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IAC is in advanced talks to acquire magazine publisher Meredith, owner of brands including People, InStyle and Better Homes & Gardens, in an effort to build more scale in online publishing. **A1**

◆ **U.S. stocks jumped**, with the Dow industrials, S&P 500 and Nasdaq notching gains of 1.5%, 1.2% and 1%, respectively. **A1**

◆ **Chinese authorities** are asking local governments to prepare for the potential downfall of Evergrande, officials familiar with the discussions said. **A10**

◆ **The U.S. and European** economies slowed in September as supply-chain bottlenecks and worries over the Delta variant weighed on businesses, purchasing managers' surveys showed. **A2**

◆ **Initial jobless claims** in the U.S. climbed slightly last week but remained near pandemic lows, as demand for workers keeps a lid on layoffs. **A3**

◆ **A new technology platform** backed by the biggest U.S. banks and money managers is aiming to bring the IPO market into the digital age. **B1**

◆ **Disney isn't pursuing** an independent inquiry into how the network handled sexual-assault allegations against a former top producer of ABC's "GMA," the show's executive producer told staffers. **B1**

◆ **Amazon is once again** embroiled in politically charged controversy as it tries to establish another regional headquarters, this time in Cape Town, South Africa. **B1**

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◆ **A CDC advisory panel** recommended that seniors, nursing-home residents and certain adults with underlying medical conditions should receive a booster of Pfizer's vaccine, a critical step toward outlining who should be eligible for the extra doses in the coming days. **A1**

◆ **Democratic leaders** raced to find enough agreement around a roughly \$3.5 trillion spending package to assuage concerns between the party's dueling centrist and liberal factions that threatened to derail a separate vote on an infrastructure package next week. **A4**

◆ **Pelosi said Congress** wouldn't let government funding expire next week, as the Biden administration began preparing for a possible partial shutdown. **A4**

◆ **The House passed** a \$779.9 billion defense-policy bill, authorizing billions more in funding than Biden had requested, while also tackling thorny debates related to draft registration and military sexual assaults. **A3**

◆ **The House Select Committee** investigating the Jan. 6 assault on the Capitol issued subpoenas for four Trump administration officials. **A4**

◆ **The U.S. special envoy** for Haiti resigned his post in protest over the Biden administration's decision to conduct large-scale deportations in response to a surge of Haitian migrants. **A3**

◆ **The EPA is completing** new rules to reduce the use of coolants in air conditioners and refrigerators that are potent greenhouse gases. **A6**

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Discovery Sets New Date for Earliest Trek in Americas



BIG STEP: Fossilized footprints in White Sands National Park in New Mexico are yielding new insights into when humans first populated the Americas. The tracks are about 10,000 years older than previous footprints found in the Americas. **A3**

CDC Panel Urges Booster Shot For Seniors, At-Risk Groups

By FELICIA SCHWARTZ

An advisory panel to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommended seniors, nursing-home residents and certain adults with underlying medical conditions should receive a booster of Pfizer Inc.'s vaccine, a critical step toward outlining who should be eligible for the extra doses in the coming days.

The panel said people 65 and over as well as those 50

to 64 years with underlying medical conditions should receive a booster.

The advisers recommended that people 18 to 49 years who also have an underlying medical condition should consider the extra dose depending on their individual risk.

The committee's recommendations were largely in line with the Food and Drug Administration's authorization Wednesday of the extra dose.

It also said that residents of nursing homes and other long-

term-care facilities should also get the extra shots.

Yet the panel disagreed about giving the booster to people whose use was FDA-authorized: adults, such as healthcare workers or prison inmates, who work or live in places that put them at high risk of getting infected or transmitting to others.

The divergence comes after FDA staff and advisers declined to endorse the Biden administration's original plan for making boosters widely

available beginning this week, saying data so far didn't support broad use.

Some health experts inside and outside the federal government have expressed concern that the back-and-forth over who should get the extra doses will confuse people and potentially deter some who would benefit from the additional dose.

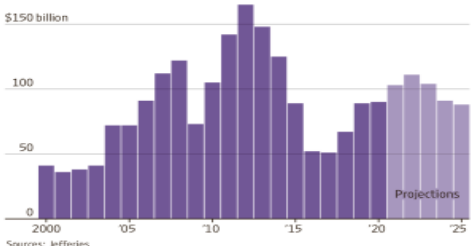
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Climate Bets Lift Commodities

Investors are gambling that a global push to lower carbon emissions will hamper commodity production, pushing up prices for everything from natural gas to aluminum. **B1**

Annual global capital expenditures by mining companies



Sources: Jefferies

Stocks Jump as Investors Turn Hopeful Over Growth

By HARDIKA SINGH AND JOE WALLACE

The Dow Jones Industrial Average broke out of its September slump with its biggest two-day rally in more than six months, lifted by investors' growing confidence the economy can withstand the end of pandemic stimulus measures and troubles in Chinese property markets.

Bank stocks and shares of energy companies surged. Brent crude, the international gauge of oil prices, hit a nearly three-year high at more than \$77 a barrel. Benchmark gov-

ernment bond yields, which tend to rise when investors expect growth and inflation, posted their biggest one-day climb since March.

Investors had expected a rebound from the downward drift that had carried the S&P 500 lower for much of the month.

After a steep decline fueled by worries about the collapse of property giant China Evergrande Group that began the week, shares stabilized, then began climbing Wednesday even before the Federal Reserve signaled the economy had made enough progress for the central bank to begin re-

ducing pandemic stimulus measures soon.

U.S. markets closed with no word on whether Evergrande would make \$83.5 million in debt payments by a Thursday deadline.

"The patient, the U.S. economy, is no longer in the emergency room and needing life support," said Timothy Horan, chief investment officer of fixed income at Chilton Trust. "Even though the Fed is telling us they expect the growth

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◆ **China plans for developer's possible fall**..... **A10**

Bears Compete to Be Crowned Fattest, Face New Rivals—Cubs

In Alaska, March Madness style contest expands to include juniors

By ANGELA OWENS

KATMAI NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE, Alaska—Every fall, the bears that live on this volcanic peninsula face off in a competition of grit and girth. Dozens of brown bears congregate at Brooks Falls to gorge themselves on salmon and pack on the pounds before their long winter naps.

At the end of a week-long March Madness style bracket, orchestrated by the National Park Service, one bear will be named champion, decided by popular vote. This year, fuzzy waistlines aren't the only thing expanding. The competition is adding a second bracket for the cutest con-

tenders: cubs.

"It's time they get the recognition they deserve," says park official Lian Law.

For the first time since the contest's inception in 2014, younger bears will compete in their own bracket. Fat Bear Junior, from which one winner will advance to the main event. The Junior competition began Thursday.

The chubby cub who progresses to the main bracket, which begins Sept. 29, will compete against such fan favorites as Bear 480

Otis, believed to be around 26 years old, who has won the crown three times. A male known as 747 won in 2020.

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Ready for the big league

The Unraveling of A Legal Dynasty

Five deaths, missing millions: The story of lawyer Alex Murdaugh takes new turns

By VALERIE BAUERLEIN

HAMPTON, S.C.—A driver can park on the side of the road in this sprawling expanse of farmland, forest and swamp and not see another soul for hours.

It was here on the Saturday afternoon of Labor Day weekend that the walls closed in on Alex Murdaugh. His wife, Maggie Murdaugh, and younger son, Paul, had been shot and killed on June 7 in murders that remain unsolved. His father had died of cancer on June 10.

Mr. Murdaugh, 53 years old, the scion of a local legal dynasty, was broke, addicted to opioids and had lost his job at the family firm. Hours earlier, his partners had accused

him of stealing client money and forced him to resign.

He already had been named as a defendant in a wrongful-death suit involving 19-year-old Mallory Beach, who was killed in a 2019 boat crash in which his son Paul had been criminally charged. The family's housekeeper had died in a trip-and-fall in 2018 at their home, leading to another wrongful-death suit filed against him by her sons.

The dramatic events have made the Murdaugh saga fodder for tabloids and true-crime podcasts. Mr. Murdaugh is the former head of the state trial lawyers' association. His father, grandfather and great-grand-

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River of tears

Biden's Haiti policy 'cruel'

Migrants from Haiti wade across the Rio Grande from Del Rio, Texas, on their way back to Mexico this week as they try to avoid deportation to Haiti from the US.

The US special envoy to Haiti quit yesterday in protest at what he described as the Biden administration's "inhumane, counterproductive decision" to deport thousands of Haitian migrants.

The US is sending flights of migrants back to Haiti after thousands gathered in Del Rio. Democrats have accused President Joe Biden of being "cruel and callous" for sending people back to a country struggling to cope with the aftermath of another devastating earthquake as well as political instability. **'inhumane' deportations** page 3



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Norway leads way on rate rises as US and UK tilt towards tightening

First big western economy to act • Fed and BoE hint at changes • Other banks stay put

RICHARD MILNE — OSLO
CHRIS GILES — LONDON

Norway's central bank became the first major western central bank to increase interest rates after the Covid-19 pandemic as the Bank of England and US Federal Reserve hinted at interest rate rises to come.

The Norges Bank lifted rates by 0.25 percentage points from their record low of zero, citing economic activity that was above its pre-pandemic level and the need to counter a build-up of financial imbalances. It indicated another rise was likely in December and that rates would reach about 1.7 per cent by the end of 2024.

Other western central banks are split on when to begin tightening policy, even as economies rebound and some econo-

mists fret over rising inflation. Big economies such as South Korea and Brazil have already raised rates but Norway is the first country in the group of 10 most-traded currencies to do so.

Norway's move was rapidly followed by more aggressive language on inflation risks from the Bank of England, although it kept rates unchanged at 0.1 per cent.

Its Monetary Policy Committee said the case for tightening policy had "strengthened" in recent weeks, as it opened the possibility of the first rate rise as soon as November. Financial markets responded to the hawkish language by fully pricing in a rise in the UK interest rate in February 2022, with another projected for later next year.

Several policymakers at the US Federal Reserve said on Wednesday that

they expected a first rate rise next year, while Sweden's Riksbank this week confirmed its rate was set to remain at zero until at least late 2024. Switzerland is keeping its ultra-loose policy with rates of minus 0.75 per cent, its central bank said yesterday.

Norway, home to the world's largest sovereign wealth fund, with \$1.4tn in assets, has rebounded strongly from the first wave of Covid last year when Norges Bank cut interest rates by 1.5 percentage points in a matter of weeks.

Oystein Olsen, the bank's governor, pointed to the Fed's starting soon to reverse its "very expansionary policy".

He said: "There is a strong recovery in the Norwegian economy. Then it's fine to start a gradual normalisation of the policy rate. Other countries have differ-



Bank governor Oystein Olsen: "There is strong recovery in the Norwegian economy. Then it's fine to start a gradual normalisation of the policy rate"

ent policy considerations." Norway has low underlying inflation but the central bank forecast it would rise closer to the 2 per cent target, because of wage growth and a strengthening economy.

Its central bank judged that "the risk of inflation becoming too high is limited" and indicated up to five more rate increases by the end of next year. "Yet another hawkish tilt," was the judgment of analysts at Norda, the Nordic region's biggest lender.

The central bank expects the economic upturn to continue through the autumn thanks to greater capacity utilisation and unemployment falling to just 2.7 per cent of the workforce.

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Frankfurt fund manager 'offended' by pay rise admits to €8m insider trading

OLAF STORBECK — FRANKFURT

A senior fund manager embarked on wide-ranging insider trading after feeling "offended" by a smaller-than-expected pay rise and suffering large losses from his investments in Wirecard, he has told judges in Frankfurt.

The 45-year-old is at the centre of an insider trading scandal that shocked Germany's asset management community when he was arrested by police a year ago. The defendant was a senior portfolio manager for 16 years at Frankfurt-based Union Investment, one of Germany's top asset managers, overseeing actively managed equity funds with €31bn in assets.

He was close to tears when he admitted in court on Wednesday to "front-running" investment decisions he made on behalf of his employer on 55 occasions between April and September last year, making €8.1m in net profit. He could face up to five years in prison.

He started executing private trades at his desk at Union's headquarters. "As everyone else was working from home, it was only me and one junior colleague in the office," he told the court.

Sitting at his work computer, he bought and sold derivatives aimed at retail investors on blue-chips that he traded for Union, including Infineon, Deutsche Post and MTU.

"This was just a matter of a few mouse clicks for me," he told judges. He would buy and sell shares worth €500m for his employer and was aware that orders placed by Union moved share prices, on average by 0.6-0.8 per cent. In one example, he spent €913,000 on call options for shares in Deutsche Post just seconds before placing a large

order on behalf of Union that moved the share price by 2.7 per cent. He sold the options within an hour, making a €227,000 profit.

The defendant said he started insider trading as he was frustrated by his pay of €440,000 in 2019. After receiving only half the pay rise he had hoped for in early April 2020, he felt "offended" and decided to recoup the rest himself.

Another motivation, he said, was to make up for losses he suffered with private and professional investments in now-defunct payments group Wirecard.

He said he had aimed to make only €500,000: "Things then got out of control. It became an addiction. Every successful trade generated a feeling of elation and superiority."

He never spent the profits as he "had no idea what to do with the money for". Union declined to comment.



Death of Blackstone China deal 'chills' private equity

The collapse of US private equity giant Blackstone's \$3bn deal to buy property group Soho China after regulators intervened has had a 'chilling effect' on rivals planning to buy assets seen as strategic to the Chinese economy. The private capital industry is reassessing how to place bets on the country and wondering where Beijing watchdogs will look next in pursuit of President Xi Jinping's effort to stop investors from 'profiting off the people'.

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Nasdaq Composite	15048.36	14896.85	1.02	\$ per €	1.375	1.365	€ per \$	1.170	1.163
Dow Jones Ind	34757.00	34250.32	1.57	¥ per \$	0.850	0.860	¥ per \$	129.400	128.635
FTSE 100	1803.08	1798.88	0.91	\$ per S\$	110.135	109.630	S\$ per \$	81.267	81.327
Euro Stoxx 50	4183.85	4150.19	1.05	¥ per €	151.376	149.596	€ per ¥	1.258	1.259
FTSE 250	2078.35	2083.37	-0.07	S\$ per €	1.094	1.093	€ per S\$	0.911	0.912
FTSE All Share	4081.25	4081.81	-0.01						
CAC 40	6101.98	6057.50	0.91						
Nikkei 225	15643.97	15506.74	0.88						
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MSCI World \$	2674.35	2649.88	0.91	Oil WTI \$	73.27	72.23	1.44		
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US Gov 10 yr	147.88	1.40	0.08	Fed Funds Eff	0.09	0.10	-0.01		
UK Gov 10 yr		0.81	0.11	US 3m Bill	0.03	0.03	0.00		
Ger Gov 10 yr		-0.26	0.07	Euro Libor 3m	-0.56	-0.56	0.00		
Japan Gov 10 yr	115.83	0.03	0.00	UK 3m	0.07	0.08	-0.01		
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New York City Acts to Protect Food Couriers

Sweeping Bills to Ease App Workers' Plight

By JEFFERY C. MAYS

Since the beginning of the pandemic, food delivery workers on bikes have become even more ubiquitous features of the New York City streetscape, earning low wages and often braving horrendous weather, hazardous streets and the threat of robbery to bring people their takeout orders at all hours of the day.

On Thursday, the city became the first in the nation to take aggressive steps to improve those employees' working conditions, approving a groundbreaking package of legislation that will set minimum pay and address the plight of couriers employed by app-based food delivery services like GrubHub, DoorDash and Uber Eats.

The legislation, which has the support of Mayor Bill de Blasio, is the latest and broadest example of the city's efforts to regulate the multibillion-dollar industry. While other cities have taken steps to restrict the food delivery apps, no city has gone as far as New York, which is home to the largest and most competitive food delivery market in the country.

The vote comes at a time when the food delivery industry has exploded as restaurants have relied increasingly on delivery services



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New York wants minimum pay set for delivery workers.

to survive during the pandemic. The number of delivery workers, most of them immigrants, has risen to over 80,000, according to the city, yet their working conditions remain difficult at best and horrendous at worst.

Those conditions captured the city's attention a few weeks ago when the remnants of Hurricane Ida hit the city, and scenes of food delivery workers traversing flooded streets to deliver meals stirred outrage.

A survey of 500 app food delivery workers found that 80 percent of them had experienced harassment or discrimination.

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This high-ranking Boko Haram commander said he surrendered because his leaders were gone and to give his children better lives.

Debt Debate Forces Yellen To Play Politics

By ALAN RAPPEPORT

WASHINGTON — When Janet L. Yellen was Federal Reserve chair in 2014, she faced a grilling from Republicans about whether the federal government had a plan if the nation's borrowing limit was breached and measures to keep paying the country's bills were exhausted.

Ms. Yellen, appearing at a congressional hearing, outlined a dire scenario in which financial institutions might try to make payments that they could not cover, because the Treasury Department was out of money, leading to a cascade of bounced checks. She pushed back against the notion held by some Republicans that an economic meltdown could be averted, warning that there was no secret contingency plan.

"To the best of my knowledge, there is no written-down plan," Ms. Yellen said at the time, adding that it was beyond her remit at the Fed. "That's a matter that is entirely up to the Treasury."

Fending off such a calamity is now squarely the responsibility of Ms. Yellen, who is confronting the biggest test she has faced in her

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Boko Haram Wanes, and Nigerian City Is Fearful

By RUTH MACLEAN
and ISMAIL ALFA

MAIDUGURI, Nigeria — For over a decade, the extremist group Boko Haram has terrorized northeastern Nigeria — killing tens of thousands of people, kidnapping schoolgirls and sending suicide bombers into busy marketplaces.

Now, thousands of Boko Haram fighters have surrendered, along with their family members, and are being housed by the government in a compound in the city of Maiduguri, the group's birthplace and its frequent target.

Ex-Fighters Now Living Next Door to People They Menaced

The compound is next to a middle-class housing development and a primary school, terrifying residents, teachers and parents. "We are very afraid," said Maimouna Mohammed, a teacher at the primary school, glancing at the camp's wall 50 yards from her classroom. "We don't know their minds."

Nigerian military and justice officials say that in the past month, as many as 7,000 fighters and family members, along with their captives, have left Boko Haram, the largest wave of defections by far since the jihadist group emerged in 2002.

The turning point for its fortunes appears to have been the death of Abubakar Shekau, Boko Haram's longtime leader, who blew himself up in May after being cornered by a rival faction.

However weakened Boko Haram may be, though, it does not necessarily mean an end to terror

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DAVID HUSTON

Stepping Into the Past

Footprints in New Mexico may change the timeline for humans' spread in the Americas. Page A20.

Criticism Mounts Even as U.S. Lets Thousands of Haitians Stay

This article is by **Edgar Sandoval**, **Simon Romero** and **Miriam Jordan**.

SAN ANTONIO — In Houston, nearly 2,000 Haitian migrants have arrived this week from the small border community of Del Rio, with buses pulling up to a huge shelter nearly every hour. In San Antonio, hundreds more have been allowed by the U.S. authorities onto flights to destinations as far away as New York, Boston and Miami, paperwork in their pockets permitting them to remain in the country.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement has deported about 2,000 migrants in recent days on chartered flights to Haiti as the Biden administration tries to deter

more people from rushing to the border. But the authorities have also permitted thousands more to travel to cities across America, where they may live for months or years as they await immigration hearings.

"We are so happy to be in America," said Inso Isaac, 40, who left Haiti years ago and was living in Chile until he, his wife and their 2-year-old son made the dangerous journey across several countries and arrived last week in Del Rio. On Wednesday, they boarded a flight to New York, where they planned to stay with relatives on Long Island. "We want to start a new life here," he said.

A chance to settle in the United States. Continued on Page A18

A Governor Fumes After Losing a Campaign. For a Coaching Job.

By CAMPBELL ROBERTSON
LEWISBURG, W.Va. — The governor was livid.

"Other than GOD above and my family, I place my duties as Governor above all else," he thundered in a statement sent out on Tuesday evening. "All I do is work, and I love my work, and I love the people of West Virginia, especially the kids."

But there were some, he went on, who had recently committed a "vile action," one that was "manifestly arbitrary and capricious," even forbidden by law.

His antagonists were three retirees who sit on the school board in Greenbrier County, 110 miles southeast of the state capital. In August, they had voted not to hire Gov. Jim Justice to coach the boys' varsity basketball team at Greenbrier East High School.

High School Basketball Spat in West Virginia

"Does the hate of these Board members hurt?" the governor wrote. "Of course, it does."

This blast of dudgeon over his authority to coach the boys' basketball team in his spare time —

he already coaches the girls' team — was par for the course in Mr. Justice's tenure as governor of West Virginia.

A coal mining tycoon and the state's richest person, Mr. Justice, whose two terms in office have been richly marbled with conflicts of interest, has generally bulldozed past various rules and obligations. He has been hounded by private companies, federal agencies

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A man opened fire in a grocery store in Collierville, a small suburb about 30 miles east of Memphis, injuring at least 12 and killing one. PAGE A21

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The fate of a boy whose parents died in a cable-car crash in Italy in May is the focus of a court battle between relatives in Israel and those in Italy. PAGE A10

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PEOPLE SELL their belongings at a street market in the Dasht-e Barchi neighborhood of Kabul, Afghanistan. Some say they are jobless and need money to feed their families; others need it to emigrate.

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Under Taliban rule, the party is over for Kabul

Residents of Afghanistan's once-cosmopolitan capital, now living in fear, take stock of what is lost and what remains

BY NABIH BULOS

KABUL, Afghanistan — What was the “Kabul bubble”? Was it Kabul’s party behind the blast walls, fueled by a mix of diplomats, military contractors, journalists and war tourists? Or was it the madcap real estate market, with staggeringly high rents in a country where most Afghans barely made \$2 a day?

Some would say it was less a place than a feeling, the sense that this metropolis — supercharged by billions in Western assistance — was somehow insulated from the daily battles grinding outside the city gates. That wasn’t entirely true. Bombings, assassinations and attacks echoed through the capital over the years. But unlike the provinces and hinterlands, this messy city of markets, mosques and green Ford Rangers

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NO LIVE MUSIC, no alcohol, but the new Kabul is not a city without entertainment. Above, Taliban militants go on a ride at an amusement park in the Afghan capital.

9th Circuit overturns skid row order

Basis of judge’s push for L.A. to clear tents and offer housing was called into question.

BY BENJAMIN ORESKES, MAURA DOLAN AND DAVID ZAHNIR

A federal appeals court on Thursday unanimously overturned a judge’s decision that would have required Los Angeles to offer some form of shelter or housing to the entire homeless population of skid row by October.

A three-judge panel of the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that U.S. District Judge David O. Carter, who issued the homelessness order in the spring, failed to follow basic legal requirements. It was a sharp rebuke of Carter, who has focused intently on homelessness, regularly venturing into encampments at all hours of the day, engaging with a wide array of officials responding to the crisis and issuing rulings on the subject in both Los Angeles and in Orange County, where he lives.

The ruling Thursday applied to only one slice of the

sprawling lawsuit — the order to clear skid row of tents — but it called into question its broader underpinnings.

The panel said most of those who sued the city and county of L.A. had no legal right, or standing, to bring the case. Carter deployed “novel” legal theories that no one had argued, and ruled on claims that no one had alleged and on evidence that was not before him, the 9th Circuit said.

“The district court relied on hundreds of facts contained in various publications for their truth, and a significant number of facts directly [underpinning the

order] are subject to reasonable dispute,” wrote Judge Jacqueline H. Nguyen, who was appointed by President Obama.

Carter’s order, which sent shock waves through local government, stemmed from a lawsuit brought by a coalition of downtown business owners, residents and some formerly homeless people. The city and county of Los Angeles appealed.

The 9th Circuit noted that Carter, appointed by President Clinton, based his decision on racial discrimination, though the lawsuit by the L.A. Alliance for Hu-

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Newsom rolls out \$15-billion climate plan

In shadow of fires, governor touts measure to mitigate risks from warming.

BY HAYLEY SMITH AND TONY BARBOZA

Standing before a foil-wrapped, fireproofed monument in Sequoia National Park amid a haze of wildfire smoke, Gov. Gavin Newsom on Thursday signed a \$15-billion climate package for California, the largest such investment in state history.

As ash from the nearby KNP Complex fire rained from an opaque sky, Newsom outlined the details of the package, which included investments in drought response, forest management and climate risk mitigation.

California in recent months has been hit with record-breaking heat, devastating drought and a wildfire season that has seen more than 2.35 million acres burned across the state — a disastrous convergence of events that has been fueled by the burning of fossil fuels and threatens to become endemic to the region.

“We feel a deep sense of responsibility here in the state of California because of the smash-mouth realities of climate change,” Newsom said. “Not just the issues of the acuity and frequency and duration of these wildfires, but also what’s happening with this megadrought over the entire West Coast of the United States.”

The announcement arrived in tandem with Climate Week and the run-up to the United Nations Climate Change conference in Glasgow, Scotland, this fall.

Big-ticket items in the package include \$5.2 billion for drought resilience and water resilience; \$3.7 billion for issues like extreme heat

and sea level rise; \$3.9 billion for electric vehicle investment and infrastructure; \$1.5 billion for wildfire response and forest resilience, and \$1.1 billion for sustainable agriculture.

The aggregate items stem from the state’s larger \$262.6-billion budget, which also encompasses COVID-19 pandemic relief and a sweep [See Climate, A12]

MAKING A STAND FOR THE GIANTS

Sequoia lovers are stunned that fire could again threaten the ancient monarchs.

BY DIANA MARCUM

FRESNO — In Oklahoma, Sequoyah Quinton, a storm chaser and member of the Cherokee Nation, went outside, dropped to his knees and prayed for something to stop the destruction of the sequoia trees.

In New York, Gabrielle Foreman, a professor, called her mother in Chicago. They spoke of a man being evicted who wailed in grief as he gave up his dog and about a young Black woman shot by police, and then discussed fire threatening the Giant Forest in Sequoia National Park.

Foreman told her mother, “I have to get off the phone. I’m registering this in my body.” Then she prayed: “Send energy to the trees. They’re the witnesses to everything and they literally allow us to breathe.”

In San Diego, Katie Ohlin, an early witness to spiraling sequoia mortality. [See Sequoias, A12]

A new Northern California blaze

The Fawn fire sends Shasta County residents fleeing. A suspect is arrested. CALIFORNIA, B1



ROOTS jut from a giant sequoia in Big Stump Grove, where smoke from the KNP Complex fire fills the air.



NEW ARRIVALS exit a U.S. Border Patrol bus to be received by the Val Verde Border Humanitarian Coalition, the only migrant shelter in Del Rio, Texas.

JOURNEY TO U.S.: Many Haitians seek information online beforehand, underscoring the power of social media to transform migration flows. PERSPECTIVES, A2

Haitian influx splits Texas border town

Some in Del Rio help the migrants move on, but others ‘just don’t want them here.’

BY MOLLY HENNESSY-FISKE

DEL RIO, Texas — At the dusty Border Taxi parking lot Thursday, owner Juan Dehoyos wondered aloud when the nearby bridge to Ciudad Acuña, Mexico, would reopen.

The border bridge closed Sept. 17, after U.S. Customs and Border Protection was overwhelmed by the arrival

of thousands of Haitian migrants. Each day, Dehoyos loses about \$1,000.

He pointed to a half-dozen tractor-trailers in his lot. “All those trucks are stuck here because they can’t cross,” said Dehoyos, 66, wearing a Del Rio Feed & Supply cap, western belt and boots. “They cross every day, but now they can’t.”

This border town of about 36,000 — 85% Latino, many with ties across the border, and home to Laughlin Air Force Base and a slew of cross-border family businesses — has been divided by the influx of Haitian migrants this month [See Border, A9]

CDC panel OKs extra Pfizer jab for older people

Advisors say boosters should also be given to vulnerable Americans, but not to healthcare workers. NATION, A6

Harris brings up rights with Modi

Vice president invokes familial ties as she prods the visiting Indian prime minister on the issue. WORLD, A3

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Envoy to Haiti quits as furor widens

Biden-appointed official's departure is latest salvo over migrant treatment

BY ANNE GEARAN,
SEAN SULLIVAN,
NICK MIROFF
AND JOHN HUDSON

The resignation Thursday of the U.S. special envoy to Haiti in protest of what he called "inhuman" deportations of Haitian migrants spotlighted a widening crisis for the Biden administration, as Democratic allies turned on the White House over images of pursuit and squalor that some lawmakers denounced as racist and inhumane.

Daniel Foote's blistering resignation letter accused the administration of conducting a "deeply flawed" policy of returning Haitian migrants to their home country despite the deteriorating political and humanitarian conditions there.

"I will not be associated with the United States' inhumane, counterproductive decision to deport thousands of Haitian refugees and illegal immigrants to Haiti, a country where American officials are confined to secure compounds because of the dangers posed by armed gangs in control of daily life," Foote wrote to Secretary of State Antony Blinken.

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In Mexico: The migrant surge is also challenging officials there. A10



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Suraya, 15, sits at home Tuesday in Kabul. The new Taliban government has decreed that girls in seventh through 12th grade cannot attend school, at least for now. "It makes me feel hopeless," said the 11th-grader, who aspires to become an astronaut.

BY SUDARSAN RAGHAVAN

KABUL — Inside her family's spacious third-floor apartment, Suraya has prepared for years to achieve her dream of becoming a NASA astronaut. The 11th-grader is first in her class, has a passion for physics and astronomy, and speaks proficient English.

Inside her cramped, crumbling home, Suraya dreams of becoming a doctor. The seventh-grader wants to help support her impoverished family one day.

But last Friday, the path toward both of their dreams was blocked. They learned they can no longer attend secondary school, like countless other Afghan girls. The Taliban decreed that only boys

'I cannot be the person I want to be'

Taliban decision barring girls from secondary school shatters dreams of students as well as their mothers

could return to grades seven to 12 this week. It was another indicator of a bleak new future for women and girls in Afghanistan, where educational and other freedoms they've embraced for the past two decades are being systematically dismantled.

"If I cannot continue my studies, I cannot be the person I want to be," said Suraya, 15, a pained look in her almond-shaped eyes. "It makes me feel hopeless."

The person who understands her dismay the most is her mother, Frozan.

She, too, was barred by the Taliban from going to school when the group first ruled in the mid-1990s.

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Down to wire on U.S. funding

AGENCIES PREP FOR A SHUTDOWN IN CASE

As clock ticks, sides dig in on budget, debt limit

BY TONY ROMM,
JEFF STEIN
AND MIKE DEBONIS

The White House budget office notified federal agencies on Thursday to begin preparations for the first shutdown of the U.S. government since the coronavirus pandemic began, as lawmakers on Capitol Hill struggle to reach a funding agreement.

Administration officials stress the request is in line with traditional procedures seven days ahead of a shutdown and not a commentary on the likelihood — or lack thereof — a congressional deal. Both Democrats and Republicans have made clear they intend to fund the government before its funding expires on Sept. 30, but time is running out and lawmakers are aiming to resolve an enormous set of tasks in a matter of weeks.

House Democrats earlier this week approved a measure to fund the government, suspend the debt ceiling and approve

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Preparations: What to expect if the government shuts down. A7

In Nassar's shadow, a larger sex abuse case

More than 950 people allege molestation by U. of Michigan doctor

BY LENNY BERNSTEIN

U.S. senators listened intently last week as four world-class gymnasts told Congress of the harrowing impact of sexual abuse by former Michigan State University doctor Larry Nassar.

When the testimony was done, they lauded the women's courage. The director of the FBI, also at the hearing, apologized for his agency's shoddy investigation.

"I'm especially sorry that there were people at the FBI who had their own chance to stop this monster back in 2015 and failed," FBI Director Christopher A. Wray told Simone Biles, Aly Raisman, McKayla Maroney and Maggie Nichols. "And that is inexcusable."

Sixty miles from Nassar's one-time office, a similar but much larger case of sex abuse is playing out with little of the same attention. More than 950 people have come forward to accuse the late

University of Michigan doctor Robert E. Anderson of abusing them while he was on staff between 1966 and 2003, according to lawyers who represent the survivors.

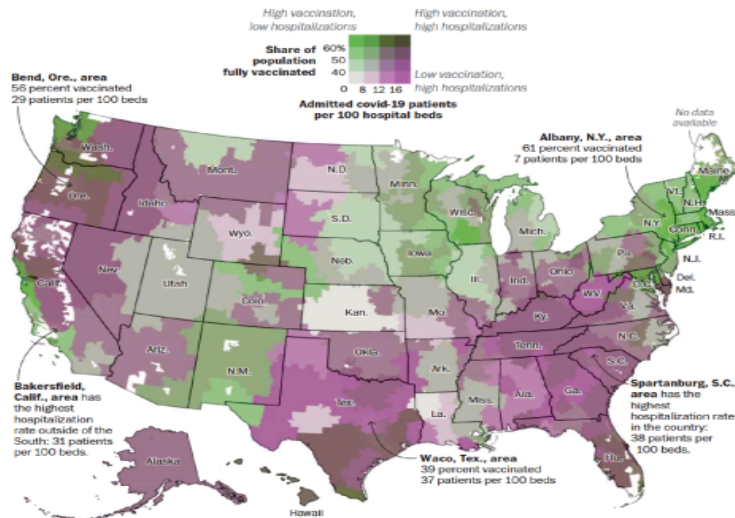
That total surpasses the scale of the molestation at Michigan State, as well as similar incidents at the University of Southern California and Ohio State University. Attorneys for the University of Michigan survivors contend the allegations against Anderson constitute the largest example of sexual exploitation by one person in U.S. history.

A number of Anderson's alleged victims, most prominently former football players, have publicly told stories of the physician fondling them and repeatedly performing unnecessary rectal and genital exams during their years at the school. As a result, his conduct over decades as the football team doctor has drawn the most attention since the story broke in February 2020, a dozen years after his death.

But the small group of attorneys bringing the case said they also have claims spanning decades from athletes on the wrestling, basketball, track and field.

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A stark divide between vaccination rates and hospitalizations



CDC panel backs Pfizer booster for millions

BY LENA H. SUN
AND LAURIE MCGINLEY

Millions of Americans vaccinated against the coronavirus appear poised to have the green light to get a booster dose — a shot aimed at fortifying their defenses against a highly transmissible variant that ignited a fourth deadly wave of illness.

The actions this week of two of the nation's major health agencies were set to open the newest chapter in the 18-month campaign to stop the coronavirus but not without tensions.

A recommendation Thursday from a panel of advisers to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention largely mirrored an authorization issued a day earlier by the Food and Drug Administration, with a call for a third shot of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine for people 65 and older, nursing home

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Rosatti presidirá la Corte, pese a la resistencia de Lorenzetti

CAMBIO. Llega al cargo con apoyo de Rosenkrantz, que será vice, y Maqueda; los otros dos miembros intentaron una jugada para que él no fuera el elegido

Horacio Rosatti fue elegido ayer presidente de la Corte Suprema, después de semanas de intrigas y discusiones entre los miembros del tribunal. Incluso a último momento, el juez Ricardo Lorenzetti intentó una jugada para impedir la designación y aprobar la continuidad en el cargo de Carlos Rosenkrantz.

Pero Rosenkrantz había comprometido su apoyo a Rosatti, al igual que Juan Carlos Maqueda. Con esos tres votos se resolvió la discusión. Lorenzetti y Elena Highton no participaron del acuerdo, lo que dejó en evidencia la división en el tribunal.

Rosatti tiene mandato por tres años en una Corte que tiene en carpeta decisiones de alto impacto político, entre ellas, el planteo de nulidad de Cristina Kirchner contra el juicio por el caso Vialidad. **Página 8**

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Obligado a construir su poder

Paz Rodríguez Niell
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Horacio Rosatti asume el desafío de liderar una Corte Suprema fraccionada y de ejercer una presidencia que él mismo, hace tres años, rediseñó vaciándola de gran parte de su poder. Carlos Rosenkrantz llevaba menos de tres meses como presidente. **Continúa en la página 9**



IGNACIO SÁNCHEZ

DEESTRENO. El magistrado santafesino Horacio Rosatti, ayer, a las 18, al abandonar el Palacio de Justicia después de una tensa jornada, en la que fue designado presidente del máximo tribunal del país.

Hay más de 2 millones de personas sin trabajo

INDEC. La desocupación bajó al 9,6%, pero los ocupados son menos que en la prepandemia

El desempleo en el segundo trimestre bajó a 9,6%, frente a 13,1% del mismo período de 2020, según el Indec. Esto significa que hay unos 2.020.000 trabajadores desocupados en el país. Pero esa baja no logró que la cantidad de ocupados superara al número de 2019. **Página 15**

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Ferveu nas redes a #BolsonaroCorno. A cornucópia de acusações opera na lógica da dominação masculina, ao supor a machede como requisito para a Presidência e não reconhecer à mulher autonomia para gerir sua vida íntima —que dirá o país. Poder A9

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Não provamos que cloroquina é eficaz, diz Prevent Senior

Presidente-executivo de operadora de saúde alvo de denúncias fala de acusações e nega laço com Bolsonaro

Associada à defesa da hidroxiquina para combater a Covid, a Prevent Senior passou a ser citada pelo presidente Jair Bolsonaro e outros defensores do remédio por causa de um suposto estudo para provar a eficácia do medicamento.

Mas o trabalho não seguiu padrões científicos de controle nem provou a eficiência na qual creem seus usuários, diz Fernando Parrillo, presidente-executivo da empresa de planos de saúde para o público acima de 60.

"Não dávamos apenas hidroxiquina associada a azitromicina. Oferecíamos suplemento de zinco, potássio, vitamina D, era um conjunto de substâncias. Mas nosso artigo não prova que essas drogas funcionam porque, para isso, precisaria de pesquisa científica", disse Parrillo à Folha.

Segundo ele, que comanda a operadora ao lado do irmão, Eduardo, o material era "um acompanhamento observacional, uma planilha das doenças e a evolução".

"Não foi usado placebo nem duplo cego, não foi randomizado, como se deve fazer em trabalhos desse tipo."

A Prevent, com 550 mil segurados, é alvo de acusações que vão da alteração de prontuários (confirmada) a experimentos não consentidos em pacientes com Covid (negados). Parrillo nega, também, laços com o governo Bolsonaro. Saúde B1

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Auf Wiedersehen, Merkel



Imagens da chanceler alemã Angela Merkel em pronunciamentos de fim de ano na TV, de 2005 a 2020. Staff/Reuters

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Caso Prevent revive CPI e foco em elo com Planalto

O caso Prevent Senior e novas ações de Marcelo Queiroga (Saúde), devem dar sobrevida à CPI da Covid, cujas atividades podem prosseguir até outubro. Para integrantes da comissão, volta à tona o gabinete paralelo, médicos que assessoravam o presidente sobre tratamentos ineficazes. Poder A4

Com Queiroga em quarentena, servidor assume posto Saúde B2

Bolsonaro afirmou que Covid 'apenas encurtou vidas'

Jair Bolsonaro voltou a dar declarações negacionistas no início do mês em entrevista a um grupo alemão de extrema direita. "Muitas tinham alguma comorbidade, então a Covid apenas encurtou a vida delas por alguns dias ou algumas semanas", disse. Poder A8

Em piora, Congresso tem trabalho reprovado por 44%

Em meio à crise institucional provocada por Jair Bolsonaro, aumentou a erosão da imagem do Poder Legislativo. Para 44% dos brasileiros, o trabalho de deputados federais e de senadores é ruim ou péssimo.

É o que revela pesquisa Datafolha realizada entre os dias 13 e 15 de setembro.

Trata-se de uma reprovação equivalente aos 45% que achavam o trabalho parlamentar ruim ou péssimo em dezembro de 2019, numericamente a pior marca da atual legislatura. Em relação ao mais recente levantamento, é uma piora: em julho, desaprovavam os congressistas 38%. Poder A6

Após quatro dias aberta, 2ª maior térmica para Celebrada pelo governo, a usina termelétrica GNA 1, no RJ, parou de operar quatro dias após inaugurada e passou mais de dois dias sem gerar energia. A18

Energia solar cresce com alta na luz e home office O mercado de painel solar para geração de energia em casa segue em expansão, impulsionado por alta na conta de luz, crise hídrica e home office. A18



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Integrantes do Movimento dos Trabalhadores Sem Teto invadiram ontem o prédio da Bolsa de Valores, em São Paulo, em ato contra política econômica do governo e a fome. Mercado A22

Total da população vacinada

	ao menos uma dose*	totalmente vacinada*
Brasil	69,6%	39,6%
MS	75,1%	54,5%
SP	80,8%	52,7%
RS	72,1%	44,6%

Números da pandemia

	Casos	Óbitos
Total	21,3 mi	593 mil
Méd. móvel	34,4 mil	534
Varição***	88,6%	16,8%
Em 24 h	25,3 mil	661



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ANR, PLRA, PQ y Hagamos votaron por cambio. Discusión fue extensa y acalorada. Abdo apoya proyecto. Campesinos anuncian marchas. Cartistas piden que Diputados trate ya.

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Covid-19 : le défi d'une vaccination planétaire

Alors que la moitié de la planète sera bientôt vaccinée, seuls 2% des habitants des pays à faibles revenus sont protégés, ce qui, à terme, pourrait compromettre la sortie de crise.

Pour la seule année 2021, ce sont 12 milliards de doses de vaccins qui devront être produites à travers le monde. C'est en soi une formidable réussite, mais elle cache de

profondes disparités. L'accès à la vaccination dans les pays du Sud reste encore aujourd'hui très difficile. L'enjeu est non seulement humanitaire – limiter au maximum le nom-

bre de victimes – mais aussi collectif. C'est d'abord en limitant la circulation du virus que l'on se prémunit de l'émergence potentielle de nouveaux variants, plus

contagieux ou plus dangereux. Ce n'est pas tout. Personne n'a intérêt à ce que la crise sanitaire mondiale, et son impact sur l'économie, ne s'inscrive dans le temps.

L'arrivée de nouveaux vaccins en 2022 et la hausse de la production, notamment dans les pays du Sud, donnent l'espoir de pouvoir vacciner rapidement la planète entière.

➔ OUTRE L'ASPECT SANITAIRE, DES ENJEUX GÉOPOLITIQUES ET ÉCONOMIQUES MAJEURS ➔ LES INDUSTRIELS DOPENT LEURS CAPACITÉS DE PRODUCTION DANS LES PAYS DU SUD ➔ UN ENTRETIEN AVEC LA VIROLOGUE MARIE-PAULE KIENY ➔ L'ASIE PRISE AU PIÈGE DE SA STRATÉGIE ZÉRO COVID PAGES 2 À 4 ET L'ÉDITORIAL

Comment le vélo s'impose au cœur des villes



A Nantes, en mai 2021.

Des pistes cyclables fleurissent dans toutes les grandes villes de France. Le cycliste est proclamé roi de l'espace urbain. Comment s'adapter à ces changements ? Notre guide de survie. PAGES 30 À 32

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Accélérer le rythme

« Nous ne demandons pas des dons, nous voulons acheter des vaccins », a clamé récemment à Genève Strive Masiyiwa. L'envoyé spécial de l'Union africaine déplorait que la production mondiale de vaccins contre le Covid ait été accaparée par les pays riches. Il faut reconnaître que les chiffres sont frappants : à l'échelle de la planète, les pays les plus pauvres n'ont vacciné que 2% de leur population, quand la protection dépasse les 60% dans les nations les plus développées. Le problème est critique pour l'Afrique, à l'exception notable du Maghreb et de l'Afrique du Sud. Face à cette inégalité criante, il est tentant de pointer du doigt l'égoïsme des pays riches, qui auraient gardé pour eux toutes les doses. C'est au moins en partie vrai. Pendant de longs mois, les États-Unis ont non seulement interdit toute exportation de vaccins, mais aussi de tous les produits liés à leur production, tels que les seringues, flacons et aiguilles. Mais c'est aussi l'échec du programme Covax de l'OMS, destiné aux pays du Sud, qui comptait sur des millions de doses d'AstraZeneca

produites par le Serum Institute en Inde. La très violente vague de Covid liée au variant Delta dans le pays et le besoin urgent de vacciner la population indienne a fait voler ce beau plan en éclats. Cet échec est-il définitif ? Heureusement, non. La situation évolue rapidement dans le bon sens grâce à une production de vaccins en très forte croissance. Déjà, en moins de dix mois, 6 milliards de doses de vaccins ont été injectées, protégeant plus de 40% de la population mondiale. Et le rythme devrait encore s'accélérer en 2022, avec suffisamment de doses pour protéger plus de 70% de la population mondiale d'ici

6 milliards de doses de vaccins déjà injectées

à six mois. Dans l'histoire de la santé publique, jamais une campagne de vaccination globale n'aura été aussi rapide. Contre la polio, elle avait été lancée dans les années 1980 et n'est toujours pas terminée. Il ne faudrait pas que des lenteurs regrettables nous fassent perdre de vue l'essentiel : nous sommes sur la bonne voie. ■

Électricité : la hausse des prix a déjà commencé

La hausse record du coût de l'électricité sur les marchés internationaux a déjà un impact sur la facture des Français qui ont quitté le tarif réglementé de vente d'EDF. Soit un tiers des ménages. D'après les chiffres compilés pour Le Figaro par le comparateur Selectra, les tarifs les moins élevés des dix plus gros fournisseurs ont grimpé de 4% en moyenne depuis juin pour un ménage se chauffant à l'électricité. Ce qui représente un alourdissement moyen de la facture de 77 euros par an. PAGE 25

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Warning of fuel shortages amid supply chain crisis

Severe lack of lorry drivers forces closure of some petrol stations

Richard Partington

Three of the UK's biggest operators of petrol stations have warned of fuel shortages at some forecourts across the country, with the severe lack of lorry drivers nationwide now disrupting fuel supplies.

BP said yesterday that up to 100 of its forecourts were short of at least one grade of fuel, with several forced to close entirely. Esso said a handful of its petrol stations operated alongside Tesco Express stores were affected, while some of the supermarket's own-branded sites are also suffering outages.

Though Downing Street insisted there was "no shortage of fuel", the developments will add to pressure on ministers already facing calls to take action to ease acute labour and supply chain shortages linked to Brexit and the pandemic - with businesses

calling for a visa scheme to help meet demand for more workers on farms, factories and road haulage firms.

The Bank of England also warned yesterday that surging household energy bills would drive inflation above 4% this winter, sending the cost of living to its highest rate of growth for a decade.

Despite a slowdown in the economy since August, the Bank is now forecasting that the surge in wholesale gas and electricity prices is expected to keep inflation high until at least the middle of next year.

Boris Johnson's spokesperson said the prime minister acknowledged there were issues across several industries, and that the government was working closely with business leaders over the course of this week to resolve the problems. But he insisted there was no need for concern.

"It's important to restate that there's no shortage of fuel so people should continue to buy it as usual. Fuel, as in food, we have a very resilient and robust supply chain. So, as I say, people should continue to shop for fuel as usual."

Opposition parties, however, castigated ministers

UK forces linked to 289 Afghan civilian deaths

Exclusive
Dan Sabbagh

British forces are linked to the deaths of 86 children and more than 200 adult civilians during the Afghan-istan conflict, with compensation of only £2,380 paid for each life

lost, new figures reveal. The figures are recorded in official Ministry of Defence (MoD) compensation logs, obtained through a series freedom of information requests. According to the data, the youngest recorded civilian victim was aged three.

One of the most serious incidents listed in the



◀ Sabina Nessa, 28, is believed to have been murdered as she walked through Cator Park in south-east London

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Sabina Nessa: man held on suspicion of murder

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A 38-year-old man has been arrested on suspicion of the murder of the teacher Sabina Nessa, Scotland Yard said last night.

The Metropolitan police have also issued CCTV images of a man walking in the area on the evening Nessa was attacked, as well as an image of a silver vehicle they believe he had access to.

Nessa, 28, is thought to have been murdered as she walked through Cator Park in south-east London on

what should have been a five-minute trip from her home to a pub at about 8.30pm last Friday.

DCI Neil John, from the Met's specialist crime command, said last night: "Our team have been working tirelessly to find the person responsible for Sabina's murder and this has included an



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