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Daniel Loeb's Third Point has taken a large stake in Shell and is urging the oil giant to separate into two companies to retain and attract investors. **A1**

◆ **FTC staffers have begun** looking into disclosures that Facebook's internal company research had identified ill effects from its products. **A1**

◆ **Hertz said** that it is linking up with Uber to make 50,000 Teslas available in Uber's ride-sharing network by 2023. **A1**

◆ **GM and Ford reported** steep drops in profit for the third quarter as the computer-chip shortage dented factory output. **B1**

◆ **The Justice Department** is scrutinizing Visa's relationships with large financial-technology companies as part of its antitrust investigation of the card giant. **B1**

◆ **Boeing posted** a quarterly loss as 787 Dreamliner production problems and its latest space-launch setback offset a recovery in demand for new aircraft. **B1**

◆ **The S&P 500 and Dow** fell 0.5% and 0.7%, respectively, while the Nasdaq ended little changed. **B11**

◆ **Samsung Electronics** reported record quarterly revenue and saw net profit grow by 31% on the back of booming demand for memory chips. **B4**

◆ **U.S. orders** for durable goods decreased in September for the first time since spring. **A2**

◆ **Email-security software** maker Mimecast is exploring a possible sale. **B3**

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◆ **Democrats abandoned** plans to include a paid-leave program in their social spending and climate bill, according to people familiar with their talks, while prospects for a billionaires' levy to help fund the package faded but a potential surtax on wealthy Americans' income gained traction. **A4**

◆ **Iran will return** to nuclear talks before the end of November, its chief negotiator said, restoring the Biden administration's hopes that it can revive the 2015 nuclear deal. **A8**

◆ **The Joint Chiefs chairman** described China's test of a hypersonic missile as a near " Sputnik moment" and said the Pentagon was focused on the development. **A10**

◆ **A widely available** antidepressant holds promise as a treatment for Covid-19, according to a new study. **A6**

◆ **Merck will license** a promising Covid-19 drug to a U.N.-backed nonprofit to provide more supplies to low- and middle-income countries. **A6**

◆ **Garland signaled** that he has no plans to withdraw a memo ordering the FBI to help local leaders address threats against educators. **A4**

◆ **The State Department** issued its first passport with an X gender designation. **A3**

◆ **Pope Francis** will travel to Canada in an effort to heal relations with the country's indigenous communities. **A11**

◆ **Biden is scheduled** to meet with the pontiff in a Vatican visit on Friday. **A11**

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Officials Say Baldwin Fired Live Round in Fatal Shooting



NEW FINDINGS: Santa Fe District Attorney Mary Carmack-Altwies, left, provided more details Wednesday about the gun fired by Alec Baldwin during a rehearsal, killing the movie's cinematographer. **A3**

Facebook Faces FTC Probe Over Its Internal Research

By John D. McKinnon
And Brent Kendall

WASHINGTON—Federal Trade Commission staffers have begun looking into disclosures that Facebook Inc.'s internal company research had identified ill effects from its products, according to people familiar with the matter.

Officials are looking into whether Facebook research documents indicate that it might have violated a 2019 settlement with the agency over privacy concerns, for which the com-

pany paid a record \$5 billion penalty, one of the people said. The FTC declined to comment.

The internal research found evidence that the company's algorithms foster discord and that its Instagram app is harmful for a sizable percentage of its users, notably teenage girls, among other findings. The documents provided the foundation for The Wall Street Journal's Facebook Files series.

In a statement, Facebook said that it is "always ready to answer regulators' questions

and will continue to cooperate with government inquiries."

In a regulatory filing Tuesday, Facebook said that in September it "became subject to government investigations and requests relating to a former employee's allegations and release of internal company documents concerning, among other things, our algorithms, advertising and user metrics, and content enforcement practices, as well as misinformation and other undesirable activity on our platform, and user well-being."

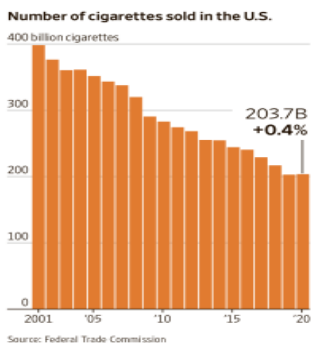
The company has previously said that many of the research documents released by former Facebook product manager Frances Haugen have been misinterpreted and that the company has "invested heavily in people and technology to keep our platform safe."

The Facebook documents have triggered calls by lawmakers and children's advocates for the FTC to investigate whether Facebook engaged in deceptive or misleading conduct.

Sen. Richard Blumenthal
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Cigarette Sales Up Slightly In 2020

Americans bought more cigarettes last year, the first uptick in two decades. The number of cigarettes purchased by wholesalers and retailers rose 0.4% to 203.7 billion. Marlboro maker Altria previously pointed to the pandemic as a reason people are lighting up more. **B5**



Shoppers, With Nudge From Stores, Get Moving on Holiday Lists

Season includes crash course in supply chains; 'Best time to order? Right now!'

By Sarah Nassauer

Retailers want you to know how hard they have it this holiday shopping season. Along with deals on blenders, toys and fluffy slippers, chains this year are offering crash courses about the supply chain, staffing shortages and inventory challenges they are facing in the final months of 2021. The anxiety has trickled down to shoppers, with many shopping for Christmas before Halloween or worried they should be.

"Best time to order? Right now!" reads a banner near the top of Lands' End home page. Its website also outlines reasons a product

might not be available or delayed, including a global shipping and airfreight shortage, rail congestion and high consumer demand.

"We want to be real with you: we're facing some unique challenges this year," starts a five-paragraph note on L.L. Bean Inc.'s website. The retailer tells shoppers to buy products they want early because of supply-chain uncertainty, worker shortages and similar issues at the companies that supply their goods.

Some retailers are being more subtle. "Get a head start on holiday



Order backlog

China's Need for Coal Clashes With Global Climate Goals

Beijing promises to curb emissions but faces economic challenges

By Sha Hua and Phred Dvorak

China, the world's largest greenhouse-gas polluter, is heading to Glasgow climate talks next week with a bold agenda: For the first time, it promises to take major steps to wean itself off fossil fuels, committing to net-zero emissions before 2060.

But in the coming decade, the country says, its carbon emissions will continue to rise, peaking sometime before 2030. China's climate pledges are bumping up against realities on the ground. The world's No. 2 economy is so large and still growing so quickly that it might not be technically

possible, let alone politically palatable, for the country's leaders to move faster.

Earlier this year, Beijing pushed a range of measures to discourage the use of coal and control emissions. In late August, China's top climate and energy official, Vice Premier Han Zheng, convened an online meeting of provincial leaders in Beijing, where he admonished them to "resolutely curb the blind development" of high-emissions projects like coal plants.

A month later, amid escalating coal shortages and power outages, Mr. Han told leaders of state-owned energy companies that al-

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Hertz to Provide Uber With Tesla Rentals

By Nora Naughton

Hertz Global Holdings Inc. said Wednesday it is linking up with Uber Technologies Inc. to make 50,000 Teslas available in Uber's ride-sharing network by 2023, the latest in the rental-car company's efforts to build momentum following bankruptcy.

The deal comes days after Hertz, which collapsed into bankruptcy at the start of the Covid-19 pandemic last year, said it is making a significant investment in an EV rental fleet, including an initial order of 100,000 Teslas by the end of 2022 and new EV-charging infrastructure across the globe. The company exited from chapter 11 in June and has a stock listing planned for this year.

The Teslas that Hertz plans to add to the Uber network will come from the initial 100,000 vehicle order and future orders

as the program grows.

The latest deals are part of a strategy by the postbankruptcy Hertz to modernize its operations and fleets, leveraging new technology to improve logistics and give customers more options, particularly on plug-in electric models, said Mark Fields, Hertz's interim chief executive.

"One of the biggest benefits of a restructuring like ours is it gives us a fresh perspective," Mr. Fields said. "It allows us to take the approach of instead of saying 'why?'—'why not?'"

Mr. Fields, a veteran auto industry executive and former Ford Motor Co. chief, was named to the post this month.

The Hertz-Tesla deal sparked a stock-market rally

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Afghan crisis UN steps up hunger alert

An Afghan woman waits to receive food in Kabul yesterday. The UN has called the situation in Afghanistan "the world's largest humanitarian crisis", with widespread hunger and a growing terror threat since the Taliban takeover in August.

"We've never seen a crisis that has escalated downwards so quickly. The speed of the collapse, as well as the scale, has been so alarming," said Dick Trenchard, country director for the UN Food and Agriculture Organization.

The security situation has also deteriorated, with Washington concerned that Islamist terror groups are reforming in the country, and warning of the heightened risk of an attack on the US.

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Pentagon chief admits alarm over China's hypersonic weapon tests

◆ Milley confirms flights ◆ Event likened to 'Sputnik moment' ◆ Concerns in Congress

DEMETRI SEVASTOPULO — WASHINGTON

The US military's top officer has confirmed that China recently tested an advanced hypersonic glide vehicle — a "very significant" development to which Washington was giving close attention.

General Mark Milley, chair of the US joint chiefs of staff, said the test of the nuclear-capable weapon was close to a "Sputnik moment" — referring to the start of the space race between the US and Soviet Union when the first satellite was launched by Moscow in 1957.

"What we saw was a very significant event of a test of a hypersonic weapon system. It is very concerning," Milley told Bloomberg television. "It has all of our attention."

Milley is the first official to confirm a Financial Times report that China had tested such a weapon. On July 27 it launched a hypersonic glide vehicle — which travels at more than five times the speed of sound and can manoeuvre like the space shuttle — on a rocket.

The test was the first time any country had sent a hypersonic weapon fully around the Earth. The vehicle missed its target by roughly 24 miles. But three people familiar with the intelligence about the test who spoke to the FT said the Chinese weapons system at one point demonstrated a highly advanced capability — shocking the Pentagon because US military scientists do not understand how it was accomplished.

China used a technology called an "orbital bombardment system" to send

the vehicle around the planet. The rocket system follows a lower trajectory than an intercontinental ballistic missile, which makes it harder for early-warning systems to detect. It can also fly over the South Pole; most US missile defence systems are aimed at attacks over the North Pole.

The FT also reported that China conducted a second hypersonic weapons test on August 13.

Members of Congress have called on the Pentagon to brief them about the launches. The tests came after senior US commanders had warned about China's rapidly expanding nuclear forces.

Admiral Charles Richard, who oversees US nuclear forces as the head of Strategic Command, told Congress in April that China was engaged in a



Chair of the US joint chiefs of staff General Mark Milley said the hypersonic test 'has all of our attention'

"remarkable expansion" of its nuclear forces and aimed to become a nuclear peer by the end of the decade. Commercially obtained satellite imagery then revealed that China was building hundreds of silos to house its land-based intercontinental ballistic missiles.

The revelations come as Joe Biden's administration is conducting a "nuclear posture review" that will decide the future of US nuclear forces.

Mike Gallagher, a Republican lawmaker, said he hoped the July 27 test would alert the White House to the China threat. "The Biden administration has said they want to reduce the role of US nuclear forces in our defence capabilities. That's the exact opposite of what the Chinese Communist party is doing," he said.

Briefing

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The US tech giant has challenged plans for investor votes at its annual meeting on issues ranging from labour conditions in its supply chain to how it decides what is deleted from its App Store. — PAGE 6

► **France threatens UK over fishing rights**
Paris has threatened to take action against Britain in a dispute over post-Brexit fishing rights, which could include beefed up customs checks on imports and cutting off electricity supplies. — PAGE 2

► **Democrats target 700 US billionaires**
Senior Democrats have laid out detailed plans for a new tax hitting billionaires, in an attempt to extract revenue from the ultra-wealthy to pay for president Joe Biden's \$2tn flagship spending plan. — PAGE 4

► **Evergrande founder slips down rich list**
The net worth of Hui Ka Yan has fallen by \$25bn over the year, according to the annual Hurun Rich List, making him China's 70th-richest person. He was fifth last year. — PAGE 8

► **Deutsche Bank buoyed by merger boom**
Germany's biggest bank has reported better than expected profits, after the mergers bonanza offset a drop in trading revenues. It also benefited from a fall in bad-loan provisions. — PAGE 6; LEX, PAGE 18

► **Merck in UN patent deal for antiviral pill**
The US drugmaker has signed a landmark licensing deal with the UN-backed Medicines Patent Pool to expand low-cost access to its Covid-19 antiviral pill throughout the developing world. — PAGE 8

► **Poland fined €1m a day in fight with EU**
Europe's top court has penalised Warsaw for ignoring an order to suspend part of its judicial reform, amid an escalating battle over what Brussels says is a threat to the rule of law. — PAGE 2

Datawatch

Close encounters

% of UK adults practising social distancing



Source: ONS

Fewer than four in 10 UK adults are practising social distancing, despite 84 per cent believing it is important to slow the spread of the coronavirus. Just three months ago, nearly two-thirds were maintaining their distance from others



Humming music market sparks a buyout boogie

A TikTok video by a skateboarder in Idaho, who wheeled to work backed by a Fleetwood Mac track, triggered a trio of deals for the band's music and signalled how hot the song copyright market had become. Now that private equity is in on the act, the amount of cash pouring in is soaring. In the past month alone, Blackstone, KKR and Apollo have spent more than \$3bn, as a revived music industry hums back towards CD-era revenue levels.

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Loeb's Third Point fund seeks to split Shell into legacy and clean energy arms

ORTENCA ALIAJ, DEREK BROWER AND MYLES MCCORMICK — NEW YORK
JUSTIN JACOBS — HOUSTON

Royal Dutch Shell is under pressure to break itself up after activist hedge fund Third Point built a large stake and accused the supermajor of being held back by an incoherent strategy.

Third Point, led by Daniel Loeb, urged Shell to split into "multiple standalone companies", including a "legacy" arm for oil and gas that could "slow capex beyond what it has already promised".

The move by the hedge fund comes less than six months after a court in The Hague ordered the Anglo-Dutch group to accelerate plans to cut greenhouse gas emissions. It also follows an activist campaign run by a hedge fund against Shell's US rival ExxonMobil.

In a letter to shareholders seen by the

Financial Times, Third Point said Shell had "too many competing stakeholders pushing it in too many different directions, resulting in an incoherent, conflicting set of strategies attempting to appease multiple interests but satisfying none".

While Shell's legacy company could handle fossil fuels, Third Point said, a second entity should focus on cleaner energy to "combine modest cash returns with aggressive investment in renewables and carbon reduction technologies".

Third Point is among the most prolific activist investors on Wall Street and manages about \$20bn worth of assets. It has previously targeted companies such as Intel and Disney. Its stake in Shell is worth close to \$750m, according to a person briefed on the investment.

Shell said it welcomed "open dia-

logue" with all shareholders, including Third Point, but stressed that it was committed to executing the energy transition strategy it published in April and that it had received the backing of 89 per cent of shareholders.

The intervention at one of the world's biggest oil companies came a day before the chief executives of ExxonMobil and Chevron, as well as the US heads of Shell and BP, were due to testify in Congress about whether they misled the public over the role played by fossil fuels in causing climate change.

In a landmark ruling in May, a Dutch court ordered Shell to speed up cuts to carbon dioxide emissions, with the judge concluding that the company's plan to reduce pollution was not robust enough.

Additional reporting by Tom Wilson and Neil Hume in London

World Markets											
STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				INTEREST RATES			
	Oct 27	prev	%chg		Oct 27	prev	%chg		price	yield	chg
S&P 500	4572.04	4574.79	-0.06	\$ per £	1.190	1.199	-0.72%	US Gov 10 yr	147.85	1.95	-0.07
Nasdaq Composite	15304.68	15255.72	0.45	£ per €	1.371	1.379	-0.58%	UK Gov 10 yr	1.31	0.93	-0.13
Dow Jones Ind	39621.05	39758.98	-0.36	€ per ¥	0.946	0.941	0.53%	Gov 10 yr	1.18	0.19	-0.06
FTSE100	10135.39	10141.93	-0.06	¥ per \$	113.720	114.256	-0.47%	Jpn Gov 10 yr	115.03	0.09	-0.01
Euro Stoxx 50	4218.72	4223.97	-0.12	€ per ₹	156.943	157.569	-0.39%	US Gov 30 yr	116.26	1.97	-0.10
FTSE 100	7253.27	7277.82	-0.33	Sfr per €	1.064	1.067	-0.28%	Gov 2 yr	104.94	-0.64	0.02
FTSE All-Share	4138.68	4149.81	-0.27	€ per \$	0.962	0.963	-0.10%				
CAC 40	6753.52	6766.51	-0.19								
Nikkei 225	15705.01	15757.06	-0.33								
Hang Seng	29098.24	29109.01	-0.03								
MSCI World	3187.44	3199.89	-0.24								
MSCI EM	1236.06	1237.26	-0.09								
MSCI ACWI	745.94	744.35	0.20								
COMMODITIES											
	Oct 27	prev	%chg		Oct 27	prev	%chg		price	prev	chg
Oil WTI	82.46	84.85	-2.19	Gold	1779.30	1779.00	0.02	US 3m Bill	0.06	0.06	0.00
Oil Brent	94.54	96.40	-1.15					Euro Libor 3m	-0.56	-0.56	0.00
Gold	1779.30	1779.00	0.02					UK 3m	0.20	0.21	-0.01

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Late Edition

Today, mostly sunny and seasonable, light breeze, high 60. Tonight, partly cloudy, low 49. Tomorrow, cloudy and breezy, rain at night, high 57. Weather map, Page A20.



Uneven Attendance in Taliban-Ruled Afghanistan

Girls studied for a university entrance exam in Mazar-i-Sharif recently, but in many areas, no female students go to class. Page A4.

Fear of Gangs Hinders Supply Of Fuel in Haiti

By NATALIE KITROEFF
and MARIA ABI-HABIB

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Gangs blocking Haiti's ports, choking off fuel shipments, hospitals on the verge of shutting down as generators run dry, risking the lives of hundreds of children. Cell-phone towers going without power, leaving swaths of the country isolated. And an acute hunger crisis growing more severe each day.

After a presidential assassination, an earthquake and a tropical storm, a new crisis is gripping Haiti: A severe fuel shortage is pushing the nation to the brink of collapse because gangs, not the government, rule about half of the nation's capital.

With gangs holding up fuel trucks at will, truck drivers have refused to go to work, setting off a nationwide strike by transportation workers and paralyzing a nation dependent on generators for much of its power.

It is just the latest reflection of the security vacuum that has enveloped Haiti, where 16 Americans and one Canadian with an American missionary group were kidnapped this month by a gang demanding a \$17 million ransom. The authorities know where the hostages are being held — but can't enter the gang-controlled neighborhood because the police are so outnumbered.

In a stark demonstration of how common kidnappings are, a Haitian American pastor was recently abducted and released on Monday. Even worse, human rights activists say, the country's justice minister is accused of colluding with a gang to kidnap the

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School Faces Founder's Role in Native Killings

By THOMAS FULLER

ROUND VALLEY RESERVATION, Calif. — They said they were chasing down horse and cattle thieves, an armed pursuit through fertile valleys and evergreen forests north of San Francisco. But under questioning in 1860 a cattle rancher let slip a more gruesome picture, one of indiscriminate killings of Yuki Indians.

A 10-year-old girl killed for "stubbornness."

Infants "put out of their misery." Documented in letters and depositions held in California's state archives, the Gold Rush-era mas-

Massacres in Gold Rush California Spur Calls for Name Change

Massacres are today at the heart of a dispute at one of the country's most prominent law schools, whose graduates include generations of California politicians and lawyers like Vice President Kamala Harris.

For the past four years, the University of California, Hastings College of the Law has been investigating the role of its founder, Ser-

ranus Hastings, in one of the darkest, yet least discussed, chapters of the state's history. Mr. Hastings, one of the wealthiest men in California in that era and the state's first chief justice, masterminded one set of massacres.

For those involved, including a descendant of Mr. Hastings who sits on the school's board, the journey into the past has revealed a very different version of the early years of the state than the one taught in classrooms and etched into the popular imagination of intrepid pioneers trekking into the hills to strike it rich.

Across Northern California — north of Napa's vineyards, along

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Storm Pounds New England

The aftermath of a nor'easter in Hingham, Mass. Hundreds of thousands lost electricity. Page A13.

Harvard Progressive Makes a Play for Power as Boston's Mayor

By ELLEN BARRY

BOSTON — Michelle Wu was weeks away from her first City Council election when she lost her voice.

Her supporters watched apprehensively. Wasn't it enough of a challenge that, in a city of backslapping, larger-than-life politicians, their candidate was a soft-spoken, Harvard-educated policy

nerd? Or that, in a city of deep neighborhood loyalties, she was a newcomer? Now, at crunchtime, she could barely make herself heard above a rasp.

But it became clear, when Election Day arrived, that they need not have worried.

Ms. Wu, then 28, had put the pieces in place, learning Boston's political ecosystem, engaging voters about policy, cobbling together a multiracial coalition. This was

Outsider in City Politics Rises to Lead Race

not about speeches. She would win in a different way.

On Tuesday, when Ms. Wu, 36, faces off against another city councilor, Annissa Essaibi George, in Boston's mayoral elec-

tion, she could break a barrier nationally.

Though Asian Americans are the country's fastest-growing electorate, Asian American candidates have not fared well in big-city races.

Of the country's 100 largest cities, six have Asian American mayors, all in California or Texas, according to the Asian Pacific Amer-

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China, Testing New Weapon, Jolts Pentagon

Missile Is Seen as Close to 'Sputnik Moment'

By DAVID E. SANGER
and WILLIAM J. BROAD

WASHINGTON — China's testing of a hypersonic missile designed to evade American nuclear defenses was "very close" to a "Sputnik moment" for the United States, Gen. Mark A. Milley, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Wednesday in the first official confirmation of how Beijing's demonstration of its weapon capabilities had taken American officials by surprise.

The tests, which could revive fears of a Cold War-like arms race, come as Beijing is spending heavily to modernize its military and may be seeking to expand its nuclear arsenal.

Two separate tests, reported earlier by The Financial Times, took place this summer, conducted in a fashion that Chinese officials knew would be highly visible to American satellites. But U.S. officials remained mostly silent until General Milley spoke on Wednesday, talking about the tests on a Bloomberg Television interview program hosted by David Rubenstein, the billionaire investor and philanthropist.

"I don't know if it's quite a Sputnik moment, but I think it's very close to that," General Milley said, making it clear he and other officials were surprised. The tests, he said, were a "very significant technological event," and he said "it has all our attention."

Hypersonic weapons have a long history, going back to the 1960s. But while General Milley did not elaborate, the surprise appears to have arisen from how China joined two different technologies: the launch of a missile that completed a partial orbit of the earth, and a hypersonic vehicle that could follow a suddenly shifting path, maneuvering in ways that would render all current U.S. missile defenses obsolete.

At least one of the tests was not completely successful; it reportedly missed an intended target by a wide margin. But the advances suggest that China may one day be able to arm a hypersonic vehicle with a nuclear warhead, launch it into a low orbit, and release it from any place — including, perhaps, an evasive flight path over Antarctica.

Existing defenses of the continental United States all point west and north over the Pacific, meaning they might fail to defeat an attack from the south. Even if there were antimissile bases pointed

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Outdated Power Grid Hampers Move to a Clean Energy Future

By IVAN PENN

Seven months after workers finished installing solar panels atop the Garcia family home near Stanford University, the system is little more than a roof ornament. The problem: The local utility's equipment is so overloaded that there is no place for the electricity produced by the panels to go.

"We wasted 30,000-something dollars on a system we can't use," Theresa Garcia said. "It's just been really frustrating."

President Biden is pushing lawmakers and regulators to wear the United States from fossil fuels and counter the effects of climate change. But his ambitious goals could be upended by aging transformers and dated electrical lines that have made it hard for homeowners, local governments and businesses to use solar panels, batteries, electric cars, heat

pumps and other devices that can help reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Much of the equipment on the electric grid was built decades ago and needs to be upgraded. It was designed for a world in which electricity flowed in one direction — from the grid to people. Now, homes and businesses are increasingly supplying energy to the grid from their rooftop solar panels.

These problems have become more urgent because the fastest way to cut greenhouse gas emissions is to move machinery, cars and heating equipment that currently run on oil and natural gas to electricity generated by solar, wind, nuclear and other zero-emission energy sources. Yet the grid is far from having enough ca-

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Flying, But Not a Pilot

New technology, iPads and a tutorial can help anyone act like a pilot, except for dealing with air traffic control. PAGE B1

The Toll of Higher Food Prices

Many households are being forced to adjust their shopping lists. Even food banks are feeling the pinch. PAGE B1

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Israeli Settlement Plans Go On

Advanced despite U.S. objections, the homes on the West Bank would be the first approved under Israel's new prime minister, Naftali Bennett. PAGE A10

Merck Aids Poor Countries

The company announced a licensing deal to allow low-cost access to its anti-Covid pill in 105 nations. PAGE A10

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Barring Transgender Athletes

Texas is the latest state to pass a law to keep transgender girls and women from competing in women's sports. PAGE B10



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The latest revision of 'Caroline, or Change' comes at a moment that makes it seem more prescient. PAGE C1

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Netflix's 'My Unorthodox Life' paints a dismal picture of what ultra-Orthodox women face. Some disagree. PAGE C2

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Covid Patients' Long Struggle

President Biden has said the government should help people who continue to experience symptoms long after a coronavirus infection. But qualifying remains a major hurdle. PAGE A11

Faulty Gun Check on Film Set

An assistant director of the film 'Rust' told a detective that he had failed to inspect each round in each chamber of the gun that was given to Alec Baldwin, according to an affidavit. PAGE A18

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Offering a Singular Oasis

Pamela Council's 'A Fountain for Survivors,' made from 350,000 acrylic nails, provides a serene, dreamy shelter in Times Square. PAGE D5



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SCHOOL OFFICER FACES MURDER CHARGE

Eddie Gonzalez shot an 18-year-old woman in a fleeing car last month in Long Beach.

BY JAMES QUEALLY, HAYLEY SMITH AND RICHARD WINTON

A murder charge was filed Wednesday against a former Long Beach school safety officer who shot an unarmed 18-year-old in the head near a high school last month, prosecutors said.

The decision came less than a year after Los Angeles County Dist. Atty. George Gascón swept into office on a criminal justice platform that included a vow to aggressively pursue law enforcement officers who use excessive force.

The school safety officer, Eddie F. Gonzalez, 51, fired into a fleeing vehicle in late September after a fight between Manuela "Mona" Rodriguez and an unidentified 15-year-old girl one block from Millikan High School. Video from the scene appears to show Gonzalez fire at least two rounds after screaming at the vehicle as it speeds off.

Rodriguez, who was in the vehicle's passenger seat, was struck in the head, police said. Her 20-year-old boyfriend, Rafeul Chowdhury, and his 16-year-old brother were inside the car when Gonzalez opened fire. They were not hit.

The injury left the 18-year-old mother brain-dead. [See Charge, A9]



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READYING ANOTHER VACCINE ROLLOUT

Mayra Navarrete, 13, gets a COVID-19 shot in August at a clinic in Orange. Depending on federal and state review processes, California could start inoculating kids ages 5 to 11 next week. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

ANALYSIS

Vaccinating kids: Why now?

COVID-19 shots for children are harder to justify as pandemic's end appears closer.

BY MELISSA HEALY

If this were December 2020, or August 2021, the argument for vaccinating young children against COVID-19 would be easy to make.

With case counts surging and hospitals near capacity, giving young kids a jab

would be counted on to slow transmission of a virus that's killing thousands of Americans a day. The risk that inoculation could cause heart inflammation in young kids appears to be minuscule. Countering the coronavirus would clearly win out.

But it's late October 2021, and the virus appears to be in retreat. New infections and deaths have both plunged more than 45% since a surge in September. And after multiple waves of infections, more than 1 in 4 U.S. residents have likely battled the coronavirus

and gained some immunity as a result.

All that is good news, but it also means that widespread vaccination of the nation's grade-school population offers less of an upside than it would have before. That makes it harder to say there's enough to be gained by the shot to offset the theoretical possibility of heart risks — a downside that's not yet been measured.

These are the calculations experts are trying to make as they decide whether Pfizer and BioNTech's

COVID-19 vaccine for kids ages 5 to 11 should be made available — and especially whether it should be recommended — for all 28 million U.S. children in this age group.

On Tuesday, the Food and Drug Administration's panel of scientific advisors voted overwhelmingly to recommend that access to the vaccine be extended to families who want it for their young children.

But the panel also made clear it did not endorse the goal of vaccinating young [See Vaccine, A11]

'Rust' shooting involved a lead bullet

The projectile that fatally struck Halyna Hutchins was recovered in shoulder of wounded director.

BY JULIA WICK AND JAMES QUEALLY

SANTA FE, N.M. — When Alec Baldwin removed the vintage Colt .45 revolver from its holster and pointed it toward the camera in an Old West-style church on a film set here last week, crew members believed the gun was loaded with dummy rounds, according to a search warrant affidavit filed on Wednesday and a Times interview with a crew member who was in the room at the time of the shooting.

A dummy round, which contains no gunpowder and looks nearly identical to a real round with a bullet when the camera peered down the barrel of the revolver the actor was holding, with none of the lethal capabilities.

But the projectile that discharged, fatally wounding cinematographer Halyna Hutchins and injuring director Joel Souza on the "Rust" set, was a lead bullet, Santa Fe authorities announced Wednesday.

According to the affidavit, first assistant director Dave Halls told investigators that he did not check all the rounds in the gun before it was handed to Baldwin — a major breach of safety protocol.

The deadly projectile was recovered from Souza's shoulder at an area hospital, Santa Fe County Sheriff Adan Mendoza said during a news conference.

Two other people handled the firearm besides Baldwin: production armorer Hannah Gutierrez Reed and Halls, according to Mendoza.

According to the affidavit, Gutierrez Reed — who as armorer was in charge of overseeing gun safety and use on set — said on the day of the incident that she had ensured that the ammunition intended for production consisted of "dummies" and did not include "hot" rounds.

According to the affidavit, Gutierrez Reed also told investigators that live ammunition was never kept on set. But the roughly 500 [See Bullet, A9]

An appreciation of Halyna Hutchins

Director Rachel Mason says her late friend and collaborator is a "super-nova." **CALENDAR, E1**



MYUNG J. CHUN Los Angeles Times

JAY LENO arrives at Malibu Kitchen in a 1963 Porsche. A weekly spectacle of car fans, fueled by celebrities, is causing problems and complaints all around.

COLUMN ONE

Classic cars have them manning the barricades

Clash of ego, celebrity in Malibu parking lots

BY CHARLES FLEMING

It's 9 a.m. on a recent Sunday, and at the Malibu Village shopping mall, the barricades have gone up.

Stuck behind the parking-lot blockade, Bill Miller stands on the patio of his Malibu restaurant, empty except for two diners having breakfast.

"Believe it or not," he says, without seeming to believe it himself, "this place used to be full at this hour. This was my busiest time on a Sunday."

In front of the restaurant, orange cones block four parking places. Miller's longtime customer Spike Feresten has texted to say he needs those for himself and three others this morning.

If they can get in.

One is reserved for Jay Leno, who will be arriving in a very rare Porsche 356 4-Cam, which he'll park next to a similarly rare Porsche Zagato 356 Carrera Coupe driven by Feresten. Nearby, Paul Zucker, an attorney and Feresten's partner in his podcast, "Spike's Car Radio," will park his beautifully restored 1961 Mercedes 300SL beside an even more beautiful 1957 Mercedes 300SL driven by Bruce Meyer, co-founder of the Petersen Automotive Museum.

But security officers are manning the gates — keeping out car enthusiasts. Sheriff's deputies are ticketing drivers for minor infractions, like not having a front license plate. The area feels tense, and drivers seem angry.

Matt Farah, host of the "Smoking Tire" podcast, is angry, too.

[See Cars, A8]

Butting heads as the world roasts

A climate solution seems impossible without U.S. and China moving in sync.

BY CHRIS MEGIERIAN AND ALICE SU

WASHINGTON — Six years ago, an unprecedented level of cooperation between the United States and China laid the groundwork for the Paris climate accord, a milestone in the fight against global warming.

But as final preparations are made for back-to-back international summits this week, that partnership has frayed. Dialogue between the two superpowers has been overshadowed by friction over trade, accusations

of human rights violations and security issues — not to mention the domestic political and economic challenges both countries face that make working together more difficult.

Their strained relationship will be on display at the Group of 20 forum for world leaders in Rome, which starts Saturday, and the United Nations conference on climate change in Glasgow, Scotland, which begins the next day. President Biden is planning to attend both in person, while Chinese President Xi Jinping is expected to participate virtually.

Some experts and policymakers worry that the tension between them will jeopardize progress on climate change at a time when the [See Climate, A4]

U.S. issues milestone passport

"X" gender designation recognizes rights of people who don't identify as male or female. **PERSPECTIVES, A2**

Paid leave might get scrapped

The family-friendly benefit is key to Biden's social spending bill, but Sen. Manchin opposes it. **NATION, A6**

Weather
Much warmer.
L.A. Basin: 88/63. **B6**



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A MOUND OF UNCERTAINTY

The fate of pitcher Trevor Bauer hinges on MLB, Dodgers boss Andrew Friedman says. **SPORTS, B10**

FACEBOOK UNDER FIRE

Fanning the flames of Poland's 'social' war

Far-right party credits its success to how algorithm rewards hate

BY LOVEDAY MORRIS

WARSAW — Most political parties in Poland have complaints about Facebook's algorithms, the obscure formulas that decide which posts pop up on a user's news feed and which fade into the ether.

The far-right Confederation party does not.

It's a "hate algorithm," said Tomasz Grabarczyk, who heads the party's social media team. But the Confederation's content generally does well, including a slew of anti-lockdown, anti-immigration, vaccination-skeptical posts often punctuated with large red exclamation marks. "I think we are good with emotional messages," he said.

That Facebook might be amplifying outrage while driving polarization and elevating more-extreme parties around the world — has been ruminated on inside the company for years, according to the internal documents known as the Facebook Papers, which were disclosed by the whistleblower Frances Haugen to the Securities and Exchange Commission. Redacted versions were reviewed by a consortium of news organizations including The Washington Post.

In one April 2019 document detailing a research trip to the European Union, a Facebook team reported feedback from

Civil rights: An auditor says recent revelations revive concerns. **A23**



Senate Democrats Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona, left, and Joe Manchin III of West Virginia, center, head to a vote after a meeting with White House officials on Wednesday. The centrists signaled progress in talks with the White House on a spending-bill compromise.

Biden, centrists close in on deal

MANCHIN, SINEMA SEE 'PROGRESS'

Spending bill's family leave program at risk

BY TONY ROMM, MIKE DEBONIS AND MARIANNA SOTOMAYOR

Congressional Democrats signaled Wednesday they are closing in on a long-elusive deal to overhaul the nation's health care, education, climate and tax laws, setting in motion a tenuous new plan to try to advance President Biden's broader economic agenda as soon as this week.

The frenetic day began with another burst of outreach, as Biden continued the arduous task of crafting a signature spending initiative that could unite his party's ambitious liberals and its two moderate holdouts, Sens. Joe Manchin III (D-W.Va.) and Kyrsten Sinema (D-Ariz.).

Emerging from a roughly two-hour gathering with Biden's aides on Capitol Hill, the centrist duo each pointed to "progress" after months of deadlock over Democrats' initial plans to spend \$3.5 trillion financed through a slew of new tax increases. The architect of that original blueprint, Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.), soon paid his own visit to the White House, and Biden is set to head to the Hill on Thursday, a reflection of the administration's shuttle diplomacy spanning Pennsylvania Avenue.

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Spending plea: Democrats who are vulnerable urge against cuts. **A20**

GOP deploys army of poll watchers in Va.

BY MEAGAN FLYNN AND SHAWN BOBURG

Loudoun County General Registrar Judy Brown doesn't recall seeing many poll watchers during early voting last year — they usually turn up only on Election Day, primarily during presidential elections.

But that's changed. "This year," she said, "we have had poll watchers here every day, all day long, watching the process of what's going on."

And in a county that has been trending blue for years, more poll watchers are wearing Republican badges, Brown said, often out-

'Election integrity' push energizes volunteers flooding registrar offices

numbering Democrats 2 to 1 at each location. They observe the voter check-in and the ballot drop boxes. They have asked to observe election officers opening voting equipment. They watch as election officers report the vote tallies at the end of the night and ensure slates are blank when the polls open in the morning.

"I really think it's a result of all

the stuff in the news media about there being fraud in the election process last year," Brown said. "They can come to the same conclusion as we do: that there is no fraud in the process."

Across Virginia, the GOP "election integrity" push has largely driven the influx of election observers in this year's gubernatorial race, according to local, state and national Republican officials. In some trainings, prospective poll watchers have been taught to see themselves as a bulwark against election fraud, and some groups have been corralled their own poll watcher armies.

But while multiple registrars

said they welcomed the poll watchers' commitment to transparency, some tactics have made election officials uneasy — because it's clear former president Donald Trump's claims of mass voter fraud have driven a lot of the interest, said Fairfax County General Registrar Scott Konopasek. It's created a sense among some staff members that the observers don't trust them, he said.

SEE POLL WATCHERS ON A9

Well-staffed: Virginia poll workers are vaccinated and ready. **B1**

Critic's Notebook: Youngkin's obscene gripe about "Beloved." **C1**

Obstacles cloud Los Angeles's carbon-free hopes

Opposition mounts to cost and scope of lifestyle changes necessary to reach 2035 goal

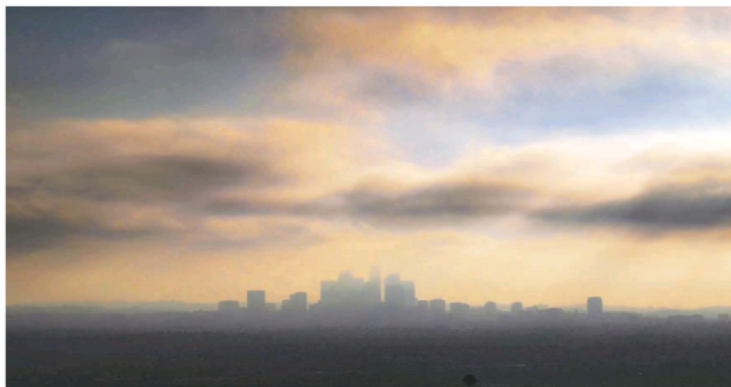
BY ERICA WERNER

LOS ANGELES — Confronted by devastating wildfires, parching drought and ever-hotter summers, Los Angeles is launching an ambitious plan to combat climate change by becoming the first major U.S. city run entirely on clean energy.

But it won't be easy. The approach could demand extreme, expensive and arguably improbable lifestyle changes from residents still addicted to car culture and 24/7 air conditioning. One forecast projects that up to 38 percent of single-family homes would need to be outfitted with solar panels to meet the targets — more than six times the current rate.

The plan also faces contemptuous opposition from a key labor union, and advocates fear it could be undermined by a fossil fuel industry that risks getting regulated out of existence as more cities shift to renewable power such as wind and solar.

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Mayor Eric Garcetti (D) set 2035 as the mark for Los Angeles to become the first major U.S. city run on clean energy. But the goal would require extreme lifestyle changes from a car-centric city.

Arbery case casts spotlight on prosecutor accountability

BY HANNAH KNOWLES AND MARK BERMAN

The killing itself was shocking to Georgians — three White men chasing a Black man in pickup trucks and then shooting him on a residential street.

So was the local authorities' response: 74 days without charges.

While many killings that sparked racial justice protests in 2020 cast a harsh spotlight on police actions in places like Minneapolis and Louisville, Ahmaud Arbery's killing in the coastal community of Satilla Shores near Brunswick, Ga., brought a flood of attention to another powerful part of the justice system: prosecutors.

As Arbery's case drew more scrutiny, so did the actions of district attorneys connected to it, leading to criminal charges, new support for statewide oversight and a debate over how to balance accountability with prosecutors' independence. Activists, lawmakers

and lawyers are still pushing for changes as a jury slowly comes together for the murder trial of the three men whose pursuit of Arbery a district attorney once called completely justified.

Arbery's death fueled calls for a state commission to investigate prosecutor misconduct.

The Georgia state bar has backed rule changes that would allow officials to pull law licenses over prosecutorial ethics violations, not just give out reprimands. And last month, a grand jury took the rare step of indicting Jackie Johnson, the district attorney who first handled Arbery's case. Voters had already kicked her out of office.

"The really horrific situation in the Arbery case raised the level of consciousness significantly about what could happen if you have an unethical district attorney," said Clark Cunningham, a professor at the Georgia State University College of Law. Without more

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Jackie Johnson

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NARONG SANGNAN/EPA-EFE/SHUTTERSTOCK

Americans abroad Expats are struggling to get a first vaccine dose while millions in the United States receive a third shot. **A4**

Audubon Naturalist Society The local group rebuked its eponym, a naturalist who was an enslaver and Indian grave robber. **B1**

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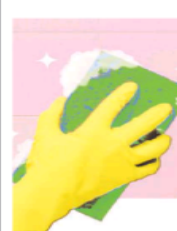
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A short-lived Republican majority atop the U.S. product safety regulator — a result of Senate confirmation delays — pushed through enforcement changes that critics say put the public at risk. **A19**
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Montgomery County teachers and support workers are protesting staff shortages in Maryland's largest school system. **B4**

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A better bathroom These laundry-cleaning tips should do the trick, whether you're in a hurry or doing a full-on scrub.

STYLE Convincing myths Content shared in some online wellness spaces can cause even science-minded people to question the consensus on vaccines. **C1**

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Con pasajes polémicos, se estrena la serie de Maradona

Desde mañana estarán disponibles cinco capítulos de una producción que recorre toda la trayectoria del ídolo; Claudia Villafañe amenazó con acciones legales. Espectáculos



BARCELONA ACENTÚA SU DEBACLE: DESPUÉS DE MESSI, SE FUE KOEMAN

—deportes

El equipo catalán cayó derrotado 1 a 0 ante el Rayo Vallecano y quedó en el puesto 9 de la tabla, con solo 15 puntos; el técnico no sobrevivió a la crisis. Página 8

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Es un espacio en el que se podrán ver y tocar los decorados y las escenografías de las grandes óperas; se estrenará para la Noche de los Museos. Página 24

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La emisión batió otro récord, pero Fernández culpó a los empresarios por la inflación

AYUDA. El BCRA asistió al Tesoro con otros \$95.000 millones; suma \$257.712 millones en el mes

La aceleración del gasto público con fines electorales dejó un nuevo rastro ayer, al marcar la asistencia del Banco Central (BCRA) al Tesoro—por vía de la emisión monetaria—un nuevo récord mensual en lo que va del año. Sin embargo, el presidente Alberto Fernández no identificó esta práctica como la causante de la creciente in-

flación, sino que culpó a los empresarios. "Néstor [por Kirchner] lo planteó con nombre y apellido: este no es un problema de emisión monetaria; el problema es la concentración de la producción de alimentos y para eso hay que ser firmes y plantarse frente a los poderosos", señaló el mandatario en el acto de homenaje al expresiden-

te, a 11 años de su fallecimiento.

El pasado viernes, el BCRA envió a la Secretaría de Hacienda otros \$95.000 millones en concepto de adelantos transitorios. La cuenta en lo que va del mes trepa así a \$257.712 millones; sobrepasa el récord anterior de septiembre (\$250.000 millones). Páginas 6 y 17

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"No nos vamos a arrodillar", ante el FMI, dijo el Presidente, días antes de reunirse con la jefa del organismo. Página 6

EL ESCENARIO

El Presidente, encerrado en una torre de Babel

Carlos Pagni

—LA NACION—

Entre las numerosas novedades que trajeron las primarias del 12 de septiembre, una muy relevante es que las dos coaliciones partidarias que dominan la política nacional han modificado su formato.

En el Frente de Todos aparecieron los gobernadores provinciales, los intendentes bonaerenses y los sindicalistas convencionales, que se mueven inspirados por las prosaicas manualidades de la gobernabilidad. No se sabe bien qué quieren, pero detestan el caos.

A todos ellos, la derrota electoral de las primarias les devolvió la voz. Continúa en la página 8

Echaron de una marcha al gobernador Perotti

seguridad—ROSARIO.—El gobernador santafesino, Omar Perotti, y el intendente de Rosario, Pablo Javkin, fueron increpados y expulsados a empujones de la marcha contra la inseguridad, que ayer reunió a más de 10.000 personas en el Monumento a la Bandera. Página 26



Perotti, en el momento de ser retirado por su custodia tras ser increpado en una marcha por la inseguridad en Rosario

MARCELO MANERA

Fuertes advertencias al juez que citó a Macri

ESPIONAJE. La Cámara Federal de Mar del Plata rechazó la recusación que Mauricio Macri presentó contra el juez Martín Bava, quien lo indagará hoy en la causa por presunto espionaje. Lo hizo con fuertes advertencias contra el magistrado, a quien le recomendó "mesura" y objetó su "técnica jurídica". Página 14

Bava: de Azul a definir el futuro de un expresidente

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Denuncian ataques a vehículos en la Panamericana

TEMOR. En solo tres días se notificaron 30 episodios. Página 28

Etiquetado frontal. La nueva ley divide a los expertos en nutrición y obesidad

No se puso todavía en vigor y ya algunos especialistas en nutrición y obesidad cuestionan que la ley de etiquetado frontal sancionada ayer excluya a los alimentos no envasados y que se fundamenta en un perfil nutricional que solamente se utiliza

en México. En cambio, otro grupo de expertos defiende la norma, que comenzará a regir en 2023, porque advierte sobre los riesgos de consumir productos ultraprocesados.

En una primera instancia, los especialistas señalan que los consu-

midores, al ver los octógonos negros que advierten que un alimento es alto en grasas, en grasas saturadas, en calorías, en azúcares o en sodio, cambiarán su elección por otro producto. Otros creen que es un buen punto de partida. Página 23

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Sin visualizar el futuro, el planeta será invivible

Carlos A. Mutto

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OFICINA REABRE COM 'PARANOIA'

Marcelo Drummond e Sonia Ushiyama durante ensaio da peça, no Teatro Oficina, em São Paulo; companhia volta a receber público hoje, dia em que completa 63 anos. Ilustrada C1

SP supera EUA, Alemanha e Reino Unido em vacinação

Estado imunizou totalmente contra Covid 87% da população acima de 18 anos

O estado de São Paulo já imunizou totalmente contra a Covid 87% de sua população adulta. Se considerado o alvo da campanha — adultos e adolescentes a partir de 12 anos — são 78,5%, ou 31 milhões de pessoas. O desempenho supera o de países desenvolvidos como Alemanha, EUA e Reino Unido.

Os dados foram agregados pela Folha e mostram as doses aplicadas até 26 de outubro. A performance foi comparada à de países desenvolvidos com ampla cobertura vacinal — além dos citados (com 75% no primeiro caso e 68% nos outros dois), Espanha (88%), Canadá (84%), França e Itália (ambos 79%).

O Brasil, entretanto, iniciou a aplicação da vacina cerca de um mês depois das nações observadas. São Paulo, o precursor, deu a primeira injeção em 17 de janeiro e hoje lidera a imunização no território brasileiro. Receberam ao menos uma dose 98,1% dos residentes no estado com 12 anos ou mais.

Os índices são ainda mais elevados na capital, onde 92,2% completaram o esquema vacinal. No Brasil, são 53,1%. Embora celebrem a alta adesão, especialistas sublinham que ainda há uma quantidade considerável de pessoas que tomaram a primeira dose e não retornaram para a segunda. Saúde B1

CPI mantém força-tarefa e troca elogios com Aras

O grupo majoritário da CPI da Covid manterá a sequência de trabalhos mesmo após a entrega do relatório ao procurador-geral da República, que trocou ontem elogios com a comissão. Uma das primeiras medidas será investir em um observatório para fiscalizar avanços. Poder A4

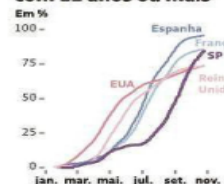
Copom eleva taxa Selic em 1,5 ponto, maior alta desde 2002

O Comitê de Política Monetária do Banco Central elevou a taxa básica de juros em 1,50 ponto percentual, a 7,75% ao ano. Esta é a maior alta desde dezembro de 2002, quando a Selic subiu 3 pontos, de 22% para 25%. A decisão acompanhou a expectativa do mercado ante o aumento do risco fiscal.

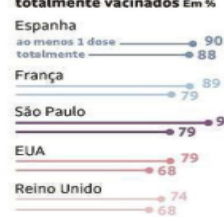
Há consenso de que a inflação deve estourar a meta de 3,75% fixada pelo Conselho Monetário Nacional para este ano. O Copom já mira o controle de preços de 2022 e de 2023. Mercado A13

Desemprego cai para 13,2%, mas renda encolhe, aponta IBGE A15

Totalmente vacinados com 12 anos ou mais



Ao menos uma dose e totalmente vacinados Em %



Fonte: Our World in Data e Consórcio de veículos de imprensa

Flávia Boggio Uma agência para falsificar notícias

Bolsonaro aproveitou para fundar a Agência Falsificadora de Notícias e encobrir calamidades do governo. Na próxima live, deve insinuar que floresta causa impotência. Ilustrada C7

Pfizer pedirá aval à Anvisa para vacina em crianças de 5 a 11

Kit anti-Trump no TSE é base ao julgar Bolsonaro-Mourão Poder A8

PSDB vê racha entre Dória e Leite no ABC paulista Poder A10



Daniela Verpa/Folhapress

IGREJA ABANDONADA SE TORNA OCUPAÇÃO DE SEM-TETO NO CENTRO PAULISTANO

A colombiana Rosa Gonzalez, 67, se mudou para o imóvel; o local, que fica em frente à praça Princesa Isabel, estava fechado desde ao menos 2018 e foi tomado há cerca de um mês. Cotidiano B4

Esporte B6

Maurício demitido

O Minas Tênis Clube anunciou ontem a rescisão do contrato do atleta do vôlei Maurício Souza, que havia feito publicações homofóbicas em suas redes sociais.

Ilustrada C8

Morre aos 61 Letieres Leite, maestro que iluminou a percussão afro-baiana

Turismo C10

Salvador esconde Caribe em miniatura nas ilhas da Baía de Todos os Santos

Derrota legislativa deve levar Portugal a antecipar pleito

O Parlamento de Portugal reprovou a proposta orçamentária do governo para 2022, e o presidente Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa deve dissolver o Legislativo e convocar eleições. Terminará, assim, a inédita aliança de esquerda, a "geringonça", que elegeu António Costa premiê. Mundo A11

Área degradada da Amazônia também é causa de emissões

Cientistas alertam que danos de incêndios e retirada de madeira deveriam se somar ao desmatamento no cálculo de emissões de carbono e pedem que o tema entre na COP26. BS

Guedes chama de burro o ministro-astronauta Pontes

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Leilão do 5G deve ser disputado por 15 empresas

Mercado A17

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Estamos vencendo Sobre o avanço da vacinação e a volta à normalidade.

Injustiça militar Acerca de limites dos tribunais das Forças Armadas.



Explosivas revelaciones en audiencia de Comisión Especial del Senado

Escándalo: Policías escoltan vehículos con contrabando

- Videos comprometen a organismos de seguridad
- Flagelo genera pérdida de empleos formales
- Existe poco o nulo control de encargados

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Impactante. En círculo se puede notar el móvil policial escoltando a un convoy de mercaderías ilegales, en imágenes reveladas en el Senado.



Mercado cambiario posadeño
Por devaluación del peso y la falta de dólares, argentinos compran guaraníes

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Se pactó con ahorristas
Peirano llega el sábado y hablan de acuerdo para que quede libre

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Maestros no entran en razón y piden aumento del 16% desde enero 2022

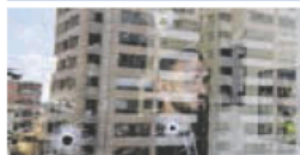
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Pensez-vous que
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Spectaculaire amélioration de l'emploi en France

À la faveur de la reprise économique, le nombre de demandeurs d'emploi a encore baissé de plus de 200 000 personnes au cours des trois derniers mois, soit près de 1 million en un an.

Les pronostics les plus sombres sur les dégâts de la crise sanitaire sont en train d'être déjoués. Après le trou d'air des confinements, la croissance est repartie de plus belle et les créations d'emplois également. Avec une nouvel-

le baisse de 206 000 demandeurs d'emploi au troisième trimestre, leur nombre a chuté de près de 1 million de personnes depuis la mi-2020, pour revenir à 3,5 millions. Pourtant, dans de nombreux secteurs d'activité, les em-

ployeurs peinent à recruter, à l'image des stations de sports d'hiver, qui ne parviennent pas à trouver de saisonniers pour les commerces, les hôtels, les restaurants ou les remontées mécaniques. Dans ce tableau, le marché de

l'emploi des cadres connaît une nette embellie : pour la première fois depuis la crise sanitaire, le nombre d'offres d'emplois dépasse celui de 2019. Cependant, 78 % des entreprises anticipent des difficultés de recrutement.

➔ **10 % DE CHÔMEURS DE MOINS EN UN AN**
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Restons modestes !

Il fallait prendre un pari à très grosse cote, au tréfonds des confinements, pour oser prédire une sortie de crise avec un chômage au plus bas depuis quinze ans. Nous y voilà pourtant : déjouant tous les pronostics, la situation de l'emploi en France s'améliore si vite que les entreprises ne trouvent ni les bras ni les têtes dont elles ont besoin. Qui l'eût cru après un tel choc économique ? Au rythme où vont les choses, Emmanuel Macron pourrait bien se présenter devant les électeurs contrat rempli, avec un taux de chômage ramené, comme il s'y était engagé, à 7 %.

Apprécier les bonnes nouvelles à leur juste valeur n'interdit cependant pas un peu de lucidité. La reprise en trombe de l'activité doit beaucoup aux dizaines de milliards d'argent public déversés depuis deux ans dans l'économie. Sans doute fallait-il s'y résoudre face au péril du Covid, mais, ce faisant, nous avons acheté de la croissance, et donc des emplois, à crédit. Tôt ou tard, ces dettes devront être payées. Par ailleurs, restons modestes : si spectaculaire soit sa baisse, le chômage demeure ici beaucoup plus élevé que chez nos voisins.

Et maintenant ? Le plus dur est à venir. L'urgence commande d'ajuster l'offre et la demande sur un marché de l'emploi caractérisé - c'est un comble avec 3,5 millions de chômeurs - par les pénuries de main-d'œuvre. Le durcissement de l'assurance-chômage y contribuera. Mais un immense travail de fond, encore bien timide, s'impose dans l'éducation et la formation pour trouver les compétences qui manquent. Si une commande d'EPR est passée demain, EDF ne disposera pas des ressources pour y répondre. On se pince !

Plus que tout, il s'agit de favoriser par tous les moyens l'activité économique et la prospérité des entreprises, seule recette éprouvée pour créer des emplois pérennes. Cela disqualifie les apôtres de la décroissance et les évangélistes des 32 heures. Mais condamne tout autant la distribution de chèques sans provision, qui ne servent qu'à creuser les déficits et à fabriquer les impôts de demain. ■

La première gélule anti-Covid annoncée pour la fin de l'année en France

Sauf surprise, les autorités sanitaires devraient donner leur feu vert dans les semaines qui viennent au comprimé oral des laboratoires MSD et Ridgeback Biotherapeutics. Cet antiviral révolutionnaire permettrait de réduire par deux le risque d'hospitalisation et de décès. Le ministre de la Santé, Olivier Véran, a annoncé avoir déjà passé commande de 50 000 traitements. **PAGE 13**

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Sunak's post-Covid plan: spend now, cut taxes later

Chancellor criticised for lack of green measures ahead of Cop26 summit

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Rishi Sunak intends to cut taxes before the next general election after limiting his budget help to dealing with a winter cost-of-living crisis.

The chancellor made clear that the boost to spending made possible by a stronger than expected economic recovery this year would not be repeated as he reassured Tory MPs that he would take action to reduce the UK's highest levels of taxation since the early 1950s.

Hours after delivering his third budget speech, Sunak told his backbenchers: "I won't mince words with you ... it is my view that going forward every marginal pound we have should be put into lowering people's taxes, not more spending."

Earlier, the chancellor had sought to ease tensions with the prime minister by announcing rises in spending for all government departments for three years and reforms to alcohol taxation that will cut the cost of drinking. An extra £25bn will be spent next year.

The package - designed 4



▲ Rishi Sunak toasts his budget - which included a cut in tax on draught beer - on a visit to a brewery in south London yesterday PHOTOGRAPH: DAN KITWOOD/APP/GETTY

Man held over threats to Labour deputy Rayner

Jessica Elgot
Chief political correspondent

Police have arrested a man accused of making threats against the Labour deputy leader, Angela Rayner.

Sources close to Rayner, who is away from parliament at the moment

on bereavement leave, confirmed she was the woman concerned after Greater Manchester police announced the arrest.

The Guardian understands that Rayner has cancelled her constituency surgeries in recent weeks amid concerns for her safety - linked to a wider increase of abuse

and threats against her, including death threats.

Friends said she had been deeply affected by the abuse, which had been taken particularly hard by her children. One described the deputy leader as "not in a good place" and said she had been unable to make many public appearances because of fears for her safety.

The force said it was investigating multiple threatening and abusive phone calls, emails and letters over recent weeks. A 52-year-old man from Halifax has been arrested on suspicion of malicious

communications and has since been released on bail pending further inquiries. In a tweet, Rayner thanked the police for "supporting me, my family and my staff during this time, which has been particularly difficult for my children".

Her spokesperson said abuse and threats had increased recently. "Angela and her staff have received a number of threatening, malicious and abusive communications in recent weeks," the spokesperson said. "We are working with the police to ensure that the perpetrators of these crimes are brought to justice

and Angela would like to thank the police for their work during these investigations."

The spokesperson added: "Abuse and threats of this nature don't just have an impact on Angela but also on her family, her children and her staff, who are on the receiving end of these 2



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