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Some of the world's biggest companies are taking advantage of their deep pockets, sprawling operations and commanding market share to insulate themselves from the global supply-chain meltdown. **A1**

◆ **Netflix added 4.4 million** memberships in the third quarter, as viewers flocked to the streaming platform with the return of popular series and new hits such as "Squid Game." **B1**

◆ **Netflix's Sarandos said he** "screwed up" in his efforts to communicate with employees who were upset over a Dave Chappelle comedy special. **B1**

◆ **Facebook agreed to pay** a financial penalty as part of settlements with the U.S. government that had accused it of illegally reserving jobs for immigrant workers. **A2**

◆ **More large companies** are imposing Covid-19 vaccine mandates for workers to comply with a Dec. 8 deadline set by the Biden administration for federal contractors. **A7**

◆ **U.S. stocks rose**, with the S&P 500 and Nasdaq both advancing 0.7% and the Dow gaining 0.6%. **B12**

◆ **ProShares' bitcoin-focused** ETF, the industry's first, gained nearly 5% in its market debut. **B1**

◆ **United said the spread** of the Delta variant slowed flying during the third quarter but hasn't stalled the airline's recovery. **B3**

◆ **Small U.S. cities dominated** The Wall Street Journal/Realtor.com Emerging Housing Markets Index in the third quarter. **A2**

In Haiti, Protests Call for Kidnapped Missionaries' Release



OUTCRY: Demonstrators called for the release of kidnapped missionaries near the Christian group's base in Titanyen, north of Port-au-Prince, on Tuesday. Kidnapping gangs have turned large parts of the country into no-go zones. **A18**

Democrats Scale Back Plan To Share Bank Data With IRS

By RICHARD RUBIN AND ORLA MCCAFFREY

Democrats scaled back a proposal to require banks to send to the IRS more information about customers' accounts in hopes of salvaging the idea, raising to \$10,000 from \$600 the key reporting threshold and adding an exemption that would spare many workers and retirees.

The core idea remains—banks would be required to provide information that

could help the IRS more easily find tax cheating. But amid opposition from the financial-services industry and many Republicans, Sens. Ron Wyden (D., Ore.) and Elizabeth Warren (D., Mass.) proposed changes Tuesday that would reduce the number of accounts affected. The plan seeks to generate hundreds of billions of dollars in owed but unpaid taxes that could help pay for new federal programs under consideration in Congress.

Democrats want banks, other financial institutions and peer-to-peer services such as Venmo to report annual totals of account inflows and outflows to the Internal Revenue Service. That would give the tax agency a window into income streams that are more opaque than wages and interest. The IRS already gets information on wages and interest from banks and employers and cross-checks that data against tax returns.

The additional account de-

tails wouldn't provide direct evidence of tax cheating but would create a data trove that tax authorities could use to decide who gets audited. It could also be a deterrent to people—particularly business owners—who are considering not reporting all of their income.

An annual report would be generated when a bank account's inflows include more

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Big Firms Use Heft To Blunt Supply Crunch

P&G shifts production, raises prices as it taps backup suppliers, finds product alternatives

By SHARON TERLEP

Some of the world's biggest companies are taking advantage of their deep pockets, sprawling operations and commanding market share to insulate themselves from the global supply-chain meltdown.

Companies—from furniture makers to grocers—are also flexing their pricing power, tapping into consumers' willingness to pay more for higher-end products. Still, the challenges posed by inflation and supply snarls have caused executives to brace for rising costs.

On Tuesday, Procter & Gamble Co. said it expects solid sales and profit growth over the next nine months even as costs for everything from warehouse space to raw materials are rising faster than the consumer-products giant expected, with no signs of letting up.

P&G, maker of Tide detergent and Crest toothpaste, said it will start charging more for razors and certain beauty and oral-care products, price increases that come in addition to earlier moves to start charging more for staples such as diapers and toilet paper.

The company said its sales

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◆ **Democrats accelerated** efforts to strike a deal on their social-policy and climate legislation, as Biden identified programs that party lawmakers could eliminate or slim down during a flurry of meetings at the White House. **A4**

◆ **Xi is facing resistance** from within China's Communist Party to a proposed nationwide property tax aimed at curbing housing speculation. **A1, A9**

◆ **The House panel** investigating the attack on the U.S. Capitol voted 9-0 to recommend holding former Trump adviser Bannon in criminal contempt for defying a congressional subpoena. **A4**

◆ **The FBI conducted raids** on residences in Washington and New York owned by the family of Russian metals tycoon Deripaska. **A4**

◆ **The Labor Department** is moving to strip three Republican-led states of workplace-safety oversight, saying they have failed to adopt more rigorous Covid-19 safety standards. **A7**

◆ **North Korea said** that it had successfully fired a submarine-launched ballistic missile off its east coast on Tuesday. **A9**

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Xi Faces Pushback On China's Bid to Tax Property

By LINGLING WEI

President Xi Jinping of China has made no secret of his desire to deflate the country's property bubble. But according to people with knowledge of government deliberations, he is facing resistance over a measure aimed at curbing housing speculation: a nationwide property tax.

Many economists and analysts have long argued that such a tax could make it more expensive to speculate on property and help bring down prices. That would help reduce the financial burden on middle-class families, in line with Mr. Xi's goal of a more even distribution of wealth.

China has experimented with a tax on some properties in just a couple of cities during the past decade. Earlier this year, Mr. Xi assigned to Han Zheng, the most senior of China's four vice premiers, the task of rolling out the levy much more widely, these people said.

But Beijing is now settling for a limited tax plan because of strong pushback, while a sweeping measure involving state-provided affordable housing is emerging as an alternative.

Mr. Xi's efforts to tame a market that has been in an extended boom for four decades have already sent shock waves across the Chinese economy and global markets. He has shown little mercy to China Evergrande Group, even as the heavily indebted property developer teeters on default. Other private developers that have binged on debt are also being squeezed. Home sales

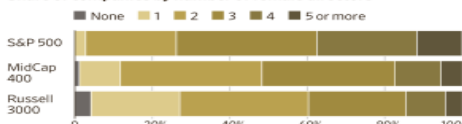
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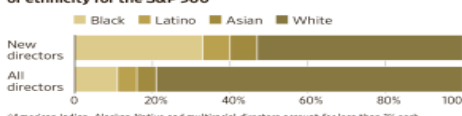
Board Diversity Makes Gains

U.S. publicly traded companies added the most diverse slate of new directors on record over the past year, though smaller companies lagged behind their bigger counterparts. **B1**

Share of companies by number of female directors



Share of new independent directors and all directors by race or ethnicity for the S&P 500



*American Indian, Alaskan Native and multiracial directors account for less than 1% each. Sources: Conference Board and ESGauge (female directors); Spencer Stuart (race or ethnicity)

Just in Time for Halloween—Invasion of the Joro Spiders

Brightly colored species builds thick webs many feet in diameter; 'so creepy'

By CAMERON MCWHIRTER

ATLANTA—Halloween has come early to Georgia this year—thanks to an invasion of enormous spiders from Asia.

The Joro spider, a brightly colored species that can grow to almost three inches across when its legs are fully extended and build thick webs many feet in diameter, is scaring the daylights out of homeowners across North Georgia.

Gardeners have launched social-media discussions about the best ways to kill the arachnids, with some suggesting using air guns and fireplace lighters. Others are spraying hornet poison from a distance. And some recommend swinging at

the webs with sticks and PVC pipes.

Scientists tracking the Jorōs say such efforts won't do much: the creatures are here to stay and will spread to other parts of the U.S. Jorō spiders already have been reported in surrounding states.

Jennell Talley, who loves to garden but hates spiders and bugs, says this year has been terrifying. The molecular biologist at Georgia Gwinnett College says she finds

her tomato and cucumber plants festooned with large webs—and Jorō spiders lurking.

She uses "a very long broom" to knock them to the ground, says Dr. Talley, 40.

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Trade Figures Flash Brexit Warning

U.K.'s post-pandemic recovery is hit as separation takes hold

By JASON DOUGLAS

LONDON—The global upswing in trade is leaving the U.K. behind, an early sign of the challenge Brexit is presenting its economy.

The U.K. formally began its new relationship with the European Union Jan. 1. Before then, and before the Covid-19 pandemic upended world trade, Jason Wouhara's food wholesale business in England's West Midlands, Lioncroft Wholesale Ltd., generated up to a quarter of its annual revenue from custom-

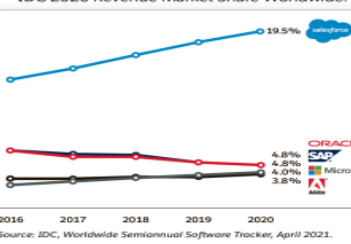
ers in Spain, Portugal and other markets in the EU.

Lioncroft has now stopped exporting to the EU altogether. Sending 300 products to the EU before Brexit was as easy as moving goods within the U.K. Now, Mr. Wouhara said, he would have to pay thousands of dollars to hire a customs agent to assemble the correct information for products to clear customs, and more to actually ship them. "Your profitability is knocked out the window straight away," he said.

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Source: IDC, Worldwide SaaS Annual Software Tracker, April 2021.

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Brussels vows to punish Poland for challenging unity of EU law

Warsaw ruling alarms member states • Bloc's 'foundations' undercut • Threat of sanctions

HENRY FOY — STRASBOURG
JAMES SHOTTER — WARSAW

Poland will be punished for challenging the supremacy of EU law, the European Commission's head has vowed, as she condemned Warsaw for "calling into question the foundations of the [bloc]".

"We cannot and we will not allow our common values to be put at risk. The commission will act," Ursula von der Leyen, president, told the European parliament yesterday.

Brussels has been under increasing pressure to harden its stance against Poland and punish its government for a domestic court ruling this month that declared parts of EU law were not compatible with the Polish constitution.

That ruling significantly escalated a five-year struggle between Brussels and Warsaw over the rule of law, ignited by sweeping judicial reforms by Poland's Law and Justice party that included an attempt to purge the Supreme Court, and the introduction of a disciplinary regime that allows judges to be punished for their rulings.

In a debate devoted to the crisis yesterday — and with Poland's prime minister Mateusz Morawiecki listening in the chamber — Von der Leyen said: "This ruling... is a direct challenge to the unity of the European legal order." The commission, she added, was "carefully assessing" the ruling. "But I can already tell you: I am deeply concerned."

The commission president said Brussels had three tools to hit back at Poland, ranging from a legal challenge, a sanction that could withhold tens of billions of euros in funds and a political process that could strip the country of bloc membership rights.

Responding with a bellicose speech of his own, Morawiecki insisted that his government was part of the "pro-European majority in Poland".

He accused the EU of double standards in its treatment of Warsaw and dismissed criticism of his government as "unfair and biased". He also argued that



Ursula von der Leyen in Strasbourg: 'We will not allow our common values to be put at risk' *Henrik Ronsbo/Reuters*

EU institutions had overstepped their powers in trying to force Poland to roll back its reforms.

"It is not acceptable to force on others decisions which have no legal basis. And it is even less acceptable to use the language of financial blackmail, talk of fines... I reject the language of threats," he told MEPs.

The debate in Strasbourg precedes a European Council summit in Brussels tomorrow where a number of EU leaders are expected to confront the Polish prime minister.

Some member states have demanded the commission initiate a mechanism with the power to withhold EU funds —

worth tens of billions of euros each year from Poland.

France's European affairs minister, Clément Beaune, said at an EU ministerial meeting in Luxembourg yesterday that "budget solidarity cannot continue if there is no respect for the fundamental values inscribed in the EU treaty".

His German counterpart, Michael

'It is not acceptable... to use the language of financial blackmail'

Mateusz Morawiecki

Roth, said he did not "see any room for compromises" with Poland. "There can be no special deals," he said.

A previous attempt to censure Poland in 2017 was shelved after Hungary vowed to veto it.

That obstruction would need to be overcome to resurrect the process and apply sanctions.

Polish officials said the commission had misunderstood the court ruling and was both responding to its most extreme interpretation and taking a political approach to a legal issue. "With this approach to the ruling it will be hard to de-escalate," said one.

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The ProShares Bitcoin Strategy ETF has launched, capping a decade-long push for such a product on a big venue. It will test whether investors are willing to buy into cryptocurrencies. — PAGE 4; LEX, PAGE 18

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Through the roof
House prices, selected countries (annual % change, Q4 2020)



House prices continued to buck the trend of most economic indicators in 2020. Of the more than 60 countries that make up the IMF's international house price index, three-quarters reported an increase

Source: BIS and World Economic Outlook

J&J spends \$1.4bn on legal 'two-step' to shelter from talc cancer claims

JAMIE SMYTH — BOSTON

Johnson & Johnson has spent \$1.4bn on a legal manoeuvre that created a subsidiary to manage multibillion-dollar claims relating to its talcum powder, before placing the unit into Chapter 11 bankruptcy, the company revealed yesterday.

J&J faces tens of thousands of lawsuits alleging that its cosmetic talc product causes cancer. Critics fear that the move to create the subsidiary is designed to limit payouts to those allegedly affected. Joseph Wolk, J&J's chief financial officer, defended the legal manoeuvre, known as the "Texas two-step", and reiterated the company's rejection of any suggestion that its talc product was carcinogenic.

"While we believe the cases lack merit... what we've done is acknowledged

that there's an established process that allows companies facing, you know, abusive tort systems to resolve claims in an efficient and equitable manner," he said at the company's results yesterday.

Carl Tobias, professor of law at the University of Richmond, said there was little legal precedent for J&J's use of the manoeuvre.

"I think the 35,000 plaintiffs and their lawyers are likely to challenge this in the bankruptcy court," he added.

The disclosure came as J&J revealed that its net legal expenses had jumped to \$1.9bn in the third quarter of 2021, up from \$1.2bn in the same period a year earlier. Nevertheless, the company increased its 2021 profit forecast after strong third-quarter earnings growth driven by a broad recovery across its main healthcare divisions, as Covid-19 restrictions ease worldwide.

J&J expects annual earnings to be between \$9.77 and \$9.82 per share, up from a previous estimate of \$9.60 to \$9.70 per share, when adjusted for the impact of acquisitions and divestments.

"Our third-quarter results demonstrate solid performance across Johnson & Johnson, driven by robust above-market results in pharmaceuticals, ongoing recovery in medical devices, and strong growth in Consumer Health," said Alex Gorsky, chair and chief executive.

The upbeat forecasts came at a turbulent time for J&J, which is undergoing a leadership transition, with Gorsky due to step down as chief executive in January to become executive chair. He will be replaced by Joaquin Duato, vice-chair of J&J's executive committee.

Shares in J&J jumped about 5 per cent to \$165.

World Markets									
STOCK MARKETS			CURRENCIES			INTEREST RATES			
	Oct 19	prev		Oct 19	prev		price	yield	chg
S&P 500	4335.01	4486.45	\$ per €	1.195	1.190	US Gov 10 yr	147.30	1.63	0.04
Nasdaq Composite	15121.41	15021.91	\$ per £	1.380	1.372	UK Gov 10 yr		1.06	0.03
Dow Jones Ind	35436.19	35258.61	€ per ¥	0.944	0.946	Ger Gov 10 yr		-0.11	0.04
FTSE Eurofirst 300	1815.20	1808.87	¥ per \$	114.295	114.235	Jpn Gov 10 yr	115.11	0.06	-0.01
Euro Stoxx 50	4160.61	4151.40	£ index	82.318	82.543	US Gov 30 yr	117.10	2.06	0.05
FTSE 100	7217.53	7203.83	SR per €	1.073	1.072	Ger Gov 2 yr	104.99	-0.63	0.00
FTSE All-Share	4119.18	4116.17	€ per \$	0.850	0.862				
CAC 40	6699.85	6673.10	COMMODITIES				price	prev	chg
Korea Dax	15915.83	15744.47	Oil WTI \$	82.89	81.69	Fed Funds Eff	0.08	0.06	-0.01
Nikkei	29215.52	29025.45	Oil Brent \$	85.34	84.33	US 3m Bill	0.06	0.06	0.01
Hang Seng	25797.21	25488.75	Gold \$	1757.95	1773.25	Euro Libor 3m	-0.57	-0.57	0.00
MSCI World \$	3114.01	3108.47				UK 3m	0.21	0.13	0.08
MSCI EM \$	1280.02	1283.67							
MSCI ACWI \$	733.95	732.96							

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Working women change the face of Saudi life

Rising numbers of women are working in Saudi Arabia, changing the face of retail outlets in the ubiquitous malls of the capital and delivering a tangible success in Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's ambitious economic reform drive. A stubbornly high unemployment rate was an important target in that campaign. It was helped by an exodus of foreign workers that swelled as the pandemic hit and by an increase in growth as it passes.

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A House Panel Wants Bannon To Be Charged

Contempt Inquiry Over
Riot — Test of Power

By LUKE BROADWATER

WASHINGTON — One day before a mob of former President Donald J. Trump's supporters stormed the Capitol, Stephen K. Bannon, a former top adviser to Mr. Trump, made a prediction to listeners of his radio show.

"Now we're on, as they say, the point of attack — the point of attack tomorrow," Mr. Bannon said on Jan. 5 as he promoted a plan hatched by Mr. Trump and far-right Republican lawmakers to try to overturn President Biden's victory the next day, when Congress would meet to formalize the election results. "It's going to kick off. It's going to be very dramatic."

It is because of such comments, which foreshadowed the violence that played out during the Capitol riot, that the House committee investigating the assault is interested in questioning Mr. Bannon. But the former counselor to Mr. Trump has refused to cooperate with the inquiry, citing the former president's claim of executive privilege.

The panel voted unanimously on Tuesday to recommend charging Mr. Bannon with criminal contempt of Congress for defying its subpoena, sending the issue to the House. Representative Steny H. Hoyer of Maryland, the majority leader, said members would hold a vote on Thursday. The chamber is expected to approve the move and hand the matter over to the Justice Department for prosecution.

"The rule of law remains under attack right now," said Representative Bennie Thompson, Democrat of Mississippi and the chairman of the committee. "If there's no accountability for these abuses . . . if there are different sets of rules for different types of people — then our democracy is in serious trouble."

"Mr. Bannon will comply with our investigation," he added, "or he will face the consequences."

Mr. Thompson said he expected the full House to "quickly" take up the matter.

The high-profile confrontation is the first of several that promise to test the boundaries of executive privilege — the presidential prerogative to keep official communications confidential.

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Trump Officials Wanted Troops To Line Border

This article is by David E. Sanger, Michael D. Shear and Eric Schmitt.

WASHINGTON — President Trump's defense secretary thought the idea was outrageous.

In the spring of 2020, Mark T. Esper, the defense secretary, was alarmed to learn of an idea under discussion at a top military command and at the Department of Homeland Security to send as many as 250,000 troops — more than half the active U.S. Army, and a sixth of all American forces — to the southern border in what would have been the largest use of the military inside the United States since the Civil War.

With the coronavirus pandemic raging, Stephen Miller, the architect of Mr. Trump's immigration agenda, had urged the Homeland Security Department to develop a plan for the number of troops that would be needed to seal the entire 2,000-mile border with Mexico. It is not clear whether it was officials in homeland security or the Pentagon who concluded that a quarter of a million troops would be required.

The concept was relayed to officials.

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A spruce in a bog, bent by strong winds, on Sakhalin Island, Russia, in the Pacific Ocean.

SERGEY POKHIMAREV FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES

Windswept Island Becomes Russia Climate Lab

By ANTON TROIANOVSKI

SAKHALIN ISLAND, Russia — Sixteen wind turbines are slated to go up amid the winding coast and wooded hills of this Russian island in the Pacific, creating a wind park bigger than any that currently exists in the vast reaches of the country's Far East.

The clean energy generated by the new wind park will go toward mining more coal.

Russia is scrambling to retain the wealth and power that come from selling fossil fuels to the world, even as the Kremlin increasingly acknowledges climate

Adding Turbines, but
Amping Up Coal
Mining, Too

change to be a human-made crisis that the country needs to do more to address.

Last week, President Vladimir V. Putin said Russia would stop adding carbon dioxide to the atmosphere by 2060. It was a remarkable reversal since Mr. Putin has long dismissed climate science and many in his country see

international efforts to combat global warming as part of a Western plot to weaken Russia. His announcement comes two weeks before world leaders are set to converge in Glasgow for a pivotal U.N. climate summit.

But it's unclear if Russia is sincere in its new pledge. Russian energy experts and government officials acknowledge the moves are largely driven by economics, with the European Union's plans for tariffs on heavily polluting countries threatening exports from Russia, the fourth biggest among nations in terms of greenhouse gas emissions. Some elements of

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Desperate Race Out of Myanmar

Thousands are fleeing to India to escape a military junta, raising concern of a refugee crisis. Page A4.

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Economic Gains Hobbled As Labor Market Shrinks

Wielding Rare Leverage to Push Demands,
Workers Are in No Hurry to Return

By BEN CASSELMAN

Fall was meant to mark the beginning of the end of the labor shortage that has held back the nation's economic recovery. Expanded unemployment benefits were ending. Schools were reopening, freeing up many caregivers. Surely, economists and business owners reasoned, a flood of workers would follow.

Instead, the labor force shrank in September. There are five million fewer people working than before the pandemic began, and three million fewer even looking for work.

The slow return of workers is causing headaches for the Biden administration, which was counting on a strong economic rebound to give momentum to its political agenda. Forecasters were largely blindsided by the problem and don't know how long it will last.

Conservatives have blamed generous unemployment benefits for keeping people at home, but evidence from states that ended the payments early suggests that any impact was small. Progressives say companies could find workers if they paid more, but the shortages aren't limited to low-wage industries.

Instead, economists point to a complex, overlapping web of factors, many of which could be slow to reverse.

The health crisis is still making it hard or dangerous for some people to work, while savings built up during the pandemic have made it easier for others to turn down jobs they do not want. Psychology may also play a role: Surveys suggest that the pandemic led many to rethink their priorities, while the glut of open jobs — more than 10 million in August — may be motivating some to hold out for a better offer.

The net result is that, perhaps for the first time in decades, workers up and down the income ladder have leverage. And they are using it to demand not just higher pay but also flexible hours, more generous benefits and better working conditions. A record 4.3 million people quit their jobs in August, in some cases midshift to take a better-paying position down the street.

"It's like the whole country is in some kind of unrenegotiated," said Betsey Stevenson, a University of Michigan economist who was an adviser to President Barack Obama. "I don't know who's going to win in this bargaining that's going on right now, but right now it seems like workers have the upper hand."

Rachel Eager spent last fall at home, taking the last class for her bachelor's degree over Zoom while waiting to be recalled to her job at a New York City after-school program. That call never came.

So Ms. Eager, 25, is looking for work. She has applied for dozens of jobs and had a handful of interviews, so far without luck. But she

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RETAILERS ARE DESPERATE FOR HELP.

City Places Bet Foreign Guests Still Love N.Y.C.

By PATRICK MCGEEHAN
and NICOLE HONG

As New York City struggles to revive its economy from the devastation wrought by the pandemic, one key element is still missing: big-spending foreign tourists.

Before the coronavirus arrived, the city was flooded with record numbers of visitors from Europe, Asia and South America. They filled hotels, restaurants, Broadway theaters and museums, spending billions of dollars and fueling a surge of jobs for local residents.

Now that the federal government has decided to open the country's borders to vaccinated visitors on Nov. 8, New York City is preparing its most aggressive campaign to lure them back quickly — in time to salvage, if it can, the end-of-year holiday season.

While visitors from across the United States have streamed back into the city, the absence of foreign tourists has left a gaping hole in the city's economy because they tend to stay longer and spend more money.

Though many New Yorkers are sometimes cranky about tourists, visitors have played a critical role in the city's jobs growth. The tourism industry has created an important pipeline of middle-income jobs, economists say, the vast majority of which do not require a college degree.

Before the pandemic, tourists spent \$47 billion annually and supported more than 280,000 jobs.

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In Puerto Rico, Protests Grow As Power Fails

By PATRICIA MAZZEI

AGUADILLA, P.R. — Four years after Hurricane Maria left Puerto Rico's electrical grid in shambles and the entire island in the dark, residents had expected their fragile power system to be stronger now. Instead, unreliable electricity remains frustratingly common, hindering economic development and daily life.

In June, a private consortium known as LUMA Energy took over the transmission and distribution of electricity. And yet the situation has only worsened. Surging demand in August and September led to rolling blackouts affecting a majority of the island's 1.5 million electrical customers.

Last week, several thousand people marched along a main highway in San Juan, the capital, blocking traffic with the latest in a series of protests over the seemingly unending electricity problems plaguing the island.

"The people can't take it anymore," said Iris Delia Matos Rivera, 69, a former employee of the island's longstanding electrical utility who attended a recent demonstration.

Many Puerto Ricans are diabetic and need refrigerated insulin to survive. The coronavirus pandemic has also put some people on respiratory therapies requiring electrical power at home for oxygen machines. Some Puerto Ricans are still studying or working at home.

Ashlee Vega, who lives in northwestern Puerto Rico, said the power fluctuations this month

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DODGERS REVIVE THEIR HOPES

Cody Bellinger is fired up after hitting a game-tying, three-run home run off Atlanta Braves reliever Luke Jackson (77) in the eighth inning. The Dodgers won 6-5 and trail 2-1 in the NLCS. **SPORTS, D1**

Migrants turn to sea crossings

More resort to increasingly perilous journeys amid U.S. restrictions

BY ANDREA CASTILLO

SAN DIEGO — U.S. border agents found a dead migrant on an abandoned *panga*, or fishing boat, in Carlsbad in April. A month later, a cabin cruiser, overloaded with three dozen migrants, crashed into a reef near Point Loma, killing three people. Then, after a boat capsized near Encinitas in July, two migrants were hospitalized with hypothermia.

Customs and Border Protection agents stopped more migrants at sea in 2020 than during the previous three years, according to the latest CBP data. Apprehensions along the Pacific Coast drove that increase — to 766 stops last year from 44 in fiscal 2017.

Encounters at sea are still substantially lower than those on land, but experts say the shift to maritime [See Migrants, A12]



ANA RAMIREZ San Diego Union-Tribune

U.S. BORDER agents board a boat in San Diego that drew suspicion for using its motor instead of its sails on a fairly windy day in August.

L.A. may shift gears in street racing fight

City leaders consider following San Jose's lead in going after online organizers.

BY RICHARD WINTON AND JULIA WICK

Underground street racing has long been an illicit part of Los Angeles' car culture, with boulevards transformed into wide-open stretches of tarmac, ready made for smooth tires, supercharged engine blocks and tuners.

Officials noticed an uptick during the first months of the pandemic, when stay-at-home orders made L.A.'s empty streets even more inviting for large gatherings known as side-shows or takeovers.

Fueled by social media, illegal street racing activity — and its attendant dangers — continued to grow even as pandemic restrictions eased and L.A. commuting patterns returned.

Los Angeles officials are now considering new measures to crack down on street racing, joining a growing number of cities taking the fight from the streets to social media and targeting those who organize and promote the races.

As of July, the number of races and street takeovers across Los Angeles had [See Street racing, A9]

They're not wild about L.A. Zoo plan

The proposal to spend \$650 million on huge upgrade upsets some environmentalists.

BY LOUIS SARAGUN

For 55 years, the Los Angeles Zoo has been a venerable but decidedly low-key attraction nestled amid the hills of Griffith Park.

But officials are considering a controversial transformation backers say would give it a competitive edge in a market dominated by powerhouse tourist attractions such as Disneyland, Magic Mountain, Universal Studios, SeaWorld and other destinations including the San Diego Zoo.

The \$650-million plan involves removing nearly all its remaining native woodlands to make room for the makeover, and that is raising the ire of some environmentalists.

The zoo's ambitious "20-year Vision Plan" calls for exhibit upgrades and flashy new tourist attractions, including a 60-foot-deep canyon offering rock climbs and a hilltop Yosemite lodge-style California Center with sweeping views of a 25,000-

square-foot vineyard. Backers say it would lure up to 3 million visitors annually by 2040 — an increase of about 72%, according to an environmental impact report for the plan.

But does the zoo need to consume 23 acres of native woodlands? That's the question dividing defenders of 120 coast live oaks, 60 toyons, 22 California black walnut trees and stands of federally and state-listed endangered shrubs in the proposed development zones.

Opposition led by the historical preservation group Friends of Griffith Park and the California Native Plant Society has some advocates worried that the controversy will scare off funders and impede progress of the plan.

"We definitely had the Olympics in mind when we were developing this plan," said Denise Verret, zoo director and chief executive. "What are we going to do to attract international travelers to the zoo as a place they should not miss?"

"We are not going to build in a vacuum with no regard for the undeveloped acreage in our zoo," she said. "At this point, this plan is what we envision."

It is a path toward "placement" [See Zoo, A7]

The House committee investigating the Jan. 6 insurrection moves to its subcommittee served to the Trump advisor. **NATION, A4**

City may extend vaccine deadline Employees facing a Wednesday mandate might get until Dec. 18 to receive their shots. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Weather Cool with some sun. L.A. Basin: 72/53. **B6**

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Newsom ups the pressure to save water

Expanded drought emergency decree calls on residents to do more to conserve.

BY IAN JAMES

Gov. Gavin Newsom declared a statewide drought emergency on Tuesday, appealing to all Californians to do more to conserve water in the face of one of the state's most severe droughts on record.

"As the western U.S. faces a potential third year of drought, it's critical that Californians across the state redouble our efforts to save water in every way possible," Newsom said.

Although most of California's 58 counties have been in a state of drought emergency since July, Newsom's proclamation added the last eight remaining counties, and further bolstered his call for everyone to voluntarily reduce water use by 15%. The proclamation notes that the State Water Resources Control Board may adopt emergency regulations to prohibit wasting water, such as hosing down sidewalks or driveways, allowing drinking water to flood gutters or streets, or washing a car without a shut-off nozzle.

The declaration came as state water officials announced that Californians had cut their water usage by 5% in August, a modest improvement over July, when water use decreased by 1.8%.

The proclamation orders local water suppliers to implement their water shortage contingency plans at "a level appropriate to local conditions that takes into account the possibility of a third consecutive dry year."

The eight counties added to the emergency declaration are Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco and Ventura.

The monthly water conservation figures, which were released during a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board, showed parts of the state already meeting or approaching the governor's call for reducing water use.

Water use decreased 18.3% in August in the North Coast region and 9.9% in the San Francisco Bay Area. In the South Coast region of Southern California, which is home to more than half the state's population, people used 3.1% less water in August than they did in the same month in 2020. Although still far from Newsom's target, that was significantly better than in July, when the region's water use was down a minuscule 0.1%.

"It is encouraging and heartening to see an over-doubling of the conservation effort from July to August," [See Water, A6]

USC AT CENTER OF CITY REMAP BATTLE

Tug of war between districts puts two Black Los Angeles councilmen at odds.

BY DAVID ZAHNER

It would have been enough for the University of Southern California to find itself at the center of one political controversy this month — a federal indictment targeting a former dean and Los Angeles City Councilman Mark Ridley-Thomas.

But now USC has been drawn into a second political skirmish at City Hall: a tug of war between two other council members, each of whom has expressed interest in representing USC.

The city's Redistricting Commission, charged with redrawing council district boundaries, brought the issue to a head Monday night voting 11 to 10 to move USC out of Councilman Current Price's district and into the one represented by Councilman Marqueece Harris-Dawson. On Tuesday night, they abruptly reversed themselves, shifting USC back into Price's district on an 11 to 9 vote.

Harris-Dawson's supporters have argued that moving USC, along with nearby museums and stadiums, back into the 8th District after a 10-year absence would correct a serious injustice. The council shifted those institutions out of the 8th, which has the largest percentage of Black residents in the city, during the last redistricting in 2012.

Price and his allies say they are determined to keep billion-dollar assets from being pulled out of the 9th District, describing them as essential to the area's economic prosperity. The existing district, which is 78% Latino, has the largest concentration of residents living in poverty anywhere in the city, according to figures supplied by redistricting. [See Districts, A7]



ALLEN J. SCHABEN Los Angeles Times

A NEW START

Lakers players rally before their season opener Tuesday night at Staples Center, which they lost to the Golden State Warriors 121-114. **SPORTS, D6**

A vote to hold Bannon in contempt

The House committee investigating the Jan. 6 insurrection moves to its subcommittee served to the Trump advisor. **NATION, A4**

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In Virginia, the politics of abortion take a turn

McAuliffe bets big on traditional linchpin issue as Youngkin plays it cool

BY MARC FISHER

For decades, abortion policy was center stage in every race for governor of Virginia — an issue Democrats and Republicans alike used to turn out bedrock supporters and attack their opponents.

But as this fall's campaign reaches its final two weeks, the politics of abortion has taken a twist: While abortion rights advocates embrace Democrat Terry McAuliffe as a firewall who would keep abortion legal in Virginia, antiabortion groups have made an unusual pivot, arguing that the issue they long made a focus of state politics might best be relegated to the sidelines.

"Abortion isn't a top issue for Virginia voters," said Victoria Cobb, president of the Family Foundation of Virginia, one of the state's leading conservative organizations and a longtime advocate for tightening restrictions on abortion. "McAuliffe is desperate to talk about anything other than jobs and the economy, so he's focusing on a side issue."

Cobb is not alone among Virginia conservatives in suddenly casting abortion as "a side issue." Although McAuliffe has devoted as much TV advertising time to abortion as to any other issue, his Republican opponent, Glenn Youngkin — who opposes abortion except in cases of rape, incest or to save the life of the pregnant individual — barely mentions it in speeches and TV ads.

Youngkin has said little about abortion since he was caught on video in July admitting that he would avoid the issue during the

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Major donor: "Outsider" Youngkin has backed GOP bids for years. B1



LORENZO TUGNOLI FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

The Taliban's new challenge: Enforcing the law

Afghanistan's returned rulers employ undisciplined police officers, dubious arrests, informal courts

BY SUDARSHAN RAGHAVAN
IN KABUL

Inside the 25-foot-high, barbed-wire-topped walls of Pul-e-Charkhi prison, a thin line divides the Taliban of the past and what the militants claim they have become.

To Afghanistan's new rulers, the inmates are evidence of their ability to effectively police the capital in a law-abiding manner. But on a recent day, when scores of prisoners gathered outside their cells to soak in the sun, some said they were arrested on flimsy accusations. Others described being treated violently, reminiscent of the harsh justice doled out by the militants when they ruled in mid-1990s. None of the inmates had lawyers.

"They beat me up badly," said Haji Hussein, a taxi driver who said he was arrested at a Taliban checkpoint because two of his passengers were drunk.

"My son killed a person and escaped, but they put me in jail instead," said Timur Shah, speaking from behind a chain-link fence.

In the vacuum left by the sudden fall of the U.S.-backed Afghan government, the Taliban has stepped in to provide much-needed security to Kabul and other cities.

Long-haired, bearded militants oversee checkpoints to net criminals. District police chiefs, mostly commanders from the al-Qaeda-linked Haqqani network, solve local disagreements. Community judges informally deliver verdicts on land, money and family disputes, as the militants have done

for years in rural areas.

But transforming a village-based guerrilla insurgency — accustomed to war for the past two decades — into a national security force capable of protecting vulnerable urban areas is proving challenging for the militants.

The Islamic State-Khorasan, the Syria- and Iraq-based terrorist group's branch in Afghanistan and Pakistan, has emerged as the most significant threat to the Taliban's dominion as well as to public safety. So far, the Taliban has failed to contain the terrorists, who have staged numerous attacks nationwide since the militants' takeover of the country two months ago, including two bombings of Shiite mosques within a week in Kandahar and Kunduz that killed scores

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Inmates are held Oct. 10 in a police station jail in Kabul, where people are often detained on the slightest suspicion of illegal activity. They have no legal counsel and are languishing in cells until a formal judicial system is put in place.

Allies both cautious, confident about Biden

Bonds are solid despite Afghanistan exit and France rift, officials say

BY KAREN DEYOUNG

In the wake of a chaotic withdrawal from Afghanistan and a diplomatic rift with France, America's bond with many of its strongest allies sometimes seems to be unraveling.

During less than a year in office, a narrative has taken hold among domestic political foes — and even some friends — that President Biden has undermined U.S. credibility and the very relationship and global leadership that he had promised to restore after the tumultuous Trump years.

Afghanistan "diminished our

standing on the world stage," disappointing allies and emboldening adversaries. Rep. Michael McCaul of Texas, the top Republican on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said during a recent Washington panel discussion.

But senior officials from nine U.S. allies, in interviews and public statements in recent weeks, said that view of a failing foreign policy does not reflect their assessment of Biden's performance.

Instead, they offered a more nuanced portrait of the administration's handling of world affairs, even as they acknowledged there have been disagreements.

"American administrations always act in American interests," a senior European official said of Biden's decision to pull out of Afghanistan, to the disappointment of some in NATO. "No one should be surprised."

Although Biden's style and pri-

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Covid's latest wave crushes nurses' morale

Understaffed, overwhelmed and fed up with the unvaccinated, many say they've hit their limit

BY PAULINA FIROZI
AND SARAH FOWLER



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Melanie Mead says nurses at the St. Luke's Hospital emergency department in New Bedford, Mass., are taking care of five to seven patients at once, sometimes up to 11 on evening shifts. "We're tired — emotionally, physically, mentally tired," she said.

Melanie Mead, an emergency department nurse, remembers the first time she drove the seven minutes to work after nonessential businesses shuttered last year. It was 7 a.m., and no one was on the road.

"I am driving into something bigger than all of us," thought Mead, who works at St. Luke's Hospital in New Bedford, Mass. Those early pandemic days weren't so much busy as full of fear. When she'd get home from a long day, she'd undress outside and sprint to the shower, worried about exposing her wife and two children to the coronavirus.

"During that time, I was just holding on to hope that there was an ending in sight. Is this something that's going to go away?" Mead said. "Obviously it didn't."

More than a year and a half later, she feels vastly different after spending months fighting a surge fueled by the delta variant. Mead's hospital has been overwhelmed by covid and non-covid patients — it's a 62-bed

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—deportes

Leonardo Mayer

“Ya no tenía ganas de seguir; sufría ataques de pánico, pero me fui bien”

ENTREVISTA — por Sebastián Torok



ARTEBA, UNA FIESTA INCLUSIVA A CIELO ABIERTO EN LA BOCA

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La feria hará un encuentro presencial con actividades gratuitas en Arenas Studios, del 3 al 7 de noviembre, con un programa virtual hasta el 20 de ese mes. **Página 24**

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And Just Like That..., la secuela de la serie, se estrena en diciembre; las ausencias de Kim Cattrall y de Patricia Field no reducen la expectativa.

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El Gobierno congela precios por la fuerza y aumenta la presión sobre las empresas

INFLACIÓN. Hoy se publicará una resolución con valores máximos para 1480 productos

Sin acuerdo, el Gobierno aumentó la presión sobre las empresas y congelará por la fuerza los precios de 1480 productos a través de una resolución que se publicará hoy en el Boletín Oficial.

La decisión fue anunciada ayer por el secretario de Comercio Interior, Roberto Feletti, luego de una jornada en la que las empresas en-

viaron infructuosamente sus listas sugeridas, con la sospecha de que la decisión oficial terminaría siendo unilateral, como finalmente fue.

La medida tensó al máximo la relación con el sector privado. Las empresas no conocían anoche la integración de la lista, pero suponen que será similar a la confeccionada origi-

nalmente por Comercio Interior.

“A pesar del esfuerzo realizado por las empresas al enviar sus propuestas de participación, las mismas no fueron tenidas en cuenta”, criticó la Copal en un duro comunicado. Feletti cuestionó la falta de “colaboración” de algunos empresarios. **Página 14**

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EL ANÁLISIS

Cuando el culpable es el otro

Joaquín Morales Solá

—LA NACION—

Hay un rasgo de Alberto Fernández que nunca cambió y consiste en sostener que la culpa es del otro. Su nuevo hallazgo en ese sentido es el problema de la inflación, que fue alta en septiembre y promete ser igualmente elevada en octubre. Los autores de la escalada de precios son los empresarios, sobretodo los que producen alimentos. **Continúa en la página 8**

Con lujo incluido, Messi iluminó aún más a París

deportes— La Champions League es la gran obsesión del PSG, que perdía por 2-1 con Leipzig, de Alemania. Pero apareció Lionel Messi y en siete minutos dio vuelta la historia: primero para concretar un ataque con Mbappé y luego al picar un penal. Fue 3-2 y fiesta.



Partido empatado, presión y Leo Messi suelta su magia: pica el penal y deja desarmado al arquero húngaro Gulácsi

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Renunció la fiscal que investigaba a los mapuches

CONFLICTO. Sin apoyo político, y tras sufrir agresiones, la fiscal federal Sylvia Little, que investigó los casos de usurpaciones mapuches en Bariloche, renunció al cargo. Fue después de que una mujer fue absuelta pese a que la había atacado. La fiscal trabajó en la extradición de Jones Huala, a quien apoyó el Gobierno. **Página 10**

Aseguran que Chávez enviaba dinero a Kirchner

APOYO. Un medio español se lo atribuyó a un exjefe de inteligencia. **Página 12**

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Ya no se exige el barbijo al aire libre en la ciudad

COVID-19. Prevén alcanzar hoy la meta de 70% de vacunados. **Página 20**

La ola de trabajadores que dejan sus empleos se extiende a escala global

Ishaan Tharoor
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON—El fenómeno que en Estados Unidos se ha llamado “Gran Renuncia” parece estar cobrando velocidad y alcance. En

agosto, un récord de 4,3 millones de trabajadores norteamericanos renunciaron a sus empleos, una cifra que se ensancha hasta 20 millones si se mide desde abril. Muchas de esas renunciaciones fueron en el comercio minorista y el sector

hotelero, donde los empleados han optado por abandonar tareas ingratas y mal pagas. Pero esas bajas masivas que se extienden a todo el espectro del mercado laboral norteamericano se replican en el orden global. **Continúa en la página 4**

A pandemia em 19.out

Dados das 20h

POPULAÇÃO VACINADA

No Brasil

Ao menos uma dose (dose única ou 1ª dose) **73,4 %**

1º ciclo vacinal completo (dose única ou 2ª dose) **49,8 %**

Dose de reforço **2,3 %**

ESTÁGIO DA DOENÇA

Óbitos

Média móvel **351** Em 24 h **381**

351 -26,6% Total **603.902**

Casos -35,1%* (desacelerado)

*Variação em relação a 14 dias

Bolsonaro mira eleição e pede auxílio de R\$ 400 que fura teto

Mercados financeiros desabam, equipe econômica ameaça deixar cargos, e Planalto adia anúncio

De olho em sua campanha por reeleição no ano que vem, o presidente Jair Bolsonaro determinou que o Auxílio Brasil, nova versão do Bolsa Família, chegue a R\$ 400. O valor levaria o governo a furar o teto fiscal.

Há espaço no orçamento para os R\$ 300 que vinham sendo pagos com o auxílio emergencial neste ano. A diferença seria coberta com recursos fora do teto de gastos, um impacto de R\$ 30 bilhões até dezembro de 2022.

Com o risco de descontrole fiscal quando o país não conseguiu engrenar uma retomada, os mercados financeiros reagiram: a Bolsa caiu 3,3% e o dólar subiu. A equipe do ministro Paulo Guedes ameaçou entregar os cargos.

Com isso, o Planalto desistiu de realizar ontem a cerimônia que anunciaria o Auxílio Brasil a R\$ 400. O Ministério da Economia nega a chance de debandada e busca uma solução para manter o desembolso sob o teto.

Mas a ala política está reticente e avalia que não é possível protelar mais o novo programa. Mercado A15

Para analistas, dar benefício sem zelo fiscal deve gerar inflação A17



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Tereza Campello e Sandra Brandão

Desgoverno destrói o Bolsa Família

De forma autoritária, Bolsonaro aniquilou o Bolsa Família, de cujo impacto há fartos dados, sem estudo técnico que embasasse a opção pelo insustentável programa que pretende substituí-lo. Mercado A19

Vinicius Torres Freire

Plano deixa conta para o próximo governo

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PAINEL Reforma do Imposto de Renda é considerada morta no Senado

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Economista-chefe do Santander prevê juros altos por mais tempo

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Doria e Leite dizem ter errado ao apoiar presidente em 2018

Os governadores João Doria (SP) e Eduardo Leite (RS) disseram ter errado ao apoiar Jair Bolsonaro em 2018. Eles e o ex-senador Arthur Virgílio (AM) estiveram em debate das prévias do PSDB, feito por O Globo e Valor. Poder A10

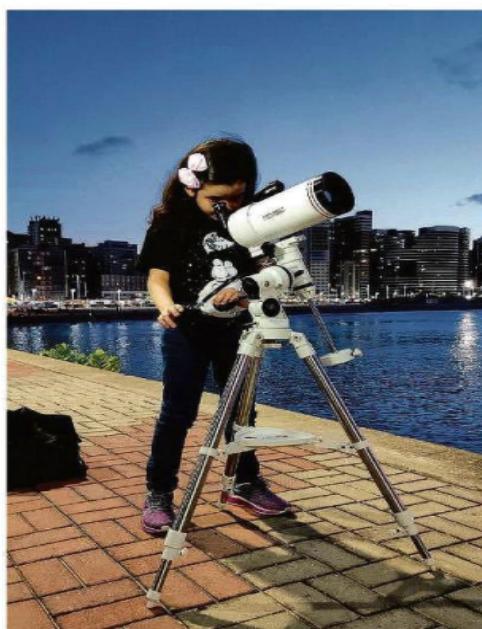
Entre 30, brasileiro é o que mais pensa em saúde mental

Pesquisa da empresa Ipsos mostra que 75% dos entrevistados no Brasil pensam sobre sua própria saúde mental com muita ou considerável frequência. É a maior marca entre os 30 países que participaram do questionário. Saúde B1

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Pequena astrônoma

Nicole Oliveira Semião, 8, diz ter identificado 23 corpos celestes e aguarda avaliação da Nasa para ganhar título de caçadora de asteroides. Se ocorrer, ela será a mais jovem do mundo.



A alagoana Nicole Oliveira Semião, de 8 anos Arquivo Pessoal

Renan pede indiciamento de 72 por crimes com pandemia

O senador Renan Calheiros, relator da CPI da Covid, pediu indiciamento de 70 pessoas e duas empresas por 24 crimes relacionados à pandemia. Em relatório entregue na noite de segunda (18), são citados o presidente, seus filhos e ministros.

O parecer, que responsabiliza ainda empresários e médicos pró-tratamentos ineficazes, não é unânime. A comissão diverge sobre a imputação de homicídio qualificado a Bolsonaro, genocídio de indígenas e os filhos do presidente. Poder A4

Equador decreta estado de exceção ante violência e tráfico

Presença de militares nas ruas vai durar ao menos 60 dias. Em atrito com Congresso, presidente fala em editar decreto para dissolver Legislativo e convocar eleições. A12

Cuba cometeu tortura durante atos, afirma ONG

Um relatório da ONG Human Rights Watch divulgado ontem aponta que mais de 130 cubanos foram vítimas de abusos cometidos por agentes da ditadura durante as manifestações de 11 de julho. Mundo A12

Brasil recebe juízas afegãs ameaçadas pelo regime talibã

Um grupo de dez magistradas afegãs — dos quais 7 mulheres — e parentes chegam ao Brasil nesta semana. Ameaçadas de morte pelo Talibã, foram resgatadas e obtiveram visto humanitário. Mundo A14

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Sobre efeitos da desaceleração da economia chinesa.

Homicídios impunes

Acerca dos baixos índices de elucidação de assassinatos.

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UK's net zero plans fall short on ambition and funds, say experts

Green spending strategy dismissed as inadequate as Cop26 summit nears

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The UK government's long-awaited strategy for reaching net zero emissions falls short on ambition and is not backed up with adequate funding, experts and campaigners have

warned. Ministers revealed a plan yesterday that they said could create 440,000 jobs and "unlock" £90bn in investment in the next decade, most of it from private sector companies.

The Treasury also warned, separately, that taxes might need to rise to support the move, as the £30bn a year in tax revenues from fossil fuel duty would decline rapidly. Road pricing has been mooted as one way to make up for the shortfall, but ministers did not set out plans for that.

The plan involves an expansion of electric vehicles, including increasing

the network of charging points, and further growth of offshore wind, as well as investments in new technologies such as hydrogen and sustainable aviation fuel and £120m towards at least one new nuclear power station.

Against a background of high energy prices and rising consumer bills, the government said the investment would provide the UK with energy security and stable prices in years to come. Households will benefit from grants to install low-carbon heat pumps as part of a £3.9bn plan for decarbonising heat

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and buildings, including a £450m three-year boiler upgrade scheme.

Ministers were under pressure to publish the strategy ahead of the Cop26 climate summit, which begins

in Glasgow in less than two weeks. Boris Johnson said: "The UK's path to ending our contribution to climate change will be paved with well-paid jobs, billions in investment and thriving green industries - powering our green industrial revolution across the country. By moving first and taking bold action, we will build a defining competitive edge in electric vehicles, offshore wind, carbon capture technology and more, while supporting people and businesses."

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MP killing suspect had anti-terror assessment in 2014

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The suspect in the killing of the MP David Amess received extensive support under the government's Channel counter-terrorism programme before his case was closed, the Guardian has learned.

Ali Harbi Ali was first referred to Prevent, the early intervention scheme designed to turn people away from the risk of supporting violence, as a teenager in 2014.

Each year a small proportion of the thousands referred to Prevent are then referred to Channel for more intensive support, overseen by a panel with expertise in deradicalisation and helping those deemed vulnerable from being drawn into terrorism. Both programmes are voluntary and do not involve criminal sanctions.

Ali's months-long referral to Channel may raise



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NHS chiefs urge 'plan B plus' amid Covid surge

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Ministers must urgently implement sweeping "plan B" winter measures or derail efforts to tackle the backlog of 5 million patients, the head of the NHS Confederation has warned as the UK recorded its highest daily Covid death toll since March.

Infections have been rising sharply since the start of October but the government is resisting introducing the extra restrictions set out in its winter plan, including masks, vaccine passports and advice to work from home.

Yesterday the UK reported 223 Covid deaths recorded within 28 days of a positive test - the highest for seven months



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