo la lluvia

TOMÁS CUESTA

Las crisis de agosto hunden la popularidad de Biden

EE.UU. La caótica retirada de Afganistán y la suba de casos de Covid le restaron apoyos. Página 2

No se frena la escalada narco en Rosario y Frederic rechazó enviar más fuerzas

ARGUMENTO. La ministra dijo que hay más homicidios en CABA que en Santa Fe

Mientras Rosario sigue jaqueada por la violencia narco, la ministra de Seguridad, Sabina Frederic, rechazó ayer el envío de más fuerzas federales a esa ciudad, reclamado

por el gobernador Omar Perotti. Argumentó que el aumento de la tasa de homicidios en la Capital Federal fue mayor que en Santa Fe en 2020. Si bien en la ciudad de Buenos Ai-

res subieron los asesinatos, hay 4,03 casos cada 100.000 habitantes, mientras que en Santa Fe esa tasa es más del doble: 10,55 cada 100.000 habitantes. Página 26

La AFIP desiste de acusar al empresario Cristóbal López

OIL COMBUSTIBLES. La AFIP informó a la Justicia que desistió de su acusación contra los empresarios kirchneristas Cristóbal López y Fabián de Sousa, al argumentar que fueron víctimas de "persecución" por parte de Mauricio Macri. La medida también favorece al extitular de la AFIP Ricardo Echegaray. Página 13

Once jueces alertan que el titular de la IGJ desoyó un fallo

CONFLICTO. Los once miembros de la Cámara Comercial alertaron a la Corte que el titular de la Inspección General de Justicia (IGJ), Ricardo Nissen, desconoció una sentencia judicial que anuló una medida dictada por él. La medida de Nissen obligaba a las empresas a aplicar el cupo de género en sus directorios. Página 13

Em 15 estados, caminhoneiros fazem bloqueio em rodovias

Caminhoneiros fizeram ontem paralisações em trechos de rodovias em ao menos 15 estados, um dia após atos de raiz golpista. Sem apoio formal de entidades, os motoristas são alinhados ao governo ou ligados ao agronegócio.

A situação afetou a distribuição de combustíveis em SC. Em SP, um grupo bloqueou uma parte da Anhanguera. Mercado A29

Bolsonaristas fecham Esplanada dos Ministérios

Mais de cem caminhões ocupavam a Esplanada para pressionar pela derubada do bloqueio que dá acesso ao Supremo e ao Congresso. Outro grupo tentou invadir o Ministério da Saúde, perseguindo um homem que critica o movimento. Poder A16

Com tensões, Bolsa tem maior queda desde março

Tensões entre Jair Bolsonaro e STF derrubaram a Bolsa brasileira. O Ibovespa caiu 3,78% — maior queda desde a anulação das condenações de Lula pelo Supremo. Mercado A25

Empresários querem que governo mire retomada, não STF A25

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'É crime'

Sobre reações ao golpismo de Bolsonaro no 7/9.

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Desobediência de Bolsonaro ao STF será crime, afirma Fux

Ameaça, se concretizada, seria crime de responsabilidade; Lira pede 'basta' sem citar impeachment

AMEAÇA AUTORITÁRIA

A ameaça do presidente Jair Bolsonaro de desobedecer decisões do ministro Alexandre de Moraes incorrerá em crime de responsabilidade caso seja concretizada, disse o presidente do Supremo Tribunal Federal, Luiz Fux.

"Ninguém fechará esta corte. Nós a manteremos de pé, com suor e perseverança", alertou Fux em pronunciamento ontem. Na véspera, Bolsonaro declarou a apoiadores em Brasília e em São Paulo que deixaria de obedecer às ordens de Moraes.

Nos discursos do 7/9, o presidente também ameaçou o STF de golpe caso Fux não coíba Moraes e disse que só deixaria o cargo morto. Judiciário e Legislativo responderam aos ataques com veemência e, por ora, nenhuma contrapartida em ações.

Sem citar impeachment, o presidente da Câmara, Arthur Lira (PP-AL), disse ser "hora de dar um basta a essa escalada". No Senado, Rodrigo Pacheco (DEM-MG) criticou "arroubos autoritários" e cobrou o fim da crise — não mencionou o presidente.

Os atos de terça deram tração no Congresso a conversas sobre a abertura do processo, com a possível adesão do PSDB e do PSD. Aprovado, porém, careceria de votos do centrão, hoje na base governista, embora avenge um desembarque. Poder A4 e A12



Indígenas acampados em Brasília em protesto assistem ao pronunciamento do presidente do STF, Luiz Fux. Adriano Machado/Reuters

Conrado H. Mendes

O golpe de Estado já foi, vai ser ou está sendo?

Suspiros de alívio pela não decretação de golpe de Estado nos moldes de 1964 não provam "instituições funcionando" nem democracia respirando. Provam que nosso app detector de golpe ainda não roda na versão 2.0. Poder A14

Leandro Narloch

Abusos do STF dão força ao bolsonarismo

É fácil tomar como loucos e inebriados por fake news os brasileiros que chamam o STF de vergonha nacional. Mais difícil é admitir que ministros do Supremo tomaram atitudes pra lá de vergonhosas. Poder A10

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Enfraquecida pelo presidente, lei do clube-empresa afasta interessados

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Filmes, séries e novelas enfrentam a puberdade de atores mirins na pandemia

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Cancún visa viajantes do Brasil em retomada das atividades turísticas

Anvisa dá aval a novo remédio contra Covid

A Anvisa aprovou o pedido de uso emergencial do sotrovimabe, um novo medicamento para pacientes com Covid-19. Indica para casos leves e moderados da doença, ele é o quinto tratamento liberado pela agência. Saúde B2

SP zera mortes nos presídios em agosto

Estado fechou mês sem registrar óbitos por Covid em seus presídios, informa Mônica Bergamo. C2

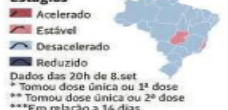
Total da população vacinada

	so menos uma dose*	totalmente vacinada**
Brasil	65,7 %	32,3 %
MS	73,5 %	47,2 %
SP	77,4 %	41,8 %
RS	70,0 %	38,5 %

Números da pandemia

	Casos	Óbitos
Total	20,9 mil	584,5 mil
Méd. móvel	17,5 mil	461
Variação***	-34,6 %	-35,8 %
Em 24 h	14,3 mil	250

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Industriales denuncian temor de tocar intereses de grandes contrabandistas

La UIP acusa a autoridades de ser indolentes ante corruptos

Duro mensaje por el Día de la Industria. Gremio apuntó a algunos funcionarios que, en vez de tener actitud patriótica, actúan con indiferencia ante el contrabando y la corrupción.

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Hay pasajeros a la noche:
Se cae otra mentira



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La reprise fragilisée par les pénuries de main-d'œuvre

Alors que la croissance repart fortement après dix-huit mois de crise, de nombreuses entreprises ne trouvent pas de personnel et peinent à faire face à la demande.

Après plus d'un an et demi de crise, les indicateurs passent au vert sur le front de l'emploi, mais de nombreuses offres d'embauches restent sans réponse. Le président du Medef, Geoffroy

Roux de Bézieux, considère ce problème comme « le plus grand danger pour l'économie française ». Le gouverneur de la Banque de France, François Villeroy de Galhau, juge que ces difficultés pour

recruter du personnel qualifié représentent « la principale menace sur la reprise ». Cette pénurie tient au manque de formation des chômeurs pour exercer certains métiers et au manque d'at-

tractivité d'autres emplois, notamment en termes de salaires. Le BTP, l'hôtellerie-restauration et l'industrie sont particulièrement affectés par cette pénurie de main-d'œuvre.

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À Kaboul, la vie quotidienne régentée par le nouvel ordre taliban

Les nouveaux maîtres du pays, qui ont formé un gouvernement composé d'ultraconservateurs pachouns, interdisent les vêtements occidentaux aux femmes, le rasage des barbes et les taxis mixtes dans la capitale afghane. PAGES 2 ET 4

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Sujets qui fâchent

C'est le monde à l'envers. Le raz-de-marée de la crise sanitaire devait emporter avec lui des milliers d'entreprises et des millions d'emplois.

Dix-huit mois plus tard, la croissance repart à rythme inespéré et des centaines de milliers d'offres d'embauches ne trouvent pas preneurs. À l'explosion tant redoutée du chômage s'est substituée une pénurie de main-d'œuvre !

Ce phénomène, en partie dû aux goulots d'étranglement de la reprise économique, s'observe un peu partout dans le monde. Comme d'autres, nous rencontrons des difficultés à adapter notre marché du travail à la transformation d'une économie toujours plus numérique et technologique. D'incontestables efforts ont été déployés sur la formation et l'apprentissage pour permettre à des salariés de se recycler dans d'autres secteurs et à des jeunes d'entrer plus facilement dans la vie professionnelle. L'offre et la demande ne parvenant toujours pas à s'ajuster, sans doute faudra-t-il amplifier cette politique.

Mais la France présente une particularité : contrairement à nombre de ses voisins, déjà

plus ou moins proches du plein-emploi, elle est rongée par un chômage de masse structurel. Cette singularité impose de parler enfin des sujets qui fâchent. À commencer par celui-ci : si tant d'employeurs ne parviennent pas à recruter - pour des postes ne nécessitant pas une surqualification - parmi nos 6 millions de chômeurs, c'est aussi que la générosité de notre système social n'incite pas au travail.

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D'avantage encore en suggérant à un jeune chômeur de traverser la rue pour trouver un emploi. Sans doute un président ne devrait-il pas dire ça, mais il avait deux fois raison. Dans ce contexte, le durcissement des règles de l'assurance-chômage pour inciter à la reprise du travail ne devrait souffrir aucune discussion. Et le chef de l'État serait bien inspiré de réfléchir à deux fois avant de créer une nouvelle allocation pour les jeunes. ■

Marine Le Pen :
« Je veux nationaliser les autoroutes et privatiser l'audiovisuel »

Dans un entretien accordé au *Figaro* à la veille de sa rentrée politique à Fréjus, la présidente du Rassemblement national livre les premières propositions d'une campagne qu'elle entend inscrire sous le signe des « libertés ». La candidate affiche ses ambitions face à Emmanuel Macron, « candidat décomplexé de la mondialisation » : « Le moment des nationaux est venu », assure-t-elle. **PAGE 6**

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PM warned £12bn gamble will not fix care crisis

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Boris Johnson won the backing of MPs for his controversial health and social care plan last night, amid warnings from experts and professionals that it would fail to fix the urgent crisis in the care system.

Despite the concerns of some Conservative MPs about breaching their manifesto commitment not to increase national insurance contributions (NICs), a motion approving the £12bn-a-year package passed by 319 votes to 248, a majority of 71.

But after care sector leaders had had more time to scrutinise the plans, they said they were concerned about the meagre resources set out in the proposals - while Labour warned some people could still have to sell their homes to pay for their care.

"Boris Johnson's claim that this was about 'fixing' social care was misleading because the body of the plan was about NHS recovery," said Nadra Ahmed, executive chair of the National Care Association, which represents independent care

operators. "This is a recovery plan for the NHS and that is very obvious. The funding pot being talked about for social care is not sufficient to even address the issues of today."

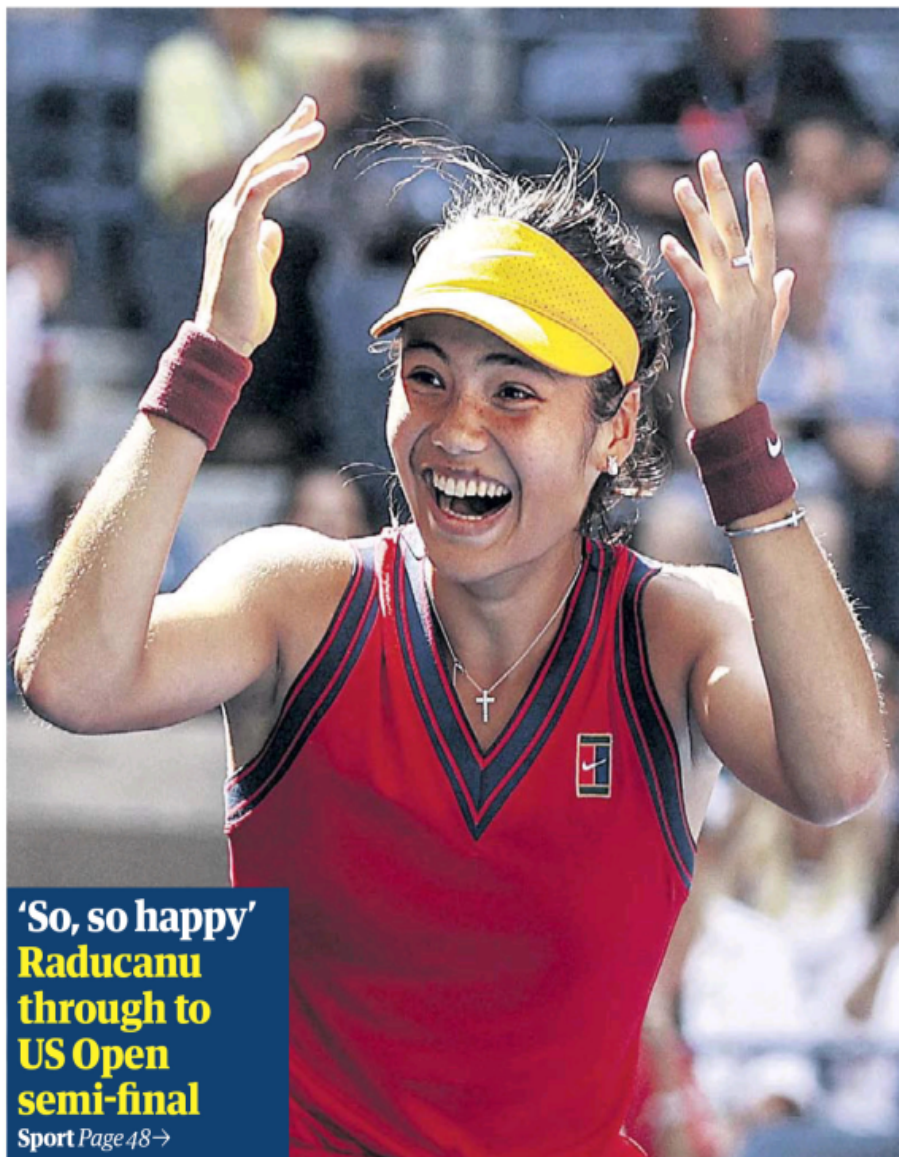
The Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS) also warned that "an ever-growing NHS budget could swallow up all of this week's tax rise".

This week's plan included £1.8bn a year for social care over three years. But analysis by the Health Foundation suggests at least £6bn extra a year is needed to keep social care from further deteriorating in England.

The government has promised to introduce an £86,000 cap on lifetime care costs, as well as making means-tested support more generous for people with under £100,000 in assets. However, it is unclear how much extra funding social care will receive after 2025.

Just five Tories voted against the bill, including former ministers Esther McVey and John Redwood. More than 30 appeared to have deliberately abstained, rather than back the plan. They included the Northern Research Group chair, Jake Berry, former Brexit secretary David Davis, and 2019 intake MP

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Migrant boats could be turned back in Channel

Rajeev Syal
Home affairs editor

The home secretary, Priti Patel, is preparing to send back small boats carrying migrants in the Channel despite warnings from France that it could endanger lives.

Border Force staff are being trained to employ 'turn-around' tactics at sea under plans developed for two years, a statement from the Home Office said.

It would allow UK officers to force small boats back into French waters. It is unclear if the proposals would include taking

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Taliban tighten control with ban on protests

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The Taliban have moved to tighten their crackdown on escalating protests against their rule, banning any

demonstrations that do not have official approval for both the gathering itself and for any slogans that might be used.

In the first decree issued by the hardline Islamist group's new interior ministry - led by Sirajuddin Haqqani, who is wanted by the US on terrorism charges - the Taliban warned

opponents that they must secure permission before any protests or face "severe legal consequences".

The formal ban follows violent and sometimes lethal confrontations between Taliban fighters and demonstrators in several cities since the group swept to power, with women often at the forefront of the protests.

In the capital Kabul, a small rally was quickly dispersed by armed Taliban security, while Afghan media reported a protest in the northeastern city of Faizabad was also broken up.

Hundreds protested on Tuesday, both in the capital

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