

What's News

Business & Finance

Alphabet's Google tallied its highest sales growth in more than a decade and nearly doubled its profit in the third quarter, as smaller businesses poured money into digital ads aimed at customers whose purchases have shifted online. **A1**

◆ **Microsoft** continued to benefit from the global shift toward remote work as its cloud business boosted quarterly revenue, which rose 22% from a year earlier. **B1**

◆ **Home-price growth** in the U.S. held at a record high in August, as demand from home buyers remained robust. **A3**

◆ **The S&P 500 and Dow** rose 0.2% and 0.04%, respectively, to records, while the Nasdaq added 0.1%. **B12**

◆ **GE** posted stronger profit, with cost cuts offsetting lower-than-expected sales of its industrial equipment in the September quarter. **B1**

◆ **Robinhood's** revenue fell in the third quarter from the previous one, weighed down by a decline in customers' cryptocurrency trading. **B1**

◆ **Twitter** largely dodged turmoil in the digital ad market from new Apple app privacy policies, reporting a 37% jump in third-quarter revenue. **B2**

◆ **DraftKings** is dropping its roughly \$22 billion bid to acquire Entain, a major international player in the gambling industry. **B4**

◆ **Evercore** is naming John Weinberg as its sole chief executive. Co-CEO Ralph Schlosstein will step down in February. **B7**

World-Wide

◆ **Experts** advising the FDA recommended that the agency authorize the Covid-19 vaccine from Pfizer and BioNTech for use in children 5 years to 11 years of age, concluding that the benefits of the shot outweigh any risks. **A1**

◆ **An 11th-hour push** by Democrats to fund their social-spending and climate bill faltered, with a proposed tax on billionaires' unrealized capital gains and revised bank-reporting requirements running into opposition. **A4**

◆ **Senate Democrats** unveiled a plan for a 15% minimum tax on large companies' income, winning an endorsement from Sen. Sinema. **A4**

◆ **The world's** emissions-reduction plans would allow far more global warming than targeted in the Paris climate accord, the United Nations said. **A10**

◆ **Islamic State** in Afghanistan could be able to launch attacks on the West and its allies within as soon as six months, and al Qaeda could do so within two years, a Pentagon official told lawmakers. **A11**

◆ **The White House** nominated Jessica Rosenworcel to lead the FCC and Gigi Sohn as a commissioner on the five-member body. **A6**

◆ **The account** of the fatal shooting on the set of the Alec Baldwin movie "Rust" given in affidavits suggests that some industry-standard safety precautions weren't followed, experts say. **A9**

◆ **Died: Roh Tae-woo**, 88, South Korea's first democratically elected president. **A12**

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Democrats Struggle in Search for Revenue to Fund Bill



TALKS: Sen. Kyrsten Sinema leaves the Senate Democrats' weekly policy lunch at the Capitol on Tuesday as negotiations continued over where to find hundreds of billions of dollars in new revenue to pay for their social-spending and climate bill. **A4**

Google Profit Nearly Doubles On Supercharged Ad Growth

By TRIPP MICKLE

Alphabet Inc.'s Google tallied its highest sales growth in more than a decade and nearly doubled its profit in the third quarter, as smaller businesses poured money into digital ads aimed at customers whose purchases have shifted online. The strong results underscored how the pandemic has turbocharged the company's core advertising business. With retail foot traffic dwindling, marketers turned to Google to promote their products, delivering in a single year the kind of quarterly sales growth that the search giant typically records over a two-year span.

Alphabet said Tuesday that revenue rose 41% to \$65.12 billion, its largest in 14 years. It posted a profit of \$21.03 billion, nearly three times what it reported before the pandemic. The red-hot digital-ad market has accelerated this year, with global spending on track to grow 26%, up from earlier projections of 15%, according to GroupM, a media-buying

firm. Much of that windfall has flowed to Google, which has a dominant share of world-wide internet searches, digital navigation and online video viewership. The company's ad business—led by Search, Maps and YouTube—posted \$53.13 billion in sales from advertising, a 43% increase. Google said its profit for the quarter benefited from an accounting change related to depreciation of its servers and network equipment, which lifted net income \$460 million.

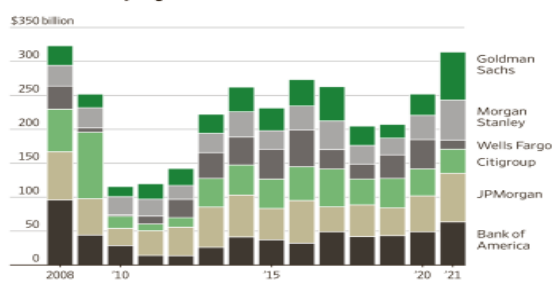
Much of the company's growth has come from e-commerce advertisers eager to reach customers whose product searches begin online. The company joined with Shopify Inc. this year to simplify search listings and ad purchases for 1.7 million merchants. The effort, which aimed to enliven its e-commerce, Please turn to page A12

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◆ Twitter ad revenue climbs 41% despite Apple changes..... B2

Banks Load Up With Debt

The six largest U.S. lenders have issued about \$314 billion of bonds so far this year. Banks are required to keep a certain share of their liabilities in long-term debt, so as deposits have grown, banks have issued more bonds to navigate the regulatory requirements. **B11**

Debt issuance by largest U.S. banks



Note: 2021 data is as of Oct. 25
Source: Dealogic

Facebook Bets Big On Virtual World

By MEGHAN BOBROWSKY

Mark Zuckerberg says he has long imagined a virtual world where people work, play and interact. Now he is preparing to spend billions of dollars and years of effort at making that a reality so Facebook Inc. can prosper.

Facebook said on Monday that its spending on Facebook Reality Labs, where the company works on augmented and virtual reality, would dent total operating profit by around \$10 billion this year. "I expect this investment to grow even further for each of the next several

years," Mr. Zuckerberg said. Facebook's chief executive has become one of the most vocal proponents of online worlds where people exist in immersive, virtual and shared spaces increasingly referred to as the metaverse. Rooted in science-fiction novels like "Ready Player One" and "Snow Crash," the metaverse represents a digital reality where people playing through avatars would be able to attend concerts with friends or try on

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Homemade Halloween Tests Spirits

Shortages mean DIY costumes are back in fashion

By ALEX JANIN

Elizabeth Davis and Geoffrey Cagle usually start planning their ghoulish Halloween décor in midsummer. This year, they found the shelves completely bare three months ahead of their favorite holiday. Home Depot's 12-foot skeleton sold out almost immediately upon its July release this year. Ms. Davis and Mr. Cagle, a self-described goth couple, finally pivoted after weeks of failed attempts to get their hands on the big box of bones. "We just thought, you know what? A lot of people have the 12-foot skeleton," Ms. Davis says. "But nobody has a mov-

3-D Printed Housing To Sprout Up in Texas

By NICOLE FRIEDMAN

A major home builder is teaming with a Texas startup to create a community of 100 3-D printed homes near Austin, gearing up for what would be by far the biggest development of this type of housing in the U.S.

Lennar Corp. and construction-technology firm Icon are poised to start building next year at a site in the Austin metro area, the companies said. While Icon and others have built 3-D printed housing before, this effort will test the technology's ability to churn out homes and generate buyer demand on a much larger scale.

"We're sort of graduating from singles and dozens of homes to hundreds of homes," said Jason Ballard, Icon's CEO. If 3-D printing succeeds at this more-ambitious level, it could offer a response to the U.S.'s chronic shortage of homes for sale, especially in the

affordable price range. Mortgage-finance company Freddie Mac estimated that the national deficit of single-family homes stood at 3.8 million units at the end of 2020.

Supply-chain backlogs during the pandemic have pinched home construction, while labor shortages have hampered production for years.

"Skilled tradesmen are a dying breed," said Eric Feder, president of LenX, Lennar's venture-capital and innovation unit. "So there have to be alternative building solutions to help with this labor deficit."

The majority of newly built single-family homes in the U.S. are constructed on-site and framed in wood using traditional construction methods.

Icon's 3-D printed houses use concrete framing instead. Its 15.5-foot-tall printers can

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It is time for our leaders to unite in the climate fight — MARTIN WOLF, PAGE 17



Follow the science

Britain cannot afford to renege on its R&D pledges — NOTEBOOK, PAGE 16

Love match

Princess defies custom to wed

Princess Mako, the niece of Japan's emperor, smiles at her university sweetheart and now husband, Kei Komuro, in Tokyo yesterday.

After years of criticism over her choice of partner, the princess said their marriage in a low-key civil ceremony had been "necessary for our survival".

Under Japan's Imperial House Law, the match stripped the princess of her royal status but gave her something she had never had: a surname.

The public backlash against the couple since they announced their engagement four years ago had left the pair "horrible", the newly titled Mako Komuro said. The two plan to relocate to the US at Mako's request.

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Nicolas Dethlefs — Photo/Getty Images

Gazprom offered Moldova cheaper gas in return for loosening EU ties

Russia group wants market reform delayed • Chisinau fears unrest over energy prices

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Russian state gas group Gazprom has proposed that Moldova adjust its free trade deal with the EU and delay energy market reforms agreed with Brussels in exchange for cheaper gas.

The former Soviet state has declared a state of emergency as it tries to secure enough shipments to make it through a winter gas crunch. Kremlin-controlled Gazprom cut supplies to Moldova by a third last month after the end of a long-term contract and demanded more than double the previous price to keep gas flowing.

In negotiations this month, Gazprom told Moldovan officials that it would reduce the price if the country was pre-

pared to amend its tariff-free trade deal with the EU, according to people briefed on the discussions.

Gazprom also wanted Moldova to delay the implementation of EU rules that require gas markets to be liberalised and allow more competition, the people said.

Two people briefed on the talks said the Kremlin saw the gas negotiations as part of a broader political settlement with Moldova after President Maia Sandu took office last year and her staunchly pro-EU party scored a landslide victory in elections in July.

Analysts have suggested that Russia is leveraging Gazprom's position as sole supplier to Moldova to put pressure on the government in Chisinau, which has vowed to steer out of Moscow's orbit and

towards the west. It comes amid a wider global gas crunch that has pushed market prices to record highs.

Vladimir Putin, Russia's president, this month dismissed as "complete rubbish" suggestions that the Kremlin used gas supplies as a political weapon against other countries.

Gas market liberalisation would adversely affect Gazprom and Moldova, its subsidiary in Moldova that owns and operates the country's gas network and buys and sells shipments.

Moscow also would prefer that Moldova abandons the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area deal with the EU and instead sign up to its rival Eurasian Economic Union.

Moscow views Moldova as within its sphere of influence and regards itself as



Liberalisation of the gas market would adversely affect Gazprom and its Moldova unit that owns the supply network

the protector of the Russian-speaking population in the breakaway statelet of Transnistria, where it keeps a small military contingent.

Dmitry Kozak, a Kremlin official who leads Moscow's relations with post-Soviet states, held talks last week with Moldovan officials that failed to reach a compromise over the gas price.

Dmitry Peskov, Putin's spokesman, said Gazprom's offer was "carefully calibrated, clear, justified, and, from the standpoint of pricing, extremely favourable to the Moldovan side," according to an official.

Moldova's government fears mass unrest this winter from either a shortage of gas or unavoidably high prices of heating and energy.

Additional reporting by David Sheppard

Briefing

► **UBS wealth unit's profits surge 43%**
The Swiss bank capitalised on booming conditions for its affluent clients in the past quarter, with profits at its wealth management business up 43 per cent. Overall, profits rose to \$2.9bn. — PAGE 6; LEX, PAGE 18

► **WHO-led study says lessons not learnt**
A top inquiry has concluded that the world is still "woefully unprepared" for any health emergency and found "scant evidence" that the right lessons were being learnt from the current crisis. — PAGE 4

► **Carmakers warned on Asia chip supply**
Car groups must stop relying on Asia for semiconductors or they risk a repeat of the crisis that has forced VW, Renault and BMW to shut sites, Europe's car association has warned. — PAGE 8

► **Budget woes hit Portugal's leftwing rule**
Portugal's sbc-year experiment with leftwing "anti-austerity" rule will end this week in a crisis leading to early elections unless the socialist PM can strike a budget deal with the radical left. — PAGE 2

► **BioNTech eyes Africa's first mRNA plant**
The German biotech has struck an agreement with Rwanda and Senegal, aiming to open the first sites producing messenger RNA for vaccines in Africa, as part of its push into the continent. — PAGE 6

► **Events axed for German book on Xi**
Critics have reacted angrily to the cancellation of events to mark the publication of a German book about President Xi Jinping after apparent pressure from Chinese diplomats. — PAGE 2

► **Sibanye buys Brazilian mine for \$1bn**
The South African group beat competition from big miners and carmakers to acquire a Brazilian nickel deposit and a copper and gold mine, as it seeks more diversification in energy transition goods. — PAGE 10

Datavatch

Top of the pops



Sudan military's promises fail to still street protests

Continuing pro-democracy protests across Sudan show that many citizens do not believe General Abdel Fattah Burhan's denials that he has carried out a coup. This week, soldiers under his command arrested civilian prime minister Abdalla Hamdok after weeks of brewing tension. The takeover is an abrupt reversal for a country returning to the fold after decades of isolation under Omar al-Bashir until 2019.

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China sets peak emissions goal as UN chief warns over vague climate targets

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China has outlined a plan for its green-house gas emissions to peak by the end of the decade, releasing a blueprint just days before the UN's COP26 climate summit in Glasgow.

But the announcement by the country's State Council coincided with a warning from the UN secretary-general that, even with new pledges, countries were "utterly failing" to keep the goals of the Paris climate deal within reach. "We are still on track for climate catastrophe," António Guterres said as he criticised the lack of detail in many climate plans.

"These announcements are for 2050 [or 2060], so it is not clear how they will materialise," he said, adding: "Obviously an announcement for 2060, with-

out a programme for how to get there, well, it has the value that it has."

China, the world's biggest energy consumer, is the latest country to launch climate policies before COP26. Australia also set net zero emissions goals yesterday, following Saudi Arabia at the weekend, and dozens of other countries that have made new climate pledges in the run-up to the Glasgow summit.

Existing climate plans put the world on track for 2.7°C of warming by 2100, far beyond the Paris climate goals, according to the latest report from the UN Environment Programme. If the world's main emitters such as the US and China achieve their net zero greenhouse gas emissions targets by mid-century, the warming would be brought down to about 2.2°C, the report concluded.

China's strategy, which had been keenly anticipated after Beijing last year

set a target of net zero emissions by 2060, includes steps to expand hydropower and energy storage so that carbon emissions peak before 2030. However, it stopped short of any firm commitments to reduce reliance on coal, except for a previously announced target of capping coal use during the years 2025-2030.

Lauri Myllyvirta, lead analyst at the Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air, said that China's plan gave "the government a lot of flexibility" and failed to set out details on how much emissions would increase before 2030 and how fast they would decline after.

"The plan is not sufficient," he said. "It's urgent that global emissions peak and that is hard to accomplish if China's emissions continue to increase."

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World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				INTEREST RATES			
	Oct 26	prev	%chg		Oct 26	prev	%chg		price	yield	chg
S&P 500	4095.22	4098.48	-0.81	\$ per €	1.189	1.191	-0.17%	US Gov 10-yr	147.85	1.63	-0.00
Nasdaq Composite	15239.02	15228.71	0.67	£ per €	1.379	1.377	0.15%	US Gov 2-yr	102.48	0.02	-0.02
Dow Jones Ind	36034.70	36041.19	-0.26	¥ per €	0.841	0.843	-0.24%	Jpn Gov 10-yr	115.03	0.10	0.00
FTSE Eurofirst 300	1941.93	1920.03	1.14%	₹ per €	114.255	113.835	0.37%	US Gov 30-yr	116.26	2.07	-0.02
Euro Stoxx 50	4230.62	4180.51	1.01%	SFr per €	157.589	156.470	0.71%	Ger Gov 2-yr	104.94	-0.66	0.00
FTSE 100	7277.62	7222.82	0.76%								
FTSE All-Share	4149.01	4117.93	0.77%								
CAC 40	6768.51	6712.87	0.81%								
Xetra Dax	15757.05	15689.23	1.00%								
Nikkei	29106.01	28800.41	1.77%								
Hang Seng	26038.27	26132.03	-0.36%								
MSCI World \$	3159.88	3151.16	0.28%								
MSCI EM \$	1297.26	1293.14	0.32%								
MSCI ACWI \$	744.35	742.28	0.28%								

	Oct 26	prev	%chg		Oct 26	prev	%chg
Oil WTI \$	84.74	85.76	-1.17%	Feed Funds Eff	0.08	0.09	-0.01
Oil Brent \$	86.46	86.99	-0.55%	US 3m Bill	0.06	0.06	0.00
Gold \$	1779.30	1778.00	0.07%	6m Libor 3m	-0.56	-0.56	0.00
				UK 2m	0.21	0.20	0.01

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VACCINE BY PFIZER GETS KEY BACKING FOR CHILDREN 5-11

F.D.A.'S EXPERT ADVISERS

28 Million to Join Those Eligible for Doses if Use Is Authorized

By SHARON LAFRANIERE and NOAH WEILAND

WASHINGTON — An expert committee advising the Food and Drug Administration on Tuesday recommended that regulators authorize Pfizer-BioNTech's coronavirus vaccine for 5- to 11-year-olds, bringing about 28 million children a major step closer to becoming eligible for shots.

If the F.D.A. follows the panel's advice in the coming days, as is expected — and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention agrees — the Biden administration will have expanded vaccine access to all but the youngest Americans, while providing booster shots for many as well.

Biden administration officials see the pediatric dose as crucial to keeping schools open and restoring a sense of normalcy to family and work life as the pandemic hurtles toward the end of its second year. The administration wants to be seen as doing everything possible to combat the virus and build upon positive trends, as the Delta variant ebbs and the daily drumbeat of infections and deaths fades.

Younger children would start getting their shots at a time when coronavirus cases are dropping sharply. But public demand for a pediatric vaccine has been high, and some panel members said that even though young children



Syringes with coronavirus vaccine by Pfizer-BioNTech.

are less likely to get severely ill from Covid-19, parents and doctors alike are anxious to protect them.

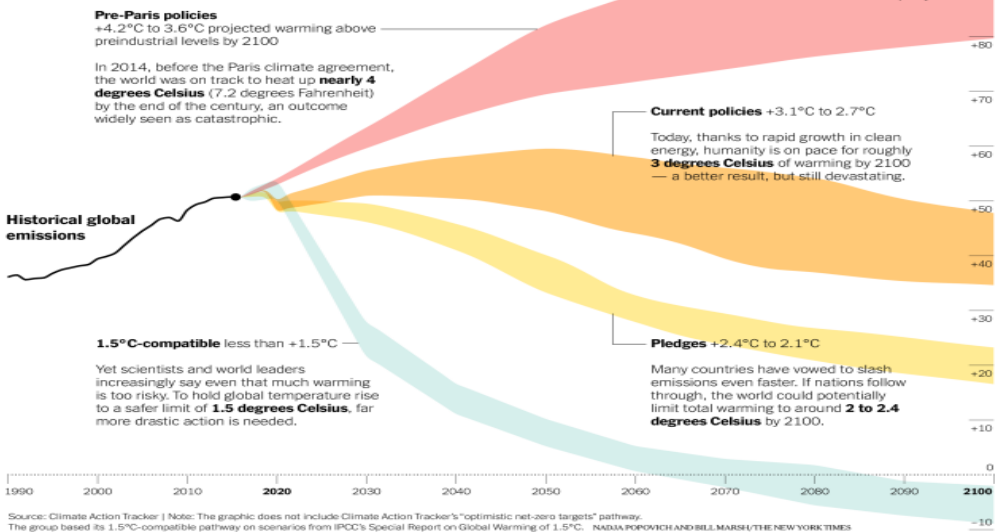
Dr. Jay Portnoy, a medical director at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, Mo., said he had seen critically ill children in the intensive care unit and "terrified" parents. "I'm looking forward to being able to actually do something to prevent that," he said.

The vote was 17-0 in favor, with one abstention. Federal regulators and scientists made a strong push, arguing that 8,300 children between 5 and 11 had been hospitalized with Covid-19 and nearly 100 had died over the course of the pandemic.

Covid-19 is "the eighth-highest killer of kids in this age group over Continued on Page A18

The World Has Bent the Emissions Curve. But Not Nearly Enough.

Ahead of next week's United Nations climate summit, the focus is on one crucial question: How many degrees hotter will the Earth get? Page A10.



'Polexit' Drive Hits a Bump: E.U.'s Largess

By ANDREW HIGGINS

KOBYLYN-BORZYMY, Poland — The twin steeples of St. Stanislaus, a hulking, red-brick Catholic church, are visible for miles across the corn fields and cow pastures of this conservative area of eastern Poland, a bastion of support for the country's nationalist governing party.

That party is "conservative and Catholic, and people here are very attached to national traditions and the church," said Dariusz Sikorski, the elected chief of a county that gave more than 90 percent of its vote to the party's voracious candidate in a presidential election last year.

They are also deeply attached, however, to cash from the European Union. Taxpayers in the 27-nation bloc provided nearly \$150 million to build a nearby highway and millions more to help pay for a children's playground, water pumping stations, a sewage system, clean-energy projects and improvements to the local school.

With Poland now locked in a tumultuous struggle with Europe over the rule of law that has raised the possibility, albeit very small, of the country's being forced to leave the bloc, the government in Warsaw is wrestling with tension between nationalist instincts suffused with religious faith and the reality of economic and political self-interest.

How that tension resolves itself will decide the outcome of the Eu- Continued on Page A8

Children's Beating Deaths Expose City's Lapses

This article is by Andy Newman, Ashley Southall and Chelsea Rose Marcus.

Doctors never examined 4-year-old Jayce Eubanks' cuts and bruises.

Child welfare workers did not alert the police to 7-year-old Juliusa Batties' black eye.

Investigators closed Aisyn Emerson-Gonzalez's case despite his swollen eye and a lump on his head.

All three children were beaten to death at home in the closing weeks of this summer. Their deaths were among a string of fatalities involving children who

Examining How Gaps in Safety Net Led to String of Tragedies

were the subject of warnings to child welfare authorities or the police in New York City.

While the number of homicides of children in the city this year is close to that of recent years, the series of killings has exposed the holes in a multiagency safety net, from social workers to detectives, where a wrong decision could mean the death of a child. In re-

cent weeks, city officials have examined how investigators skipped steps, were slow to follow up or might have closed an abuse case too soon.

Several children died even after their cases had been escalated to the city's "Instant Response Team," a task force whose stated mission is to protect children from mistreatment "by ensuring that evidence is gathered in a timely, effective, and coordinated manner." The medical examiner's office said that the bodies of three children, including those of Aisyn and Jayce, bore the mix of old and recent injuries known as battered child syndrome.

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Aisyn Emerson-Gonzalez, 4, was one of four children beaten to death at home at summer's end.

Cheating Scandal Roils Genteel World of Bridge

By ALAN YUHAS

Ten days after the first elite player confessed to cheating, a second said she had done it, too.

A few months later, wealthy sponsors pleaded for players to clean up the game. Officials suspended one top player, then another, and this summer 30 teams forfeited rather than play someone accused of cheating.

Online Play Leads to Electronic Duplication

For over a year, the topic of cheating has consumed many players in the highest levels of contract bridge, the card game with a reputation for complex play and clubby community.

In interviews, top players, league officials and data analysts described a surge in cheating as the coronavirus pandemic pushed players online, and a subsequent backlog of cases in the game's byzantine disciplinary system.

"It's a problem. I think anybody who says it's not a problem is probably naive," said A.J. Stephani, the chair of the appeals and charges committee — a kind Continued on Page A19

Carded by Web Bouncers, Users See Privacy Risk

By DAVID McCABE

Richard Errington clicked to stream a science-fiction film from his home in Britain last month when YouTube carded him.

The site said Mr. Errington, who is over 50, needed to prove that he was old enough to watch "Space Is the Place," a 1974 movie starring the jazz musician Sun Ra. He had three options: Enter his credit

Children Protected With Digital Age Checks

card information, upload a photo identification like a passport or skip the video.

"I decided that it wasn't worth the stress," he said. In response to mounting pres-

sure from activists, parents and regulators who believe tech companies haven't done enough to protect children online, businesses and governments around the globe are placing major parts of the internet behind stricter digital age checks.

People in Japan must provide a document proving their age to use the dating app Tinder. The popular game Roblox requires players Continued on Page A14

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A Fiery Mayoral Debate

Eric Adams and Curtis Silva traded personal and political attacks in the final debate before New York City votes to elect its next mayor. PAGE A14

Milestone F.C.C. Nomination

Jessica Rosenworcel, the acting chairwoman, would become the first woman to lead the agency. PAGE A19

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Baseball's era of payroll parity has produced 14 different World Series champions since 2000. PAGE B8



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Princess Mako of Japan gave up her title to marry a commoner, shaking off months of fierce criticism. PAGE A11

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Haiti's police force, dependent on an increasingly depleted state, is up against surging street gangs. PAGE A6

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Political Risk of Rising Prices

Supply chain disruptions, a worker shortage and pain at the gasoline pump have caused trouble for President Biden's recovery plans. PAGE B1

Gap Left by Foreign Workers

Fewer people have been able to come to the U.S. during the pandemic, leaving a hole in the potential labor force. PAGE B1

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As the neighborhood comes back to life, Pete Wells visits lesser-known restaurants — from Pietro's to Gallagher's to Hide-Chan — that reflect the city's varied essence. PAGE D1

From Wellspring to Relic

Beer bars were once the places where people learned to appreciate I.P.A.s and Belgian ales, but now brewery taprooms and the pandemic threaten their survival. PAGE D7

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Thomas L. Friedman

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Pioneer of Political Comedy

Mort Sahl, a self-appointed warrior against hypocrisy, revolutionized stand-up in the 1950s by addressing political and social issues. He was 94. PAGE A20



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BRIAN VAN DER BRUG Los Angeles Times

MEMBERS OF a Siskiyou County sheriff's task force prepare to destroy marijuana Oct. 13 in the Mount Shasta Vista subdivision. The county has drawn a large Hmong population, many of whom are involved in illicit cannabis cultivation, authorities say.

LEFT HIGH AND DRY

Vexed by growers of black-market marijuana, Siskiyou County authorities banned the transport of water to a largely Asian subdivision

By ALEX WIGGLESWORTH AND ANH DO

Even by the standards of drought-stricken California, conditions in Mount Shasta Vista had become desperate. As the state suffered its hottest summer on record, farmers watched with growing apprehension as chickens and ducks died from dehydration and vegetables withered without irrigation. With precious little water even for drinking, families bathed only once a week. Others considered abandoning their properties altogether.

But, unlike circumstances in the rest of the American West, the extreme water scarcity plaguing this far corner of Northern California was not the result of dwindling snowpack or plummeting reservoirs. Instead, it was due to a government effort to "choke out" a problem that had vexed

Siskiyou County officials for years: the illicit, large-scale cultivation of marijuana in a single subdivision that is a largely Asian community.

In the spring of this year, county supervisors essentially outlawed the transportation of water into a rural tract that had become known for its prolific cultivation of pot, squalid living conditions and large population of Hmong farmers.

The measure was just the latest attempt by local officials to shut down the pot farms, which authorities blamed for a spike in violent crime and environmental degradation.

This time however, as the Lava fire tore through the countryside, Siskiyou County's crackdown would erupt in violence and draw national attention to a bitter conflict involving

[See Siskiyou, A12]

L.A.'S NEW SHOT DATE: DEC. 18

Unanimous vote calls for 'corrective action' for police and other city workers who balk.

By EMILY ALPERT REYES

Los Angeles police officers, firefighters and other city workers who have yet to get vaccinated against COVID-19 will have more time to get the shots under a plan approved Tuesday by the City Council.

City workers who still haven't followed the requirements at the end of Dec. 18 will face "corrective action," according to the plan. Until then, unvaccinated workers will have to get tested twice a week for the coronavirus, on their own time and at a cost of \$65 per test deducted from their paychecks, according to the approved plan.

Workers seeking medical or religious exemptions will also have to get tested twice a week, but the city will reimburse them for testing costs if they are ultimately granted exemptions.

Although the plan gives city employees more time to get vaccinated, there could be swifter consequences for workers who refuse to follow it at all, said City Administrative Officer Matt Szabo.

Under the plan, employees who have not shown that they are vaccinated or said they want an exemption will be required to sign a notice that instructs them to turn

[See Shots, A9]

Rain didn't end fire threat

Southland still faces danger from heat and winds, though outlook up north is better.

By HAYLEY SMITH

Record rainfall this week could mean the end of fire season for much of Northern California, experts said, but conditions in the Southland remain more tenuous, and the coming weeks could still bring fire danger.

Southern California saw much less rain than the Bay Area and Sierra, and this region's prime fire months often come later, with huge blazes of the past burning into November and December.

Many of the factors that drive fire spread, such as drought-dried vegetation, strong winds and high temperatures, remain a possibility in Southern California — including the potential for a strong Santa Ana wind event like the one that fueled the massive, late-in-the-season Thomas fire of December 2017.

Officials say rising temperatures and Santa Ana winds in the coming month could erase any moisture gains from the storms.

"This is typically still our time of the year when some of our largest wildfires have occurred, so we are still encouraging everyone to be prepared," said Christine McMorro, a spokeswoman for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. [See Rainfall, A7]



MARCUS YAM Los Angeles Times

ZAKI DARYABI, second from left, helps Etilaatroz staff members in Kabul pack up their newspaper archives to be moved to a safer location for storage.

Begrudgingly, journalists of Afghanistan take flight

Those who do stay face the smothering force of the Taliban

By NABIH BULOS

KABUL, Afghanistan — It was Zaki Daryabi's last day in Kabul and there wasn't much time. In a few hours, he would board a Qatari evacuation flight that would take him out of Afghanistan, probably for good.

He woke up early and gathered his family's luggage. He kept his farewells with his parents short. "I couldn't see my father cry," he said. He told his mother he wouldn't go if she didn't stop sobbing.

Twenty minutes later, he was at the office of Etilaatroz, the newspaper he

founded in 2012, which had grown to become Afghanistan's second-most-read daily. At 8 a.m., only the office staff members were there. They cried as he took his leave.

The decision to take his family and escape Afghanistan wasn't an easy one for Daryabi. When the Taliban entered Kabul in mid-August, the 31-year-old father of three refused a seat on an evacuation flight. But then Taliban members brutally beat two Etilaatroz journalists, one of them Daryabi's brother. In the weeks afterward, his family kept pleading with him to find an escape route out of Afghanistan. [See Afghanistan, A4]

Bias allegations on Rodeo Drive

Beverly Hills police unit brazenly profiled Black shoppers in 2020, lawyers say.

By MATTHEW ORMSETH

Last month, two attorneys summoned reporters to the steps of Beverly Hills City Hall to make a disturbing accusation. Police had deliberately targeted Black shoppers along the city's famous Rodeo Drive.

The proof, they said, was in the numbers: A special team of officers assigned last fall to patrol the opulent shopping corridor arrested dozens of people for minor infractions such as jaywalking or riding scooters on a

sidewalk, and all but one of them were Black, they claimed. They labeled it brazen, illegal racial profiling.

A closer examination of the Police Department's "Rodeo Drive Team" offers a more complicated picture of the operation, shedding light on how it started and raising new questions about why the overwhelming majority of the people arrested were Black.

Ninety people were arrested by the unit. Eighty of them were Black, four were Latino, three were white, two were Asian and one was classified as "other," according to the department's figures obtained by The Times under a California Public Records Act request. [See Police, A7]



MICHAEL MCGOWAN Los Angeles Times

DOMINICK RIVETTI is chief of the Beverly Hills police, which formed the Rodeo Drive Team.

FDA panel backs Pfizer shot for kids ages 5 to 11

Advisors say the COVID vaccine's benefits outweigh any potential risks. The agency will make its decision soon. **PERSPECTIVES, A2**

Basic income program to begin taking applications

Starting Friday, households in L.A. may seek \$1,000 a month in city aid for a year; 3,200 will be randomly selected. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Influential comedian Mort Sahl dies at 94

The mix of political and social satire revolutionized stand-up in the 1950s, inspiring a generation of comics. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

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Después de muchos años en Francia, donde trabajó con el maestro Peter Brook, vuelve a la Argentina para filmar en el debut de Chavez como director.

MARTA MINUJÍN TENDRÁ UNA SALA PROPIA EN EL MOMA

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El Museo de Arte Moderno de Nueva York abrirá este sábado un espacio destinado a Minucode, la videoinstalación que hizo la artista argentina en 1968. Página 25

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EE.UU. le pide a Fernández un plan económico para poder acordar con el FMI

DEUDA. Lo planteó el embajador designado por Biden; lamentó la postura ante Venezuela

El futuro embajador de Estados Unidos en la Argentina, Marc R. Stanley, dijo que el gobierno de Alberto Fernández todavía debe presentar un plan económico para encaminar un acuerdo con el FMI por la reestructuración de la deuda.

En la audiencia de confirmación ante el Comité de Relaciones Exte-

riores del Senado norteamericano, Stanley criticó la política de derechos humanos del Gobierno, dejó una advertencia por la creciente presencia de China en el país y mencionó que hubo empresas que se fueron debido a "barreras regulatorias".

El futuro embajador, un abogado y líder de la comunidad judía de

Texas cercano a Joe Biden, remarcó que la deuda con el Fondo Monetario Internacional es "enorme" y que "el problema" es la falta de "un plan macro para devolverla".

Stanley lamentó que la Argentina no se haya sumado al pedido de reformas en Venezuela, Cuba y Nicaragua. Página 6

El dólar blue rompió su propio techo y llegó a \$196

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El calor récord adelantó el verano en la ciudad

sociedad— El termómetro marcó 36,1°C poco después de las 15 y se convirtió en la marca más alta para octubre en la ciudad desde 1960. Pero no fue solo un fenómeno en la Capital. En por lo menos 17 provincias hizo mucho calor, por encima de los 40°C. Página 23



Algunos porteños, como Regina Torres en la Plaza del Congreso, se animaron a disfrutar del sol a pesar del calor extremo

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Mujeres en la universidad. Se consolidan como mayoría entre los graduados

Según un informe de la UB, la participación femenina aumentó entre 2012 y 2019

"La Argentina mantiene cierto liderazgo". Con esas palabras, Alieto Guadagni, investigador de la Universidad de Belgrano, resume el estudio "La universidad consolida la

igualdad de género". El relevamiento, que analizó los períodos comprendidos entre 2012 y 2019, concluye que más del 60% de los graduados universitarios son mujeres.

Y que entre esos años, la presencia de ellas se afianzó. "El incremento del ingreso y egreso de las mujeres es constante, firme, y marca una tendencia", dijo Guadagni. Página 22

EL ANÁLISIS

Nadie sabe qué hará Cristina Kirchner

Joaquín Morales Solá

—LA NACION—

Extrañamente, Martín Guzmán se convirtió en un converso del cristinismo y Anibal Fernández recobró, por un momento al menos, la sensatez política. Pueden ser los contradictorios destellos de un gobierno que se advierte más cerca de la ruina que de la gloria. Es un instante en el que La Cúmpora se encierra aún más entre su escasa militancia, el albertismo y el llegar con ignorancia y desconfianza el día después de la derrota probable y el Presidente intuye que deberá atravesar otra "semana trágica", como algunos funcionarios llaman a los días posteriores al desastre 12 de septiembre pasado. Continúa en la página 8

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O autor Gilberto Braga, em 2015. Leo Martins/Agência O Globo

Oposição põe em xeque PEC dos precatórios e aumento de gasto

Votação de proposta que daria ao governo R\$ 83 bilhões a mais para gastar em ano eleitoral é adiada

O governo adiou a votação da PEC dos precatórios, que driblaria o teto de despesas, após a oposição defender o esvaziamento do projeto. A proposta, que limita o pagamento desse tipo de dívida, permitiria a Jair Bolsonaro ampliar em R\$ 83 bilhões os gastos em ano eleitoral.

O valor possibilitaria bancar o Auxílio Brasil de R\$ 400, programa com que Bolsonaro quer substituir o Bolsa Família e usar de bandeira. Aprovada em comissão da Câmara, a PEC precisa de 308 dos 513 deputados e do aval do Senado para virar emenda à Constituição.

Em reunião ontem, os partidos de oposição decidiram que votariam contra o dispositivo, afirmando que o adiamento do pagamento dos precatórios criaria uma "bola de neve". "Essa ideia é fiscalmente irresponsável", declarou o deputado Alessandro Molon (PSB-RJ).

Com isso, líderes governistas e o presidente da Casa, Arthur Lira (PP-AL), tentam obter o apoio para aprovar as medidas em reuniões com representantes de partidos da base e independentes. Senadores, por sua vez, hesitam diante da reação dos mercados financeiros.

Analistas e investidores temem que as alterações sepultem 25 anos de equilíbrio fiscal e levem à consequente alta da inflação. Como reflexo, economistas já projetam uma alta de juros básicos que levaria a taxa Selic para perto de 12% no início do ano. Mercado A14 e A15

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Autor de telenovelas como 'Vale Tudo' e 'Paraíso Tropical' morre com infecção

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EUA retomam vistos para brasileiros e abrem novas vagas

Brasil será combativo na COP26, diz Mourão

COP26

O governo Jair Bolsonaro terá postura combativa na COP26, na qual renovará pedido aos demais países para que paguem ao Brasil pela preservação da Amazônia, disse o vice Hamilton Mourão. "Acho que deve haver uma negociação no sentido de o país ser compensado." Ambiente B1



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PROTESTO DE CAMINHONEIROS INTERDITA RODOVIA NO PA

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CPI aprova relatório e pede punição de Bolsonaro e de 79

A CPI da Covid chegou ao fim com a aprovação — por sete votos a favor e quatro contra — do relatório do senador Renan Calheiros, que atribui crimes ao governo federal e pede a responsabilização de vários agentes, sobretudo Jair Bolsonaro.

A versão final faz 80 sugestões de indiciamento, sendo 78 pessoas e duas empresas — Precisa Medicamentos e VTCLLog. O parecer aponta que há provas de que o governo foi omissivo e agiu "de forma não técnica e desidiosa" na crise. Poder A4 e A5

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Bruno Boghossian Comissão lança peso adicional sobre presidente

O pedido de indiciamento contra Jair Bolsonaro tende a dormir nas gavetas de Brasília, mas terá efeito político, que se soma ao avanço da inflação e às incertezas sobre a recuperação do emprego. Tudo isso deve cobrar um preço do governo para 2022. Poder A7

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- **Jair Bolsonaro**
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À six mois du vote, la France plus à droite que jamais

La dernière enquête de la Fondapol montre que les thèmes politiques habituellement associés à la droite s'imposent avec force dans l'opinion.

La société française s'ancre à droite à six mois de la présidentielle. Tel est le principal enseignement du dernier indicateur de « protestation électorale » établi par la Fon-

dation pour l'innovation politique (Fondapol), en partenariat avec *Le Figaro*. Selon cette étude, basée sur un sondage réalisé au mois de septembre par OpinionWay

auprès d'un large échantillon de 3200 personnes, 37 % des Français se situent à droite de l'échiquier, contre 20 % à gauche. Et 56 % des sondés pourraient voter pour un can-

didat de ce camp, de Xavier Bertrand à Marine Le Pen, en passant par Éric Zemmour. Une tendance que l'on retrouve dans les préoccupations des Français, sécurité et

immigration en tête. Reste à savoir à qui peut profiter cette droitisation : en dépit d'une conjoncture favorable, aucun leader naturel ne se dégage à la tête d'un camp morcelé.

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Au procès du 13 Novembre, les témoignages insoutenables d'une nuit d'où l'humanité a fui



Les rescapés se succèdent à l'audience pour décrire l'innommable. Si aucune enceinte de justice ne peut apporter les réponses à une telle folie criminelle, les accusés, pourtant, seront scrupuleusement jugés. **PAGE 15**

Bachar el-Assad en voie d'être réintégré à la Ligue arabe

Les ennemis arabes du dictateur syrien, qui avaient pris fait et cause pour ses opposants au début de leur révolte, en 2011, optent désormais, pour une réintégration de la Syrie dans le giron arabe. De l'Arabie aux Émirats, en passant par la Jordanie, les signes d'un dégel entre le bloc arabe et Damas se sont multipliés ces dernières semaines. **PAGE 9**

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Les trois droites

La société française est clairement à droite. La Fondation pour l'innovation politique l'affirme, noir sur blanc, dans sa dernière enquête. On peut dès lors penser que cette prépondérance devrait se traduire dans les urnes en avril prochain. Tous les sondages sur les intentions de vote le confirment, d'ailleurs : la gauche, divisée, éclatée, déconnectée des catégories populaires et des réalités de la vie économique, est loin derrière, évaluée à moins de 30 %. Sauf coup du sort, la présidentielle ne peut donc échapper à la droite...

Certes, mais de quelle droite parle-t-on ? De celle d'Emmanuel Macron, aux accents orléanistes, qui penche parfois encore au centre gauche comme en témoignent ses timidités sur le front régalién ? Non encore candidat, le président de la République fait actuellement la course en tête dans les études d'opinion. De celle de Marine Le Pen ou d'Éric Zemmour, aux accents bonapartistes et nationalistes ? Ils se disputent la deuxième place, ne disent pas tout à fait la même chose, mais, à eux deux, affichent un total impressionnant, supérieur à la gauche.

Reste, comme pour coller à l'enseignement du grand historien René Rémond, la troisième droite. Celle du parti LR, qui va - enfin, après moult tergiversations - choisir son champion avant Noël. N'incarnerait-elle pas la droite légitimiste, la seule qui ait finalement le droit de se revendiquer haut et fort du gaullisme ? Cette droite,

la présidentielle ne peut échapper à la droite, mais à laquelle ?

qui a longtemps su, du général de Gaulle à Nicolas Sarkozy en passant par Jacques Chirac, embrasser toutes les couches de la nation, ne demande qu'à se trouver un nouveau chef, à la hauteur de ses ambitions. Quand son nom sortira de la primaire des adhérents, le 4 décembre, l'intéressé disposera de quatre mois pour faire ses preuves et jouer gagnant.

Entre les trois droites, la partie s'annonce serrée. ■

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'A thundering wake-up call': world faces 2.7C temperature rise, says UN

Leaders 'squandering chance' to tackle climate crisis in Covid recovery

Fiona Harvey
Environment correspondent

The world is squandering the opportunity to "build back better" from the Covid-19 pandemic, and faces disastrous temperature rises of at least 2.7C if countries fail to

strengthen their climate pledges, according to a report from the UN.

The UN publication warns that countries' current pledges would reduce carbon by only about 7.5% by 2030, far less than the 45% cut scientists say is needed to limit global temperature rises to 1.5C, the aim of the Cop26 summit that opens in Glasgow on Sunday.

António Guterres, the UN secretary-general, described the findings as a "thundering wake-up call" to world leaders, while experts called for drastic action against fossil fuel

companies. Although more than 100 countries have promised to reach net zero emissions around mid-century, this would not be enough to stave off climate disaster, according to the UN emissions report, which examines the shortfall between countries' intentions and actions needed on the climate. Many of the net zero pledges were found to be vague, and unless accompanied by stringent cuts in emissions this decade would allow global heating of a potentially catastrophic extent.

Guterres said: "The heat is on,

Government sewage U-turn

Water companies will now be required to reduce the impact of sewage discharges from storm overflows

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and as the contents of this report show, the leadership we need is off. Far off. Countries are squandering a massive opportunity to invest Covid-19 fiscal and recovery resources in sustainable, cost-saving, planet-saving ways. As world leaders prepare for Cop26, this report is another thundering wake-up call. How many do we need?"

Inger Andersen, the executive director of the UN Environment Programme (Unep), which produced the report, said: "Climate change is no longer a future

'Vaccinate pregnant women as a priority'

Jessica Elgot and Linda Geddes

Pregnant women are being turned away from Covid vaccine clinics despite clinical advice, experts warn as they urge ministers to ramp up efforts to reach unvaccinated groups.

Members of the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) told the Guardian that efforts to increase booster jab uptake would not be sufficient to prevent more deaths and hospitalisations, and that ministers must prioritise reaching those who have had no jabs. In particular they urged a focus on pregnant women as only about 15% in the UK have been fully vaccinated. Among all over-12s, the figure is 79%.

Yesterday the NHS said pregnant women should never be turned away from clinics and vaccines could save the lives of women and their babies.

New data from Oxford University's MBRACE-UK study on maternal health, seen by the Guardian, shows that at least 13 pregnant women died with Covid



Lobbying MP Owen Paterson 'will fight' threat of suspension

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Chancellor to strike bullish note in budget

Rowena Mason
Deputy political editor

Rishi Sunak will use his budget to insist the UK is entering an economic "age of optimism" despite a looming cost-of-living crisis, after making a deluge of promises to spend billions more on health, transport and skills.

In an attempt to strike an upbeat tone during his second budget today, the chancellor will say his aim is to create a "new economy post-Covid".

But with the threat of rising inflation and holes in the public finances, Torsten Bell, the chief executive of the Resolution Foundation thinktank, warned that the country was instead facing an "age of uncertainty".

Though the Treasury has already announced a series of spending measures ahead of the budget statement, Sunak is expected to announce a new measure to help families hit by the £1,000 cut to universal credit.

Tory insiders predicted more help for people with their energy bills, although the Treasury has been denying reports that it

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