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With its pandemic recovery in the rearview mirror, China now faces a prolonged period of slower growth with increasing policy uncertainties as Beijing attempts to carry out ambitious long-term reforms. **A1**

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◆ **The Haitian gang** that kidnapped a group of 17 U.S. and Canadian missionaries is asking for \$1 million each for their release. A Haitian official said the FBI and Haitian police were in contact with the kidnappers. **A16**

◆ **Trump filed suit** to block records from his time in the White House from being turned over to the House committee investigating the Jan. 6 assault on the Capitol. **A6**

◆ **The Supreme Court** threw out two separate excessive-force lawsuits filed against police, ruling that the doctrine of qualified immunity protected the officers from having to answer the allegations in court. **A3**

◆ **Lawmakers in Texas** passed a bill banning transgender public-school students from competing in interscholastic sports leagues if they are designated for a gender other than the one listed on their birth certificates. **A6**

◆ **Died: Colin Powell**, 84, former secretary of state. **A1**

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Secretary of State Colin Powell before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Feb. 5, 2002, in Washington, D.C.

Powell, a Trailblazing General And Top Diplomat, Dies at 84

By JESSICA DONATI

WASHINGTON—Colin Powell, who helped steer U.S. national security policy in the post-Vietnam era as the country's first Black Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman, White House national security adviser and secretary of state, has died at age 84.

His family cited Covid-19 complications in a statement on Facebook, adding he had been fully vaccinated. A longtime aide said Mr. Powell also had undergone treatment in

recent years for a blood cancer, multiple myeloma, which is known to weaken the immune system.

Mr. Powell advocated against precipitous war but urged the use of overwhelming force when conflict was unavoidable, views popularized in the media as the Powell Doctrine. It was born of his combat experience in Vietnam and held that war should be a last resort, with clear objectives, strong public support and decisive action.

A heralded military career

was followed by posts in U.S. presidential administrations, eventually earning broad public support that led to Mr. Powell's consideration of a 1996 presidential run, a prospect he later set aside. As secretary of state in 2002, he became a reluctant advocate for the Iraq war and came to regret his role leading the nation into years of conflict.

President Biden said Mr. Powell "embodied the highest ideals of both warrior and diplomat" and issued a proclamation ordering flags be flown at

half-staff.

Former President George W. Bush, who appointed Mr. Powell to the State Department post, praised him in a statement that cited his lengthy record of public service beginning as a soldier during the war in Vietnam.

"Many Presidents relied on General Powell's counsel and experience," Mr. Bush said. "He was such a favorite of

◆ **Powell took singular path as insider who stood apart.** **A4**

Lawmakers Question If Amazon Misled Congress

By DANA MATTIOLI

Members of a congressional committee have questioned whether Amazon.com Inc. executives misled them during an investigation of the company's business practices and if they might have lied under oath.

In a letter sent to Amazon CEO Andy Jassy on Sunday, five members of Congress asked the company to provide "exculpatory evidence" to corroborate the sworn testimony that several leaders, including then-CEO Jeff Bezos, provided to the House Judiciary Committee's antitrust subcommittee in 2019 and 2020. The letter was signed by Reps. David Cicilline (D., R.I.), Ken Buck (R., Colo.), Pramila Jayapal (D., Wash.), Jerrold Nadler (D., N.Y.) and Matt Gaetz (R., Fla.).

The subcommittee probed Amazon's use of data from third-party sellers as it has developed private-label products.

"We strongly encourage you to make use of this opportunity to correct the record and provide the Committee with sworn, truthful, and accurate responses to this request as

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Poor Nations Want Trillions To Fund Climate Goals

Cost of cooperation on renewable-energy deal escalates for West

By MATTHEW DALTON

At a July global climate gathering in London, South African environment minister Barbara Creecy presented the world's wealthiest countries with a bill: more than \$750 billion annually to pay for poorer nations to shift away from fossil fuels and protect themselves from global warming.

The number was met with silence from U.S. Climate Envoy John Kerry, according to Zabeer Fakir, an adviser to Ms. Creecy. Other Western officials said they weren't ready to discuss such a huge sum.

For decades, Western countries responsible for the bulk of greenhouse-gas emissions have pledged to pay to bring poorer nations along with them in what is expected to be a

very expensive global energy transition. But they have yet to fully deliver on that promise. Now the price of the developing world's cooperation is going up.

At the end of the month, negotiators from nearly every country will meet in Glasgow, Scotland, for a two-week climate summit, the first major gathering since governments signed the Paris accord in 2015. The goal is to strike a deal to keep the climate targets of the Paris agreement within reach.

Without poorer countries on board, the world stands little chance of preventing catastrophic climate change, say many climate scientists. Emissions in the U.S. and Europe are falling as both regions push to adopt renewable energy and phase out coal-fired

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Gates Told in 2008 to Stop Emailing a Female Staffer

By EMILY GLAZIER

The 2019 letter from a Microsoft Corp. engineer reporting an affair with Bill Gates preceded his exit from the board wasn't the first time some Microsoft directors encountered the billionaire's inappropriate behavior with female employees.

More than a decade earlier, Microsoft executives discovered emails between Mr. Gates

and a midlevel female employee at the company while Mr. Gates was still an employee at Microsoft and chairman of the board, according to people familiar with the matter. In the messages, the then-married Mr. Gates was flirtatious and propositioned the female employee, the people said.

Two top Microsoft executives, then-General Counsel Brad Smith and then-Chief People Officer, said they

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Eerie Time Capsules Await Returning Workers

◆ **Pompeii-like offices** feature petrified snacks, rampaging plants

By KATHERINE BINDLEY

Returning to the office last month for the first time since March 2020, Ryan Weaver caught sight of something on his old desk that made him do a double take.

"At first I thought, is that a

pine cone?" said Mr. Weaver, 41, who works in marketing in Toronto. Upon closer inspection, he realized it was no pine cone. It was the apple he didn't have a hand to grab that afternoon 18 months ago



when he was sent to work from home due to the pandemic.

"I thought for sure that someone would have thrown that out," he said.

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Final salute US statesman Powell dies

Former US secretary of state Colin Powell, pictured in 2015, has died aged 84 from Covid-19-related complications, his family announced yesterday.

Powell was America's highest-ranking diplomat under George W. Bush's administration during the Iraq war that started in 2003 to oust Saddam Hussein, and chair of the joint chiefs of staff in George H.W. Bush's presidency during the 1991 Gulf war to oust Saddam's forces from Kuwait.

His family said he had been fully vaccinated against Covid, but he also suffered from the blood cancer multiple myeloma. "We have lost a remarkable and loving husband, father, grandfather and a great American," they said.

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Jonathan Ernst/Reuters

Nato chief says countering China will be part of new strategic focus

◆ Role for next decade set out ◆ US pivot to Asia spurs shift ◆ No retreat from Russia threat

ROULA KHALAF AND HENRY FOY — BRUSSELS

Countering the security threat from China will be an important part of Nato's future rationale, the alliance's head has said, marking a significant rethink of the western group's objectives that reflects the US pivot to Asia.

In an interview with the Financial Times, Jens Stoltenberg, secretary-general, said that while China was not an "adversary", it was having an impact on European security through its cyber capabilities, new technologies and long-range missiles. How to defend allies from those threats would be "thoroughly" addressed in the alliance's new doctrine for the coming decade, he said.

The military alliance has spent decades focused on countering Russia and,

since 2001, terrorism. The new focus on China comes amid a shift in the US's orientation away from Europe to a hegemonic conflict with Beijing.

"Nato is an alliance of North America and Europe. But this region faces global challenges: terrorism, cyber but also the rise of China. So when it comes to strengthening our collective defence, that's also about how to address the rise of China," Stoltenberg said. "What we can predict is that the rise of China will impact our security. It already has."

Nato will adopt its new Strategic Concept at a summit next summer to outline its purpose for 10 years. The 2010 version does not mention China. It is seeking a new direction following the end of its 20-year Afghanistan deployment, while discussions over the US

military presence in Europe continue. Stoltenberg, a former Norwegian premier who is due to step down next year after almost eight years at the helm, said Nato allies would seek to "scale down" activities outside their borders and "scale up" domestic defensive resilience to better resist external threats.

"China is coming closer to us. We see them in the Arctic. We see them in cyber space. We see them investing heavily in critical infrastructure in our countries," he said. "And, of course, they have more and more high-range weapons that can reach all Nato-allied countries. They are building many, many silos for long-range intercontinental missiles."

China tested a nuclear-capable hypersonic missile in August, the FT reported at the weekend, underscoring the rapid



"What we can predict is that the rise of China will impact our security. It already has," Jens Stoltenberg told the FT

progress that Beijing has made on next-generation weapons.

But any suggestion of a shift from deterring Russian aggression would meet protests from eastern European states that view Moscow as a threat and the alliance as sole security guarantor.

Stoltenberg said Russia and China should not be seen as separate threats. They work "closely together", he said. "When we invest more in technology... that's about both of them."

Stoltenberg said Nato's hasty withdrawal from Afghanistan was "an obvious choice" after the US decision to leave. He said while European militaries might have been able to remain, political leaders could not have justified it.

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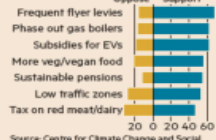
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Towards net zero

% of UK respondents



Source: Centre for Climate Change and Social Transformations and Ipsos Mori (Aug 2021)

A majority of the UK public backs seven out of eight key net-zero policies. Frequent flyer levies receive the highest levels of support, while the least backing is shown for measures that would increase taxes on red meat and dairy



French Trump blows up rivals' election arithmetic

The arrival from nowhere of a Trump-style provocateur who lashes out at Muslims, immigration, feminism, crime and the 'decline' of France has shaken the calculations surrounding April's election. TV talk-show star Eric Zemmour holds views further to the right than Marine Le Pen, whom he has overtaken in polls. They show he could split the right's vote, fanning projections that saw president Emmanuel Macron ultimately facing off against Le Pen.

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European gas prices surge as traders see no sign of Gazprom raising supply

DAVID SHEPPARD — LONDON

Russia's Gazprom has damped hopes for additional gas exports to Europe next month as the continent struggles with record prices, despite recent hints from President Vladimir Putin of increased supplies.

UK and European gas prices surged as much as 18 per cent yesterday after a keenly awaited pipeline capacity auction showed no increase from Russia, either through the Ukrainian pipeline system or lines passing via Poland to north-west Europe.

Traders and analysts said the auction result was the latest indication that Russia was in no hurry to send additional gas to Europe, leaving supplies tight and raising the prospect of shortages if the winter was colder than normal.

While Putin and Kremlin officials

have hinted at sending more gas, they have also signalled that Germany's approval of the start-up of the controversial Nord Stream 2 pipeline, which bypasses Ukraine, is key to boosting supplies, alongside companies pledging to sign more long-term contracts.

"Gazprom is undoubtedly assuming that Nord Stream 2 will be approved in the relatively near future, and positioning itself accordingly," said Ron Smith, executive director at BCS Global Markets in Moscow.

The level of concern over supplies in Europe sent the benchmark gas contract for November delivery up after the auction results, rising 18 per cent to £104 per megawatt hour, while the equivalent UK contract jumped more than 15 per cent to £4.71 per therm.

Prices are more than five times higher than a year ago, posing a threat to the

economic recovery from the pandemic. Russian gas flows on the three main pipeline routes into western Europe had already declined in October to average 261m cubic metres a day compared with 302m cubic metres in September, according to Tom Marzec-Manser of consultancy ICIS. "If all existing routes were fully maximised then western European flows would be closer to 360mcm [a] day," he added.

The result of the auction came as Naftogaz, Ukraine's state gas company, said it had filed a request with German regulators to participate in the months-long process of certifying the pipeline, claiming NS2 is in breach of EU law. "The fight to stop Nord Stream 2 is far from being over," said Yuriy Vitrenko, Naftogaz's chief executive.

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World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				INTEREST RATES			
	Oct 18	prev	%chg		Oct 18	prev	%chg		price	yield	chg
S&P 500	4481.77	4471.37	0.23	\$ per £	1.180	1.181	-0.08	US Gov 10 yr	146.71	1.59	0.02
Nasdaq Composite	14891.57	14887.34	0.43	£ per \$	1.372	1.377	-0.36	UK Gov 10 yr		1.04	0.03
Dow Jones Ind	35294.62	35294.76	-0.00	€ per \$	0.848	0.843	0.59	Ger Gov 10 yr		-0.15	0.02
FTSE100	1808.87	1818.48	-0.53	¥ per \$	114.235	114.085	0.13	Jpn Gov 10 yr	115.24	0.09	0.02
Euro Stoxx 50	4154.24	4162.91	-0.69	₹ per \$	156.731	157.049	-0.20	US Gov 30 yr	112.97	2.93	-0.04
FTSE MIB	7203.83	7234.03	-0.42	S\$ per \$	1.072	1.071	0.09	Ger Gov 2 yr	105.14	-0.63	0.06
FTSE AEX	4119.17	4123.97	-0.33	₹ per \$	0.962	0.962	0.00				
CAC 40	6973.10	6727.52	0.81								
Xetra Dax	15474.47	15587.36	-0.72								
Nikkei	29025.46	29068.83	-0.15								
Hang Seng	25409.75	25330.96	0.31								
MSCI World	3109.47	3084.59	0.81								
MSCI EM	1283.67	1286.67	1.34								
MSCI ACWI	732.95	726.63	0.87								



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Trump Is Suing To Shield Files In Riot Inquiry

Legal Battle Is Likely With House Panel

By CHARLIE SAVAGE
and LUKE BROADWATER

WASHINGTON — Former President Donald J. Trump sued Congress and the National Archives on Monday, seeking to block the disclosure of White House files related to his actions and communications surrounding the Jan. 6 Capitol riot.

In a 26-page complaint, a lawyer for Mr. Trump argued that the materials must remain secret as a matter of executive privilege. He said the Constitution gives the former president the right to demand their confidentiality even though he is no longer in office — and even though President Biden has refused to assert executive privilege over them.

The lawsuit touches off what is likely to be a major legal battle between Mr. Trump and the House committee investigating the attack, in which a mob of his supporters stormed the Capitol seeking to disrupt Congress's counting of electoral votes to formalize Mr. Biden's victory. Its outcome will carry consequences for how much the panel can uncover about Mr. Trump's role in the riot, pose thorny questions for the Biden administration and potentially forge new precedents about presidential prerogatives and the separation of powers.

"In a political ploy to accommodate his partisan allies, President Biden has refused to assert executive privilege over numerous detailed privileged documents requested by the committee," Jesse R. Binnall, Mr. Trump's lawyer, wrote in his complaint.

The House committee scrutinizing the Capitol attack has demanded detailed records about Mr. Trump's every movement and meeting on the day of the assault. Its demands, sent to the National Archives and Records Administration, include material about any plans hatched without the White House or other federal agencies to derail the Electoral College vote count by Congress.

In a pair of letters this month to the National Archives, which is

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Colin L. Powell in 2004 in the Oval Office, when he was the country's first Black secretary of state.

COLIN L. POWELL, 1937-2021

Model Diplomat Haunted by the Iraq War

By ERIC SCHMITT

Colin L. Powell, who in four decades of public life served as the nation's top soldier, diplomat and national security adviser, and whose speech at the United Nations in 2003 helped pave the way for the United States to go to war in Iraq, died Monday. He was 84.

The cause was complications of Covid-19, his family said in a statement, adding that he had been vaccinated and was being treated at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, in Bethesda, Md., where he died there.

A spokeswoman said his immune system had been compromised by multiple myeloma, for

which he had been undergoing treatment. He had been due to receive a booster shot for his vaccine last week, she said, but had to postpone it when he fell ill. He had also been treated for early stages of Parkinson's disease, she said.

Mr. Powell was a pathbreaker, serving as the country's first Black national security adviser, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and secretary of state. Beginning with his 35 years in the Army, Mr. Powell was emblematic of the ability of minorities to use the military as a ladder of opportunity.

His was a classic American success story. Born in Harlem of Jamaican parents, he grew up in the

South Bronx and graduated from City College of New York, joining the Army through the R.O.T.C. Starting as a young second lieutenant commissioned in the dawn of a newly desegregated Army, Mr. Powell served two decorated combat tours in Vietnam. He was later national security adviser to President Ronald Reagan at the end of the Cold War, helping to negotiate arms treaties and an era of cooperation with the Soviet president, Mikhail S. Gorbachev.

As chairman of the Joint Chiefs, Mr. Powell was the architect of the invasion of Panama in 1989 and of the Persian Gulf war in 1991, which ousted Saddam Hussein

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German Editor In Sex Inquiry Is Forced Out

Publisher Takes Action Amid U.S. Growth

By BEN SMITH
and MELISSA EDDY

Germany's most powerful newspaper removed its top editor Monday after months of defending his sexual relationships with women in the workplace as the scandal began to envelop the paper's globally ambitious parent company, Axel Springer.

Bild, a center-right tabloid that has fed popular anger at Chancellor Angela Merkel and her Covid-19 restrictions, dismissed the editor in chief, Julius Reichelt, after The New York Times reported on details of Mr. Reichelt's relationship with a trainee, who testified during an independent legal investigation that in 2018 he had summoned her to a hotel near the office for sex and asked her to keep a payment secret. Hours after Mr. Reichelt was ousted, the newsmagazine Der Spiegel published allegations that Mr. Reichelt had abused his position to pursue relationships with several women on his staff.

The dismissal marked the belated arrival of the global #MeToo movement to Axel Springer, and it came as the German company is making significant investments in the American market, including its acquisition this summer of Politico for \$1 billion. Axel Springer faced pressure in the United States and Germany to explain two recent revelations: What the investigation into Mr. Reichelt's conduct found, and how the chief executive, Matthias Döpfner, responded to the investigation. In a text message to a friend obtained by The Times, Mr. Döpfner seemed to link the scrutiny of Mr. Reichelt's behavior to the editor's divisive politics, casting him as a bulwark against a return of Communist-style oppression in the guise of Covid rules.

The company said in a statement that Mr. Reichelt had "not clearly separated private and professional matters" and had misled the board. Mr. Döpfner, in a statement, also praised Mr. Reichelt for his journalistic leadership and for launching Bild-TV, a new televi-

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F.D.A. WILL ALLOW CHOICE OF VACCINE IN BOOSTER DOSES

MIX-AND-MATCH SYSTEM

Study Supports Requests by State Officials for More Flexibility

By SHARON LaFRANIÈRE
and NOAH WEILAND

WASHINGTON — The Food and Drug Administration is planning to allow Americans to receive a different Covid-19 vaccine as a booster than the one they initially received, a move that could reduce the appeal of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine and provide flexibility to doctors and other vaccinators.

The government would not recommend one shot over another, and it might note that using the same vaccine as a booster when possible is preferable, people familiar with the agency's planning said. But vaccine providers could use their discretion to offer a different brand, a freedom that state health officials have been requesting for weeks.

The approach was foreshadowed this past Friday, when researchers presented the findings of a federally funded "mix and match" study to an expert committee that advises the Food and Drug Administration. The study found that recipients of Johnson & Johnson's single-dose shot who received a Moderna booster saw their antibody levels rise 76-fold in 15 days, compared with only a fourfold increase after an extra dose of Johnson & Johnson.

Federal regulators this week are aiming to greatly expand the number of Americans eligible for booster shots. The F.D.A. is expected to authorize boosters of the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines by Wednesday evening; it could allow the mix-and-match approach by then. The agency last month authorized booster shots of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine for at least six-months after the second dose.

An advisory committee of the Centers for Disease Control and

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Their Reason for Rescuing Afghans: 'You Honor Your Promises'

By ROGER COHEN

FREDERICKSBURG, Va. — Rex Sappenfield does not sleep well. A former Marine who served in Afghanistan, he is tormented by the fate of his interpreter, an Afghan with a wife and three young children to whom Mr. Sappenfield made a battlefield promise: He will never abandon you.

Now a high school English teacher who tries to instill a sense of rectitude in his students, Mr. Sappenfield has thought about his pledge every day since the United States pulled out of Afghanistan on Aug. 30.

"We broke a promise, and I just feel terrible," Mr. Sappenfield, 53, said. "I said it to the faces of our Afghan brothers: 'Hey, guys, you can count on us; you will get to come to the United States if you wish.'"

But if America has withdrawn from Afghanistan, Mr. Sappenfield and many other veterans have not. He is part of an informal network — including the retired general who once commanded his unit, retired diplomats and intelligence officers, and a former math teacher in rural Virginia — still working to fulfill a promise and save the Afghan colleagues who risked their lives for America's long fight in Afghanistan.

So far, the network has evacuated 69 people from 23 families from Afghanistan since mid-August. But 346 people from 68 different



Bruce Hemp, a retired teacher in Virginia, works with veterans and others to evacuate families.

families remain on its list of endangered Afghans, including the interpreter, whom Mr. Sappenfield regards as a brother. He says the interpreter kept his unit alive in Helmand Province "by telling us where to go, and where not to."

Every day, Mr. Sappenfield is in contact with the interpreter, who went into hiding after the Taliban

took control of the country in mid-August and for security reasons is being identified only as P, the first letter of his given name. He hid in Kabul for nearly a month, before the network managed to shepherd him, in a harrowing 15-hour bus ride, to another city in Afghanistan.

As of this week, P is waiting for

a possible charter flight out as he is shuttled between safe houses. "The Taliban can easily spot us in this area because we are not from this part of Afghanistan," he wrote to Mr. Sappenfield this month.

In pulling out of Afghanistan, President Biden declared that he would not pass the conflict to an-

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Jefferson Knocked Off Pedestal In New York Council Chamber

By JEFFERY C. MAYES and ZACHARY SMALL

For more than 100 years, a 7-foot-tall statue of Thomas Jefferson has towered over members of the New York City Council in their chamber at City Hall, a testament to his role as one of the nation's founding fathers and the primary author of the Declaration of Independence.

But for the last two decades, some Black and Latino Council members, citing Jefferson's history as a slaveholder, called for the statue to be banished — a push that gained significant momentum in the last year, as the nation has broadly reconsidered public monuments that can be viewed as symbols of systemic racism.

On Monday, city officials voted unanimously to remove the statue from Council chambers, but delayed a decision on where to put it.

"There are 700 pieces of art under our jurisdiction, we cannot make a rash decision that will set a precedent for the other 699 pieces of artwork that may also have challenges from people or other groups of people," Signe Nielsen, president of the Public Design Commission, which oversees art at city-owned property, said at a public hearing before the vote.

The relocation of the statue, requested by the Council's Black,

Latino and Asian Caucus, was expected to be a fait accompli: An agreement was already in place to relocate the statue to the New-York Historical Society. A crate had been ordered to house the

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Thomas Jefferson at City Hall.

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Seeing More Than Hearing

In his film "The Velvet Underground," Todd Haynes evokes a world of visuals to illuminate a world of sound. PAGE C1

Stepping at the Opera

A choreographer has brought step, a dance form popularized historically by Black colleges, to the Met stage. PAGE C1

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VOLTA OBRIGATÓRIA ÀS AULAS OCORRE DE MANEIRA DESIGUAL ENTRE REDES PÚBLICA E PRIVADA DE SP

Alunos do colégio Humboldt, na zona sul de São Paulo, mantêm distância no primeiro dia de presença obrigatória nas escolas paulistas; retorno expôs disparidades de recursos Cotidiano B6

Vazamento irrita CPI, que busca acordo com Renan

Após trechos do relatório final terem sido divulgados, colegas de CPI da Covid acusaram de vazamento o relator, Renan Calheiros (MDB-AL), que ficou isolado. Uma ala quer convencê-lo a retirar partes que são alvo de divergência. O PGR, Augusto Aras, disse que tomará providências se o texto trouxer denúncias. Poder A4 e A7

Famílias de vítimas relatam dor à comissão

À CPI parentes deram depoimentos emocionados. "Falei para o cara: Meu filho morreu, você vai ficar gritando 'e daí?'", disse um pai que ouviu ofensa de um bolsionista. Poder A6

Forças Armadas gastam R\$ 5,5 mi de dinheiro destinado a vacinas B1

A pandemia em 18.out

Dados das 20h

POPULAÇÃO VACINADA

No Brasil	
Ao menos uma dose (dose única ou 1ª dose)	73,2%
1ª ciclo vacinal completo (dose única ou 2ª dose)	49,2%
Dose de reforço	2,1%

ESTÁGIO DA DOENÇA

Óbitos	
Média móvel	Em 24 h 197
322	-35,3%
Casos	-37,4% (desacelerado)
Total	603.521

*Variação em relação a 14 dias.



A roraimense Madá, 33, foi traficada para um garimpo na Guiana Mathilde Missionneiro/Folhapress

Traficantes de pessoas atraem mulheres para dívidas impagáveis

GÊNERO: FEMININO

A roraimense Madá tinha 18 anos quando largou a escola no ensino médio, deixou a filha bebê com a avó e foi para o garimpo na Guiana com a promessa de receber R\$4.000 por mês trabalhando como cozinheira.

Um homem que ela conheceu em um bar em Rorainópolis prometeu pagar o transporte e garantiu que os garimpeiros iam respeitá-la. Em vez do garimpo, ela foi levada para um bordel na capital, Georgetown, e informada de que devia R\$8.000.

Até quitar a suposta dívida —despesas com passagem, comida e hospedagem—, teria que fazer programa.

Segundo a ONU, 96% das vítimas de tráfico de pessoas com fim de exploração sexual na América do Sul são mulheres. Cotidiano B4 e B5

FOLHA, 100

Informal, Caldeira foi sócio de Frias nas mudanças da Folha A14

Sou representante de perguntas, disse Rita Lee ao jornal em 1978 A14 e A15

Leia coluna de Antonio Candido de 1944 com elogio a Lispector A15

Morre Colin Powell, que redefiniu a diplomacia dos EUA

Primeiro negro a ser secretário de Estado (2001-2004), Colin Powell morreu aos 84 anos, por complicações da Covid. Ele redefiniu a política externa americana no pós-11 de Setembro ao apoiar a invasão do Iraque. Arrependeu-se depois e rompeu com os republicanos. Mundo A16



Colin Powell, em janeiro de 2003 Bob D'Amico/Xinhua/Zumapress

Yascha Mounk Espaço do que é tolerável encolheu

Nos últimos anos, os campi americanos assistiram a muitas campanhas pelo cancelamento de aparições de figuras controversas. Sou contra, independentemente de minha opinião sobre o palestrante. A universidade nunca deve ceder a pressões para que se retire convite. Mundo A17

Desaceleração chinesa deve retardar Brasil na retomada

Avanço menor da segunda economia global afeta todos, mas exportadores de produtos básicos perderão mais

Exportadora de produtos básicos, a economia brasileira deve ser uma das mais prejudicadas pela consolidação de um cenário de desempenho mais fraco da China nos próximos anos. Dados do terceiro trimestre mostram que o país asiático, que já chegou a registrar avanços de dois dígitos em seu Produto Interno Bruto e se tornou o principal consumidor de commodities do planeta, cresceu 4,9% no período, 7,9% abaixo do trimestre anterior e 18,3% atrás do primeiro. Pesaram a crise energética, interrupções nas cadeias de abastecimento, surtos da variante delta do coronavírus e as dívidas imobiliárias.

Para Luka Barbosa, economista do Itaú Unibanco, "se a desaceleração persistir e a China crescer 4% em 2022 [a projeção atual é 5,1%], o Brasil, vai crescer 0,2% [não 0,5%]". Sua colega Laura Pitta acrescenta que o processo chinês é estrutural, com perspectiva de convergência para patamar próximo ao de países desenvolvidos —na casa de 3%.

"Ninguém espera que a China deixe de comprar do Brasil", pondera Welber Barral, ex-secretário de Comércio Exterior do Brasil. "A questão é valor." Mercado A19

Guedes é pressionado para garantir dinheiro do Auxílio Brasil A23

Pequim mantém veto à carne brasileira e preocupa setor

Proibição já dura quase seis semanas desde que o Brasil não detectou nenhum outro sinal de vaca louca. Suspensão do maior comprador ameaça frigoríficos. Mercado A20

Preço de passagem aérea dispara com oferta reduzida Mercado A21

Se houver nome mais forte, posso abrir mão, diz Leite Poder A12

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ALAIN FINKIELKRAUT
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FIGARO NON**

**Réponses à la question
de lundi :**
17 octobre 1961 :
Macron a-t-il eu raison
de dénoncer des « crimes
inexcusables
pour la République » ?

OUI 32% NON 68%

TOTAL DE VOTANTS : 193 896

**Votez aujourd'hui
sur lefigaro.fr**
Approuvez-vous
le tournant en faveur
du nucléaire
d'Emmanuel Macron ?

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Macron choisit de s'afficher en défenseur du nucléaire

Le chef de l'État s'engage désormais dans le développement du nucléaire. Il veut annoncer avant Noël la construction de six nouveaux réacteurs EPR et relancer le débat sur le mix énergétique.

À l'aube de l'élection présidentielle, la bataille du nucléaire est lancée. Après avoir annoncé la semaine dernière des investissements pour 1 milliard d'euros dans les petits réac-

teurs nucléaires (SMR), le chef de l'État cherche le bon moment pour révéler la construction de six nouveaux EPR. La hausse brutale du prix des énergies fossiles redonne un

net avantage à l'atome, dont la France a, depuis le général de Gaulle, fait une priorité énergétique. À moins de six mois de la présidentielle, le thème du pouvoir d'achat des ménages,

grevé par le renchérissement des prix du gaz et du pétrole, s'invite d'ores et déjà dans la campagne. Autour d'Emmanuel Macron, on veut mettre le nucléaire au cœur du débat

électoral. Non seulement le sujet fracture la gauche et la droite, mais il permet aussi de tracer une ligne de partage nette entre écologistes décroissants et écologistes pragmatiques.

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Taïwan, épice des tensions militaires entre la Chine et les États-Unis



Au harcèlement aérien, l'armée chinoise ajoute la simulation d'une invasion de l'île démocratique. Le risque de guerre est jugé réel, car une dérobade de Washington reviendrait à laisser toute l'Asie dans l'orbite de Pékin. PAGES 12, 13 ET L'ÉDITORIAL

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Dissuader la Chine

Quand un dirigeant autoritaire, installe au pouvoir sans limite de durée, martèle sur tous les tons son « projet national » de récupérer un territoire perdu, mieux vaut le prendre au sérieux, sauf à s'aveugler soi-même. L'avenir de Taïwan est gravé dans la pierre par le président chinois Xi Jinping depuis au moins 2019, lorsqu'il a promis de réaliser « par tous les moyens » la « réunification complète de la mère patrie ». L'unique question qui vaille pour la paix du monde est donc la suivante : comment le dissuader de passer en force ?

L'option, officiellement privilégiée par la Chine, d'une « réconciliation pacifique », via le rapprochement économique et le maintien d'un pays, deux systèmes », a perdu son crédit depuis la mise au pas de Hongkong. Les dirigeants communistes attendent ostensiblement leur heure : soit que le monde regarde ailleurs, distraité par d'autres crises, soit que la montée en puissance chinoise décourage les potentiels adversaires. La militarisation du pays est en train de produire la première flotte de guerre de la planète et des missiles balistiques capables de frapper sur tous les continents - y compris

pris un engin hypersonique que n'avaient pas vu venir les espions. Selon Taïwan, une invasion - à laquelle s'entraîne assidûment l'Armée populaire - serait réalisable à un coût supportable par Pékin dès 2025. Cela laisse peu de temps aux États-Unis pour hausser la garde. Mais à la détermination chinoise répond le doute sur la volonté américaine de défendre l'ancienne Formose. Malgré un enjeu de suprématie mondiale, Washington maintient son « ambiguïté stratégique » et offre à Pékin de « gérer » leurs différends comme au temps de la guerre froide. Il est à craindre que la modération de Joe Biden soit prise pour de la faiblesse par Xi Jinping. Un engagement ferme de se porter au secours de l'île démocratique et un affichage militaire à la hauteur du défi auraient plus de chances de décourager l'empereur rouge. L'apaisement n'a jamais produit la paix : peut-être faut-il en passer par des mesures bellicieuses pour éviter une Troisième Guerre mondiale. ■

Pékin attend son heure pour mettre la main sur Taïwan

Produits alimentaires : le marché du bio en panne de nouveaux débouchés

Vingt ans après avoir fait ses vrais premiers pas en France, la filière bio commence à plafonner. Attirés par un segment jusqu'ici très porteur, de nombreux producteurs de légumes, de lait ou d'œufs ne parviennent plus à écouler leurs stocks sur un marché arrivé à saturation. Certains secteurs (porc, volaille, fruits) subissent la concurrence des importations. PAGE 24

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