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The Justice Department agreed to allow Huawei finance chief Meng Wanzhou to return to her home in China nearly three years after she was detained in Canada on behalf of the U.S. Meanwhile, China released two jailed Canadians. **A1**

◆ **Top House Democrats** said they would charge ahead with a plan to bring up both a \$1 trillion infrastructure bill and a broad healthcare, education and climate package for a vote next week. **A4**

◆ **Biden expressed support** for a Senate proposal to place an income tax on billionaires' unrealized capital gains. **A4**

◆ **The House passed legislation** that would ban abortion restrictions before fetal viability, a response by Democrats to a Texas law. **A3**

◆ **A GOP-ordered review** of the 2020 presidential election results in Arizona's most populous county didn't change Biden's victory, county officials said. **A6**

◆ **U.S. officials have emptied** the makeshift camp of mostly Haitian migrants under a bridge in Del Rio, Texas, the DHS chief said. **A3**

◆ **A California prosecutor** filed criminal charges in a case involving manslaughter against PG&E for its role in igniting a wildfire that killed four people last year. **A3**

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◆ **Global investors who own** China Evergrande Group's U.S. dollar bonds hadn't received an interest payment from the property giant by Thursday's deadline, said people familiar with the matter. **A1**

◆ **China's central bank said** that all cryptocurrency-related transactions are illegal, reinforcing the country's tough stance against digital rivals to government-issued money. **B1**

◆ **Chinese conglomerate HNA Group** said that its chairman, Chen Feng, and Chief Executive Adam Tan are suspected of committing crimes and have been detained. **A9**

◆ **The S&P 500 and Dow** ticked higher on Friday, clinching weekly gains, while the Nasdaq edged lower, ending little changed for the week. **B11**

◆ **Starbucks is pushing back** against a unionization drive as workers at some Buffalo, N.Y., stores attempt to become the first company-owned cafes in the U.S. to organize. **B1**

◆ **WPP will pay \$19 million** to resolve government allegations that it failed to adequately guard against corruption risks in India, China, Brazil and Peru. **B3**

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Trapped Afghan Women Live in Fear Under Taliban Rule



WATCHFUL: Many women who invested lives and careers to further a U.S.-backed political order in Afghanistan after 2001 have been unable to flee and are at risk because of their past roles. Nabila, a 31-year-old judge, went into hiding. **A10**

Evergrande's Bondholders Are Left In the Dark on Payments

Global investors who own China Evergrande Group's U.S. dollar bonds hadn't received an interest payment from the property giant by Thursday's deadline, said people familiar with the matter.

By Serena Ng, Alexander Gladstone, Gregory Zuckerman and Justin Baer

Evergrande was on the hook to make \$83.5 million in coupon payments by Sept. 23

on dollar bonds with a face value of \$2.03 billion. The company could make the payments belatedly, and it has a 30-day grace period before bondholders can call a default.

A missed payment would set the stage for what could be the largest yet dollar-bond default by a company in Asia. Evergrande didn't respond to a request to comment.

Thursday's payment deadline became a focal point for global investors after Evergrande's liquidity worsened

dramatically over the summer, leading to construction halts at some of its unfinished apartment complexes and sharp sales declines. As recently as June, the company had emphasized that it had never missed a bond payment since its founding in 1996.

On Wednesday, Evergrande's flagship property business in mainland China said it had privately negotiated with onshore bondholders to settle a separate coupon payment on a yuan-denominated bond. The

developer didn't say if that payment, equivalent to about \$35.9 million, would be made in cash or other assets. Evergrande's beaten-down shares fell 11.6% in Friday trading in Hong Kong, and are down more than 84% this year.

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Virus Research Explodes, Igniting Worry

Covid spurs scientists to begin experiments that don't always get a high-level review of risks

By Betsy McKay and Amy Dockser Marcus

Laboratories around the globe increasingly are experimenting with emerging viruses, sometimes giving them new capabilities, as they seek to identify dangerous ones and find ways to combat them.

While the goal is to protect health, some of the projects carry the chance of a misstep that could unleash an epidemic, some scientists say.

Experiments in the U.S. are reviewed in advance by researchers' institutions or government funders, but risky projects

can go forward without being subjected to the highest level of scrutiny, especially in some other countries.

Some scientists and officials in the Biden administration are pushing for more oversight, globally, of risky biosecurity. One focus is laboratory work that enhances a pathogen or endows it with new properties—sometimes called “gain-of-function” research—which is often done to assess its potential to infect humans.

The administration, looking for ways to better weigh the potential benefits of such research against the risks, is considering ideas that include forming

a new entity to address global biosecurity. Another is to expand oversight of U.S.-funded research on pathogens beyond the current practice in which most projects are vetted by the agencies that fund or oversee them and the review committees of universities and hospitals.

“This is a high priority for us,” said Beth Cameron, senior director for Global Health Security and Biodefense at the U.S. National Security Council. “The pandemic was an extraordinary wake-up call about what biology can do, what infectious diseases can do, Please turn to page A12

EXCHANGE



HOLLYWOOD ROYALTY?

How Prince Harry and Meghan Markle hustled to build an entertainment empire. **B1**

Debate Over Boosters Muddles the Message

By Stephanie Armour

The Biden administration publicly touted its plan to roll out Covid-19 boosters to almost all the fully vaccinated during the week of Sept. 20, saying data from Israel supported the approach.

Yet behind the scenes, federal regulators tasked with clearing boosters and recommending who should get them were locked in a pitched battle over whether the data supported the plan, according to people familiar with the matter.

Some regulators argued that only certain vulnerable groups such as seniors needed an additional shot and that the decision-making timeline was too rushed, the people said.

The dissenters also bristled at the Biden administration's declaration, in August, that boosters would be widely available if authorized by the Food and Drug Administration and recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, arguing it put pressure on the agencies to follow the announced course, the people said.

In another twist, late Thursday CDC Director Rochelle Walensky took the unusual step of overruling agency advisers and recommending that nurses, teachers and other workers at high risk of exposure should Please turn to page A2

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In Aging Japan, Under 75 Now Qualifies as 'Pre-Old'

Parts of the world's oldest nation change their definition for who is elderly

By Miho Inada

NAGANO, Japan—Sachiko Kobayashi turns 65 next year, but she isn't eager to be called elderly—not with a job making box lunches, a crafts business and a garden full of pumpkins and radishes.

The good news is that so long as she stays in Nagano, she won't be elderly next year, or even in 2030. The city, eager to keep its older residents active, has redefined the word so that only those 75 and older qualify.

“I think it's a natural move, because people in their 60s

are much younger than I had imagined before,” Ms. Kobayashi said.

Japan is by far the world's oldest nation, with more than 29% of the population 65 or older, compared with 17% in the U.S. and 21% in Europe. Efforts to get younger have gone nowhere. The birthrate is still falling and immigration has nearly ground to a halt with Covid-19.

Linguistically, however, Japan is at the forefront of change. Millions of people have learned they no longer are old, but merely “pre-old.” Please turn to page A12

Huawei Finance Chief Released In Deal

Move eliminates one source of tension with Beijing; China frees detained Canadians

The U.S. Justice Department agreed to allow Huawei Technologies Co. finance chief Meng Wanzhou to return to her home in China nearly three years after she was detained in Canada on behalf of the U.S., removing one irritant in a deteriorating relationship between the U.S. and China.

By Aruna Viswanatha, Dan Strumpf and Jacquie McNish

Under the agreement, entered in federal court in Brooklyn on Friday, Ms. Meng admitted remotely from Canada to some wrongdoing in exchange for prosecutors deferring and later dropping wire and bank fraud charges.

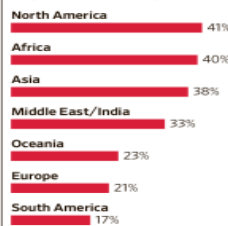
Ms. Meng's plane took off from Vancouver, British Columbia's airport bound for China early on Friday evening. At around the same time Ms. Meng's plane took off, China released two Canadians, Michael Kovrig and Michael Spavor, who boarded a plane bound for Canada accompanied by Canada's chief envoy in Beijing, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. Please turn to page A7

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Shipping delays are making delivering in time for the holidays a costly headache. **B4**

Share of cargo ships waiting to get to port, by region



Note: As of Sept. 24. Source: eeSea

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Huawei's Meng reaches deal on US charges

- Executive held by Canada since 2018
- Detention widened rift with China

STEFANIA PALMA — MONTREAL

US prosecutors have struck a deal with Huawei's chief financial officer Meng Wanzhou to resolve fraud charges in a deal that could ease tensions between China and both the US and Canada.

Meng was arrested in December 2018 at Vancouver airport and has since been living in her mansion in the city under electronic surveillance. US authorities have sought to extradite her from Canada to face charges of bank and wire fraud, alleging she misled banks into processing transactions for Huawei that breached US sanctions on Iran.

US authorities have accused Huawei of making "untrue representations" to HSBC in a PowerPoint presentation in Hong Kong in 2013 that denied the company controlled Skycom, an Iran-linked group.

Prosecutors allege Huawei controlled Skycom's operations in Iran until at least 2014. The Chinese company has said there was "no misrepresentation" in the presentation.

Meng's detention opened a rift between Canada and China and became a flashpoint in efforts by Donald Trump, then US president, to challenge Huawei's growing sway in 5G mobile technologies.

US authorities have claimed Beijing can use Huawei equipment to spy on the west.

After her arrest, Beijing detained two Canadian citizens — known as the "two Michaels" — for more than two years, in cases viewed by Canada as retaliation for Meng's Vancouver arrest.

Michael Spavor, who ran cultural exchanges with North Korea from China, was sentenced in August to 11 years in prison after being found guilty of illegally providing state secrets to foreigners. Michael Kovrig, a former diplomat, has also been detained, reportedly accused of aiding Spavor in spying.

Spavor's sentencing came a day after a Chinese court upheld a death sentence on Robert Schellenberg, another Canadian citizen, who had been found guilty of planning to send 225kg of methamphetamine to Australia. Schellenberg denies the charges.

Beijing maintains that the trials of Schellenberg, Spavor and Kovrig have been handled in accordance with Chinese law.

Progress in the three cases has often matched developments in Meng's extradition hearings, prompting human rights groups and former Canadian diplomats to accuse Beijing of "hostage diplomacy".

Birds in the hand German rivals take nothing for granted as polls narrow



Getty Images via AP

Angela Merkel feeds Australian lorikeets at a bird sanctuary in Marlow, Germany, as polls suggest the race to succeed the long-serving chancellor is tightening.

The top candidates — Olaf Scholz of the Social Democrats, Annalena Baerbock of the Greens and Armin Laschet of Merkel's CDU/CSU — hold final rallies today before tomorrow's vote. For the

first time in postwar history, the incumbent is not standing, blowing the contest open.

Even in the northern town of Pinneberg, known as "the oracle" because its people have a 70-year record of opting for the party that goes on to occupy the chancellery, voters are unsure.

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Trump nemesis Cyrus Vance has Lunch with the FT

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BIG READ



Regime helps Iranians find love on matchmaking app

Iranians are finding love through state-sponsored online dating that the regime hopes can promote traditional values and arrest the falling birth rate. Devout Ali wanted a woman 'not ugly nor beautiful' but religious, with a degree. Sara sought a man with a masters and average income — no poyntails. Volunteer social workers from the website monitored their initial meetings and mediated over the dowry. Now they are happily married. Site blessing > PAGE 5

WPP accused of bribery as SEC takes aim at aggressive acquisition strategy

ALISTAIR GRAY — LONDON

US regulators have accused WPP, the largest advertising group, of paying bribes to Indian government officials and participating in other "illicit schemes" in China, Brazil and Peru. The Securities and Exchange Commission said yesterday that the UK-based company had agreed to pay \$19m to resolve charges that it breached the US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act between 2013 and 2018.

Schemes uncovered by the SEC included WPP subsidiaries paying as much as \$1m in bribes in India and helping illegally to fund a political campaign by the mayor of Lima.

In another alleged violation, an entire advertising campaign to celebrate the anniversary of the formation of Telangana, an Indian state, was fabricated.

WPP, which was led until 2018 by founder Sir Martin Sorrell, neither admitted nor denied the findings. In a statement, it said its "new leadership" had since adopted "robust new compliance measures and controls". Sir Martin declined to comment.

The company had failed to put in place an adequate system of accounting controls necessary to prevent the bribery and to respond to "repeated warning signs of corruption" at some overseas subsidiaries, the SEC said.

The watchdog said an overly aggressive growth strategy, in which WPP took majority stakes in local agencies in high-risk markets, was a root cause of the breaches.

In China, a subsidiary made "unjustified payments" in connection with a tax audit, the SEC said. It also alleged that an arm of WPP in Brazil had made

"improper payments" in connection with government contracts between 2016 and 2018.

A WPP subsidiary in Peru was used as a conduit for bribes paid by a construction company to the mayor of Lima's political campaign, the SEC said.

The US financial regulator said WPP had failed to ensure that its subsidiaries followed adequate accounting controls and compliance policies. It allowed founders and the chief executive of the acquired businesses "to exercise wide autonomy and outsized influence". WPP said it had "fundamentally changed its approach to acquisitions, co-operated fully with the commission and terminated those involved in misconduct".

While it has a primary listing in London, WPP's American depositary shares are traded in New York.

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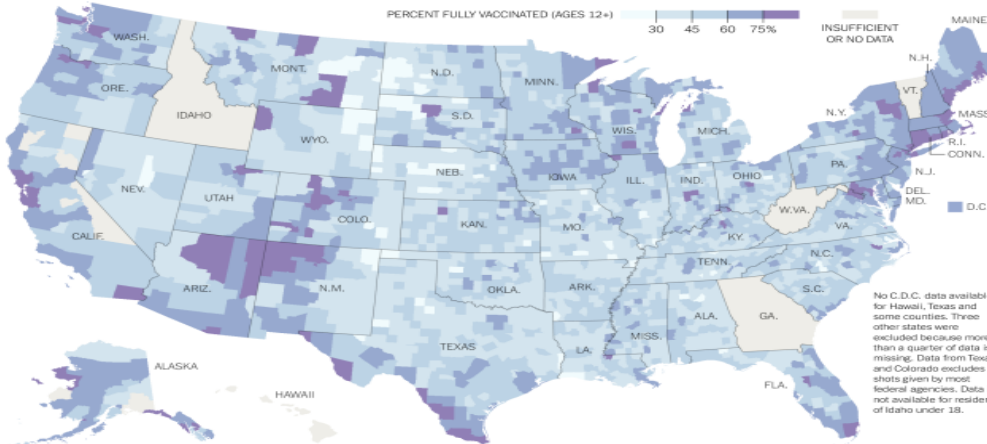
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STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				INTEREST RATES					
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Nasdaq Composite	15068.50	15062.24	-0.29	\$ per €	1.375	1.375	€ per \$	1.170	1.170	UK Gov 10 yr	0.83	0.02	
Dow Jones Ind	34764.84	34764.02	-0.09	£ per €	0.855	0.855	¥ per \$	129.403	129.403	Ger Gov 10 yr	-0.23	0.00	
FTSEurofirst 300	1787.06	1803.08	-0.89	¥ per \$	110.135	110.135	\$ index	81.000	81.267	Jpn Gov 10 yr	115.84	0.05	0.02
S&P 500 VIX	4156.48	4194.92	-0.92	SFr per \$	151.376	151.376	Sfr per £	1.288	1.288	US Gov 30 yr	115.97	1.98	0.06
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Xetra Dax	15531.75	15643.97	-0.72										
Nikkei	32246.81	29639.40	2.36										
Hong Kong	24162.18	24619.99	-1.39										
MSCI World \$	3106.42	3074.35	1.04	Oil WTI \$	73.92	73.30	0.85						
MSCI EM \$	1272.52	1282.29	-0.77	Oil Brent \$	77.93	77.25	0.88						
MSCI ACWI \$	731.56	724.24	1.01	Gold \$	1799.00	1773.40	-1.32						
COMMODITIES													
	Sep 24	prev	%chg		Sep 24	prev	%chg		Sep 24	prev	price	yield	chg
Fed Funds Eff											0.09	0.10	-0.02
US 3m Bill											0.03	0.00	0.00
US 6m Bill											-0.56	-0.56	0.00
UK 3m Intst											0.06	0.07	0.00
Prices are latest for oil and gold. Data provided by Bloomberg.													

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Vaccinations Still Lag in Many U.S. Counties

More than 64 percent of Americans ages 12 and older are fully vaccinated against Covid-19. But rates are well below that in many parts of the country, as the government prepares to roll out booster shots for some.



Sources: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Texas Department of State Health Services; Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment; Massachusetts Department of Public Health; U.S. Census Bureau

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HUAWEI OFFICIAL IS FREED IN DEAL

Breakthrough That Eases
Tensions With China

This article is by David E. Sanger,
Dan Bilefsky and Katie Benner.

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department reached an agreement on Friday clearing the way for a senior executive of Huawei Technologies, the Chinese telecommunications giant, to return to China after admitting some wrongdoing in a sanctions violation case, removing one major irritant between the two superpowers.

Within hours, China reciprocated, releasing two Canadians whom it had held since shortly after the executive, Meng Wanzhou, was detained, and who had appeared to be jailed as hostages to the resolution of Ms. Meng's case.

The resolution of the criminal charges against Ms. Meng, the daughter of Huawei's founder, came in the midst of a downward spiral in military, technological and trade competition between Washington and Beijing.

In China, Ms. Meng is considered a member of the new Chinese royalty — technology executives who have used their power to expand China's influence across the globe. In Washington, she became a symbol of the Cold War-like atmosphere in relations between Beijing and Washington — and the near simultaneous releases also had echoes of that era.

The end of the three-year-old case suggested that the Biden administration and the government

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Want to Live by the Water? You'll Pay Even More.

By CHRISTOPHER FLAVELLE

Florida's version of the American dream, which holds that even people of relatively modest means can aspire to live near the water, depends on a few crucial components: sugar white beaches, soft ocean breezes and federal flood insurance that is heavily subsidized.

But starting Oct. 1, communities in Florida and elsewhere around the country will see those subsidies begin to disappear in a nationwide experiment in trying to adapt to climate change: Forcing Americans to pay something closer to the real cost of their flood risk, which is rising as the planet warms.

While the program also covers homes around the country, the

Flood Insurance Rates
Set to Rise Sharply
as Subsidies Fade

pain will be most acutely felt in coastal communities. For the first time, the new rates will also take into account the size of a home, so that large houses by the ocean could see an especially big jump in rates.

Federal officials say the goal is fairness — and also getting homeowners to understand the extent of the risk they face, and perhaps move to safer ground, reducing the human and financial toll of disasters.

"Subsidized insurance has been

critical for supporting coastal real estate markets," said Benjamin Keys, a professor at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School. Removing that subsidy, he said, is likely to affect where Americans build houses and how much people will pay for them. "It's going to require a major rethink about coastal living."

The government's new approach threatens home values, perhaps nowhere as intensely as Florida, a state particularly exposed to rising seas and worsening hurricanes. In some parts of the state, the cost of flood insurance will eventually increase tenfold, according to data obtained by The New York Times.

For example, Jennifer Zales, a real estate agent who lives in

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BEACHFRONT HOMES IN ANNA MARIA, FLA., WHERE RESIDENTS FACE STEEP INCREASES IN FLOOD INSURANCE.

Beachfront homes in Anna Maria, Fla., where residents face steep increases in flood insurance.

Security Firm Secretly Tracked and Recorded Spears for Years

By LIZ DAY
and SAMANTHA STARK

Britney Spears's father and the security firm he hired to protect her ran an intense surveillance apparatus that monitored her communications and secretly captured audio recordings from her bedroom, including her interactions and conversations with her boyfriend and children, according to a former employee of the security firm.

Alex Vlasov, the employee, supported his claims with emails, text messages and audio recordings he was privy to in his nine years as an executive assistant and operations and cybersecurity manager for Black Box, the security firm. He came forward for a new documentary by The New York Times, "Controlling Britney Spears," which was released on Friday.

Recording conversations in a private place and mirroring text messages without the consent of both parties can be a violation of

Even Bedroom Is Said
to Have Been Bugged

the law. It is unclear if the court overseeing Ms. Spears's conservatorship was aware of or had approved the surveillance.

Mr. Vlasov's account, and his trove of materials, create the most detailed portrait yet of what Ms. Spears's life has been like under

the conservatorship for the past 13 years. Mr. Vlasov said the relentless surveillance operation helped several people linked to the conservatorship — primarily her father, James P. Spears — control nearly every aspect of her life. "It really reminded me of somebody that was in prison," said Mr. Vlasov, 30. "And security was put in a position to be the prison guards essentially."

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States Rush to Roll Out Booster Shot Programs For Eligible Americans

Health Officials Trying to Make Sense of
Guidelines on Extra Pfizer Dose

This article is by Noah Weiland,
Reed Abelson and Jan Hoffman.

WASHINGTON — State health officials rushed on Friday to roll out campaigns to provide coronavirus booster shots for millions of vulnerable people who got the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine and to help a confused public understand who qualifies for the extra shots.

Among their challenges: making sure that recipients of the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines know that they are not yet eligible for boosters, reaching isolated elderly people and informing younger adults with medical conditions or jobs that place them at higher risk that they might be eligible under the broad federal rules.

"Those of us overseeing vaccine rollouts don't have a clear idea of what to do," said Dr. Clay Marshall, West Virginia's Covid-19 czar.

In his state, pharmacies sent staff members into the largest nursing homes on Friday to administer booster doses. In Vermont, health officials opened booster shot appointments to people 80 and older on Friday, and said many other eligible people could get them starting next week. But the state said it was waiting for clarity from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on which workers and medical conditions would qualify.

In virus-battered North Dakota, officials struggling to make sense of the federal guidance delayed a broad booster rollout until next week, with a focus on reaching elderly residents and those in long-term care settings, said Kylie Hall, an adviser to the state's Health Department.

Across the country, vaccine providers are facing the reality that many more people became eligible for boosters after Dr. Rochelle P. Walensky, the C.D.C. director, overruled her expert committee early Friday. She said people at greater risk of exposure to the virus "because of occupational or institutional setting" would qualify, opening up boosters to millions of people her advisory committee had left out.

People 65 and older and residents of long-term care facilities and adults who have certain medical conditions also qualify for the boosters.

After Dr. Walensky's announcement, President Biden said 20 million people could get boosters immediately because they had gotten their second Pfizer-BioNTech shot at least six months ago. In all, he said, 60 million people will be eligible for a Pfizer-BioNTech booster over the coming months.

If you got the Pfizer vaccine in January, February, March of this year and you're over 65 years of age

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AHEAD OF EXPERTS President Biden's prediction of booster shots for all did not sit well with some scientists who advise him. PAGE A11

Delta Outbreak Tests Economy, And It's Passing

By BEN CASSELMAN

The spread of the Delta variant has delayed office reopenings, disrupted the start of school and generally dashed hopes for a return to normal after Labor Day. But it has not pushed the U.S. economic recovery into reverse.

Now that recovery faces a new test: the removal of much of the aid that has helped keep households and businesses afloat for the past year and a half.

The Paycheck Protection Program, which distributed hundreds of billions of dollars in grants and loans to thousands of small businesses, concluded last spring. A federal eviction moratorium ended last month after the Supreme Court blocked the Biden administration's last-minute effort to extend it. Most recently, an estimated 7.5 million people lost unemployment benefits when programs that expanded the system during the pandemic were allowed to lapse.

Next up: the Federal Reserve, which on Wednesday indicated it could start pulling back its stimulus efforts as early as November.

The one-two punch of a resurgent pandemic and waning aid has led Wall Street forecasters, who were once rosy about the economy's prospects this fall and winter, to turn increasingly gloom. Goldman Sachs said this month that it expected third-quarter data to show a decline in consumer spending, the linchpin of the recovery for the past year. Many economists expect jobs numbers for September to show a second straight month of anemic growth.

Yet economists also see important sources of strength that could

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A Maricopa County ballot.

Arizona Review Confirms Biden Had Most Votes

This article is by Jack Healy,
Michael Wines and Nick Corasaniti.

PHOENIX — After months of delays and blistering criticism, a review of the 2020 election in Arizona, the only county ordered up and financed by Republicans, has failed to show that former President Donald J. Trump was cheated of victory.

Mr. Biden won Arizona by roughly 10,500 votes, making his victory of about 45,000 votes in Maricopa County crucial to his win. Under intense pressure from

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Ingenuous recipes that can help you whip up a delicious meal (not just sandwiches!) in less than 30 minutes.



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Holding migrant policy at arm's length

Biden, Harris criticize border tactics used on Haitians yet focus on deterrence, some say.

BY NOAH BIERMAN
AND JANET HOOK

WASHINGTON — President Biden on Friday attempted to simultaneously disavow and accept responsibility for one of the ugliest images of his presidency — desperate Haitians getting wrangled by Border Patrol agents on horseback.

“It’s beyond an embarrassment. ... It’s simply not who we are,” Biden said, promising the agents will “pay” for their actions.

Vice President Kamala Harris echoed that assessment Friday, likening the agents’ tactics to those used “against African Americans during times of slavery.”

Biden and Harris are attempting a difficult political feat: criticizing the actions of their own administration. The problem for Biden and Harris is that the methods used by the Border Patrol agents, though potentially improper, stem at least in part from the administration’s decisions to pursue a policy of deterrence, according to immigration experts and advocates.

“They are distancing from the tactic, but they’re doubling down on the policy,” said Theresa Cardinal Brown, director of immigration and cross-border policy at the Bipartisan Policy Center.

Biden campaigned as a president who would reverse President Trump’s harsh immigration policies and restore what he called a humane system. But like President Obama before him, he has not hesitated to send migrants to their countries of origin, including thousands of Haitians in Del Rio, Texas, fearing the political consequences of appearing too lenient and encouraging even more desperate people to seek refuge in the U.S.

But now, Biden has come under greater pressure to erase the memories of Trump.

“Obama had kids in the case. Trump had the separation of kids from their families, and the Biden administration now has Border Patrol on horseback,” Brown said. “And the outcry to all of those made the administration backtrack, at least on [See Immigration, A6]



A WATER TRUCK sprays the ruins of Greenville, Calif., which was burned by the Dixie fire. An estimated 1 in 3 houses in the country is now situated in wildfire-prone landscapes, a fire policy expert says.

An escalating risk in the wildland-urban interface

State plan to build campsites in fire-prone areas infuriates residents

BY HAILEY BRANSON-POTTS

The Auburn State Recreation Area occupies 40 miles of steep river canyons and rugged terrain in drought-stricken El Dorado and Placer counties.

The counties, which stretch from the Sacramento suburbs into the Sierra, are two of the fastest growing in California, experiencing a population boom that was hastened during the COVID-19 pandemic by urban expats fleeing expensive cities with a

newfound ability to work remotely. They are also two of the places in California that burn the most.

The wildland-urban interface — where human development intermingles with wild places such as forests, grasslands and scrublands — is the fastest-growing land-use type in the United States.

An estimated 1 in 3 houses in the country is now situated in these wildfire-prone landscapes, and now half the population in the West live there, said Kimiko Barrett, a wildfire policy expert at Headwaters Economics, a

nonprofit research group that focuses on land use and development. From 2005 to 2020, nearly 60,000 structures were destroyed by wildfires in California — comprising 67% of the 89,210 structures to burn in the entire U.S. during that time, according to Headwaters Economics.

“We continue to move to these locations,” Barrett said. “We think, ‘It’s not going to happen to me.’ We forget past wildfires. ... It’s a myopic outlook, thinking risk is far off in the future.”

[See Interface, A8]

Amid closures, hikers lose footing

Long-planned trips and daily jaunts go nowhere when fire threat puts forests off-limits.

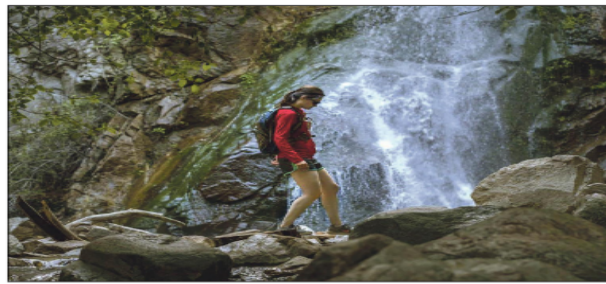
BY LILA SEIDMAN

R.J. Soria was packing food to take on the 195-mile Sierra High Route when the news came in late August.

California’s 18 national forests were shutting down as wildfires raged across the northern part of the state.

The same thing happened to him a year ago, as he neared the end of a meticulous process planning for a long trek in which an error could be life-threatening.

“It’s kind of a nightmare, where you have this goal, and it’s an awe- [See Forests, A8]



A HIKER in Angeles National Forest, one of several closed in late August as firefighters battled multiple blazes around the state.

CHARGES FOR PG&E: The utility faces felony counts tied to the deadly 2020 Zogg fire. CALIFORNIA, B1

MAYOR’S RACE SHIFTS INTO FOCUS

A growing field takes shape in bid to lead a Los Angeles facing a range of problems.

BY DAVID ZAHNISER,
DAKOTA SMITH
AND BENJAMIN ORESKES

For much of the past year, the contest to become Los Angeles’ next mayor has been a sleepy affair, barely registering with voters and drowned out by a quixotic statewide recall election.

All that changed this week, with a succession of candidates revealing — either directly or through surrogates — that they were joining the increasingly crowded race to replace Mayor Eric Garcetti. The most prominent name yet is U.S. Rep. Karen Bass (D-Los Angeles), whose supporters confirmed Friday that she intends to run for the office.

Voters now have a much clearer picture of next year’s contest to replace Garcetti, who faces term limits. And the candidates will soon need to explain in detail how they will confront the many problems facing the city, including a homelessness crisis that overshadows nearly every other issue.

Over the next eight months, the candidates will have to reveal their views on how large the Los Angeles Police Department should be, and whether its responsibilities should be scaled back to reduce the potential for deadly interactions with the public; how to make housing more affordable, as rents and home prices soar skyward; and what solutions will, once and for all, get people off of the streets.

Voters could select a mayor who pulls the city already dominated by Democrats — politically further to the left. Or they could choose someone closer to the center.

Los Angeles has not had a wide-open mayoral election since 2013, when Garcetti, then a councilman, prevailed over then-City Controller Wendy Greuel. The city has changed politi- [See Mayor, A6]

Rep. Karen Bass plans to enter race
Sources say Democratic congresswoman who represents L.A. will join contest. CALIFORNIA, B1

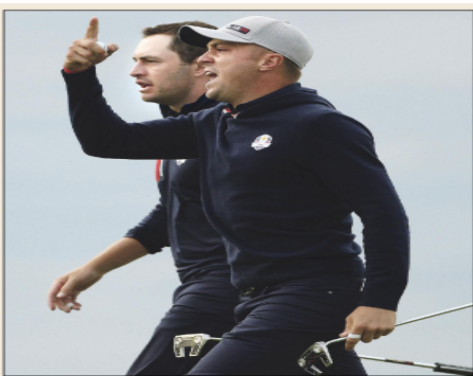
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President touts booster shots
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IT’S A RYDER CUP ROMP

Justin Thomas, right, and Patrick Cantlay of Team USA are fired up during a 6-2 win on the first day of the Ryder Cup in Sheboygan, Wis. SPORTS, D1

USC probe: Song Girls coach created a toxic environment

BY RYAN KARTJE

The USC Title IX office found “sufficient evidence” longtime Song Girls coach Lori Nelson body shamed, harassed and retaliated against several former spirit squad members from 2016 until her resignation in 2020, creating an environment within the program investigators deemed “hostile and unhealthy.”

In a letter from USC’s Office of Equity, Equal Opportunity and Title IX that was obtained by The Times, USC vice president and Title IX coordinator Catherine Spear concluded Nelson was responsible for violating university policies regarding harassment and retaliation in her capacity as coach of the Song Girls.

Investigators also explored allegations of dis-

crimination within the program based on race and gender but found insufficient evidence to support the claims.

Nelson, who spent more than 30 years atop the Song Girls program, will face no consequences for being found in violation of university policies regarding harassment and retaliation. The university, Spear wrote, was “limited in its ability to impose a sanction” against Nelson since the coach resigned from her position in late October, the same day she was notified of the Title IX investigation into her conduct.

Nelson’s attorney said the former Song Girls coach plans to appeal the university’s findings on claims of harassment and retaliation.

“Ms. Nelson is pleased to have been completely exonerated on all accusations of

discrimination based on race, appearance or any other factor,” Ryan Saba, Nelson’s attorney, said in a statement. “As for the harassment and retaliation claims, the evidence did not support the conclusion because the complaining parties did not make these allegations against Ms. Nelson until after they were cut from the team by a panel of judges that did not include Ms. Nelson. The overwhelming statements of the auditors, judges and other witnesses refuted these outlier allegations of wrongdoing.”

USC released a statement highlighting changes it plans to make to the program after completing the investigation, vowing to provide an inclusive and welcoming environment for students.

“Many current and for- [See Song Girls, A7]

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The bleak climate future has arrived in South America

BY DIEGO LAJE, ANTHONY FAIOLA AND ANA VANESSA HERRERO IN BUENOS AIRES

Sergio Koci's sunflower farm in the lowlands of northern Argentina has survived decades of political upheaval, runaway inflation and the coronavirus outbreak. But as a series of historic droughts deadens vast expanses of South America, he fears a worsening water crisis could do what other calamities couldn't — bust his third-generation agribusiness.

"When you have one bad year, you can face it," Koci said. Some of his 20,000 acres rest near the mighty Paraná River, where water levels have reached lows not seen since 1944. On the back of two years of drought-related crop losses, he said, the continuing dryness is now set to

A dry arm of the Paraná River near Rosario, Argentina, last month. Water levels in the river have reached lows not seen for nearly 80 years.

reduce his sunflower yields this year by 65 percent.

"When you have three bad years, you don't know if there will even be another year," he said.

From the frigid peaks of Patagonia to the tropical wetlands of Brazil, worsening droughts this year are slamming farmers, shutting down ski slopes, upending transit and spiking prices for

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Ariz. ballot report affirms Biden win and lack of fraud

FINDING IS BLOW TO TRUMP'S EFFORTS

Experts denounce GOP-led audit as biased, sloppy

BY ROSALIND S. HELDERMAN

A Republican-commissioned review of nearly 2.1 million ballots cast last year in Arizona confirmed the accuracy of the official results and President Biden's win in Maricopa County, according to a final report released Friday, striking a blow to former president Donald Trump's efforts to undermine confidence in the 2020 election.

The report, which was prepared by private contractors and submitted to Republican leaders of the state Senate, went even further than an earlier draft that confirmed Biden's victory.

In a letter describing the findings, Senate President Karen Fann (R) — who commissioned the process — stressed the importance of the ballot count showing Biden's winning margin and not

ed that it "matches Maricopa County's official machine count."

"This is the most important and encouraging finding of the audit," she wrote, adding: "This finding therefore addresses the sharpest concerns about the integrity of the certified results in the 2020 general election."

The final report echoed that in a passage that had not appeared in the earlier draft, emphasizing the finding over other sections of the report that suggested some ballots could have been improperly counted.

"The paper ballots are the best evidence of voter intent and there is no reliable evidence that the paper ballots were altered to any material degree," the report stated.

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Jan. 6: Biden is likely to disclose information on attack, Trump. A5

D.C. officer charged with murder in fatal pursuit

Indictment also alleges conspiracy, obstruction in death of moped rider

BY PETER HERMANN AND SPENCER S. HSU

A D.C. police officer was indicted Friday on a murder charge accusing him of leading an improper pursuit that resulted in the death of a young man in a moped crash, and conspiring with his supervisor to cover up the chase and the severity of the victim's injuries.

Officer Terence Sutton and others pursued 20-year-old Aaron Hylton the night of Oct. 23, 2020,

police said, after they spotted him riding a moped on a sidewalk and without a helmet along Kennedy Street in Northwest Washington. Hylton was struck by a van after he sped out of an alley, with Sutton's vehicle speeding up and closing in behind him, prosecutors said.

Sutton, 37, a 12-year veteran of the force who was working on a crime suppression detail, and his supervisor, Lt. Andrew Zabavsky, 53, also were charged with conspiracy and obstruction of justice. Police said they surrendered to federal authorities Friday morning.

The death of Hylton, which came amid a nationwide movement for police reform, had rolled his Brightwood Park neighborhood.

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Biden win on booster shots may come with a cost

BY LAURIE MCGINLEY AND LENA H. SUN

After a month of dramatic twists and turns more suited to a soap opera than a staid federal health bureaucracy, the White House this week got much of what it hoped for: access to Pfizer-BioNTech coronavirus booster shots for most adults at least six months after completing the standard two-dose regimen.

Critics say messy decision process could harm efforts aimed at the unvaccinated

But the messy process leading to this moment sparked massive confusion about the booster program, critics say, and may distract from efforts to get first shots

to the unvaccinated.

In a statement issued just before midnight Thursday, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommended extra shots for everyone 65 and older as well as those 50 and older with underlying medical conditions such as diabetes. It also said extra shots may be considered for younger people with medical conditions and for those whose jobs or living situations are put-

ting them at risk for serious cases of covid-19, the illness caused by the coronavirus.

But the reality of who will have access to third shots, experts said, is much starker: Most adults who want a Pfizer-BioNTech booster will be able to get one simply by saying they are in one

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Classes: Northern Virginia schools adopt dynamic virus protocols. B1

Facebook hopes buzzy tech will rehab tarnished image

'Metaverse' focus has business, political goals beyond social media

BY ELIZABETH DWOSKIN, CAT ZAKRZEWSKI AND NICK MIROFF

This summer, executives at Facebook confronted a daunting task. Years of controversy over its role in spreading misinformation, abusing privacy, crushing competition and undermining democracy had left the Facebook brand a shambles. The company needed a new identity.

Thus began Facebook's push for the "metaverse," a virtual world made possible by what it hoped would be exciting new hardware. In the metaverse, according to Facebook chief executive Mark

Zuckerberg, people could play games, exchange cryptocurrency payments, attend meetings — and, perhaps most importantly, see Facebook as cool again.

In recent weeks, Facebook has unveiled ambitious plans to pitch its virtual reality headsets as tools for remote work for professionals and launched a collection of smart glasses in collaboration with Ray-Ban, an icon of American hipness. Part of the Facebook campaign to rebrand itself as a purveyor of gee-whiz technology: nascent plans to build a medical device, according to two people familiar with the company's plans who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss private matters.

Facebook's buzzy hardware push is not just a PR stunt, it's an elaborate effort by Zuckerberg to transform the company into a passion project that exists far from the controversies of social media.

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Huawei executive strikes deal, heads home to China

Meng Wanzhou, shown Friday in Vancouver, B.C., had been detained in Canada since 2018. As part of the U.S. deal, she acknowledged helping Huawei conceal dealings in Iran. Story, A20

Angst, derision in D.C. as new area code moves into famed 202

BY PAUL SCHWARTZMAN

The plethora of timeless symbols that define Washington include the White House, the Lincoln Memorial and a venerable area code that evokes power and prestige: 202 — the digital entryway to the nation's capital.

For now. After 74 years, a city accustomed to all manner of change — new presidents, new senators, new restaurants, new neighborhoods — will face another shift: a second area code.

Alongside 202, later this fall there will be 771 — sandwiched between 770 (in the Atlanta suburbs) and 772 (in east central Florida).

Not everyone is adjusting to the looming change with ease.

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Tinelli quiere volver a San Lorenzo, pero genera rechazos

La crisis en el Ciclón no solo es deportiva, sino también política; el conductor de TV pidió licencias en momentos calientes, lo cuestionan otros dirigentes y lo reprueban los hinchas. **Deportes**



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Corte: Lorenzetti cuestionó la elección de Rosatti por irregular y crece la interna

DISPUTA. Difundió un correo que envió a los otros jueces del tribunal, en el que señala que es poco ético votarse a sí mismo y que esa actitud "afecta el prestigio de la institución"

Con un mensaje que desnuda las tensiones en la Corte, el juez Ricardo Lorenzetti criticó la forma en que se eligió a Horacio Rosatti como presidente del máximo tribunal de Justicia. Calificó su designación de "irregular" y dijo que es "poco ético" votarse a sí mismo, como sucedió anteayer.

A través de un explosivo correo electrónico, Lorenzetti cuestionó a Rosatti y comparó su caso con el de Julio Nazareno, juez supremo durante la presidencia de Carlos Menem. "Repite lo ocurrido con algunos de los jueces de aquella composición del tribunal, moral y jurídicamente descalificados",

señaló el expresidente de la Corte en el mail que les envió a sus colegas Carlos Rosenkrantz, Juan Carlos Maqueda y Elena Highton de Nolasco.

Rosatti fue elegido el jueves pasado como presidente del tribunal con los votos de Maqueda, Rosenkrantz y el propio. **Página 22**

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Derrotado, rompió todos los puentes

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Modificará el kirchnerismo dos proyectos claves de Guzmán

TENSIÓN. Habrá cambios en el presupuesto y en la ley de hidrocarburos, que tenían aval presidencial

Como parte de la interna que se agudizó tras la derrota electoral, el kirchnerismo prevé modificar en el Congreso los proyectos de presupuesto y de la nueva ley de hidrocarburos, impulsados por Alberto Fernández y el ministro de Economía, Martín Guzmán. En paralelo, el Gobierno anunció la quita de retenciones a la exportación de servicios. **Página 12**

Evacuados y vuelos cancelados por el volcán en La Palma

—el mundo

El volcán Cumbre Vieja volvió a entrar en fase explosiva y provocó la cancelación de los primeros vuelos hacia la isla de La Palma; las autoridades ordenaron nuevas evacuaciones en tres pueblos

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Seis días después de la erupción, el volcán volvió a entrar ayer en fase explosiva

CARLOS DE SAÁ/EFE

Sin cuarentena para los que regresen vacunados al país

COVID-19. El Gobierno flexibiliza restricciones

Desde ayer, los argentinos y los extranjeros que tienen permiso de ingreso en el país no deben hacer cuarentena si llegan con el esquema completo de vacunación contra el coronavirus.

Deberán presentar PCR negativo, hecho hasta 72 horas antes de viajar, y tendrán que hisoparse al llegar y entre el quinto y el séptimo día de permanencia en la Argentina. **Página 32**

La era Merkel. Llegó a la cima del poder y nunca se mareó

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Luiza Corradini
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BERLÍN.— "Finalmente, más que cualquier otra cosa, Angela adoró la armonía", decía su padre, un

pastor luterano. De ahí la manera de evitar el conflicto y una relativa indiferencia a las ofensas de Angela Merkel, la mujer que se apresta a dejar el poder para entrar en la historia. **Continúa en la página 8**

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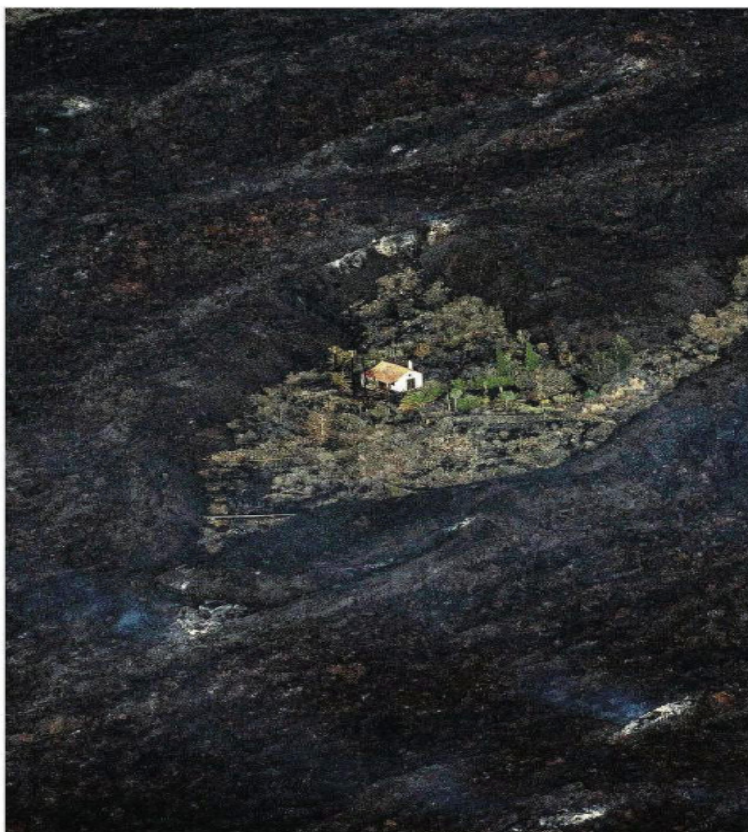
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ERUPÇÃO DE VULCÃO SE INTENSIFICA NAS CANÁRIAS

Casa fica isolada em área devastada pelo vulcão Cumbre Vieja, em La Palma; explosões mais intensas forçaram autoridades a esvaziar mais três cidades da ilha espanhola nesta sexta

Inflação dos mais ricos deve subir com volta dos serviços

A inflação deve ganhar força, até o fim do ano, entre os brasileiros mais ricos, dizem analistas. A retomada do setor de serviços, como bares, restaurantes e hotéis, tende a pesar na cesta de consumo das famílias de maior renda por causa da demanda mais aquecida, embalada pela vacinação.

A preocupação com a pressão inflacionária aumentou diante do IPCA-15 (Índice Nacional de Preços ao Consumidor Amplo 15) de setembro —1,14%, maior alta para o mês desde o início do Plano Real, em 1994. A prévia da inflação chegou a 10,05% no acumulado de 12 meses. Mercado A25 e A27

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Homem foi levado para delegacia sob suspeita de ter insultado Alexandre de Moraes no Clube Pinheiros. O acusado nega. A12

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Mulher apelidada de "Abelha Rainha" foi detida. Segunda a polícia, ela fornecia drogas no centro de SP havia cerca de 20 anos. B4

Edital é aprovado, e leilão do 5G será em novembro

Após 15 meses, a Anatel aprovou as regras do edital do leilão do 5G, que ocorrerá em 4 de novembro e deve atrair investimentos de cerca de R\$ 4,6 bilhões em três décadas. A decisão marca a entrada do Brasil no grupo dos poucos países que ingressaram na tecnologia. Mercado A31

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Prédio enorme gera debate sobre limites da cidade

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91% apoiam máscara, e 80% veem Covid domada

Em dois meses, parcela para a qual pandemia está sob controle parcial ou total salta 22 pontos, diz Datafolha

O número de brasileiros que avaliam estar a pandemia controlada —e não desenfreada— saltou 22 pontos desde julho e atingiu seu maior nível desde a chegada da Covid, alcançando 80%, mostra pesquisa Datafolha.

Para 71%, há controle parcial, e para 9%, total. Veem descontrole 20%, ante 41% em julho e 79% em março.

Mesmo com maior sensação de segurança e o avanço da imunização (68% da população iniciou o esquema vacinal e 40% o concluiu), 91% apoiam uso obrigatório de máscara até que a doença esteja domada, apesar do discurso em contrário do presidente Jair Bolsonaro.

Com a vacinação, caiu a média móvel de mortes decorrentes da doença, que superara 3.000 em abril. Mas ela ainda é alta: 565.

Foram ouvidas 3.667 pessoas acima de 16 anos pelo país nos dias 13, 14 e 15. A margem de erro é de dois pontos percentuais. Saúde B1

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Contra Doria, Alckmin forma frente para 2022

Considerado fora do PSDB na prática, Geraldo Alckmin formou ao redor da sua candidatura ao governo paulista uma frente de políticos que o apoiam e que, como ele, hoje estão em campo oposto ao de João Doria (PSDB) —que terá o vice, Rodrigo Garcia (PSDB), como candidato.

O grupo de oposição une Márcio França (PSB), Gilberto Kassab (PSD) e Paulo Skaf (MDB). Poder A4 e A6

Cai confiança nos três Poderes e nas instituições

Sob tensão política, pandemia e ataques do Executivo ao Judiciário e ao Legislativo, caiu a confiança nas instituições, indica o Datafolha. Pesquisa mostra que, em relação ao último levantamento, de julho de 2019, mais brasileiros desconfiam dos Poderes e de outros entes, como o Ministério Público. A Presidência registrou o maior salto de desconfiança: foi de 31% a 50%. Poder A10

Bolsonaro agora apoia urna digital com assessoria militar

Jair Bolsonaro disse à Veja que "a chance de um golpe é zero" e afirmou não ter por que duvidar do voto eletrônico com as Forças Armadas incluídas no processo. Poder A6

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Suman 11 las instituciones que solicitaron aumentos presupuestarios a la Comisión Bicameral de Presupuesto. RREE quiere USD 1,4 millones más para recategorizaciones.

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Angela Merkel se prépare à quitter
le pouvoir après seize ans à la tête
de l'Allemagne. Le social-démocrate
Olaf Scholz et le conservateur
Armin Laschet sont au coude-à-coude
pour lui succéder à la veille du scrutin.

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Un scrutin incertain jusqu'au bout pour succéder à la chancelière

Les législatives de dimanche devraient être les plus incertaines qu'a jamais connues la République fédérale. Les sociaux-démocrates et les conservateurs se disputent une victoire qui s'annonce étiquée. Avec 25 % d'intentions de vote, l'avance du SPD sur la CDU se réduisait à 2 points.

Macron veut devenir l'homme fort du couple franco-allemand

Avec le départ de la chancelière Angela Merkel, le centre de gravité du couple franco-allemand se déplace du côté de l'Élysée. De quoi mettre Emmanuel Macron en position de force à la veille de la présidence française de l'Union européenne.

D'Angela Merkel à « Mutti », seize ans de pragmatisme

La chancelière, qui n'a pas mené de grandes réformes, a habilement géré l'héritage de Gerhard Schröder. Sa rationalité froide, son pragmatisme et son sens du compromis lui ont permis d'affronter les crises en série qui ont marqué ses quatre mandats à la tête de l'Allemagne.

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Sagesse allemande

L'Allemagne redoutait un crépuscule sans fin, comme celui de ses deux modèles en politique, Konrad Adenauer et Helmut Kohl. Angela Merkel avait-elle fait comme eux le mandat de trop ? Fragilisée un temps, elle a été revigorée en fin de règne par sa gestion de la crise du Covid. Sa popularité est au zénith après seize ans de pouvoir, une anomalie politique au XXI^e siècle ! Et le principal enjeu des législatives de dimanche est de savoir lequel des deux candidats incarne le mieux son héritage : son dauphin, le conservateur Armin Laschet - aussi peu charismatique que la chancelière - ou le social-démocrate Olaf Scholz, qui pousse l'hommage jusqu'à singer sa gestuelle. L'appropriation de la succession de Merkel mérite-t-elle un combat si féroce ? Gestionnaire pragmatique, elle n'a pas mené de grandes transformations. Elle a habilement capitalisé sur les réformes libérales de Gerhard Schröder, qui a remis l'économie allemande sur une trajectoire vertueuse. Merkel a érigé l'art du consensus - parfois stérile - en vertu cardinale. Elle a chassé sur les terres électorales de la gauche et des écologistes,

pour mieux les neutraliser, au risque de brouiller parfois le paysage politique et de faire monter les extrêmes.

Elle reste la chancelière de la porte ouverte aux vagues de migrants, celle qui provoqua ainsi le retour de l'extrême droite au Bundestag. La crise de l'euro, dont elle est sortie renforcée, aura marqué le retour d'un « égoïsme allemand ». Souvent, son projet pour une Europe secouée par les crises et confrontée au double défi stratégique du retrait américain et de la montée en puissance de la Chine s'est résumé à une vision comptable... Elle est allergique aux grands discours et aux grandes visions. Mais « Mutti » (maman) a aussi su rassurer et protéger, apporter la stabilité et apaiser un peuple qui a dû digérer en quelques années la réunification, l'abandon du Deutsche Mark au profit de l'euro (Kohl) et les réformes libérales (Schröder). Parfois jugée trop prudente, la scientifique venue de l'Est a su incarner une forme de « sagesse allemande ». ■

Qui incarnera le mieux l'héritage de Merkel ?

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Ministers to agree visas for foreign lorry drivers in Brexit U-turn

Rowena Mason and Rob Davies

Ministers are poised to agree an extraordinary post-Brexit U-turn that would mean foreign lorry drivers being allowed back into Britain to stave off shortages threatening fuel and food supplies.

Boris Johnson ordered a rapid fix

yesterday to prevent the crisis escalating. Ministers met in an attempt to agree a short-term visa scheme permitting potentially thousands more lorry drivers to come to Britain.

The prime minister is understood to have weighed in to demand a compromise from his warring cabinet, which was split over the issue, following scenes of chaotic queues at some petrol stations and warnings

from suppliers that the shortage of fuel could worsen. Last night, forecourt operator EG Group said it would introduce a limit of £30 worth of fuel per customer.

The need for up to 100,000 HGV drivers - with gaps made worse by the pandemic and Brexit - has also affected the food sector and other industries. The British Retail Consortium warned yesterday that

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significant disruption to Christmas was "inevitable" unless the problem was contained in the next 10 days.

The prime minister and his cabinet have publicly played down the extent of the problem. A senior government source said some ministers appeared keen to avoid the perception that Brexit was to blame, accounting for the reluctance to relax immigration rules. 4 →

Vigil in memory of Sabina Nessa

Hundreds gathered last night in south-east London to mourn the death of the 28-year-old teacher. Detectives are urgently seeking a man seen in CCTV images near where her body was found Page 18 →



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