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Gymnasts Call Olympics, FBI to Task Over Nassar's Abuse



SPEAKING OUT: U.S. gymnasts Simone Biles, McKayla Maroney, Aly Raisman and Maggie Nichols preparing to testify Wednesday before the Senate Judiciary Committee. The athletes recounted how the FBI, USA Gymnastics and the U.S. Olympic Committee failed to act when informed of sexual abuse by former national team doctor Larry Nassar. **A3**

Facebook Tried to Make Platform Healthier. It Got Angrier Instead.

Memos show 2018 change rewarded outrage and CEO Zuckerberg resisted proposed fixes

By KEACH HAGEY
 AND JEFF HORWITZ

the facebook files

Third in a series

In the fall of 2018, Jonah Peretti, chief executive of online publisher BuzzFeed, emailed a top official at Facebook Inc. The most divisive content that publishers produced was going viral on the platform, he said, creating an incentive to produce more of it.

He pointed to the success of a BuzzFeed post titled

"21 Things That Almost All White People are Guilty of Saying," which received 13,000 shares and 16,000 comments on Facebook, many from people criticizing BuzzFeed for writing it, and arguing with each other about race.

Other content the company produced, from news videos

to articles on self-care and animals, had trouble breaking through, he said.

Mr. Peretti blamed a major overhaul Facebook had given to its News Feed algorithm earlier that year to boost "meaningful social interactions," or MSI, between friends and family, according to internal Facebook documents reviewed

by The Wall Street Journal that quote the email.

BuzzFeed built its business on making content that would go viral on Facebook and other social media, so it had a vested interest in any algorithm changes that hurt its distribution. Still, Mr. Peretti's email touched a nerve.

Facebook's chief executive, Mark Zuckerberg, said

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Tax Bill Hands Firms Rate Boost, No Breaks

By THEO FRANCIS
 AND RICHARD RUBIN

When Republicans made sweeping changes to corporate taxes in their 2017 overhaul, executives and tax professionals worried that a Democratic Congress could roll back the legislation's rate cuts without reinstating the many tax breaks the law tightened or eliminated.

Based on this week's congressional tax proposal, it looks as if they were right.

The proposal from House Democrats, released on Monday and wending its way through the chamber's legislative process, would retain much of the corporate tax structure created four years ago while also raising taxes on a range of

companies doing business in the U.S. and American corporations operating abroad.

"The House proposal is very much about increases in rates and less about comprehensive new tax policy," said Todd Simmons, national managing partner of tax risk management at tax and accounting advisory firm BDO. It "essentially modifies changes enacted in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, rather than hitting the reset button," he added, using a name commonly applied to the 2017 legislation.

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All-Civilian Crew In SpaceX Orbit



Elon Musk's company launched four civilians toward the deepest orbit Americans have traveled in years. **B1**

FDA Says Vaccines Remain Effective Without Boosters

By JARED S. HOPKINS
 AND FELICIA SCHWARTZ

The Food and Drug Administration said vaccines cleared in the U.S. currently provide sufficient protection against severe disease and death from Covid-19 without additional doses, potentially complicating the Biden administration's deliberations over the need for booster shots.

The FDA released the findings on Wednesday in a report analyzing data submitted by Pfizer Inc. and BioNTech SE as part of their request for authorization for their vaccine to be given as a booster shot in

people 16 years and older. Biden administration advisers will review the FDA report on Friday, along with a companion analysis from Pfizer and other information, as part of a discussion over who needs booster shots and when.

The Biden administration had targeted next week to start widely distributing the extra shots to counter highly contagious variants such as Delta and bolster signs of waning immunity among the vaccinated. Evidence supports

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New Alliance Sets Counterweight to China

By GORDON LUBOLD

WASHINGTON—The U.S., U.K. and Australia are creating a new security partnership in the Indo-Pacific region, building on a longstanding alliance to more deeply share intelligence and technology and help Australia build nuclear-powered submarine capabilities as China's influence grows.

Administration officials described the new agreement, announced Wednesday by leaders of the three countries, as a way to line up common interests in the Asia-Pacific region.

The partnership is called AUKUS, an acronym for Australia, U.K. and the U.S., and will have a number of components, chief among them the development of the nuclear-submarine capability for Australia. Others include security cooperation in cyberspace, artificial intelligence, quantum technologies

and undersea capabilities, administration officials said.

Officials declined to say the effort was intended to counter China, describing it as a bid to engage three allies together strategically in an important region. The announcement comes

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College Dorms Turn Into a Real Animal House

Ferrets, guinea pigs, lizards accompany students to campus

By STEPHANIE ARMOUR
 AND DOUGLAS BELKIN

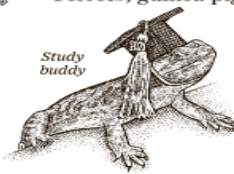
Last spring, when Tori Rystrom was a junior at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Fla., she bought a ferret she named Ozzie to help alleviate her anxiety. Then she started to worry that he would become sad and lonely when she

went to class.

There was a solution, she decided: Her pet needed his own emotional support.

Animals are becoming a more common sight on campus. Some schools allow pets in campus housing, and others are seeing a rise in requests for emotional support animals.

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Railways Set Deal As Rival Bids Bows Out

Canadian Pacific's \$27 billion purchase of Kansas City Southern links three nations

By DAVE SEBASTIAN

Canadian Pacific Railway Ltd. clinched a deal to take over Kansas City Southern, as a rival dropped its pursuit of the highly coveted railroad after a monthslong battle.

The \$27 billion deal, if completed, would be the first major merger in the industry in the U.S. in about two decades and would create the first freight rail network linking Canada, the U.S. and Mexico.

Canadian Pacific and Kansas City Southern had reached a \$25 billion deal in March before the rival, Canadian National Railway Co., submitted a roughly \$30 billion topping bid. That prompted Kansas City Southern to switch partners, before a regulatory panel that must bless railroad mergers denied Canadian National's plans to use a temporary voting trust, a key element of its proposal.

In the wake of that decision, Kansas City Southern on Sunday said it favored a sweetened cash-and-stock offer from Canadian Pacific, which had already received the go-ahead for a similar trust. Canadian National then had five business days to improve its offer or walk away.

In a statement on its decision not to continue pursuing

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Kabul's collapse

'US did not give Taliban a green light'

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US builds bulwark against China with UK-Australia security pact

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DEMETRI SEVASTOPOULOS — WASHINGTON
LAURA HUGHES — LONDON

Washington has launched a new trilateral security partnership with London and Canberra that will support Australia's plan to build a fleet of nuclear-powered submarines, a move set to strengthen the allies' ability to counter China.

The move is President Joe Biden's latest effort to bolster alliances amid increasing tensions with China over disputes ranging from the South China Sea to Taiwan. Biden was preparing to announce the deal last night in a virtual event with Boris Johnson, the UK prime minister, and his counterpart Scott Morrison, the Australian prime minister.

The leaders said they would boost co-operation in areas such as cyber crime, artificial intelligence, quantum computing and undersea capabilities, in addition to helping Australia build a nuclear-powered submarine force.

One British official said that the alliance would focus on maritime and defence technology, in contrast to the "Five Eyes" arrangement through which the US, UK, Australia, New Zealand and Canada share intelligence.

A senior US official said Biden had not told China's Xi Jinping of the initiative when the two leaders spoke last week.

The new alliance — dubbed AUKUS — has been formed a week before Biden is set to host the leaders of Japan, India and Australia for the first in-person summit of the "Quad" — a security grouping that is also designed to counter China and which Beijing has critically described as an "Asian NATO".

The US official said that while Australia would acquire nuclear-propulsion technology, which the US has shared only with the UK, Canberra would not develop nuclear weapons.

Karl Schake, head of foreign and defence policy at the American Enterprise Institute, said the deal would send a strong signal to Beijing.

It is "an elegant message, a reminder



USS Santa Fe in formation with Royal Australian Navy submarines during exercises off Fremantle
DOCKWORTH/STOCK PHOTO

to China that Australia has the technological capabilities and alliance relationships that they could become a nuclear power if the threat China poses becomes so severe", she said.

"It also strikes me as a good moment for the Biden administration to demonstrate its commitment to the security of its allies after the debacle of the US withdrawal from Afghanistan."

The US official said that the vessels would boost Australia's naval capabilities because they were faster and more stealthy than conventional submarines.

The boats can also operate farther from Australia, including in the South

China Sea, and do not need to surface as frequently.

Australian media said that Canberra would end an existing \$90bn programme to buy 12 French-designed conventional submarines. The official said that the allies would decide over the next 18 months how to build the fleet.

"This is a fundamental decision that binds decisively Australia and the United States and Great Britain for generations," the US official said.

Richard Fontaine, head of the Center for a New American Security, said that the submarines were a "big deal" that would not only give Australia better

capabilities but would help Washington, particularly amid criticism that China is outpacing the US in building navy ships and submarines.

"The real measure of comparison is not China on one side and the US on the other. It's China on the one side with the US and its allies on the other," he added.

"For more than 70 years, Australia, the UK and the US have worked together, along with other important allies and partners, to protect our shared values and promote security and prosperity. Today, with the formation of AUKUS, we recommit ourselves to this vision."

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Datawatch

Female equality gauge

Per-country 'empowerment' rating

■ Highest ■ Average ■ Lowest



Source: William Russell

Equality metrics such as the gender pay gap, the proportion of women in higher education and the length of paid maternity leave have been combined to form a female empowerment score for 38 countries.



Sports betting fever puts data compilers in front seat

The market in US sports betting, which has soared since the Supreme Court struck down a federal ban in 2018, has spurred demand for statistics on teams, games, performance and players. The two groups that have placed themselves as the gatekeepers to this treasure trove of information, Switzerland-based Sportradar and UK-based Genius, have both gone public as they try to capitalise on the growing financial stakes tied to sports data.

Statistics demand bolstered ► PAGE 9

Digital marketplace OpenSea probes insider's trading of non-fungible tokens

HANNAH MURPHY — SAN FRANCISCO

OpenSea, the most popular platform for buying and selling digital collectibles, has launched an investigation after admitting that one of its executives used inside knowledge to buy items ahead of their promotion on the marketplace.

The site, which sells non-fungible tokens — code that represents artworks — confirmed yesterday that an employee "purchased items that they knew were set to display on our front page before they appeared there publicly". The price of the collectibles typically jumped when they were listed on the platform's homepage.

The disclosure came after a user on Twitter wrote that Nate Chastain, OpenSea's head of product, appeared to have sold the NFTs "shortly after the

front-page-hype spike for profits" before sending the funds back to his main digital wallet.

The user, Zuvu, cited publicly available transaction data on the ethereum blockchain, the immutable ledger that supports the creation of most NFTs, sharing screenshots of his findings.

Some Twitter users compared the activity to front running or insider trading in regulated financial markets — the practice, which is illegal in most markets, of using non-public knowledge to gain a trading advantage.

Such rules do not apply to the loosely regulated market for digital tokens, although regulators are looking closely at their legal powers for enforcement.

OpenSea has become one of the main platforms catering to the growing appetite for NFTs, as artists, fashion houses and even sports groups race to become

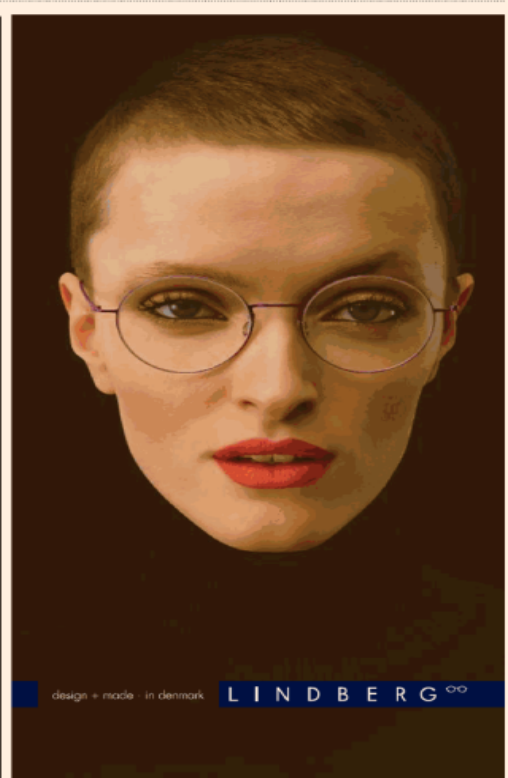
issuers. Over the past month, it has facilitated more than \$3.8bn in NFT transactions, according to data from DappRadar, with some digital artworks selling for millions of dollars.

OpenSea said that the incident was "incredibly disappointing". It added that it was conducting an immediate review in order to have a "full understanding of the facts and additional steps" to be taken.

Chastain could not be reached for comment.

The company said that it had drawn up policies banning its staff from buying or selling NFTs before they were featured or promoted on the platform, and from using confidential information to buy or sell any NFTs "whether available on the OpenSea platform or not".

Additional reporting by Philip Stafford in London



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World Markets

STOCK MARKETS					CURRENCIES					INTEREST RATES				
	Sep 15	prev	%chg		Sep 15	prev	%chg	Sep 15	prev		price	yield	chg	
S&P 500	4458.58	4463.05	-0.30	\$ per £	1.182	1.182	0.00	£ per \$	0.722	0.722	149.12	1.31	0.03	US Gov 10 yr
Nasdaq Composite	15036.58	15037.76	-0.01	\$ per €	1.383	1.385	-0.15	€ per £	1.170	1.172	104.10	0.04	0.04	UK Gov 10 yr
Dow Jones Ind	34891.47	34877.57	0.33	€ per \$	0.855	0.853	0.24	\$ per ¥	129.175	129.634	-0.31	0.04	-0.31	Gov 10 yr
FTSE 100	4751.38	4751.67	-0.06	¥ per \$	116.255	116.660	-0.35	£ per ¥	82.658	82.682	115.73	0.03	-0.01	Japan Gov 10 yr
Euro Stoxx 50	4151.38	4151.67	-0.06	¥ per £	151.144	151.901	-0.50	\$ per €	1.271	1.274	118.25	0.98	0.02	US Gov 30 yr
FTSE 100	7016.49	7024.06	-0.25	CHF per £	1.086	1.087	-0.09	Gov 2 yr	105.33	-0.70	0.00			
FTSE All-Share	4039.44	4056.45	-0.42	€ per \$	0.846	0.846	0.00							
CAC 40	6923.62	6922.97	-0.04											
Nikkei 225	15816.00	15722.99	-0.60											
Hang Seng	30511.71	30670.10	-0.52											
MSCI World	25033.21	25002.23	-0.04											
MSCI EM	3116.08	3126.10	-0.32											
MSCI ACWI	1296.15	1301.54	-0.41											
MSCI ACWI	735.17	737.82	-0.33											

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In Chak-e Wardak, Afghanistan, a Soviet tank from a previous war — a stark reminder of just how long this area has seen conflict.

Violence Ebbs But Pain Lasts Outside Kabul

By JIM HUYLEBROEK
CHAK-E WARDAK, Afghanistan — Sixty bone-rattling miles southwest of Kabul, remnants of America's longest war are abundant. Pillaged outposts scatter the hillsides, and skeletons of burned-out police pickup trucks and Humvees litter the road that weaves through the valleys in between.

The walls of an American-constructed local government building in Chak-e Wardak, a district in Wardak Province, are pockmarked by the impacts of recently fired bullets and rockets. Holes have been carved out of the walls for shooting positions, and only a few of the glass windows remain intact.

But the once-constant volley of rifle fire is no more.

In recent years, driving out of Kabul, Afghanistan's capital, would evoke fear of pop-up Taliban checkpoints at which young fighters pulled passengers out of cars, looking for government workers or members of the security forces. Getting caught up in an impromptu shootout between the two warring sides was always a risk.

But since the Taliban takeover in mid-August, the majority of Afghanistan's countryside has seen a substantial drop in violence. Where airstrikes and pitched battles would be commonplace, the guns have fallen silent. The checkpoints have mostly disappeared.

In their place is a developing humanitarian crisis and a new Taliban government that at times seems just as unaccustomed to governing as many Afghans are to living in a period without fighting.

Millions of Afghans are facing a winter of food shortages, with up to a million children at risk of starvation in the absence of an immediate international relief effort, United Nations officials say.

Adding to the misery, prices for basic foodstuffs have risen sharply, and many Afghan families are being forced to make do with rice and beans instead of chicken and other meats.

For now, though, in the Chak-e Wardak, the pain of war is

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U.S. Booster Policy Is in Flux as Dissent Mounts

By SHARON LaFRANIERE and NOAH WEILAND

WASHINGTON — Almost a month ago, President Biden announced a plan to make coronavirus booster shots available to most adults in the United States eight months after they received their second dose. But a week before the plan is to roll out, its contours are up in the air amid a chorus of dissent inside and outside the government.

The White House has already been forced to delay offering boosters to recipients of the Moderna vaccine, and for now it is planning third shots only for those who received the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine. Depending on what two public health agencies decide in the coming days, the administration may have to change course again, perhaps restricting extra shots to older Americans and others who are particularly vulnerable to serious illness.

A series of dueling reviews this week illustrated the fierce argument among scientists about whether boosters are needed, and if so, for whom. A study released on Wednesday in The New England Journal of Medicine appears to bolster the case made by the White House and its senior health advisers, stating that those who

Dueling Studies Add to Confusion Over Need for Extra Shots

received a third shot of Pfizer's vaccine in Israel were far less likely to develop severe Covid than those who received two injections.

But a review by regulators at the Food and Drug Administration, also made public on Wednesday, looked at broader evidence on third doses of the Pfizer vaccine and raised caveats.

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From left, the U.S. gymnasts Simone Biles, McKayla Maroney, Aly Raisman and Maggie Nichols.

Gymnasts Tell of Betrayal That Followed Abuse

By JULIET MACUR

WASHINGTON — Sitting at a witness table alongside three of her former gymnastics teammates, Simone Biles broke down in tears while explaining to a Senate committee that she doesn't want any more young people to experience the kind of suffering she endured at the hands of Lawrence G. Nassar, the former

F.B.I. Failures Laid Out in Senate Testimony

national team doctor.

"To be clear, I blame Larry Nassar, but I also blame an entire system that enabled and perpetuated his abuse," Ms. Biles, 24, said Wednesday as her mother, Nellie

Biles, sat nearby, dabbing her eyes with a tissue.

Ms. Biles and hundreds of other girls and women — including a majority of the members of the 2012 and 2016 U.S. Olympic women's gymnastics teams — were molested by Mr. Nassar, who is now serving what amounts to life in prison for multiple sex crimes. His serial molestation is at the

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After Rebuffing Recall, Newsom Pivots to Face Many California Crises

NEWS ANALYSIS Anti-Trump Strategy Points Way to '22

By JONATHAN MARTIN
SAN LEANDRO, Calif. — California basks in its clairvoyance. "The future happens here first," says Gov. Gavin Newsom, calling his state "America's coming attraction."

By emphatically turning back the effort to recall him from office, however, Mr. Newsom made clear that California's cherished role presaging the politics of tomorrow was not as significant as another, larger factor in Tuesday's results: the tribal politics of today.

The first-term Democratic governor will remain in office because, in a deeply liberal state, he effectively nationalized the recall effort as a Republican plot, making a flame-throwing radio hose the Trump-like face of the opposition to polarize the electorate along red and blue lines.

Mr. Newsom found success not because of what makes California different but because of how it's like everywhere else: He dominated in California's heavily populated Democratic cities, the key to victory in a state where his party outnumbered Republicans by five million voters.

"Gavin may have been on a high wire, but he was wearing a big, blue safety harness," said Mike Murphy, a California-based Republican strategist.

The recall does offer at least one lesson to Democrats in Washington ahead of next year's midterm elections: The party's pre-existing blue and purple-state strategy of portraying Republicans as Trump-like extremists can still prove effective with the former president out of office, at least when the strategy is executed with unrelenting discipline, an avalanche of money and an opponent who plays to type.

"You either keep Gavin Newsom as your governor or you'll get Donald Trump," President Biden said at an election-eve rally in Long Beach, making explicit what Mr. Newsom and his allies had been suggesting for weeks about the Republican front-runner, the longtime radio host Larry Elder.

By the time Mr. Biden arrived in California, Mr. Newsom was well positioned. Yet in the days leading up to the recall, he was warning Democrats of the right-wing threat they would face in

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Resounding Victory Signals a Mandate at a Tough Time

By SHAWN HUBLER

SACRAMENTO — For nearly a year — while a pandemic raged, while wildfires roared, while smoke smothered the once-pristine blue skies over Lake Tahoe — Gov. Gavin Newsom has had to simultaneously govern the nation's most populous state and beat back an attempted recall.

On Wednesday, he emerged victorious — but still had multiple crises to confront. Ninety percent of the state was in extreme drought. The median home price had eclipsed \$800,000. Some 100,000 people were sleeping outside or in their cars nightly. And more than 6 million public school children were struggling to make up the learning they had missed because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Hundreds of bills on his desk waited to be signed, including one to allow duplexes in single-family



California voters backed Gov. Gavin Newsom by about 2 to 1.

neighborhoods across California and another ensuring the vote-by-mail rules that helped keep him in office.

The election's resounding rejection of the long-shot, Republican-led attempt to oust Mr. Newsom appeared not only to strengthen him for re-election next year, but also to bestow a mandate. As the vote count continued on Wednesday, the recall was being rejected by roughly 2-1. The margin echoes the state's Democrat-Republican split and the scale of Mr. Newsom's 2018 election, which was a landslide.

But what the governor can do with that mandate is unclear. The recall campaign was long and divisive, political experts say, and the state's problems increasingly resist simple solutions. Many more straightforward challenges were met last year with a massive

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Riding Out Ida in New Orleans, Only to Succumb to the Heat

By NICHOLAS BOGEL-BURROUGHS and KATY RECKDAHL

NEW ORLEANS — In many ways, Iley Joseph's one-bedroom apartment was an ideal place to ride out a hurricane. It was on the third floor — much too high to flood — of a building that was sturdy and new, part of a sleek, gated community for older residents like him.

But in the days after Hurricane Ida, his home began to feel like a trap. The huge power failure that cut off electricity to New Orleans rendered Mr. Joseph's air-conditioner useless and his refrigerator nothing more than a cupboard. Even worse, the outage froze the complex's elevators in place, sealing him inside the building because his health problems prevented him from using the stairs.

Mr. Joseph, 73, insisted in telephone conversations with his sons that he was doing just fine. But in his apartment, No. 312, it kept getting hotter. On Sept. 2, the fourth day after the storm hit — the hottest yet — a friend found him lying still on the side of his bed.

"I call his name, he doesn't respond," said the friend, Jared Rigueous. "I realized he was gone."

Only in recent days, as the last lights flickered back on in New Orleans, have officials here discovered the true toll of Hurricane Ida. Unlike in the Northeast, where many who perished were taken by floodwaters and tornadoes, heat has emerged as the greatest killer in New Orleans.

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L.A. WILL REQUIRE VACCINE PROOF AT BARS

County's health order will also cover indoor wineries, nightclubs, breweries and lounges.

BY LUKE MONEY, RONG-GONG LIN II AND STEPHANIE BREILO

Proof of COVID-19 vaccination will be required at indoor bars, wineries, breweries, nightclubs and lounges in Los Angeles County under a forthcoming health order aimed at further armoring the region against the pandemic.

The mandate, which will be issued by Friday, will require patrons and employees to have at least one vaccine dose by Oct. 7 and be fully vaccinated by Nov. 4, according to Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer.

L.A. County, like the rest of the state and nation, has for months been battling the latest wave of the coronavirus, which has been fueled by the highly infectious Delta variant.

Though there are indications that the latest surge is losing some steam, officials already are turning a wary eye to the fall and winter, when the busy holiday season will bring people together from all over and colder weather will increasingly push gatherings and recreation indoors.

"This is a reasonable path forward that will position us to be better able to break the cycle of surges," Ferrer said during Wednesday's L.A. County Board of Supervisors meeting.

About 67% of Angelenos have already been at least partially inoculated against COVID-19.

Under the new order, participants and workers at [See Health order, A8]



GOV. GAVIN NEWSOM with students Wednesday at an Oakland elementary school. Newsom said he asked the kids to name the state's top three issues: "They said, climate change, homelessness and education funding."

CALIFORNIA RECALL ELECTION

An easy win, but the hard part lies ahead

Governor faces the same slate of worries, including wildfires, COVID and housing.

BY TARYN LUNA

SACRAMENTO — Standing in an elementary school classroom in Oakland, Gov. Gavin Newsom paused when asked if he felt vindicated after voters saved his political career the night before and handed him a landslide victory in the recall election.

"I feel enlivened. I feel more energized and I feel a deep sense of responsibility because people are counting on us and they need us. They need government, effective government," Newsom said. "I'm also mindful of this: Challenges are in abundance in these positions."

California voters and Newsom's political allies stepped up to defend the governor from the GOP-led recall, delivering a win that paves the way to his reelection next year. Battle-tested but not bruised, the 53-year-old reaffirmed the mandate he walked into the governor's office with three years ago after notching what appears to be an even greater margin of victory Tuesday.

But just as wildfires, punishing drought, record homelessness, a housing shortage, a once in a generation pandemic and a learning curve at the Capitol have challenged much of his term in office, Newsom returns to work facing those same problems and more.

"He has the same things to deal with today that he dealt with yesterday, minus the recall election," said Dana Williamson, who worked as Cabinet secretary to former Gov. Jerry Brown. "I would think the election gives him a boost of confidence. He's coming out of this in a stronger place than [See Newsom, A7]

Extreme wildfires pose threat to California's giant sequoias

BY HAYLEY SMITH AND LILA SEIDMAN

Deep inside the heart of Sequoia National Park lies a cathedral-like grove that is home to thousands of towering sequoia trees. Known as the Giant Forest, it draws throngs of visitors each year who come to marvel at its behemoths, including the 275-foot General Sherman tree, known as the largest tree on earth.

Wildfire is a natural part of the life cycle of sequoias — helping to release their seeds. But with climate change fueling a new breed of extreme fire in California, that ecological contract has been betrayed. Flames from a wildfire are lapping at the Giant Forest and threatening to decimate some of the greatest natural wonders of the world.

The 8,940-acre KNP Complex, composed of the Paradise and Co. [See Sequoias, A8]



THE KNP COMPLEX in Sequoia National Park has burned 8,940 acres, encroaching on the thousands of sequoias in the Giant Forest.



CHINESE LEADER Xi Jinping, shown on a screen at a Beijing mall, wants to purge greed, corruption and moral failings he views as threats to socialism.

Fame gets blame in China

Crackdown on celebrities and tech titans may be an attempt to distract from country's economic ills

BY ALICE SU

BEIJING — Celebrity names are vanishing from the credits of TV shows. Effeminate male idols — "sissy boys" — have been vilified. Tech moguls have been urged to donate billions of dollars to philanthropy. And kids went back to school last week with new rules banning foreign textbooks and requiring more classes on the ideology of leader Xi Jinping.

The changes are part of Xi's new "common prosperity" campaign to narrow the

gap between rich and poor and create "material and spiritual wealth."

It's a noble-sounding slogan. But it looks more like a top-down purification than a strategy for economic reform. Xi is fixed on purging society of greed, corruption and moral failings he views as threats to socialism. Free-wheeling capitalists and Western influences have become targets, while structural issues such as bloated state-owned companies and a weak social safety net are left unaddressed.

That has raised ques-

tions about whether common prosperity is less a design to reduce inequality than a way to concentrate political power and ideological control while blaming the rich and famous for the nation's ills.

Over the last month, Xi has cracked down on tech, education and entertainment. He has called for corporations and wealthy individuals to "give back more to society" at a time when the Communist Party is under pressure as the economy cools.

[See China, A4]

ANALYSIS

Will recall strategy also play in 2022?

Newsom's team urges national Democrats to focus on COVID and GOP extremism.

BY MELANIE MASON AND JANET HOOK

Gov. Gavin Newsom decisively fended off a recall with a two-pronged strategy: nonstop GOP-bashing and an unapologetic embrace of vaccine mandates. Now, the architects of his win say Democrats across the country should follow suit in next

year's midterm election.

"Step 1: Name the villains," said Sean Clegg, a top advisor to the campaign. "Step 2: Describe the stakes" — which Newsom portrayed as a life-or-death choice on ending the pandemic.

For national Democrats facing an uphill battle to keep control of Congress in 2022, those two steps behind Newsom's overwhelming victory on Tuesday may offer a road map for success — the former rousing otherwise disengaged Democrats and the latter making inroads with independents [See Analysis, A7]

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A yes for reining in the recall law

It's too easy to force a costly special election, writes Mark Z. Barabak. PERSPECTIVES, A2

Trumpism doesn't fly in this state

The GOP's resounding defeat was no surprise, writes Gustavo Arellano. CALIFORNIA, B1

The incumbent just got stronger

After Newsom's big win, will any Democrat challenge him? asks George Skelton. CALIFORNIA, B1

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Deal to share nuclear submarine technology is seen as a counterweight to China. WORLD, A4

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Turning sunny; cool. L.A. Basin: 75/56. B6



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BREAKING A BARRIER

Donte Williams grew up in the shadow of the Coliseum, but the journey for USC's first Black head football coach took two decades. SPORTS, B10

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Tumult on boosters is latest trial for FDA

BY LAURIE MCGINLEY AND DAN DIAMOND

Peter Marks, the Food and Drug Administration official overseeing coronavirus vaccines, was preparing Monday for a critical meeting on booster shots later in the week when he received a text from a friend: "Oh, my God, it never stops!"

Marks asked what the friend was referring to. "The Lancet article," came the reply, according to the friend, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss a private interaction.

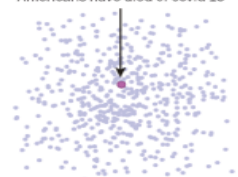
The article was a shock. The medical journal Lancet had just published a review by an international roster of scientists — including Marks's top two vaccine officials — that argued forcefully against administering boosters to the general public, at least for now.

The public nature of the dissent and the timing were stunning. The FDA is scheduled to meet Friday with its vaccine advisory committee to discuss whether to approve a Pfizer-BioNTech booster, the start of what the Biden

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1 in 500

Americans have died of covid-19



The burden of death has been disproportionately borne by Black, Latino, and American Indian and Alaska Native people. **Story, A4**



SAUL LOEB/POOL/AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE/GETTY IMAGES

U.S. gymnasts Simone Biles, left, McKayla Maroney, Aly Raisman and Maggie Nichols testified Wednesday on Capitol Hill during a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing about the inspector general's report on the FBI handling of the Larry Nassar sexual abuse investigation.

Biles blames system for abuses

BY DEVLIN BARRETT

Simone Biles and three fellow gymnasts offered gut-wrenching testimony to Congress on Wednesday, describing the abuse they suffered at the hands of doctor Larry Nassar and charging the FBI "turned a blind eye" as he molested young female patients.

Biles blamed USA Gymnastics, the U.S. Olympics committee and the FBI for the long-running abuse by the doctor, who molested girls and women under the guise of medical treatments for the athletes. At times, the 24-year-old superstar's voice quivered as she tied her mental health difficulties at the Tokyo Olympics this summer directly to the trauma of Nassar's abuse.

Gymnasts detail trauma at Nassar's hands, say FBI turned a blind eye

"I don't want another young gymnast, Olympic athlete or any individual to experience the horror that I and hundreds of others have endured — before, during and continuing to this day in the wake of the Larry Nassar abuse," Biles told members of the Senate Judiciary Committee as she fought back tears. "To be clear, I blame Larry Nassar, and I also blame an entire system that enabled and perpetrated his abuse." Biles, the world's most accom-

plished gymnast, won a bronze medal in balance beam at the Olympics this summer but withdrew from most of the competition, citing mental duress.

Talking about her training for and participation in the Tokyo Games, she said: "The scars of this horrific abuse continue to live with all of us."

Biles said she could think of no place more uncomfortable for her to be than before lawmakers and television cameras in the hearing room, testifying publicly about the abuse. She said she came to the Senate "so that no little girl must endure" what she and her fellow gymnasts did.

"We have been failed, and we deserve answers," she said. "It truly feels like the FBI turned a

blind eye to us" to protect U.S. Olympic and gymnastics organizations.

More than a year after the allegations against Nassar were first brought to the FBI in 2015, he was arrested and charged by state officials. In the interim, Nassar is estimated to have abused at least 70 more athletes, according to a devastating report issued in July by Justice Department Inspector General Michael Horowitz. Nassar's victims say the figure is even higher, at 120.

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Sally Jenkins: FBI policies didn't fail; the people in charge did. **D1**

Perspective: Gymnasts make sure the truth is loud, uncomfortable. **D1**

As cases fail, security initiative's aim is questioned

BY ELLEN NAKASHIMA AND DAVID NAKAMURA

CLEVELAND — Qing Wang was born in rural China, came to the United States to study and worked his way into the elite ranks of American science, becoming a respected heart-disease researcher — and, in 2005, a citizen of his adopted country.

Then one morning last year, an FBI agent knocked at his door in a suburb here. Within hours, Wang was in handcuffs, charged with concealing ties to the Chinese government on a federal grant application. The prestigious Cleveland Clinic, where he had worked for 21 years, fired him the same day.

To federal investigators, Wang, now 56, was an example of China's growing effort to co-opt scientists in the United States — part of a vast campaign to steal American secrets and technology. Over the past several years, the Justice Department has broadened its focus from company insiders, hackers

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DUSTIN FRANZ FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Cleveland-area researcher Qing Wang, 56, was charged last year with concealing ties to the Chinese government on a federal grant application. All the charges against him were dropped in July.

Biden comes to defense of Milley after China revelation

Calls with foreign leader focused on concerns about Trump, stability

BY KAROUN DEMIRJIAN AND JOHN WAGNER

President Biden on Wednesday threw his full support behind the Pentagon's top uniformed officer, who has come under fire after a new book revealed he privately conferred with his Chinese counterpart to avert armed conflict late in the Trump administration.

"I have great confidence in General Milley," Biden told reporters at the White House, following calls from former president Donald Trump and his Republican allies in Capitol Hill for the removal of Gen. Mark A. Milley as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Biden's declaration, coinciding with efforts by the chief spokespersons for the White House and the Pentagon to stage a similar defense of the embattled general, effectively ends speculation that Milley's assignment may be cut short. But the controversy surrounding his fitness for the job rages on — and thus far is falling mostly along party lines.

According to the book from Washington Post associate editor Bob Woodward and national political reporter Robert Costa, Milley spoke with Gen. Li Zuocheng of the People's Liberation Army twice: once in late October and again in early January, after Trump's supporters laid siege to the U.S. Capitol in an attempt to overturn his election defeat. The domestic upheaval had shaken the government in Beijing, where leaders, according to the book's authors, worried that Trump appeared to be acting so erratically that he might order an attack on

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Afghan women protest Social media users are challenging restrictive Taliban dress codes with photos of vibrant traditional outfits. **A11**

Booster scrutiny The FDA's review on whether a third Pfizer-BioNTech shot is widely necessary took a neutral tone. **A5**

THE NATION Nearly 3 million people bought ACA health plans during a six-month extended sign-up period. **A2**

SpaceX launched the first all-civilian crew of astronauts into orbit on a planned three-day mission around Earth. **A2**

The Boy Scouts of America's latest effort to reach an agreement with victims of alleged sexual abuse faced opposition from a group in its bankruptcy case. **A3**

Pope Francis said the decision about granting Communion to politi-

cians who support abortion rights should be made from a pastoral point of view. **A9**

THE WORLD After going missing amid disagreements within the Taliban government, Abdul Ghani Baradar, its deputy prime minister, announced he is alive. **A14**

The two Koreas test-fired ballistic missiles hours apart in the latest sign of an intensifying arms race. **A14**

The E.U. chief used an annual address to play up the bloc as a united force that has achieved

some of the world's highest coronavirus vaccination rates. **A16**

THE ECONOMY It's a different playing field now for Tesla, which was close with two former administrations. **A19**

President Biden met with business leaders from Disney, Microsoft, Walgreens and other large companies as he seeks support for vaccine mandate plans. **A20**

THE REGION Two D.C.-area children's hospitals reported a surge in cases of RSV, a seasonal respiratory virus usually seen in the winter. **B1**

A building proposed for Takoma Park has faced an unusually powerful challenger: Maryland Comptroller Peter Franchot. **B1**

Longtime Montgomery County school board member Patricia O'Neill was remembered as a champion for education reform. **B1**

A man from the Olney area was charged in the death of his father, whose decomposing body was found in his home, police said. **B2**

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The Right Rev. John Shelby Spong, 90, was a dogma-defying Episcopal bishop and LGBTQ advocate. **B6**

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LOCAL LIVING Together again How to help teens reboot their relationships as they make their return to in-person school.

STYLE A stand-up guy Norm Macdonald was Tolstoy in sweatpants, even when he sent texts in the middle of the night. Geoff Edgers received many of them. **C1**

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River disfrutó con la noche de Julián Álvarez

El delantero (foto) marcó dos goles y fue la figura de los millonarios, que vencieron 4-1 a Newell's y quedaron a dos puntos de la cima.

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HISOPADOS EN EZEIZA: LA CAUSA ESTÁ A PUNTO DE ARCHIVARSE

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A cinco meses del escándalo, los abogados que intervienen en la investigación dicen que no se habría determinado el delito de fraude contra la administración. Página 30

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"Suelten a los Cantero, si no vamos a matar a los fiscales", fue el mensaje recibido en la línea 911; reforzaron la vigilancia. Página 34

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GRAVE CRISIS POLÍTICA

El kirchnerismo vacía el gabinete y Fernández busca apoyo para resistir

La catarata de renuncias la inició De Pedro y lo siguieron otros cuatro ministros, más varios secretarios ligados a Cristina Kirchner; el Presidente recibió la adhesión de la CGT y avala una marcha para respaldarlo; defendió a Guzmán

En una jugada sorpresiva y fulminante, el kirchnerismo dinamitó ayer el gabinete de Alberto Fernández con una renuncia en masa orquestada para forzar un cambio de nombres y de rumbo en el Gobierno después de la dura derrota electoral en las PASO.

El Presidente quedó sumido en una gigantesca crisis política. Rodeado de sus fieles, dispuesto a no entregar a los ministros cuestionados por la vicepresidenta Cristina Kirchner, busca apoyos para resistir. Los funcionarios de su confianza, algunos gobernadores peronistas y la CGT le expresaron su respaldo, mientras el Movimiento Evita convocaba a una marcha de apoyo para esta tarde.

La fractura quedó expuesta al mediodía con la renuncia presentada por el ministro del Interior, Wado de Pedro. Lo siguieron sus colegas Martín Soria, Roberto Salvarerra, Juan Cabandí y Tristán Bauer, más funcionarios como Paula Español, Luana Volnovich, Fernanda Ravertay y Martín Sabbatella, entre otros.

Todo ocurrió al terminar un acto que Fernández compartió con el ministro de Economía, Martín Guzmán, uno de los apuntados por el kirchnerismo en su búsqueda de culpables de la caída electoral. También respaldó al jefe de Gabinete, Santiago Cafiero.

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Cristina Kirchner, anoche, al salir del Senado tras un día de convulsiones en el oficialismo

HERNÁN ZENTENO

EL ANÁLISIS

La derrota desnudó la fractura

Carlos Pagni

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Las coaliciones se sostienen por dos motivaciones. La animadversión hacia el rival. O la certeza de que la asociación con lo diverso garantiza el acceso al poder. El domingo pasado esos dos factores, que han venido amalgamando al Frente de Todos, se debilitaron. Continúa en la página 6

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Una interna hecha crisis institucional

Claudio Jacquelin

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Luiza Trajano entra para lista da Time dos mais influentes

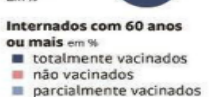
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Mais vacinados entre os internados não revela falha; entenda

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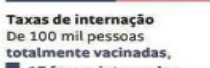
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Pênis aparecem cada vez mais na televisão e no streaming

Internados com Covid em Israel

Vacinados com 60 anos ou mais em %



Internados com 60 anos ou mais em %



Taxas de internação De 100 mil pessoas totalmente vacinadas, 17 foram internadas

De 100 mil pessoas não vacinadas, 274 foram internadas

De 100 mil pessoas parcialmente vacinadas, 32 foram internadas

Fonte: Governo de Israel

Queiroga vê 'excesso de vacinas', e estados, falta

Ao menos seis estados dizem não ter doses para fazer antecipação planejada

O ministro Marcelo Queiroga (Saúde) elogiou ontem a logística do governo federal e disse que existe um "excesso de vacinas" no país. No entanto, pelo menos seis estados não puderam iniciar a antecipação da segunda dose contra a Covid na data planejada porque faltam imunizantes, sobretudo o da AstraZeneca, produzido pela Fiocruz.

São Paulo, Bahia, Rio Grande do Sul, Santa Catarina, Espírito Santo e Rio Grande do Norte afirmaram à Folha que a antecipação, medida recomendada devido ao avanço da mais transmissível variante delta, é inviável porque o ministério atrasou as doses. Onze outros estados aguardam instruções. Questionado, Queiroga disse não haver problema.

"Há excesso de vacina na realidade, o Brasil já distribuiu 260 milhões de doses, 210 milhões já aplicadas", disse em Guarulhos, onde acompanhou entrega de lotes da Pfizer. "O Brasil já é dos países que mais vacinam." Já foi aplicada a primeira dose em quase 66% da população, de 213 milhões, mas a necessária segunda injeção chegou para somente 36%.

Por isso, o Brasil registra uma das maiores lacunas entre aqueles que apenas começaram o esquema vacinal e os que puderam concluí-lo (neste último grupo está a dose única de Janssen). O ministério sugeriu reduzir o intervalo entre as doses de AstraZeneca de 12 para 8 semanas. Uma possibilidade é completar o esquema com vacinas diferentes. Saúde B1

Paraisópolis, 100, aposta no comércio para recuperação

A favela de Paraisópolis, na zona sul de São Paulo, faz 100 anos hoje com expectativas altas para o futuro. Enquanto o comércio movimentava a economia local, promessas de melhorias feitas pelo poder público continuam sendo repetidas. Cotidiano B3

Mirtes Souza Por amor ao meu filho, quero justiça

Mais de um ano após a morte de Miguel, enfim minha ex-patroa, que o abandonou no elevador, foi ouvida pela Justiça. Não vou desistir. Cotidiano B4

Quarentena para militar, policial e juiz é resgatada

A Câmara resgatou ontem a quarentena de quatro anos para juízes, integrantes do Ministério Público, militares e policiais disputarem eleições, como emenda a uma lei eleitoral que passaria a valer em 2026. A proposta segue para o Senado. Poder A10

Revés em primárias provoca crise em governo argentino

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Divulgação Sea Shepherd Conservation Society

MATANÇA DE MAIS DE 1.400 GOLFINHOS A FACA EM ILHA EUROPEIA É ALVO DE REVOLTA

Animais mortos em praia nas Ilhas Faroë, com água vermelha de sangue; atividade tradicional, a caça atingiu patamar recorde no domingo (12) e gerou críticas

Área jurídica avalia precatório fora do teto e contraria Guedes

Enquanto a equipe de Paulo Guedes trabalha para limitar o pagamento de precatórios em 2022, ganhou força dentro da área jurídica do governo um plano para quitar os débitos integralmente e retirar essa despesa da contabilização da regra do teto de gastos.

Guedes tem pressionado o Judiciário a fixar um valor para as dívidas no ano que vem, sem passar pelo Congresso, mas o Supremo resiste à ideia. Mercado p.1

Estouro no limite de gasto pode ir a R\$ 72 bi, calcula pesquisador Mercado p.2

Congresso deixa agenda ideológica do Planalto de lado

Eleito com o apoio de Jair Bolsonaro, o novo comando do Congresso aprovou 46% das propostas prioritárias no campo econômico — mas pautas que alimentam a base bolsonarista, como a flexibilização das armas, continuam sem perspectiva. Poder A4

Lewandowski suspende duas ações contra Lula

Ricardo Lewandowski, do STF, suspendeu em caráter liminar duas ações contra o ex-presidente Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT) no âmbito da Lava Jato, relacionadas a supostas doações da Odebrecht ao Instituto Lula e à compra de um apartamento. Poder A14

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Sobre derrota do governo peronista em primárias.



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Comuna asuncena apura una suba salarial en plena campaña electoral

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Municipios recibieron G. 2,2 billones
La educación sigue en crisis, pese a millonarios desembolsos de Fonacide

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Fiscal general ordenó auditar investigación de robo a depósito de Gical

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2022 : sans candidat désigné, la droite prise de vitesse

Alors qu'Emmanuel Macron, Marine Le Pen et Éric Zemmour veulent profiter du vide laissé à droite, Les Républicains cherchent la meilleure façon de choisir leur candidat.

« Il est temps d'en finir ! », fulminent plusieurs responsables LR alors que les discussions sur la procédure de désignation du candidat à la présidentielle n'en finissent

toujours pas. Comité stratégique, bureau politique, vote des militants... Quand on parle de la droite et de 2022, on ne parle que méthode de désignation et organisation.

Aussi, concentrés sur la question du départage, Les Républicains peinent à imposer idées et propositions dans le débat public... Et il faut encore attendre le

25 septembre pour y voir plus clair. Les 82 000 militants LR préféreront-ils ce jour-là une procédure de désignation ouverte au-delà du parti ? Ou se di-

ront-ils favorables à une seconde formule qui leur serait uniquement réservée ? Nul ne sait, mais, pendant ce temps, d'autres candidats font déjà campagne.

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Quand le Pentagone craignait que Trump n'attaque la Chine

Pendant la crise post-électorale qui a secoué les États-Unis jusqu'en janvier dernier, le général Mark Milley, chef d'état-major interarmes, a appelé deux fois son homologue chinois pour l'assurer de la « stabilité » du gouvernement américain. Craignant que Donald Trump ne donne un ordre d'attaque irréfléchi, il avait exigé de ses subordonnés qu'ils l'alertent avant d'appliquer les directives d'un président en pleine « crise de nerfs ». PAGE 9



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Et si la droite, enfin, se réveillait ?

Primaires, congrès, tirage au sort, courte paille, pile ou face, chifoumi... Faites comme vous voulez, mais, de grâce, décidez-vous et sans tarder ! Disons-le avec la franchise du Capitaine Haddock s'adressant au Professeur Tournesol : vos querelles de départage ne nous intéressent pas ! La politique a horreur du vide. À force d'atmosphères, de tergiversations, de batailles d'ego, de déclarations définitives, la droite subit à bâbord le grignotage d'Emmanuel Macron, à tribord celui d'Éric Zemmour et de Marine Le Pen. Le président de la République chausse ses bottes de sept lieues et ouvre, de promesses en rallonges budgétaires, un crédit illimité ; la patronne du Rassemblement national dévoile slogan, affiche, mesures ; Éric Zemmour entre par effraction dans la partie ; Anne Hidalgo tourne le dos à Paris ; les écologistes s'apprennent à voter : la campagne prend son rythme et s'accommode de l'absence d'un de ses principaux acteurs. Nos multiples prétendants ne manquent pourtant ni d'ambition ni de tempérament, mais leur interminable surplace les

empêche de déployer une vision, brouille toute initiative, annihile la moindre proposition. Il y a cinq ans, le Parti socialiste a montré qu'une force politique d'alternance pouvait, à force de divisions, de paresse, de prudence, d'hésitations, être renvoyée aux marges. LR n'a plus le choix. Cette campagne doit être celle du sursaut - la victoire est encore à portée de vote -, sinon ce qu'il reste de ce parti sera dépecé sans pitié. Est-ce si tragique ? Le risque

La politique a horreur du vide

est qu'il emporte dans sa chute le projet libéral-conservateur pourtant largement partagé par l'opinion. Sans cette force structurée, ferme et sereine, la conversation civique se réduira inévitablement à l'affrontement stérile et hystérique entre deux blocs caricaturés en « cercle de la raison » contre « révolte populiste ». La France en serait durablement et profondément fracturée. L'heure tourne, mais il n'est pas trop tard. À la droite de faire la preuve qu'elle n'a pas dit son dernier mot... ■

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Three cabinet ministers sacked as Johnson puts focus on levelling up and pursuing culture wars

Heather Stewart
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Boris Johnson has laid the groundwork for the next general election with a ruthless cabinet reshuffle designed to clear out failing ministers and hand Michael Gove the key job of making "levelling up" a reality for sceptical voters.

On a day of dramatic developments in Westminster, Johnson sacked three cabinet ministers, including the gaffe-prone education secretary, Gavin Williamson, and shifted Dominic Raab from the Foreign Office to

the Ministry of Justice. Liz Truss, the media-savvy darling of Conservative grassroots members and champion of free markets, will replace Raab as foreign secretary.

Johnson kicked off the reshuffle by inviting ministers set to be sacked or sidelined to his House of Commons office, as MPs began a debate called by Labour over the £20-a-week cut to universal credit coming into effect next month.

Williamson had been widely expected to be offered an alternative role - perhaps his old post as chief whip - but was instead dispatched straight to the backbenches.

Raab managed to wrest the consolation title of deputy prime minister from Johnson after fraught negotiations but the move to justice secretary was seen as punishment for his role in the chaotic evacuation from Afghanistan last month.



◀ **Dominic Raab**, shifted from the Foreign Office to the Ministry of Justice and made deputy PM

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▲ **His replacement as foreign secretary, Liz Truss**, popular with grassroots Conservatives

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No 10 also appeared to signal its determination to continue prosecuting the culture wars, with the surprise appointment of Nadine Dorries as culture secretary.

Dorries is a longstanding and vehement critic of the BBC, arguing against the continuation of the licence fee and labelling it institutionally skewed. In 2018 she called it "a biased leftwing organisation which is seriously failing in its political representation, from the top down".

Downing Street sources insisted

that the former I'm a Celebrity contestant had not been put in place to pursue an anti-woke agenda, describing her as a "rising star" who could communicate well with the public and had been consistently loyal to the prime minister.

In the Department for Education, Williamson will be replaced by Nadhim Zahawi, an Iraqi-born entrepreneur who arrived in the UK as a child speaking no English. Zahawi is viewed as a safe pair of hands in Downing Street after his management of the Covid vaccination programme.

Gove emerged from the reshuffle as the secretary of state for housing, communities and local government with responsibility for enacting Johnson's levelling-up agenda across government. In July, the prime minister gave a speech on levelling up that was

Julian Borger
Dan Sabbagh

The US, UK and Australia are setting up a trilateral security partnership aimed at confronting China, which will include helping Australia to build nuclear-powered submarines.

The initiative, called Aukus, was announced jointly by President Joe Biden and prime ministers Boris Johnson and Scott Morrison, joined virtually by videoconference.

Speaking from London, Johnson said the three countries were "natural allies" even though "we may be separated geographically" and said the alliance would create "a new defence partnership and driving jobs and prosperity".

On the Australian submarine-building plan, Johnson said: "This will be one of the most complex and technically demanding projects in the world, lasting decades and requiring the most advanced technology."

Morrison said teams from the three countries would draw up a joint plan over the coming 18 months for assembling the new fleet, which will be built in Adelaide. The project will make Australia only the seventh country in the world to deploy submarines propelled by

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