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Military Parade Marks North Korea's 73rd Anniversary



SUITED UP: Paramilitary and public security forces took part in a military parade in Pyongyang on Thursday to commemorate North Korea's 73rd anniversary, in a photo released by the country's official news agency. **A8**

Airlines Lower Expectations For Profits as Business Slows

By ALISON SIDER

Airlines warned Thursday of another pandemic-driven hit to profits in the months ahead, as the Delta variant interrupts a rebound in air travel.

Major carriers said new travel bookings have slowed in recent weeks and cancellations have increased, tempering airlines' outlook after less than two months earlier some had projected the recovery would continue to strengthen.

"The crystal balls have been a little bit foggy to say the

least, as we've gone through this crisis," Andrew Nocella, chief commercial officer for United Airlines Holdings Inc., said at an investor conference Thursday.

As recently as late July, airlines looked to be on track for a rapid rebound from the crisis that brought air travel to a standstill when Covid-19 hit the U.S. in early 2020. Travelers flooded back to airports over the summer, and several carriers anticipated profits in the third quarter. While the Delta variant had emerged as a concern, airline executives said they were prepared to navigate an uneven recovery but hadn't yet seen much impact.

Some carriers, including Delta Air Lines Inc., said they still expect third-quarter profits despite lower-than-expected revenue. Others, including United and Southwest Airlines Co., have said they now anticipate losses during the period.

In response, airlines are paring flight schedules and some are warning of more financial losses in the months ahead, though executives said the setback will likely be short-lived. "People are still traveling," Delta Chief Executive Officer Ed

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Taliban Let Americans, Others Leave Afghanistan

By YAROSLAV TROFIMOV
AND DIOR NISSENBAUM

KABUL—Afghanistan's Taliban authorities allowed 113 Americans, U.S. permanent residents and holders of other Western passports to leave the country on a flight to Qatar, the first such departure by air since U.S. forces withdrew in August.

While Qatari officials initially said the Qatar Airways Boeing 777 that landed in Kabul on Thursday afternoon would carry 200 people, not all of those who had been scheduled to fly reached the airport on time. There will be another such flight on Friday, Qatar's special envoy Muti al-Qabani said at a joint airport news conference with the chief Taliban spokesman, Zabiullah Mujahid.

Thursday's flight marked the resumption of international passenger links between the Afghan capital and the rest of the world, with dozens of Qatari special forces guarding the tar-

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Home Listings Look to Impress With Knights, Dinosaurs

As real-estate agents flood hot housing market, some are getting creative

By RACHEL WOLFE

Michael Bergstrom is used to fielding strange requests. After all, "there's not too many people running around with full suits of armor," said the Renaissance re-enactor.

But this summer, the Seattle 35-year-old forge owner ex-

perienced a personal first. He received a call from a local real-estate agent asking if he would pose in full armor, in listing photos for a house that looks like a castle.

"The homeowners and I agreed that the future buyer of this house is most likely a

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'Moneyball' Analytics Take On Wildfires

Computer models to predict how flames spread sometimes can't keep up

By JIM CARLTON
AND DAN FROCH

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, Calif.—When the Caldor Fire roared toward a granite ridge above South Lake Tahoe last month, some computer models that firefighters were using showed the blaze stopping in its tracks. A conflicting calculation showed something unprecedented: the inferno jumping the ridge and racing toward the resort.

Stephen Volmer, a state fire-behavior analyst crunching the scenarios in a trailer 40 miles away, leaned toward the first outcome because the ridge had always shielded the lake from wildfires. "If the winds were calm," he said, "everything looked fine."

On Aug. 30, winds suddenly sent the blaze over the granite and showered the valley below with embers. Mr. Volmer, who works for

the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, or Cal Fire, quickly recalibrated his models—and then recalibrated again as embers landed in places the models hadn't predicted—helping direct firefighters to a forested area where his algorithms now showed the Caldor, so far the 15th biggest in state history, would spread.

Firefighters in Western forests have gained a critical new weapon in recent years: sophisticated computer programs grounded in sports analytics that model how wildfires spread. But the wildfires of 2021 are like nothing before, and even the most advanced algorithms sometimes can't keep up.

Using the models, crews have so far kept the 218,000-acre blaze from igniting any Lake Tahoe homes, but the extreme conditions had made it a close call.

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Amazon Workers Get Tuition Perk

By CHIP CUTLER

Amazon.com Inc. is offering to pay college tuition for more than 750,000 employees, joining other companies in dangling the prospect of a free education to lure and retain staff in a tight U.S. job market.

Amazon said Thursday that it would cover the cost of tuition and books for staff pursuing bachelor's degrees at various universities nationwide. Hourly employees would be eligible for the new perk af-

ter 90 days on the job. It didn't identify the schools.

The company has hired 400,000 employees during the pandemic, but it is looking to reduce turnover and bring on tens of thousands of additional hourly staffers to work in its fulfillment centers and delivery network in the coming months.

"Career progression is the new minimum wage," said Arlene Williams, a vice president of workforce development at Amazon, who notes employer-funded training can help peo-

ple prepare for a career that interests them. "Most adult learners don't have the luxury of quitting their jobs and going to school full time," she said.

The stepped-up perks also reflect what executives say is a reality across the corporate sphere: Even \$15 an hour, Amazon's base wage, is no longer enough to attract many workers. As more employers and

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On thin ice
Big melt raises
tsunami risk

Ice floats freely in the port of Ilulissat in Greenland where the thinning ice cap risks triggering earthquakes and a north Atlantic tsunami, says one leading scientist.

The melting ice sheets will reduce the weight on the crust below and unleash intense seismic activity, according to Bill McGuire, professor of earth sciences at University College London.

Its impact might be comparable to the tsunami on December 26 2004 that killed more than 200,000 people around the Indian Ocean, he said.

GPS instruments on coasts around the ocean are beginning to detect this uplift, which is taking place at a rate ranging from a few millimetres to 2.5cm a year.

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Mario Tama/Getty

ECB to slow crisis-era support
as confidence grows in recovery

◆ Fewer bonds to be bought ◆ Eurozone 'not out of woods' ◆ Other banks already tapering

MARTIN ARNOLD — FRANKFURT

European Central Bank president Christine Lagarde said "the lady isn't tapering", reassuring bond investors even though the ECB said that it would buy fewer bonds in a sign of confidence in the eurozone's economic recovery.

After a two-day meeting of its governing council, the ECB said yesterday that it had decided to move to "a moderately lower pace" in its €1.85tn pandemic emergency purchase programme (PEPP) from the €80bn-a-month level it has run at since March.

European government bonds rallied in price after the ECB said that it would only slowly remove its crisis-era support from the bloc's economy. The 10-year German bond yield, a regional

benchmark, fell 0.04 percentage points in afternoon trading to minus 0.37 per cent, with the Italian equivalent down almost 0.1 percentage points to 0.67 per cent. Bond prices rise as their yields fall.

The decision to slow the PEPP, the ECB's flagship policy response to the pandemic, follows a strong rebound in eurozone growth and inflation, as rising coronavirus vaccinations have helped to end lockdowns and boosted business and household activity.

Borrowing the late Margaret Thatcher's line that "the lady's not for turning", Lagarde said that the unanimously agreed shift to a slower pace of purchases was not tapering.

Most analysts agreed that the ECB's decision is different to other central banks' unwinding of monetary support

because the ECB is not planning to end its bond-buying yet and is only "re-calibrating" its pace.

"This is not a tapering decision," said Elga Bartsch, head of macro research at the BlackRock Investment Institute. "Asset purchases look here to stay as the new policy framework paves the way for looser-for-longer monetary policy in the euro area."

In contrast, the US Federal Reserve and the Bank of England have said that they plan to start tapering asset purchases this year. Central banks in Canada, New Zealand and Australia have already started tapering.

Lagarde said the decision to slow bond purchases reflected an improvement in financing conditions in recent months and signs that the "rebound



Christine Lagarde, president of the ECB, alluded to a line from the late Margaret Thatcher and said 'the lady isn't tapering'.

phase in the recovery of the euro area economy is increasingly advanced" with 70 per cent of adults now vaccinated.

However, she said: "There remains some way to go before the damage done to the economy by the pandemic is undone," adding that 2m more people were out of work than before the pandemic. "We are not out of the woods."

A "fourth wave" of coronavirus infections could still derail the recovery, she said, adding that supply-chain bottlenecks, which have left carmakers and other manufacturers short of semiconductor chips and other materials, "could last longer and feed through into stronger than expected wage rises".

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Jobs for jobs

Pakistan looks to Taliban
to prevent refugee crisis

Pakistan fears are mounting that the Taliban's takeover in Afghanistan will spark regional volatility. While the US has accused Pakistan of financing the Taliban, Islamabad needs the militants to help prevent a refugee crisis. A key researcher affiliated with Stanford University, said: "We shouldn't write off the possibility that Pakistan can manage this awkward dance, but more likely there will be blowback."

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Wood's Ark funds retreat from China as
regulators tighten crackdown on profits

LEO LEWIS — TOKYO
THOMAS HALE — HONG KONG

Cathie Wood, the chief executive of Ark Invest and one of the world's most closely watched investors, said her fund had significantly reduced its exposure to China, leaving only a portfolio of companies identified as "curry-favour" with Beijing.

Ark's sharp strategy shift, she told an audience of institutional fund managers yesterday, was because the environment in China was "quite different" from the one that many global asset managers had poured funds into late last year. Chinese authorities were focusing on social issues and social engineering at the expense of capital markets, she said. Anything deemed by Beijing as too profitable was at risk of being torpedoed.

The Ark founder cited as a catalyst a

series of numbing regulatory changes imposed over the course of a single weekend in July by the Chinese government on the country's online education industry. That move, she said, suggested the government's quest for "common prosperity" had become its prevailing concern.

The education directives banned for-profit companies from teaching school subjects, in effect wiping out the country's multibillion-dollar listed tutoring sector overnight. The measures are part of a wider crackdown on the tech, entertainment and gaming sectors.

Shares in Tencent and NetEase, China's two leading online gaming companies, dropped sharply yesterday, while the wider Hang Seng Tech index fell 4.7 per cent, after authorities instructed the groups to "break from the solitary focus of pursuing profit".

"We have not eliminated our positions but we have reduced our positioning in China dramatically and we have swapped some of our holders, which became losers, into companies that we know are courting the government with 'common prosperity'," said Wood.

Ark's sharply consolidated China portfolio of companies seeking the government's favour included JD Logistics, which Wood said was building infrastructure in third- and fourth-tier cities on extremely low gross margins.

Wood also noted e-commerce platform Pinduoduo, which she said was investing heavily in the grocery sector and supply chains.

Wood said that despite Ark's recent portfolio reshuffle, she did not think China wanted to shut itself off from the rest of the world or to stop growing but was instead undergoing a "reset".

World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				INTEREST RATES			
	Sep 9	prev	%chg		Sep 9	prev	%chg		price	yield	chg
S&P 500	4515.96	4514.07	0.06	\$ per £	1.182	1.181	0.722	US Gov 10-yr	148.89	1.32	-0.04
Nasdaq Composite	15320.01	15296.64	0.22	\$ per €	1.385	1.374	1.172	UK Gov 10-yr	0.64	-0.01	
Dow Jones Ind	35009.00	35031.07	0.11	£ per \$	0.854	0.860	-0.69	Ger Gov 10-yr	-0.38	-0.04	
FTSE100	1800.36	1802.86	-0.14	¥ per \$	109.825	110.335	-0.46	Japan Gov 10-yr	115.75	0.04	-0.01
Euro Stoxx 50	4177.37	4177.15	0.01	₹ per \$	152.057	151.567	0.32	US Gov 30-yr	115.00	1.93	-0.03
FTSE40	7024.21	7035.53	-0.16	S\$ per €	1.085	1.089	-0.37	Ger Gov 2-yr	105.35	-0.71	-0.02
FTSE All-Share	4055.92	4059.76	-0.93	€ per \$	0.946	0.947	-0.11				
CAC 40	6994.72	6994.72	0.00								
Shanghai	3462.35	3462.35	0.00								
Nikkei	30008.19	30181.21	-0.52								
Hong Kong	25718.00	26320.93	-2.30								
MSCI World \$	3148.96	3159.94	-0.36								
MSCI EM \$	1313.60	1325.65	-0.91								
MSCI ACWI \$	742.77	746.07	-0.44								

COMMODITIES

	Sep 9	prev	%chg		price	prev	chg
Oil WTI \$	66.96	66.30	0.98	Feed Grains CBOT	0.09	0.10	-0.01
Oil Brent \$	72.28	72.60	-0.44	US 3m Bill	0.05	0.05	0.00
Gold \$	1786.00	1802.15	-0.90	Euro Libor 3m	-0.56	-0.56	0.00
				UK 3m	0.06	0.06	0.00

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BIDEN ISSUES SWEEPING MANDATES FOR SHOTS



President Biden announced on Thursday that all companies with more than 100 workers must require vaccination or weekly testing.

Push to Cover Two-Thirds of Workers — 'Our Patience Is Wearing Thin'

By KATIE ROGERS and SHERYL GAY STOLBERG

WASHINGTON — President Biden on Thursday used the full force of his presidency to push two-thirds of American workers to be vaccinated against the coronavirus, reaching into the private sector to mandate that all companies with more than 100 workers require vaccination or weekly testing.

Mr. Biden also moved to mandate shots for health care workers, federal contractors and the vast majority of federal workers, who could face disciplinary measures if they refuse.

The sweeping actions, which the president announced in a White House speech, are the most expansive he has taken to control the pandemic and will affect almost every aspect of society. They also reflect Mr. Biden's deep frustration with the roughly 80 million Americans who are eligible for shots but have not gotten them.

"We've been patient," Mr. Biden said in a sharp message to those who refuse to be vaccinated. "But our patience is wearing thin. And your refusal has cost all of us."

Initially reluctant to enact mandates, Mr. Biden is now moving more aggressively than any other president in modern history to require vaccination, experts say. In his remarks, he promised to "protect vaccinated workers from the unvaccinated."

"We can and we will turn the tide on Covid-19," he said.

Even so, Mr. Biden conceded that the mandates would take time to "have full impact." They are also all but certain to be the subject of legal challenges; already, the largest union representing federal workers has raised questions. It is also unclear how many workers subject to the new mandates have already been vaccinated.

Mr. Biden is acting through a combination of executive orders

and new federal rules. Under his plan, private sector businesses that have 100 or more employees will have to require vaccination, or mandatory weekly testing, after the Occupational Safety and Health Administration drafts a rule. Roughly 17 million health care workers employed by hospitals and other institutions that accept Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement will also face strict new vaccination requirements, as will federal contractors and most federal workers.

Experts say Mr. Biden has the legal authority to impose vaccine requirements on the private sector, through laws that require businesses to comply with evidence-based federal health safety standards. OSHA, which enforces workplace safety, has already imposed other pandemic precautions, such as a rule in June requiring health care employees to provide protective equipment and adequate ventilation and ensure social distancing, among other measures.

Robert I. Field, a law professor at Drexel University, said that OSHA had the authority to protect workers' safety, keeping them from being exposed to a potentially deadly virus, by requiring vaccinations.

Lawrence O. Gostin, a Georgetown University law professor who specializes in public health, added: "The president's plan is bold, audacious and unprecedented. But I do think it's entirely lawful. He's on extremely strong legal ground."

The moves, which Mr. Biden said would cover 100 million people, are part of a broader White House effort to curb the pandemic, which began to spin out of control in July even as Mr. Biden and his top aides were forecasting a "summer of joy" and declaring

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THE EMPLOYERS The president is relying on a powerful agency that regulates workers' safety to impose a vaccine requirement. PAGE B1

New Threat Compelling the President: A Sagging Economy

By JIM TANKERSLEY

WASHINGTON — President Biden's aggressive move to expand the number of vaccinated Americans and halt the spread of the Delta variant is not just an effort to save lives. It is also an attempt to counter the continuing and evolving threat that the virus poses to the economy.

Delta's rise has been fueled in part by the inability of Mr. Biden and his administration to persuade millions of vaccine-refusing Americans to inoculate themselves against the virus. That has created another problem: a drag on the economic recovery. Real-time gauges of restaurant

visits, airline travel and other services show consumers pulled back on some face-to-face spending in recent weeks.

After weeks of playing down the threat that a new wave of infections posed to the recovery, the president and his team blamed Delta for slowing job growth in August. "We're in a tough stretch," he conceded on Thursday, after heralding the economic progress made under his administration so far this year, "and it could last for a while."

The virus threatens the recovery even though consumers and business owners are not retrenching the way they did when

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the coronavirus began to spread in the United States in the spring of 2020. Far fewer states and cities have imposed restrictions on business activity than in previous waves, and administration officials vowed on Thursday that the nation would not return to "lockdowns or shutdowns."

But a surge in deaths crippled consumer confidence in August and portends a possible chill in fall spending as people again opt for limited in-person commerce. The unchecked spread of the virus has also contributed to a rapid drop in the president's

approval ratings — even among Democrats.

The explosion of new cases and deaths also appears to have deterred many would-be workers from accepting open jobs in businesses across the country, economists say. That comes as businesses and consumers are complaining about a labor shortage and as administration officials pin their hopes on rising wages to power consumer spending in place of fading government support for distressed families.

The plan Mr. Biden announced on Thursday would mandate vaccinations for federal employ-

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Little Optimism Even as Taliban Reopen Airport

This article is by Victor J. Blue, Sami Sahab, Lara Jakes and Eric Nagourney.

KABUL, Afghanistan — Ten days after the chaotic evacuation of Afghanistan came to an end, a lone jetliner lifted off from Kabul's airport on Thursday, the first international passenger flight since American forces ended their 20-year presence in the country.

The departure of the chartered Qatar Airways Boeing 777, with scores of Americans, Canadians and Britons on board, was hailed by some as a sign that Taliban-ruled Afghanistan might be poised to re-engage with the world, even as reports emerged that the group was intensifying its crackdown on dissent.

"Kabul Airport is now operational," Mutlaq bin Majed Al-Qahatani, a special envoy from Qatar's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, said at a news conference on the tarmac.

In recent days, Qatari and Turkish personnel worked with the Taliban to repair damage and make the airport basically functional again. But just more than a week ago, the facility was a scene of frantic desperation as people jockeyed to find seats on the last commercial and military planes out.

When the last evacuation flight left Kabul just before midnight Aug. 30, it left behind a ghost town

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U.S. Sues Texas In Bid to Undo Its Abortion Act

By KATIE BENNER

The Justice Department sued Texas on Thursday over its recently enacted law that prohibits nearly all abortions in the state, the first significant step by the Biden administration to fight the nation's most restrictive ban on abortion and a move that could once again put the statute before the Supreme Court.

The department argued that the law was unconstitutional because it allowed Texas to essentially prohibit abortion while technically complying with Supreme Court rulings that forbid such a ban by deputizing private parties to enforce the new restrictions.

Attorney General Merrick B. Garland called Texas' enforcement mechanism "an unprecedented" effort whose "obvious and expressly acknowledged intention" was to prevent women from exercising their constitutionally protected right to have abortions.

"This kind of scheme to nullify the Constitution of the United States is one that all Americans — whatever their politics or party — should fear," Mr. Garland said in a news conference at the Justice

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Robert Malcom, who owns a gun shop in Clinton, Mo., said, "Has Missouri gone too far? No, sir."

Missouri Firearms Law Jabs at Federal Authority

By GLENN THRUSH

OZARK, Mo. — Brad Cole is a fiery defender of the Second Amendment, a set-jawed lawman with a lacquered alligator head on his desk, a Smith & Wesson .357 Magnum on his hip and a signed picture of himself with former President Donald J. Trump on his office wall.

Sheriff Cole, of Christian County, considers himself part of

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the constitutional sheriff movement, which contends that the federal government is subordinate to local authorities in most law-enforcement matters. Yet this year he found himself in the unusual position of pushing back against

Republican state lawmakers ramming through a bill to punish local departments for collaborating with federal authorities on gun cases deemed to be in violation of Second Amendment rights.

"Anything you take away a tool from us to do our job and protect the people we serve, well, I'm going to have a huge problem with that," said Sheriff Cole, a Republican who worked with several

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Biden, in Victory For Gun Lobby, Pulls A.T.F. Pick

By GLENN THRUSH

WASHINGTON — When President Biden nominated David Chipman to run the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in March, he described it as an important step toward ending the "embarrassment" and "epidemic" of gun violence in America.

But on Thursday, conceding that he could not muster the 50 votes to get the nomination through the Democratic-controlled Senate, Mr. Biden stood down. It was a stunning defeat for his gun-control agenda and a major victory for the gun lobby, which had campaigned for months against the nomination.

The president had hoped that the outrage over mass shootings this year in Atlanta; Indianapolis; San Jose, Calif.; and Boulder, Colo., would generate enough political support to give A.T.F., the agency that enforces federal gun laws, its first permanent leader in nearly a decade.

Instead, Mr. Biden's retreat followed a familiar pattern for Democrats — including former President Barack Obama — who have been repeatedly foiled in their efforts to enact even broadly popular gun-control efforts after massacres in schools, nightclubs and stores.

"We knew this wouldn't be

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New artists abound at the Armory Show, one of several big events that are getting underway in Manhattan. Above, a George Bolster tapestry. PAGE C1



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A PLACE FOR REMEMBRANCE

Eran and Ruth Kahn, on vacation from Israel, visit the annual Waves of Flags display Thursday at Pepperdine University. Flags of the U.S. and other nations commemorate victims of the Sept. 11 attacks.

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LAUSD stresses safety as it mandates student vaccines

Order applies to those 12 and older as part of district's aggressive COVID response.

BY HOWARD BLUME AND MELISSA GOMEZ

All children 12 and older in Los Angeles public schools must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by January to enter campus under an order approved Thursday by the Board of

Education, the first such mandate among the nation's largest school systems and a decision that triggered immediate pushback.

The requirement cements the standing of the L.A. Unified School District as an early adopter of COVID-19 school safety measures that are wide-reaching and aggressive. The nation's second-largest school system has moved faster and more comprehensively than most others in testing all students and employees for coronavirus infection every

Biden expands shot mandates

President's announcement is expected to affect tens of millions of Americans. **NATION, A5**

week, requiring masks indoors and outdoors and ordering employees to get vaccinated.

L.A. schools Interim Supt. Megan K. Reilly said the student mandate was the next logical step to keep

children, staff and community members safer from a COVID-19 pandemic that still poses significant risks.

"We've always approached safety with a multilayered approach: masks, air filtration and coronavirus screening," Reilly told *The Times*. "But we are seeing without a doubt that the vaccines are one of the clearest pathways to protecting individuals from getting severe sickness as well as for mitigating transmission of the COVID virus. It is one of [See LAUSD, A12]

CALIFORNIA RECALL ELECTION

Newsom likely to keep his job, new poll shows

A Times-UC Berkeley survey finds 60% back the governor, a big rise from 6 weeks ago.

BY PHIL WILLON

SACRAMENTO — Momentum has turned strongly against the effort to recall Gov. Gavin Newsom with just days to go before voting ends, a change that comes after a deluge of political ads and support from leading Democrats who have slammed the effort as a Republican power grab.

According to a UC Berkeley Institute of Governmental Studies poll cosponsored by the Los Angeles Times released Friday, 60.1% of likely voters surveyed oppose recalling Newsom compared with 38.5% in favor of ousting the governor. Fewer than 2% of likely voters remained undecided or declined to answer, suggesting the issue is largely settled in the minds of California voters.

The findings, which were gathered by pollsters between Aug. 30 and Sept. 6, align with results from a batch of recent independent polls, all of which showed a decisive advantage for Newsom as the Sept. 14 recall election approaches.

A poll by the Berkeley Institute just six weeks ago found that likely voters' opinions were almost evenly split, a vulnerability for Newsom that at the time appeared to be driven mostly by the indifference many Democrats expressed about the recall.

The 'big lie' of election fraud

Will conservatives' claims that a failed recall effort means a rigged vote help or hurt their chances? **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Since then, Newsom's campaign worked feverishly to redefine the recall campaign as a referendum on "Trumpism," an effort aided greatly by the emergence of conservative talk show host Larry Elder, a loyalist to President Trump, as the clear favorite to become California's next governor if the recall is successful.

"In the early going it was probably more about whether they liked Newsom [See Poll, A9]

U.S. SUES TEXAS, CITING WOMEN'S RIGHTS

Justice Department says state abortion law is an unconstitutional prohibition.

BY DAVID G. SAVAGE AND DEL QUENTIN WILBER

WASHINGTON — The Biden administration launched a broad legal attack on the new Texas anti-abortion law, declaring Thursday the state has no authority to defy the Constitution and deprive women of their rights.

The law bans abortion after about six weeks, well before most women know they are pregnant, and represents the strongest challenge to abortion access in nearly 50 years.

Thursday's lawsuit comes as the Biden administration has been facing pressure from Democrats to block the law, especially after the Supreme Court last week allowed it to take effect.

"The Department of Justice has the duty to defend the Constitution of the United States and uphold the law. Today we defend that duty," Atty. Gen. Merrick Garland told reporters as he announced the lawsuit, which was filed in federal district court in Austin, Texas.

The Texas law, known as Senate Bill 8, prohibits abortions once medical professionals can detect cardiac activity.

Other states have [See Abortion, A7]

Abortion rights bill is dusted off

Democrats have readied for a legislative fight for years, but defeat in Senate is likely. **NATION, A7**

COLUMN ONE

A tortuous U.S. quest for justice at Guantanamo

The accused 9/11 planner and 4 codefendants yet to stand trial

BY TERRY McDERMOTT REPORTING FROM GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, CUBA

On a bright California morning 20 years ago, I was driving my middle daughter to meet her high school carpool when I heard a report on the radio that an airplane had crashed into the north tower of New York's World Trade Center. Minutes later another plane hit the south tower. I dropped off my daughter, went home and packed a bag. I had no idea what was going on, but I knew at least that it wasn't good and that I might be asked to go somewhere and help find out. The somewhere ended up being more than two dozen countries on four continents. I'm still out here on the road trying to understand the why. Pretrial hearings for the man accused of planning and managing the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and several alleged accomplices resumed here at the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base this week after a year-plus pandemic pause. Khalid Shaikh Mohammed and four other men are charged in the deaths of nearly 3,000 people. The new round of hearings are proceeding in much the same fashion as the 41 previous ones [See Guantanamo, A4]



PRETRIAL hearings resumed this week at the Guantanamo naval base. Above, a detainee in 2002.

9/11
20 YEARS
LATER

MILLENNIALS: A Times reporter faces childhood memories of that day. **A2**

ON THE WEB: Read our comprehensive coverage as we near 20th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks. **latimes.com**



A FIREFIGHTER battles the Dixie fire near Janesville, Calif., last month. Record heat and dryness could mean the fire season's worst is still to come.

LUIS SINCO Los Angeles Times

California sees its hottest summer ever — so far

Climate change is causing heat records in the Golden State and across the West to be 'broken in quick succession,' expert says

BY HAYLEY SMITH

California and several other western states this year endured the hottest summer on record, according to federal data released Thursday, underscoring the ways rapid climate change is unleashing unprecedented wildfires, deadly heat waves and drought conditions.

In addition to California, officials said Idaho, Nevada, Oregon and Utah also set all-time heat records for the meteorological summer, spanning June through August. Sixteen other states also saw a top-five warmest summer on record, accord-

ing to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, which issued its findings Thursday.

Nationwide, the stretch from June to August tied with the 1936 Dust Bowl summer as the hottest on record, with temperatures across the country averaging 2.6 degrees above average.

Rising temperatures have been a common denominator in a summer of ecological crises across the West.

A heat wave that blanketed the Pacific Northwest in June claimed the lives of hundreds, including immigrant farmworkers and the elderly. An estimated 1 billion sea [See Summer, A12]

Americans fly out of Kabul

A flight carrying 200 foreigners is the first from airport since U.S. withdrawal. **WORLD, A3**

LGBTQ church leader dies at 77

Archbishop Carl Bean founded an L.A. ministry and worked as an AIDS activist. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

NFL season opens with a full house

Backed by first-capacity crowd since 2019, Tampa Bay starts with 31-29 win over Dallas. **SPORTS, B10**

Weather: Sunny. L.A. Basin: 91/69. **B6**



Abortion law faces federal challenge

Justice Dept. sues Texas, says restrictions attempt to 'nullify' Constitution

BY DEVLIN BARRETT
AND ANN E. MARIMOW

The Biden administration sued Texas on Thursday to try to block the nation's most restrictive abortion law, which bans the procedure as early as six weeks into pregnancy and allows private citizens to take legal action against anyone who helps a woman terminate her pregnancy.

The law took effect Sept. 1, effectively ending most abortions in the nation's second-most-populous state.

The suit filed by the Justice Department in federal court in Austin asks a judge to "protect the rights that Texas has violated" by declaring the abortion law unconstitutional and issuing an injunction blocking its enforcement. At a news conference, Attorney General Merrick Garland said the ban "is clearly unconstitutional under long-standing Supreme Court precedent."

"This kind of scheme to nullify the Constitution of the United States is one that all Americans, whatever their politics or party, should fear," said Garland, warning that what he called the "bounty hunter" element of the law may become "a model for action in other areas by other states and with respect to other constitutional rights or judicial precedents." The U.S. government, Garland added, has a responsibility "to ensure that no state can deprive individuals of their constitutional rights."

A spokeswoman for Texas Gov. Greg Abbott (R) defended the law and accused the Biden administration of acting for political reasons — to distract Americans from the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan and the influx of migrants at the U.S.-Mexico border.

"We are confident that the courts will uphold and protect that right to life," press secretary Renee Eze said in a statement.

The Biden administration's
SEE ABORTION ON A7

Biden announces broad new vaccine mandates

BY ANNIE LINSKEY,
YASMEEN ABUTALEB,
SEUNG MIN KIM
AND LISA REIN

President Biden announced sweeping new coronavirus vaccine mandates Thursday designed to affect tens of millions of Americans, ordering all businesses with more than 100 employees to require their workers to be immunized or face weekly testing.

BUSINESSES, FEDERAL WORKERS AFFECTED

President voices frustration with those refusing shots

Biden also said that he would require most health-care facilities that accept Medicare or Medicaid funding to vaccinate their employees, which the White House believes will cover 50,000 locations. And the president signed an

executive order compelling all federal employees to get vaccinated — without an option for those who prefer to be regularly tested instead — in an effort to create a model he hopes state governments will embrace. He is also ordering all staffers in Head Start

programs, along with Defense Department and federally operated schools for Native Americans, to be vaccinated.

"We're in a tough stretch, and it could last for a while," Biden said in an address from the White House. He added, "What makes it incredibly more frustrating is we have the tools to combat covid-19, and a distinct minority of Americans, supported by a distinct minority of elected officials, are keeping us from turning the cor-

ner." Taken together, the moves represent a major escalation by Biden of the pressure against those who have resisted vaccination. The announcement comes amid growing signs that the highly contagious delta variant, and the persistence of vaccine resistance, are combining to drag out the pandemic, slow the economic recovery and prevent Biden from turning his focus to other matters.
SEE BIDEN ON A4



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BY ABIGAIL HAUSLOHNER

9/11: 20 YEARS LATER

For refugees, this is now home

Journeys spurred by tragedy, loss after the wars launched by the U.S.

From the outside, Farhad Yousafzai is living the American Dream.

Seven years after he fled Afghanistan for the United States with his wife, their daughter and six suitcases, Yousafzai has achieved success in his adopted home.

He runs his own insurance business in Sacramento, employing several Afghan immigrants. His daughter just started ninth grade and speaks better English than he does. Just last month, Yousafzai closed on a five-bedroom home.

"A dream come true, especially for an immigrant," he said.

Salah Hassan, in vest, joins friends for coffee in Garland, Tex. He came to the United States from Iraq in 2009.

But lately, all he can think about is betrayal.

Thousands of Afghans, including many of Yousafzai's relatives, tried to flee Afghanistan in the last weeks of August, after the Taliban seized control amid the U.S. withdrawal. Millions more had already left over the past 20 years, their lives long ago upended by the war on terror.

Yousafzai, 42, was one of them. He escaped Afghanistan in 2013 because his job as a coordinator for U.S.-funded development projects had turned him and his family into a target. Of the lost and failed war, he said: "We lost thousands of innocent Afghans, thousands of innocent women."

SEE IMMIGRANTS ON A8

Ex-brass thrive in postwar environs

McChrystal, others with Afghanistan on résumé prized in private sector

BY ISAAC STANLEY-BECKER

When Stanley A. McChrystal was the top general in Afghanistan, he would ask his troops a question: "If I told you that you weren't going home until we win — what would you do differently?"

McChrystal recalls that question in his 2015 management manual, "Team of Teams: New Rules of Engagement for a Complex World," which says his wartime leadership techniques can guide organizations far from the battlefield toward "successful mission completion."

The failure of the American mission in Afghanistan became deadly apparent last month when the Afghan army collapsed as the Taliban took control.

But the generals who led the mission — including McChrystal, who sought and supervised the 2009 U.S. troop surge — have thrived in the private sector since leaving the war. They have amassed influence within businesses, at universities and in think tanks, in some cases selling their experience in a conflict that killed an estimated 176,000 people, cost the United States more
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Apple's 'bug bounty' program panned as sluggish, miserly

BY REED ALBERGOTTI

Hoping to discover hidden weaknesses, Apple for five years now has invited hackers to break into its services and its iconic phones and laptops, offering up to \$1 million to learn of its most serious security flaws.

Across the tech industry, similar "bug bounty" programs have become a prized tool in maintaining security — a way to find vulnerabilities and encourage hackers to report them rather than abuse them.

But many who are familiar with the program say Apple is slow to fix reported bugs and does not always pay hackers what they believe they're owed. Ultimately, they say, Apple's insu-

lar culture has hurt the program and created a blind spot on security.

"It's a bug bounty program where the house always wins," said Katie Moussouris, CEO and founder of Lata Security, which worked with the Defense Department to set up its first bug bounty program. She said Apple's bad reputation in the security industry will lead to "less secure products for their customers and more cost down the line."

Apple said its program, launched in 2016, is a work in progress. Until 2019, the program was not officially open to the public, although researchers say the program was never exclusive.
SEE APPLE ON A20

In Xi's crackdown, a remake of Chinese society

BY LILY KUO

The orders have been sudden, dramatic and often baffling. Last week, "American Idol"-style competitions and shows featuring men deemed too effeminate were banned by Chinese authorities. Days earlier, one of China's wealthiest actresses, Zhao Wei, had her movies, television series and news mentions scrubbed from the Internet as if she had never existed.

Over the summer, China's multibillion-dollar private education industry was decimated overnight by a ban on for-profit tutoring, while new regulations wiped more than \$1 trillion from Chinese tech stocks since a peak in February. As China's tech moguls compete to donate more to President Xi Jinping's campaign

A sprawling 'rectification' campaign targets insurance, education, even video games



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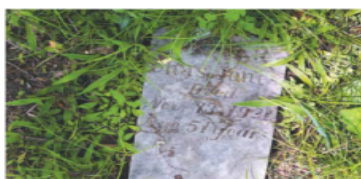
President Xi Jinping, seen at a Communist Party anniversary celebration in June, has unleashed a regulatory flood in China.

against inequality, "Xi Jinping Thought" is taught in elementary schools, and foreign games and apps like Animal Crossing and Duolingo have been pulled from stores.

A dizzying regulatory crackdown unleashed by China's government has spared almost no sector over the past few months. This sprawling "rectification" campaign — with such disparate targets as ride-hailing services, insurance, education and even the amount of time children can spend playing video games — is redrawing the boundaries of business and society in China as Xi prepares to take on a controversial third term in 2022.

"It's striking and significant. This is clearly not a sector-by-sector rectification; this is an
SEE CHINA ON A12

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Wide berth Maryland will avoid a historical African American cemetery when widening the Capital Beltway for toll lanes. B1

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Advocates aim to make global a California bill that prevents tech companies from enforcing NDAs related to discrimination claims. A19

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Police in D.C. have requested that fencing be

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A report from the D.C. auditor's office faults the modest revenue and payouts from the city's sports betting app. B1

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Inflação sobe com gasolina e encosta em dois dígitos

A inflação oficial do país, medida pelo IPCA, alcançou a maior taxa para agosto (0,87%) em 21 anos e, com o resultado, encostou em dois dígitos no acumulado de 12 meses (9,68%), segundo o IBGE. A alta é puxada pelo aumento da gasolina. **Mercado A18**

Taxa de desemprego entre mais pobres é de 36%, indica estudo A24

Total da população vacinada

	ao menos uma dose*	totalmente vacinada*
Brasil	66,0 %	33,0 %
MS	73,6 %	47,6 %
SP	77,9 %	42,9 %
RS	70,2 %	39,1 %

Total de doses aplicadas

	1ª	2ª	única
Brasil	136,7 mi	66,3 mi	4,1 mi
1º SP	35,2 mi	18,9 mi	1,1 mi
2º MG	13,9 mi	6 mi	480,7 mil
3º RJ	10,7 mi	5,1 mi	332,9 mil

Números da pandemia

	Casos	Óbitos
Total	21,0 mi	585,2 mil
Méd. móvel	18,2 mil	457
Variação***	-29,7%	-34,3%
Em 24 h	32,4 mil	747



Brasil
Desacelerado

Dados das 20h de 9 set.
* Tomou dose única ou 1ª dose
** Tomou dose única ou 2ª dose
*** Em relação a 14 dias

Postos em SP ficam sem AstraZeneca para segunda dose Saúde B2

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Sob pressão, Bolsonaro tenta minimizar ameaças ao STF

Presidente recorre a Temer e culpa 'calor do momento' após Fux citar crime de responsabilidade

Em uma inédita carta à nação, o presidente Jair Bolsonaro afirmou que nunca teve "intenção de agredir quaisquer dos Poderes" e que suas palavras no 7 de Setembro, quando ameaçou o Supremo Tribunal Federal, "decorreram do calor do momento".

A declaração foi publicada no site do governo no meio da tarde de ontem, um dia após o presidente do STF, ministro Luiz Fux, dizer que o chefe do Executivo cometera crime de responsabilidade caso desobedecesse uma decisão do Supremo.

A ameaça de Bolsonaro, diante de milhares de apoiadores e acompanhada de insultos, coroou semanas de ataques seus ao Judiciário, sobretudo ao ministro Alexandre de Moraes. Os discursos foram vistos como uma inflexão na crise institucional.

Congressistas exortaram à distensão, e mais deles devessem o impeachment.

Diante do quadro, Bolsonaro recorreu ao antecessor. Em Brasília, Michel Temer mediou uma ligação do presidente a Moraes, indicado do emedebista ao STF.

A carta veio em seguida. Integrantes da corte a receberam com ceticismo, lendo no gesto uma admissão de isolamento político. **Poder A4**

Reinaldo Azevedo
Carta é recuo tático diante de risco de cadeia **Poder A7**



Caminhoneiros parados na BR 174, na região de Manaus (AM), preparam churrasco durante bloqueio Sandro Pereira/Folhapress

Barroso reage e chama presidente de 'farsante'

Presidente do TSE, o ministro Luís Roberto Barroso reagiu ontem às falas golpistas de Jair Bolsonaro e rebateu acusações sobre o sistema eleitoral, chamando o chefe do Executivo de "farsante". "Quando o fracasso bate à porta, é preciso encontrar culpados", afirmou. **Poder A6**

Câmara aprova proposta de censura a pesquisa

A Câmara aprovou ontem o texto-base da proposta de revogação de toda a legislação eleitoral ordinária, substituindo-a por um único código, com 898 artigos. Entre as mudanças debatidas estão a censura a pesquisas eleitorais e a fragilização de normas de transparência, fiscalização e punição de políticos e partidos por mau uso de verba pública. **Poder A8**

Líder dos caminhoneiros é o presidente, afirma Jungmann

Raul Jungmann, o ex-ministro da Segurança Pública que em 2018 lidou com a crise criada por bloqueios de caminhoneiro em todo o país, aponta que emergiu naquela ocasião a organização do movimento que hoje tenta parar estradas. Desta vez, porém, "o líder é o presidente da República", diz.

Integrante do governo Michel Temer, ele avalia que foi Jair Bolsonaro quem convocou a categoria para os atos golpistas do 7 de Setembro.

Ontem, os caminhoneiros encerraram horas de bloqueios em pelo menos 15 estados. Em 13 deles, pontos de concentração persistiam à noite. **Mercado A21**

UBSs paulistas pedem aval do marido para DIU

Pelo menos sete postos de saúde da cidade de São Paulo exigem o consentimento do marido para a inserção do DIU (dispositivo intrauterino), um método contraceptivo, em mulheres casadas — prática ilegal. A prefeitura diz que vai reorientar profissionais dessas UBSs. **Saúde B1**

Estratégias contra golpe com Pix incluem 2º celular

Estratégias contra golpes e sequestros-relâmpago em que criminosos usam o Pix incluem função de botão do pânico, um segundo celular para bandidos e "amigo autenticador" de transferência, sugerem especialistas. Bancos, porém, apostam em restringir a ferramenta. **Cotidiano B3**

Cenário logo será de euforia, diz José Márcio Camargo

Para o economista José Márcio Camargo, da PUC-Rio e da Genial Investimentos, "se a pandemia continuar na trajetória dos últimos três meses, será muito positivo". Formulador do Bolsa Família, ele ressaltou, em entrevista, esse "se" e a atitude de Jair Bolsonaro. **Mercado A20**

Ruy Castro Bolsonarismo sem Bolsonaro

Um indicio de que bolsonaristas já começaram a se mover sozinhos é a classificação de "frouxo" dada publicamente a ele por um patético caubói caminhoneiro. Hoje sabemos que o bolsonarismo já existia antes de Bolsonaro. O trágico é descobrir que talvez sobreviva a ele. **Opinião A2**



Lua Negra, Elaine Bortolanza, Danyele Cavalcante e Betânia Santos, que atuam em ópera no Municipal Eduardo Knapp/Folhapress

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À nos lecteurs

Chers lecteurs, un incident technique survenu dans la nuit de mercredi à jeudi ne nous a pas permis de livrer *Le Figaro littéraire* à un certain nombre de points de vente ou d'abonnés. Vous le retrouverez intégralement avec votre *Figaro* du samedi 11 septembre, y compris dans l'édition du week-end qui accompagne les magazines. Nous vous prions de bien vouloir nous excuser pour cet événement fâcheux mais exceptionnel.

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Comment Macron prépare sa campagne présidentielle

Entré dans la zone grise de la précampagne, le chef de l'État cherche le point d'équilibre entre la promotion de son bilan et l'affichage de sa détermination à réformer jusqu'au bout.

Deux cent douze jours nous séparent du premier tour de l'élection présidentielle. Deux cent douze jours que le président veut mettre à profit pour continuer à gouverner, à réfor-

mer et... à faire campagne. Car il ne fait pas de doute que le président de la République non seulement vise une réélection dans sept mois, mais prépare déjà activement sa campagne.

Réunissant mercredi ses ministres à l'Élysée pour un séminaire gouvernemental de rentrée, le chef de l'État s'est voulu explicite : « Je veux deux cents jours d'action résolue, des actes

et de l'humilité. Cent jours pour défendre le bilan, cent jours pour la séquence électorale. Le triptyque, c'est : unité, efficacité, collégialité... » L'entourage fourbit ses armes. La perspective d'une

victoire promise par les sondages aiguise déjà les ambitions des uns et des autres. Au sein du gouvernement comme de la majorité, les grandes manœuvres sont lancées.

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La France rend hommage au Magnifique

« On a tous Jean-Paul Belmondo en nous », a déclaré Emmanuel Macron hier dans la cour des Invalides, une phrase qui faisait écho au public nombreux réuni à l'extérieur pour l'émouvant adieu à l'acteur, disparu lundi. **PAGE 31**

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Giscard ou Obama ?

On le disait à bout de souffle, et voilà qu'il respire. Emmanuel Macron, depuis son entrée par « effraction » en politique, a été l'interprète de nombreux rôles alternant légèretés coupables et gravité féconde. Dix fois, on lui a promis la chute, dix fois, il a su se rétablir. Autour de lui, un paysage désolé où les différentes familles politiques s'épuisent dans des pugilats circulaires (et désolants) comme le font les personnages du village d'Astérix. Un climat économique dont le réchauffement spectaculaire n'inquiète personne. Une pression épidémique qui diminue à mesure que le nombre de vaccinés progresse.

« La rentrée sera terrible ! », proclamaient les augures médiatiques au début de l'été : leurs modélisations politiques se révélèrent aussi incertaines que les travaux prédictifs de certains de nos épidémiologistes. Emmanuel Macron est plus populaire à la fin de son mandat que ne l'étaient ses deux prédécesseurs. Il bénéficie d'un socle électoral qui le place, le plus souvent, en tête des intentions de vote au premier tour. Face à Marine Le Pen, il serait largement réélu.

Valéry Giscard d'Estaing ou Barack Obama ? L'esprit humain, que les comparaisons rassurent, cherche dans l'histoire politique récente un modèle éclairant. Les macronosceptiques rappellent volontiers la situation favorable de Giscard en 1980 pour souligner que la défiance l'emportera sur l'adhésion. En face, on préfère évoquer le *feel good* de la seconde victoire de Barack Obama. Dans les deux cas, la personne prime le programme. Macron, au départ, a séduit parce qu'il était, à lui seul, une promesse de réforme. Entravé par les

« gilets jaunes » et le Covid, il voudrait apparaître désormais comme le point d'équilibre d'une société qui se disloque. C'est là-dessus qu'il sera jugé. Mais ce ne sont pas les palinodies sur la réforme des retraites toujours annoncée, toujours repoussée qui changeront la donne. Sur fond de crainte épidémique, de délinquance ordinaire, d'expansion djihadiste, de pression migratoire et de désaffiliation civique, ce que les électeurs cherchent, c'est, avant tout, une promesse d'autorité. ■

Exclusif : la carte de la délinquance à Paris par arrondissement

Le 8^e arrondissement, champion des violences conjugales, le 10^e miné par les violences sexuelles et les vols de véhicules, le 16^e qui renoue avec les vols à la tire, le 15^e assailli par les mineurs délinquants... *Le Figaro* livre en exclusivité les derniers chiffres de la délinquance à Paris, arrondissement par arrondissement. Avec les taux d'élucidation de la police, autrement dit son efficacité, dans chacun de ces secteurs. Une cartographie éclairante qui pourra servir, comme un état des lieux, à définir les enjeux et les objectifs de la future police municipale d'Anne Hidalgo. **PAGES 8 ET 9**

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Revealed: ending benefits uplift will hit sickest areas the hardest

Health Foundation says cut will contribute to rise in mental illness

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Scrapping the £1,000-a-year boost to universal credit next month will result in mental illness and poorer health for thousands of people, and

will hit the sickest areas of the UK hardest, according to new research.

Boris Johnson's commitment to "levelling up" is thrown into doubt by the Health Foundation study, which comes as ministers are already facing criticism for a national insurance rise that will leave low-paid workers hundreds of pounds out of pocket.

The ditching of the universal credit (UC) uplift, 19 months after it was brought in during the pandemic, will be significantly worse for the poorest households.

The analysis came as a government minister conceded there had been no formal impact assessment of the dropping of the £20-a-week UC increase because it represented a return to "business as usual".

The work and pensions minister Lady Stedman-Scott told the House of Lords yesterday that her department had carried out no formal assessment of the impact of returning UC to its pre-pandemic level.

"The department has not completed an impact assessment of the

ending of the temporary uplift, as it was introduced as a temporary measure," she said. "This is because we have no obligation to conduct an impact assessment, as we're returning to business as usual, as the temporary Covid uplift is expiring, as it was always intended to do."

The Health Foundation charity said that areas such as Blackpool, Hartlepool, Wolverhampton, Peterborough and parts of east London - already suffering some of the worst health outcomes - would be most

affected by the income cut. It said the removal of such a vital chunk of income would contribute to rising mental ill health at a time when many families were already dealing with the stress of debts, and face the prospect of soaring energy and food prices.

More than 50 Conservative MPs, six former work and pensions secretaries and an army of charities and anti-poverty campaigners have urged Downing Street to think again about the policy, 4

People picked up from small boats in the Channel arrive in Eastbourne

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'Blackmail': French fury at UK plan

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Priti Patel was accused by France's interior minister yesterday of plotting "financial blackmail" and a violation of international maritime law in a deepening diplomatic row

over efforts to prevent migrants from crossing the Channel by boat.

Gérald Darmanin said UK plans, revealed on Wednesday night, to send back boats of vulnerable people into French waters would not be accepted by his government.

"France will not accept any practice that breaks maritime law, nor any financial blackmail," Darmanin wrote

on Twitter. "Britain's commitments must be respected. I said this clearly to my counterpart" during a meeting on Wednesday, he added.

The statement from Darmanin reflects anger in Paris about reported plans by the British government to begin turning back boats carrying migrants once they enter UK waters in the Channel. 12

Ministers press for rollout of third jabs

Peter Walker and Nicola Davis

Ministers have piled pressure on the vaccines watchdog to approve a large-scale programme of Covid booster injections before winter, as the number of people in hospital with the virus exceeded 8,000 for the first time since March.

Yesterday, the UK's medicines regulator granted emergency approval for the Pfizer and AstraZeneca vaccines to be used as third shots to tackle potentially waning immunity, also putting pressure on the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) to approve a new jab programme.

Hours later, the health secretary, Sajid Javid, said he was confident such jabs would begin imminently. "We are heading towards our booster programme," he said. "I'm confident that our booster programme will start later this month but I'm still awaiting the final advice."

Across the UK, 8,085 people were in hospitals with Covid on Wednesday - the highest 7