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Syrian Regime Shells Rebel-Held Province, Killing at Least 13



DEADLY SCENE: A victim is carried at a hospital Wednesday in Ariha after Syria's army shelled the city in Idlib, the last major section of the country held by rebel forces. At least 13 people, including several children, were killed. **A11**

PayPal Pursues Pinterest Deal, Opening Way Into Shopping

By DANA CIMILLUCA
AND CARA LOMBARDO

PayPal Holdings Inc. is in talks to buy social-media platform Pinterest Inc., according to people familiar with the matter, a move that could enable the payments giant to play a bigger role in customers' shopping experience.

The talks are at an early stage and might not lead to a deal, some of the people cautioned. If there is one, it would

be big, as Pinterest has a market value of some \$40 billion. Pinterest is an online-sharing platform on which users share photos and links to recipes and home-decor ideas. It makes money from advertisements that appear on the platform, but e-commerce is in its sights, too.

In April, Pinterest expanded a partnership it struck in 2020 with e-commerce software provider Shopify Inc. to reach consumers in 27 more countries,

up from just the U.S. and Canada previously. Best known for its checkout button enabling consumers to easily pay for purchases on retailers' websites, PayPal recently set a strategy of being a go-to service for not just payments and financial services, but also e-commerce more broadly. Buying Pinterest could bring users to PayPal earlier in their shopping experience and help them discover new items to buy, leading to more pay-

ments volume. "We have a huge road map around shopping tool sets," PayPal Chief Executive Officer Dan Schulman said at an investor conference last month. "I'm quite excited by the early results of that and what we can do when we become sort of a destination."

PayPal rode a wave of digital-payment adoption over the course of the coronavirus pandemic to post record numbers

Exxon Debates Scrapping Projects

By CHRISTOPHER M. MATTHEWS
AND EMILY GLAZIER

Exxon Mobil Corp.'s remade board of directors is debating whether to continue with several of its largest oil-and-gas projects as the company reconsiders its investment strategy in a fast-changing energy landscape, according to people familiar with the matter.

Members of the board—which includes three directors successfully nominated by an activist investor in May and two other new members—have expressed concerns about certain projects, including a \$30 billion liquefied natural-gas development in Mozambique and a multibillion-dollar gas project in Vietnam, the people said.

Oil and gas prices are at multi-year highs, and the world is experiencing a shortage of fossil fuels as economies emerge from the pandemic. But it takes years for such energy megaprojects to produce additional supplies, and more years after that for the investments to pay off.

Exxon is facing pressure from investors to restrain fossil-fuel investment to limit carbon emissions and return more cash to shareholders. Environmentalists and some government officials are also pressuring the company to produce less oil and gas.

The discussions are part of a review of the oil company's



THE MIDDLE SEAT Travel perks are disappearing, from free breakfasts to elite lounges. **A13**

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Taliban Commander Morphs Into a Kabul Police Chief

Thousands of fighters are grappling with new lives in government

By SAIED SHAH

KABUL—Mawlawi Zubair Mutmaeen used to run Taliban suicide-bombing squads in Kabul. On a recent day, in his new role as police chief for one of the Afghan capital's districts, he was busy mediating a marital dispute.

A woman clad in a burqa complained she could no longer live with her interfering mother-in-law. Clearly used to being in command, Mr. Mutmaeen lectured the husband that under Islamic law he must provide his wife with "shelter and other basic necessities."

Mr. Mutmaeen's solution was to have the mother relocate to the home of her other son. After some persuading, the husband reluctantly agreed.

His face framed by a black turban and

black beard, Mr. Mutmaeen didn't see the jarring change from his previous occupation as remarkable. In the past, Americans and locals who worked with them were legitimate targets as the Taliban sought to create a true Islamic order, he said. Today, he reasoned, community policing serves the same goal.

"Previously I was serving Islam, and now I'm also serving Islam. There is no difference," Mr. Mutmaeen, 39, said.

The Taliban-turned-cops under Mr. Mutmaeen's command aren't being paid, and they haven't received training in actual police work. It isn't clear what laws they are enforcing, other than their understanding of the Islamic Shariah. The penal code of the

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Let's Make a Deal—Just Don't Use That Word

Private-equity firm bans the term and fines those who use it \$1,000

By MIRIAM GOTTFRIED

At Partners Group Holding AG, "deal" is a four-letter word. David Layton, the Swiss firm's chief executive, banned the term at a global town hall meeting in early June.

Never mind that as a private-equity firm with \$119 billion in assets, Partners Group exists to do...deals. It has done \$27 billion of them in the past 12

months, such as the \$8.5 billion sale of software-engineering firm GlobalLogic Inc. to Japan's Hitachi Ltd.

Mr. Layton said at the meeting that the firm would make a \$10,000 donation to its charitable arm and deduct \$100 from that donation any time the word was written or uttered by a junior employee. Partners using the D-word would be fined, in

Democratic Plan Hits Snag With Dissension on Taxes

WASHINGTON—Senate Democrats are considering abandoning central tax elements of their social policy and climate

By Andrew Duehren,
Richard Rubin
and Kristina Peterson

package as a key senator continues to oppose any increase in marginal rates for businesses, high-income individuals or capital gains, according to people familiar with the matter.

Sen. Kyrsten Sinema (D, Ariz.) has previously told lobbyists that she is opposed to any increase in those rates, according to a person familiar with her remarks, but her stance is now pushing Democrats to plan more seriously for a bill that doesn't include those major revenue increases.

Other planks of President Biden's tax agenda, including tightening the net on U.S. companies' foreign earnings and enhancing tax enforcement by

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Clean down Russia admits vaccines flop

A worker disinfects Belorussky railway station in Moscow yesterday. As Russia recorded its highest Covid-19 death toll, with 1,028 victims in the previous 24 hours, President Vladimir Putin approved a proposal to keep workers at home for at least a week, from October 30 to November 7.

The move is the closest that Russia has come to a lockdown since the early months of the pandemic, with the Kremlin scrambling to stem the spread of coronavirus and the government admitting that its vaccination campaign has flopped. Only 45m people — or 32 per cent of the population — are fully vaccinated with both doses of one of the three domestically produced jabs on offer.

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Weidmann to quit as Bundesbank head as ECB crunch meeting nears

◆ Critic of eurozone's ultra-loose policy bows out ◆ Lagarde 'immensely regrets' decision

MARTIN ARNOLD — FRANKFURT
GUY CHAZAN — BERLIN

Jens Weidmann is to step down after a decade as head of Germany's central bank, announcing his decision only weeks after the general election and shortly before a crucial decision on the future of eurozone monetary policy.

The president of the Bundesbank has been one of the most vocal critics of the ultra-loose monetary policy pursued by the European Central Bank, fighting an often lonely battle against its bond buying and negative interest rate policies.

The 53-year-old said yesterday that he was leaving for "personal reasons" but colleagues said he was tired of opposing ECB policies and that he expected these frustrations to increase as the economy recovers, inflation rises

and the ECB's generous stimulus becomes harder to justify.

Weidmann told Bundesbank employees in a letter that he would leave at the end of the year. "I have come to believe that more than 10 years is a good time to start a new chapter — for the Bundesbank but also for me personally."

His planned departure, less than two years after his mandate was extended for another eight-year term, comes as the ECB prepares for a vital meeting in December when it is set to decide how to wind down the €1.85tn bond-buying plan it launched in response to the pandemic and how much stimulus to maintain after that.

Weidmann, who lost out in the race to replace Mario Draghi as ECB president in 2019, was dismissed by the Italian

as *Nein zu allem* — German for "No to everything" — having spent his early years openly criticising the ECB's increasingly unconventional policies that flooded markets with cheap money.

Yet after Christine Lagarde took over as ECB president in 2019 and was confronted with the Covid-19 crisis, Weidmann became less hostile, even accepting a shift that allowed a temporary overshooting of its inflation target.

Lagarde said yesterday that she respected Weidmann's decision, "but I also immensely regret it," adding: "Jens is a good personal friend on whose loyalty I could always count."

Weidmann made the decision to step down earlier in the year but waited until after the German election to avoid the impression it was a politically moti-



Jens Weidmann: "More than 10 years is a good time to start a new chapter"

vated move, a person briefed on his thinking said.

Germany's leaders are locked in talks to form the country's first three-party ruling coalition since the 1950s. The new government is likely to be a left-leaning coalition led by Olaf Scholz, current finance minister. Weidmann worked as an adviser to chancellor Angela Merkel before his Bundesbank appointment in 2011; his decision to resign means they will leave office around the same time.

Steffen Seibert, a government spokesman, said Merkel had noted Weidmann's decision "with regret and respect", adding that the next government must choose a successor "to continue the stability-orientated legacy of the Bundesbank".

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Beijing crackdown on tech hits S Korea's global march

The growing global clout of South Korean entertainment, typified by K-pop stars BTS and Netflix's *Squid Game*, is being checked in China, its biggest growth market, as President Xi Jinping cracks down on the tech and gaming sectors. Some of South Korea's most innovative companies are trying to sidestep the brunt of Xi's offensive as it wipes billions of dollars from the value of China's tech groups and hurts Korean gaming groups in particular.

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Sale of Evergrande's property services unit folds days before default deadline

THOMAS HALE — HONG KONG

A potential \$2.6bn sale of Evergrande's property services unit has collapsed, deepening the pressure on the Chinese developer just days before it faces a formal default on its debt.

A deal to sell 50.1 per cent of Evergrande Property Services Group to fellow developer Hopson Development Holdings for HK\$20bn (\$2.6bn) had been terminated last week, the group revealed in filings late yesterday.

Evergrande, the world's most indebted developer, with more than \$500bn in liabilities, has been engulfed in a liquidity crisis that has prompted global concern over the deteriorating health of China's vast property sector.

Shares in the group and its property services unit, which is also listed in Hong Kong, have been halted for much

of October since Evergrande disclosed the possible sale of the division. It applied for trading in its shares to resume today, it added in the filings.

The escalating crisis has led Evergrande to miss a series of interest payments to international bondholders, beginning on September 23. That triggered a 30-day grace period, which ends this weekend, before a formal default is declared.

Evergrande has rushed to sell assets but many expect it to require one of the largest restructurings in Chinese corporate history. In one of two filings yesterday, the company said that other than a sale of a stake in a regional bank in China, "there has been no material progress on sale of assets of the group".

The developer also broke its silence on the missed interest payments, stating that grace periods had "not yet

expired". Its silence, along with the suspension of its shares, has led to criticism of the protections afforded shareholders on Hong Kong's stock exchange.

Advisers to bondholders said on a call this month that they had received no "meaningful engagement" from the company since contacting it in mid-September.

Since its missed payments, Evergrande peers Fantasia and Sinic Holdings have defaulted on bonds of \$206m and \$246m respectively, while yields on riskier Chinese borrowers on Asian bond markets have soared to their highest level in more than a decade.

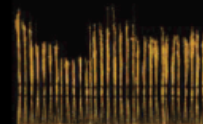
The People's Bank of China late last week weighed into Evergrande's crisis for the first time, saying that spillover effects were "controllable" and blaming the company for its issues.

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Nasdaq Composite	15159.83	15129.09	0.20	£ per \$	1.382	1.380	0.01	UK Gov 10 yr	1.06	-0.02	
Dow Jones Ind	35621.02	35457.31	0.46	€ per \$	0.843	0.844	-0.01	Ger Gov 10 yr	-0.13	-0.02	
FTSE100	1821.23	1815.20	0.33	¥ per \$	114.315	114.295	0.02	Japan Gov 10 yr	115.11	0.09	0.00
Euro Stoxx 50	4173.74	4166.83	0.17	₹ per \$	167.926	167.898	0.02	US Gov 30 yr	117.10	2.10	0.02
TSX 100	7223.10	7217.53	0.08	S\$ per \$	1.071	1.073	-0.02	Ger Gov 2 yr	104.99	-0.67	-0.04
FTSE All-Share	4118.78	4118.15	0.01	₹ per \$	0.858	0.859	-0.01				
CAC 40	6705.61	6688.85	0.24								
Hong Kong	19522.92	19515.83	0.05								
Nikkei	29255.55	29215.52	0.14								
Hang Seng	28136.02	25787.21	1.35								
MSCI World \$	3136.19	3114.01	0.71	Oil WTI \$	82.95	82.44	0.62				
MSCI EM \$	1294.57	1283.02	0.90	Oil Brent \$	85.35	85.08	0.32				
MSCI ACWI \$	339.24	333.85	0.73	Gold \$	1757.85	1773.25	-0.88				

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A surgical team in New York last month examining a pig kidney attached to the body of a brain-dead recipient for signs of rejection.

Breakthrough On Pig Organs In Transplants

By RONI CARYN RABIN

Surgeons in New York have successfully attached a kidney grown in a genetically altered pig to a human patient and found that the organ worked normally, a scientific breakthrough that one day may yield a vast new supply of organs for severely ill patients.

Researchers have long sought to grow organs in pigs that are suitable for transplantation into humans. Technologies like cloning and genetic engineering have brought that vision closer to reality in recent years, but testing these experimental organs in humans has presented daunting ethical questions.

So surgeons at N.Y.U. Langone Health took an astonishing step: With the family's consent, they attached the pig's kidney to a brain-dead patient who was kept alive on a ventilator, and then followed the body's response while taking measures of the kidney's function. It is the first operation of its kind.

The researchers tracked the results for just 54 hours, and many questions remained to be answered about the long-term consequences of such an operation. The procedure will not be available to patients any time soon, as there are significant medical and regulatory hurdles to overcome.

Still, experts in the field hailed the surgery as a milestone.

"This is a huge breakthrough," said Dr. Dorry Seggev, a professor of transplant surgery at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine who was not involved in the research.

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Chemical Giant Escaped Paying for Its Pollution

By DAVID GELLES
and EMILY STEEL

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — One humid day this summer, Brian Long, a senior executive at the chemical company Chemours, took a reporter on a tour of the Fayetteville Works factory.

Mr. Long showed off the plant's new antipollution technologies, designed to stop a chemical called GenX from pouring into the Cape Fear River, escaping into the air and seeping into the ground water.

There was a new high-tech filtration system. And a new ther-

Chemours Has Gone to Extreme Lengths to Avoid Liability

mal oxidizer, which heats waste to 2,000 degrees. And an underground wall — still under construction — to keep the chemicals out of the river. And more.

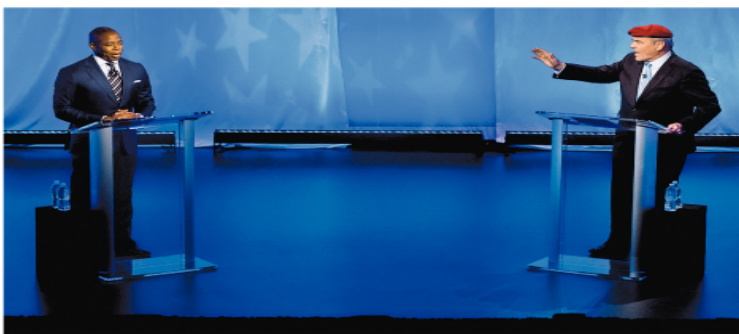
"They're not Band-Aids," Mr. Long said. "They're long-term, robust solutions."

Weeks later, North Carolina officials announced that Chemours

had exceeded limits on how much GenX its Fayetteville factory was emitting. This month, the state fined the company \$300,000 for the violations — the second time this year the company has been penalized by the state's environmental regulator.

GenX is part of a family of chemicals called per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS. They allow everyday items — frying pans, rain jackets, pizza boxes — to repel water, grease and stains. Exposure to the chemicals has been linked to cancer and other serious health problems.

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Making Their Pitches, With a Dory Jab

Eric Adams, left, and Curtis Sliva in their first one-on-one New York City mayoral debate. Page A18.

In Afghanistan, Former Judges Are on the Run for Being Female

By DAVID ZUCCHINO

When Nabila was a judge in Afghanistan's Supreme Court, she granted divorces to women whose husbands were sometimes jailed for assaulting or kidnapping them. Some of the men threatened to kill her after they had served their time, she said.

In mid-August, as the Taliban poured into Kabul and seized

power, hundreds of prisoners were set free. Men once sentenced in Nabila's courtroom were among them, according to the judge. Like the other women interviewed for this article, her full name has been withheld for her protection.

Within days, Nabila said, she began receiving death threat calls from former prisoners. She moved out of her house in Kabul

Terrified of Being Killed for Sentencing Men

and went into hiding as she sought ways to leave Afghanistan with her husband and three young daughters.

"I lost my job and now I can't even go outside or do anything

freely because I fear these freed prisoners," Nabila said by phone from a safe house. "A dark future is awaiting everyone in Afghanistan, especially female judges."

More than 200 female judges remain in Afghanistan, many of them under threat and in hiding, according to the International Association of Women Judges. Taliban officials have recovered their

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Biden Adjusts Policy Agenda To Reach Deal

College Initiatives and Energy Are on Line

This article is by Michael D. Shear, Emily Cochrane and Jim Tankersley

WASHINGTON — As he tries to steer his party toward a vast, once-in-a-generation investment in social programs, President Biden is paring back his ambitions for clean energy, access to college and help for families.

The president proposed abandoning his signature campaign promise of two years of free community college, according to people who attended White House meetings with Democratic lawmakers and others who had been briefed on them. He conceded that negotiators would dump a clean electricity program spurned by Senate centrists. He raised the idea of limiting an extension of payments to families with children to one year. And he said the length of federal paid leave could shrink.

In response to steadfast opposition from Senator Kyrsten Sinema, Democrat of Arizona, Mr. Biden's team is now also wrestling with how to pay for trillions of dollars in spending without relying on increases in the corporate or individual income tax rates.

Pursuing a legacy-making achievement, Mr. Biden has been a mediator, a listener and at times an exasperated negotiator, according to people familiar with the dozens of closed-door discussions, Zoom meetings and many late-night telephone calls with Democratic lawmakers.

For the president — the man in the middle — the goal is to find a way to reach a deal, even if that feels like betrayal and broken promises to some on both sides.

In meetings with progressives, he has coaxed them away from expansive programs with sky-high price tags. With moderates, he has acknowledged their concerns about an overreaching government even as he has nudged them toward supporting trillions of dollars in new spending and tax cuts. And in public, he has pushed his original agenda while conceding it will be pared back.

Rep. Pramila Jayapal of Washington, the Democratic leader of House progressives, described the discussions as "conversational," but said the president was

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Science, Ideology and Politics Jostle in the Halls of Academia

By MICHAEL POWELL

CHICAGO — The Massachusetts Institute of Technology invited the geophysicist Dorian Abbot to give a prestigious public lecture this autumn. He seemed a natural choice, a scientific star who studies climate change and whether planets in distant solar systems might harbor atmospheres conducive to life.

Then a swirl of angry resistance arose. Some faculty members and graduate students argued that Dr. Abbot, a professor at the University of Chicago, had created harm by speaking out against aspects of affirmative action and diversity programs. In videos and opinion pieces, Dr. Abbot, who is white, has asserted that such programs treat "people as members of a group rather

U.S. DETAILS PLAN FOR VACCINATING CHILDREN 5 TO 11

CLINICS, NOT MASS SITES

Expecting Authorization, Officials Use Lessons From Past Rollout

By KATIE ROGERS

WASHINGTON — The campaign to vaccinate young children in the United States against the coronavirus will not look like the adult version. There will be no mass inoculation sites. Pediatricians will be enlisted to help work with parents. Even the vials — and the needles to administer doses — will be smaller.

Biden administration officials anticipating that regulators will make the vaccines available to 5- to 11-year-olds in the coming weeks, laid out plans on Wednesday to ensure that some 25,000 pediatric or primary care offices, thousands of pharmacies, and hundreds of school and rural health clinics will be ready to administer shots if the vaccine receives federal authorization.

The campaign aims to fulfill the unique needs of 28 million people



in the United States, largely still in elementary school, while absorbing the lessons from the rollout of vaccines to other age groups. The 5- to 11-year range has far more members than the teenage cohort already approved to receive the vaccine.

"Kids have different needs than adults, and our operational planning is geared to meet those specific needs, including by offering vaccinations in settings that parents and kids are familiar with and trust," President Biden's co-

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VOTING RIGHTS BILL DIES IN THE SENATE

More pressure to end the filibuster expected after GOP thwarts a Democratic priority.

By ERIN B. LOGAN

WASHINGTON — Congressional Democrats' hopes to expand voting rights died on Wednesday afternoon when Senate Republicans blocked a vote on a bill that would have established election day as a public holiday and created minimum nationwide standards for access to the polls.

The failure is sure to intensify progressives' pressure on Democratic leaders to eliminate the filibuster.

The Freedom to Vote bill, which would have created a pathway for challenging new voting laws in federal court and required more disclosure of campaign spending and fundraising, was widely seen by advocates as the best chance to protect voting rights ahead of the 2022 midterm election.

Sen. Joe Manchin III of West Virginia, a key Democrat who opposes abolishing the filibuster, co-sponsored the bill and sought to include provisions that might draw the support of some Republicans.

But the bill failed to meet [See Voting rights, A7]

Vaccine plan for children outlined

White House details campaign for millions of kids ages 5 to 11 to receive Pfizer shots.

By ZEKE MILLER AND LINDSEY TANNER

WASHINGTON — Children ages 5 to 11 will soon be able to get a COVID-19 shot at their pediatrician's office, local pharmacy and potentially their school, the White House said Wednesday as it detailed plans for the expected authorization of the Pfizer vaccine for younger children in a matter of weeks.

Federal regulators will meet over the next two weeks to weigh the benefits of giving shots to children, after lengthy studies meant to ensure the safety of the vaccines.

Within hours of formal authorization, expected to come after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advisory meeting Nov. 2 and 3, doses will begin shipping to providers across the country, along with smaller needles necessary for injecting young children. The doses should be ready within days to go into children's arms on a wide scale.

About 15 million doses will be shipped to providers across the country in the [See Vaccine, A7]

FDA endorses mixing vaccines

COVID-19 booster shots of different brands are OK, federal regulators say. **NATION, A6**



SHAUN NEWMAN, clockwise from top left, Patrick O'Connors, Mario Arciga and Joel Strauss are among those staying at the Desert Moon Motel in Las Vegas. Some take on odd jobs to earn money.



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LAS VEGAS THE ROAD BACK

A place they can call home after pandemic evictions

Jake Crandall took a deep pull from his vape as a woman emerged from the darkness of Fremont Street and into the parking lot of the Desert Moon Motel. She gripped the final \$20 she owed him.

"Here you go," she said. He didn't ask how she got it.

"Thanks," Crandall, the property manager, replied. "We will figure it out again tomorrow."

It was just after 9 p.m., and since she had now paid the full daily rate — \$57 — Room 5 would again be hers for the night, a welcome reprieve from the woman's other option: the back seat of her red Pontiac sedan. Crandall knew that the woman, who asked that her name not be used because of the sensitivity of her situation, didn't have anywhere else

For some living at motel, only alternative was the streets

By **KURTIS LEE** REPORTING FROM LAS VEGAS

to stay.

For much of the last week, she and her two teenagers, both autistic, alternated between sleeping at the motel or inside the car. The 45-year-old woman said she lost her one-bedroom Los Angeles apartment early in the COVID-19 pandemic. Ever since, she's been traveling back and forth between Los Angeles and Las Vegas, staying with family when she can.

Crandall, a 19-year-old self-described beatnik in his gap year who recently moved from Santa Cruz, runs the day-to-day operations at the Desert Moon for his uncle, who owns the aging, 30-room motel. If you stand in the parking lot and look out at the horizon to the [See Las Vegas, A10]



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ON BRINK OF ELIMINATION

Starting pitcher Julio Urias reacts after allowing a triple during the third inning of the Dodgers' 9-2 loss to Atlanta in Game 4 of the NLCS. **SPORTS, D1**

Council votes to suspend Ridley-Thomas

The action comes the same day he pleads not guilty to bribery and other charges.

By **DAKOTA SMITH, JULIA WICK AND BENJAMIN ORESKES**

The Los Angeles City Council doesn't have the power to fire any of the 15 members who represent L.A.'s 4 million residents.

But the government body can bar members from doing their job. And for the second time in less than two years, the City Council on Wednesday suspended one of its own.

The council voted 11 to 3 to immediately suspend Councilman Mark Ridley-Thomas, a veteran South Los Angeles politician who has been indicted on federal bribery, conspiracy and other charges. Hours later, city officials announced he would no longer receive his \$223,800 salary.

It was another dispiriting day at City Hall, which has been rocked by a series of scandals over alleged corruption. In June 2020, the council suspended then-Councilman Jose Huizar after he was charged with a racketeering count in an alleged pay-to-play scheme.

Both Ridley-Thomas and Huizar are fighting the charges against them.

The emotional tenor of Wednesday's council deliberations was markedly different from the unanimous vote to suspend Huizar.

Some council members urged their colleagues against suspension, arguing that the council shouldn't play the part of a jury and that the councilman hadn't publicly detailed his defense.

Councilman Bob Blumenfeld told his colleagues that he was "up all night, [See Suspend, A8]

Is a war over virus rules on the menu?

In-N-Out's beef with San Francisco may be a harbinger as vaccine mandates proliferate.

By **LUKE MONEY, GREGORY YEE AND RONG-GONG LIN II**

SAN FRANCISCO — For a short time earlier this month, an In-N-Out at San Francisco's famed Fisherman's Wharf refused to add a new item to its iconic menu.

The city had ordered the burger spot, and all other local restaurants, to screen patrons' COVID-19 vaccination status before allowing

them to dine indoors. When inspectors found In-N-Out wasn't doing that, they temporarily closed the location.

The fast-food chain publicly decried the action but took steps to reopen just a few days later.

But as more communities across California require proof of vaccination at many retailers and other public venues, the battle over enforcement of the new rules is just beginning to heat up. Next month, the city of Los Angeles will require that eateries, shopping malls and many other indoor venues check customers' vaccination status. [See In-N-Out, A13]

MASK VERDICT: O.C. shopper who refused to don a face covering is guilty of trespassing. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Climate change bill is stalled

Not all Democrats are on board with a key piece of Biden's agenda. **PERSPECTIVES, A2**

VA aid for those on Veterans Row

The agency says it will find shelter for people camped in West L.A. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Workers' rally targets Netflix

Trans employees and allies protest Dave Chappelle's comedy special. **CALENDAR, E1**

Weather

Partly sunny. L.A. Basin: 77/54. **B6**

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BOCA GANA Y NO PIERDE LA ILUSIÓN DE PELEAR EL TÍTULO

—deportes

Los xeneizes derrotaron por 2 a 1 a Godoy Cruz y esta noche estarán pendientes del duelo entre Talleres y River en Córdoba, escolta y puntero, respectivamente, del torneo.

FUROR POR PARTICIPAR DE LOS FESTEJOS DE LOS 70 DE CHARLY GARCÍA

—espectáculos

Hubo largas filas para conseguir entradas a algunos de los homenajes en la ciudad; quedan pocas localidades para las actividades en el CCK (foto).



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Incendio y amenazas en una nueva escalada de la violencia mapuche

ATAQUE. La gobernadora de Río Negro pidió ayuda a la Nación, que prometió reagrupar efectivos

La violencia mapuche volvió a escalar en Río Negro, donde un club de El Bolsón fue blanco de un nuevo ataque incendiario y hubo amenazas a la gobernadora Arabela Carreras y a la Justicia.

En el Club Andino Piltriquitrón, que anteanoche fue consumido por las llamas, se encontraron bidones

de combustible y panfletos contra el intendente Bruno Pogliano y la gobernadora Carreras, que denunció "ataques terroristas" y "exigió" la intervención de las fuerzas federales.

El gobierno nacional, que hasta ahora se mostraba reticente a intervenir e incluso la semana pa-

sada había defendido al detenido líder Jones Huala, ayer prometió reagrupar a los efectivos federales de la zona para reforzar la seguridad en Río Negro.

Carreras vinculó el ataque con la reciente defensa de Jones Huala que protagonizó en Chile el embajador argentino, Rafael Bielsa. **Página 6**

La fiscal logró apoyo y no renunciará

Hernán Capiello

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Reproche a Bielsa de senadores chilenos

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Alerta de empresas: el control frenará las inversiones

PRECIOS. AEA dijo que trae incertidumbre; para la CAC, faltarán productos

Los empresarios manifestaron ayer un fuerte rechazo al congelamiento de precios que aplicó el Gobierno. La Asociación Empresaria Argentina (AEA) afirmó que la medida no sirve para frenar la inflación, trae imprevisibilidad y frena inversiones. Por su parte, la Cámara Argentina de Comercio (CAC) alertó que "va a haber desabastecimiento, sin duda", y que "los controles nunca funcionaron". En el listado oficial, advirtieron expertos en consumo, hay productos con precios 30% más baratos que los que están hoy en las góndolas. **Página 15**

Al recreo sin barbijos, la nueva normalidad porteña

coronavirus—Contentos, los chicos de las escuelas porteñas disfrutaron ayer del primer día de recreo a cara descubierta desde que volvió la presencialidad plena, aunque mantuvieron los barbijos colgados de sus orejas o a mano para volver al aula. **Página 20**



Ayer, volvieron a las escuelas porteñas los juegos casi sin distancia social y las risas sin tapabocas

RICARDO PRISTUPLUK

EL ESCENARIO

La incoherencia como bandera de campaña

Carlos Pagni

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Cristina Kirchner y su Frente de Todos están ante un exigente desafío. Deben demostrar que es posible revertir un fracaso potenciando los factores que condujeron a él. Sobre las razones que determinan la incompetencia del Gobierno existe un consenso casi unánime. Una gigantesca incógnita acerca de dónde reside la autoridad. Continúa en la **página 8**

Pacto con Irán: la DAIA apelará el sobreseimiento de Cristina

ATENTADO. La entidad judía pedirá a Casación que se retome el juicio por encubrimiento. **Página 14**

A una semana del envío de gendarmes, otro asesinato conmociona a Rosario

INSEGURIDAD. El crimen de un arquitecto generó la convocatoria a una marcha

A una semana del envío de 575 efectivos federales, Rosario quedó conmocionada ayer por el asesinato del arquitecto Joaquín Fernando Pérez.

La víctima, de 34 años, fue baleada por motochorros que robaron su vehículo en el barrio de Arroyito. Murió ante la vista de su esposa y de su pequeña hija de tres años.

El crimen generó una fuerte reacción social y grupos de vecinos convocaron a marchar hoy por la inseguridad, que provocó este año 186 asesinatos. **Página 26**

Tensos cruces de Tolosa Paz con Santilli marcaron el debate

PROVINCIA. La pandemia y el aumento del delito, los ejes que generaron más desacuerdos. **Página 10**

CPI pede indiciamento de Bolsonaro por crimes contra a humanidade

★ PRESIDENTE DESQUALIFICA COMISSÃO ★ AÇÃO CABERIA A PGR, CONGRESSO E CORTE INTERNACIONAL

Quase 20 meses após o início da pandemia de Covid no Brasil e com mais de 604 mil mortos pela doença no país, a CPI aberta no Senado para apurar responsabilidades pela tragédia propôs a punição do presidente Jair Bolsonaro por nove crimes.

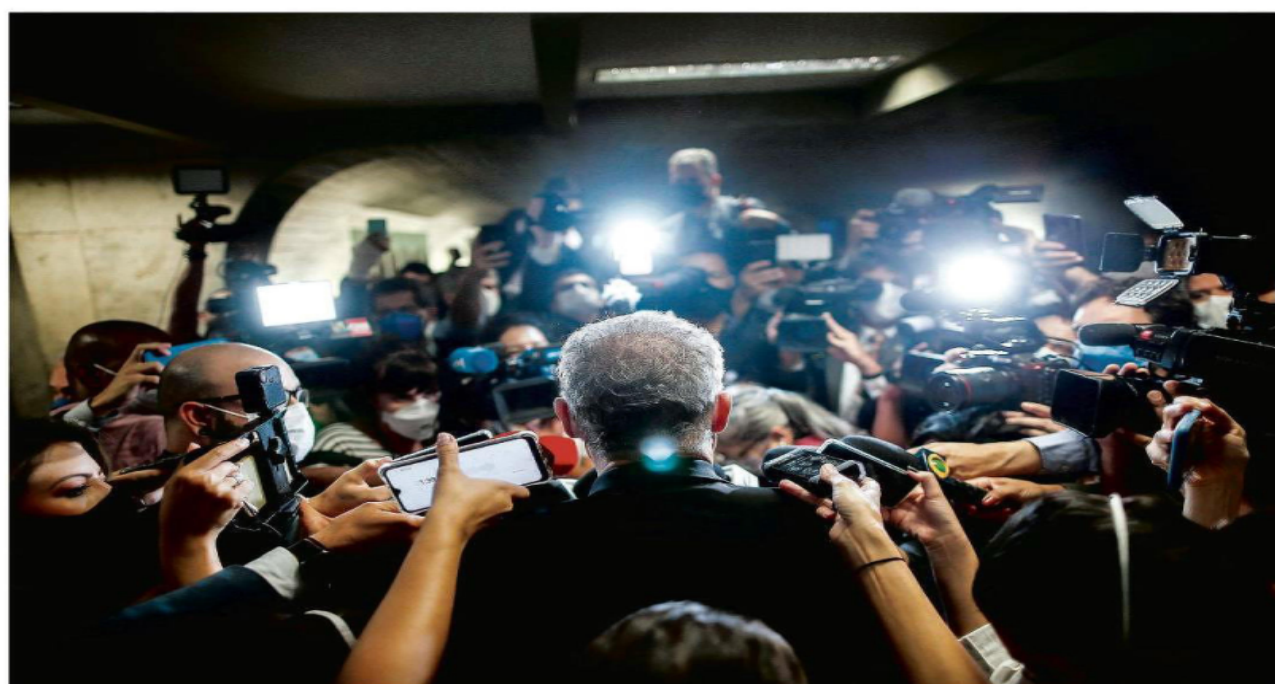
O relatório final, lido pelo senador Renan Calheiros, resultou de seis meses de investigação e dezenas de depoimentos. Atribuiu 23 crimes a 66 pessoas e 2 empresas —entre políticos, médicos, os donos da Prevent Senior e três filhos do presidente.

A Bolsonaro foram imputados os crimes de prevaricação, charlatanismo, epidemia resultando em morte, infração de medida sanitária preventiva, incitação ao crime, falsificação de documento particular e uso irregular de verbas públicas.

Ele também teria cometido, segundo o relatório, crimes contra a humanidade (exterminio, perseguição e outros atos desumanos) e de responsabilidade. O documento, de consenso majoritário, deve ir a votação na comissão no próximo dia 26.

Na véspera da conclusão, Renan cedeu e retirou as menções a genocídio de indígenas e homicídio. Para que os crimes comuns se tornem objeto de inquérito, será necessária ação do procurador-geral da República, Augusto Aras, aliado do presidente.

A investigação de crimes contra a humanidade pode ser levada ao Tribunal Penal Internacional, e o de responsabilidade dá margem a processo de impeachment. Bolsonaro refutou as acusações e disse que a CPI produziu apenas ódio. Poder A4



Senador Renan Calheiros (MDB-AL) é cercado por jornalistas antes da sessão da CPI da Covid em que leu seu relatório final. Adriano Machado/Reuters

Prevent reage, e governistas veem enviesamento

A Prevent Senior contestou o relatório da CPI da Covid e chamou as acusações de linchamento público. O líder do governo na Câmara, Ricardo Barros (PP-PR), disse não haver "uma vírgula" que o comprometa e que processará Renan Calheiros. Poder A11

ANÁLISE

Igor Gielow

CPI paga por ser a 1ª na era da guerra de narrativas

A CPI brilhou ao montar um arcabouço factual sólido e cruzou limites em busca de apelo de mídia. Mas sua questão central é a guerra de discursos sob a chamada pós-verdade. Poder A6

Ruy Castro

Presidente destrói até o que regime militar deixou

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Bruno Miranda/Folhapress

AGRO ABRE NOVAS FRONTEIRAS PELO PAÍS

Integrante do grupo As Camponesas colhe frutas no assentamento Florestan Fernandes, em Guaçu (ES); projeto na região entre o estado e Minas Gerais cria polo fruticultor. Agrofolha p. 1

A pandemia em 20.out

Dados das 20h

POPULAÇÃO VACINADA

No Brasil

Ao menos uma dose (dose única ou 1ª dose) **73,6%**

1º ciclo vacinal completo (dose única ou 2ª dose) **50,4%**

Dose de reforço **2,5%**

ESTÁGIO DA DOENÇA

Óbitos

Média móvel

380 ↓ -18,2%*

Casos ↓ -30,2%* (desacelerado)

*Variação em relação a 14 dias

Em 24 h

401

Total

604.303

Auxílio Brasil de R\$ 400 é anunciado pelo governo

Sem citar a fonte dos recursos, João Roma (Cidadania) disse que o Auxílio Brasil terá benefício temporário e que famílias ganharão ao menos R\$ 400 até o fim de 2022. Paulo Guedes (Economia) falou na possibilidade de licença para o gasto. Mercado A21

Lula diz não ver motivo para crítica e defende benefício a R\$ 600 A21

Brasil conclui vacinação contra Covid de metade da população

O Brasil superou ontem a marca de 50% da população com o regime vacinal contra a Covid completo. Apesar do atraso em relação a outros países, a adesão dos brasileiros é grande, e 71% já receberam a primeira dose. Saúde B1



Del 16 al 23 de octubre, llega la mayor feria de la construcción, remodelación y decoración!

Nueva megaevasión involucra a más de 100 empresas y 1.600 facturas

Facturas falsas: 6 intendentes acusados fueron reelectos

La Subsecretaría de Estado de Tributación señaló que 17 municipios y 1 gobernación justificaron gastos con documentos apócrifos para certificar obras públicas que nunca se concretaron.

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Sigue chicaneando en tribunales
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Asunción sigue sin plan para cierre de Cateura

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Ojeda veta su propia interpelación para tapar los manejos espurios de Nenecho

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Javid warns of 100,000 daily cases and urges MPs to lead by example

Politicians have duty to wear masks in crowded spaces - health secretary

Heather Stewart
Peter Walker
Andrew Gregory

Politicians have a responsibility to set an example in the battle against Covid, including wearing masks in crowded spaces, Sajid Javid has

suggested as he predicted new infections could hit a record 100,000 a day.

With the government under mounting pressure to impose measures to control the virus, the health secretary warned "this pandemic is not over" and insisted he would do "what it takes" to protect the health service. But he said: "We don't believe that the pressures currently faced by the NHS are unsustainable."

Javid urged millions of eligible people to come forward for booster jabs, saying this was key for people to "keep their freedoms", but declined

to say how high infection or hospitalisation rates would need to become before measures were reimposed.

He was pressed on the risks of mixed messages, with most Conservative MPs declining to wear masks in the House of Commons or in packed cabinet meetings, and the business secretary, Kwasi Kwarteng, encouraging the public to book Christmas parties.

Javid conceded that this was an issue. "I think that is a very fair point. As I say, we've all got our role to play in this," he told a Downing Street

'We must remember this virus will be with us for the long term'

Sajid Javid
Health secretary

press conference alongside Jenny Harries, head of the new UK Health Security Agency, and Stephen Powis, medical director of NHS England.

Javid said: "We, the people

standing on this stage, we play ... our public roles as secretary state, as someone from the NHS, as the head of UKHSA. But we also have a role to play in setting an example as private individuals as well, and I think that's a very fair point, and I'm sure a lot of people will have heard you."

Previously, ministers have brushed aside concerns about maskless Tory MPs crammed into the Commons chamber, a compact arena with limited ventilation, saying it is within guidelines as the MPs are

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Crossed wires? Relief as Egypt frees robot artist

Robot artist Ai-Da, due to show her work at the Great Pyramid in Egypt today, has been freed after being held for 10 days amid 'security concerns'. Creator Aidan Meller said: 'She is not a spy'. **News Page 13 ➔**

'Behaviour blueprint' for climate withdrawn

Sandra Laville

A blueprint to change public behaviour to cut carbon emissions, including levies on high-carbon food and a reduction in frequent flying, was published by the government alongside its net zero strategy on Tuesday only to be withdrawn within a few hours.

Recommendations in the blueprint contrast with Boris Johnson's promise in the strategy foreword that transitioning to net zero could happen without sacrificing the things we love. "This strategy shows how we can build back greener, without so much as a hair shirt in sight," the foreword stated.

"In 2050 we will be driving cars, flying planes and

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