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◆ **GM told investors** it aims to more than double revenue by 2030 with an influx of new battery-electric models and auto-related services. **B1**

◆ **IAC reached** a roughly \$2.7 billion deal to buy magazine publisher Meredith, in a bet on online publishing. **B1**

◆ **U.S. stocks rose**, erasing early losses, with the S&P 500, Dow and Nasdaq gaining 0.4%, 0.3% and 0.5%, respectively. **B1**

◆ **Twitch, the online** videogame streaming platform owned by Amazon, said it suffered a data breach, with information leaked on the online chat forum 4chan. **B1**

◆ **Putin said** Moscow was ready to work on stabilizing the energy market, causing a sudden reversal in natural-gas prices, which had earlier soared to record levels. **B1**

◆ **Boeing's Starliner** won't get to attempt launch again this year, NASA officials said, and two astronauts who were meant to fly on it were reassigned to a future mission using a SpaceX ship. **B3**

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◆ **Senate Democrats** were poised to accept a GOP proposal to defer the show-down over the nation's borrowing limit until later this year, lawmakers said, as administration officials and corporate executives issued dire warnings about the dangers of a possible government default. **A1**

◆ **A federal judge** blocked enforcement of a Texas ban on abortions after six weeks of pregnancy, a legal blow against a novel law that has severely limited the procedure statewide. **A3**

◆ **The WHO recommended** the widespread deployment of the world's first malaria vaccine, made by Glaxo-SmithKline, to young children in sub-Saharan Africa and other at-risk regions. **A6**

◆ **Iran's rapidly** developing ability to build and deploy armed drones is changing the security equation in the Middle East, defense officials say. **A9**

◆ **The Supreme Court** heard the government's plea to block CIA contractors from testifying regarding the brutal interrogation program they oversaw at a "black site" in Poland. **A4**

◆ **Biden's nominee** to lead the Justice Department's antitrust division, Jonathan Kanter, sailed through his Senate confirmation hearing with bipartisan support. **A4**

◆ **U.K. leader Johnson** said he would press ahead with his government's pledge to end the influx of low-paid migrant workers despite the country's labor shortages. **A8**

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Prospect of Passports Draws Crowds in Afghanistan



CLAMOR: Afghans gather outside the passport office in Kabul on Wednesday in the wake of an announcement by Taliban officials that the country would start issuing the travel documents again. Separately, a previously unreported Central Intelligence Agency back door to the Kabul airport became a conduit for efforts to help vulnerable Afghans escape in August. **A6**

Facebook Slows New Products Amid 'Reputational Reviews'

By EMILY GLAZER
AND DEEPA SEETHARAMAN

Facebook Inc. has slowed the rollout of new products in recent days, people familiar with the matter said, amid media reports and congressional hearings related to a trove of internal documents showing harms from its platforms.

Executives at the social-media company also have put a hold on some work on new

and existing products while more than a dozen people are involved in conducting "reputational reviews" to examine how Facebook might be criticized and to ensure products don't adversely affect children, the people said.

In a Facebook post on Tuesday, Chief Executive Mark Zuckerberg wrote that he has asked leaders to do deep dives on work across the company over the next few days and commit-

ing to continuing research into the company's products.

"I've spent a lot of time reflecting on the kinds of experiences I want my kids and others to have online, and it's very important to me that everything we build is safe and good for kids," he wrote.

This follows Facebook's announcement last week that it would pause plans for its Instagram Kids product after lawmakers and others voiced

concerns about the photo-sharing platform's effects on young people's mental health. Facebook has announced features for existing services, such as Facebook Gaming, in recent days.

Facebook is responding to questions from the public, lawmakers from both parties,

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China Property Bonds Sink

By FRANCES YOON
AND QUENTIN WEBB

Shrinking apartment sales and an unexpected default have stoked fresh investor concerns about China's property developers, causing a steep selloff in dollar bonds from many of the sector's debt-laden companies.

On Wednesday, traders said dozens of dollar bonds sold by Chinese real-estate companies declined in price, pushing yields on those bonds higher. The sell-down extended sharp declines logged the previous day, reflecting increasing investor pessimism after luxury developer Fantasia Holdings Group Co. failed to repay \$206 million in dollar bonds that matured on Monday.

Some developers' sales figures for September have also showed a significant drop in home-buyer demand, after property giant China Evergrande Group ran short of cash and was forced to halt construction at some of its unfinished residential projects.

The weak numbers in part reflect China's broader efforts to tame the housing market, while Evergrande's problems might have also made Chinese citizens less willing to put down money for new homes built by other private developers, analysts said.

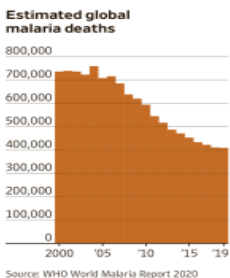
Debt issued by companies such as Kaisa Group Holdings Ltd., Redsun Properties Group Ltd. and Yuzhou Group Holdings Co. fell in price. An 11.25% bond from Kaisa due in April 2022 dropped to less than 73 cents on the dollar by late Wednesday in Hong Kong, down from more than 85 cents at the start of Tuesday, according to Tradeweb.

An ICE BofA index of high-yield Chinese debt fell 1.1%.

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WHO Backs Malaria Shot

GlaxoSmithKline vaccine, the world's first against the deadly illness, gets a green light. **A6**



A Pro-Trump Candidate Field In Ohio Promises Test for GOP

Five of party's Senate hopefuls all vie to carry his movement forward

By MICHAEL C. BENDER

WELLINGTON, Ohio—For three decades, Rob Portman checked all the boxes of a classic pro-business Ohio Republican: Senior positions in both Bush White Houses. Twelve years in the House. A short stint as a lobbyist. A dozen years in the Senate.

Until recently, Portman-style candidates typified the party in the state, fending off opposition from socially conservative or tea party activists. No more. With Mr. Portman retiring, the fight to succeed him revolves around one question only: Which flavor of Trump is best?

Five of the six contenders in next May's GOP primary offer slightly different variations on the former president's persona to

voters—as well as to Mr. Trump himself. All have made pilgrimages to his South Florida estate seeking an endorsement.

The lineup shows how former President Donald Trump has only enhanced his influence among Republicans in the eight months since he grudgingly left office, a few days before Mr. Portman said he wouldn't seek reelection.

The Ohio contest is one of a handful likely to determine control of the Senate, and what happens there could be a leading indicator of the viability of Trumpism without Mr. Trump on the ballot. The outcome will provide essential data points on Mr. Trump's own decision about whether to run for president again in 2024 and what it will mean if

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Coal Shortages Weigh on Global Economies

HONG KONG—Coal-supply shortages are pushing prices for the fuel to records and laying bare the challenges to weaning the global economy from one of its most important—and polluting—energy sources.

The crunch has many causes—from the post-pandemic boom to supply-chain strains and ambitious targets for reducing carbon emissions.

By Chui-Wei Yap,
Kejal Vyas
and Chieko Tsunooka

And it is expected to last at least through the winter, raising fears in many countries of fuel shortages.

Australia's Newcastle thermal coal, a global benchmark, is trading at \$202 a metric

ton, three times the price at the end of 2019. Global production of coal, which generates around 40% of the world's electricity, is about 5% below pre-pandemic levels.

In Europe, the rising prices for coal and other energy resources have hit factory output and driven household energy bills higher. Major coal importers in Asia, including

Japan and South Korea, are jostling to secure supplies.

In China, dwindling supplies and surging costs have resulted in electricity shortfalls on a scale unseen in more than a decade, hitting industry and prompting some cities to

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Phone Number in 'Squid Game' Leads to Prank-Call Apocalypse

Netflix's dystopian hit is real-life nightmare for those with same or similar digits

By DASL YOON
AND TIMOTHY W. MARTIN

SEOUL—In an early scene of Netflix Inc.'s megahit "Squid Game," a charming stranger hands a business card to the show's debt-strapped protagonist. The card contains an eight-digit phone number. Those who call get unknowingly invited to a life-or-death competition where

the winner reaps a massive financial prize.

"Who are you?" asks Seong Gi-hun, the main character. It's a question—and an offer—that has enticed "Squid Game" fans world-wide. In real life, they are dialing the number in droves, from South Korea to South America, seeking a connection to a dystopian drama

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Boris Johnson gesticulates as he delivers his keynote speech at the Conservative party's annual conference in Manchester, England, yesterday.

The British prime minister admitted that restructuring the UK's economy, which is suffering from labour shortages that have contributed to gaps in supermarket shelves and empty petrol stations, would be difficult. But he insisted that going back to "uncontrolled immigration" was not an option.

Business groups have expressed anger this week over government accusations that companies relied on cheap foreign labour before the UK left the EU.

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Gas markets whipsaw after Putin offers to stabilise energy prices

◆ Hint of more Gazprom supplies ◆ Fears over manipulation ◆ US wary of Kremlin's role

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Gas markets swung sharply yesterday after Vladimir Putin said that Russia was prepared to stabilise the soaring global energy prices that are threatening to curb industrial activity and sharply raise inflation.

UK and European natural gas prices shot higher early in the day to trade at close to 10 times their level from the start of the year. But prices abruptly reversed course hours later when Putin hinted that Gazprom, Russia's state-backed monopoly pipeline exporter, may increase supplies to help Europe avoid a full-blown energy crisis.

"Let's think through possibly increasing supply in the market, only we need to do it carefully. Settle with Gazprom and talk it over," Putin said. "This speculative craze doesn't do us any good."

Gas traders say one of the drivers of the prices rally is that Russia is limiting its European supplies to the levels in long-term contracts. But Putin said that Gazprom was already exceeding its contractual obligations by "more than 8 per cent". The Russian president's remarks appeared aimed at staving off criticism that Russia is holding back supplies as it awaits approval for the new Nord Stream 2 pipeline, which bypasses Ukraine to send gas to Germany. That project edged closer to going live yesterday after a judicial opinion in the EU.

Jennifer Granholm, the US secretary of energy, told the Financial Times that

the US was "carefully" watching Russia's role in the European gas crisis and trying to find ways to help, including assessing whether Gazprom was manipulating the market. "You don't want to see energy made into a weapon," Granholm said.

Ukraine and other eastern European countries have accused Russia of trying to "weaponise" gas supplies. Poland's climate minister Adam Gubior-Czetwertyński called on Brussels to investigate what he said were "clear signs of market manipulation" from Gazprom. "We have to be assertive in the face of Russian coercion," he said.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said there was "absolutely no Russian role in what is happening on the gas market". Angela Merkel appeared to

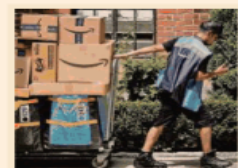


Vladimir Putin said: "This speculative craze doesn't do us any good"

lend support to Russia, saying it was "not the case" that there were orders for gas that Russia had not supplied. "Russia can only deliver gas on the basis of contractual obligations," the German chancellor said. "That's why we should ask the question: was enough gas ordered, or is the high price at the moment maybe the reason for not ordering so much?"

Meanwhile, EU leaders used a gathering of member states in Slovenia to urge Brussels to find measures to mitigate the impact of the price surge. Officials involved in the talks told the Financial Times, adding that the number of restive member states was growing.

"The commission has to act immediately," one senior EU politician said. Additional reporting by Mehreen Khan



Amazon wins big breaks as US states grasp for growth

The online shopping group has won a record \$650m in US tax breaks this year as local officials try to lure it to expand delivery networks in their areas. The sweeteners paid to Amazon have been a mixture of grants, tax exemptions and other incentives, and come as authorities grapple with rebuilding economies and job markets. Amazon's profits have soared in the pandemic because of its role in distributing goods.

Record tax breaks — PAGE 8

Cash-rich private equity pays record premiums to snap up public companies

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Private equity firms are offering the highest premiums for listed companies in more than two decades, paying almost 70 per cent above the prior share price in some cases, in a sign of the widening gap between cash-rich buyout groups and public market investors.

Buyout groups paid an average premium of 45 per cent for European companies in 2021, the highest since the data company Refinitiv's records began in 1980. In the US, premiums hit 42 per cent this year, the highest since 1999, while in the UK they reached an average premium of 47 per cent this year.

Recent large bids have far outstripped even those levels, with US private equity firm Clayton, Dubilier & Rice offering a 61 per cent premium for UK supermarket

chain Wm Morrison and Sweden's EQT bidding a 69 per cent premium for German pet supplies company Zooplus.

"Right now we're in a period where there's tremendous competition in the [private equity] industry," said Brenda Rainey, managing director of Bain & Co's private equity practice. "There's over \$1tn of dry powder in buyouts alone that's looking to do deals. We will absolutely see prices go up when competition is that stiff."

By contrast, fund managers investing in stocks sometimes have limited firepower to buy more shares even in companies they think are undervalued, particularly in the UK and Europe, said James Henderson, a portfolio manager at Janus Henderson.

"Across Europe there's a lack of flows into equity markets," he said. "It's a frustration that these are still good pur-

chases on the whole for private equity. They're buying good businesses [and are] in a strong position because they've got so much money."

Buyout groups have taken advantage of depressed share prices in the wake of the pandemic and, in the UK, of the hit from Brexit. While the premiums look high compared with past trading prices, they are in some cases lower when compared with pre-pandemic levels.

"Why are stocks so poorly valued?" said a senior figure at a buyout firm. "There's a theory that these [private equity] guys are crazy to pay so much, but the reality may be that the share price was too low."

However, some warn that the prices show signs of a bubble. One lawyer who has advised private equity groups said conditions in the industry were reminiscent of the pre-financial crisis era.

| World Markets | | | | | | | | | |
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| S&P 500 | 4255.01 | 4246.72 | -0.48 | \$ per £ | 1.156 | 1.159 | US Gov 10 yr | 146.81 | 1.51 |
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| Dow Jones Ind | 34502.48 | 34314.67 | -0.55 | € per \$ | 0.851 | 0.851 | Ger Gov 10 yr | 129.309 | -0.18 |
| FTSE 100 | 1747.28 | 1764.68 | -0.99 | ¥ per \$ | 111.240 | 111.540 | Japan Gov 10 yr | 115.60 | 0.00 |
| Euro Stoxx 50 | 4011.63 | 4065.43 | -1.32 | ₩ per \$ | 150.930 | 151.896 | US Gov 30 yr | 113.96 | 2.00 |
| FTSE All-Share | 3665.37 | 3644.05 | -1.20 | Sfr per \$ | 1.071 | 1.076 | Ger Gov 2 yr | 105.18 | -0.70 |
| CAC 40 | 6483.12 | 6576.28 | -1.26 | € per \$ | 0.660 | 0.663 | | | |
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| Hong Kong | 22866.49 | 24194.15 | -5.57 | | | | | | |
| MSCI World \$ | 3016.19 | 2982.88 | 0.79 | Oil WTI \$ | 77.18 | 78.83 | Fed Funds Eff | 0.08 | 0.09 |
| MSCI EM \$ | 1238.51 | 1236.41 | 0.01 | Oil Brent \$ | 80.74 | 82.58 | US 3m Bill | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| MSCI ACWI \$ | 210.38 | 205.53 | 0.89 | Gold \$ | 1753.20 | 1754.55 | Euro Libor 3m | -0.56 | -0.57 |
| | | | | | | | UK 3m | 0.08 | 0.09 |

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20 Years of War Through One Lens

The Salang Pass in Afghanistan in late 2001. More photographs taken in the past two decades by Tyler Hicks of The Times, Page A6.

First Malaria Vaccine May Save Thousands of Children Each Year

By APOORVA MANDAVILLI

The world has gained a new weapon in the war on malaria, among the oldest known and deadliest of infectious diseases: the first vaccine shown to help prevent the disease. By one estimate, it will save tens of thousands of children each year.

Malaria kills about half a million people each year, nearly all of them in sub-Saharan Africa — including 260,000 children under 5. The new vaccine, made by GlaxoSmithKline, rouses a child's immune system to thwart Plasmodium falciparum, the deadliest of five malaria pathogens and the most prevalent in Africa.

The World Health Organization on Wednesday endorsed the vaccine, the first step in a process that should lead to wide distribution in poor countries. To have a malaria vaccine that is safe, moderately effective and ready for distribution is "a historic event," said Dr. Pedro Alonso, director of the W.H.O.'s global malaria program.

W.H.O. Approval Gives Africa New Weapon

The vaccine, called Mosquirix, is not just a first for malaria — it is the first developed for any parasitic disease. Parasites are much more complex than viruses or

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THE VACCINE WAS TESTED IN A MALAWI PILOT PROGRAM IN 2019.

Resisting Shots, Home Aides Stir Health Fears in New York

By SHARON OTTERMAN

In the upstate city of Johnstown, north of Albany, two-thirds of the home health aides at one small agency have notified their director that they intend to quit rather than get vaccinated against the coronavirus, as they are required to do this week under a state mandate.

At the Visiting Nurse Service of New York, the state's largest home health care organization, about 400 workers are expected to be unable to work after the mandate takes effect. And in the New York City area, a union leader for home health care workers says he expects thousands of his members will be put on leave.

"We need more time," said Joe Pecora, the vice president of Home Healthcare Workers of America, a union that represents about 32,000 home health care workers in New York City and its suburbs. "It's unrealistic to get all these people vaccinated by the deadline."

Many Say They'll Quit Over State Mandate

One week after requiring more than 650,000 hospital and nursing home workers to get at least one dose of the vaccine, New York State's pioneering mandate for health care workers is moving into a second and likely more difficult phase: requiring at least 250,000 home health care workers to get at least one dose of the vaccine before Friday or face the threat of losing their jobs.

While the first phase of the mandate was widely viewed as successful in pressuring thousands of nurses, doctors, technicians and orderlies to get the vaccine, many industry officials say they fear this second phase will result in thousands of workers simply quitting their jobs and finding new work in restaurants, retail or other industries. Most home

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Bill Would Aid U.S. in Closing Child Care Gap

Nation Spends Far Less Than Wealthy Peers

By CLAIRE CAIN MILLER

Typical 2-year-olds in Denmark attend child care during the day, where they are guaranteed a spot, and their parents pay no more than 25 percent of the cost. That guaranteed spot will remain until the children are in after-school care at age 10. If their parents choose to stay home or hire a nanny, the government helps pay for that, too.

Two-year-olds in the United States are less likely to attend formal child care. If they do, their parents pay full price — an average \$1,100 a month — and compete to find a spot. If their parents stay home or find another arrangement, they are also on their own to finance it, as they will be until kindergarten.

In the developed world, the United States is an outlier in its low levels of financial support for young children's care — something Democrats, with their safety net spending bill, are trying to change. The U.S. spends 0.2 percent of its G.D.P. on child care for children 2 and under — which amounts to about \$200 a year for most families, in the form of a once-a-year tax credit for parents who pay for care.

The other wealthy countries in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development spend an average of 0.7 percent of G.D.P. on toddlers, mainly through heavily subsidized child care. Denmark, for example, spends \$23,140 annually per child on care for children 2 and under.

"We as a society, with public funding, spend so much less on children before kindergarten than once they reach kindergarten," said Elizabeth Davis, an economist studying child care at the University of Minnesota. "And yet the science of child development shows how very important investment in the youngest ages are, and we get societal benefits from those investments."

Congress is negotiating the details of the spending bill, and many elements are likely to be cut to decrease the cost. The current draft of the child care plan would make attendance at licensed child care centers free for the lowest-earning families, and it would cost no more than 7 percent of family income for those earning up to double the state's median income. It would provide universal public preschool for children ages 3 and

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SENATE NEARING SHORT-TERM DEAL OVER DEBT LIMIT

RETREAT BY McCONNELL

A Temporary Agreement Would Push the Crisis Into December

By JONATHAN WEISMAN
and EMILY COCHRANE

WASHINGTON — Senate Democrats and Republicans neared agreement on Wednesday to temporarily pull the nation from the brink of a debt default, working to punt their showdown on raising the federal borrowing limit to December after Republicans bowed to pressure to stave off immediate fiscal calamity.

With the threat of a default as little as 12 days off, Senator Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the minority leader, made a tactical retreat and announced that Republicans would allow Democrats to vote on a short-term extension. He did not, however, lift his blockade of a longer-term increase in the debt cap, demanding anew that Democrats eventually use a complicated and time-consuming budget procedure known as reconciliation to lift it into next year or beyond.

Democrats declared the offer at least a temporary victory, even as they said they would never capitulate to Mr. McConnell's longer-term demand. Senators met into the evening to iron out the details, and Democrats said they would move forward with a vote, then quickly pivot to negotiating a multitrillion-dollar measure to address climate change, expand the social safety net and raise taxes on the wealthy and corporations.

"Around here, two months is a lifetime," said Senator Bernie Sanders, independent of Vermont and the chairman of the Budget Committee, who hailed Mr. McConnell's offer as "very good news."

"There would have been a global economic collapse if in fact the wealthiest nation on earth did not pay its debts," Mr. Sanders said. "We're going to pay our debts. We have two months to figure it out."

For all the self-congratulations, the agreement, if nailed down, remained

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3 Crucial Races for Democrats As G.O.P. Pushes Election Laws

By REID J. EPSTEIN and NICK CORASANTINI

MADISON, Wis. — In three critical battleground states, Democratic governors have blocked efforts by Republican-controlled legislatures to restrict voting rights and undermine the 2020 election.

Now, the 2022 races for governor in Michigan, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania — states that have long been vital to Democratic presidential victories, including Joseph R. Biden Jr.'s — are taking on major new significance.

At stake are how easy it is to vote, who controls the electoral system and, some Democrats worry, whether the results of federal, state and local elections will be accepted no matter which party wins.

That has left Govs. Tony Evers of Wisconsin, Gretchen Whitmer of Michigan and Tom Wolf of Pennsylvania standing alone, in what is already expected to be a difficult year for their party, as

what Democrats view as a sea wall against a rising Republican tide of voting restrictions and far-reaching election laws.

The question of who wins their seats in 2022 — Mr. Evers and Ms. Whitmer are running for re-election, while Mr. Wolf is term-limited — has become newly urgent in recent weeks as Republicans in all three states, spurred on by former President Donald J. Trump, make clearer than ever their intent to reshape elections should they take unified control.

Republicans have aggressively pursued partisan reviews of the 2020 election in each state. In Pennsylvania, G.O.P. lawmakers sought the personal information of every voter in the state last month. In Wisconsin, a conservative former State Supreme Court justice, who is investigating the 2020 election results on behalf of the State Assembly, issued sub-

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Asylum Seeker's Choice: Save His Ailing Child or Stay on the Run

By ANDREW HIGGINS

ALONG THE EASTERN POLAND BORDER — The father had walked in circles in the rain-drenched Polish forest, cradling his sick daughter, delirious after three days with barely any food or water as temperatures dipped toward freezing. He was soaked, shivering and facing a terrible choice.

His daughter, 2, had cerebral palsy and epilepsy. He had wrapped her in a thin coat to protect her from the cold, and she needed urgent medical attention. The father, an Iraqi Kurd who gave his name as Karwan, had guided his family across the border from Belarus but was now in a forested area patrolled by Polish soldiers and border guards.

The choice for the father was pitiless: Seeking medical help would mean a return to Belarus and the end of his family's desperate journey to Europe.

"I can call for an ambulance for you, but border guards will come with it," Piotr Bystrzianin, a Polish activist who arrived to help, told



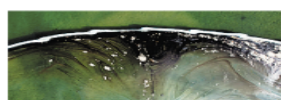
A family of Iraqi Kurds with a sick 2-year-old girl sought help early Saturday in a forest in Poland.

the family, who said they wanted to request asylum in Poland. He had found them after hours of searching in the dark, alerted to their whereabouts by a locator pin sent by cellphone.

Karwan's family had stumbled into a geopolitical fight between Belarus and Poland that has escalated into a man-made humanitarian disaster for Europe. At least five people who crossed illegally

into Poland have died in recent weeks, some of hypothermia and exhaustion, according to Polish officials, and three nearly drowned in a Polish swamp.

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Tyler Adams is too young to be stained by the U.S. men's failure to qualify for the last World Cup. But he said enough to know it is his job to help make it right this time around. PAGE B10

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Adventures in Boat Restoration

On a whim, the actor Matthew Rhys bought a 1930s Wheeler Playmate that he found on eBay. It has taken him on an unexpected journey. PAGE D7



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ALLEN J. SCHABEN Los Angeles Times

A TEAM of biologists assesses the habitats of tide pools in Newport Beach on Wednesday after the massive oil spill reported Saturday.

Vessel draws scrutiny in spill inquiry

The Coast Guard investigates a German cargo ship that was in the pipeline area.

BY RICHARD WINTON,
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AND ANITA CHABRIA

The U.S. Coast Guard investigated a vessel in Oakland on Wednesday as part of its probe into whether a ship's anchor damaged an oil pipeline off Orange County and spilled 144,000 gallons of crude.

The container ship was in the area of the pipeline before the spill was discovered, according to a source familiar with the investigation, and later headed north. Investigators are probably looking for data showing the ship's movements and other mechanical information.

The examination is just one part of a wider investigation into how the spill occurred last weekend, sources familiar with the investigation told The Times. The sources spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to comment publicly.

A final determination of the spill's cause may take months, but the probe of the ship underscores that investigators continue to zero in on a ship anchor as a possible cause. The inquiry remains in its early stages.

The shipping channels off Los Angeles and Orange counties have been jammed for months because of gridlock at the port, forcing more ships to lay down anchors near piers that move oil from offshore platforms onto land.

Global positioning data provided to The Times show [See Inquiry, A5]

L.A. WILL ENACT INDOOR VACCINE MANDATE

Ordinance requiring businesses to check inoculation status passes in 11-2 vote.

BY EMILY ALPERT REYES

The Los Angeles City Council on Wednesday approved a new ordinance that requires proof of vaccination against COVID-19 to enter indoor restaurants, shopping malls, movie theaters, hair and nail salons and many other indoor venues.

The council was scheduled to vote on the law last week but held off when Councilman Joe Buscaino said he would withhold his vote after raising concerns about how the new rules would be enforced.

Buscaino ultimately voted against the ordinance after council members did not agree to several amendments he proposed, including one that would make it a crime to harass or interfere with any employee trying to enforce the rules. He also wanted city analysts to report back on funding sources to help small businesses [See Mandate, A6]

Slick threatens California's fragile 'wonderland of light'

The hills glowed as the sun fell. The light glinted off the kelp beds, roused the shorebirds and turned the waves translucent green before they crashed and chased the sandpipers up the beach. It was an everyday scene here that felt strikingly removed from modern times.

Even as one of the uglier aspects of modern times encroached.

The miles-wide oil slick from the spill reported Saturday off Huntington Beach had already befouled beaches and estuaries just to the north. Now it was drifting off one of the most treasured stretches of the California coast — the coves of Laguna Beach.

"It's just beyond sad," said Clayton Elder, 32, who walked from his apartment out to the bluff over Crescent Bay to see if the oil had arrived.

Diverse ecosystems of Laguna Beach coves could be devastated if oil arrives

By Joe Mozingo

Effect of coastal winds feared

A storm may push parts of the oil slick onto shore. City officials are following it closely. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Congress seeks records, weighs ban

A House panel will review inspection documents. Some Democrats target coastal drilling. **NATION, A4**



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WILD-CARD WALK-OFF

Chris Taylor celebrates his two-run home run in the bottom of the ninth inning to send the Dodgers to a 3-1 win over the St. Louis Cardinals. **SPORTS, D1**

Child tax credits go unclaimed

Parents who may gain the most are hardest to reach

BY ALEJANDRA REYES-VELARDE

For Gloria Acosta, a mother of four, a \$1,000 check each month would be life changing.

She's been jobless for a few years. Her husband, a day laborer, has had little work during the pandemic. His earnings are barely enough to cover rent in the San Fernando Gardens housing project in Pacoima.

An extra grand would

help pay for food as well as gas to take the children to school. Acosta would be able to buy them new clothes and school supplies.

She's entitled to that much under an expanded federal child tax credit, which provides \$300 a month for each child younger than 6 and \$250 for an older child.

It's a program meant to fight child poverty during a tumultuous pandemic that brought job loss, illness and grief, and disproportionately affected Black and Lat-

ino people.

Parents who previously had not received child tax credits because of their immigration status or because they did not earn enough to file with the Internal Revenue Service and get the payments automatically are now eligible for the full benefit.

Yet they have proved to be hard to reach. Signing up for the program can be a complicated process, hampered by a lack of information [See Tax credit, A6]

'A breaking point': Why film crews are willing to strike

BY ANOUSHA SAKOUI
AND STACY PERMAN

Sharron Enriquez, a veteran script supervisor who over the last four decades has worked on productions including "The Queen's Gambit," "Mank" and three "Pirates of the Caribbean" films, has had a front-row seat to what she views as the steady erosion of working conditions that accelerated during the pandemic.

The long hours without breaks, the shorter turnaround times and the lack of sleep spurred Enriquez to call it a day.

After finishing a production in Boston in August where the 66-year-old worked 12-hour days on a 10-week shoot and rarely broke

for lunch, Enriquez realized she was done.

"I reached a breaking point," Enriquez said. "I was starting to lose my temper and have less patience."

Enriquez's sentiments are shared widely among the 60,000 film and TV industry members of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, which includes costume makers, camera operators, set builders and writers' assistants.

For the first time in its 128-year history, the usually acquiescent union voted overwhelmingly to support a nationwide strike if no deal is reached with the studios. The last time crews staged a major strike was in 1945 in the walkout known as "Hol-

[See Hollywood, A9]



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WENDY ESPINOZA at a rally Sept. 26. Members of IATSE voted to support a strike if no deal is reached.

Texas abortion law suspended

A federal judge halts the new rule that bans abortion around six weeks of pregnancy. **NATION, A5**

WHO endorses malaria vaccine

U.N. health agency urges use of the shot, the first of its kind, for children across Africa. **PERSPECTIVES, A2**

Debt limit deal appears likely

Democrats receptive to Senate GOP leader's temporary plan to lift borrowing cap until December. **NATION, A4**

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White flags in the village of Sinzai in Wardak province mark spots where U.S. airstrikes killed Afghan civilians and destroyed shops. One raid in 2019 killed 12 people. Villagers went to the governor's office to complain and seek compensation but say they never heard back.

'Everyone here hated the Americans'

Rural Afghans view U.S. legacy as one of pain and death — and say they can live with the Taliban

BY SUDARSAN RAGHAVAN

SINZAI, AFGHANISTAN — The white flags flutter in the apple orchards of this serene hamlet ringed by oatmeal-colored mountains. They mark the precise spots where U.S. airstrikes killed Afghans. In the village center lies the destroyed shell of a building that once housed shops; down the road is a mangled, rusted car.

There are white flags there, too. Together, they're reminders of the legacy the United States has left in many rural areas across Afghanistan.

"Everyone here hated the Americans," said Zabiullah Haideri, 30. His shop was shattered by an airstrike in 2019 that killed 12 villagers. "They murdered civilians and committed atrocities."

In Kabul and other Afghan cities, the United States will be remembered for enabling two decades of progress in women's rights, an independent media and other freedoms. But in the nation's hinterlands, the main battlegrounds of America's longest war, many Afghans view the United States primarily through the prism of conflict, brutality and death.

Here in Wardak province, 25 miles southwest of the capital, the U.S. military, the CIA and the ruthless Afghan militias they armed and trained fought the Taliban for years. Trapped in the crossfire were villagers and farmers. Many became casualties of U.S. counterterrorism operations, drone strikes and gun battles.

A visitor to Sinzai and the surrounding Nerki District offered a glimpse of life in a post-American rural Afghanistan, home to nearly three-quarters of the population, where peace has emerged after 20 years of

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Senate nears short-term deal to avert default

REPRIEVE WOULD LAST UNTIL DECEMBER

GOP proposal eases impasse on debt ceiling crisis

BY TONY ROMM

Senate Democrats and Republicans neared a deal on Wednesday that would temporarily stave off a default on the government's debts, exploring a short-term reprieve to a high-stakes battle that had threatened to plunge the United States into a new economic recession.

The agreement between the two parties' lawmakers, which was not final, arrived less than two weeks before the country is set to careen into a financial crisis. Without congressional action, the government could face new limits on its ability to pay its bills, a development that could have direct consequences on Americans' wallets — and rattle

stock markets around the world.

To prevent such a crisis, Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.) and Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) inched closer to a pact that would raise the borrowing limit until an unspecified date in December. McConnell put forward the idea earlier in the day, loosening a weeks-long logjam during which the GOP twice had banded together against Democratic attempts to suspend the debt ceiling into 2022.

By Wednesday night, however, the two leaders had not yet finalized key details of their truce.

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Pence, allies not waiting to chart path for 2024

BY ASHLEY PARKER AND JOSH DAWSEY

One night last week, a crowd of more than 100 Mike Pence loyalists — senators, congressmen, donors, aides, friends and family — gathered on the roof of a Pennsylvania Avenue office building to celebrate the D.C. opening of Advancing American Freedom, Pence's new issue advocacy group, and watch the former vice president tape an episode of "Ruthless," a conservative pod-

cast. The backdrop — blue fall skies, a pristine rooftop, views all the way to the Capitol — seemed designed to convey a new beginning for Pence as many in his orbit work to position him for a potential 2024 presidential bid, out from the shadow of former president Donald Trump.

Pence told the assembled well-wishers that one of the things he liked about Simon & Schuster, the publisher that signed him to a

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With lax rules for kids, covid thrives in Tenn.

Even as cases proliferate, most remain unmasked and unvaccinated

BY LAURA MECKLER AND DAN KEATING

ALTAMONT, TENN. — Sarah Rymer suspects her 11-year-old son was infected with the coronavirus. She knows her husband was. He coaches Pee Wee football, and at least two other kids from his team also tested positive.

The Grundy County schools, which her three children attend, were forced to close for more than a week soon after the fall semester began. Her best friend's uncle just died of covid-19, and a close friend's mother spent her 53rd birthday in the hospital at Vanderbilt University, up in Nashville.

The pandemic feels more serious than ever to Rymer. But her children do not wear masks in

school, and she is not considering vaccinating her 13-year-old daughter. Like most people in the area, she remains unvaccinated herself. "It's one of those things. We don't get the flu shot, so I don't know," she said. "It was developed so quick, I'm nervous."

A pandemic that first ravaged nursing homes is, today, more likely to rage through school lunchrooms. Children are still far less likely to become dangerously ill than older people, but with so many becoming infected, pediatric hospitalizations have spiked. Since the start of the pandemic, more than 5.7 million children have been infected, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics. More than 540 Americans up to the age of 18 have died, federal data shows.

In August, for the first time in the pandemic, the rate of coronavirus infections among children topped those for adults ages 18 to 64 and seniors, driven by the highly contagious delta variant, according to a Washington Post

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INFLUENCE-BUYING, TAX AVOIDANCE AND YACHTS

Offshore records detail what some of the world's wealthiest people have endeavored to conceal

BY PETER WHORISKEY

When three of Africa's wealthiest people wanted to win favors from the Nigerian oil minister, they didn't pay cash, according to company filings and court papers describing the alleged transactions.

Instead, the oil tycoons arranged to influence her with shell companies, each one holding a valuable piece of London real estate, according to the documents.

Other shell companies owned by the oilmen provided the minister and her family with a chauffeured car, and they shipped her luxury furnishings worth hundreds of thousands of dollars, U.S. prosecutors later alleged.

With billions in Nigerian oil revenue at stake, the men engaged in "an international conspiracy," according to U.S. prosecutors, offering millions of dollars' worth of gifts in exchange for "lucrative business opportunities."

While cash may be the traditional means



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of providing untraceable gifts to politicians, the very wealthy often turn instead to the offshore world to produce an alternative currency: companies registered in secrecy havens and stuffed with valuable assets.

The tycoons who allegedly provided the oil minister with more than \$17 million worth of gifts were, according to the court filings and documents, Olajide Omokore and Kolawole Aluko, both previously ranked by Forbes magazine as among the "richest people in Africa," and Benedict Peters, a man who has been described by Bloomberg and African media as a billionaire.

Peters is identified by name in the Nigerian court filings and as "Co-Conspirator #2" in a forfeiture case by U.S. prosecutors. Through a spokesman, Peters denied dealing in improper benefits and his representatives wrote that one of the key pieces of evidence presented by Nigerian investigators is a "concoction malevolently contrived."

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El Gobierno impulsa un proyecto de intervención estatal en las empresas

CONTROL. La iniciativa es respaldada por la CGT y la CTA, y será enviada al Congreso; los gremios y el Estado podrán discutir condiciones laborales en firmas de más de 100 empleados

El presidente Alberto Fernández presentó ayer, junto con la cúpula de la CGT y la CTA, un proyecto de ley que establece la creación obligatoria de comités mixtos y aumenta la injerencia de los gremios y del Estado en empresas privadas de más de 100 empleados.

Concretamente, establece la intervención de la Superintendencia de Riesgos del Trabajo, que depende del ministro de Trabajo, Claudio Moroni, en la tarea de verificar condiciones laborales, de higiene, seguridad y género.

Esta tarea implica una partici-

pación activa del Estado, ya no solo para homologar decisiones, como en el caso de las paritarias. La oposición anticipó sus cuestionamientos a la iniciativa, que se contraponen con sus propuestas de mecanismos alternativos al de la indemnización.

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Un aplauso sin fisuras emocionó al Senado

política— Oficialismo y oposición se unieron ayer en un aplauso al senador Esteban Bullrich en la primera sesión presencial de la Cámara alta. Encabezado por Cristina Kirchner, el gesto destacó la fortaleza de Bullrich, diagnosticado con ELA. Página 12



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A OMS (Organização Mundial da Saúde) aprovou ontem a primeira vacina contra malária — uma das doenças infecciosas mais mortais e há mais tempo conhecidas no mundo.

Histórica, a decisão abre espaço para uma ferramenta que poderá salvar a vida de dezenas de milhares de crianças na África por ano. **saúde B1**

Blogueiro bolsonarista usou de informante estagiária do STF

Em mensagens obtidas pela PF, ela relata a Allan dos Santos rotina do gabinete de Lewandowski

O blogueiro bolsonarista Allan dos Santos, investigado pelo Supremo Tribunal Federal, fez de informante uma funcionária do gabinete do ministro Ricardo Lewandowski, relatam Constança Rezende e Renato Machado.

Mensagens obtidas pela Polícia Federal expõem diálogos de Allan com Tatiana Garcia Bressan, que estagiou no gabinete de 2017 a janeiro de 2019, antes de o blogueiro se tornar alvo de inquéritos sobre fake news.

Na primeira conversa, em outubro de 2018, Tatiana afirma querer trabalhar com a deputada Bia Kicis (PSL-DF). Diz estagiar no gabinete e recebe pedido para ser "nossa informante". Por meses, ela relatava a rotina do STF.

Procurado, Lewandowski lamentou a "infiltração", e o ministro do STF Alexandre de Moraes determinou à PF que ouça Tatiana. A ex-estagiária declarou à Folha que não foi contratada por Kicis nem foi informante de Allan.

O blogueiro, a quem ela diz conhecer porque ambos foram alunos do escritor Olavo de Carvalho, não respondeu à reportagem. Em suas redes, Allan criticou a quebra de sigilo de sua fonte e negou as afirmações. **Poder A4 e A8**

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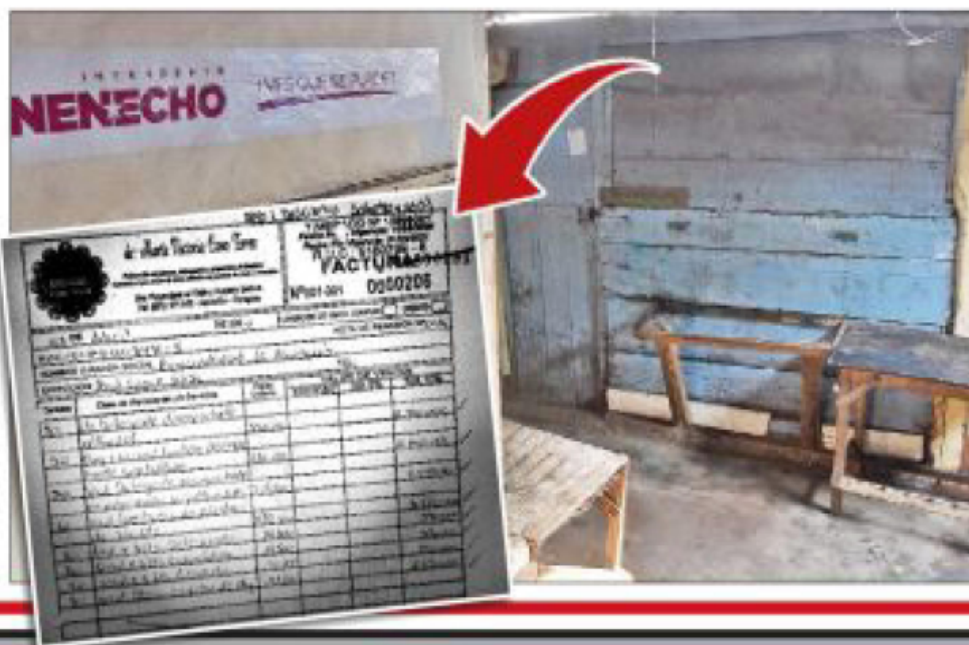
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Emmanuel Macron
doit-il s'appuyer
sur Édouard Philippe
pour sa campagne ?

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Michel Barnier :
« Il faut un électrochoc
d'autorité pour protéger
les Français »

Dans un entretien au *Figaro*, le candidat à la présidentielle présente les grandes lignes de son projet régalién. Pour lutter contre l'insécurité, « principal échec du quinquennat » Macron, il propose l'installation d'un « ministère de la Sécurité publique », la création de 20 000 places de prison supplémentaires et le rétablissement de la double peine pour les délinquants étrangers. Face à la montée en puissance d'Éric Zemmour, il met en avant son expérience et sa « crédibilité ». PAGES 6 ET 7

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Les tambours de Kim

Kim Jong-un a un moyen radical de se rappeler au bon souvenir du reste du monde : quelques tests de missiles menaçant ses voisins sud-coréen et japonais, des innovations technologiques de nature à inquiéter jusqu'aux États-Unis et, comme toujours, l'accélération d'un programme nucléaire dont personne n'a réussi à le déposséder. La situation doit être sérieuse, car le dictateur nord-coréen vient d'actionner tous ces leviers à la fois, exhibant quatre types de missiles différents, dont un « hypersonique » réputé traverser la planète à Mach 5 et un de basse altitude susceptible de transporter une charge atomique sous le nez des radars.

Privé de son duo tragique avec Donald Trump, « Rocketman » revient à ses modes d'existence traditionnels, tout en tambours et trompettes. En appui de ses démonstrations musclées, il rejette ostensiblement l'offre de dialogue de l'Administration Biden, mais c'est pour mieux faire monter les enchères et négocier en position de force, assurent les experts rompus à cette routine. Pour preuve, il n'a pas franchi la ligne rouge d'un tir de missile balistique capable d'atteindre les États-Unis - et,

dans un mini-geste d'ouverture, vient de rétablir la ligne d'urgence avec Séoul. Plus isolé que jamais après l'épreuve du Covid, qui a exacerbé les pénuries, le royaume ermite rappelle sa capacité de nuisance pour qu'on ne l'oublie pas. On aurait d'ailleurs tort. Dans le contexte des tensions croissantes avec Pékin, qui multiplie ces temps-ci les provocations militaires envers Taïwan, chacun en Asie est poussé à choisir son camp. Sous le règne finissant de Moon Jae-in, la Corée du Sud propose à nouveau d'enterrer la hache de guerre avec le Nord pour relancer la dénucléarisation de la péninsule. Plus sûrement, Séoul tire aussi les leçons de l'Aukus, alliance conclue sur le dos de la France, en demandant à Washington de l'équiper à son tour de sous-marins à propulsion nucléaire. Kim n'est pas du genre à s'aliéner, même sur la Chine, qui ne le lâchera pas quoi qu'il fasse. Mais cet électron incontrôlable peut aggraver la dangerosité d'une guerre froide. Washington ferait bien de s'en occuper en priorité. ■

La Corée du Nord rappelle sa capacité de nuisance

Kim Jong-un fait monter la tension face à l'Amérique

Alors que la Corée du Nord vient de tester un missile hypersonique, Séoul veut se doter de sous-marins nucléaires. La course aux armements s'accélère en Asie.

En tirant fin septembre un Hwasong-8 hypervélocité, la dictature communiste de Pyongyang affirme avoir rejoint le club très fermé des puissances possédant ces nouveaux missiles capables de voler à plus de 6 000 km/h, qui changent l'équation stratégique. Confronté à l'arsenal ato-

mique de la Corée du Nord et à l'agressivité croissante de la Chine dans la zone indo-pacifique, Séoul est déterminé à tirer les leçons de l'accord Aukus en s'équipant de sous-marins à propulsion nucléaire. Face à la nouvelle donne, l'Europe peine à développer son autonomie stratégique.

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Le taux de chômage devrait repasser sous la barre des 8 % cette année

Dynamisée par la fin des restrictions sanitaires, l'activité économique continue de progresser à un rythme soutenu, selon l'Insee, qui table sur une croissance de 6,25 % en 2021. Cette reprise dope

les créations d'emplois, qui pourraient atteindre 514 000 postes cette année et faire refluer le chômage à 7,6 % de la population active, son niveau le plus bas depuis 2008. PAGE 24



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Business anger at 'vacuous and bombastic' PM speech

Dubai ruler hacked the phone of his former wife

Haroon Siddique
Legal affairs correspondent

The ruler of Dubai hacked the phone of his ex-wife Princess Haya using NSO Group's controversial Pegasus spyware in an unlawful abuse of power and trust, a senior high court judge has ruled.

The president of the family division found that agents acting on behalf of Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al-Maktoum, who is also prime minister of the United Arab Emirates, a close Gulf ally of Britain, hacked Haya and five of her associates while the couple were locked in court proceedings in London concerning the welfare of their two children.

Those hacked included two of Haya's lawyers, one of whom, Lady Shackleton, sits in the House of Lords and was tipped off about the hacking by Cherie Blair, who works with the Israeli NSO Group. In July, a Guardian investigation revealed for the first time that Haya and her associates were on a dataset believed to indicate people of interest to a government client of NSO, thought to be Dubai.

Sir Andrew McFarlane's damning judgment from 5 May, only now published, appears

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▲ Boris Johnson with his wife, Carrie, after addressing the Tory party conference in Manchester

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Jokes but no mention of fuel crisis or £20 benefits cut in Johnson's address

Heather Stewart
Julia Kollewe

Business leaders rounded on Boris Johnson for lacking a coherent economic plan after he delivered a boosterish conference speech yesterday that made barely a mention of the supply chain crisis.

The address was condemned as "bombastic" and "vacuous and economically illiterate" by the free market Adam Smith Institute while the Conservative thinktank Bright Blue issued a stark warning.

"The public will soon tire of Boris's banter if the government does not

get a grip of mounting crises: price rises, tax rises, fuel shortages, labour shortages" its chief executive, Ryan Shorthouse, said. "There was nothing new in this speech, no inspiring new vision or policy."

The prime minister closed the Conservative conference in Manchester with an upbeat, campaign-style address interspersed with jokes and delivered from a specially created stage to a packed hall.

He failed to mention supply shortages, petrol queues or the £20-a-week reduction in universal credit that came into force yesterday for more than 5 million families - the biggest overnight cut in benefits in history. Instead, the prime minister set out an optimistic vision of a high-wage, high-skilled economy, promising to "unleash" the "unique spirit" of the British people.

He dismissed current "stresses and

strains" as side-effects of the economic recovery and said firms could no longer "use immigration as an excuse for failure to invest in people, in skills and in the equipment, the facilities, the machinery they need

'The public will soon tire of Boris's banter if the government does not get a grip of mounting crises'

Ryan Shorthouse
Bright Blue thinktank

to do their jobs". The speech was enthusiastically received by Conservative activists, the first of whom had queued at the venue from about 6.30am. But it was robustly attacked by business groups, trades unions and thinktanks across the political spectrum as failing to tackle the economic challenges facing the UK.

Tony Danker, director-general of the CBI, which represents 190,000 UK businesses or about a third of the private-sector workforce, said Johnson had set out a "compelling vision" of a high wage, high skill economy. But he warned: "Ambition on wages without action on investment and productivity is ultimately just a pathway for higher prices." He added that the economy is at a "fragile moment", and urged the government to work more closely with business.

Business leaders also hit back at suggestions from

'Historic day' WHO backs first malaria vaccine

Experts hope tens of thousands of lives will be saved after the World Health Organization recommended the rollout of the first malaria vaccine

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