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The U.S. and other countries plan to tap their national strategic petroleum reserves in an attempt to bring down gasoline prices that have become a sore spot with motorists and a big contributor to inflation, Biden said. A1

◆ **Apple sued NSO Group**, an Israeli maker of surveillance software, alleging the company misused its products and services, escalating a battle over surveillance and user privacy. **A1**

◆ **Biden's decision to reappoint Powell as Fed chairman** and elevate Brainard signals continuity on monetary policy but leaves open questions on the direction the central bank will take in regulating Wall Street. **A4**

◆ **Musk's tax bill** on exercised Tesla stock options fell with the decline in the company's stock price after the CEO tweeted about selling some of his holdings. **B1**

◆ **Theranos founder Elizabeth Holmes**, testifying at her criminal-fraud trial, took aim at the most serious allegations made against her by prosecutors. **B4**

◆ **The S&P 500 and Dow** gained 0.2% and 0.5%, respectively, while the Nasdaq retreated 0.5%. **B13**

◆ **The Justice Department** filed an antitrust lawsuit challenging U.S. Sugar's proposed purchase of Imperial, arguing the tie-up would lead to higher prices. **B13**

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◆ **A jury in Cleveland** found that the companies that own CVS, Walgreens and Walmart pharmacies were liable for contributing to the opioid epidemic in two Ohio counties—the first, potentially influential verdict among many lawsuits filed against pharmacy chains. **A1**

◆ **NASA was poised** to launch a space probe designed to deflect a distant asteroid, a practice run for future efforts to protect Earth from collisions with asteroids and comets. **A1**

◆ **The White House** intends to nominate Shalanda Young as director of the Office of Management and Budget. **A4**

◆ **Prosecutors said** a sixth person, a child, had died as a result of the Waukesha, Wis., parade suspect's actions and that they would seek another count of first-degree intentional homicide. **A3**

◆ **The Biden administration** will remove former Colombian rebel group FARC from a list of foreign terrorist organizations. **A7**

◆ **Died: Chun Doo-hwan**, 90, ex-South Korean dictator. **A16**

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Thanksgiving Travel Soars as Holiday Gatherings Rebound



IN THE BAG: At Denver International Airport and around the country, travelers set out for the Thanksgiving holiday on Tuesday. AAA has forecast that 4.2 million people will fly between Wednesday and Sunday, up from 2.3 million in 2020. **A2**

CVS, Walgreens and Walmart Found Liable in Opioid Case

By Kris Maher

A federal jury in Cleveland found on Tuesday that the companies that own CVS, Walgreens and Walmart pharmacies were liable for contributing to the opioid epidemic in two Ohio counties—the first, potentially influential verdict among many lawsuits filed against pharmacy chains.

In the suit, attorneys for Lake and Trumbull counties in northeastern Ohio had argued the chains failed to stop pain

-pills from flooding the counties and false prescriptions from being filled. The counties argued that by enabling the opioid crisis the pharmacy companies had created a public nuisance costing them each about \$1 billion in law-enforcement, social-services and court expenses.

The companies argued that they had tried to stop pills from being illegally diverted and followed procedures required by federal and state regulators. They said others

were to blame in the crisis—and that the counties had failed to show that the pharmacies played a major role in the epidemic.

The verdict, delivered after a six-week trial, came in a bellwether case that was closely watched by attorneys elsewhere. Similar cases across the country continue to play out against pharmaceutical manufacturers and distributors, but Tuesday's verdict was the first against deep-pocketed pharmacy chains.

Bellwether cases typically don't carry precedential weight, but are often used by lawyers on similar cases around the country as a guidepost for settlement talks.

All three companies said they planned to appeal, arguing that Ohio's public-nuisance law had been incorrectly applied in the case.

The jury assessed only liability in the case. U.S. District Judge Dan Polster, who oversaw the trial, will determine

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Voter Fraud Claims Test Republicans

Trump's false assertion that he won the election is a litmus test for GOP candidates

WASHINGTON—Former President Donald Trump's yearlong campaign falsely claiming he won the 2020 election and demanding re-election is turning voter fraud

By Michael G. Bender, Alexa Corse and Joshua Jamerson

into a litmus test for Republican candidates seeking office as the party seeks to reclaim the House and Senate in 2022.

Mr. Trump has told advisers the issue will help the party win control of Congress

next year and win back the White House in 2024. He has privately floated the possibility of an early presidential campaign announcement to underscore the message to conservative voters.

Many Republican candidates have fallen in line. Some have refused to concede defeats from 2020—and, like Mr. Trump, used fraud claims to raise money. Others seeking office have tailored their campaign messages to echo Mr. Trump's claim that he won to avoid facing a backlash from

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Crisis Deepens For Turkey

The country's currency plunged Tuesday, putting new pressure on Erdogan. **A7**

How many Turkish lira \$1 buys



Note: Scale inverted to show changes in the strength of the lira. Source: Tullett Prebon

Apple Accuses Firm Of Illegal iPhone Hacking in Lawsuit

By Robert McMillan

Apple Inc. has sued NSO Group, an Israeli maker of surveillance software, alleging the company misused its products and services, escalating a battle over surveillance and user privacy.

The lawsuit alleges that NSO Group engaged in "concerted efforts in 2021 to target and attack Apple customers, Apple products and servers and Apple through dangerous malware and spyware," and seeks to bar NSO Group from using Apple's products.

Critics and privacy advocates for years have alleged

that NSO Group and similar firms sell hacking tools to governments with poor track records on human rights, allegations the company has denied. The Israeli firm has developed hacking techniques to install its surveillance software, called Pegasus, on Apple's mobile phones without a user's knowledge or consent, according to security researchers. Pegasus, they said, turns the iPhone into a silent spying device by gaining access to the device's files, messages, microphone and camera.

Apple's lawsuit, filed Tuesday in the U.S. District Court

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NASA Probe Aims to Smash Into Asteroid

By Robert Lee Hotz

The first planetary defense mission was expected to take to the skies early Wednesday, when the National Aeronautics and Space Administration planned to launch a space probe designed to deflect a distant asteroid in a test of technology that might one day save the world.

The \$324 million Double Asteroid Redirection Test, or DART, mission—a practice run for future efforts to protect Earth from collisions with asteroids and comets—is scheduled to launch aboard a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket at 1:21 a.m. EST from Vandenberg Space Force Base in California. Next fall, after a journey of more than 6 million miles, the

probe is set to crash at 15,000 miles an hour into Dimorphos, a tiny moonlet that orbits a larger asteroid called Didymos.

Mission planners expect the high-speed impact to alter the trajectory of the binary asteroid, which isn't believed to pose a threat.

"For the first time, humanity will change the motion of a

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Tricks for Vaccinating Children: Jugglers, Treats, Superhero Garb

Distractions, rewards help soothe woeful cries over Covid-19 shots

By Jimmy Vielkind

Pharmacies in the U.S. have aisles of bandages, cold medicine and toiletries. Now, expect to see aisles of screaming children.

Millions of children ages 5 to 11 are in line for Covid-19 vaccine shots, and many aren't

happy about it.

"These are not willing participants, for the most part," said Beverly Schaefer, owner of Katterman's Sand Point Pharmacy in Seattle. She was one of the first pharmacists in the U.S. to give immunizations, and since 1996 has

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Fighting talk Erdogan war cry hurts lira

The lira plunged up to 15 per cent yesterday — worse than at the peak of Turkey's currency crisis in 2018 — after President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, right, declared that his country was fighting an "economic war of independence".

His comments in a speech on Monday night, in which he expressed pleasure at last week's cut in interest rates, fuelled the latest drop in the currency, which is down more than 40 per cent against the dollar this year.

Erdogan said Turkey would not give in to the "opportunists" and "global financial acrobats" calling for interest rate rises, despite warnings from economists that the cut would further stoke an annual inflation rate of 20 per cent. "Economic war" page 12



Biden's bid to tame oil prices with 50m barrels from reserves falls flat

◆ Release from strategic stockpile ◆ Crude benchmark rises ◆ Fears of Opec retaliation

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Joe Biden has approved the release of oil from the US strategic stockpile in an attempt to curtail an oil market rally that the White House says threatens the global economic recovery.

The White House said the president was authorising the release of 50m barrels of oil — about 2.5 days' worth of US oil consumption — "over the coming months" in a move co-ordinated with China, India, Japan, South Korea and the UK.

But an effort to drive down oil prices that have doubled in the past year appeared to backfire. International crude benchmark Brent rose more than 2 per cent, to trade at about \$81.40 a barrel yesterday morning in London.

Biden linked the release to efforts to tame sharply rising inflation, saying Americans were "feeling the impact" of higher petrol prices. Companies were also being hit "because oil supply has not kept up with demand as the global economy emerges from the pandemic".

Saudi Arabia, Russia and other members of the so-called Opec+ group of oil exporters have rebuffed repeated US pleas to increase supply.

Oil prices rose as traders calculated that the total volume to be released would be less than expected and that Opec+ could retaliate by holding back more oil than planned. Opec did not respond to requests for comment.

It is the largest release of crude oil from the US Strategic Petroleum Reserve — an emergency stockpile cre-

ated in the wake of the 1970s oil crises — since the civil war in Libya caused a rise in crude prices in 2011.

Analysts said it was unlikely to have the impact on prices that Biden had hoped for and that it was a misuse of the emergency reserve.

"A co-ordinated raid of emergency stockpiles absent a geopolitical disruption — and intended to influence global oil prices — is a fateful energy policy precedent that is likely to backfire," said Bob McNally, head of Rapid Energy Group and a former adviser to the George W Bush White House.

The UK will release 1.5m barrels and India 5m barrels. Volumes from other countries have not yet been confirmed. The US will release 32m barrels "over the next several months" as part of an



The release from US stocks was co-ordinated with moves by China, India, Japan, the UK and South Korea

exchange allowing it to replenish the stocks later. The other 18m barrels to be released involve an accelerated sale of oil already authorised by Congress and expected by the market.

Biden is facing growing pressure to tame petrol prices — up 60 per cent in the past 12 months — and other sources of high inflation, which have hit the approval ratings of both the president and other Democrats in Congress heading into next year's midterm elections.

Senior officials said they had made clear their "preference" for producing nations to take action but that they were ready to respond without them.

Additional reporting by Jim Pickard in London, Myles McCormick in New York and Amy Kazmin in New Delhi
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Brainard's views put Fed working harmony to test

Lael Brainard, picked by Joe Biden for Fed vice-chair on Monday, is seen as one of the most talented Democratic policymakers of her generation. She is favoured by progressives for seeking to safeguard financial regulation and has called for patience in monetary tightening. Those views might set her apart from her boss, Jay Powell, and will test what was presented by the president as his top team for the Fed.

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China slams 'extravagant pleasure' of fandom by reining in celebrity culture

WILLIAM LANGLEY — HONG KONG
EDWARD WHITE — ROTTERDAM

Chinese regulators have intensified a crackdown on celebrities and their fans on the grounds that online hordes create "chaos" and promote "extravagant pleasure".

The Cyberspace Administration of China released a set of rules to regulate celebrities, as well as their advertising and fan groups, as part of President Xi Jinping's drive to reform social values.

The CAC lambasted "the supremacy of [internet] traffic" and "abnormal aesthetics" for deteriorating "mainstream values" in Chinese society.

The rules could ban fan-run pages with tens of millions of followers that have proliferated online and clashed with Beijing's campaign to reshape youth culture by promoting equality

and "common prosperity". Fan groups must now be managed by professional celebrity agents. The number of times celebrities and their associated works or products can appear on web pages will also be limited.

The rules are designed to tackle the problems posed by "fandom", the millions of devout followers of Asian celebrities who gather in fan armies online.

Experts believe Chinese authorities are concerned by the fan groups' capacity for organisation and social action.

Online platforms are also restricted from promoting celebrities caught up in illegal and unethical behaviour, in effect barring comebacks after public disgrace.

Beijing's campaign to orchestrate greater control over the cultural industries has intensified since Xi's "common prosperity" drive was articulated in August. It has already targeted several

prominent stars, such as former Prada ambassador Zheng Shuang, and has also forced South Korean entertainment companies to pivot from China, previously their core growth market.

Enforcing the measures will be difficult, even in China, according to analysts. Local entertainment companies have experience navigating the thorny landscape of fast-changing regulations and censorship. Still, the CAC directed authorities to "conduct real-time monitoring" on celebrity accounts.

The regulator also instructed local branches to create a watchlist documenting celebrities who promote undesirable values, echoing calls by Beijing to rein in what it sees as effeminate portrayals of men in popular culture.

Additional reporting by Hudson Lockett in Hong Kong and Maigui Ding in Beijing
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S&P 500	4663.74	4682.94	-0.29	\$ per £	1.126	1.125	£ per \$	0.740	0.740
Nasdaq Composite	11681.39	11684.76	-0.09	\$ per €	1.337	1.340	€ per \$	1.187	1.192
Dow Jones Ind	35655.26	35619.25	0.10	¥ per \$	0.843	0.850	¥ per £	129.525	129.047
FTSE Europe 300	1866.26	1878.78	-1.29	¥ per \$	114.995	114.745	£ index	82.109	82.148
Euro Stoxx 50	4202.95	4208.69	-0.15	¥ per €	153.737	153.758	SFR per £	1.247	1.248
FTSE 100	7286.69	7256.46	0.15	SFR per €	1.050	1.048			
FTSE All-Share	4144.90	4147.35	-0.06	£ per \$	0.888	0.888			
CAC 40	7044.62	7106.00	-0.85						
Nikkei 225	15657.09	16115.69	-1.11						
Hang Seng	24451.58	24261.34	-1.20						
MSCI World \$	3201.49	3219.90	-0.57	Oil WTI \$	78.29	76.75	2.01		
MSCI EM \$	1281.56	1289.22	-0.60	Oil Brent \$	81.89	79.70	2.87		
MSCI ACWI \$	750.57	754.92	-0.58	Gold \$	1789.15	1816.05	-1.48		

INTEREST RATES				
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US Gov 10 yr	147.78	1.66	0.05	
UK Gov 10 yr		0.91	0.02	
Ger Gov 10 yr		-0.22	0.08	
Jpn Gov 10 yr	115.17	0.07	0.03	
US Gov 30 yr	119.68	2.01	0.07	
Ger Gov 30 yr	104.90	-0.75	0.01	

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Fed Funds Eff	0.28	0.08	0.20	
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Verdicts in Charlottesville
Mixed — Deadlock on
Federal Charges

By NEIL MACFARQUHAR
CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Jurors on Tuesday found the main organizers of the deadly far-right rally in Charlottesville, Va., in 2017 liable under state law for injuries to counterprotesters, awarding more than \$25 million in damages. But the jury deadlocked on two federal conspiracy charges.

Still, the verdict was a clear rebuke of the defendants — a mix of white nationalists, neo-Nazis and Confederate sympathizers. They were found under Virginia law to have engaged in a conspiracy that led to injuries during the rally. The "Unite the Right" march began as a demonstration over the removal of a Confederate statue and led to the death of the counterprotester Heather Heyer, 32, when she was struck by a car driven by one of the defendants.

The civil suit, heard in U.S. District Court in Charlottesville, was filed by four men and five women, including four of the people who were injured when Ms. Heyer was killed. The plaintiffs, whose inju-



Violent clashes at the 2017 rally in Charlottesville, Va.

ries included concussions and a shattered leg, testified that they suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder, insomnia, the inability to concentrate, flashbacks and panic attacks.

All sought compensatory and unspecified punitive damages, including payment for medical costs as well as \$3 million to \$10 million for pain and suffering depending on the degree of their injuries.

The most prominent defendants included Richard Spencer, once seen as the leader of the alt-right in the United States; Jason Kessler, who organized the event; and Christopher Cantwell, a vocal neo-Nazi podcaster who is al-

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New York City to Extend Right To Vote to 800,000 Noncitizens

By JEFFERY C. MAYS and ANNIE CORREALE

For decades, lawmakers and immigrant advocates in New York City have pushed for legislation that would allow legal residents who are not citizens to vote in municipal elections, a right they had in school board elections until the boards were abolished in the early 2000s.

Now city lawmakers are moving to make noncitizen voting a reality — over the objections of Mayor Bill de Blasio.

The City Council is planning to approve a bill that would allow more than 800,000 noncitizen New Yorkers to register as members of political parties and vote in municipal elections, provided they are green card holders or have the right to work in the



A teacher showing immigrant students how to weld at Bildungskreis Handwerk, a regional training hub in Dortmund, Germany.

Retail Chains Found at Fault In Opioid Crisis

By JAN HOFFMAN

A federal jury in Cleveland on Tuesday found that three of the nation's largest pharmacy chains — CVS Health, Walmart and Walgreens — had substantially contributed to the crisis of opioid overdoses and deaths in two Ohio counties, the first time the retail segment of the drug industry has been held accountable in the decades-long epidemic.

After hearings in the spring, the trial judge will determine how much each company should pay the counties.

The verdict — the first from a jury in an opioid case — was encouraging to plaintiffs in thousands of lawsuits nationwide because they are all relying on the same legal strategy: that pharmaceutical companies contributed to a "public nuisance," a claim that plaintiffs contend covers the public health crisis created by opioids.

The public nuisance argument was rejected twice this month, by judges in California and Oklahoma in state cases against opioid manufacturers. The judges found that according to the specifics of their own states' public nuisance laws, the companies' activities were too removed from the overdoses and deaths and that the

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As Price of Gas Climbs, Biden Taps Oil Reserves

This article is by Zolan Kanno-Youngs, Stanley Reed and Jim Tankersley.

The United States and five other world powers announced a coordinated effort to tap into their national oil stockpiles on Tuesday, attempting to drive down rising gas prices that have angered consumers around the world.

The move appeared to underwhelm oil traders, who had been expecting President Biden to announce a larger release from America's Strategic Petroleum Reserve, which is the biggest in the world with 620 million barrels. The price of a barrel of crude oil actually rose after the announcement in global trading, although administration officials said prices could fall in coming weeks.

Hoping to Drive Down Costs for the Holiday Travel Season

The market reaction underscored the difficulties Mr. Biden faces, both politically and economically, in his efforts to react to the fastest increase in U.S. inflation in three decades. The president has seen his approval ratings slump as gas and food prices have risen, while Republicans have launched a steady series of attacks blaming Democrats.

Mr. Biden has shifted his messaging on the issue in recent weeks, in hopes of showing consumers he understands their fi-

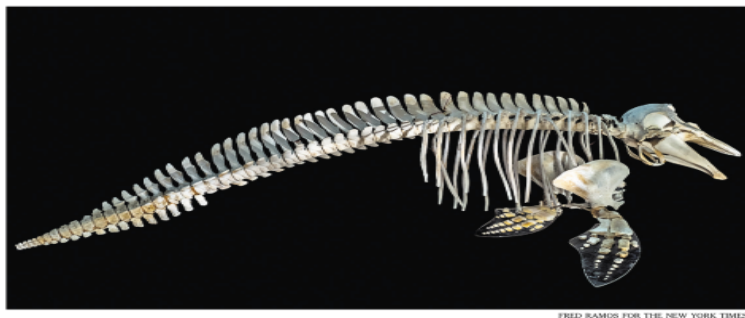
nancial pain. On Tuesday at the White House, he cast the release of oil from the strategic reserve as an important step toward lowering fuel costs for drivers at the start of the holiday travel season.

"Today we're launching a major effort to moderate the price of oil, an effort that will span the globe and ultimately reach your corner gas station, God willing," Mr. Biden said.

"While our combined actions will not solve the problem with high gas prices overnight, they will make a difference," he said. "It will take time, but before long you should see the price of gas drop where you fill up your tank."

Earlier on Tuesday, administration officials said Mr. Biden had ordered the Energy Department to tap into 50 million barrels of

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On Brink of Extinction

A vaquita skeleton. The type of porpoise, found off Mexico, numbered 10 at last count. Page A4.

Lies, Agitation and Despair Filled Epstein's Final Days in Jail

This article is by Benjamin Weiser, Matthew Goldstein, Danielle Ivory and Steve Eder.

The disgraced financier, jailed in Manhattan on federal sex trafficking charges involving teenage girls, was found unconscious on the floor of his cell one morning in July 2019, a strip of bedsheet tied around his bruised neck.

In the hours and days that followed that suicide attempt, Jeffrey Epstein would claim to be liv-

ing a "wonderful life," denying any thoughts of ending it, even as he sat on suicide watch and faced daunting legal troubles.

"I have no interest in killing myself," Mr. Epstein told a jailhouse psychologist, according to Bureau of Prisons documents that have not previously been made public. He was a "coward" and did not like pain, he said. "I would not do that to myself."

But two weeks later, he did just that: He died in his cell on Aug. 10, 2019, in the Metropolitan Correc-

Federal Records Show an Anxious Inmate and Poor Oversight

tional Center, having hanged himself with a bedsheet, the medical examiner ruled.

After a life of manipulation, Mr. Epstein created illusions until the very end, deceiving correctional

officers, counselors and specially trained inmates assigned to monitor him around the clock, according to the documents — among more than 2,000 pages of Federal Bureau of Prisons records obtained by The New York Times after filing a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit.

The detailed notes and reports compiled by those who interacted with Mr. Epstein during his 36 days of detention show how he re-

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Tainted elections in Venezuela showed how the president can win by excluding and splitting opponents. PAGE A5

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Sika Henry is the first Black woman in the U.S. to achieve pro status. PAGE B8



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New York City will no longer work with a nonprofit running homeless shelters over reports of mismanagement and its chief's yearly \$1 million pay. PAGE A14

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Artists and developers are repurposing neglected buildings in once-bustling neighborhoods, bringing spaces for the arts, affordable housing and small businesses under one roof. PAGE B1

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Chinese officials insist a missing tennis star is fine and free, and they're used to such an assertion being enough. But there are higher standards of evidence beyond the country's borders. PAGE B1

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Bavarian charm, Christmas knick-knacks and all-you-can-eat restaurants draw people every holiday season to the streets of Frankenmuth, Mich. PAGE D1





AN OVERFLOW crowd watches through a window last week as the Placentia-Yorba Linda school district board holds a three-hour session to discuss a proposal to ban classroom teaching of critical race theory. **ROBERT GAUTHIER** Los Angeles Times

Yes, no or 'huh?' in talk of critical race theory

One O.C. school district finds concept tough to define

By HAYLEY SMITH

Inside a wood-clad meeting room in Orange County, five school board members sat before a sign-waving, opinionated crowd. For more than three hours, the trustees listened, debated and asked questions as they tried to decide whether to ban classroom teaching on a hard-to-define topic not taught in their schools: critical race theory.

The board members of the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District had even turned to the trusted pages of the Encyclopedia Britannica, copying the entry for critical race theory into a public resolution that could become the legal policy of the district.

"I don't think that this definition is really good," trustee Marilyn Anderson said after reading the dense entry. "I think it needs to be really specific. It

"There's so much left up in the air about what it even is. If we can't even come to an agreement about what it is, then how can we ban it?"

— RAQUEL FLEISCHMAN, mother of three students

needs to spell out the specific theories that we do not want taught in our district — like that the United States is fundamentally or systemically racist."

At the end of a long night, the board postponed the vote. But what emerged during their session revealed far more than angst over a "yes" or "no" vote on whether to ban critical race theory. Their meeting offered an up-close look at how an advanced academic concept has been transformed into a politicized slogan framing uncomfortable discussions about how to teach race, racism and equity in schools — and how the quest to define it inside a suburban school board meeting can be a minefield.

Critical race theory is a university-level academic lens for examining how racial inequality and racism are historically embedded in legal systems, policies and institutions in America and is not generally taught

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ANOTHER COVID-19 WINTER?

Families gather for holiday as virus surges

By JAWEED KALEEM AND EMILY BAUMGAERTNER

Millions of Americans will return to the Thanksgiving table this week for the first time in two years, with vaccines and boosters in their arms and rapid tests at their disposal.

But as the holiday season kicks off and temperatures approach freezing across much of the nation, families are huddling indoors at a time COVID-19 is accelerating at a disturbing pace. After steadily dropping over the last months, the seven-day national average of new coronavirus cases has increased by 18%, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said this week.

Cases are surging in the frigid Upper Midwest, with hospitals in Michigan — where infections have increased by 67% in the last two weeks — nearing capacity. In New England, where vaccination rates beat the national average of 59%, outbreaks are appearing in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont as immunity wanes. In New Mexico, Santa Fe Public Schools went back to remote learning on Tuesday after an uptick in coronavirus cases. California is urging residents to not let their guard down despite the state having one of the lowest infection rates in the country

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Uneven uptake of pediatric vaccine

By LUKE MONEY AND RONG-GONG LIN II

Early demand for the COVID-19 vaccine for young children has been startlingly uneven in California, with some areas embracing the shots and others much slower to accept them, a Times data analysis has found.

It's a pattern that has experts concerned and could have serious implications for how a coronavirus winter surge could spread through various regions of the state.

In San Francisco, 30% of 5- to 11-year-olds have received one shot since the vaccination was authorized for the age group three weeks ago. In Santa Clara County, home to Silicon Valley, the figure is 28%, and in Marin County, once a hotbed of antivaccination sentiment, it's an astonishing 46%, according to a Times analysis of state data.

Those rates are well above the national rate of 12% and the statewide rate of 13%.

Los Angeles and Orange counties also report that 12% of kids in the age group are partially vaccinated; San Diego County reports 13%, and Ventura County, 10%.

Yet uptake of vaccines for kids is lagging across inland California, with rates of 5% in San Bernardino and Kern counties, 6% in

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Her promised desert resort turned out to be just a mirage

A Beijing real estate broker lived a lavish lifestyle funded by a nonexistent project.

By MICHAEL FINNEGAN

Serena Shi's taste for luxury seemed insatiable.

She spent \$133,000 on clothes at Valentino. Her two Mercedes-Benzes — a sports car and an SUV — cost \$294,000.

Shi's bills at a Beverly

Hills "lifestyle design" business that advises clients on wardrobe, cosmetics and high-end shopping hit nearly \$800,000. A travel concierge service that caters to the jet set charged her \$2.2 million for trips around the world.

Those trappings of the high life were gone when Shi, 37, shuffled into a federal courtroom in Los Angeles one recent afternoon wearing a beige jail jumpsuit with clanking chains dangling from her wrist and ankle shackles.

Speaking through a Mandarin interpreter, Shi admitted that she'd duped scores of investors in China into making \$23 million in down payments on condos in California. They thought they were buying units in a trendy resort that Shi was supposedly building on a 47-acre patch of desert in Coachella. The project never broke ground.

Shi, who ran a Beijing real estate firm with an office in Beverly Hills, confessed to siphoning the money to cov-

[See Shi, A8]

GRAMMY NOMINATIONS



ABC via Getty Images; JOSH BRASTED Film Magic; ALLEN J. SCHABEN Los Angeles Times
SWEET NEWS for Olivia Rodrigo, from left, whose "Sour" is up for album of the year, one of her seven nods. "The Late Show" bandleader Jon Batiste surprisingly leads the field with 11 nominations. Doja Cat has earned eight.

It's a compilation with something for everyone

With no clear favorite heading into the voting, the Recording Academy picks an eclectic mix

MIKAEL WOOD
POP MUSIC CRITIC

Seventy-seven years separate the oldest and the youngest artist nominated for the flagship prize at the 64th Grammy Awards, nominations for which were announced Tuesday morning by the Recording Academy.

At the upper end: 95-year-old Tony Bennett, who earned a nod for album of the year with "Love for Sale," his and

Lady Gaga's collaborative tribute to the music of Cole Porter. And at the lower: 18-year-old Olivia Rodrigo, in the hunt for the same award with her smash pop debut, "Sour."

The three-quarters of a century between the two singers is the largest age spread in Grammys history — and yet it's far from the only example of the academy's eagerness to anoint new stars even as it celebrates established talent. A year after the music industry's most prominent trade

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SNUBS, SURPRISES AND MORE

BTS and Taylor Swift come up short, but ABBA and Justin Bieber get some love from voters. Classic crooner Tony Bennett makes history. **CALENDAR**

Rebuke of violence at 2017 rally

In mixed verdict, jury awards \$25 million in damages against white nationalist leaders at the Charlottesville, Va., event. **NATION, A4**

Bigger LAPD budget approved Police Commission supports 12% increase and more officers amid a surge in violent crime. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

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Top-ranked Gonzaga's Drew Timme, left, battles Jules Bernard in UCLA's 83-63 loss. **SPORTS, B10**

BUSINESS INSIDE: High gas prices are hitting heavy-duty pickup truck owners hard. **A10**



D.C. sees its 200th homicide of 2021

Highest toll in 18 years adds to debate over how to reimagine policing

BY PETER HERMANN

The District on Monday recorded its 200th homicide this year, the first time that symbolic threshold of deadly violence has been reached in the nation's capital since 2003.

A man was fatally shot at a gas station in Southeast Washington just after 10:15 p.m., becoming the latest victim of months of rising violence that has frustrated and angered city leaders and residents. Police identified him as Dawann Saunders, 30, of Maryland.

Homicides rose in 29 major U.S. cities through September compared with the same period last year, according to the Council on Criminal Justice, a Washington-based institute.

Killings across the country spiked nearly 30 percent in 2020, the FBI has said. Baltimore surpassed 300 killings for the seventh consecutive year, and homicides

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White supremacists found liable in Va.



Plaintiffs attorneys Karen Dunn, left, and Roberta Kaplan emerge from the Charlottesville federal courthouse after a jury found white supremacists liable for the Unite the Right rally in 2017, ordering them to pay victims of the violence that took place during the event.

\$26 MILLION IN DAMAGES ORDERED

Jury: Charlottesville rally figures conspired to harm

BY ELLIE SILVERMAN, IAN SHAPIRA, TOM JACKMAN AND JOHN WOODROW COX

CHARLOTTESVILLE — More than a dozen of the nation's most prominent white supremacists and hate groups conspired to intimidate, harass or commit acts of violence during 2017's deadly Unite the Right rally, according to a jury that also decided the men and their racist organizations should pay \$26 million in damages.

The 11 jurors couldn't come to an agreement on two federal conspiracy claims, but they found that every defendant — including former alt-right leader Richard Spencer, rally organizer Jason Kessler and Christopher Cantwell, dubbed the "crying Nazi" after sharing a video of himself weeping — was liable under Virginia law.

"We think that is a resounding verdict today and frankly a good sign for the future on the remaining counts," plaintiffs attorney Karen Dunn said, referring to the allegations that the men conspired to commit racially motivated violence and failed to stop it — SEE CHARLOTTESVILLE ON A18

Biden taps reserve to blunt high gas prices

BY JEFF STEIN, ANNIE LINSKEY, STEVEN MUFSON AND KAREN DEYOUNG

President Biden on Tuesday said he was releasing some U.S. oil reserves, part of a multilateral effort the White House is leading to reduce global prices.

Gas prices have risen markedly this year, though they have mostly hovered for the past month. Still, the White House is under growing political pressure to address high energy prices at a time when millions of Americans are preparing to gas up and drive somewhere for Thanksgiving dinner.

Tapping the strategic pool of petroleum, which is an effort to create more supply of oil and push down prices, is one of the most dramatic steps available to the White House as it tries to reduce costs for consumers. Biden's announcement marks the second White House move in a week to try to publicly address gas prices. Last week, he called on the Federal Trade Commission to investigate whether oil companies were improperly raising prices to rip off consumers.

"We're launching a major effort to moderate the price of oil, an effort that will span the globe and its reach and ultimately reach your corner gas station," Biden

SEE GAS PRICES ON A16

After 43 years in prison, Missouri man exonerated

BY TIMOTHY BELLA

CAMERON, MO. — For the first time in more than four decades in prison, Kevin Strickland allowed himself to make a wish list of all the things he would do if he were to be exonerated for a triple murder he has long said he did not commit.

There are two places that Strickland — a 62-year-old Black man convicted by an all-White jury in 1979 and sentenced to life in prison without the chance of parole for 50 years — hopes to

Wrongful conviction one of the longest-standing in nation's history

see: the ocean, which he has never visited in person, and his mother's grave.

"If we don't stop at the gravesite first, I'm going to get out of the car and I'm going to try to make it there on my hands and



Kevin Strickland, 62, was released from prison after a judge exonerated him Tuesday.

knees," Strickland told The Washington Post.

Strickland will get that opportunity.

A judge on Tuesday exonerated him after more than 43 years in prison, making his case the lon-

gest confirmed wrongful-conviction case in Missouri's history — and one of the longest-standing such convictions in the nation's history. He was released shortly after the judge issued his decision.

Strickland was convicted of the 1978 murders of Sherrie Black, 22, Larry Ingram, 21, and John Walker, 20, even though no physical evidence linked him to the crime scene, family members provided alibis and the admitted killers said he was not there. The case was built on the testimony of

SEE STRICKLAND ON A4

Jan. 6 probe keys on failures in policing

BY AARON C. DAVIS, CAROL D. LEONNIG AND TOM HAMBURGER

The House select committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol is increasingly focused on law enforcement failures that preceded the insurrection, scrutinizing in particular multiple warnings of possible violence that went unheeded by the FBI, according to people familiar with its work and individuals who have been contacted by the committee.

Donell Harvin, the former head of intelligence for D.C.'s homeland security department, said he has met twice in the past two weeks with committee investigators, who he said appeared intent on understanding how information was shared between agencies in the weeks before the attack. Harvin — whose team was in charge of assessing threats to D.C. — said he told committee investigators that he did not learn of the warnings received by the FBI in advance of Jan. 6 until months after the Capitol siege. "I told them that I think there needs to be a big discussion about how we look at domestic intelligence, because right now, it's fragmented," he said.

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Ohio elections: An official denied links to a data-breach effort. A4

Mexican champion of justice finds herself listed as a suspect

BY MARY BETH SHERIDAN

MEXICO CITY — For a decade, Ana Lorena Delgadillo pursued justice in one of Mexico's most notorious atrocities. The San Fernando massacre stunned the nation with its barbarity: Gunmen yanked at least 193 people — some of them Central American migrants — off buses, bludgeoned them to death and dumped their bodies in clandestine graves. No one has ever been convicted.

Delgadillo fought all the way to the Supreme Court to force the government to divulge details on the 2011 massacre, widely blamed on the Zetas cartel. Finally, she won. This year, authorities turned over the 271 volumes of their investigation to her human rights group. And there, in Volume 221, the 48-year-old lawyer found something startling.

Documents show lawyer and two others working to uncover truth of a 2011 massacre were surveilled by officials as part of probe



Said lawyer Ana Lorena Delgadillo: "It seems that they did this to try to find something and get us out of the way."

The Zetas, it turned out, weren't the only suspects in the case.

She was one, too. Mexican authorities secretly opened an organized-crime investigation into Delgadillo and two other women trying to unravel what happened in San Fernando, according to more than 200 pages of court documents reviewed by The Washington Post.

Opening the investigation gave prosecutors special powers to surveil the women. They obtained records of their phone calls and texts. Federal police then mapped their communications.

The three women are among the leading figures documenting Mexico's crisis of the disappeared, in which more than 94,000 people have vanished. One is an award-winning journalist, Marcela Turati. Another is an acclaimed anthropologist, Mercedes "Mimi" Doretti.

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Field trip rebound Tourism-starved D.C. is channeling a pre-pandemic normalcy as it welcomes returning student groups. B1

Waukesha victims A child, a bank teller and Dancing Grannies were among the six people killed at a parade, a prosecutor said. A6

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A grand jury indicted a Maryland police officer — the second time this year he has been accused of committing crimes in uniform. B1
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River ya se prepara para la vuelta olímpica

Como Talleres fue arrollado 5-2 por Gimnasia, al equipo de Gallardo le alcanzará mañana con empatar frente a Racing para coronarse. **Deportes**



UN INDIANA JONES ARGENTINO QUE BUSCA OBJETOS EN EL CABILDO

—cultura

El antropólogo Néstor Zubeldía, experto en arqueología urbana, lleva encontradas más de 2000 piezas bajo los cimientos de ese edificio; se las puede ver en el museo del lugar. **Página 24**

ANA KATZ RESCATA A “LOS HOMBRES QUE SE EMOCIONAN”

—espectáculos

La directora y actriz adelanta detalles de su sexta película, *El perro que no calla*, que se estrena mañana en los cines; es la historia de un joven de treinta y pico y sus sensibilidades.

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Pese al congelamiento, siguen aumentando los precios de los alimentos

INFLACIÓN. Hubo subas en carne, bebidas sin alcohol y pastas, entre otros; continúa la intervención

El congelamiento de precios que impulsa Roberto Feletti no logró frenar los aumentos en las góndolas. En la última semana, la inflación de alimentos en los supermercados fue de 0,4% y acumulada en noviembre se ubicó en 1,7%, según el relevamiento de un centro de estudios vinculado con organizaciones sindicales.

Las subas fueron impulsadas por los alimentos frescos en general —especialmente la carne—, que no están alcanzados por el cepo que impuso la Secretaría de Comercio, pero también se sienten en otras categorías que sí están en la lista oficial, como bebidas sin alcohol (3%), mermeladas (3,4%), pastas (2,9%) y alimentos

congelados (2,5%). En el sector admiten que los proveedores recurren a estrategias para escapar del control, como listas paralelas y lanzar productos con mínimos cambios.

Por otra parte, Feletti dijo ayer que su intención es mantener algún tipo de intervención sobre los precios después de enero. **Página 16**

RIESGO PAÍS

El riesgo país siguió en máximos poscanje al cerrar en 1795 puntos. Hubo fuertes caídas en bonos y acciones. **Página 17**

Preocupa al turismo la escalada de violencia en el sur

TOMA DE TIERRAS. Fuerte reclamo al Gobierno por los incidentes en Mascaradi

SAN CARLOS DE BARILOCHE.— La Cámara de Turismo de Bariloche y Zona Andina le transmitió al ministro de Turismo, Matías Lammens, la “profunda preocupación por la reiteración de hechos de violencia” en la región y su impacto en la actividad. “El nivel de afectación es mayúsculo” por la muerte de una persona en una ocupación mapuche en Cuesta del Ternero, que derivó en incidentes y un corte de ruta a la altura de Villa Mascaradi, indicaron. Los empresarios plantearon que si no se resuelve el conflicto, varios circuitos turísticos pueden verse afectados durante la temporada de verano. **Página 22**

Vacunatorio vip: Vizzotti también será investigada

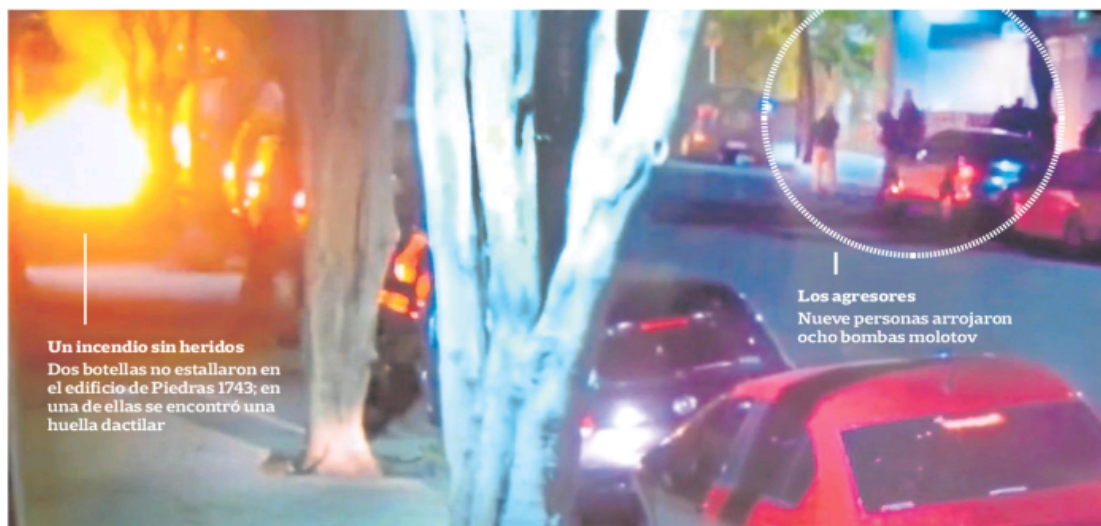
JUSTICIA. Lo solicitó el fiscal Taiano, quien pidió cruzar sus llamadas telefónicas. **Página 12**

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Un incendio sin heridos

Dos botellas no estallaron en el edificio de Piedras 1743; en una de ellas se encontró una huella dactilar

Los agresores
Nueve personas arrojaron ocho bombas molotov

Amplio repudio al ataque de un grupo de encapuchados contra la sede de Clarín

ATENTADO. La Policía Federal analiza una huella dactilar y las cámaras de la Ciudad para identificar a los agresores

Nueve encapuchados atacaron con ocho bombas molotov el ingreso del diario *Clarín* sobre la calle Piedras 1743, en Barracas. La agresión, que ocurrió al filo de la medianoche del lunes y no ocasionó heridos ni daños materiales graves, provocó un amplio repudio, tanto del Gobierno de la oposición como de las entidades periodísticas del país y la

región, que la vincularon con un intento de amedrentar a la prensa y violentar la libertad de expresión.

La investigación está a cargo del juez federal Luis Rodríguez, que dio intervención a la unidad antiterrorista de la Policía Federal, que ayer avanzaba sobre dos frentes. El primero, una huella detectada en una botella que no explotó. Como

su cotejo no encontró coincidencias en los registros del Renaper, se sospecha que un extranjero pudo haber participado. La huella fue enviada también a Interpol. El segundo frente son las cámaras de monitoreo de la Ciudad, donde se identificó el recorrido de los agresores y se busca identificar sus rostros. **Página 8**

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Palabras violentas y hechos violentos

Joaquín Morales Solá

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Governo faz seis alterações na PEC dos Precatórios

Às vésperas da votação da PEC dos Precatórios na CCJ, o governo encaminhou nova versão da proposta para as principais bancadas do Senado, contendo seis alterações em relação ao texto aprovado na Câmara. Em uma delas, há uma brecha para que o valor de R\$ 400 do Auxílio Brasil seja permanente e não precise de fonte de receita. **Mercado A15**

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Viagens dos vikings mudaram o mundo, diz autor de livro lançado no Brasil

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Barros chegou ao Palmeiras para ser dirigente mais discreto que Mattos

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Com filme e toque de Midas de Alessandro Michele, Gucci vive momento de ouro

46% das ações policiais no RJ não foram informadas ao MP

Subnotificação identificada de junho a novembro de 2020 viola decisão do STF

Quase metade das operações realizadas pelas polícias do Rio de Janeiro de junho a novembro do ano passado não foi informada ao Ministério Público e descumpriu, portanto, a ordem do Supremo Tribunal Federal que restringia as ações durante a pandemia a casos excepcionais.

A constatação está em levantamento do Grupo de Estudos de Novos Illegalismos da Universidade Federal Fluminense com o laboratório de dados Fogo Cruzado.

Segundo o STF, as polícias deveriam comunicar suas incursões ao Ministério Público, órgão que as controla.

Mas, de 494 ações realizadas no período analisado, conforme registros da imprensa coletados pelos pesquisadores, 46% não foram informadas ao MP. Na pandemia, duas operações tiveram grande número de mortos — uma delas em São Gonçalo, anteontem.

Procurada, a Polícia Militar não comentou os dados até sua publicação. A Polícia Civil disse cumprir integralmente a decisão do Supremo. **Cotidiano B1**

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Declarações recentes de Lula preocupam aliados

Aliados de Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva que apostam numa versão moderada do petista para a disputa da Presidência em 2022 ligaram sinais de alerta com suas falas recentes. O mais novo ponto de contenda é a ditadura de Daniel Ortega na Nicarágua. **Poder A10**

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Democrata flexível

Lula procura agradar à militância mais fiel e ideológica, correndo o risco de suscitar a repulsa dos demais eleitores. De maneira mais tosca, é o que faz Jair Bolsonaro também.

PSDB contrata empresa para testar novo app

Poder A6

Mourão reconhece culpa por fracasso contra desmame

O vice-presidente e coordenador do Conselho Nacional da Amazônia Legal, Hamilton Mourão, admitiu culpa no fracasso do combate ao desmatamento. "Não consegui fazer a coordenação e a integração da forma que ela funcionasse", afirmou, após reunião do órgão. **Ambiente B4**



Victor Moriyama/Greenpeace

MEGAFAZENDA NA BAHIA AVANÇA SOBRE MATA NATIVA E ISOLA COMUNIDADES

Área entre os vales dos rios Preto e Riachão, no oeste baiano, que abriga trechos de cerrado; empresa foi autorizada a suprimir 24,7 mil hectares **Ambiente B4**

A pandemia em 23.nov Dados das 20h

POPULAÇÃO VACINADA

No Brasil

Ao menos uma dose (dose única ou 1ª dose)

76,3%

1º ciclo vacinal completo (dose única ou 2ª dose)

61,1%

Dose de reforço

6,9%

ESTÁGIO DA DOENÇA

Óbitos

Média móvel

245 ↑ 1,1 %*

Em 24 h

398

Total

613.240

Casos ↓ -3,7%* (desacelerado)

*Variação em relação a 14 dias

Mãe de Ciro Nogueira abastece avião com verba do Senado

A senadora Eliane Nogueira, suplente do filho, Ciro Nogueira, usou R\$ 46,9 mil de cota parlamentar para pagar combustível de avião.

As notas fiscais das viagens coincidem com locais em que Ciro esteve. Procurados, ambos não comentaram as despesas. **Poder A4**

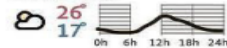
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Grupo lança bombas contra jornal Clarín

Encapuzados lançaram coquetéis molotov contra a sede do jornal Clarín, em Buenos Aires, na noite de segunda (22). Não houve feridos. A motivação ainda era desconhecida. **A14**

Melina Cardoso Qual a relevância da igreja hoje?

Quando a igreja compartilha o que tem, a multiplicação dos pátes e peixes se concretiza. As que ainda não atentam para seu papel fica o convite ao arrependimento. Onde o Reino se manifesta não há gente passando fome. **Opinião A2**

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Cammas et Caudrelier, les rois de l'Atlantique



Au terme d'une traversée de seize jours parfaitement maîtrisée depuis Le Havre, les deux marins ont remporté la Transat Jacques Vabre, mardi, à Fort-de-France, dans la catégorie des Ultim, ces trimarans géants (32 m) et volants. Un sacre de plus pour ce duo au palmarès impressionnant. PAGE 15

Vaccin, traitement Les nouvelles armes contre le Covid

La lutte contre l'épidémie va se renforcer avec l'arrivée de deux pilules antivirales et d'un nouveau vaccin prometteur pour les doses de rappel.

L'autorisation des premiers vaccins efficaces contre le Covid n'a pas arrêté la recherche de traitements. Loin de là. Deux laboratoires américains ont réussi l'exploit de développer des médicaments qui, pris à domicile, réduisent fortement les risques de développer une forme grave de la maladie. Le premier de ces traitements pourra être

prescrit en France à partir de la mi-décembre. Sur le front des vaccins, Novavax propose un sérum efficace à plus de 90 %, dont la technique des protéines recombinantes est identique à celle choisie par Sanofi. Cette technologie éprouvée devrait être parfaitement adaptée en troisième dose, en complément des vaccins existants.

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Comment les entreprises s'adaptent à la cinquième vague

Le gouvernement multiplie les appels à la mobilisation et au respect du protocole sanitaire. Dans les entreprises, l'heure est donc à la sensibilisation et au rappel des bons usages. En matière de télétravail, l'exécutif

veut s'en tenir aux règles actuelles. Sur ce sujet, dirigeants et syndicats veulent privilégier le dialogue social et garder la main sur l'évolution des règles en matière de travail à distance. PAGES 22, 23 ET L'ÉDITORIAL

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Contre le virus, du bon sens !

C'est un étrange sentiment de déjà-vu qui monte, qui monte. Des chiffres impressionnants de diffusion du virus (plus de 20 000 cas nouveaux chaque jour en France), des prévisions apocalyptiques de l'OMS (700 000 morts supplémentaires en Europe d'ici au printemps), un retour des mesures sanitaires drastiques chez nos voisins de l'Est et du Nord, un réveil des collapsologues et des enfermistes... pas de doute, la cinquième vague est bien là. Vingt mois après l'apparition du virus, contre lequel nous sommes désormais largement vaccinés - et nous bénéficierons bientôt de traitements -, il serait incongru de retrouver les mêmes réflexes qu'aux premiers jours. Principale arme de lutte contre la pandémie, le passe sanitaire, en amenant 88 % des Français à recevoir leurs deux doses, a fait la preuve de son efficacité. Il impose déjà suffisamment de restriction des libertés pour que l'on songe à les rogner davantage. La sagesse impose donc d'écarter durablement toute idée de reconfinement ou de couvre-feu, économiquement suicidaire et sociale-

ment inacceptable. Elle recommande aussi du discernement et de la nuance dans le maniement des autres contraintes sanitaires. Jusqu'ici, le gouvernement a résisté aux pressions en rappelant vigoureusement l'importance des gestes barrières, mais en s'abstenant de donner de nouvelles directives aux entreprises, notamment en matière de télétravail. Cette ligne de conduite est celle du bon sens. À l'issue du premier confinement, nombre d'entre elles ont signé des accords pour déterminer de nouvelles règles de travail à distance, en tenant compte de leurs impératifs et de la santé de leurs salariés. Une fois n'est pas coutume, patronat et syndicats sont largement sur la même ligne : mieux vaut organiser au mieux le travail sur le terrain en responsabilisant tout le monde que dicter des oukases depuis Paris. ■

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Treasury frustration as key plans mishandled by No 10

PM urged to bring in political big-hitter to end unforced errors

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Frustrations are growing in the Treasury at No 10's handling of major political decisions after a series of botched announcements, with sources calling for a shake-up of the Downing Street operation.

After a tumultuous three weeks marred by repeated backbench revolts, Rishi Sunak's department is understood to be concerned about

the prime minister's tendency to over-promise and the fumbled timing of decisions.

The announcement of the Integrated Rail Plan, originally scheduled for earlier in the autumn but delayed until last week, was among the poorly executed announcements, Treasury sources believe. After a series of leaks, the final plan was greeted with fury, including by many Tory MPs, after it fell short of what had been promised by Boris Johnson.

"In the end what happened was that we blew a £96bn announcement that really should have been a lot more positive," a Treasury source told the Guardian. A No 10 source said: "I'm not really sure how moving a date on the calendar would have made a substantive difference."

With some MPs blaming Johnson's inveterate boosterism for the dashed expectations that saw a string of northern newspaper front pages condemning the plans, the source added that there needed to be "more care taken" before pledges were made.

Details of the social care cap

were also delayed until last week, months after the broader package was announced, focusing anger on the disproportionate impact on lower-income households. Scores of Conservative backbenchers voted against the plans or stayed away on Monday, reducing Johnson's majority to just 26.

Some privately voiced growing concerns about Johnson's competence ahead of the vote and following a rambling speech to business leaders. Yesterday Johnson's official spokesman was forced to insist "the prime minister is well" after the speech to the CBI in which he lost his place and digressed to praise Peppa Pig World.

But many Tory MPs blame Sunak, who is

'It's easy to blame the team ... he [Johnson] just isn't up to it. His whole personality would have to change'

A senior Tory who knows Johnson well

Windrush victims still unpaid after four years

Amelia Gentleman

Just 5% of Windrush victims have received compensation four years after the scandal emerged, according to a damning report by cross-party MPs which called for the scheme to be taken out of Home Office control.

The report from the home affairs select committee found that the compensation scheme, for which up to 15,000 people were expected to qualify, had compounded injustices faced by the Windrush generation, with some applicants saying the process has become a source of further trauma rather than redress.

Some 23 eligible applicants have died before getting a payment, the committee found. It recommended transferring the scheme from Priti Patel's department to an independent group in order to "rebuild trust".

In 2017 the Guardian uncovered the Windrush scandal under which the UK government erroneously classified thousands of legal residents as illegal immigrants after they arrived from Caribbean countries between 1948 and 1971.

By the end of September 2021, only 3,022 had applied for compensation compared with initial estimates of up to 15,000. Just 864 had received a payout, MPs found.

Their select committee report is the fourth critical investigation into delays in delivering justice to those affected by the Home Office's misclassification of UK residents as immigration offenders, and follows equally critical publications from the National Audit Office, the Public Accounts Committee and the legal charity Justice.

The new report identifies a "litany of flaws in the design and operation" of the compensation scheme including an excessive burden on claimants to provide documentary evidence of the losses they



▲ The former Conservative prime ministers John Major, David Cameron and Theresa May, with the Commons Speaker Lindsay Hoyle, home secretary Priti Patel and prime minister Boris Johnson attending a funeral mass at Westminster Cathedral yesterday for the MP Sir David Amess, who was killed last month



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