

## What's News

### Business & Finance

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◆ **Three media firms** tied to exiled Chinese businessman Guo Wengui agreed to pay \$539 million to settle regulatory claims they violated investor-protection laws when they raised money from more than 5,000 investors. **A1**

◆ **The two main sponsors** of the 2010 Dodd-Frank financial regulatory legislation said Biden should reappoint the Fed's Powell to a second term. **A2**

◆ **The price of Litecoin**, a little-used cryptocurrency, spiked before falling back after a news release touting a partnership with Walmart turned out to be fake. **B1**

◆ **Blackstone** abandoned a \$3.3 billion takeover of Chinese commercial-property developer Soho China. **B1**

◆ **Fox said it acquired** celebrity news platform TMZ from AT&T's WarnerMedia unit. **B2**

◆ **ViacomCBS unveiled** a new management team and operating structure for Paramount Pictures. **B2**

◆ **The S&P 500** and Dow industrials rose 0.2% and 0.8%, respectively, while the Nasdaq slipped 0.1%. **B10**

◆ **Live Nation** reached a new agreement to acquire Mexican concert promoter OCESA for about \$450 million. **B3**

◆ **The National Association of Realtors** sought to block a broad Justice Department probe of industry practices. **A3**

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◆ **House Democrats** spelled out their proposed tax increases, which would push higher rates on corporations, investors and high-income business owners as they try to piece together enough votes for legislation to expand the social safety net and combat climate change. **A1**

◆ **The chief U.S. diplomat** defended the military withdrawal from Afghanistan, telling a House panel the Biden administration was bound to Trump's agreement with the Taliban, and that remaining would have risked more American lives. **A18**

◆ **The Justice Department** will put limits on the work of court-appointed monitors who oversee local police revisions, including setting caps on their budgets and tenure, officials said. **A3**

◆ **Biden said he plans** to nominate Rostin Behnam as chairman of the CFTC and announced two additional picks to fill vacancies at the regulator. **A2**

◆ **The NIH said it was** reviewing the removal of genetic data about the Covid-19 virus from an agency-run archive after a scientist raised concerns about the episode earlier this summer. **A7**

◆ **An international group** of scientists said there isn't enough evidence yet to support giving Covid-19 booster shots to the general public. **A6**

◆ **Iran said it planned** to resume nuclear talks in the near future, the clearest indication yet that negotiations on reviving the 2015 nuclear deal could soon resume. **A18**

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## New York Schools Reopen, Leaving Remote Learning Behind



**BIG TEST:** Temperature checks and face masks greeted students Monday at P.S. 25 in the Bronx, the first day of class in the nation's largest school district, where hundreds of thousands of students haven't taken in-person classes since March 2020. **A3**

## Facebook Documents Reveal Secret Elite Exempt From Its Rules

XCheck program gives celebrities, politicians special treatment, which some abuse

By Jeff Horwitz

### the facebook files

First in a series

Mark Zuckerberg has publicly said Facebook Inc. allows its more than three billion users to speak on equal footing with the elites of politics, culture and journalism, and that its standards of behavior apply to everyone, no matter their status or fame.

In private, the company has built a system that has exempted high-profile users from some or all of its rules, according to company documents reviewed by The Wall Street Journal.

The program, known as "cross check" or "XCheck," was initially intended as a quality-control measure for actions taken against high-profile accounts, including celebrities, politicians and journalists. Today, it shields millions of VIP users from the company's normal enforcement process, the documents show. Some users are "whitelisted"—rendered immune from enforcement actions—while others are

allowed to post rule-violating material pending Facebook employee reviews that often never come.

At times, the documents show, XCheck has protected public figures whose posts contain harassment or incitement to violence, violations that would typically lead to sanctions for regular users. In 2019, it allowed international soccer star Neymar to show nude photos of a woman, who

had accused him of rape, to tens of millions of his fans before the content was removed by Facebook. Whitelisted accounts shared inflammatory claims that Facebook's fact checkers deemed false, including that vaccines are deadly, that Hillary Clinton had covered up "pedophile rings," and that then-President Donald Trump had called all refugees seeking asylum "animals," according to the documents.

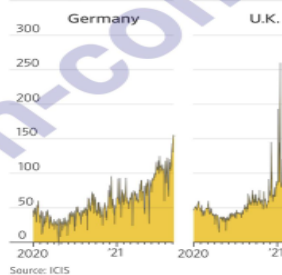
A 2019 internal review of Facebook's whitelisting Please turn to page A8

## Lack of Wind Is Blow to Europe

A decrease in wind in the North Sea in recent weeks has sent power costs surging in Europe. As wind-driven electricity production slowed down off the coast of the U.K., gas and coal-fired electricity plants were called in to make up the shortfall. **B1**

### Wholesale day-ahead power prices

\$350 a megawatt-hour



Source: ICIIS

## Intuit Makes \$12 Billion Deal To Buy Marketer Mailchimp

By Cara Lombardo and Miriam Gottfried

TurboTax maker Intuit Inc. agreed to buy email-marketing pioneer Mailchimp for about \$12 billion, in a move aimed at capitalizing on the growth of small and midsize businesses.

The cash-and-stock deal for closely held Mailchimp would be Intuit's largest deal ever and set it up to offer more services to small businesses such as marketing and cus-

tomers-relationship management.

Mailchimp, established in 2001, is based in Atlanta and is still owned by founders Ben Chestnut and Dan Kurzius, according to its website. The company, which hasn't taken any outside funding, began as a web-design agency and ran an email-marketing service on the side that later became its focus. Today it also offers other digital-ad services and customer-relationship-management tools.

Already popular among small businesses, Mailchimp became something of a household name in 2014, when it advertised on the first season of the hit podcast "Serial." The company now serves 2.4 million monthly active users, including 800,000 paying customers. Half of its customers are outside the U.S. It had about \$800 million in annual revenue last year, a 20% rise from the year earlier.

Intuit's goal is to give Please turn to page A2

## Oil Rigs Toil to Restart After Ida

By Christopher M. Matthews

**APPOMATTOX OIL PLAT-**FORM—This gargantuan deep-water drilling base 80 miles off the Louisiana coast hadn't produced a drop of oil for Royal Dutch Shell PLC since Hurricane Ida. Turning it back on was proving to be an ex-

traordinary challenge.

Power had to be restored after an apparent lightning strike blew a key fuse. At least one of four giant cranes needed to load diesel for generators had to be brought back into service so a boat could restock the platform's supply of backup fuel, which was down

to two days' worth. The more than 30 miles of pipe on board had to be inspected for leaks.

Workers painstakingly scoured the decks, going through a 240-point list of problems. Please turn to page A6

◆ **OPEC says demand** to exceed pre-pandemic levels. **B10**

## Guo-Tied Companies to Pay \$539 Million to Settle Probe

By Dave Michaels and Brian Spegele

**WASHINGTON**—Three media companies tied to exiled Chinese businessman Guo Wengui agreed to pay \$539 million to settle regulatory claims they violated investor-protection laws when they raised money from over 5,000 investors.

The Securities and Exchange Commission said the agreement resolves an investi-

gation it began last year into whether the sale of stock and digital assets complied with rules meant to protect small investors. The companies said the money they raised would be spent to build a news and social-media platform that would be "the only uncensored and independent bridge between China and the Western world," according to the fundraising documents.

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### Texas called up to culture wars

Activists protest in Texas against the state's so-called heartbeat bill, which severely curtails access to abortions.

The passing of the law last week capped a legislative session that pulled the conservative state to the hard right on a range of sensitive issues, including guns and voting rights, and placed it at the centre of the US culture wars.

While some businesses and state leaders fear the lurch threatens to stem the tide of Americans drawn to its surging economy, turning large stretches of its cities into liberal outposts, others such as Greg Abbott, the governor, disagree.

"People vote with their feet, and this is not slowing down businesses coming to the state of Texas as it," Abbott said.

Bout of culture shock page 3



Jordan Vorderhaar/Getty

# China wants to split Ant's Alipay in fresh salvo of tech crackdown

Beijing seeks separate app for lending units • User data to be turned over to joint venture

SUN YU AND RYAN MCMORROW  
BEIJING

Beijing wants to break up Alipay, the super app owned by Jack Ma's Ant Group that has more than 1bn users, as it intensifies a crackdown on big tech groups.

Chinese regulators have already ordered Ant to separate from its main business the two lending units — Huabei, which is similar to a traditional credit card, and Jiebei, which makes small unsecured loans — into a new entity and bring in outside shareholders.

Officials now want these lending businesses also to have an independent app.

The plan would also require Ant to turn over the user data that underpins its lending decisions to a new and separate credit-scoring joint venture that

would be partly state owned, according to two people briefed on the process.

"The government believes Big Tech's monopoly power comes from their control of data," said a person close to regulators in Beijing. "It wants to end that."

The crackdown began last November when Beijing blocked a planned IPO of Ant, suspending its dual listing in Hong Kong and Shanghai. It was set to become the world's largest share offering.

Alibaba shares closed down 4.2 per cent in Hong Kong trading yesterday after the Financial Times reported the latest action against Ant. The Hang Seng Tech index, which tracks the biggest Chinese tech groups listed in the city, shed 2.3 per cent in the face of renewed regulatory pressure on the sector.

The CreditTech unit, which includes

Huabei and Jiebei, overtook Ant's main payment-processing business for the first time in the first half of 2020, to account for 39 per cent of group revenues. The size of the unit, which helped issue about a tenth of China's non-mortgage consumer loans last year, surprised regulators who had fretted over predatory lending and financial risk.

Ant has struggled with regulators for control of the Huabei-Jiebei joint venture. A deal was struck, with state-owned entities including the Zhejiang Tourism Investment Group taking a majority stake. A person close to Ant said that for the time being Ma's team would be at the helm of the new venture.

"What does Zhejiang Tourism Investment Group know about credit scoring? Nothing," the person said, while noting



Jack Ma's Ant Group has struggled with regulators for control of the Huabei-Jiebei joint venture with state-owned entities

Ant executives were still concerned they might lose control in the future.

Reuters first revealed the make-up of the joint venture, reporting that Ant and Zhejiang Tourism Group would each take 35 per cent stakes, with other partners allocated smaller shares.

The new venture will apply for a consumer credit scoring licence, which Ant has long coveted. China's central bank has issued only three licences — all to state-run operations — preventing Ant from fully monetising the vast realms of data it has collected on Chinese citizens.

Under the plan being considered, Ant will lose its ability to independently assess borrowers' creditworthiness.

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► **Democrats move to ease Biden tax plans**  
Democrats in the House of Representatives want to curb Joe Biden's proposed tax rises on corporate income and capital gains, part of a \$2.9tn plan to pay for expansion of the US social safety net. — PAGE 4

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Alberto Fernández's leftist Peronist party has suffered a defeat in midterm primaries, a result that suggests its Senate majority might be at risk in November's polls. — PAGE 4



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The UK-listed digital privacy company run by billionaire Teddy Sagi has agreed to pay \$956m to buy ExpressVPN, one of the best-known global virtual private network providers. — PAGE 9

► **UK scraps biotech's €1.4bn vaccine deal**

Britain has terminated a €1.4bn agreement with French biotech Valneva for the supply of at least 100m doses of a Covid-19 vaccine, saying that the group was in breach of its deal obligations. — PAGE 6

► **French TV commentator taken off air**  
A well-known anti-immigrant TV commentator who is expected to seek a run in next year's presidential polls has been removed from his talk show slot under rules requiring fair allocation of airtime. — PAGE 2

► **Blackstone pullout dents Soho China**

Shares in Soho China fell as much as 40 per cent, representing about \$830m of its value, after US buyout firm Blackstone pulled its \$5bn takeover of the Chinese property company last week. — PAGE 8

## Datawatch

### Office returns

% change in workplace movement relative to pre-Covid

EU27 range UK mean

Source: Google Community Mobility Reports



Data show that Britain's workforce remains among the most reluctant to shift from remote working. Workplace footfall has yet to return to pre-pandemic levels in both the EU and in the UK.



## Russian opposition claims 'dirty tricks' in local polls

Opposition parties allowed to stand in Russia's September 19 municipal polls say that they are the victims of dirty tricks reminiscent of the chaotic 1990s. Critics say the elections, the last before President Vladimir Putin's term ends in 2024, are the least free for decades and have featured smear campaigns and even lookalike candidates. With rocketing food prices and slumping real incomes, the attacks suggest the Kremlin is jittery over its popularity.

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# OECD seeks to avert trade wars with global scheme for setting carbon price

SAM FLEMING — BRUSSELS  
CHRIS GILES — LONDON

The OECD is seeking a new global plan for carbon prices that it hopes will prevent trade wars from erupting between countries with different green policies.

The Paris-based club of nations aims to follow its success in forging an initial agreement between countries on corporate taxes with a similar approach to carbon prices. It would allow economies such as the EU to move fast on limiting emissions while imposing reasonable carbon border taxes on imports from more heavily polluting countries.

Mathias Cormann, secretary-general of the OECD, last weekend called on the EU to back the plan, according to people present. Cormann proposed that the European Commission join the project.

Setting a price for carbon is widely

considered the best way to drive down fossil-fuel emissions, as polluters can then in effect be taxed for the carbon they emit. One of its main sticking points, however, is determining what that price should be. The OECD believes it has a global solution.

A carbon price high enough to limit temperature increases to below 2°C is seen as a step too far by the US, China and India. They prefer to use domestic regulations to cut emissions, such as banning coal-fired power stations.

The EU is instead pressing ahead with a plan to extend carbon pricing on emitters within the bloc. It has also promised to protect domestic industry with a carbon border tax on imported goods such as steel and cement. However, that approach has been attacked by EU trade partners that see it as a trade tariff.

John Kerry, US president Joe Biden's

envoy on climate, warned the EU in March that a carbon border tax adjustment should be a "last resort" and could have "serious implications for relationships and trade". Kerry has since said that the US might consider a similar scheme, although it was thinking through the consequences carefully.

Under the OECD plan, countries and economists would use a voluntary framework to agree how best to price carbon taxes and other forms of environmental regulation. That could help drive consent for an international framework for carbon border taxes, and so avoid potential trade battles.

A Brussels official said: "We are always ready to talk to all partners and are open to co-operating with the OECD. We also know how difficult it will be to find global consensus on carbon pricing, and time is not on our planet's side."

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## World Markets

### STOCK MARKETS

	Sep 13	prev	%chg
S&P 500	4458.49	4458.58	0.00
Nasdaq Composite	15063.94	15115.49	-0.34
Dow Jones Ind	34836.36	34807.72	0.08
FTSE100	1801.56	1796.26	0.30
Euro Stoxx 50	4187.50	4170.35	0.41
FTSE 100	7088.43	7029.20	0.86
FTSE All-Share	4079.27	4056.19	0.57
CAC 40	6676.93	6663.77	0.20
Xetra Dax	15701.42	15609.81	0.58
Nikkei	30447.37	30381.04	0.22
Hang Seng	25913.81	26205.91	-1.10
MSCI World \$	3122.07	3136.04	-0.45
MSCI EM \$	1308.94	1299.97	0.69
MSCI ACWI \$	737.26	739.58	-0.31

### CURRENCIES

	Sep 13	prev	%chg
\$ per €	1.181	1.183	-0.22
£ per €	1.385	1.386	-0.07
¥ per €	0.053	0.054	-1.85
¥ per \$	109.825	109.840	-0.01
¥ per €	152.240	152.188	0.03
¥ per \$	1.275	1.271	0.31
£ per €	1.088	1.085	0.27
£ per \$	0.947	0.945	0.21

### INTEREST RATES

	price	yield	chg
US Gov 10 yr	149.30	1.32	-0.02
UK Gov 10 yr	0.85	0.01	-0.01
Ger Gov 10 yr	-0.33	0.00	-0.01
Japan Gov 10 yr	115.73	0.04	0.00
US Gov 2 yr	117.56	1.90	-0.04
US Gov 3 yr	105.35	-0.71	0.01

	price	prev	chg
Fed Funds Eff	0.09	0.10	-0.01
US 3m Bill	0.05	0.04	0.01
Euro Libor 3m	-0.57	-0.56	-0.01
UK 3m	0.06	0.06	0.00

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## Politics Steered India's Defense To Virus Threat

### Scientists Told to Tailor Data, Records Show

By KARAN DEEP SINGH

NEW DELHI — The forecast was mathematically based, government-approved and deeply, tragically wrong. In September 2020, eight months before a deadly Covid-19 second wave struck India, government-appointed scientists downplayed the possibility of a new outbreak. Previous infections and early lockdown efforts had tamed the spread, the scientists wrote in a study that was widely covered by the Indian news media after it was released last year.

The results dovetailed neatly with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's two main goals: Restart India's stricken economy and kick off campaigning for his party in state elections that spring. But Anup Agarwal, a physician then working for India's top science agency, which reviewed and published the study, worried that its conclusions would lull the country into a false sense of security.

Dr. Agarwal took his concerns to the agency's top official in October. The response: He and another concerned scientist were reprimanded, he said.

In the wake of the devastating second wave, which killed hundreds of thousands of people, many in India are asking how Mr. Modi's government missed the warning signs. Part of the answer, according to current and former government researchers and documents reviewed by The New York Times, is that senior officials forced scientists at elite institutions to downplay the threat to prioritize Mr. Modi's political goals.

"Science is being used as a political weapon to forward the government narrative rather than help people," said Dr. Agarwal, 32.

Senior officials at Dr. Agarwal's agency — called the Indian Council of Medical Research, or I.C.M.R. — suppressed data showing the risks, according to the researchers and documents. They pressured scientists to withdraw another study that called the government's efforts into question, the researchers said, and distance the agency from a third study that forecast a second wave.

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## Idaho Imposes Its Covid Crisis On a Neighbor

By MIKE BAKER

SPOKANE, Wash. — Surgeries to remove brain tumors have been postponed. Patients are backed up in the emergency room. Nurses are working brutal shifts. But at Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane, Wash., the calls keep coming: Can Idaho send another patient across the border?

Washington State is reeling under its own surge of coronavirus cases. But in neighboring Idaho, 20 miles down Interstate 90 from Spokane, unchecked virus transmission has already pushed hospitals beyond their breaking point.

"As they've seen increasing Covid volumes, we've seen increasing calls for help from all over northern Idaho," Dr. Daniel Getz, chief medical officer for Providence Sacred Heart, said in an interview. As he spoke, a medical helicopter descended with a new delivery.

At a time when Washington State hospitals are delaying procedures and struggling with their own high case loads, some leaders in the state see Idaho's outsource.

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BROOKLYN It was all smiles for some, as New York welcomed back about a million students.



QUEENS Unlike some other urban districts, the city did not offer a remote option to most students.



THE BRONX The online health screening survey required each morning crashed on the first day.

## The First Day of School, With Extra Butterflies

By ELIZA SHAPIRO

New York City's schools reopened on Monday to scenes of joy, relief and anxiety, as roughly a million children returned to their classrooms, most of them for the first time since the country's largest school system closed in March 2020 because of the pandemic.

The day, always chaotic even in normal times, began with many families and educators nervous about the next few months, as the spread of the highly contagious Delta variant has complicated the city's push to fully reopen schools.

It represents a crucial moment in the city's long recovery from the pandemic, and Mayor Bill de Blasio has much at stake in keeping schools open, even as other districts across the country have

### In New York, Students Return to Classes After 18 Months

Mr. de Blasio said he believed that almost all students would eventually return. Meisha Porter, the schools chancellor, said last week that the Administration for Children's Services could get involved if families refuse to send their children back after several weeks.

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## G.O.P. Labors To Get Support In Recall Fight

### Newsom Calls in Biden in Race's Last Hours

By JEREMY W. PETERS

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. — The small faction of Californians who still call themselves Republicans did something seemingly impossible when they forced Gavin Newsom, the Democratic governor of America's largest Democratic state, to face voters in a recall.

It was a side of California often overlooked: the conservative minority that for decades has been on the leading edge of the Republican Party's transformation into a vehicle for the anti-establishment grievance politics that swept former President Donald J. Trump into office in 2016. The California conservative movement led a national campaign against affirmative action in the 1990s, later shaped the anti-immigration views of the Trump strategists Stephen Miller and Stephen K. Bannon, and gave rise to a new generation of media heavyweights such as Breitbart News and Ben Shapiro.

But with Mr. Newsom leading the latest polls before the election on Tuesday, some of those same forces appear to have struggled to gain mainstream support for the recall.

California Republicans say they lack a single, unifying leader who has the ability to appeal beyond the hard right. The hollowed-out state party has left them with few avenues for organizing in such a vast place. And they have been unable to convert the populist anger at the governor over his handling of the pandemic into a broad-based backlash from voters who are right, left and somewhere in between. What started as a fringe campaign to flip the highest office in liberal California and under the national political calculus seemed to be losing steam with Election Day approaching.

Leaving nothing to chance, Mr. Newsom on Monday was set to appear with President Biden at an evening rally in Long Beach, days after a visit from Vice President Kamala Harris. Both visits reflected the sense of alarm among Democrats at the possibility Mr. Newsom could lose.

Those concerns have abated somewhat as Mr. Newsom's standing in the polls rebounded. A survey of likely voters from Emerson College on Monday found that 60 percent opposed the recall — a significant decline in support for removing him compared with Emerson's last poll in August.

The same new poll found that only one Republican candidate, Larry Elder, a conservative talk radio host, cracked double-digits. Mr. Elder was the choice of 30 percent of Californians voting to recall. A larger share — 34 percent

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## PLAN TO TAX RICH AIMS AT INCOMES, NOT BIG FORTUNES

### PROGRESSIVES DISMAYED

### House Democrats Seek Traditional Funding of Social Policy Bill

By JONATHAN WEISMAN  
and JIM TANKERSLEY

WASHINGTON — House Democrats on Monday presented a plan to pay for their expansive social policy and climate change package by raising taxes by more than \$2 trillion, largely on wealthy individuals and profitable corporations.

But the proposal, while substantial in scope, stopped well short of changes needed to dent the vast fortunes of tycoons like Jeff Bezos and Elon Musk, or to thoroughly close the most egregious loopholes exploited by high-flying captains of finance. It aimed to go after the merely rich more than the fabulously rich.

Facing the delicate politics of a narrowly divided Congress, senior House Democrats opted to be more mindful of moderate concerns in their party than of its progressive ambitions. They focused on traditional ways of raising revenue: by raising tax rates on income rather than targeting wealth itself.

Representative Dan Kildee of Michigan, a Democrat on the Ways and Means Committee, which crafted the plan, called it "the boldest common denominator."

"Being for something doesn't make it law; 218 votes in the House, 50 votes in the Senate and the president's signature make it law," he said, adding, "What I don't want is another noble defeat."

The proposal includes nearly \$2.1 trillion in increased tax revenues, the nonpartisan Joint Committee on Taxation estimated on Monday. Democrats say those increases will go a long way toward funding President Biden's ambitions to expand the federal government's role in education, health care, climate change, paid leave and more.

But the bill dispenses with measures floated by the White House and Senate Democrats to tax wealth or to close off avenues that the super-rich have exploited to pass on a lifetime of gains to their heirs tax-free.

"It would be a monumental mistake for Congress to pass a bill that really exempts billionaires," said Senator Ron Wyden of Oregon, the Democratic chairman of the Finance Committee.

Key Democrats cautioned on Monday that the House proposal was likely to change — perhaps considerably — as Mr. Biden's

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## Millions of Afghans Are in Peril As Food Runs Out, U.N. Warns

This article is by Marc Santora,  
Nick Cumming-Bruce and Christina  
Goldbaum.

Millions of Afghans could run out of food before the arrival of winter and one million children are at risk of starvation and death if their immediate needs are not met, top United Nations officials warned on Monday, putting the country's plight into stark relief.

Secretary General António Guterres, speaking at a high-level U.N. conference in Geneva convened to address the crisis, said that since the Taliban takeover in Afghanistan last month, the nation's poverty rate has soared and basic public services have nearly collapsed and, in the past year, hun-

dreds of thousands of people have been forced homeless after being forced to flee fighting.

"After decades of war, suffering and insecurity, they face perhaps their most perilous hour," Mr. Guterres said, adding that one in three Afghans do not know where they will get their next meal.

The deepening humanitarian crisis tops a dizzying array of challenges confronting the new Taliban regime as it navigates governing a country propped up for decades by aid from international donors.

Speaking to the news media on Monday afternoon, Mr. Guterres said more than \$1 billion in aid pledges had been made at the

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New gene therapy helped Helen Obando, above, but others might not be able to receive the treatment. PAGE D1

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**PRESIDENT BIDEN** walks onstage with Gov. Gavin Newsom and his wife, Jennifer Siebel Newsom, on Monday at Long Beach City College. Biden's stop in California marked the closing campaign act for the governor.

## CALIFORNIA RECALL ELECTION

# Biden stumps for Newsom in last push

Visiting Long Beach, president says 'eyes of the nation' are on the state. Governor's foes make final pitches.

By FAITH E. PINHO, SEEMA MEHTA, JULIA WICK AND ROBIN ESTRIN

President Biden joined Gov. Gavin Newsom on Monday night for a final campaign stop in Long Beach on the eve of the recall election, lending his firepower to fight against the governor's possible ouster and underscoring the national importance of defeating the effort.

"California, I'm not sure you know it but if you didn't know it, you should," Biden said. "This is not hyperbole: The eyes of the nation are on California. Because the decision you're about to make isn't just going to have a huge impact on California; it's going to reverberate around the nation. And quite frankly, it's not a joke, around the world."

The rally capped a long day in the West for the president, and a months-long

campaign for Newsom and his opponents. Earlier in the day, Biden traveled to Boise, Idaho, and Sacramento to survey wildfire damage and discuss his administration's response.

A pre-show lineup of mariachi music and dignitaries from across Democratic Party ranks — including Democratic National Committee Chairman Jaime Harrison, California Democratic Party Chair Rusty Hicks and state elected officeholders — rallied the crowd of more than 1,000 invited labor representatives, college students and other Democrats at Long Beach City College before the president's arrival shortly before 7 p.m.

The president's stop in California marked the closing campaign act for Newsom, who has touted support from several high-profile Democrats in recent weeks, including former President Obama, Sens. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts and Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota and independent Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont. Last week, Vice President Kamala Harris returned to California to court voters on behalf of the governor.

[See Recall, A10]

# Fires reaching higher elevations

Climate warming is fueling extreme behavior, experts say

By HAYLEY SMITH

**SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, Calif.** — Just hours before the Caldor fire threatened to level the resort town of South Lake Tahoe, the massive blaze performed a staggering feat: burning from one side of the Sierra to the other.

It seared through crests and valleys, over foothills and ridges — and also at elevations of 8,000 feet or higher.

Ash and smoke rained down on the Tahoe basin and sent thousands fleeing from its soot-darkened shores as the fire skirted a towering granite ridge many believed would be a buffer from the flames. But the fire kept climbing higher, spewing wind-whipped embers that landed, in some cases, more than a mile away.

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**FIREFIGHTERS** work on the Caldor fire near Lake Tahoe on Sept. 2. Flames have reached above 8,000 feet, searing terrain that was once too wet to burn.

**BIDEN VIEWS DAMAGE:** President gets a look at devastation near Lake Tahoe from the air. **CALIFORNIA, B1**  
**SEQUOIAS IN DANGER:** Lightning sparks fires at Sequoia and Kings Canyon national parks. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

# COVID crushes youths' hopes in rural India

By PARTH M.N. AND DAVID PIERSON

**MUMBAI, India** — Amid crumbling walls and tiny classrooms, the students in Jyoti Patole's school used to crowd together on wooden benches not much wider than handrails. Books were old, supplies sparse. The teachers were overbur-

dened.

But the 17-year-old from Limbgaon, a remote village in India's western state of Maharashtra, would trade anything to be with her classmates again. Her school, like most others in India, has been closed since the first months of the pandemic last year. She was offered online classes, but her family could barely afford

two meals a day, let alone internet access.

What little hope she had of completing an education and escaping a life of poverty was further dashed when her father died of COVID-19 in May. To feed the family of four, someone had to take his place. Jyoti bore the responsibility. She is now preparing to join her mother as a migrant worker in the fall,

traveling hundreds of miles south to harvest sugar cane fields.

"I have never chopped cane before, but I will learn," she said of the work, which requires carrying bundles of sugar cane stalks weighing more than 50 pounds for up to 16 hours a day. "I would have liked to study further. But I must help my mother."

[See India, A4]

By THOMAS CURWEN

California has always been on a fast track to the future. Let other Western states slowly come into focus, the 31st arrived fully formed on the merits of gold and the thousands of immigrants who pursued it.

Their dream was simple, difficult and commonly shared. They wanted to discover the happiness that economic security affords. Some succeeded; many more did not. But the lessons of that engagement have endured.

When 1.6 million voters

## 5 things to watch on election day

What will Tuesday's results mean for the future of the state, the GOP and Gavin Newsom? **CALIFORNIA, B1**

signed a petition to recall Gov. Gavin Newsom, they signaled their indebtedness not just to century-old political reforms but also to a spirit of restless reinvention that took root 170 years ago.

"Californians," said historian H.W. Brands with the University of Texas at Austin, "have learned to be impatient with patience. The idea of sticking to an unsatisfactory status quo doesn't stick."

Taking risks was the quickest path to success and evidence of failure was reason to move on and try again, an impulse that has carved a deep channel in the California psyche. Evidence can be found in today's recall, said Brands, author of a history of the Gold Rush.

"If you don't like this governor," he said, "don't wait."

[See History, A10]

## New era of Black conservatism?

Black Republicans hope Larry Elder will inspire people of color to seek office, Erika D. Smith writes. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

## COLUMN ONE

# Taking #vanlife off road and upscale

Rugged vehicles are home to adventuring overlanders



**THE STANDISH** family's EarthCruiser FX combines premium but compact accommodations with hardcore off-roading capabilities.

By ANDREA CHANG

Last holiday season, Tom Standish put nearly all of his belongings in long-term storage, leased out his Oregon house and, with his wife, toddler and newborn, traded in suburban life for one on the road.

The family's new digs for the next four years or so: a luxury overland adventure vehicle called an EarthCruiser FX that combines premium accommodations — albeit in 88 square feet — with hardcore off-roading capabilities. Starting price for the boxy behemoth: \$439,000.

So far the Standishes have driven 10,000 miles, visiting large swaths of the Southwest and the Pacific Northwest before crossing the Canadian border, where they're exploring British Columbia. Their snapshots

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## USC FIRES HELTON

After years of unfulfilled promises and festering frustration, Trojans dismiss coach. **SPORTS, B10**

## No boosters yet, scientists say

An international group believes vaccinated people in general are sufficiently protected. **PERSPECTIVES, A2**

**Weather**  
Clouds, then sun.  
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**BUSINESS INSIDE:** Squaw Valley resort drops its racist name. It's now Palisades Tahoe. **A6**



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## Uncertain guidelines, covid surge test schools

Many large districts lack robust screening, Post survey finds

BY YASMEEN ABUTALEB, LAURA MECKLER AND VALERIE STRAUSS

As more than 55 million children and teens pour back into classrooms this fall, a real-life experiment is taking place: Can schools stay open safely amid the aggressive spread of the delta variant?

President Biden said he would do everything in his power to get as many students as possible back in school. But that promise is being tested by the highly transmissible variant of the coronavirus, which has infected more kids in the opening weeks for some schools than in all of last year while forcing nearly 1,700 temporary closures, according to Burbio, a data firm that tracks school reopenings.

The Biden administration crafted its guidance for schools before the delta variant began ripping through the country this summer, upending months of progress. Senior administration officials said they are confident schools that follow guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention can remain open safely, even with the spread of delta. Officials in New York City, where the nation's largest district began school Monday, said they are confident they can operate safely.

SEE SCHOOLS ON A6

**Overloaded:** Some area hospitals pause elective surgeries. B1

## Vaccine misinformation invades wellness circles

Influencers scatter their holistic posts with ideas promoting hesitancy

BY ASHLEY FETTERS AND GERRIT DE VYNCK

Glance at Jessica Alix Hesser's Instagram page and you may feel a little like you've just opened up a pamphlet for a meditation retreat. Amid photos of lagoons and a waterfall, Hesser (eyes closed, one hand touching the side of her face) is awash in rainbow-hued lens flare or soaking in a bath with flowers floating on top. Her website contains blog posts recommending natural cardamom floss and Gregorian chants.

Sprinkled throughout, however, are posts where Hesser urges her nearly 37,000 followers to question the safety of the coronavirus vaccines. "Would you sign your children up to be part of a pharmaceutical trial and take

them into a lab to get shot up with some experimental drug created by a criminal company?" she asks in one June post. In another from April, she writes that "many of you have heard about the large number of poke-free women" experiencing changes in their menstrual cycles "after spending time with people who got the jab." Medical experts say that's impossible. Hesser did not respond to requests for comment.

For many, the term "misinformation" conjures up images of conspiracy-theory chat forums and Russian bots. But an alarming amount of it is reaching audiences in the health and wellness realms. Many social media influencers who focus on natural remedies, holistic health and new age spirituality have been sharing posts and videos questioning the wisdom of vaccinating against the coronavirus. Public health experts say widespread vaccine hesitancy increases the threat of the virus mutating and helps keep the pandemic raging.

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Mohammad Sadeed, 40, holds his 4-year-old son, Farmanullah, after reuniting with his family this month in Virginia. His wife and five children were stranded in Kabul after the Taliban takeover but escaped with the help of Mohammad's brother.

## A family saved, another torn apart

BY WILLIAM WAN

Mohammad Sadeed rushed to his van as soon as he received the text message.

He had worked for weeks to get his wife and five children out of Afghanistan and back home to Philadelphia. Over the phone from his tiny bedroom 6,800 miles away, he navigated them through bullets, Taliban fighters and a terrorist attack. Against staggering odds, he got them onto one of the last U.S. planes to leave Kabul, only to watch them get stranded at an air base in Germany.

Finally, at 9:51 a.m. on Labor Day, his

To get his brother's wife and children out of Afghanistan, one man left his own behind

phone pinged with a text message from his 11-year-old daughter: "My dear father. God willing, we are arriving in Washington D.C."

As he sped in his van from Philadelphia toward Dulles International Airport, Mohammad struggled with what he would say to his family when he arrived.

Their escape had come at a steep cost. In a decision made amid the chaos — to protect Mohammad's children from fear

gas and gunfire and get them aboard the plane — his older brother had been forced to abandon his own wife and young children in Kabul. To reunite Mohammad's family, his brother had torn apart his own for months, perhaps years, to come.

His brother would now need to find a job, an apartment, create a whole new existence from scratch without his wife

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**Blinken clashes with GOP:** He defends withdrawal at heated hearing. A11

**Covert effort:** The CIA had a secretive role in American evacuations from Kabul. A13

## Biden goes to bat for Newsom in California recall



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President Biden, California Gov. Gavin Newsom and Jennifer Siebel Newsom wave to supporters after a rally at Long Beach City College in Long Beach, Calif. The president went to California to stump for Newsom in the recall election. Story, A4

## Top 1% targeted in new tax plan

DEMOCRATS SEEK TO FUND BIDEN BUDGET

More than \$2 trillion in new revenue proposed

BY JEFF STEIN

Senior House Democrats on Monday unveiled legislation that would represent the most significant tax increases on the rich and certain corporations in decades, reflecting President Biden's pledge to confront a dramatic surge in U.S. inequality.

House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Richard E. Neal (D-Mass.) proposed more than \$2 trillion in new revenue that would overwhelmingly hit the richest 1 percent of Americans with a number of new taxes and tax changes affecting their incomes, investments, businesses, estates, retirement funds and other assets.

Neal's plan pares back some of the ambitions in the Biden administration's initial \$3.5 trillion budget plan, rejecting a key White House proposal to tax the inheritances of the very wealthy

SEE BUDGET ON A18

## GOP rhetoric raises worry for all vaccine requirements

BY FELICIA SONMEZ, MARIANNA SOTOMAYOR AND MARIANA ALFARO

Republicans' sweeping denunciations of President Biden's plan to force more people to get vaccinated against the coronavirus are raising concerns among public health experts that this heated criticism could help fuel a broader rejection of other vaccine requirements, including those put in place by schools and the military, as the issue of inoculations becomes increasingly political.

Over the weekend, House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) declared on Twitter that there should be "NO VACCINE MANDATES."

More than a dozen other prominent Republicans in Congress and in the states have made similarly defiant statements in recent days, often using inflammatory rhetoric. In South Carolina, Gov. Henry McMaster pledged to fight Biden and Democrats "to the gates of hell" on coronavirus vaccine mandates, while Rep. Elise Stefanik (N.Y.) condemned Biden's recent mandate as "authoritarian" and the work of "a power hungry government."

Rep. Jim Banks (Ind.) declared in a tweet Sunday evening that "vaccine mandates are unAmerican"

SEE VACCINES ON A7

## IN THE NEWS



MARIO ANZUINO/REUTERS

**Met Gala returns** Canceled last year, the celebrity-fashion spectacle's comeback marked New York's pandemic reemergence. C1

**Extra security** Fencing around the U.S. Capitol will be reinstated before a weekend rally focused on those arrested in the riot. B1

**THE NATION** New rules governing federal monitors responsible for overseeing police-reform efforts in local jurisdictions were unveiled by the Justice Department. A2  
**Bostonians** will go to the polls Tuesday for an election that is likely to lead to a milestone: the city's first mayor of color. A3  
**The review** of a Mississippi abortion law took on greater significance after the Supreme Court allowed a more restrictive Texas law. A5  
**At a summit** next week, President Biden will

push world leaders to commit to new objectives in fighting the pandemic globally. A7

**THE WORLD** After 16 years as German chancellor, Angela Merkel will leave behind a complicated legacy. A8  
**U.S. climate envoy** John F. Kerry, in India, said he remains hopeful that world leaders will announce ambitious plans for emissions reductions. A9  
**Singapore** is planning to "gradually ease" coronavirus restrictions on more than 300,000 migrant laborers. A10

**THE ECONOMY** Texas's new restrictive abortion law could jeopardize the state's effort to attract Big Tech firms — and their more liberal employees. A15  
**President Biden** nominated a critic of surveillance technologies to the Federal Trade Commission. A15  
**The prospect** of a \$3.5 trillion budget bill has set off a lobbying frenzy as lawmakers zero in on a measure that could reshape the nation's energy system. A17  
**Apple** issued a software update after researchers found a new exploit from NSO Group's Pegasus surveillance tool

targeting iPhones and other Apple devices. A22

**THE REGION** A California man armed with weapons including a bayonet, machete and knives was arrested near the Democratic National Committee headquarters, police said. B1  
**After 2020** brought cancellations and delays, Hispanic families have resumed hosting quinceañeras with vaccine requirements. B1  
**A Maryland man** was sentenced to 10 years in prison for injecting semen into an unsuspecting woman in a syringe attack last year in Anne Arundel County. B5

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## El oficialismo perdió 4,8 millones de votos entre las elecciones de 2019 y las PASO

Sufrió un drástico retroceso de su caudal electoral en varios distritos claves del conurbano y del interior del país; a nivel nacional, cayó más de 16 puntos. **Página 4**

## Clima de autocrítica y acusaciones mutuas

El Gobierno intenta asimilar la derrota en medio de cuestionamientos internos. **Página 3**

## Diego Santilli "Tenemos que ir juntos para ganarle al kirchnerismo"

ENTREVISTA — por Hernán Cappiello. **Página 10**



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### PASO 2021 EL IMPACTO

# El Presidente rechaza cambiar el gabinete antes de las legislativas

La derrota potenció la presión kirchnerista por una renovación profunda de nombres y políticas en el Gobierno

El castigo electoral que sufrió el Frente de Todos en las PASO agitó las presiones internas para que Alberto Fernández promueva un cambio profundo de nombres y políticas en su gobierno. Pero, en un día de infinitas reuniones reservadas y deliberaciones, el Presidente buscó poner una pausa al vértigo que lo rodea.

Según les comunicó a sus principales allegados, no piensa reformar el gabinete en los meses que faltan hasta las elecciones legislativas. Sería exponer a quienes se sumaran a la administración a un posible nuevo revés electoral en el muy probable caso de que Juntos por el Cambio consiga ratificar el triunfo del domingo (9 puntos de ventaja en todo el país).

Más allá del manejo de los tiempos, el kirchnerismo considera que se necesita un relanzamiento de la gestión y tiene apuntados a ministros que integran el círculo íntimo presidencial. Algunos dirigentes que simpatizan con Cristina Kirchner exigieron ayer que los cambios sean "urgentes".

Fernández buscó transmitir normalidad con un acto en la Casa Rosada al que invitó a todo su gabinete y no aludió al mensaje de las urnas. **Página 2**

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Luciana Vázquez. **Página 14**



Alberto Fernández, ayer, en un acto en la Casa Rosada

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## Los mercados festejaron con bajas del blue y el riesgo país

La derrota del oficialismo en las PASO del domingo fue celebrada ayer por los mercados. Las acciones argentinas que cotizan en Wall Street (ADR) treparon hasta 17%, el S&P Merval escaló 5,5%, el dólar blue cayó 4 pesos (su mayor baja diaria desde el 30 de abril) y el riesgo país retrocedió 50 puntos básicos. **Página 17**

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El estallido silencioso contra la ficción de Cristina

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La Casa Rosada no encuentra la salida del laberinto

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Jogador Zizinho, o Pelé antes de existir Pelé, completaria hoje cem anos



Zizinho em 1957, quando jogava no São Paulo

## Ilustrada C1

Censura a livros infantis tem pouca relação com política, época ou geografia

## Comida C8

Aos cem, fast-food de hambúrguer flerta com cliente que exige qualidade

## Cisão exposta em protesto reforça travas a atos unidos

A união da oposição em atos contra Jair Bolsonaro ficou mais difícil com as cisões escancaradas após os protestos de domingo (12), que tiveram baixa adesão e não contaram com o PT. Seus organizadores, Movimento Brasil Livre e Vem Pra Rua, não se comprometeram com a manifestação convocada pela Campanha Nacional Fora Bolsonaro para 2/10. Poder A4

## Popularidade de Bolsonaro na rede desaba após carta

Poder A6

## 'Fantasmas' usaram casa do presidente em cadastros

Uma casa onde Jair Bolsonaro viveu quando casado com Ana Cristina Valle constou no cadastro da Receita Federal ou da Câmara Municipal do Rio de quatro suspeitos de serem "funcionários fantasmas" do vereador Carlos Bolsonaro (Republicanos-RJ). Valle é investigada sob suspeita de articular esquema de rachadinha no gabinete do vereador. Poder A8

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### Armas no STF

A respeito de julgamento de decretos de Bolsonaro.

### Resquício patriarcal

Sobre exigência de aprovação de marido para DIU.

### ATMOSFERA



# Investimento em saúde em SP cai 23% na gestão Doria

Gasto inclui obras e equipamento; governo diz que elevou despesa geral na área

O investimento anual em saúde no estado de São Paulo —incluindo obras, compra de equipamentos e melhorias, mas não gastos fixos como salários e custeio— caiu 23% nos dois primeiros anos da gestão João Doria (PSDB) ante a média de 2011 a 2018, sob Geraldo Alckmin (PSDB) e Márcio França (PSB).

Em 2021, mesmo que a administração invista todo o valor previsto no orçamento para tal (R\$ 1,175 bilhão), a média de investimento ficará abaixo da de anos anteriores. A tendência, porém, é que nem mesmo isso aconteça, uma vez que o governo paulista usou até 13 de setembro 31% desse valor.

A gestão tucana afirma que desde o início da pandemia de Covid, em março de 2020, elevou gastos em itens como leitos temporários, que não caracterizam investimento, mas trazem benefícios de longo prazo à população. A redução em 2019 foi atribuída a um ajuste nas contas —necessário, disse o governo.

No primeiro ano de Doria, os desembolsos gerais com saúde também diminuíram. No ano passado, o orçamento previa um valor inferior ao que vinha sendo gasto até então, mas o novo coronavírus acabou por elevar as despesas na área para R\$ 28,7 bilhões, as maiores ao menos desde 2011. Saúde B1



Marcos Maluf / Campo Grande News

## AVIÃO DE CAÇA DA FORÇA AÉREA BRASILEIRA SE ACIDENTA EM CAMPO GRANDE

Após falha técnica em treinamento na manhã de ontem, um piloto se ejetou de um A-29 Super Tucano, que caiu em área desabitada da capital sul-mato-grossense e iniciou incêndio florestal; o militar passa bem, e o incidente será investigado. Cotidiano B4

## Aras pede que Supremo suspenda MP das fake news

O procurador-geral da República, Augusto Aras, pediu ao STF a suspensão da MP que limita a remoção de conteúdos das redes sociais. Jair Bolsonaro assinou a medida na véspera dos atos de raiz golpista de 7 de Setembro. Poder A7

## Mercado eleva projeção da taxa de juros para 8%

A pressão inflacionária fez analistas elevarem a previsão de taxa básica de juros para 8% para 2021 e 2022. O IPCA, que mede a inflação, ao final do ano foi de 7,58% para 8%. Os dados são da pesquisa Focus divulgada ontem. Mercado A16

## Brasil é o 4º país que mais mata defensor ambiental

Com 20 assassinatos de ativistas em 2020, o Brasil ficou em 4º lugar no ranking dos países que mais matam defensores do meio ambiente e do direito à terra. Mais de 70% desses crimes ocorreram na região da Amazônia. Ambiente B5

## Juca Kfourji

### Vivo em exemplo, d. Paulo faz 100

Com sua voz baixa e firme, dom Paulo Evaristo Arns exalava coragem, afeto e paz. Daí ter guerreado como poucos por justiça. Ele completa 100 anos hoje, pois sobreviveu, com seu exemplo, desde que descançou em 2016. Poder A11

## São Paulo e Saúde têm embate sobre entrega de vacina

Saúde B2

## Capital exige termo para tomar 2ª dose diferente da 1ª

Saúde B2

## Bolsonaro lança subsídio para policiais comprarem imóveis

Jair Bolsonaro assinou MP que institui programa de financiamento imobiliário subsidiado para agentes de segurança pública. Para 2021, serão destinados R\$ 100 milhões a policiais que ganhem até R\$ 7.000. Mercado A17

## Governo vê risco de 'sufoco' energético também em 2022

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### Derrota em pleito expõe desgaste de Fernández

Peronistas obtiveram 31% dos votos nas primárias para as eleições legislativas realizadas no domingo; coalizão de centro-direita Juntos teve 40%. A12

### Americano morre após 43 UTIs e rejeitarem

Homem procurou leito após emergência cardíaca e só achou hospitais lotados por Covid. Em seu obituário, família pede que pessoas se vacinem. A14



Bolsonaro gesticula em evento de lançamento do programa Habite Seguro, ontem, no Palácio do Planalto. Pedro Ladeira/Folhapress

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**Siguen acusaciones cruzadas entre titular de la DNA y el senador colorado**

## Aduaneros: Ostentoso nivel de vida con G. 9 millones de sueldo

Sus declaraciones juradas no condicen con el lujo de sus viviendas. Uno de los recomendados de Arévalo ya fue investigado por presunto enriquecimiento ilícito

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Comuna asuncena tiene  
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por 10 puntos en las  
primarias legislativas**

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**El crimen organizado estaría  
tras asesinato de empresario**

**Sicariato.** Mauricio Schwartzman fue asesinado a balazos en la noche del domingo cuando llegaba a su residencia por un grupo tipo comando que realizó unos 14 disparos.

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**Imputarían por homicidio culposo a  
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# La pression monte pour augmenter les salaires

Le retour de la croissance, les pénuries de main-d'œuvre et les premiers signes d'inflation alimentent les revendications salariales, qui s'invitent dans le débat politique.

La reprise économique après dix-huit mois de crise sanitaire a totalement modifié le climat social en France. Avec le retour à meilleure fortune des entreprises, les tensions sur le marché du travail qui provoquent des pénuries de main-d'œuvre

et la hausse des prix, le débat sur les revalorisations de salaires est relancé. À quelques mois de l'élection présidentielle, les entreprises sont sous la pression des syndicats, mais aussi du gouvernement, qui leur demande de lâcher du lest.

Jean Castex a notamment réclamé l'ouverture de négociations de branche pour évoquer la question des bas salaires. Le patronat met en garde contre toute mesure générale, qui ne tiendrait pas compte de la situation con-

trastée des entreprises. Dans l'immédiat, l'exécutif a décidé de ne pas donner de coup de pouce au smic au-delà de la revalorisation automatique, jugeant qu'une telle mesure serait contre-productive pour l'emploi.

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**Xavier Bertrand :**  
« Je ferai de la sécurité la mission première de l'État »

Dans une interview au Figaro, le candidat à la présidentielle estime qu'« Emmanuel Macron n'a jamais pris la mesure de la situation ni entendu la détresse de ceux qui sont confrontés quotidiennement à la violence ou à l'intimidation. En matière de sécurité, l'échec est profond. Pour changer de politique et pour avoir enfin des résultats, je changerai de logiciel. Pour protéger les Français, il faudra changer de président en 2022. » PAGE 2

**ÉDITORIAL** par Gaëtan de Capèle gdecapelle@lefigaro.fr

## Les digues de la démagogie

P assé le soulagement d'avoir échappé au pire, la France n'a pas mis longtemps à renouer avec ses vieux démons. Puisque les entreprises, tenues à bout de bras et sauvées de la faillite par l'État, se portent mieux, rien ne paraît plus urgent que partir en croisade en faveur du pouvoir d'achat. Peu importe qu'il ait été totalement préservé - et même accru - pendant la crise sanitaire, au point de faire gonfler l'épargne des Français de 150 milliards d'euros. La proximité de l'élection présidentielle fait tomber les dernières digues de la démagogie. Dans cette course à l'échafaud pour exiger des revalorisations salariales, c'est Anne Hidalgo qui a pris le meilleur départ, avec sa promesse intenable de multiplier par deux les salaires dans l'enseignement. Même les syndicats les plus vindicatifs n'osaient y songer. Les chefs d'entreprise n'ont hélas pas les pouvoirs surnaturels de la maire de Paris. Contrairement à l'État, impunément en déficit depuis un demi-siècle, eux doivent surveiller leur compte d'exploitation comme le lait sur le feu. Eux doivent en permanence se préoccuper de leur compétitivité, qui condi-

tionne les investissements futurs, le développement de l'activité, en un mot l'avenir. Ils sont les mieux placés pour décider s'ils doivent - peuvent - augmenter les rémunérations pour récompenser leurs salariés, attirer les talents, se rendre attractifs face aux pénuries de main-d'œuvre. Nul besoin des conseils de l'État pour cela. Les capacités de l'entreprise, le climat social et le jeu de l'offre et de la demande font office de juge de paix.

S'il souhaite apporter sa contribution au pouvoir d'achat, le gouvernement dispose d'excellents leviers. À commencer par la réduction du coût du travail : chez nous, la rémunération brute d'un salarié s'alourdit de 30 % à 40 % de charges patronales pour l'entreprise et s'allège de 25 % de cotisations sociales pour le même salarié. Mais on en revient toujours au même problème : pour compenser d'éventuelles baisses de charges, il faudrait trouver des économies dans la dépense publique. Et, à sept mois de l'élection, personne n'avance la moindre idée. ■



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# Booster jabs for over-50s as No 10 accelerates vaccine programme

Aubrey Allegretti  
Peter Walker

Boris Johnson is to confirm the start of a booster jabs programme for the over-50s today after government scientists finally approved vaccinations for older school children.

Setting out a widespread acceleration of the vaccine programme before what ministers concede will be a difficult second winter coping with the virus, the prime minister will also signal his opposition to any further lockdowns this year.

In a press conference this afternoon, Johnson will highlight the need to keep some measures in reserve, including a return to compulsory mask-wearing in some settings, telling people to work from home where possible and the reintroduction of social distancing across England.

But he will put the vaccine programme at the heart of his approach to trying to keep Covid hospitalisations and deaths at manageable levels during the colder months when people are more likely to gather indoors and in the run up to Christmas.

However, the plans to offer jabs

to children aged 12 to 15, approved by the UK's four chief medical officers yesterday, immediately provoked concern from teaching unions who warned that schools were being put in an "invidious" position.

They called on ministers to confirm the programme would be overseen by specialists so teachers would not become caught up in issues of consent, or having to deal with anger from anti-vaccination groups.

One NHS trust has told schools it expects the first injections to be completed within six weeks.

Paul Whiteman, general secretary

of the National Association of Head Teachers, said: "It is essential that the government immediately confirms the process surrounding vaccinations will be run and overseen entirely by the appropriate medical teams."

The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) is now understood to have endorsed boosters to be given to all over-50s and the clinically vulnerable, given fears about waning immunity.

The programme is expected to take the same form as the first phase of Covid vaccine distribution begun in December 2020, with the eldest people prioritised, before jabs are offered to the lower age groups.

Sajid Javid, the health secretary, will make a statement to the Commons confirming the move, with Johnson fielding

*'We can live with the virus without significant [curbs]'*

Boris Johnson  
Prime minister

# And finally: Neil quits as face of GB News

Jim Waterson  
Media editor

Andrew Neil yesterday resigned as lead presenter and chairman of GB News following differences over the direction of the rightwing channel.

The former BBC broadcaster was the face of GB News before it went on air in June but has left after presenting just eight programmes in three months. He was unhappy with technical mistakes, the loss of key staff and its political direction.

The terms of his departure were unknown, though GB News sources claimed the process was the subject of lengthy legal wrangling.

In the end Neil was outmanoeuvred by the former Ukip leader Nigel Farage, who is now the channel's best-known figure, along with a number of more stridently rightwing hires keen to address culture war issues.

Despite being the channel's chairman, Neil spent most of the summer at his home in the south of France, watching as his

If she can make it there...  
Raducanu takes in the sights of New York

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# Taliban assure UN over safety of aid staff

Patrick Wintour  
Diplomatic editor

The Taliban, facing the imminent collapse of aid into Afghanistan, have given the UN written assurances on the safe passage and freedom of movement for humanitarian workers.

The UN secretary general, António Guterres, told a UN emergency fundraising conference in Geneva that Afghanistan was perhaps at its most perilous hour, largely due to the country's previous dependence on western, and mainly American aid flows. "The people of Afghanistan are facing the collapse of an entire country all at once."

The conference raised an extra \$1.1bn (£800m) in funds, but some of it will go to countries bordering Afghanistan. UN officials said medical supplies were on the verge of collapse inside the country and migrations into the cities was continuing.

Guterres said food could run out by the end of this