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Afghans waving credentials at U.S. troops outside the airport in Kabul, Afghanistan, in August. Tens of thousands were evacuated.

## Desperation at Abbey Gate: America's Final Days in Afghanistan

#### By HELENE COOPER and ERIC SCHMITT

The Marines at Abbey Gate were racing against time. The crowd at the gate didn't know it, but the Marines had been told to close it at 6 p.m.

That left just 30 minutes for Capt. Geoff Ball, 33, commander of 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines' Ghost Company, to pluck out a few more people with that elusive combination of affiliation and luck that would get them onto a plane out of Afghanistan. Just 30 more minutes for Cpl. Hunter Lopez, 22, to grab another child out of the sewage canal where hundreds jostled. Just

#### The Marines Who Rescued and **Rejected Anguished Families**

30 minutes for Capt. Andres Rodriguez, 31, to scan the crowd for men who fit the descriptions in dozens of text messages from people in the United States trying to save their interpreters

The plan for the final "retrograde" of the American war in Afghanistan was clear: On Aug. 26, the British troops stationed at the nearby Baron Hotel would fall back. A few

hours later, the 82nd Airborne would take up the Marines' forward positions, allowing Ghost Company to fold into the terminal. And, finally, the 82nd Airborne would fall back to the airport, to waiting planes, ending America's longest war.

The Afghans, who had been on their feet for hours, were passing out in the heat from dehydration. They had been coming by bus, car and foot for 10 straight days, assembling near the jersey barriers, or standing knee-deep in the foul-smelling canal near Abbey Gate, a main entryway to the airport.

Corporal Lopez saw a little girl getting Continued on Page A6



## Houston Police Wary of Crowd **Before Tragedy**

Safety Plan for Concert Was Overwhelmed

#### By J. DAVID GOODMAN and EDGAR SANDOVAL

HOUSTON - Concert organizers and Houston city officials knew that the crowd at a music festival planned by Travis Scott, a favorite local rapper turned megastar, could be difficult to control. That's what happened two years earlier, the last time Mr. Scott held his Astroworld Festival.

For months, they braced themselves, adding dozens more officers from the Houston Police Department and more private security hired by Live Nation, the concert organizer.

The Houston police chief, who knows Mr. Scott personally and felt the musician had been trying to do good for his hometown, said that he visited Mr. Scott in his trailer before his show on Friday and conveyed concerns about the energy in the crowd, according to a person with knowledge of the chief's account.

His show that day included very devoted fans, the chief, Troy Finner, said he relayed to Mr. Scott.

That energy had been building for months among fans who were drawn to see Mr. Scott because of that atmosphere and by the exuberance of seeing music live again after the pandemic hiatus. They flew in from California and Colorado, drove from Dallas and San Antonio. Tickets went for hundreds of dollars. Elementary school children were among the 50.000 fans

'We literally flew down just for Astroworld," said Jesse Dahl, who came from Denver with his 9vear-old son for the show. "I've had the tickets for months.

But the anticipation gave way to dread almost as soon as Mr. Scott took the stage at 9 p.m. on Friday as the crowd surged uncontrollably and the worst fears of officials and concert organizers came to pass. Two teenagers, ages 14 and 16, were among the eight who died in the crush and chaos.

By Sunday, the Houston Police and Fire Departments had taken over the investigation into what took place during the festival at the NRG Park. They had created a rough timeline of events, officials said, seeking to piece together the movements of the swelling crowd and the actions of the private security personnel and medical staff on hand, as well as the city police officers and emergency medical workers. A spokeswoman for the Houston Police Department declined to comment on their timeline of events or on Chief Finner's private conversations, citing the pending investigation.

## **RETAILERS RAISING** GAME IN THE RACE FOR HOLIDAY HELP

#### **USING PERKS TO ENTICE**

Better Wages and Hours for Workers Amid Labor Shortage

#### By SAPNA MAHESHWARI and MICHAEL CORKERY

Macy's is offering referral bonuses of up to \$500 for each friend or family member that employees recruit to join the company. Walmart is paying as much as \$17 an hour to start and has begun offering free college tuition to its workers. And some Amazon warehouse jobs now command signing bonuses of up to \$3,000.

Retailers, expecting the holiday shopping season to be bustling once again this year after being upended by the coronavirus in 2020, are scrambling to find enough workers to staff their stores and distribution centers in a tight labor market. It is not proving easy to entice applicants to an industry that has been battered, more than most, by the pandemic's many challenges, from fights over mask wearing to high rates of infection among employees. Willing retail workers are likely to earn larger paychecks and work fewer hours, while consumers may be greeted by less inventory and understaffed stores.

"Folks looking to work in retail have typically had very little choice - it's largely been driven by geography and availability of hours," said Mark A. Cohen, the director of retail studies at Columbia University's business school. "Now they can pick and choose who's got the highest, best benefits, bonuses and hourly rates. And as we've seen, the escalation has been striking."

Or as Jeff Gennette, the chief executive of Macy's, which plans to hire 76,000 full- and part-time employees this season, put it in a recent interview: "Everyone's experiencing this - there's a war for talent at the front lines. My sense is we all have to raise our game."

While some of the most gener-Continued on Page A14

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Exuberant spectators cheered on runners in the Bronx as the New York City Marathon returned after a pandemic year off. Section F.

## To Steer China's Future, Xi Rewrites History. He Comes Off Well.

#### By CHRIS BUCKLEY

The glowing image of China's top leader, Xi Jinping, greets visitors to museum exhibitions celebrating the country's decades of growth. Communist Party biographers have worshipfully chronicled his rise, though he has given no hint of retiring. The party's

newest official history devotes over a quarter of its 531 pages to his nine years in power.

No Chinese leader in recent times has been more fixated than Mr. Xi on history and his place in it, and as he approaches a crucial juncture in his rule, that preoccupation with the past is now central to his political agenda. A high-level meeting opening in Beijing on

Monday will issue a "resolution" officially reassessing the party's 100-year history that is likely to cement his status as an epochmaking leader alongside Mao Zedong and Deng Xiaoping.

While ostensibly about historical issues, the Central Committee's resolution - practically holy writ for officials - will shape China's politics and society for decades to come.

The touchstone document on the party's past, only the third of its kind, is sure to become the focus of an intense indoctrination campaign. It will dictate how the authorities teach China's modern history in textbooks, films, television shows and classrooms. It will

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The show ended on Friday night Continued on Page A16

in May the "Dawson's Creek"

screenwriter killed herself in Los

"I'm so sorry," she said in a

goodbye video to her husband and son. "I would never do this if I was

well. Please understand. Please

Her husband, Nick Guthe, a

writer and director, wanted to do-

nate her body to science. But the

hospital said it was not his deci-

sion to make because Ms. Ferrer,

50, had signed up to be an organ

donor. So specialists recovered

several organs from the body be-

fore disconnecting her from a ven-

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Angeles. She had lost all hope.



Macy's is gearing up to hire 76,000 workers this season.

## Long Covid Left Her in Agony. Were Her Organs Safe to Give?

#### By RONI CARYN RABIN

Covid-19 ravaged Heidi Ferrer's tilator. body and soul for over a year, and

Mr. Guthe worried that following his wife's lengthy illness, her organs may not have been safe to donate to other patients. "I thought that they would kill the people they gave these organs to," he said in an interview.

The case highlights an urgent debate among medical professionals about whether the organs of people who survived Covid, and even of those who died with the illness, are really safe and healthy enough to be transplanted.

Potential donors are routinely screened now for coronavirus infections before their organs are

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Julie Green memorialized death row prisoners' requests for a last meal on 1,000 plates. She was 60. PAGE D7



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Rodents, among New York City's permanent features, seem to be running amok like never before. PAGE A12

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forgive me."

As she nears the end of her career, just a few of the ways Carli Lloyd has been honored include a party given by her hometown and her employers moving a home game to a different state. PAGE D1

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All the drama that was seemingly sucking the life out of the Cleveland franchise evaporated as an embattled Baker Mayfield took command of a team that looked ready to collapse. PAGE D3

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Noah Feldman



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As a child, Petrit Halilaj drew the horrors, and wonders, that he saw. Now he's Kosovo's most acclaimed artist. Above, a drawing from 1999. PAGE C1



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MAKE HERS A DOUBLE: Kenya's Peres Jepchirchir became the first woman to win the New York race after taking the Olympic gold in the same year. The men's finish held less drama, with Albert Korir of Kenya taking the lead after mile 19. A14

## **Government-Bond Swings Burn Wall Street Investors**

BY GREGORY ZUCKERMAN AND JULIA-AMBRA VERLAINE

A rapid U-turn in government-bond markets has sparked deep losses for some of Wall Street's biggest investors, a stark demonstration of how even small shifts in expectations for economic growth and central-bank policy can upend the most carefully laid bets.

Behind the losses are recent abrupt moves in governmentbond prices. With central banks signaling plans to end their extraordinary stimulus measures, short-term bonds have declined in price, sending yields-which rise when prices fall-to touch their highest levels since March 2020.

At the same time, yields on longer-term bonds, which tend to fall when investors expect slowing growth, have retreated from near their highs for the year. The gap between the two narrowed sharply, a phenomenon known as a flattening yield curve. That upset popular bets that a gradual return to normal levels of growth and inflation would push interest rates higher in the years to come.

Hedge funds and others who make big bond bets "were caught offsides" by the recent price moves, said Steve Kane, who helps run TCW Group Inc.'s \$86 billion MetWest Total Return Bond Fund, which has also seen losses. "They're

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Supporters of

Ethiopia's government

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#### getting squeezed," he said. A Bloomberg Treasurys index has lost about 1.5% since early August.

While the percentages are small relative to the recent swings in bitcoin or stocks such as Avis Budget Group Inc., many hedge funds and others borrow large amounts of money to amplify their bond bets, so mistaken trades can be painful. London-based Rokos Capital, run by the in-Please turn to page A2

## Global Economic Recovery Is Facing **Big Tests** Post-pandemic upturn

reaches a crossroads as supply-chain snags, inflation add to risks

The global economy's comeback from last year's deep contraction is approaching a delicate juncture, as policy makers and executives grapple with the bumpy transition from the post-pandemic reopening to a more normalized pace of growth.

> By Tom Fairless, Mike Cherney and David Harrison

Central banks in the U.S. and elsewhere are trying to chart a path that will curb inflation but not choke off growth as they navigate the process of weaning economies off the extraormeasures-including dinary rock-bottom interest rates and enormous bond-buying programs-deployed to support their economies.

The surge in U.S. consumer demand over the past yearturbocharged by trillions of dollars in stimulus-has ricocheted outward and caused disruptions to global supply chains that are now worsening and might stretch through 2022, executives said. The resulting higher prices and the

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## **Twitter Tells** Musk to Sell 10% of His **Tesla Stock**

BY REBECCA ELLIOTT AND LAURA SAUNDERS

Twitter users said Elon Musk should sell 10% of his Tesla Inc. stock, a stake valued at about \$21 billion, after the chief executive polled them and pledged to abide by the outcome of the vote.

Voters backed the share sale by a wide margin, with 58% in favor of a sale and 42% opposed, according to the polling data posted on Twitter. More than 3.5 million votes were cast.

"I was prepared to accept either outcome," Mr. Musk tweeted after the poll closed.

Mr. Musk on Saturday put the potential share sale up for popular vote on the social-media platform as he waded back into the debate over how some of the wealthiest people in the U.S. should be taxed.

"Much is made lately of unrealized gains being a means of tax avoidance, so I propose selling 10% of my Tesla stock," he tweeted as he launched the poll, adding, "I will abide by the results of this poll, whichever way it goes.

Mr. Musk holds more than 17% of Tesla, a stake valued at more than \$200 billion, according to the most recent available data in FactSet. Onetenth of that stake could be valued at \$21 billion based on the stock's Friday closing price of \$1,222.09.

Mr. Musk and Tesla didn't Please turn to page A6 INSIDE



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> Chicken Nuggets Fly Off the Shelves at Latest World's Fair

Past events made burgers, ketchup a hit; this year, Saudi chain draws long lines

Wait for it

BY RORY JONES

DUBAI-For more than 170 years, World's Fairs have introduced technological marvels such as the Eiffel Tower, the telegraph and the mobile phone. They have popularized ice cream cones, hot dogs and tomato ketchup.

One of the hottest showpieces at this year's event is chicken nuggets from Saudi Arabia

Amid the hundreds of national pavilions, the fast food, made by the 47-year-old chain Al Baik, is drawing some

of the longest lines at the fair, which began on Oct. 1.

Al Baik, roughly translated as "The Chief," already has a following across the Muslim world among pilgrims who have visited its branch in Mecca. It has grown to around 130 outlets in the Gulf, including two added in Dubai and Bahrain in the past year. Social-media posts about its chicken nuggets, fries

and burgers are helping to bring visitors to its pop-up site at the Dubai Expo 2020. 'It's all word-of-

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## **Help Really Wanted: Firms Ease Hiring**

#### BY LAUREN WERER AND CHIP CUTTER

U.S. companies are downsizing the hiring process.

Beauty product retailer The Body Shop is dropping educational requirements and background checks for job applicants. United Parcel Service Inc. is making some job offers in as little as 10 minutes. CVS Health Inc. no longer requires college graduates to submit their grades.

In a labor market where job openings outnumber applicants, companies are brainstorming how to get more candidates in the door and to the floor. The hiring overhaul signals a potentially broad rethink of job qualifications, a change that could help millions of people enter jobs previously out of reach, according to economists and workforce experts.

Employers added 531,000 jobs in October and the unemployment rate fell to 4.6% from 4.8%, the Labor Department reported Friday, indicating that companies are filling openings at a faster clip than Please turn to page A8

## Alleged Bribery Case **Roils Mexican Politics**

Opponent of country's president says he is being prosecuted on fabricated charges

#### BY JOSÉ DE CÓRDOBA AND JUAN MONTES

NEW YORK-Three years ago, conservative Mexican politician Ricardo Anaya was running for president, aspiring to spend the next six years issuing orders from the sumptuous presidential residence in Mexico City.

Instead, he found himself recently standing on a crowded New York City street, waiting for an Amazon van to deliver a mattress to a tiny, unfurnished utility apartment with two windows looking out on a brick wall. He wore dark glasses, a surgical mask and a blue baseball cap.

Having placed second in the 2018 election to current Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador, Mr. Anaya recently fled Mexico to escape what he says is a political vendetta by the leftist leader after a bruising presidential campaign.

"Lopez Obrador is authoritarian, he is vengeful, and he wants to destroy me," Mr. Anaya said in his first inter-

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#### Drone attack Attempt to kill Iraq's PM fails

Mustala al-Kathimi, Iraq's tramitional prime minister, holds a meeting with officials hours after his Baghdad home was hit by an explosives-laden drone in an apparent assassination attempt.

The Iraqi military said it was taking "appropriate measures" but did not identify any suspects. Kadhimi was not seriously hurt but the attack has escalated tensions as political parties seek to form a new government following last onth's election.

On Friday, Iran-backed political groups that have refused to accept the election results and view Kadhimi as pro-US attempted to enter Baghdad's Green Zone, sparking violent clashes with security forces.

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## Spread of new cases puts China's zero-Covid policy under strain

#### Beijing retains tight curbs 1,000 infections since mid-October Fears for economic impact

#### THOMAS HALE - HONG KONE

China's efforts to eliminate Covid-19 are coming under mounting pressure, with officials warning of a "grave challenge" in the months ahead and dozens of new cases reported over the weekend.

China's National Health Commission yesterday confirmed 74 new infections for the previous day, of which 50 were locally transmitted. The wave of cases has reached the majority of the country's 31 provinces, in the broadest outbreak since the early days of the Covid-19 pundemic last year.

The figures were released a day after officials at a press conference in Beijing said China would maintain its strict prevention measures even as other countries abandon their arro-Covid policies.

Wo Liangyon, of the National Health Commission, said China faced a "complex and grave challenge this winter and next spring" in managing the virus, because case numbers remained high in neighbouring countries and across the world.

Despite being at the epicentre of the pandemic, China's strict lockdowns and tough border controls have helped keep a tight lid on the virus. New cases slowed to a trickle in mid-2020 and authorities have since reacted swiftly to any prospect of a big outbreak.

Fewer than 5,000 people have died of the virus, official Chinese figures show, while more than 2.5bn vaccine doses have been administered - by far the highest in the world - according to the Financial Times Covid vaccine tracker.

The emergence of the highly infec tions Delta variant, which hit the eastern city of Nanjing in July, led to stringent measures designed to limit its spread, including travel restrictions. Beijing has also tightened controls around the capital before it hosts the Winter Olympics in February.

There are signs of ever harsher con-straints in China, which has reported almost 1,000 new cases since mid-October. Last weekend, tens of thousands of visitors were locked inside Disneyland in Shanghai for mass testing after a case related to the theme park was discovered a day earlier. The gov erroment has also warned households to store food in case of emergencies

China's efforts to control the pas demic have contributed to a broader



Stringent steps are used to put a lid on the virus. Last week thousands of visitors to Disneyland in

Shanghai were

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economic slowdown, with analysts pointing to the impact of the restrictions on consumer spending.

Virus outbreaks have also sent ripples through the global economy. In August, a terminal at Ningbo-Zhoushan port was forced to close for two weeks after an employee tested positive for the virus. The shutdown at one of the world's busiest ports heaped further pressure on stretched shipping routes.

The Chinese economy grew 4.9 per cent in the third quarter, the slowest pace in a year. But data yesterday showed resilience in exports, which also helped drive its rapid recovery from the early stages of the pandemic last year. In dollar terms, exports rose 27 per cent in October year on year. Anjana Ahuja pape 21

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Glasgow COP26 summit this week while the US is yet topass key legislation on climate change -- Pace 2

#### » Top investor sells China tech groups China's leading venture capitalist, Neil Shen, head of

Sequoia Capital China, has sold up to \$215m of shares in three of the country's tech behemothe as Beijing has stepped up regulation of the sector .- PAGE #

#### Nicaragua elections labelled a sham

Voting began in Nicaragua's general elections yesterday in a poll widely seen as a sham after the juiling of opponents by President Daniel Ortega's government. -- PAGE 2



» Gas prices fire up hedge fund's earnings The Miami-based hedge fund Statar Capital recorded a profit of more than \$400m in October alone, partly thanks to the volatility in natural gas prices. - PAGE 6

#### Stellar company results boost US stocks

A tide of forecast-beating results this earnings season has helped propel Wall Street stocks to record highs and cushioned investors from volatility in bond markets.- PAGE 6

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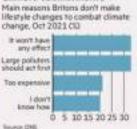
Profits at Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway fell two-thirds in the third quarter compared with the same period last year, but the size of its cashpile hit a record as the veteran investor remained relactant to do big deals at high valuations .- same so

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## Vatican to lose £100m of donations on sale of UK building at heart of scandal

HILES JOHNSON AND GEORGE WANHEND

The Vatican will incur a loss of £100m when it completes the pending sale of a luxurious London office building now at the centre of an international criminal investigation.

The Vatican is in the final stages of selling 60 Sloane Avenue, a building in Lon-don's Knightsbridge district, for around

The building, at one point intended to be converted into luxury apartments, is at the heart of a scandal that has forced the Vatican to overhaul completely the way it manages its finances.

Late last year Pope Francis stripped the Vatican's powerful central administration office of an investment portfolio worth hundreds of millions of euros made up of donations from Catholics. Vatican prosecutors earlier this year

Vatican prosecutors say Mincione's companies made a large profit from investing in the Knightsbridge building. He has denied any wrongdoing, say-

ing the increase in the property's value was justified by audited and independent third-party consultants. He has also said the Vatican was always advised by its own investment banks.

Vatican criminal proceedings against

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of his \$1.2m US infrastructure bill, but his poil numbers are still flagging. The White House has attributed the Democratis' poor performance to Americans being upset by the lingering pandemic and economic matters such as high petrol prices a broad sense of malaise rather than a rebuttal of Biden policies. The question is, what can he do to reverse it? Biden struggles + PAGE 2

Will \$1.2tn legislative win

be Biden's turning point?

President Joe Biden scored a much-

seded win on Friday with the passing

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£200m to private equity group Bain Capital, according to several people familiar with the process. Bain Capital and Savilla, which is managing the sale, both declined to comment.

Senior Holy See officials invested a total of C350m (£300m) of donations in the London building between 2014 and 2018, the Vatican has said, meaning the sale is expected to confirm a loss of around £100m for the Catholic Church.

charged Raffaele Mincione, a former Italian banker, with various crimes including fraud and embezzlement.

Mincione's companies acquired the London building in 2012 for £129m. Two years later a unit of the Vatican managing charitable donations bought a stake in the property via an investment fund founded by Mincione at a far higher valuation. The Vatican acquired the rest of the building in 2018.

**World Markets** 

Mincione and others, including a canlinal, were paused last month and charges against the accused lifted after the Vatican judge requested that the prosecutors provide additional evidence to the defence lawyers. Lawyers acting for Mincione have said

the lifting of the charges means the case against him in the Vatican court is legally and, in effect, "null".

The Vatican has said it disagrees on the status of the proceedings.

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## El Gobierno pone fin a la 'ley mordaza' con 10 grandes cambios

#### El tiempo máximo de

identificación en comisaría se reduce de seis a dos horas

CARLOS E. CUÉ, Madrid

Diez cambios profundos en otros tantos artículos pondrán fin a la parte más dura de la Ley de Seguridad Ciudadana, conoci da como ley mordaza, que aprobó hace seis años el Gobierno de Mariano Rajoy. El texto de las enmiendas que han pactado PSOE y Unidas Podemos, al que ha tenido acceso EL PAÍS, recoge entre otros cambios la protección de los derechos de los mani festantes a través de distintas medidas que suavizan las sanciones previstas en la norma vigen te. La detención para la identificación en comisaría pasará de un máximo de seis horas a dos, no habrá castigo, salvo excepciones, por grabar y difundir imáge nes de una protesta; se regulará el uso de material antidisturbios especialmente agresivo y se incluirán las lenguas cooficiales en el diseño de los nuevos DNI, entre otras medidas.

Rafael Simancas, secretario de Estado de Relaciones con las Cortes, y Enrique Santiago, secretario general del PCE y diputado de Unidas Podemos. han negociado estas enmiendas para registrarlas el próximo micreoles. Ambos partidos han decidido dejar la regulación de las devoluciones en caliente, avaladas por el Constitucional con limitaciones, fuera de esta norma, y llevar las modificaciones a la ley de extranjería. Paosa tó La mera toma y difusión de imágenes en manifestaciones no constituirá infracción

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#### "Tú en San Telmo y yo en Madrid"

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El presidente del Gobierno, Pedro Sánchez, respaldó ayer en Sevilla al recién elegido secretario general del PSOE andaluz, Juan Espadas, al que vaticinó un éxito en las elecciones autonómicas. "Lo vamos a hacer, Juan y yo. Tú en San Telmo", dijo en referencia a la sede de la presidencia de la Junta de Andalucía, "y yo en Madrid", en relación al Palacio de la Moncloa. Pácaia 20

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El currículo de Lengua potencia la expresión oral frente al análisis de oraciones

#### Más comunicación y menos sintaxis

IGNACIO ZAFRA, Vatencia El Gobierno planea un cambio profundo en la manera en que se enseña Lengua Castellana y Literatura en la educación obligatoria (de los seis a los 16 años) y el Bachillerato. El borrador del nuevo currículo pone el acento en desarrollar la capacidad de los alumnos para comunicarse oralmente y por escrito, así como su comprensión lectora, en detrimento del tradicional análisis sintáctico de las oraciones. La enseñanza de la literatura también cambia para evitar que consista en un relato histórico en el que se suceden autores y obras a un ritmo tan rápido que los alumnos no tienem tiempo de leerías. разва 26 El rigor y el análisis arrojan luz sobre los temas que interesan

PHILIP LANE Economista jefe del BCE "Este periodo de inflación es muy inusual y temporal"

LUUIS PELLICER Madrid Philip Lane (Dublin, 52 años). omista jefe del Banco Central Europeo, sostiene que el periodo de recuperación tras la pandemia aún no ha terminado y que habrá "un fuerte creci-miento en 2022". "La productivi-dad de España no se ha visto dañada por la pandemia, así que es una cuestión de recuperar la actividad", señala. Respecto a la inflación, Lane declara: "Es inesperadamente alta en este momento, creemos que caerá el próximo año. Este periodo de inflación es muy inusual y temporal y no es un signo de una situa ción crónica". Pagmas 48 y 49

#### El candidato al Constitucional por el PP hizo asesorías que la ley prohíbe

JAVIER CASQUEIRO, Madrid La ley que regula las incompatibilidades del personal al servicio de las Cortes prohibe expresamente la elaboración de dietimenes o asesorias para las administraciones públicas. El letrado Enrique Arnaldo, candidato del PP al Constitucional, logró la compatibilidad del Congreso para trabajar en su bufete privado y contrató con numerosas administraciones públicas, entre ellas la de Baleares, para hacer informes y dictimenes. Paoa a

#### Las elecciones de Nicaragua se celebran bajo acusaciones de "farsa"

J. GARCIA / W. MIRANDA México / San José (Costa Rica) Nicaragua celebró ayer unas elecciones tildadas de "farsa" por la oposición y por organismos internacionales como la UE. El presidente Daniel Ortega, que busca un cuarto mandato, compitió contra candidatos desconocidos tras haber detenido a aquellos que podrían hucerle sombra. Pasas A





#### GINA FERAZZI Los Angeles Times

#### **OFF AND RUNNING**

Participants make the turn onto 1st Street near City Hall downtown at the three-mile mark during the Los Angeles Marathon on Sunday. Some 13,000 runners took part in the event. **CALIFORNIA, B1** 

## Schools embrace new ways of grading Teachers say pandemic showed flaws of point system

#### By Paloma Esquivel

A few years ago, high school teacher Joshua Moreno got fed up with his grading system, which had become a points game.

Some students accumulated so many points early on that by the end of the term, they knew they didn't need to do more work and could still get an A. Others often those who had to work or care for family members after school — would fail to turn in their homework and fall so far behind that they would just stop trying.

"It was literally inequitable," he said. "As a teacher, you get frustrated, because what you signed up for was for students to learn. And it



## Homeless policy shifts to removal of encampments

L.A. council members have proposed nearly 300 sites for camping ban. But insufficient housing still an issue.

By Benjamin Oreskes and Doug Smith

The city of Los Angeles has undertaken a major shift in its approach to homelessness, one that puts a priority on clearing unsightly street encampments even when insufficient permanent housing exists for the people being moved.

In the last month, City Council members have identified nearly 300 locations where they would like to ban camping under a new law that was passed in August.

There is widespread agreement that the street encampments, which have spread from skid row to almost all parts of the city, are unsafe, unsanitary and inhumane, reflecting a profound societal failure. But there is also a concern that the change in policy elevates politics over need, creating a squeaky-wheel strategy of clearing those street encampments that have become the biggest liabilities to members of the City Council.

It's "just shuffling people all around from location to

location, based on constituent complaints and the political whims of the City Council members," said Shayla Myers, a senior attorney with the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles. "The reality is: Many, many people who are in interim housing fall back onto the streets rather than moving into permanent housing through no fault of their own. There simply is not enough permanent housing available."

But the new course has gained qualified approval from some homeless services providers, who see advantages as long as adequate shelter and services are provided. People are better off in shelters than on the street, they say, and removing whole encampments avoids the dislocation people can experience when they are plucked from street communities to go to an apartment.

The most formal embrace of the policy shift came over the last month, as the council, using the new law, designated 77 sites around L.A. as off-limits to homeless camping. Nine locations were approved Tuesday, five on Wednesday and six more on Friday. About 200 more are coming up for council approval in the coming days and weeks. Councilman Joe

Buscaino leapfrogged all his colleagues by proposing 161 [See Encampments, A8]

## Stoking a furor over critical race theory

GOP's new playbook strikes a chord, raising issues for Democrats.

decades-old academic framework that's become a catch-all term for everything Republicans dislike about diversity initiatives, how schools teach U.S. history and other ripple effects from last year's reckoning on racial injustice ignited by the murder of George Floyd. The issue presents an array of challenges for the president and his party. Stoked by a right-wing media ecosystem that can amplify and distort the debate. it echoes appeals to white grievances that have a tradition of electoral success. Democrats can be hesitant to engage, but ignoring the controversy opens them up to criticism that they're out of touch or dismissive of parental concerns — a sentiment that Glenn Youngkin, a Republican, harnessed in his successful campaign for Virginia governor.

just ended up being a conversation about points all the time."

[See **Grading,** A12]

IRFAN KHAN Los Angeles Times

**JOSHUA MORENO**, an English teacher at Alhambra High School, is among U.S. educators who have ditched the point-based system of measuring student success.

## Prescribed burns vital, but agencies lagging

#### By Alex Wigglesworth

When wildfire burned through a federal research area in Klamath National Forest this summer, scientists were dismayed to see more than 20 years of work go up in smoke.

But when they returned

to the charred study area near California's northern border, they realized they'd been given a unique opportunity.

Although the scientists had set out to understand how the thinning and controlled burning of vegetation could help to quickly regrow large trees, they now had a chance to study another urgent question: Could these same treatments make forests more resilient to wildfire? And specifically, could they moderate fire behavior so that flames are less intense, and firefighters have a better chance of snuffing out a blaze before it barrels into a populated area?

The answer appeared to

be a resounding yes. "In areas where we didn't do anything — the untreated controls — the predominant fire behavior was a crown fire which killed every tree and consumed the entire tree crown," said Eric Knapp, re-[See **Burns**, A7] By Chris Megerian, Melanie Mason and Erin B. Logan

WASHINGTON — During five decades in public life, Joe Biden has confronted, with varying degrees of success, nearly every flash point in American racial politics, from school desegregation to crime crackdowns that disproportionately affected communities of color. When he ran for president last year, he promised to "heal the soul of our nation" that had been inflamed by Donald Trump.

Now, less than one year into his term, Biden is facing a rising furor over education and critical race theory, a

[See Race, A7]

development projects that would

than we respect nature," Dhinde,

22, said of the tribes living on

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climate activist who once worked

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has found international fame for

bringing Africa and the so-called

global south into the conversation.

In Scotland, a woman who guit col-

lege to warn of rising temperatures

and a troubling carbon footprint is

battling politicians and corpora-

tions she accuses of attempting to

co-opt and distort the climate

[See Climate, A4]

Dhinde is part of a surge of

fic-congested, air-polluted city.

'We don't respect anyone more

harm the environment.

#### Rams' Stafford labors against Titans in defeat

Quarterback throws two interceptions, including one returned for a touchdown, in the 28-16 loss. **SPORTS**, **D1** 

#### Despite storms during October, drought persists

Northern California's rainfall is above average, but the state is not out of the woods. CALIFORNIA, B1

#### Vintage Apple-1 heads to auction

Functioning computer hand-built in 1976 by Steve Wozniak, Steve Jobs and others is up for sale. CALIFORNIA, BI

Weather Partly sunny

Partly sunny and cool. L.A. Basin: 69/52. **B6** 

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## Their warning: Stop destroying the planet Young climate activists boldly confront the ways of their elders

By Emily Baumgaertner, Kate Linthicum and Parth M.N.

MUMBAI, India — After the cops showed up in an urban forest and detained Manisha Dhinde, one of them asked her: "What is this fashion of protesting for the environment?"

"It isn't fashion," Dhinde snapped back on that day two years ago. "It is my duty to save trees."

She was opposing plans to cut down 2,700 trees in order to build a metro train car shed on tribal land in Mumbai. That moment galvanized the petite woman with the deep voice, and now she is aiming to work with marginalized communities across her state of Maharashtra to stop or at least reshape



LUCA BRUNO Associated Press

**VANESSA NAKATE,** right, a climate activist from Uganda, is comforted by Greta Thunberg at a summit in Italy in September.

**The World They Inherit** This is the fifth in a series of stories about global youth. They are inheriting a planet of multiplying dangers. The young are more connected than any generation in history, linked at light speed across continents and cultures. Yet they are threatened by the old ways of power. Can they change it?

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## Présidentielle : un automne de grande confusion

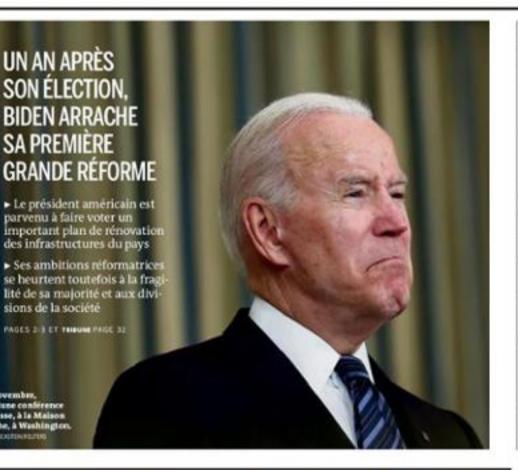
 A cinq mois du premier tour de l'élection présidentielle, le débat politique va de petite phrase en polémique, sans prendre de hauteur

 Les grandes questions qu'avait fait émerger la crise sanitaire et les enjeux de l'époque, comme le climat, sont singulièrement absents

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#### Rencontre Nanni Moretti: « J'ai pu faire ce que je voulais »



En juillet, lors du Festival de Cannes. valle word.ate

«TRE PLANE», le quinzième long-métrage du réalisateur et acteur italien, sort en l'mnce le so novembre. Dans un entretien au « Monde», celui-ci revient sur le parcours qui l'a amerié à pratiquer le «rnitier de ses rèves». Edècrit commert ses parents, «rris libéroux», ont laissé sa socation se dessiner i «libroiont

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#### 13-Novembre Au procès, les parcours de vie des désœuvrés de Molenbeek

La cour d'assises s'est penchée cette semaine sur la personnalité des accusés. faisant apparaître des biographies en pointillé. PAGE 12

Nicaragua Le couple Ortega s'accroche au pouvoir

Une election devait se tenir dimanche dans le pays centraméricain, sur fond de répression de l'opposition et de dientélisme. PAGES 20-22

#### Abus sexuels La «responsabilité institutionnelle de l'Eglise » reconnue

un tviqum de France ont franchi une étape majeure, ven dredi snowembre, en reconnais-sant, dans une déclaration, le « canactère syntémique » des vio-lences sexuelles commises au sein de l'Eglise, réenmenent chiffrées et documentiles de façon implacable par la commission indépendante sur les abus sexuels dans l'Eglise (Clase), présidée par Jean-Marc Sauvi, « Des fonctionnements, des mentalités, des pratiques au sein de l'Eglise catholique ont permis que ces actes se perpétuent », reconnaissent-lin dans ce texte, ajoutant que ce cunatat entraîne un devoir de réparation et de an desor de reparation et de justice ». Cette étape constituait un présidable à l'examen des re-commandations de la Clase, sur lesquelles la hiérarchie ecclésiatique, réunie à Lourdes Jusqu'à ndi, doit désormais se pencher. PAGE 11

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Teresa Gerritsen talks on Thursday about the Dixmoor mayor's response to a water shutoff issue that affected her home. Gerritsen said she went about 10 days without running water at her home before it was restored. **JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE** 

# What went wrong with Dixmoor's water?

How squabbling and crumbling infrastructure left thousands in suburb without 'a human right'

**By Madeline Buckley** and Jade Yan Chicago Tribune

For at least two weeks, Ginger Williams found only a trickle of Williams and thousands of other Dixmoor residents spent much of October without reliable water, a crisis that caused schools and businesses to close, resulted in a weekslong boil order and sent people scrambling to the homes of family and friends — or even hotels — to meet basic needs. Dixmoor, which buys its water from neighboring Harvey, pointed the finger there. Harvey pushed the blame back on Dixmoor. State and county politicians made statements. And for about two weeks, Dixmoor entered into an emergency water agreement with Blue Island as an interim measure.

Water pressure has returned to Dixmoor, for now. But a Tribune review of court and village documents revealed Dixmoor has experienced water problems for at least two years, with little success in rectifying them. aging infrastructure that is prone to leaks and water loss for which residents, nonetheless, still pay. The cost of overhauling the system often outstrips the resources in the towns, many of which are low-income.

Some towns have fallen behind on their water bills and owe millions of dollars to Chicago, which supplies much of the suburban water. In recent years, Chicago has sued at least three towns, including Harvey, for nonpayment of water bills, alleging they moved money from their towns' water funds

## Biden faces key test Nov. 22

Millions of federal employees must get shots under mandate

**By Colleen Long** and Michael R. Sisak Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden is pushing forward with a massive plan to require millions of private sector employees to get vaccinated by early next year. But first, he has to make sure workers in his own federal government get the shot.

About 4 million federal workers are to be vaccinated by Nov. 22 under the president's executive order. Some employees, like those at the White House, are nearly all vaccinated. But the rates are lower at other federal agencies, particularly those related to law enforcement and intelligence, according to the agencies and union leaders. And some resistant workers are digging in, filing lawsuits and protesting what they say is unfair overreach by the White House.

The upcoming deadline is the first test of Biden's push to compel people to get vaccinated. Beyond the federal worker rule, another mandate will take effect in January aimed at around 84 million private sector workers, according to guidelines put out this past week.

On Saturday, a federal appeals court in Louisiana halted the vaccine requirement for businesses with 100 or more workers. The administration says it is confident that the requirement will withstand legal challenges in part because its safety rules preempt state laws. "The president and the administration wouldn't have

water each time she tried to wash her hands. She lived two weeks without a shower in her home. Two weeks without being able to flush the toilet.

"It's horrible and embarrassing," said Williams, 51, who has lived in south suburban Dixmoor since 1971. Village officials were aware as early as 2019 about leaks that caused their water bill to balloon, according to village meeting minutes, but efforts to locate the leaks faltered amid disagreements among Dixmoor officials.

The small town is just one of many south suburbs beset with

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A rendering of the proposed \$1.6 billion Bally's Chicago casino, hotel and entertainment complex at the site of the Chicago Tribune Freedom Center at Chicago Avenue and Halsted Street. **SOLOMON CORDWELL BUENZ** 

## Lightfoot's bet on casino proposals will be one of most consequential

City officials examining the pros, cons of 5 bids

By Robert Channick, Dan Petrella and John Byrne Chicago Tribune

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot is looking at five proposals from three firms vying to run Chicago's casino. Now it's almost time for her to show her hand.

City officials are sifting through the bids, including one from Hard Rock International that would set the gambling emporium in a massive mixed-use project, One Central, which developers hope to build over train tracks west of Soldier Field. City Hall staff members are tasked with recommending to the mayor which casino plan she should present to aldermen for approval.

But it will ultimately be up to Lightfoot to make that call — one of the most consequential she will face as mayor as the city, also facing the Chicago Bears' potential move from Soldier Field, counts on tax revenue from the mega-complex to help plug its enormous public pension funding holes.

If a majority of the City Council gives her preferred plan the thumbs-up, it will then head to the Illinois Gaming Board for an up-or-down vote on whether to award a license to the developer of a Chicago casino.

Lightfoot on Friday said she would "like to get a finalist to

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## RITTENHOUSE TRIAL Lone survivor in shooting expected to take stand

Set to describe painful night of chaos, gunfire

By Christy Gutowski and Stacy St. Clair Chicago Tribune

KENOSHA — The Kyle Rittenhouse trial resumes Monday with key testimony expected from Gaige Grosskreutz, a medic who was shot trying to stop the teenager from fleeing the scene after killing two men.

Of the three people shot by Rittenhouse, Grosskreutz was the only one to survive. It's anticipated his appearance on the witness stand will put a human face on what has so far been a video-heavy case that centers around very technical legal questions.

He may also offer the prosecution its best chance at debunking the defense team's pretrial claims that all three men shot that night in August 2020 were rioters or arsonists.

Grosskreutz, a trained paramedic from suburban Milwaukee, had traveled to Kenosha to provide medical assistance to people protesting the shooting of Jacob Blake, a Black man, by a white police officer. Like Rittenhouse, he carried a gun and provided first aid to people injured during the demonstrations.

But unlike Rittenhouse — a 17-year-old lifeguard who misled people about his age and emergency medical technician certification — Grosskreutz was old enough to carry the firearm in public and was certified as an EMT.

The defense has not introduced any evidence that suggests Grosskreutz participated in illegal or violent activities before the shooting. Lead defense attorney Mark Richards, however, has publicly said the men Rittenhouse shot were rioters, a characterization that sparked a sharp rebuke from several victims' rights

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## 2 from Naperville killed at concert

Two college students from the Chicago suburb were among those who died during Travis Scott's performance at a festival in Houston. **News 3** 

#### Bears vs. Steelers: What to watch for

The Bears will try to break a three-game losing streak tonight. Coach Matt Nagy spoke of "urgency" as the team prepared. **Chicago Sports** 



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## **2 INTs lift Giants** in upset over Las Vegas

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ABOUT Adams aims to end school mask mandate PAGES 8 & 9

C'mon, kid, smile! Mayor-elect Eric Adams is hoping to end the school mask mandate, noting, "Not being able to see the smiles of our children, I believe there has [to be] a major impact" on them

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