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### Business & Finance

**Supply-chain disruptions** and global health concerns spurred the IMF to lower its 2021 growth forecast for the world economy, while the group raised its inflation outlook and warned of the risks of higher prices. **A1**

◆ **Home sales in China** are seizing up as curbs on lending and worries about developers' financial health deter house buyers, casting a pall over an industry central to the Chinese economy. **A1**

◆ **GM said it would** recover from supplier LG nearly all of the \$2 billion cost of recalling Chevrolet Bolt electric models for the risk of battery fires. **B1**

◆ **Southwest pilots said** the airline's weekend meltdown reflected longer-running fatigue and frustration among its crew, leaving it vulnerable to further outages. **B1**

◆ **The Fed's banking** regulation committee won't have a designated chairman after the four-year term of Quarles, the Fed's vice chairman for bank supervision, expires Wednesday. **A2**

◆ **U.S. stocks declined**, with the Dow, S&P 500 and Nasdaq retreating 0.3%, 0.2% and 0.1%, respectively. **B13**

◆ **Blackstone plans** to invest \$1 billion in acquiring music rights, betting on a category that is benefiting from the growth of online streaming. **B1**

◆ **Hasbro CEO Brian Goldner** died Tuesday, just days after he took a leave of absence for medical care. **B3**

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◆ **The Biden administration** intends to ease Covid-19 travel restrictions on land-border crossings from Canada and Mexico and will require foreign nationals taking those routes into the U.S. for nonessential reasons to show proof of vaccination. **A7**

◆ **The Labor Department** took the next step to implement Biden's plan to require private-sector workers to be vaccinated against Covid-19 or be regularly tested. **A7**

◆ **FDA staffers didn't** take a firm stance on Moderna's application for a booster dose of its Covid-19 vaccine, indicating there may not be sufficient data to support the extra dose. **A7**

◆ **The House voted** along party lines to raise the U.S. borrowing limit into December, as Democratic lawmakers wrestled with how to set a new ceiling for U.S. debt later this year over Republican resistance. **A4**

◆ **People 60 or older** shouldn't start taking aspirin to prevent a first heart attack or stroke because risks likely cancel out potential benefits, according to a panel of medical experts. **A3**

◆ **The FDA authorized** a tobacco-flavored e-cigarette made by Reynolds American and rejected several sweet or fruit-flavored refill cartridges the company wanted to bring back on the market. **B4**

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## Wind-Driven Wildfire Rages in Southern California



**INFERNO:** Firefighters battle flames from the Alisal Fire in Santa Barbara County early Tuesday. The blaze scorched thousands of acres and prompted officials to issue evacuation orders and close part of Highway 101, which runs along the coastline. **A3**

## Sharply Declining Home Sales Pose Threat to China Economy

Home sales in China are seizing up as curbs on lending and worries about developers' financial health deter buyers, casting a pall over an industry that is central to the Chinese economy.

By Stella Yifan Xie,  
Elaine Yi  
and Annie Bao

In recent days, numerous big developers have reported lower sales figures for September, with many showing year-over-year declines of more than 20% or 30%. That is

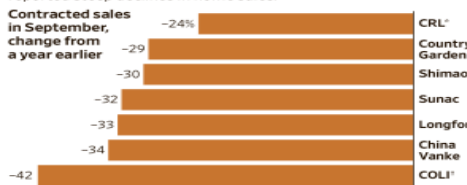
a stark drop-off for a month that leads up to China's Oct. 1 National Day holiday, whose promotions usually make this one of the strongest selling periods of the year.

If sustained, the sharp downturn could have serious economic consequences. Real estate has played an outsized role in China's economy in recent years, compared with its importance in many other countries, and Chinese families

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Some big Chinese developers have reported steep declines in home sales.



\*China Resources Land; \*China Overseas Land & Investment  
Sources: the companies; staff reports

## Logistics Boss John Baker's Job Is to Save Christmas

Hundreds of thousands of toys await passage from China to the U.S.

By PAUL ZIOBBRO

A toy traffic jam is threatening to ruin Christmas. John Baker's job is to save the day.

Mr. Baker is the logistics boss at MGA Entertainment Inc., the company behind L.O.L. Surprise dolls, Little Tikes cars and other popular toys. His job is simple only in description: Retrieve the items in time for the holidays by overcoming a jammed-up global supply chain that is holding them hostage.

In June, when new toys typically exit factories for cargo ships and stores world-wide, hundreds of thousands of MGA dolls, play sets and accessories were piling up in factories and rented warehouse space in and

around China's port city of Shenzhen. The volume of waiting toys would require 1,400 40-foot containers and cargo space aboard vessels.

Mr. Baker didn't have a good handle on either containers or transportation. "It's very, very, very hectic right now," he said, sweating out his global transport puzzle on an August day at his office in Southern California's Mojave Desert. "It's the nature of the beast."

His supply-chain problem is testing leaders across America, from the makers of Nike sneakers to Ford pickup trucks to Whirlpool washing machines. "It's more dramatic than what I can remember," Walmart Inc. Chief Executive Doug McMillon said in September.

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## Rate of Workers Returning to Office Hits Pandemic High

By PETER GRANT

A widely anticipated surge in employees returning to the office after Labor Day never materialized. But as Covid-19 infection rates fall again, workers are trickling back to the office at the highest rate since the pandemic began.

Office-building use has been slowly rising after a number of businesses required employees to return at least part of the week. In other cases, workers are returning voluntarily with summer vacations over and

their children back in school.

The number of workers returning to traditional office space has been edging higher since the week of Labor Day, when an average of 31% of the workforce was back in the 10 major cities monitored by Kastle Systems. The average hit 35% during the week ended Oct. 1 and 36% during the week ended Oct. 8, a new high during the pandemic period.

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## Where Was the Brunanburh Battle? 1,000 Years Later, It's Still a Fight

Academics, amateurs clash over Britain's ancient history; 'How dare you Yank'

By ALISTAIR MACDONALD

BARNSDALE, England—Over 1,000 years ago, vast armies from what are now Scotland and Ireland swept into a field here to be defeated by soldiers from the emerging nation of England.

No they didn't, says Michael Livingston, an American historian, who argues that the battle known as Brunanburh happened some 100 miles west, near Liverpool. Mr. Livingston is flat out wrong, says Damo Bullen, a British music festival organizer turned bookseller, who like many others says the battle happened somewhere else entirely.

In Britain, historians love to fight over battle sites, but few elicit such stridence and obsession as Brunanburh. There are more than 30 proposed locations for the battle, which took

place in 937, and helped shape what would become England.

Brunanburh's historic role, and a dearth of contemporary sources describing where it happened, have led people to war over its location for centuries, making it one of the fiercest battle battles.

Traditionally the realm of bickering academics, the issue has grown more heated as social media gives a platform for amateur archaeologists and have-a-go historians.

Battle recommenced this year when Mr. Livingston, a professor at The Citadel, South Carolina's military college, released a book pinpointing Brunanburh as happening on the Wirral Peninsula, near Liverpool. Mr. Livingston started delving into Brunanburh over a decade ago and has suffered vitriol for his views ever since, he said, including

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### Ships rerouted as UK clogs up

Holidaymakers board a boat at the water's edge near the container terminal at Felixstowe in eastern England.

Britain's biggest port is suffering one of the world's worst backlogs of containers being offloaded from ships because of a shortage of truck drivers.

Maersk, the world's largest container shipping company, said yesterday that it was being forced to reroute larger UK-bound ships to mainland Europe, from where smaller vessels would transport containers to the UK.

Felixstowe port said the lack of drivers meant it was taking an average of 10 days before cargo could be taken inland, up from the usual four-and-a-half days.

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Chris J. Radcliffe/Reuters

# 'Be very, very vigilant' as inflation risk rises, IMF tells central banks

◆ Price pressures mounting ◆ Growth momentum slipping ◆ Early action on tightening urged

CHRIS GILES — LONDON  
COLBY SMITH — NEW YORK

The global economy is entering a phase of inflationary risk, the IMF has warned, as it called on central banks to be "very, very vigilant" and take early action to tighten monetary policy if price pressures persist.

The fund was highlighting the new risks in its twice-yearly World Economic Outlook, which also warned of slipping momentum in global growth after a strong recovery so far this year.

Gita Gopinath, the IMF's chief economist, said the strength of the economic recovery meant it was too early to "say anything about stagflation", despite some supply shortages that have also boosted inflation.

"We always knew coming out of this

deep contraction that the supply-demand mismatch would pose problems," she told the Financial Times. "The hope was that it would even itself out by around this time of the year... But we've been hit with additional shocks, including some weather-related shocks, that certainly makes that imbalance persist longer."

The IMF's central forecast is that inflation will rise sharply towards the end of the year, moderate in mid-2022 and then fall back to pre-pandemic levels. But its report also noted that "inflation risks are skewed to the upside" and advised central banks to act if price pressures showed signs of lasting.

The fund said central banks should generally ignore higher prices that stemmed from energy price shocks or

temporary difficulties in bringing products to market. But they should act on signs that companies, households or workers expect high inflation to linger.

"What [central banks] have to watch out for is the second-round effects, [with] these increases in energy prices feeding into wages and then feeding into core prices. That's where you have to be very, very vigilant," Gopinath said.

The report said central banks "should be prepared to act quickly if the recovery strengthens faster than expected or risks of rising inflation expectations become tangible". The IMF warned that a "spiral of doubt" might lead to "precisely the slower employment recovery central banks seek to avoid when holding off on policy tightening".

If inflation risks can be navigated, the



Gita Gopinath tells banks to watch for 'the second-round effects, [with] these increases in energy prices feeding into wages and then feeding into core prices'

fund expects advanced economies to recover fully from the pandemic.

Inflation in advanced economies is expected to average 2.8 per cent this year and fall to 2.3 per cent in 2022. However, those forecasts were revised up by 1.2 percentage points and 0.6 percentage points respectively from April.

Defending the integrity of IMF forecasts after the alleged manipulation of the World Bank's Doing Business rankings when Kristalina Georgieva, now head of the fund, was its chief executive, Gopinath said the World Bank's difficulties had "nothing to do with the IMF". Georgieva has denied wrongdoing and the board has backed her.

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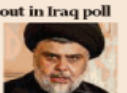
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#### Trust me, I'm a doctor

% of respondents



Source: Ipsos Mori (May 2021)

Doctors have this year overtaken scientists to become the most trusted profession, according to a 28-nation survey from Ipsos Mori. At the bottom of the table come politicians, trusted by 10 per cent of respondents

## EU's record-breaking €12bn debut flags ambitions in green bond market

TOMMY STUBBINGTON — LONDON  
MEHREEN KHAN — BRUSSELS

The EU attracted strong demand from investors for its inaugural green bond yesterday as Brussels kicked off its ambitions to become the world's biggest issuer of sustainable debt.

The €12bn sale of 15-year debt attracted more than €155bn of orders and marked the largest green bond deal, narrowly eclipsing the UK's £10bn debut last month.

The sale comes as Europe continues to battle an energy crunch, serving to illustrate a growing need for diverse and renewable sources of power.

The issue was the first of an expected €250bn of European Commission green bonds, making up about a third of the bloc's €300bn Covid-19 recovery fund. The proceeds will be passed on to mem-

ber states to spend on areas such as energy efficiency, transport and nature protection. The EU's debut green bond "will help strengthen the role of the EU and euro in the sustainable finance market", said Johannes Hahn, EU budget commissioner. "This will serve as an inspiration to other issuers."

Brussels has joined member states, including Germany, France, Spain, Italy and Poland, in issuing green debt. Demand for green securities has been intense owing to the fund management industry's focus on environmental, social and governance factors.

"This first issue will boost the growth of the [green bond] market while further improving its liquidity," said Johann Plé, a portfolio manager at Axa Investment Managers, adding that overall green bond issuance was on course to hit €400bn, doubling 2020's total.

The EU joined other recent issuers in attracting a price premium — known as a "greenium" — for its green bond, meaning it achieved a slightly lower funding cost at yesterday's sale. The yield of 0.45 per cent represented a borrowing cost of about 0.025 of a percentage point under what would be expected for a conventional bond, Hahn said.

Brussels' green bonds will be based on the EU's sustainable finance rules, although this has yet to be finalised as governments are split over whether to include gas and nuclear as green activity.

As part of its recovery fund, the commission will screen national spending plans to ensure the cash is used to fund genuine environmental projects, while aiming to stamp out so-called greenwashing. Member states must spend at least 36 per cent of their national recovery funds on green projects.



### Lasry finds real corporate drama after TV's 'Billions'

Marc Lasry, credited with supplying an understanding of the billionaire psyche to television drama *Billions*, was spending small change when he found himself embroiled in one of the year's biggest blow-ups. The distressed debt investor put \$1m of his own cash into Ozy Media and became chair, quelling weeks later amid the group's dubious claims about its leadership. He puts the real-life drama down to the hazards of unfamiliar waters.

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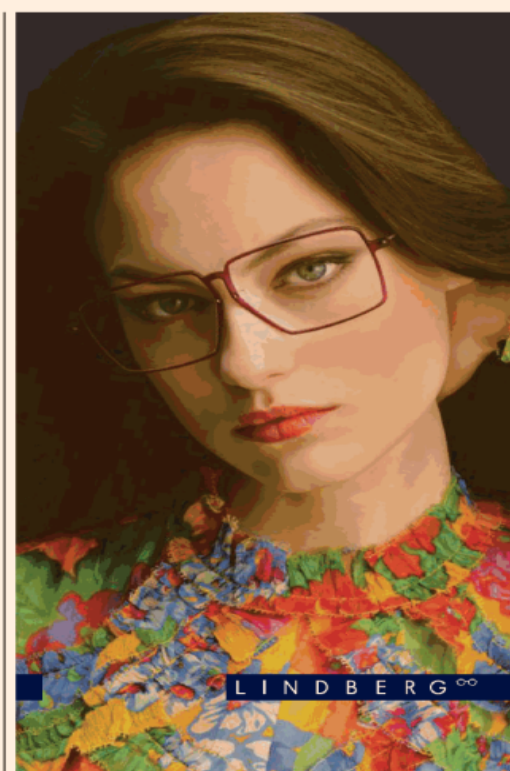
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### World Markets

STOCK MARKETS					CURRENCIES					INTEREST RATES				
	Oct 12	prev	%chg			Oct 12	prev	%chg			price	yield	chg	
S&P 500	4369.80	4361.19	0.13	\$ per £	1.155	1.157	0.254			US Gov 10 yr	146.71	1.61	-0.01	
Nasdaq Composite	14507.23	14488.20	0.15	\$ per €	1.360	1.363	0.218			UK Gov 10 yr		1.05	-0.04	
Dow Jones Ind	34542.62	34488.06	0.13	£ per \$	0.849	0.849	0.000			Gov 10 yr		-0.09	0.04	
FTSE100	1771.75	1773.47	-0.10	¥ per \$	113.810	113.290	0.450			Japan Gov 10 yr	115.24	0.09	0.00	
Euro Stoxx 50	4055.06	4072.52	-0.43	₩ per \$	154.538	154.376	0.104			US Gov 30 yr	112.97	2.13	-0.04	
FTSE 100	7130.23	7146.85	-0.23	Sfr per \$	1.073	1.072	0.009			Gov 2 yr	105.14	-0.66	0.02	
FTSE All-Share	4059.54	4059.12	0.01											
CAC 40	6548.11	6570.54	-0.34											
Japan Nikkei	15146.87	15109.14	0.24											
Hang Seng	26220.61	26409.29	-0.34											
MSCI World \$	24962.59	25025.09	-1.43											
MSCI EM \$	3031.52	3043.74	-0.40	Oil WTI \$	80.74	80.52	0.27			Feed Funds EIT		0.09	0.08	-0.01
MSCI ACWI \$	1269.65	1257.04	0.68	Oil Brent \$	83.52	83.85	-0.18			US 3m Bill		0.05	0.05	0.00
				Gold \$	1757.85	1773.25	-0.88			Euro 3m Bill		-0.57	-0.52	0.00
										UK 3m		0.11	0.09	0.02

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## Many Officers Resist Vaccine Despite Risks

**Covid Is the Top Cause of Police Deaths**

By MITCH SMITH

BAKER, La. — Over the last year and a half, a majority of the roughly 40 police officers who patrol Baker, La., a suburb of Baton Rouge, tested positive for the coronavirus. All of them recovered and went back to work — until Lt. DeMarcus Dunn got sick.

Lieutenant Dunn, a 36-year-old shift supervisor who coached youth sports and once chased down someone who fled the police station after being arrested, died from Covid-19 on Aug. 13. His wedding had been scheduled for the next day.

Chief Carl K. Dunn said he had assumed that the lieutenant, a distant relative, was vaccinated, but thought it would be inappropriate to ask. It was not until after the death, the chief said, that he was told Lieutenant Dunn had not gotten a shot. For some others in the department who had been resisting vaccination, it was a turning point.

"They were like, 'Oh, look, wait a minute,'" Chief Dunn recalled last month. "Those are the ones that started getting it after DeMarcus left us."

More than 460 American law enforcement officers have died from Covid-19 infections tied to their work since the start of the pandemic, according to the Office



MAURO TAMM/Getty Images  
Lt. DeMarcus Dunn, 36, of the Baker, La., Police Department, died of Covid-19 in August.

cer Down Memorial Page, making the coronavirus by far the most common cause of duty-related deaths in 2020 and 2021. More than four times as many officers have died from Covid-19 as from gunfire in that period. There is no comprehensive accounting of how many police officers have been sickened by the virus, but departments across the country have reported large outbreaks in the ranks.

While the virus has ravaged police departments, it has also

**N.B.A. ULTIMATUM** The Nets told their point guard Kyrie Irving that if he did not get vaccinated, he could not participate. PAGE B9

## Panel Pulls Back on Broad Use Of Aspirin in a Daily Regimen

By RONI CARYN RABIN

Doctors should no longer routinely start most people who are at high risk of heart disease on a daily regimen of low-dose aspirin, according to new draft guidelines by a U.S. panel of experts.

The proposed recommendation is based on mounting evidence that the risk of serious side effects far outweighs the benefit of what was once considered a remarkably cheap weapon in the fight against heart disease.

The U.S. panel also plans to retreat from its 2016 recommendation to take baby aspirin for the prevention of colorectal cancer, guidance that was groundbreaking at the time. The panel said

more recent data had raised questions about the benefits for cancer, and that more research was needed.

On the use of low-dose or baby aspirin, the recommendation by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force would apply to people younger than 60 who are at high risk of heart disease and for whom a new daily regimen of the mild analgesic might have been a tool to prevent a first heart attack or stroke. The proposed guidelines would not apply to those already taking aspirin or those who have already had a heart attack.

The U.S. task force also wants to

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## F.D.A., in First, Gives Backing To E-Cigarette

By MATT RICHTER and SHEILA KAPLAN

The Food and Drug Administration for the first time on Tuesday authorized an electronic cigarette to be sold in the United States, a significant turn in one of the most contentious public health debates in decades.

In greenlighting a device and tobacco-flavored cartridges marketed by R.J. Reynolds under the brand name Vuse, the agency signaled that it believed that the help certain vaping devices offer smokers to quit traditional cigarettes is more significant than the risks of ensnaring a new generation.

"The authorized products' aerosols are significantly less toxic than combusted cigarettes based on available data," the F.D.A. said in a statement announcing the decision.

The statement concluded, "The F.D.A. determined that the potential benefit to smokers who switch completely or significantly reduce their cigarette use, would outweigh the risk to youth."

The watershed decision could pave the way for authorization of

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## Bodies Wash Ashore. His Grisly Work Begins.

By NICHOLAS CASEY and LEIRE ARIZ SARASKETA

ALGECIRAS, Spain — No one knew the man's name when he washed ashore. His body had floated in the ocean for weeks, and it then sat much of the summer unidentified in a refrigerator in a Spanish morgue.

He was one among thousands lost at sea during what has been a record year for migrant drownings in Spain. And he might have been sent with the other unidentified dead to an unmarked grave if Martin Zamora had not figured out that the body had a name, and a life.

He was Achraf Ameer, 27, a Moroccan from Tangier. He had been missing for weeks when Mr. Zamora reached his family by WhatsApp.

## Searching Out Families of Migrants to Send Remains Home

He had found their son's body. He could take it to them in Morocco, for a price.

"Sometimes, I get the feeling that some years ahead — in 30, 40, 50 years, I don't know how many — they will look at us like monsters," he said. "They'll see us all

as monsters because we just let people die this way."

Mr. Zamora, a 61-year-old father of seven, is the owner of Southern Funeral Assistance, a mortuary in Algeciras. But in this port city where the lights of Morocco can be seen across the Mediterranean, he has become more than that. Mr. Zamora is the body collector of those who don't make it to Spain alive.

Mr. Zamora, who says he has repatriated more than 800 bodies in two decades, has forged a business model like few others. He wrestles with municipal officials to hand over bodies so he can embalm them. He works with smugglers to find the relatives of the

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SAMUEL ARANDELA FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES  
The coast near Vejer de la Frontera, Spain. Thousands of migrants are lost in crossing from Africa.

## The Issue Riling Up Virginia Voters: What's Taught in the Schools

By LISA LERER

WINCHESTER, Va. — As a lifelong Republican in her home state, Virginia, Tammy Yoder faithfully casts her ballot for those who want to lower taxes, oppose abortion and back other conservative causes.

But the issue that transformed Ms. Yoder, a stay-at-home mother,

from a reliable voter to the kind of person who brings three young children to an evening campaign rally was neither Christian values or her pocketbook.

It was something even more personal, she said: what her children learn in school.

"The past year has revealed a ton to me," said Ms. Yoder, 41, as she waited in this Northern Virginia exurb for a speech by Glenn

## G.O.P. Targets Race and Gender Instruction

Youngkin, the Republican candidate for governor. "The more I've listened and paid attention, the more that I see what's happening in schools and on college cam-

puses. And the stuff I see, I don't want corrupting my children." From fights over evolution to desegregation to prayer, education battles have been a staple of the country's divisive cultural issues for decades. But not quite like this.

After months of closed classrooms and lost learning time, Republicans in Virginia are making

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## DODGERS STAY ALIVE

Mookie Betts celebrates with third base coach Dino Ebel after a two-run home run that helped power L.A. to a 7-2 win over the Giants on Tuesday night, evening the series at 2-2. **SPORTS, D1**

WALLY SKALIZ Los Angeles Times

# Pregnant, unvaccinated, at risk

Being left out of clinical trials proves harmful for women

BY AMINA KHAN

As the fast-spreading Delta variant filled the University of Washington Medical Center with COVID-19 patients this summer, Dr. Linda Eckert was struck by something: More pregnant patients were hospitalized with the disease than at any other time during the pandemic.

Expectant mothers were struggling to breathe. Some were on mechanical ventilators. A few didn't make it.

"I have rarely seen any condition confer this much risk to pregnant individuals," said Eckert, an obstetrician-gynecologist with a specialty in infectious diseases. "It's actually just ... horrifying."

Experts say vaccination could have prevented most serious illnesses and deaths in the current surge. But that message was slow to get out to pregnant women due to a long-standing tradition of excluding them from clinical trials of experimental medicines — a practice that

extended to COVID-19 vaccines.

As a result, for months after the vaccines became available, doctors and their pregnant patients had little relevant safety data to rely on. So they turned to one another in an effort to crowd-source their own best practices.

Some scoured regulatory filings, medical journals and websites for any information that might be relevant. Others joined registries of pregnant women who opted to get the shot so that re-

searchers could track their health "becomes as well as those of their babies."

"It felt good to be a part of it," said Dr. Emily Fay, a maternal-fetal medicine specialist in Seattle who enrolled in a registry while pregnant herself. "Hopefully it helps add to what we know."

More than 22,000 pregnant people have been hospitalized with COVID-19 over the course of the pandemic, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. [See Pregnancy, A12]

# Invasive mosquito expands its reach

The aggressive ankle-biting *Aedes* species has spread across the L.A. Basin.

BY LILA SEIDMAN

County vector control personnel informed Graham Jenkins and his wife late last month that the itchy bites on their ankles were the work of an insidious mosquito that had invaded their Gardena home — and that there was nothing they could do.

"These little buggers are living with us forever now," Jenkins said.

A pair of bites on the 34-year-old's wrist recently got infected and sent him to the emergency room. After a week of antibiotics, he said he was "almost back to normal," but still wearing his watch on the other wrist.

The invasive *Aedes* mosquito is an aggressive biter with the ability to pierce clothing and reproduce in water sources as small as a bottle cap. Flying low to the ground, they strike during the daytime, preferring human blood to that of birds or other animals. They often strike multiple times in rapid succession.

Southern California pest [See Mosquito, A9]



**PEOPLE CAST** fishing lines off Cabrillo Beach Pier. With offshore traffic jams, ships are waiting beyond their usual zones, dropping anchors near oil platforms.

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# Focusing on vessels near pipeline since last year

While agencies gather data, lawmaker seeks ban on cargo ships idling off O.C. coast.

BY HANNAH FRY AND RICHARD WINTON

With the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach facing unprecedented gridlock, investigators are trying to determine what role the congested shipping lanes played in the massive oil spill that has fouled the Orange County coast since early this month.

Investigators are probing possible issues with the way ships are anchoring or drifting off the coast in long lines caused by skyrocketing consumer demand and disrupted supply chains during the pandemic.

Officials believe a ship anchored off Huntington Beach hit an undersea pipe, possibly months before the oil began spilling in the ocean. It's unclear how a ship came to lower its anchor on a pipeline when the placement of vessels is supposed to be carefully orchestrated to avoid such mishaps.

But the offshore traffic

jams have forced ships to wait well beyond their usual zones, dropping enormous anchors near oil platforms and an undersea infrastructure of oil lines.

The Coast Guard and the National Transportation Safety Board are focusing on a period early this year when heavy winds may have shifted large vessels over the pipeline.

They are examining which vessels were in the vicinity on Jan. 24 and 25 and gathering data on every vessel traveling near the pipeline since October.

In the coming weeks, in-

[See Gridlock, A7]

# Winds fan Alisal fire to 13,000 acres

Evacuation orders affect thousands as powerful sundowner gusts fuel the blaze in Santa Barbara County.

BY HAYLEY SMITH, LILA SEIDMAN AND AL SEIB

GOLETA, Calif. —

There's a time of year many Santa Barbara County residents fear, when the warm ocean breezes that typically meander in from the coast give way to howling winds that rattle oak trees, carry the clouds of dust and deliver the potential for disaster.

The fearsome sundowner winds, which race down the slopes of the Santa Ynez Mountains toward the sea, are exclusive to the area's topography and have stoked some of its worst wildfires, including the 2016 Sherpa fire, which charred 7,500 acres in less than three days.

It looked as though history might repeat itself Tuesday, as the Alisal fire swelled to more than 13,000 acres, marking Southern California's first major wildfire of the season.

The blaze was fueled by drought-parched terrain and 40-mph gusts, conditions that made for challenging firefighting efforts, officials said. After sunset Tuesday, the Alisal fire was 5% contained, and the winds had begun to strengthen once again.

The fire, the cause of which remains unknown, was sparked around 2:30 p.m. Monday. Within hours, winds had propelled the blaze south toward the Tajiguas Landfill and the 101 Freeway, officials said, where it jumped the roadway in multiple places.

The Sherpa fire "did the same thing," said Tom Himmelfrich, a battalion chief with the Santa Barbara County Fire Department, as he stood amid the Alisal [See Alisal, A6]



**THE ALISAL FIRE**, sparked Monday afternoon, burns Tuesday along the 101 Freeway near Goleta.

LUIS STECO LOS ANGELES TIMES

# FDA authorizes e-cigarette, citing benefit to smokers

Vuse can help reduce conventional tobacco use, but it remains unsafe, agency says.

BY MATTHEW PERRONE

WASHINGTON — For the first time, the Food and Drug Administration on Tuesday authorized an electronic cigarette, saying R.J. Reynolds' Vuse vaping device can help smokers cut back on conventional cigarettes.

E-cigarettes have been sold in the U.S. for more than a decade, with minimal government oversight or research. Facing a court deadline, the FDA has been conducting a sweeping review of vaping products to determine which should be allowed to remain on the market.

In September, the agency said it had rejected applications for more than 1 million e-cigarettes and related products, mainly because of their potential appeal to underage users. But regula-

tors delayed making decisions on most of the major vaping companies, including market leader Juul.

Tuesday's decision applies to Vuse's Solo e-cigarette and its tobacco-flavored nicotine cartridges. The agency said data from the company showed that the product helped smokers significantly reduce their exposure to the harmful chemicals in traditional cigarettes.

While the products can now be legally sold in the U.S., the agency stressed that they are neither safe nor "FDA-approved" and that people who don't smoke shouldn't use them.

Launched in 2013, Vuse Solo is a rechargeable metallic device that is shaped like a traditional cigarette. The FDA said it rejected 10 requests from the company for other flavored products. The agency is still reviewing the company's request to sell a menthol-flavored nicotine formula.

"Today's authorizations are an important step toward ensuring all new [See E-cigarette, A12]

## Aspirin for heart health revisited

Panel's preliminary conclusion says that older adults should not take preventive daily doses. **NATION, A5**

**Weather**  
Sunny, but cool.  
L.A. Basin: 74/63. **B6**

## Additional ugly Gruden emails

More inflammatory messages from the ousted Raiders coach surface. **SPORTS, D2**





## GOP ramps up attacks on Biden's mandate

In Texas and elsewhere, party fans the flames of vaccination policies

BY ANNIE LINSKEY,  
FENIT NIRAPPIL  
AND IAN DUNCAN

The nationwide fight over coronavirus vaccine mandates gained intensity this week as top Republicans and their conservative allies escalated attacks on public health strategies aimed at curbing the pandemic, drawing corporate America into the center of a burgeoning cultural and political clash.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott (R) sought to ban covid-related mandates in the country's second-largest state, while Republicans seized on flight disruptions at Dallas-based Southwest Airlines, saying they were caused by employees protesting mandates. That assertion was disputed by company and union officials.

The anti-mandate cause is becoming increasingly central to pro-Trump Republicans, with figures such as Abbott and Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis loudly promoting it, a development that complicates President Biden's efforts to fight the pandemic.

The clash over mandates is playing out far beyond Texas. On Tuesday, a federal judge said New York state, which has imposed a mandate on health-care workers,

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**Northern Virginia:** Virus outbreak shuts down elementary school. B1

## Expert panel alters advice on daily dose of aspirin

BY ALLYSON CHIU

After years of recommending that middle-aged and older Americans consider taking low-dose aspirin to prevent a first heart attack or stroke, an influential medical task force is planning to overhaul its guidelines, based on new studies that show that the risks may greatly reduce or cancel out the benefits.

"Our message... is if you don't have a history of heart attack and stroke, you shouldn't be starting on aspirin just because you reach a certain age," said Chien-Wen Tseng, a member of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF), an independent panel composed of experts in disease prevention and evidence-based medicine whose recommendations can influence medical practices and insurance coverage related to preventive measures.

The change in recommendations could affect millions of people nationwide. Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States, killing roughly

SEE ASPIRIN ON A6



A vaccination team working in La Guajira, home to Colombia's largest Indigenous population, travels by boat to reach a community in the Bahia Honda area. Nursing assistant Daniela Vergara, who will administer the shots, keeps the cooler with the vaccine vials.

The vaccination team had spent an hour bouncing and bucking down a dirt road and over train tracks when the van driver issued a warning.

The toughest part of the drive was still to come.

The two women gripped their seat cushions as the van jolted, climbed a mound of dirt and fishtailed in the slick mud. Driver Toto Girnu honked at passing goats as he followed a path blazed only by tire tracks. In the distance, he spotted dark, menacing clouds.

If the group was lucky, the drive through this remote desert would take four or five hours. If it rained, as it did when Girnu made this trip a few days earlier, it could take more than 10.

But this was the only way to reach the Indigenous families who live in this arid swath of land in the northern department of La Guajira, where there are no paved roads, no electricity, no running water and no other access to the vaccines that

## By boat, by bike, on foot: A journey to vaccinate

Reaching Colombia's remotest communities requires overcoming travel challenges — and mistrust

BY SAMANTHA SCHMIDT  
IN LA GUAJIRA, COLOMBIA

would protect their communities.

Travel is only part of the challenge confronting the team, one of many contracted by the Colombian government to deliver vaccines to some of the country's remotest peoples. There is also a lack of information about the coronavirus, hesitation around vaccines and a general mistrust of authorities.

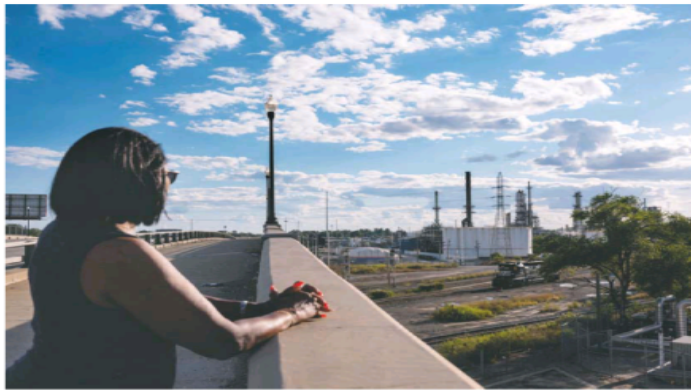
The van, "Route of Hope" written across the windshield, came upon a roadblock. Adults and children here string ropes across the road, to be lifted only in exchange for water, food or cash.

"Are you vaccinated?" vaccine team coordinator Katherine Gamez shouted to a young man. Girnu gave the man a fist bump, tossed him a small bag of water and translated the question into Wayunaiki, the language of the local Wayuu Indigenous people.

"For what?" he asked.

Across the Andes, a region that has reported some of the world's

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Vicki Dobbins looks out upon the Marathon Petroleum refinery that is just blocks from her southwest Detroit neighborhood, which she says smells like "old garbage" due to gas emissions.

## Environmental stewardship, bonuses often out of sync

Awards to oil and gas executives sometimes defy reality of rising carbon emissions, other pollution

BY DOUGLAS MACMILLAN  
AND JULIA INGRAM

It was the worst oil spill Marathon Petroleum had seen in years. A crack in a 60-year-old underground pipeline released 1,400 barrels of diesel fuel into an Indiana creek, staining the banks of the waterway and threatening a population of endangered freshwater mussels.

The incident barely registered, however, in the performance reviews of Marathon's top executives, who earn part of their annual bonus by meeting environmental goals. Because these reviews account for the company's number of significant oil spills in a year — not the total volume of oil

— the Indiana spill counted as just one of 23 incidents in 2018.

The way Marathon evaluated its executives, 2018 marked the company's best environmental performance in at least eight years. The board of directors awarded chief executive Gary Heminger \$272,251 for "excellence in environmental, personal safety and process safety improvement."

Many of the largest fossil fuel companies reward top executives for meeting environmental goals, a compensation tactic they adopted over the past two decades as a response to regulators and investors concerned with pollution and worker safety.

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**Baltimore County** reached a \$6.5 million settlement with the family of an unarmed man who was fatally shot by a police officer in 2019. B1

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## A Mirtha le dieron el alta y se recupera en su casa

Anoche salió del sanatorio, donde estuvo internada desde el 30 de septiembre; le colocaron dos stents después de detectar una cardiopatía. Espectáculos



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Hace cuatro décadas moría el artista rosarino, cuya obra sigue viva; un recorrido por su universo, de Rosario a Caballito, de la Argentina al mundo, de la A a la Z. Página 24

## ESCÁNDALO EN EL TORNEO DE FUTSAL FEMENINO

—deportes

Banfield echó al director técnico que les ordenó a sus jugadoras hacerse cuatro goles en contra para buscar una ventaja deportiva. Página 6

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## El Gobierno busca cerrar el escándalo por la intimidación de Aníbal Fernández a Nik

**MENSAJE.** Temen que impacte contra la gestión y la campaña; el ministro no se retractó

El Gobierno intentó ayer dar por terminado el escándalo por el mensaje intimidatorio del ministro de Seguridad, Aníbal Fernández, al dibujante y humorista Nik, en el que mencionó el colegio al que asisten sus hijas. El jefe de Gabinete, Juan Manzur, calificó como "muy desafortunado" el episodio y se remitió a las "disculpas" de su subordinado. Lo mismo expresaron en el entorno del Presidente, para indicar que no le pedirá la renuncia al ministro.

Sin embargo, Aníbal Fernández volvió ayer a condicionar un pedido de disculpas y ratificó sus dichos. "No me arrepiento de nada", afirmó.

Más allá del posicionamiento oficial, el hecho generó malestar en el Frente de Todos por su impacto negativo en la gestión y la campaña, que pretendía posicionar al Presidente y sus candidatos con un discurso positivo, alejado de la confrontación, para intentar remontar la dura derrota de las PASO. Página 8

### EL ANÁLISIS

### Con el lenguaje de la mafia

Joaquín Morales Solá

Conoció la retórica de la revolución cuando ya era un hombre grande y confundió la mística revolucionaria con los métodos mafiosos.

Antes, Aníbal Fernández había sido un conservador dirigente del duro y arisco conurbano bonaerense. Continúa en la página 9



Aníbal Fernández, ayer, al abandonar el Ministerio de Seguridad

FABIÁN MARELLI

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**EDUCACIÓN.** El ciclo lectivo será de 192 días; nuevas estrategias. Página 21

## La Liga que da el ejemplo: en el interior bonaerense los visitantes van a la cancha

¿Fútbol con hinchas visitantes y con operativos policiales 50% más baratos? No hay que irse al exterior: sucede en la Argentina. La Liga del Sur, que se disputa en Bahía Blanca y zonas de influencia, aplica el sistema "Liga Segura"

y desarrolla sus partidos con simpatizantes de ambos clubes. "Liga Segura" aúna a los clubes, la policía bonaerense y la intendencia de Bahía Blanca. El sistema exige a los hinchas empadronarse para tener una credencial con código

QR. Los datos se contrastan con el listado de infractores a la ley del deporte, que castiga a los violentos en las canchas, y con registros de la policía. El sistema podría ser utilizado en toda la provincia. Deportes, página 5

## Piñera militariza el sur por la escalada de violencia

**CHILE.** La zona es un foco de conflicto con grupos mapuches radicalizados

SANTIAGO, Chile (DPA).—El presidente de Chile, Sebastián Piñera, decretó ayer el estado de excepción y la militarización de una zona del sur del país convertida en escenario de ataques, incendios y violentos enfrentamientos con indígenas mapuches que reivindican tierras ancestrales. La medida regirá por 15 días, prorrogable por otros 15, en las provincias de Biobío y Arauco, en la región de Biobío, y Malleco y Cautín, en La Araucanía (a la altura de Neuquén), indicó el mandatario conservador durante el anuncio en el Palacio de La Moneda. Página 2

## El acuerdo con el FMI sería en 2022, dijo el Presidente

**REUNIÓN.** Se lo anticipó a empresarios con quienes almorzó en la Casa Rosada

El presidente Alberto Fernández recibió ayer en la Casa Rosada a un grupo de empresarios, a los que les adelantó que el acuerdo con el FMI se terminaría de sellar recién en 2022. Los hombres de negocios le reclamaron el fin de la doble indemnización y de la prohibición de los despidos. Ambas partes hablaron de la necesidad de un acuerdo poselectoral. Página 11

## Santiago del Estero otorga un bono récord antes de votar

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Eduardo Anzella/Folhapress

## EM MISSA REABERTA AO PÚBLICO, FIÉIS LOTAM SANTUÁRIO EM APARECIDA

Ainda sob restrições sanitárias, devotos acendem velas na basílica, no interior de São Paulo; no ano passado, a festa aberta da padroeira do país havia sido cancelada pela pandemia **cotidiano B2**

## Arcebispo de Aparecida faz crítica a Bolsonaro

Antes de Jair Bolsonaro visitar o santuário de Aparecida no dia da padroeira do Brasil, o arcebispo Orlando Brandes criticou sua política armamentista. "Para ser pátria amada, não pode ser pátria armada", disse. Depois, tendo sido vaiado e aplaudido, Bolsonaro assistiu a uma missa em que o sermão falava sobre a pandemia e o desemprego no país. **Poder A6**

### A pandemia em 12.out

Dados das 20h

#### POPULAÇÃO VACINADA

##### No Brasil

Ao menos uma dose (dose única ou 1ª dose)

**72,2%**

1º ciclo vacinal completo (dose única ou 2ª dose)

**46,9%**

Dose de reforço

**1,2%**

#### ESTÁGIO DA DOENÇA

##### Óbitos

Média móvel

**367**

↓ -35,8%

Em 24 h

176

Total

601.442

Casos ↓ -33,6% (desacelerado)

\*Variação em relação a 14 dias

# Trabalho por conta própria é saída para 25 milhões no país

Crise, pandemia e formalização no mercado levam número a recorde neste ano

A crise fez crescer o número de pessoas que trabalham por conta própria. Segundo o IBGE, no segundo trimestre de 2021 foram registrados 24,8 milhões de brasileiros nessa situação, um recorde. São pessoas tanto na informalidade quanto microempreendedores individuais.

Esses últimos têm CNPJ, acesso à Previdência Social e a impostos com recolhimento mais baixo.

O número é recorde também em relação ao total da população ocupada: 28,2% dos 87,7 milhões de pessoas com algum tipo de trabalho se encaixam na definição.

Em ao menos 12 estados, esse percentual supera os 30%, chegando a quase quatro em cada dez no Amapá.

Segundo a economista Diana Gonzaga, da Universidade Federal da Bahia, os números refletem tanto a formalização quanto o empreendedorismo por necessidade.

Nesse último grupo, serviços ligados à alimentação são a atividade mais comum. De 8,2% do total de microempreendedores em 2019, fazer marmitas, doces e afins agora é fonte de renda de 9,2%. "A pandemia turbinou isso", afirma Luiz Rubi, economista da Serasa. **Mercado A13**

**Para ser pátria amada, não pode ser pátria armada**  
D. Orlando Brandes  
arcebispo de Aparecida

**Presidente acena a antigos aliados por apoio em 2022**

**Poder A7**

## CPI produz provas e já alimenta oito novas apurações

Antes de ter relatório final, a CPI da Covid já produziu provas que alimentam ao menos oito investigações de órgãos de controle. Afirmando querer evitar dar palanque a Marcelo Queiroga, comissão desistiu de novo depoimento do ministro da Saúde. **Poder A4**

## FMI prevê inflação, câmbio e crescimento piores no Brasil

O Fundo Monetário Internacional piorou suas projeções para inflação, crescimento e câmbio no Brasil.

Para este ano, o FMI vê o PIB crescer 5,2% (em julho previa 5,3%) e, em 2022, 1,5% (1,9% antes). A previsão de inflação neste ano passou de 4,5% (em abril) para 7,9%.

Em Washington para a reunião anual do órgão, o ministro Paulo Guedes (Economia) disse que o problema da inflação é mundial e, no caso brasileiro, decorre da alta da comida e da energia. O FMI defende vacinação ampla como medida possível na crise. **Mercado A17**

## Nos EUA, executivo brasileiro tem pena de 20 meses

Ex-presidente da Braskem, José Carlos Grubisich foi condenado nos EUA por participar de plano para subornar funcionários da Petrobras, em caso ligado a investigações da Operação Lava Jato. A pena inclui multa de US\$ 2,2 milhões (R\$ 12 milhões). **Mercado A15**

## Tostão Neymar mostra cansaço mental

Enquanto Messi mostra a mobilidade e a velocidade de um garoto, Neymar tem sido lento, pesado. Seria uma situação passageira? Ele é jovem, mas cada atleta tem sua história. Neymar demonstra cansaço mental, fastio pela fama e pessimismo. **Esporte B5**

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Sobre indicação de André Mendonça ao Supremo.

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A respeito de Constituinte no país sul-americano.

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São Paulo hoje



	Hoje	Amanhã
Rio	18 28	18 31
Brasília	19 30	19 30
Ribeirão	21 33	22 33

Fonte: www.climatempo.com.br

## Europeus querem 'selo verde' para a energia nuclear

Dez países europeus, liderados pela França, pediram que a energia nuclear seja considerada verde e receba incentivos para ajudar a obter neutralidade de emissões de carbono. Outras nações do continente, Alemanha à frente, são contra. **Ciência B4**

## EUA têm novo caso de violência contra um negro

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## Pesquisa mostra melhores bairros para criança em SP

**Cotidiano B2**



O músico Tom Zé, que grava novo álbum **Kelley Andrade/Folhapress**

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## O idioma de Tom Zé

Aos 85 recém-completados e celebrados em um curta-metragem, músico vai gravar novo álbum, "Língua Brasileira", e diz que "não há no mundo governo mais analfabeto".

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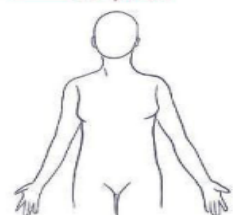
Descobrir câncer foi 'soco no estômago', diz comentarista Caio Ribeiro

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Falta no país tabela para o vestuário da brasileira —que não é 'padrão violão'

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Biotipos femininos identificados na população **Em %**



**Retângulo**  
Quando o tórax, a cintura e o quadril estão alinhados uns com os outros



**Intentarán una nueva sesión de Junta Municipal para analizar compras de oro**

## FGE de Sandra Quiñónez sigue complaciente con Nenecho

Ministerio Público aún no nombró fiscal para investigar las compras por pandemia de la Municipalidad de Asunción. Tampoco imputa al gobernador de Central, Hugo Javier.

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**Cobarde reacción de motoasaltante**  
**cambió la vida de una familia**

**Padre de familia fallece**  
**tras 6 meses de agonía**

**Triste final.** Alberto Fleitas recibió un balazo de un asaltante en abril. Ayer falleció y el dolor embarga a un hogar. **PÁGINA 48**

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**Resistencia.** Ricardo Estigarribia y David Cerrozo Hips, ambos en el primer momento por la inseguridad.

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## Hubert Germain, le dernier des Compagnons

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Hubert Germain, le dernier compagnon de la Libération, s'est éteint hier à l'âge de 101 ans à l'Institution des Invalides, où il résidait depuis 2016. Emmanuel Macron présidera les cérémonies qui accompagneront son inhumation, le 11 novembre prochain, à l'Arc de triomphe et au Mont-Valérien.

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**ÉDITORIAL** par Étienne de Montety edemontety@lefigaro.fr

## Un brave

Il y a l'homme, qui a vécu un siècle, mené une existence faite de baroucs militaires et de joutes politiques. De Bir Hakeim où il combattait dans une unité de la Légion étrangère au gouvernement sous la présidence Pompidou, la vie d'Hubert Germain était celle d'un personnage de Kessel, romanesque à souhait. À ses visiteurs, il la racontait avec gouaille, au présent et à la première personne du singulier : la sortie du camp retranché, la campagne d'Italie, ses portefeuilles ministériels. On y était. Il y a le symbole. Certes, Germain n'a jamais égalé l'envergure historique d'un Leclerc, d'un de Lattre, il n'eut pas la vie politique de son ami Messmer, mais le destin lui a accordé une place à part dans la grande geste des Compagnons dont il avait été un des plus jeunes membres, à 23 ans : il en fut le dernier. De Gaulle, qui avait créé cette phalange en 1940, avait aussi voulu qu'elle disparaisse. Ils sont 1038, pour l'éternité. Son ultime représentant va reposer dans la crypte du Mont-Valérien. La flamme de l'ordre est désormais entre les mains des familles et des cinq « viles Compagnons ».

Dans la bouche des officiels, aux cérémonies

qui salueront sa mémoire à l'Arc de triomphe et au Mont-Valérien, les éloges ne vont pas manquer, ils seront mérités ; des mots seront prononcés qu'il a illustrés, courage, honneur, engagement, fidélité... Ils nous feront frissonner. C'était un brave !

Il y a l'avenir. Car, demain, qu'est-ce que notre époque va faire d'Hubert Germain, de son aventure hors du commun et de ce statut historique de dernier grand témoin de la

**Courage, honneur, fidélité, des leçons pour aujourd'hui**

Il y a le message. Courage, honneur, engagement, fidélité : en lisant, en écoutant le récit de cette existence riche et exaltante, pourquoi notre pays, ses responsables mais aussi chacun d'entre nous, ne pourrait-il pas simplement puiser, même si les circonstances ont bien changé, quelques leçons pour aujourd'hui ? ■

# Le plan de Macron pour moderniser l'industrie

Le chef de l'État a présenté un plan d'investissement de 30 milliards d'euros dans les secteurs d'avenir, avec, comme fil rouge, l'innovation et la décarbonation.

Alors que la pandémie de Covid-19 a révélé la dépendance de la France vis-à-vis de l'étranger, Emmanuel Macron a détaillé mardi son plan France 2030 pour créer l'industrie française de demain. Le chef de l'État considère que le pays doit innover davantage afin de produire plus et

mieux pour financer le modèle social auquel les Français sont attachés. Au total, 30 milliards d'euros (dont 3 à 4 milliards dès 2022) de financements publics vont donc être fléchés dans les prochaines années sur dix secteurs prioritaires, comme le nucléaire, l'hydrogène vert, la

voiture électrique, l'alimentation ou la santé. Le plan soutiendra les entreprises innovantes, avec comme objectif de passer rapidement à la phase d'industrialisation. Le gouvernement va devoir mettre en place, d'ici à janvier, la gouvernance adéquate pour piloter ce projet ambitieux.

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## La perspective de présenter un candidat unique redonne espoir à la droite

Les Républicains affichaient leur soulagement, mardi, au lendemain de la décision de Xavier Bertrand de participer au congrès du 4 décembre. Un choix d'unité qui permet à la droite d'éviter le scénario mortifère d'une double candidature à la présidentielle.

« C'est une très bonne nouvelle, parce que c'est la garantie pour tous les électeurs de la droite qu'ils auront à la fin un seul candidat », s'est félicitée son adversaire Valérie Pécresse. L'occasion pour Xavier Bertrand d'afficher une posture de rassembleur. Mais, pour le

président des Hauts-de-France, qui avait toujours exclu de prendre part à une compétition interne, ce revirement stratégique constitue aussi une forme d'aveu d'échec et un défi : renouer avec les adhérents d'un parti qu'il a quitté en 2017. **PAGES 2 À 4**

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## EU to offer olive branch on Northern Ireland goods

Daniel Boffey  
Brussels

The EU will offer to remove a majority of post-Brexit checks on British goods entering Northern Ireland as it seeks to turn the page on the rancorous relationship with Boris Johnson.

Up to 50% of customs checks on goods would be lifted and over half of the checks on meat and plants entering Northern Ireland would be abandoned under the bold offer from Brussels.

The olive branch will be extended today in defiance of the French government, which internally raised concerns about the proposed move by Maroš Šefčovič, the EU's Brexit commissioner.

It comes after David Frost, the UK's Brexit minister, warned it would be a "historic misjudgment" if the EU did not consider scrapping and replacing the Northern Ireland protocol.

The offer from Brussels today is designed to answer this, and the prime minister's claim that 20% of all checks on the perimeter of the 27-member state EU bloc are conducted at the regulatory border

between Northern Ireland and the rest of the UK.

In a further attempt to calm tensions, Šefčovič will say the proposals are not being tabled on a "take it or leave it" basis and emphasise that he recognises the protocol has not worked well enough.

A bone of contention remains between the two sides, however, in the form of a demand from Lord Frost that the European court of justice (ECJ) lose its role as the arbiter of EU law being applied in Northern Ireland. Šefčovič has not included any proposal on the role of the EU court in his offer, and sources said there was shock in Brussels at how the issue had become an apparent UK red line in recent days.

In a speech yesterday in Lisbon, Frost said he believed the EU had been too hasty in dismissing the court's role as a "side issue".

"The reality is the opposite," he said. "The role of the ECJ and the EU institutions in Northern Ireland create a situation where there appears to be no discretion about how provisions in the protocol are implemented. The commission's decision 15 ➔ to launch infringement



## Music royalty \$1bn private equity deal for Beyoncé songs firm

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## Blow to Cop26 as China pushes coal and gas plan

Rob Davies

China plans to build more coal-fired power plants and has hinted it will rethink its timetable to slash emissions, in a major blow to the UK's ambitions for securing global

agreement on phasing out coal at the Cop26 climate summit in Glasgow.

In a statement after a meeting of Beijing's National Energy Commission, the Chinese premier, Li Keqiang, stressed the importance of regular energy supply, after swaths of the country were 8 ➔ plunged into darkness by

## Start full inquiry early, say Covid bereaved

Robert Booth  
Peter Walker  
Steven Morris

Bereaved families have called for the Covid public inquiry to be accelerated and for ministers to apologise after a damning report by MPs on the

handling of the pandemic. Dr Cathy Gardner, whose father died from coronavirus after his care home was infected by discharged and untested patients in March 2020, said the government must appoint a chairman for the inquiry now rather than by Christmas as Boris Johnson has promised. The Royal College of Nursing

also called for a faster start to the inquiry, due to begin in spring 2022, while Keir Starmer and the Covid-19 Bereaved Families for Justice group said ministers must say sorry for their handling of the crisis. "The prime minister should take responsibility because the responsibility is his, and he should apologise," the Labour leader said. A first 5 ➔



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