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◆ **The Justice Department** filed a lawsuit challenging American Airlines' partnership with JetBlue on antitrust grounds. **A1**

◆ **A Justice Department-led** panel is investigating Zoom Video's deal to buy Five9, citing potential national-security risks posed by Zoom's China ties. **B1**

◆ **Google said it is buying** a Manhattan office building for \$2.1 billion, one of the clearest signals yet of big tech companies' growing appetite for office space. **A1**

◆ **Facebook's Oversight Board** said it is reviewing the company's practice of holding high-profile users to separate sets of rules, citing apparent inconsistencies in the way the social-media giant makes decisions. **B1**

◆ **Major U.S. stock indexes** ended mixed, with the Dow and S&P 500 both losing about 0.1% and the Nasdaq gaining 0.2%. **B1**

◆ **Uber Technologies said** it could reach a measure of profitability in the current quarter, months earlier than previously expected. **B1**

◆ **DraftKings has made** a cash and stock offer for global gambling company Entain in a deal valued at more than \$20 billion. **B1**

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◆ **Persistent divisions** among Democrats over the size of their climate and social-welfare plan are threatening to derail much of Biden's agenda, as progressives signal that they could block passage of a roughly \$1 trillion infrastructure package next week. **A4**

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◆ **Johnson & Johnson** said a booster dose of its Covid-19 vaccine administered two months after the first shot increased protection against symptomatic illness in trial participants. **A3**

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◆ **Rohit Chopra**, Biden's choice to head the CFPB, is poised for approval by the Senate in coming days, overcoming Republican opposition to his nomination. **A6**

◆ **The Taliban** brought some outsiders into their new Afghan government following criticism that the cabinet was composed entirely of the Islamist movement's clerics. **A11**

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Biden Calls for Unity in Face of New Strains With Allies



OUTREACH: President Biden addressed the U.N. General Assembly on Tuesday, outlining a foreign-policy vision rooted in global alliances and emphasizing the importance of diplomacy at a time when relations with some allies are strained. **A10**

U.S. Antitrust Suit Targets American-JetBlue Alliance

By Brent Kendall and Alison Sider

WASHINGTON—The Justice Department filed an antitrust lawsuit challenging American Airlines Group Inc.'s partnership with JetBlue Airways Corp. on antitrust grounds, alleging the recently forged alliance would suppress competition and lead to higher fares.

The department, joined by six states and the District of Columbia, filed the lawsuit in a Massachusetts federal court.

They alleged the American-JetBlue agreement would eliminate head-to-head competition in key traffic hubs in the Northeast and hurt travelers across the U.S. by diminishing JetBlue's incentives to compete with American. That could mean higher prices, fewer options and poorer customer service, the suit alleged.

The Justice Department said the agreement effectively operates like a merger in many domestic markets, alleging it was a backdoor attempt by Ameri-

can to further consolidate the industry by neutralizing a carrier that has been uniquely disruptive to legacy airlines.

"In an industry where just four airlines control more than 80% of domestic air travel, American Airlines' alliance with JetBlue is, in fact, an unprecedented maneuver to further consolidate the industry," Attorney General Merrick Garland said in a statement, referring to American, Delta Air Lines Inc., United Airlines Holdings Inc. and Southwest Airlines Co.

American and JetBlue made public their alliance in July 2020, saying boosting their offerings in the Northeast by marketing each other's flights on certain routes would allow them to more formidably compete at the three New York-area airports and in Boston.

The airlines denied their deal was anticompetitive and said they plan to fight the suit in court.

The carriers began implementing the partnership this

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Companies are retreating from once core products, making way for asset managers and private-equity firms with more appetite for risk

By Leslie Scism

Americans own more than 160 million individual life insurance and annuity policies. A big, unexpected change is ahead for many of them.

Traditional life insurers are leaving the business in droves. The responsibility for death benefits, which might be a half-century away, or for annuity income streams that run over decades, is increasingly in the hands of a new breed of insurance-company

owner.

The growing wave of deal activity is unsettling to some policyholders who had chosen well-established and often strategically conservative companies in the 262-year-old U.S. life-insurance industry. In some cases, a key component of families' financial planning suddenly is in the hands of newcomers, some known for investing in distressed companies and unusual securities. Moving to a new carrier isn't always simple or affordable

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Are Movie Fire-Sprinkler Shots All Wet?

Scenes often wrong, pro says, except 'Die Hard'

By Don Steinberg

Other people may have been watching Alexandra Daddario in her performance as an unhappy honeymooner on HBO's series "The White Lotus." Patrick Smith was paying closer attention to a scene Ms. Daddario has in the new indie movie "Die in a Gunfight," where she smooches with co-star Diego Boneta in a diner booth.

In the distance behind them, a kitchen fire breaks out, and the sprinkler system above the couple sprays water all over them, romantically, like they're kissing in the rain. Dr. Smith, a 33-year-old

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Google's Office Purchase Is Priciest Since Pandemic

By Konrad Putzier

Google said it is buying a New York City office building for \$2.1 billion, one of the clearest signals yet of big technology companies' growing appetite for office space, even as these firms embrace remote work.

The deal for the new building on Manhattan's West Side is the most expensive sale of a single U.S. office building since the start of the pandemic—and one of the priciest in U.S. history, according to data company Real Capital Analytics.

Google's purchase of the 1.3 million-square-foot waterfront property is the latest sign that fears of the office building's demise look overblown. Vacancy rates across the U.S. are well above pre-pandemic levels and office rents have declined. But in recent weeks there is evidence that cheaper space is luring back corporate tenants, which have been shrugging off

delays in returning to the office because of the Delta variant and are planning for the years ahead.

In Manhattan, office asking rents are down to where they were in 2017, but August leasing activity for Midtown was more than double the previous month, according to real-estate firm Colliers. French bank Credit Agricole SA signed a new lease in Midtown, while swimwear maker Longview Brands added space in the Garment District.

Newer office buildings, meanwhile, are finding buyers again after a stretch last year when these properties mostly repelled investors. Towers with tenants committed to long-term leases have sold at high prices, in part because low interest rates make them look like attractive investments in comparison. In March, private-equity firm KKR & Co. paid \$1.1 billion for a San Francisco office building

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Towering debt Evergrande crisis grows

Rows of apartment buildings at Chinese developer Evergrande's Life in Venice real estate project in Qidong, Jiangsu province, China, yesterday.

The Financial Times has revealed that the struggling developer sold billions of dollars of wealth management products to retail investors, including owners of its new flats, and then used the cash to plug funding gaps and pay back other wealth management investors, according to Evergrande executives.

Funds managed by BlackRock and HSBC boosted their holdings in Evergrande's offshore bonds even as the price started falling. The group is set to default tomorrow on interest payments.

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Qidong, Jiangsu

Energy watchdog presses Russia to ramp up European gas supply

Traders say Moscow chokes flow Gazprom probe sought LNG demand also blamed

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The International Energy Agency has urged Russia to send more gas to Europe to help alleviate the energy crisis, becoming the first major international body to address claims by traders and foreign officials that Moscow has restricted supplies.

The Paris-based group said that while Russia was fulfilling long-term contracts to European customers it was supplying less gas to Europe than before the coronavirus pandemic.

"The IEA believes that Russia could do more to increase gas availability to Europe and ensure storage is filled to adequate levels in preparation for the

coming winter heating season," said the IEA, which is primarily funded by OECD members to advise on energy policy. "This is also an opportunity for Russia to underscore its credentials as a reliable supplier to the European market."

Some European members of parliament have called for an investigation into Gazprom, Russia's state-backed monopoly exporter of pipeline gas. Foreign officials and traders have questioned why Gazprom has limited top-up sales in the spot market to Europe, saying this has fuelled a surge in prices that is raising household bills and threatening industries across the continent.

Gazprom, which declined to comment, has also unsettled energy traders by keeping the underground storage facilities it controls in Europe stocked at

low levels compared with previous years. Chief executive Alexei Miller said last week that Gazprom was meeting its obligations and was ready to increase output if needed. But he warned that prices could rise in the winter because of shortages in underground facilities.

Gas prices rose again on Monday after Gazprom declined to book additional capacity for export via Ukraine for October and reserved only one-third of the available space on the Yamal gas pipeline via Poland.

Russia also wants to gain approval to start the Nord Stream 2 pipeline to Germany, a recently completed project that is contentious partly because it will redirect some gas that flows through Ukraine, where Russia has waged a proxy war in border regions since 2014.



Foreign officials and traders question why Gazprom has limited top-up sales in the spot market to Europe

Gazprom and Kremlin officials have said Russia could boost gas sales once Germany and the EU approve the start-up, adding to suspicions that it has restricted sales to speed up the decision.

The IEA did not solely blame Russia for the rise in prices. It said strong demand for liquefied natural gas in Asia, which has diverted cargoes from Europe, had tightened supplies globally.

It added that blaming the rise of renewable energy was misguided. "Increases in gas prices are the result of multiple factors, and it is misleading to lay the responsibility at the door of the clean energy transition," the IEA said.

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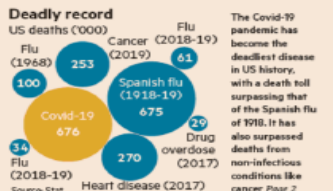
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Robots roll up as labour shortages hit warehouses

Automation is accelerating in warehouses across the US and Europe, but rather than replacing workers, it is compensating for their shortage. Monitory can make jobs unattractive. One logistics adviser said a company hired 26,000 people for the 13,000 staff it needed because so many drop out. In the 1980s, the main reason for automation was to reduce labour costs. Now, for almost half of clients, their primary reason is labour availability. Stepping in — PAGE 8

Universal Music shares soar on debut to hand veteran chief a \$140m payday

LEILA ABOUD — PARIS
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Shares in Universal Music Group leapt more than a third in their trading debut, valuing the world's biggest label at €45.5bn and delivering a \$140m payday to veteran chief executive Lucian Grainge.

The premium valuation cements a turnaround in the fortunes of Universal, as investors bet that the boom in streaming services will drive years of growth.

The listing on Euronext in Amsterdam yesterday came after French media group Vivendi decided to distribute shares in Universal, its biggest business, to its own shareholders.

It is a big win for Vivendi's billionaire controlling shareholder, Vincent Bolloré, whose company still owns about 18 per cent of Universal after the listing.

Grainge is also in line for a big payout, with a bonus of at least \$140m (€120m) linked to the success of the listing.

Vivendi's shares fell almost 20 per cent, reflecting how the company has now been short of its biggest business. Bolloré Group's shares, through which the billionaire owns his remaining stake in Universal, rose 2 per cent.

Each Vivendi shareholder received one share of Universal before the listing, so 60 per cent of the company is now in their hands, and 10 per cent with Vivendi itself. US hedge fund investor Bill Ackman and a consortium led by China's Tencent separately bought 30 per cent of the group before the spin-off.

The valuation falls somewhat short of the most optimistic estimates that Wall Street had issued before the listing — for example, JPMorgan had pegged the value at €54bn.

The music industry has staged a comeback in the past five years since streaming services began funneling billions of dollars to Universal Music, Sony Music and Warner Music, which hold copyright to most of the world's songs.

Universal is hoping that subscription revenue from streaming services such as Spotify will continue to fuel royalty revenue and profit growth, while emerging markets and new categories will also contribute.

Mark Mulligan, an analyst at Mida Research, said investors were betting that Universal would also benefit from deals with new customers such as social networks TikTok and Facebook, and companies such as Peloton and Fortnite.

He said the new deals would "open a new chapter for music. Whether it translates into revenue as big as everyone is hoping is a separate story."

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Dow Jones Ind	34117.48	33970.47	-0.42	€ per ¥	0.899	0.898	-0.01	Gov Gov 10 yr	115.84	0.03	-0.01
FTSE 100	7089.26	7149.32	0.84	¥ per \$	109.200	109.515	0.29	Jpn Gov 10 yr	117.43	1.86	-0.01
Euro Stoxx 50	4037.51	4043.63	0.15	\$ per €	1.401	1.401	0.00	US Gov 30 yr	117.43	1.86	-0.01
FTSE All-Share	6990.98	6993.91	0.04	£ per \$	0.713	0.713	0.00	Gov Gov 2 yr	105.32	-0.71	-0.01
CAC 40	6952.73	6958.81	0.09	CHF per €	1.082	1.080	-0.02				
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TRUMP CAMPAIGN KNEW VOTE CASE WAS GROUNDLESS

CONSPIRACIES DEBUNKED

Internal Memo Rebutted Fraud Claims Against Two Companies

By ALAN FEUER

Two weeks after the 2020 election, a team of lawyers closely allied with Donald J. Trump held a widely watched news conference at the Republican Party's headquarters in Washington. At the event, they laid out a bizarre conspiracy theory claiming that a voting machine company had worked with an election software firm, the financier George Soros and Venezuela to steal the presidential contest from Mr. Trump.

But there was a problem for the Trump team, according to court documents released on Monday evening.

By the time the news conference occurred on Nov. 19, Mr. Trump's campaign had already prepared an internal memo on many of the outlandish claims about the company, Dominion Voting Systems, and the separate software company, Smartmatic. The memo had determined that those allegations were untrue.

The court papers, which were initially filed late last week as a motion in a defamation lawsuit brought against the campaign and others by a former Dominion employee, Eric Coomer, contain evidence that officials in the Trump campaign were aware early on that many of the claims against the companies were baseless.

The documents also suggest that the campaign sat on its findings about Dominion even as Sidney Powell and other lawyers attacked the company in the conservative media and ultimately filed four federal lawsuits accusing it of a vast conspiracy to rig the election against Mr. Trump.

According to emails contained in the documents, Zach Parkinson, then the campaign's deputy director of communications, reached out to subordinates on Nov. 13 asking them to "substantiate or debunk" several matters concerning Dominion. The next day, the emails show, Mr. Parkinson received a copy of a memo cobbled together by his staff from what largely appear to be news articles and public fact-checking services.

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Facebook Uses Its News Feed To Fight Critics

Less Transparency and Less Apologizing

By RYAN MAC
and SHEERA FRENKEL

Mark Zuckerberg, Facebook's chief executive, signed off last month on a new initiative code-named Project Amplify.

The effort, which was hatched at an internal meeting in January, had a specific purpose: to use Facebook's News Feed, the site's most important digital real estate, to show people positive stories about the social network.

The idea was that pushing pro-Facebook news items — some of them written by the company — would improve its image in the eyes of its users, three people with knowledge of the effort said. But the move was sensitive because Facebook had not previously positioned the News Feed as a place where it furnished its own reputation. Several executives at the meeting were shocked by the proposal, one attendee said.

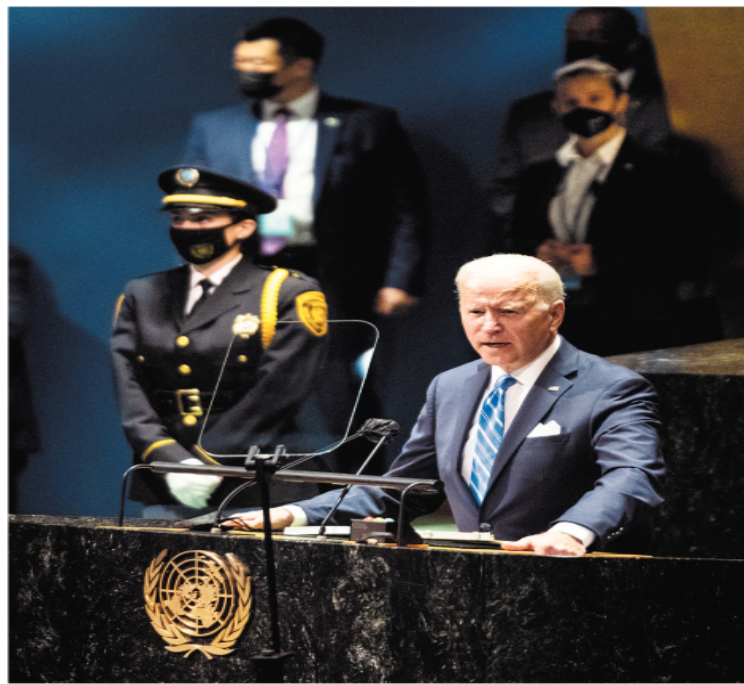
Project Amplify punctuated a series of decisions that Facebook has made this year to aggressively reshape its image. Since that January meeting, the company has begun a multi-pronged effort to change its narrative by distancing Mr. Zuckerberg from scandals, reducing outsiders' access to internal data, burying a potentially negative report about its content and increasing its own advertising to showcase its brand.

The moves amount to a broad shift in strategy. For years, Facebook confronted crisis after crisis over privacy, misinformation and hate speech on its platform by publicly apologizing. Mr. Zuckerberg personally took responsibility for Russian interference on the site during the 2016 presidential election and has loudly stood up for free speech online. Facebook also promised transparency into the way that it operated.

But the drumbeat of criticism on issues as varied as racist speech and vaccine misinformation has not relented. Disgruntled Facebook employees have added to the furor by speaking out against their employer and leaking internal documents. Last week, The Wall Street Journal published articles based on such documents that showed Facebook knew about much of the harm it was causing.

So Facebook executives, concluding that their methods had

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At the United Nations, President Biden called for an era of global cooperation in tackling crises.

With Hospitals Full, Non-Covid Patients Despair

By REED ABELSON

In chronic pain, Mary O'Donnell can't get around much. At most, she manages to walk for a short time in her kitchen or garden before she has to sit down. "It's just frustrating at this point," said Ms. O'Donnell, 80, who lives in Aloha, Ore. "I'm really depressed."

She had been preparing for back surgery scheduled for Aug. 31, hoping the five-hour procedure would allow her to be more active. But a day before the operation, at OHSU Health Hillsboro Medical Center, she learned it had been canceled. "Nope, you can't come, our hospital is filling up," she said she was told.

Vital Surgeries Delayed by Virus Crush

Faced with a surge of Covid-19 hospitalizations in Oregon, the hospital has not yet rescheduled her surgery. "I don't know what is going to happen," Ms. O'Donnell said, worrying that her ability to walk might be permanently impaired if she is forced to wait too long.

Echoes of the pandemic's early months are resounding through the halls of hospitals, with an average of more than 90,000 patients in the United States being treated daily for Covid. Once again, many

hospitals have been slammed in the last two months, this time by the Delta variant, and have been reporting that intensive care units are overflowing, that patients have to be turned away and even that some patients have died while awaiting a spot in an acute or I.C.U. ward.

In this latest wave, hospital administrators and doctors were desperate to avoid the earlier pandemic phases of blanket shutdowns of surgeries and other procedures that are not true emergencies. But in the hardest-hit areas, especially in regions of the country with low vaccination rates, they are now making difficult choices about which patients

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BIDEN REASSERTS ROLE OF AMERICA IN WORLD AFFAIRS

DEBUT ADDRESS AT U.N.

Seeks to Use 'Relentless Diplomacy' to Help Counter Autocrats

By DAVID E. SANGER

President Biden, fighting mounting doubts among America's allies about his commitment to working with them, used his debut address to the United Nations on Tuesday to call for "relentless diplomacy" on climate change, the pandemic and efforts to blunt the expanding influence of autocratic nations like China and Russia.

In a 30-minute address in the hall of the General Assembly, Mr. Biden called for a new era of global action, making the case that a summer of wildfires, excessive heat and the resurgence of the coronavirus required a new era of unity.

"Our security, our prosperity and our very freedoms are interconnected, in my view as never before," Mr. Biden said, insisting that the United States and its Western allies would remain vital partners.

But he made only scant mention of the global discord his own actions have stirred, including the chaotic American retreat from Afghanistan as the Taliban retook control 20 years after they were routed. And he made no mention of his administration's blowup with one of America's closest allies, France, which was cast aside in a secret submarine deal with Australia to confront China's influence in the Pacific.

Those two foreign policy crises, while sharply different in nature, have shed some American partners to question Mr. Biden's commitment to empowering traditional alliances with some publicists accusing him of perpetuating elements of former President Donald J. Trump's "America First" approach, though wrapped in far more inclusive language.

Throughout his speech, Mr. Biden never uttered the word "China," though his efforts to re-define American competitiveness and national security policy have been built around countering Beijing's growing influence. But he laid his discussion with a series of choices that essentially boiled down to backing democracy over

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Manhattan Is Buoyed as Google Buys a Building for \$2.1 Billion

By MATTHEW HAAG
and NICOLE HONG

Google announced on Tuesday that it would spend \$2.1 billion to buy a sprawling Manhattan office building on the Hudson River waterfront, paying one of the largest prices in recent years for an office building in the United States and providing a jolt of optimism to a real estate industry lashed by the pandemic.

The transaction comes during a precarious period for New York City's office market, the largest in the country, as the swift embrace of remote work and the shedding of office space have presented the most serious threat to the industry in decades.

While Manhattan has a glut of office space available for lease, setting record vacancy levels during the pandemic, the four firms that make up so-called Big Tech — Amazon, Apple, Google and Facebook — have staked a bullish position on the future of New York.

The companies have rapidly increased their operations and work



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Google is buying St. John's Terminal, on the West Side.

force, one of the few bright spots for New York, which has been hit harder by the pandemic's economic toll than any other major American city.

Google was already leasing but not yet occupying the 1.3-million-square-foot property, a former freight terminal near the Holland Tunnel known as St. John's Terminal that is being renovated and expanded. The company has 12,000

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Valuable Land vs. Incalculable Grief: A Bitter Dispute in Florida

By PATRICIA MAZZEI

SURFSIDE, Fla. — Unbearable grief absorbed Anabella Levine when Champlain Towers South collapsed in Florida this summer, burying her beloved older brother and three cousins in the rubble of her building while she was away for the night. Identifying some of the remains took an excruciating 18 days.

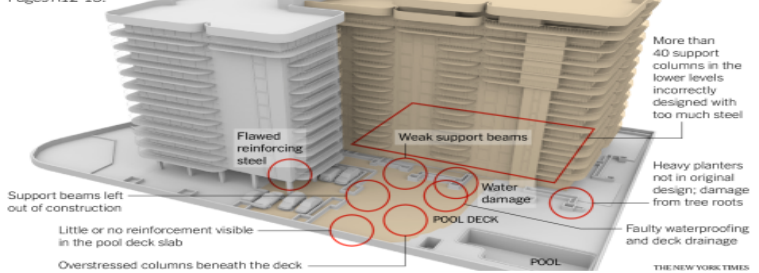
What she did not expect — what has consumed many of her recent days, even as she struggles with her family's enormous sorrow — was a fight with the town of Surfside, the beachfront enclave where she and her cousins spent some of their happiest childhood days.

Their fight is over the inevitable question that follows a tragedy that killed 98 people: What should be done with a place where such horror occurred? But unlike the sites of other disasters, the land in Surfside is worth tens of millions of dollars and crucial to some survivors' financial future.

Ms. Levine and her relatives, as well as other victims' families, insist that the site must become, at least in part, a memorial to the

The Surfside Condo's Many Structural Flaws

A Times investigation shows a number of factors most likely contributed to the tower's collapse. Pages A12-13.



dead, similar to the 9/11 Memorial in New York. Though the debris at Champlain Towers has long been cleared away, they feel that the ground where so many people died is sacred.

But the parcel at 8777 Collins Avenue is nearly two acres on the beach in South Florida, where waterfront property is scarce, developers drive the economy and the market for luxury condos promis-

ing a dream Florida lifestyle seems insatiable. For many of those who lived in the building and lost almost everything they owned, a lucrative real estate deal

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Many physicians like Dr. Maria Jesús Barco, above, call themselves conscientious objectors to the procedure. PAGE A4

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JACK RYAN GREENER treks up Mt. Whitney in August. After a spinal cord injury left him paralyzed, Greener centered his life on summiting the 14,505-foot mountain, which is tough for even the fittest of hikers. When the time came, the quest proved perilous.

COLUMN ONE

Rage on. Stay focused. Believe.

After he conquered paralysis, Mt. Whitney was next. Could he do it?

BY MARY FORGIONE
REPORTING FROM
MT. WHITNEY, CALIF.

Five words: Jack Ryan Greener muttered them over and over as he hiked the rocky mess of a trail toward the top of Mt. Whitney, the highest peak in the contiguous U.S.

Rage on. Stay focused. Believe. The words shut out everything else.

He didn't speak to his buddies, didn't look at the views, didn't acknowledge anything that would distract him from pounding through the pain. Each step, every jab of his walking poles needed to be precise and deliberate.

Other hikers could slip into autopilot as they struggled to reach the 14,505-foot summit.



GREENER sees himself as an adventurer first, then a source of assurance and uplift for others confronting physical challenges.

Greener could not.

He had obsessed about this trail and this peak for 2½ years, ever since an accident left him paralyzed from the neck down, since he left the hospital on a gurney, since he wallowed in dark places, since he taught himself to walk again, since he pulled himself out of his trauma, visualizing over and over stepping onto the top of Whitney.

Pounding the terrain justified all the training, fear, pain, stress and tears.

But he had miscalculated. The route was harder than expected. Boulders and rock scree slowed his pace — terrible terrain for someone with limited strength in his arms and legs. The heat was worse than he had expected too, raising fears of dehydration.

The miles felt long, the peak [See Mt. Whitney, A8]

L.A.'S WATER USE UP DESPITE PLEAS

Push for voluntary conservation falls flat in the Southland even in midst of drought.

BY IAN JAMES

Despite an appeal by Gov. Gavin Newsom for all Californians to voluntarily cut water use by 15%, Southern California has lagged in conservation efforts and even increased water consumption slightly in Los Angeles and San Diego, according to newly released data.

More than two months after Newsom stood by a depleted reservoir in San Luis Obispo County to make his plea, figures released Tuesday by the State Water Resources Control Board show that conservation efforts have varied widely from north to south.

On average, Californians reduced water use by just 1.8% statewide during July, compared with the same month last year. In Southern California, however, water use hardly changed among the region's 19.7 million residents.

According to the new data, water use across much of Southern California dropped by just 0.1% overall, and rose by 0.7% in Los Angeles and 1.3% in San Diego.

Those figures contrasted sharply with regions to the north, where the effects of drought have been felt more heavily. Water suppliers in the North Coast region reported a 16.7% decrease in water usage, while Bay Area water use dropped 4.8%.

Areas that met the governor's conservation target included Mendocino and Sonoma counties — regions that Department of Water [See Water, A7]

Biden's plan hits new snags at Capitol

Unity on 'Build Back Better' agenda eludes Democrats even as key deadlines loom.

BY JENNIFER HABERKORN

WASHINGTON — Democrats' plan to enact an ambitious remodel of the nation's social safety net programs is facing new hurdles in Capitol Hill amid deep divisions over the scope of the package, its cost and what can be included under the Senate's stringent rules.

The conflict jeopardizes President Biden's entire "Build Back Better" legislative agenda, which includes an approximately \$1-trillion bipartisan infrastructure package already passed by the Senate.

The fight comes as lawmakers also muddle toward key deadlines to fund the government in nine days and avert a default on the nation's debt by next month. Late Tuesday night, the House approved a bill to address both issues, but the legislation faces fierce opposition among Senate Republicans, leaving no clear path to resolution.

"We're at the moment of [See Plan, A7]

'We cannot allow a Florida company to come in and profit at the expense of our state's biological resources.'

— CHRIS CLARKE, National Parks Conservation Assn.



A DESERT BIGHORN ewe, left, and lamb along Zzyzx Road in Baker, Calif. Advocates are calling for a wildlife bridge at the site of a planned rail project.

BATTLE FOR BIGHORNS

Conservationists fear impact of rail line to Vegas

BY LOUIS SAHAGÚN

BAKER, Calif. — As daylight rose over the parched and jagged Soda Mountains, an emaciated-looking desert bighorn ewe and two gaunt lambs hoofed carefully over volcanic outcroppings as they searched hungrily for increasingly rare clumps of greenery.

In this Mojave Desert landscape, severe drought and record-breaking heat are challenging the survival of bighorn sheep and other species and forcing them

to search ever more widely for food and water.

But conservationists fear that the ability of animals to roam could become dangerously restricted in the face of a proposed high-speed electric rail line connecting Southern California and Las Vegas.

The project, which would occupy the center divider of Interstate 15, calls for the construction of a 6-foot-high concrete barrier to keep vehicles from careening into trains hurtling through the desert at speeds close to 200 [See Bighorns, A11]

Officials push back on in-your-face tactics by activists

L.A. tightens laws on protests at City Hall and homes. Critics call it overreach.

BY DAKOTA SMITH
AND RICHARD WINTON

Members of the Los Angeles City Council largely stood back last year as protesters angry over mask mandates and police budgets regularly held noisy demonstrations outside politicians' homes.

On Tuesday, members of the City Council sent a message of their own: They've had enough.

The City Council gave final approval to a law that re-

quires a 300-foot buffer around a private residence targeted for demonstration and imposes fines for violators. The council also passed new laws intended to crack down on disruptive behavior at City Hall and forbid visitors from carrying Mace, knives and similar items into city facilities.

The council votes signaled City Hall's pushback to the in-your-face tactics of activists on both the left and the right, protests that used bullhorns, marches and moving cars, as well as more aggressive tactics.

The demonstrations, part of a nationwide trend of activists targeting the private residences of officials, started when many govern- [See Council, A9]

At U.N., Biden urges teamwork

President calls for international cooperation on climate change, the COVID pandemic and other issues. **WORLD, A4**

J&J sees benefits to 2nd COVID jab

An extra dose of the one-shot vaccine boosts immunity, the company reports. **WORLD, A4**

A new fire threat in Sequoia area

Flames damage Bench Tree and approach a group of historic cabins. **CALIFORNIA, B6**

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Specter of shutdown amid Hill stalemate

House votes to tie debt ceiling to public funding; little chance in Senate

BY TONY ROMM

The United States is careening toward an urgent financial crisis starting in less than two weeks, as a political standoff on Capitol Hill threatens to shutter the government during a pandemic, delay hurricane aid to millions of Americans and thrust Washington to the precipice of defaulting on its debt.

The high-stakes feud stems from a fight to raise the U.S. government's borrowing limit, known as the debt ceiling. Democrats have tied the increase to a bill that funds federal operations into early December, setting off a war with Republicans, who refuse to raise the cap out of opposition to President Biden's broader agenda — even if it means grinding the country to a halt.

No recent fight in the halls of Congress has quite carried the same stakes as this one, coming at a time when Washington continues to grapple with rising coronavirus infections and the deadly consequences of a fast-warming planet. Biden himself has warned about the "catastrophic" effects of inaction with key deadlines looming.

With the clock ticking, the House took the first steps Tuesday to stave off the political and economic crisis, as Democrats voted to keep the government operational and suspend the debt ceiling into December 2022. The party-line outcome foreshadowed its doomed prospects in the Senate, where Republicans have pledged to oppose it, threatening to leave Congress with little time to resolve a set of disputes that could

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U.S. steps up deportations to Haiti

Angry backlash from Democrats begins to rise

BY SEAN SULLIVAN AND NICK MIROFF

White House officials on Tuesday struggled to explain searing images of border agents treating Haitian migrants harshly, facing a growing backlash from angry Democrats who sought to pressure President Biden to ease his immigration policies.

Even as Biden confronts attacks from Republicans portraying his policies as weak and ineffective, many immigrant-rights activists have increasingly concluded that Biden has failed to live up to his campaign vows to defend vulnerable foreigners seeking a better life in the United States. Their fury

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TOP: Migrants on Tuesday at the makeshift camp in Del Rio, Tex., where thousands, many originally from Haiti, have been staying since a mass border-crossing from Mexico began last week. **ABOVE:** A Border Patrol agent on Sunday grabs at a migrant returning to the camp from the Mexico side. This image and others of border agents' tactics have led to outcries from Democrats and promises of an inquiry.

'Like a slave': Returnees decry their treatment

BY WIDLORE MERANCOURT, ANTHONY FALOLA AND NICK MIROFF

PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI — The United States is preparing to nearly double the number of Haitians being deported to this Caribbean state from Texas, raising alarm that thousands of cash-strapped migrants will add a new dimension to the humanitarian crisis in a country torn apart by violence, natural disaster and political strife.

The Western Hemisphere's poorest nation is already dealing with a convergence of crises — including the aftermath of a presidential assassination, a deadly

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Biden urges global unity

AT U.N., CALLS TO ACT ON CLIMATE, VIRUS

President faces growing qualms on U.S. leadership

BY ANNE GEARAN

NEW YORK — President Biden defended the messy end to the war in Afghanistan and made a case Tuesday that the world can come together to confront global threats such as climate change and the coronavirus, as he sought to address allies' increasing qualms about American leadership.

In his first speech to the United Nations as president, Biden affirmed U.S. support for it and other international partnerships. He pledged additional support for poorer countries often disproportionately affected by climate change and said the challenges of the future require leaving old conflicts in the past.

"We've ended 20 years of conflict in Afghanistan, and as we close this era of endless war we are opening an era of endless diplomacy," Biden said.

His measured address was notable mostly for its contrast to the boastful tone and sour reception that marked addresses by President Donald Trump.

Biden drew applause when he closed with a note that his speech was the first by a U.S. president in "20 years with the United States not at war."

"We've turned the page. All the unmatched strength, energy and commitment, will and resources of our nation are now fully and squarely focused on what's ahead of us, not what was behind," Biden said.

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As covid surges, health workers fight fear, fatigue

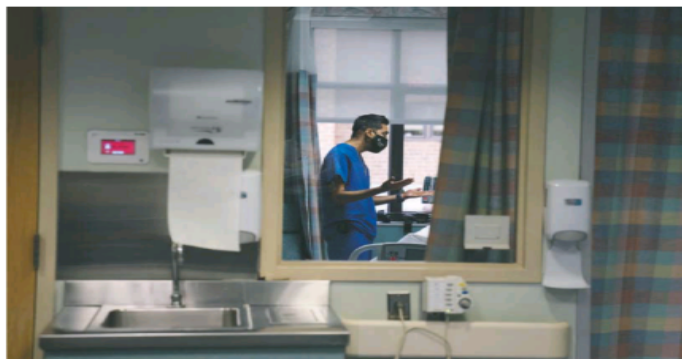
BY ANTONIO OLIVO AND RACHEL CHASON

The man in his 60s could no longer breathe on his own, so the doctor, respiratory therapist and nurses worked together, snaking an oxygen tube into his windpipe. That day in late July marked the first time they had intubated a covid-19 patient in weeks.

As they did so, the medical professionals exchanged silent looks: They knew what they were seeing was the beginning of a third surge of coronavirus patients in the Washington region.

"It was surreal," said Kanak Patel, the director of critical care medicine at Luminis Health Doctors Community Medical Center in Lanham, Md. "We all knew: Here we go again."

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Kanak Patel, director of critical care medicine at Luminis Health Doctors Community Medical Center, says that as this latest coronavirus surge continues, "empathy fatigue is a real thing."

Long odds for al-Qaeda resurgence, analysts say

Depleted terror group mostly rudderless as leader pens political book

BY JOBY WARRICK

As Taliban fighters celebrated their victory in Kabul last month, the terrorist leader presumed to be the greatest beneficiary of their conquest quietly prepared to announce an achievement of his own. It was not a terrorist operation, or a manifesto threatening violence against the West. It was a new, very long book on political corruption.

Ayman al-Zawahiri, the 70-year-old global leader of al-Qaeda,

chose the moment to roll out an 852-page historical tome about failed governance in the Muslim world. One critic immediately labeled it "comically boring."

An online excerpt released this month referred to the book as "Part I" — suggesting Zawahiri has even more to write. He takes shots at rivals and includes an apology of sorts for his long absences, which had speculation that the al-Qaeda leader was seriously ill or even dead. Zawahiri thanked his followers for their "patience over long periods . . . it took me to write this book," according to a translation provided by the SITE Intelligence Group, which monitors extremist organizations' online activity.

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McCartney 3,2,1, un viaje íntimo al universo Beatle

La miniserie que se estrena hoy en Star+ consiste en una charla entre el músico y el director Rick Rubin que privilegia el hecho artístico de la banda. **Espectáculos**



FRANCISCO: "ALGUNOS ME QUERRÍAN VER MUERTO"

—el mundo

El Papa reveló otro capítulo de las intrigas vaticanas; dijo que cuando estuvo enfermo hubo "prelados" que preparaban el cónclave. **Página 22**

JUNTOS POR EL CAMBIO BUSCA REFORZAR LA FISCALIZACIÓN

—política

La coalición opositora se reunió ayer y puso en marcha la maquinaria electoral con vistas a las legislativas del 14 de noviembre. **Página 14**

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Levantán restricciones sanitarias y flexibilizan todas las actividades

COVID-19. El Gobierno intenta acelerar el regreso a la normalidad de cara a las elecciones: amplía aforos, habilita recitales, discotecas, fútbol con público y viajes de egresados; el barbijo en la calle no será siempre obligatorio

En busca de relanzar la gestión después del cimbronazo que provocó la derrota del oficialismo en las PASO, el flamante jefe de Gabinete, Juan Manzur, anunció ayer una serie de aperturas sanitarias que tendrán fuerte impacto en la vida cotidiana. Lo hizo junto a la ministra de Salud, Carla Vizzotti, quien fundamentó las medidas en una baja de contagios.

A partir del próximo viernes se ampliará al 100% el aforo en comercios, lugares de esparcimiento y de prácticas deportivas; se autorizarán los viajes de egresados y jubilados; flexibilizarán restricciones en salones de fiestas y habilitarán discotecas y estadios de fútbol con aforo del 50%. Desde el 1º de octubre, el uso de barbijo en espacios públicos dejará

de ser obligatorio cuando se circule solo o en grupos reducidos. También abrirán gradualmente las fronteras y ampliarán cupos de ingreso al país.

En tanto, el gobernador bonaerense, Axel Kicillof, anunció que habrá clases a contraturno y también los sábados para recuperar los contenidos perdidos en la cuarentena. **Página 2**

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Escándalo en EE.UU. por la represión a migrantes

el mundo—WASHINGTON (De nuestro corresponsal).— Las fotos de agentes fronterizos norteamericanos cargando con sus caballos contra migrantes en el Río Grande desataron ayer la furia de varios integrantes del gobierno, que anunció una investigación. **Página 22**



Dos haitianos, en un intento desesperado de cruzar la frontera de EE.UU. con México, son detenidos por un oficial norteamericano

AFP

Por día, 60 mujeres son víctimas de abuso sexual

AUMENTO. La estadística de delitos expuso que en la pandemia crecieron 43% los abusos sexuales y las violaciones en nuestro país con relación a las denuncias de 2019. El año pasado fueron víctimas 22.076 mujeres. **Página 25**

"La Argentina no está preparada para las Taser"

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Bolsa sobe à espera de solução para a Evergrande
O Ibovespa fechou em alta de 1,29%, acompanhando um dia de recuperação dos mercados pelo mundo diante da expectativa de que o governo chinês vá ajudar a Evergrande, gigante do setor imobiliário, a obter capital. O dólar teve queda de 0,86%. **Mercado A15**

Para 63%, governo é responsável por crise energética
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Guedes, Pacheco e Lira querem limite para precatórios
Após conversa com Paulo Guedes, presidentes da Câmara e do Senado vão propor a parlamentares limite de R\$ 39,9 bilhões para o pagamento de precatórios em 2022, dentro do teto de gastos. Outros R\$ 49,1 bilhões poderiam ser pagos fora dele. **Mercado A13**

Bolsonarista fiel se hiper-radicaliza, aponta estudo
A base fiel de Jair Bolsonaro tem passado por um processo de hiper-radicalização, aponta pesquisa de Esther Solano, da Unifesp, que estuda o bolsonarismo desde 2017. Ela cita uma "ligação cada vez mais emocional e psicológica com Bolsonaro". **Poder A5**

Tumulto, falácias e descrédito marcam ida de Bolsonaro à ONU

Presidente distorce dados ambientais, defende remédios ineficazes contra Covid e prega para base

Em 12 minutos de discurso para líderes mundiais no púlpito da Assembleia-Geral da ONU, o presidente Jair Bolsonaro distorceu dados sobre ambiente, pandemia e economia para descrever o que chamou de "novo Brasil com credibilidade recuperada".

Citou queda no desmatamento da Amazônia em 12 meses, mas omitiu o avanço de 75% desde 2018; falou em ausência de corrupção, mesmo com investigações em curso, e em crescimento e investimento, embora a inflação e a crise energética corroam os dois.

Afirmou, ainda, ter apoiado a vacinação e o combate ao coronavírus desde o início, quando de fato impôs obstáculos a ambos, e questionou países — a maioria — que se opõem ao uso de remédios sem efeito contra a Covid que ele experimentou.

O discurso, apesar do acesso à plateia global, atacou a imprensa, antecessores e governadores, louvou o cristianismo e nomeou a "família tradicional" pilar civilizatório. Coroa uma viagem abreviada após críticas, protestos e alterações. **Mundo A8**

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Para Times e Post, brasileiro é 'não vacinado' e 'desafiador' **A12**



Em uma van, ministro Marcelo Queiroga (centro) mostra dedo do meio a manifestantes em NY na noite de segunda. Reprodução

Presidente cita dados errados e incompletos

Em seu discurso de abertura da Assembleia-Geral da ONU, Jair Bolsonaro citou informação incompleta sobre redução do desmatamento na Amazônia e falsa a respeito do tamanho dos atos de raiz golpista do 7 de Setembro. Leia checagem. **Mundo A9**

Queiroga está com Covid e cumprirá quarentena em NY
Mundo A8

Em sessão com ataques na CPI, ministro vira investigado

O depoimento à CPI da Covid de Wagner Rosário, ministro da CGU, teve provocação, xingamento, fala machista e tumulto, que quase terminou em agressão física. Depois de ser questionado por não ter interrompido contratos, ele foi incluído na lista de investigados.

A situação saiu do controle após o ministro chamar Simone Tebet (MDB-MS) de "descontrolada", ouvindo de outros parlamentares que era machista. A sessão foi interrompida e encerrada minutos depois. Rosário declarou ter se desculpado com Tebet. **Poder A4 e A5**

Estados decidem se vacinam menores, diz Lewandowski

O ministro do Supremo Ricardo Lewandowski determinou que cabe a estados, municípios e Distrito Federal a decisão de vacinar adolescentes de 12 a 17 anos. O Ministério da Saúde havia recomendado interromper as doses para esse grupo. **Saúde B2**

Biden diz que não quer Guerra Fria e dá recado à China

Sem citar especificamente o principal rival político e econômico dos Estados Unidos, Joe Biden afirmou em discurso na ONU que seu país não procura uma nova Guerra Fria. O presidente enviou, no entanto, uma série de recados à China. **Mundo A10**

Elio Gaspari
A ruína do coronel Queiroga

De trapalhada em trapalhada, Queiroga firmou-se como um coronel do gênero paisano, um tipo que ao autoritarismo junta hábitos senhoriais. Astucioso, evitou a discussão da cloroquina e colocou-se sob a proteção da família Bolsonaro. **Poder A5**



Simone Tebet (à esq.) e Wagner Rosário (à dir. de terno cinza) discutem na CPI ontem

Prevent Senior se diz vítima de armação e pede apuração da PGR

A Prevent Senior recorreu à PGR sob a alegação de que documentos em poder da CPI da Covid "foram visualmente manipulados". Dossiê acusa a empresa de omitir 7 mortes de pessoas tratadas com hidroxiquina. **Saúde B2**

Vírus recua, mas HC não consegue retomar ritmo normal de cirurgias **B1**

Segunda dose da Janssen eleva para 94% proteção contra Covid **BX**

Retorno do horário de verão tem apoio de 55%
De acordo com pesquisa Datafolha, 55% dos brasileiros são a favor do retorno do horário de verão — 38% são contra. Entre simpatizantes do governo, o apoio é de 42%. **A16**

Trudeau vence no Canadá, mas fica sem maioria
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Pendant un an et demi, l'Australie a comploté avec Londres et Washington pour sceller une alliance à trois et miner l'accord portant la fourniture de sous-marins par la France.

L'opération, rendue publique le 15 septembre dernier lors d'une visioconférence autour du président américain, Joe Biden, a été lancée par le premier ministre australien, Scott Morrison, en mars 2020. C'est lui le premier qui,

comme a pu le reconstituer *Le Figaro*, a convaincu le premier ministre britannique, Boris Johnson, puis le président des États-Unis d'une union à trois pour éjecter la France d'un accord stratégique signé avec l'Aus-

tralie en 2016 et prévoyant la fourniture de 12 sous-marins. Pendant dix-huit mois, les préparatifs à ce spectaculaire retournement d'alliance seront tenus secrets. Le complot est définitivement scellé en juin 2021 lors de la réunion

du G7, dans les Cornouailles anglaises. Les Français, alertés par des rumeurs, ont fini par proposer aux Australiens de leur fournir des sous-marins nucléaires. Mais Scott Morrison a gardé le silence et ses secrets.

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« BAC nord » : le succès d'un film qui met à nu la faillite de l'État dans les cités



L'engouement du public pour cette fiction inspirée d'une histoire vraie et « crédible à 90 % », selon les policiers sur le terrain, confirme que la sécurité sera l'un des thèmes forts de la campagne de 2022. PAGES 10, 11 ET L'ÉDITORIAL

ÉDITORIAL par Yves Thréard ythreard@lefigaro.fr

Lâchetés et impuissances

Quelques critiques de cinéma n'ont pas aimé *BAC nord*. Selon nos bons esprits, le film de Cédric Jimenez, sorti en août, serait trop facile, trop démagoïque, trop caricatural. Inspiré des méthodes de la brigade anti-criminalité des quartiers nord de Marseille, il montre trois flics à l'œuvre contre le trafic de stupéfiants. Une fiction dérangeante, profane, un tantinet réactionnaire, faisant même le jeu de Marine Le Pen, disent les détracteurs gauchisants en chaise longue. Le public, lui, se rue dans les salles obscures. Avec raison. Si *BAC nord* est, bien sûr, le récit d'une réalité augmentée pour les besoins du spectacle, ce gros plan pointe avec justesse toutes les lâchetés, insuffisances et impuissances de l'État dans son combat contre la drogue. D'autres auparavant les avaient déjà dénoncées - on pense à *L.627* de Bertrand Tavernier, au début des années 1990 -, mais c'est à chaque fois un tableau pire qui est donné à voir. Tout simplement parce que les zones de non-droit et de barbarie poussent et se développent comme du chiendent partout en France - pas seulement à Marseille. Et qu'en face les

policiers doivent toujours plus se débrouiller avec les moyens du bord. À eux de jouer, au péril de leur vie, entre ordres et contre-ordres, pour infiltrer les mafias, remonter les filières, trouver des indices, intercepter les livraisons. Leurs techniques ne sont pas toutes avouables. Elles relèvent parfois davantage de la correctionnelle que de la morale républicaine.

La hiérarchie le sait, qui exige des résultats coûte que coûte, soigne ses statistiques, mais assume rarement ses responsabilités. Alors, on cherche la raison d'État et l'on découvre la faillite de celui-ci.

En 2012, la *BAC nord* - la vraie - fut dissoute, ses membres entraînés en justice pour racket en bande organisée pendant qu'à la télévision le ministre de l'Intérieur, Manuel Valls, dénonçait ses dérapages inacceptables. Neuf ans ont passé. Depuis, Marseille voit défiler les présidents de la République et leurs ministres, les bras chargés de promesses. En vain, le trafic de drogue continue ses ravages... ■

Vente d'Universal Music : la grande mue de Vivendi

Le géant français a réussi mardi une introduction en Bourse spectaculaire de son label de musique à Amsterdam. Cette opération marque une nouvelle étape dans la vie mouvementée du groupe Vivendi, en perpétuelle transformation depuis trente ans. Vincent Bolloré, aux commandes depuis 2014, l'a totalement recentré sur la publicité, l'édition, l'audiovisuel et les médias. Son idée : détenir des propriétés intellectuelles fortes et les décliner dans tous les métiers du groupe. PAGES 24 ET 25

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No deal: PM's hopes of securing trade pact with Biden in disarray

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Britain's hopes of a post-Brexit trade deal with the US have all but evaporated, barring a dramatic change of heart from Joe Biden, it emerged yesterday, as Boris Johnson prepared for face-to-face talks in the White House.

Johnson once regarded a bilateral free-trade agreement with the US as a key Brexit win, highlighting the prospects for British exporters unfettered from the EU. But government insiders privately concede that they see little prospect of progress towards a one-to-one deal, as the Biden administration focuses on other priorities.

When Johnson was asked yesterday whether he still hoped to strike a free-trade agreement with the US by the time of the next general election, making trade cheaper by cutting tariffs, he said "we're going as fast as we can" but declined to confirm whether it could be achieved before 2024.

When the US president was asked about the prospects of a deal as the pair met in the Oval Office, Biden responded: "We're going to talk about trade a little bit today, and we're going to have to work that through."

The UK is now understood to be considering alternative options, including seeking to join the US-Canada-Mexico trade deal instead of striking a bilateral agreement with Washington.

A senior government source said: "There are a variety of different ways to do this. The



▲ Boris Johnson and Joe Biden yesterday in the Oval Office of the White House to talk about a post-Brexit trade deal PHOTOGRAPH: NICHOLAS KAMM/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Starmmer 'risks civil war' over Labour rule change

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Keir Starmer has been accused of risking "civil war" in Labour as he seeks to rewrite the party rules that led to Jeremy Corbyn's election as leader. Starmer set out plans yesterday to

switch to an electoral college system to decide future party leaders. He will argue the move will give greater sway to millions of trade union members - but the party's left said it would also hand more power to MPs at the expense of ordinary members.

The move would be a return to Labour's old system, under which

MPs, party members and trade unions each had a third of the votes for a new leader.

It was abolished by Ed Miliband in 2014; instead each member of the party and its affiliates received one vote on any candidate on the ballot paper. Candidates must acquire the support of 10% of MPs, plus constituency parties and trade unions to get on the ballot.

The change is set to be put to a vote at Labour's party conference in Brighton this weekend. The Guardian understands that Starmer has been buoyed

Crackdown on doctors overprescribing drugs

Andrew Gregory
Health editor

Ministers have ordered a crackdown on overprescribing of medicines after a review found one in 10 drugs dispensed by GPs and pharmacists are pointless and potentially harmful.

Family doctors will be told to boost the use of social prescribing, such as gardening, walking or volunteering. They are also being urged to call millions of patients in for medication reviews to see whether there are any pills they can stop taking.

The review, ordered by the government in 2018 and