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Inflation rise piles pressure on Biden

◆ Pace of surge hits 40-year high ◆ Midterm prospects threatened ◆ Spending bill under fire

COLBY SMITH — NEW YORK

US consumer prices rose at the fastest pace in nearly 40 years in November, piling more political pressure on Joe Biden's administration as it seeks support for a massive spending plan.

The consumer price index, published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics yesterday, rose 6.8 per cent last month from a year ago — the fastest annual pace since 1982 and a significant pick-up from the 6.2 per cent rate in October.

Inflation has become a thorny political issue for the White House, weighing on the president's approval ratings as well as the electoral prospects for his

Democratic party during next year's midterm elections.

In a sign of his concern, Biden sought to play down the relevance of the latest data both ahead of the announcement and afterwards, stressing that prices have fallen in recent weeks for many of the sectors driving the increase.

"Developments in the weeks after these data were collected last month show that price and cost increases are slowing, although not as quickly as we'd like," he said yesterday.

At risk for the White House is legislation to invest \$1.75tn in America's social safety net, which Biden is seeking to pass through Congress this month. Last

month Biden signed into law another \$1.2tn bipartisan infrastructure bill.

Republicans and some moderate Democrats have argued that additional spending will add fuel to rising prices.

Following yesterday's numbers, the Federal Reserve is likely to press ahead with plans to scale back more quickly its asset-purchase programme at its meeting next week. Jay Powell, chair of the central bank, earlier this month signalled his support for a quicker exit, acknowledging that the risks of inflation becoming entrenched had risen.

Economists now predict that that pace will be doubled so that the stimulus programme ends in March, which



Joe Biden, the US president, tried to play down the latest data, pointing out that prices had fallen in recent weeks

would give the Fed more flexibility to raise interest rates sooner next year.

Prices between October and November jumped 0.8 per cent, slightly down from the previous month-on-month rise of 0.9 per cent. "Broad increases in most component indices" fuelled the rise, the BLS said, with petrol and food "among the larger contributors".

Core CPI climbed 0.5 per cent from October, pushing up the annual pace to 4.9 per cent. Last month, it was 4.6 per cent. "Inflation will be more persistent," said Anna Stupnyska, global macro economist at Fidelity International. "It is very likely to stay well above [the Fed's 2 per cent] target through 2022."

Final corner Rivals set for F1 title decider

Formula 1 world champion Lewis Hamilton leads his Mercedes from Red Bull's Max Verstappen during practice yesterday for tomorrow's Abu Dhabi Grand Prix. The showdown will decide which of the pair will take this year's title in the climactic race of a nailbiting season.

The intense battle between British driver Hamilton, seven times the champion, and the young Dutchman has enthralled fans and fuelled hopes at Liberty Media that its \$8bn takeover of F1 in 2017 is starting to pay off.

A tie-up with Netflix for the behind-the-scenes *Drive to Survive* documentary has helped the sport to woo new fans. **Gripping showdown** page 14



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Ski resorts take tentative first steps amid Covid fears

Europe's winter skiing season has got off to a faltering start as memories of spring 2020 loom large. Some Alpine resorts became notorious as virus super-spreader spots after staying open even though the pandemic was ravaging neighbouring Italy. This year authorities are acting with caution. Austria has been in lockdown since late November. In France and Italy, where job rates are higher, nervousness about curbs is palpable. **Europe's reopened resorts** ▶ PAGE 3

Santander ordered to pay Orcel €68m in compensation over U-turn on job offer

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Spanish bank Santander must pay Andrea Orcel €68m in compensation after losing a legal battle over its rancorous 2018 U-turn on hiring the Italian banker as chief executive.

The Madrid court ruling capped a long-running dispute between Orcel, one of Europe's best-known investment bankers and now head of UniCredit, and Spanish lender Santander, his former client when he worked at UBS and Merrill Lynch.

Brought by Orcel, the case centred on Santander's decision to withdraw an offer it made to him in 2018 when he was running UBS's investment bank.

The ruling was a significant blow for Ana Botín, executive chair of the San-

ish lender, whose tenure since succeeding her father Emilio Botín has been marked by the decision first to hire Orcel, a family confidant, and then to drop him, with the resulting legal fight.

The court ruled that both sides had signed a "valid" contract, which had been broken in a "unilateral and unjustified" manner by the bank and that therefore it had to pay compensation. Santander said it would appeal.

The payment the court ordered from Santander included €10m "for moral and reputational damages" to Orcel, as well as contractual terms including €5.8m for two years of salary, a €17m sign-on bonus and €35m compensation for loss of long-term incentives at UBS.

"I think it's unfortunate that we are where we are, but if people look only at the facts and what has emerged in court the conclusions are clear," Orcel said in

an interview with the Financial Times before he knew that the court's decision was coming yesterday.

Santander said: "We disagree strongly with the ruling. The board of Santander is confident we will be successful on appeal as we were in the two criminal complaints already considered by the courts in relation to this matter."

The bank claimed Orcel's offer letter did not amount to a contract under Spanish law. The court quoted what it described as "particularly eloquent" tweets by Botín, in which she enthused about Orcel's appointment "effective from the beginning of 2019", as well as a promotional video and interviews in which she gave the same message.

Orcel became chief executive of UniCredit, Italy's second-biggest lender, in April. He said that he hoped the decision would be the end of the matter.

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Nasdaq Composite	15565.95	15517.37	+0.31		£ per €	1.323	1.321	1.170	1.170
Dow Jones Ind	39621.51	39754.09	-0.18		€ per ¥	0.055	0.055	128.222	128.029
FTSE Eurofirst 300	1846.29	1849.96	-0.25		¥ per \$	113.425	113.445	81.001	80.813
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Xetra Dax	15623.31	15636.26	-0.10						
Nikkei	28437.77	28725.47	-1.00						
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Supreme Court Lets Texas Law Be Challenged

Abortion Ban Remains, but Groups Can Sue

By ADAM LIPTAK
WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court ruled on Friday that abortion providers in Texas can challenge a state law banning most abortions after six weeks, allowing them to sue at least some state officials in federal court despite the procedural hurdles imposed by the law's unusual structure.

But the Supreme Court refused to block the law in the meantime, saying that lower courts should consider the matter.

The development was both a minor victory for supporters of abortion rights and a major disappointment to them. They had hoped that the justices would reverse course from a Sept. 1 ruling that had allowed the law, the nation's most restrictive, to go into effect, causing clinics in Texas to curtail performing the procedure and forcing many women seeking abortions to travel out of state.

"We will continue to seek justice in the shroud of the case that the court has allowed to go forward and seek every other legal means to stop this catastrophic law," said Nancy Northup, the president of the Center for Reproductive Rights, which represents the providers challenging the law.

The decision provided further evidence that the Supreme Court's newly expanded conservative majority is intensely skeptical of abortion rights. At an argument in a separate case last week, the court seemed prepared to uphold a Mississippi law that bans most abortions after 15 weeks, a decision that would be flatly at odds with the court's abortion precedents.

Opponents of abortion welcomed the court's decision in the Texas case.

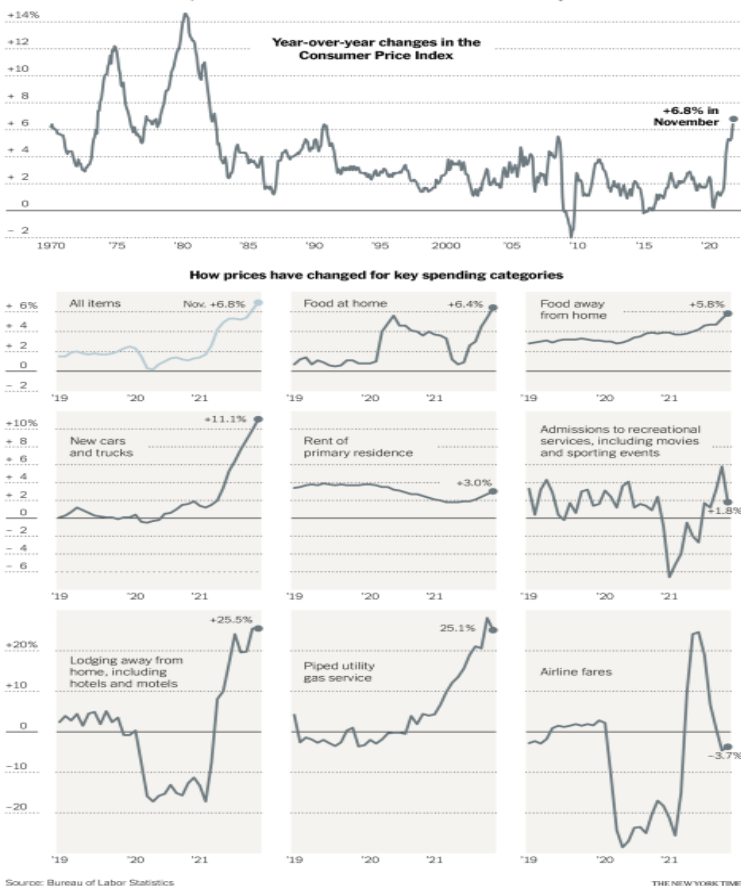
"We celebrate that the Texas Heartbeat Act will remain in effect," said a spokesman for the American Life League.

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NO CHANGE Abortion providers in Texas were not cheering the court's limited ruling. PAGE A14

Inflation Reached the Highest Level in Four Decades

The Consumer Price Index, which is widely considered a measure of inflation, spiked last month as costs increased across the economy.



Consumer Prices Jump, Testing U.S. Officials On Inflation Controls

Biden Sees a Boom, but Many Do Not

By JIM TANKERSLEY
WASHINGTON — President Biden and his top aides are struggling to bridge the gap between the economy they want to celebrate and the one that has left many Americans anxious and frustrated, as a record-setting recovery collides with prolonged inflation and an ongoing pandemic that has left consumers deeply pessimistic.

The challenge begins with a disbelief of sorts among Mr. Biden's economic advisers. They insist the job market, with a 4.2 percent unemployment rate, has never been better, delivering wage gains for lower-paid workers that Mr. Biden believes will help lift more people into the middle class. They say those benefits will endure for years, even once inflation, which last month accelerated at its fastest pace in 40 years, cools down.

The struggle is also entwined with Mr. Biden's fight against Covid. Administration officials say that the anxiety voters are expressing to pollsters is less about the economy and the president's handling of it and more an expression of pent-up frustration with a pandemic that has persisted for nearly two years.

White House officials say they have no plans to shift Mr. Biden's messaging on economic issues, even as poll after poll shows his approval ratings in decline and voter worry over inflation swamping all other views of the economy. Their strategy remains focused on stressing the administration's work to spread vaccinations and end the pandemic without further lockdowns, cheering the nation's progress in economic growth and promising that Mr. Biden's policies will bring down prices for oil, food and consumer goods.

"Every economic indicator

Increases Spreading From Goods to Housing

By JEANNA SMIALEK
Prices are rising at the fastest clip in nearly 40 years, fresh data released on Friday showed, as supply chain disruptions, rapid consumer demand and rising housing costs fuel an inflationary burst.

The spike in consumer costs could spell trouble for officials at the Federal Reserve and the White House, who are trying to calibrate policy at a moment when the labor market has yet to completely heal from the pandemic but price increases are proving more persistent than policymakers had expected.

The Consumer Price Index climbed by 6.8 percent in the year through November, the data showed, the fastest pace since 1982. After surging out of food and fuel, which can move around a lot from month to month, inflation climbed by 4.9 percent. That was the quickest annual reading since 1991.

Monthly price increases — the change between October and November, rather than over the past year — did moderate somewhat, but still rose at an unusually rapid pace.

The question is what happens next. Fed officials have become increasingly concerned about inflation, both because the uptick has lasted longer than expected and because it shows signs of broadening to areas less affected by the pandemic, ramping up the risk that rapid gains could become entrenched.

"It just keeps the pressure on Fed officials," said Kathy Bostjanic, director of U.S. macro investor services at Oxford Economics.

Earlier this year, price increases were concentrated in goods. Used cars and couches were in demand as the pandemic changed people's lifestyles. Factories around the world struggled

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After Ghana Trip, Adams Faces Long To-Do List

By KATIE GLUECK

He met with foreign dignitaries and participated in a spiritual cleansing ceremony. He visited infamous sites of the slave trade and toured thriving local businesses. And he celebrated Hanukkah with a fellow Brooklynite, about 5,000 miles from home.

As New York City grappled with a spate of urgent challenges over the past week that will have lasting implications for the incoming mayoral administration, the mayor-elect, Eric Adams, was in Ghana, searching, he has said, for his roots on a "spiritual journey."

For many Black Americans, a visit to Ghana — a country through whose ports millions of Africans passed on the brutal journey to plantations — is a wrenching and moving experience. And Mr. Adams, slated to be New York City's second Black mayor, has cast his recent trip there as proof of resilience and progress.

"My ancestors left Africa with slavery," Mr. Adams declared at one recent event. "I'm coming home with the mayoralty. And if I do that only for my aspiration,

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Eric Adams called his trip to Ghana a "spiritual journey."

A Law, an Email and a Furor Over Curriculums

By MICHAEL POWELL

SAN ANTONIO — In late September, Carrie Damon, a middle school librarian, celebrated "Banned Books Week," an annual free-speech event, with her working-class Latino students by talking of literature's beauty and subversive power.

A few weeks later, State Representative Matt Krause, a Republican, emailed a list of 850 books to superintendents, a mix of half-century-old novels — "The Con-

Debate Rages on Bans of Topics and Books

fessions of Nat Turner" by William Styron — and works by Ta-Nehisi Coates and Margaret Atwood, as well as edgy young adult books touching on sexual identity. Are these works, he asked, on your library shelves?

Mr. Krause's motive was unclear, but the next night, at a

school board meeting in San Antonio, parents accused a librarian of poisoning young minds.

Days later, a secretary sidled up to Ms. Damon and asked if district libraries held pornography.

"No, no, honey, we don't buy porno," Ms. Damon replied. She sighed. "I don't need my blood pressure going crazy worrying about ending up on a politician's radar."

Texas is afire with fierce battles over education, race and gender.

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Keeping His Own Counsel on Turkey's Economy

By CARLOTTA GALL

ANKARA, Turkey — President Recep Tayyip Erdogan sat for an interview on national television late last month, apparently seeking to calm nerves about Turkey's weakening currency and galloping inflation. But the reaction has been anything but calm.

He insisted there was "no turning back" on his newly announced economic plan, which has promoted policies that seem aimed at

Leader Presses His Plan as Currency Sinks

defying the laws of economic gravity, like refusing to tick up interest rates to combat rising prices and buttress the value of his currency.

Interest rates make the rich richer, the poor poorer," he said. "We have prevented our country

being crushed in such a way. We will not allow this."

Turkey's currency, the lira, began sliding virtually as he spoke, capping a day in which it lost 8 percent of its value. It has hardly stopped plunging since mid-November, hitting new lows every few days. Turks have watched staple goods double in price and fuel costs jump by 40 percent.

Mr. Erdogan's interview on TRT cost the country billions of lira in

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A truck crash in Mexico that killed at least 54 revealed the dangers migrants from across Latin America endure to reach the United States border. PAGE A4

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Charging the parents of a student accused in a school shooting in Michigan was "the right thing to do," the woman who brought the case said. PAGE A17

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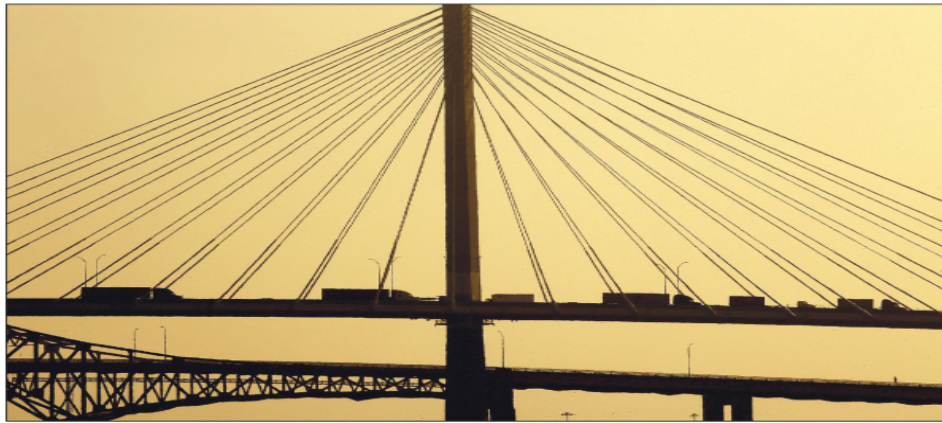
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TRUCKS HAUL CARGO across the Gerald Desmond Bridge this month in Long Beach. Nationwide, the competition for drivers has companies offering perks such as basketball gyms, massages and rec rooms.

Amid shortage, trucking industry fights for drivers

Firms are raising pay, perks for a difficult and lonely job

BY DON LEE

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Dawn hasn't broken when Jerrett Sellers spots a promising target in the mostly deserted streets of South Carolina's capital: a lone truck driver climbing down from his cab at a gas station.

Sellers looks for encouraging signs. Shoulders slumped with fatigue? A clean and tidy appearance? Liking what he sees, Sellers moves quickly, approaching the driver with a piece of paper in his hand.

"You got a quick sec to talk?" he

calls to the man. "We're looking to hire."

Sellers, 32, is a front-line soldier in the nationwide battle to combat a shortage of truck drivers that has become a serious problem for the U.S. economy as it struggles against the seemingly endless assaults of the COVID-19 pandemic.

As transportation manager for Merchants Foodservice, a regional trucking and delivery firm based in Hattiesburg, Miss., Sellers hunts service stations, convenience stores, truck stops, driving schools and wherever else he might find potential recruits,

even as his competitors are doing the same to lure away his firm's drivers.

Sellers' pitch includes \$2,000 signing bonuses, medical and dental coverage, and even an extra \$125 a week just for showing up on time.

Earlier this year, Sellers followed one driver hauling a 28-foot trailer to a golf course and ended up courting him for weeks. They talked about their children, about softball and about Merchants Foodservice's emphasis on "family values." The driver finally agreed to jump ship.

Experiences like that have taught [See Trucking, A9]

Where \$21 gets you a smoothie

Upscale organic grocer Erewhon is looking to expand beyond the L.A. area.

BY ANDREA CHANG

Fitness trainer Gregg Miele manages a hustle to his nearly 20,000 Instagram followers — is a creature of habit: Every day, he hits the gym and goes to Erewhon.

At the upscale organic grocer, he might buy a cup of overnight oats ("the best"), replenish his stash of vitamins ("their supplement game's incredible") or grab a



TAWANE RYAN shops at the new Erewhon in Studio City. The grocery chain has seven stores.

\$12.49 bottle of his favorite Ophora water ("they implement an oxygen component to it — when you open it, you start seeing the bubbles"), which he was cradling like a football at the chain's new Studio City location on a recent morning.

"It's a Michelin-star standard for a grocery store, you know what I mean?" Miele, 44, said. "I tell all my clients: There's no cutting corners with your health."

Grocery shopping is not typically a daily activity, but Miele is not an anomaly among Erewhon's extremely devoted and spendy customer base.

[See Erewhon, A10]

When the streets are watching you

How the COVID pandemic was used to normalize surveillance

By Victoria Kim

BUSAN, South Korea — Son Eun-ji's newborn son will begin the first months of his life in a sci-fi-like home in the middle of a sparse river delta that was until recently sprawling fields of seashells.

The young family will move early next year into an experimental project showcasing South Korea's ambitions for the city of the future. Robots will patrol the streets, mow the grass and deliver packages. Homes will be powered by renewable energy, and excess electricity will be shared among neighbors or absorbed into the grid. Benches, streetlights and trash cans will be internet-connected and gathering data to optimize efficiency. Residents' vitals will be monitored and an artificial-intelligence-equipped gym will offer health tips.

Sensors, meters

[See Surveillance, A4]

The World They Inherit

This is the seventh in a series of stories about young people globally. They are inheriting a planet of multiplying dangers. Can they change it?



KENT NISHIMURA Los Angeles Times

'BOB DOLE WAS A PATRIOT'

President Biden pauses at the casket of Bob Dole after speaking at the long-time senator's funeral at Washington National Cathedral. **NATION, A5**

Texas abortion law still standing

Divided justices decline to block the measure but allow a narrow challenge. **NATION, A6**

Michael Nesmith of Monkees dies

The singer-songwriter was the creative heart of the successful 1960s pop group. **OBITUARY, B5**

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Mostly sunny; cool. L.A. Basin: 65/43. **B5**



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L.A. Unified set to put off vaccine rule

District, faced with thousands of students who'd be too late to meet Jan. 10 deadline, proposes fall '22 start.

By HOWARD BLUME AND MELISSA GOMEZ

The Los Angeles school district is poised to remove its Jan. 10 student COVID-19 vaccine mandate, confronted with more than 30,000 students 12 and older who are not fully vaccinated and would otherwise be barred from campus, a significant step back from one of the nation's strictest student vaccine mandates and a reprieve for parents who defied the rule.

Under a proposal from interim Supt. Megan Reilly, enforcement of the January deadline would be suspended until fall of 2022, the start of the next school year.

Though the mandate has probably resulted in thousands of students being inoculated — making campuses more protected from outbreaks — the district also was faced with the reality of tens of thousands of students being unable to attend in-person class under the rules. Unvaccinated students would have been placed in an existing independent study program, called City of Angels, that has struggled since the start of the year and would be hard-pressed to manage the sudden and potentially overwhelming influx.

By early this week, it already was too late for students to complete the five-week vaccination cycle. Students 18 and older have the option of completing a two-week vaccination cycle.

The Board of Education will make a final decision on delayed enforcement of the deadline at its Tuesday board meeting. But a Friday morning alert from Reilly indicated the change of plans is all but official.

L.A. school board member Nick Melvoin said that campus safety is paramount but still must be balanced against academic imperatives.

"There's no playbook for

Was Omicron already in state?

Health officials say virus variant likely present in wastewater samples last month. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

navigating school through the pandemic," Melvoin said. "And the north star of this board has been student success. And that's meant their physical safety, but also their academic success. And that's meant different things at different times. In March of 2020, it meant closing schools. In March of 2021, it meant reopening schools. In October — when we looked at the Delta variant, when we looked at vaccination rates — it meant the student vaccination requirement."

But the circumstances have evolved again, Melvoin said. Moving large numbers of unvaccinated students into independent study would disrupt the education of both the unvaccinated and the vaccinated — as teachers and classes were shifted around.

In her statement, Reilly chose to focus on the positive — about 86.5% of students — [See Mandate, A7]

Task force's big test: Getting buy-in

Panel aims to craft reparations plan that Black Californians and lawmakers can back.

By TARYN LUNA

SACRAMENTO — Cash, land transfers, down payments to purchase homes and an overdue apology.

Those are just some of more than a dozen potential remedies for those affected by slavery and its legacy of discrimination that Black community activists have implored California's Reparations Task Force to consider at public meetings.

The variety of opinions underscores the nine-member panel's monumental challenge: crafting a historic reparations proposal that earns the support of Black Californians, who have pushed for justice for generations, and a majority of California lawmakers, whose constituents might not fully understand the scope of the trauma and the need for atonement.

"People have differences of opinion about the extent of harm that we've undergone, differences of opinion about the remedies that would in some way begin to remediate those harms, and differences of opinion on who should be receiving any kind of reparations," said Cheryl Grills, a professor of psychology at Loyola Marymount University who was appointed to the task force by Gov. Gavin Newsom.

"Now, undergirding all of that is the reality that we also live in a society that has done a very poor job of informing the general public about what this country has done to Black people."

Under state law, the task force is charged with investigating the history of injustice and brutality against Black people, "with a special consideration for African Americans who are descendants of persons enslaved in the United States." The group must recommend ways to educate the public [See Reparations, A6]



Economic fears imperil Biden's spending plan

White House stresses job, market gains as prices worry voters, lawmakers

BY JEFF STEIN AND ASHLEY PARKER

Rising prices throughout the economy threaten to swamp the White House's legislative agenda during a critical moment for President Biden, as persistently high inflation spooks both voters and lawmakers.

A government report released Friday showed that prices have risen nearly 7 percent in the past year — the biggest one-year surge

since the early 1980s. A combination of soaring demand and supply disruptions has — for many Americans — tarnished an otherwise robust economic recovery.

The legislative implications of the new report could be immense. The primary Democratic holdout on Biden's \$2 trillion tax and spending package is Sen. Joe Manchin III of West Virginia. Manchin, for months, has cited inflation as one of his primary reasons for urging Democrats to proceed with caution, arguing that pumping more money into the economy could make inflation worse, not better. Since Manchin began airing concerns, inflation has only intensified in the United States and spread to a broader range of

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Inflation hits pace not seen since '82

Price increases spread into areas of economy covid had largely spared

BY RACHEL SIEGEL

Prices rose at the fastest pace in nearly 40 years last month, increasing 6.8 percent over the same period a year ago, as inflation continues to squeeze households and businesses nationwide and complicates the political environment for Congress and the White House.

Consumer price index data released Friday by the Bureau of Labor Statistics showed that prices rose 0.8 percent in November compared with October, with in-

Prices see fastest annual growth in four decades

U.S. consumer price index, change from a year earlier



flation spreading further throughout the economy, including to areas that had not been as affected by the coronavirus pandemic.

The November data marked the largest 12-month increase since June 1982, during a period when inflation was more of a scourge on daily life than most millennials have ever known. Current inflation dynamics have been spurred by a devastating pandemic that roiled the global economy, upsetting the workforce and supply chains, while stimulus measures helped unleash high demand for goods.

The broad-based increases span just about every sector, from pork, poultry and produce to housing and sporting goods. Companies large and small are

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'The courage, the grit, the goodness and the grace'



JONATHAN NEWTON/THE WASHINGTON POST

President Biden and first lady Jill Biden pay their respects at the funeral for former senator Bob Dole on Friday at Washington National Cathedral. Biden and other former senators spoke at the service, which was followed by a ceremony at the World War II Memorial featuring actor Tom Hanks and "Today" host Savannah Guthrie. **Story, A7**

High court allows narrow challenge to Texas abortion law

RESTRICTIONS MUST STAY IN PLACE FOR NOW

Advocates see ruling as another warning sign for Roe

BY ROBERT BARNES

The Supreme Court on Friday left in place a Texas law that bans most abortions after six weeks, and provided only a narrow path for providers to challenge in federal court what is the nation's most restrictive law on the procedure.

The court's splintered decision allows the providers to return to a district judge who once blocked the law, saying it violated the constitutional right to abortion. But the decision limited the relief in a way that lawyers said probably makes it impossible to suspend the law while the legal battle continues.

Mare Hearson, who argued the case for the Center for Reproductive Rights, told reporters in a call that the majority decision essentially "greenlit" the law, making a statewide injunction impossible and encouraging other states to follow suit.

Others said the decision could be a sign as the Supreme Court also considers this term Missis-

sippi's request to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, the 1973 decision that guaranteed a constitutional right to abortion.

"Abortion rights supporters and abortion providers have been trying to sound the alarm that *Roe* is under significant threat," said Julie Murray, a lawyer for Planned Parenthood. Friday's decision "certainly confirms that we are in a period of great threat to the abortion right."

President Biden said in a statement that he was "very concerned" about the court's decision "in light of the significant consequences that law has for women in Texas and around the country, and for the rule of law."

He said that there is "so much more work to be done — in Texas, in Mississippi, and in many states around the country where women's rights are currently under attack," and that he will work with

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'In the same limbo' Advocates welcome Texas ruling, but criticize refusal to block law. **A3**

To avert shootings, schools hone threat-detection efforts

Teams use multipronged approach to spot risks, offer help to students

BY LAURA MECKLER AND HANNAH NATANSON

A Virginia public school student suggested he might carry out an ethnic cleansing at his school. Officials were alarmed, but they weren't sure whether he was serious. They convened a team to assess the threat and notified the police, who found an unsecured, loaded semiautomatic pistol in a search of his home.

An investigation revealed on-line messages with a friend in

another state considering a similar act — acts that police then thwarted, according to Dewey Cornell, a scholar who keeps track of these incidents but does not give out time or location information to protect the confidentiality of the districts and students.

One of the stickiest dilemmas that counselors and teachers face is how to know which students are poised to commit a horrid act of violence and which ones just need help, even urgently. Every day, they walk a terrifying tightrope: Removing every student who shows disturbing behaviors would amount to a huge overreaction. Missing just one true killer could be a tragic underreaction.

"It boils down to a judgment call," said Melissa Reeves, former

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A freshman Republican's political evolution

Bob Good was a quiet Jerry Falwell acolyte. Now he's a bombastic Marjorie Taylor Greene ally.

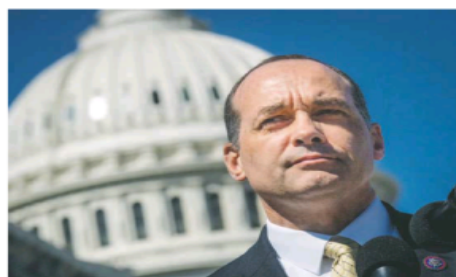
BY MEAGAN FLYNN

He was almost shouting now, his voice rising as he competed with the half-dozen demonstrators interrupting him.

Rep. Bob Good (R-Va.) stepped to the lectern at a news conference outside the U.S. Capitol to introduce his latest bill targeting critical race theory, calling the college-level academic framework on systemic racism a "violation of our students' civil rights."

"This is what the left does, by the way," Good said to reporters, gesturing to the small crowd that had just called him a racist. "... Because the left can't handle the truth."

"You try to erase my history!" a woman fired back. "Shame on you!" the protesters



Rep. Bob Good (R-Va.), a self-described biblical conservative, in September introducing a bill opposing critical race theory.

soon began shouting, nearly drowning him out on that September afternoon as he tried to invoke the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

But Good was not ashamed. He was defiant. A longtime CitiFinancial district manager and Liberty University athletics fundraiser, Good had embarked on a new mission: crusading against the threats he perceives to the America of his upbringing — a small Virginia community shaped by evangelist Jerry Falwell Sr.

The self-described biblical conservative, a former county board supervisor in rural central Virginia, has taken a scorched-earth approach to his first year in Congress, castigating members of his party he has deemed not com-

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Cristina Kirchner le marcó límites a Fernández para la negociación con el FMI

PLAZA DE MAYO. En el acto con Lula, advirtió que "no se va a aprobar ningún plan que no permita la recuperación"; el Presidente replicó: "Tranquila, la Argentina del ajuste es historia"


Cristina Kirchner y Alberto Fernández saludan a la militancia reunida en la Plaza de Mayo, luego del acto

SANTIAGO FILIPUZZI

Con el presidente Alberto Fernández como testigo presencial en la Plaza de Mayo, Cristina Kirchner acusó al Fondo Monetario Internacional (FMI) de "vivir condicionando la democracia argentina" y advirtió que "no se va a aprobar ningún plan que no permita la recuperación de la economía".

Fernández recogió el guante a la

hora de cerrar el acto partidista que encabezaron junto a los ex presidentes Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva y José Mujica por el aniversario de la recuperación de la democracia. "Tranquila, Cristina, no vamos a negociar nada que signifique poner en compromiso el crecimiento y el desarrollo social en la Argentina. No tengas miedo. La Argentina del ajuste es historia".

La Plaza de Mayo estuvo llena de militantes kirchneristas. Ante ellos, la vicepresidenta atacó a Mauricio Macri, cuyo gobierno comparó con la dictadura militar. "Esta vez no vinieron con uniformes ni con botas; vinieron con togas de jueces y medios hegemónicos", dijo, al denunciar otra vez una persecución judicial en su contra. Página 12

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En medio de la negociación con el FMI, el Gobierno protagonizó ayer una discusión tumultuosa ante una Plaza de Mayo colmada de militantes oficialistas. Cristina Kirchner aprovechó el escenario para condicionar las conversaciones con el organismo, con la advertencia —pronunciada delante del propio Alberto Fernández— de que el FMI les "soltó la mano" a otros presidentes. Continúa en la página 13

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VIOLENCIA. Un agente bonaerense fue detenido por el crimen del adolescente

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MIRAMAR.— El asesinato del adolescente Luciano Olivera durante un operativo policial generó una fuerte

conmoción en esta ciudad. El joven de 16 años intentó eludir un control con una motocicleta, fue perseguido y recibió un mortal disparo en el tórax. "Se me escapó el tiro", habría comentado el oficial Maximiliano

González, que quedó detenido. Familiares y amigos denunciaron que se trata de un caso de "gatillo fácil", y se registraron incidentes frente a una comisaría y la municipalidad. Continúa en la página 36

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LEY. Habrá beneficios fiscales para inversores en esa área. Página 33

Pico de inflação sob Bolsonaro supera o do governo Dilma

A inflação oficial, medida pelo IPCA, alcançou o pico de 10,74% no acumulado de 12 meses até novembro, informou ontem o IBGE.

Isso significa que o índice no governo Jair Bolsonaro (PL) superou a alta de preços registrada na gestão Dilma Rousseff (PT). No segundo mandato da petista, a inflação também disparou, atingindo 10,71% em 12 meses até janeiro de 2016. Mercado A19

Asfalto pago por líder governista derrete em PE

O líder do governo no Senado, Fernando Bezerra Coelho (MDB-PE), direcionou em 2019 e 2020 ao menos R\$ 200 milhões em pavimentação na região de Petrolina (PE) —a maior parte via emendas de relator. De má qualidade, o asfalto esfarela e já foi apelidado de farofa. Poder A4



Cícero Silva, 66, ao lado de seu Fusca, em Petrolina; ele se queixa de que o asfalto 'farofa' usado para pavimentar a rua onde vive gruda na sola. Karline Xavier/Folhapress

Ataque hacker tira do ar sites da Saúde e do ConecteSUS

Um ataque hacker tirou do ar ontem sites do Ministério da Saúde e do ConecteSUS. Após a ação, o governo adiou em uma semana a quarentena para viajantes não vacinados, e a pasta disse não saber se houve perda de dados. B1

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Não deixa de ser notável a disposição para o diálogo entre adversários, como Lula e Alckmin. Uma composição como essa envolve o compromisso e o equilíbrio de concessões e vantagens para todos os envolvidos, algo complexo mesmo para os políticos mais habilidosos. Opinião A2

Esquerda latina geriu melhor época da região, diz Lula

Em ato com tom de comício promovido pelo governo da Argentina diante da Casa Rosada, o ex-presidente Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva disse que líderes de esquerda representaram o "melhor momento da democracia" na América Latina. Ele elogiou Alberto Fernández. Mundo A13

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POPULAÇÃO VACINADA

No Brasil

Ao menos uma dose (dose única ou 1ª dose) **77,2 %**

1ª ciclo vacinal completo (dose única ou 2ª dose) **65,3 %**

Dose de reforço **9,5 %**

Nos estados

Ao menos uma dose 1ª ciclo completo Dose de reforço

SP 84,3% 77,1 % 14%

MS 80,7% 71,3% 16,7%

RJ 76,5% 61,9% 10,2%

ESTÁGIO DA DOENÇA

Óbitos

Média móvel **183** Em 24 h 229

Total 616.733

Casos ↓ -15,4% (desacelerado)

Casos nos estados

Média móvel (variação*) Ritmo

SP 991 (-4%) desacelerado

PR 835 (10%) desacelerado

RS 624 (-13%) desacelerado

Júri condena quatro pelas 242 mortes em incêndio na Kiss

Dono da boate em Santa Maria (RS) é sentenciado a 22 anos de prisão; sócio, a 19; e músico e assistente a 18 anos

Um dos incêndios mais letais da história recente teve ontem seu desfecho jurídico: os quatro réus julgados pelas 242 mortes em 27 janeiro de 2013 na boate Kiss, em Santa Maria (RS), foram condenados a até 22 anos de prisão por homicídio e tentativa de homicídio. Um habeas corpus preventivo, porém, suspendeu por ora o cumprimento das penas.

Elisandro Spohr, o dono da boate responsabilizado pelo uso do forro de espuma que propagou as chamas e intoxicou as vítimas, recebeu a sentença mais longa. Seu sócio, Mauro Hoffmann, foi condenado a 19 anos, e o vocalista da banda que tocava naquela noite, Marcelo de Jesus dos Santos, a 18, assim como o assistente de palco Luciano Bonilha Leão.

O juiz Orlando Faccini Neto, que proferiu a sentença, disse ter se tratado do júri mais difícil de sua carreira, dada a carga de emoção.

O julgamento precisou ser transferido para Porto Alegre porque em Santa Maria muitos conheciam os mortos. A defesa chegou a apresentar uma carta que alegou ser psicografada de uma das vítimas. Cotidiano B4



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Variant Omicron : ce qui inquiète, ce qui rassure

Alors que l'épidémie de Covid-19 continue à progresser en France, cette nouvelle souche découverte en Afrique du Sud suscite toujours de nombreuses interrogations.

Pour le moment, Delta poursuit sa course et la cinquième vague déferle sur la France, même si elle commence à montrer des signes de ralentissement. Mais le nouveau variant Omicron, détecté en Afrique du Sud il y a une quinzaine de jours et qui

s'implante en Europe, pourrait-il changer le visage de l'épidémie ? Ses très nombreuses mutations avaient fait craindre une plus forte contagiosité et une plus grande virulence. Il apparaît, selon les premières données disponibles,

que si cette nouvelle version du Sars-CoV-2 se transmet à un rythme encore plus rapide que le variant Delta, elle pourrait ne pas provoquer davantage de formes graves. Reste une inconnue de taille : quelle est la protection apportée par la vac-

cination et/ou une précédente infection contre ce nouveau variant ? Face à Omicron, il semble que la troisième dose soit plus que jamais nécessaire. En attendant peut-être que les fabricants de vaccins ne décident d'adapter leurs produits.

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Pédalage en tandem

L'ENA avait autrefois une épreuve dite de « pédalage de groupe », dans laquelle il ne servait à rien d'arriver premier si vous n'étiez pas capable de faire avancer vos équipiers au même rythme. C'est le défi que devra relever Emmanuel Macron durant sa présidence de l'Union européenne, qui va coïncider avec sa campagne électorale. Ce premier de la classe a fait connaissance vendredi avec son nouveau partenaire de tandem franco-allemand, Olaf Scholz. Un petit bonhomme au sourire énigmatique, qui ne paye pas de mine mais a fait la preuve de son habileté et de sa ténacité pour succéder à Angela Merkel. Sa force, disent ceux qui le connaissent, procède souvent d'avoir été sous-estimé. À qui le comparait avec mépris à un Schtroumpf, il avait répondu non sans astuce : « Ils sont petits, malins et ils gagnent à tous les coups ! »

Dans un cours magistral de deux heures, performance intellectuelle aussi remarquable qu'épuisante, le président français a exposé jeudi son plan de bataille pour un semestre où il se voit manifestement en grand timonier de l'Europe. Reprise en main des frontières et

des flux migratoires, refonte du modèle européen de croissance, taxe carbone sur les importations dans l'UE, boussole stratégique pour plus de souveraineté, défense des valeurs, relations de voisinage avec l'Afrique et les Balkans... Emmanuel Macron a une solution pour tout. Souvent intelligente, rationnelle, idéale. C'est la spécialité des Français, la « vision » à laquelle tous les autres devraient adhérer s'ils avaient un minimum de bon sens. Ce qui leur manque, en général, c'est la méthode pour arriver au consensus. Angela Merkel avait sa recette : l'écoute sans préjugés et la prise en compte des intérêts spécifiques des autres pays, y compris des plus petits - tout en préservant en priorité ceux de l'Allemagne. Olaf Scholz, qui a « cloné » l'insaisissable chancelière, devrait marcher dans ses traces. Le prochain président du Conseil de l'UE pourrait en bénéficier, pour peu qu'il soit prêt à ajuster ses idées lumineuses aux dures réalités d'un club à vingt-sept. ■

Aux Français la vision, aux Allemands la méthode

Olaf Scholz et Emmanuel Macron tentent de partir du bon pied

Ayant réservé à Paris sa première sortie de chancelier vendredi, Olaf Scholz s'est félicité d'une rencontre « très amicale » avec Emmanuel Macron, assurant que « la relation (franco-allemande) continuera à évoluer positivement ». « Nous avons la volonté de faire travailler ensemble nos deux pays », a confirmé le président, évoquant une « solide convergence de vues ». Certaines négociations, notamment économiques, s'annoncent cependant délicates. **PAGE 10**

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Tough Covid curbs needed by next week, leak reveals

Exclusive Officials call for urgent action to avoid mass hospitalisations

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Britain's top public health officials have advised ministers that "stringent national measures" need to be imposed by 18 December to avoid Covid hospital admissions passing

last winter's peak, according to documents leaked to the Guardian.

Sajid Javid, the health secretary, received a presentation from the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) on Tuesday warning that even if the new Omicron variant led to less serious disease than Delta, it risked overwhelming the NHS with 5,000 people admitted to hospital a day.

In an interview with the Guardian, the epidemiologist Prof Neil Ferguson said the total could be double that number, while the Scottish first

minister, Nicola Sturgeon, warned of a "potential tsunami" of Omicron infections in Scotland. It comes as experts revealed yesterday that three vaccine doses give 70%-75% protection against the Omicron variant - but two doses offer little protection.

"I think what we're seeing is that if you've had two doses more than three months ago, then it's not going to prevent you from getting symptomatic disease," said Dr Susan Hopkins, UKHSA chief medical adviser.

No 10 insisted there were no

imminent plans to bring in more restrictions after plan B measures were announced for England this week, but the cabinet minister Michael Gove, who chaired a Cobra meeting yesterday, said the government had been presented with some "very challenging information" about the speed of the spread.

The Guardian has seen leaked advice from UKHSA for Javid marked "official, sensitive" saying: "The key point is that under a range of plausible scenarios, 2 →

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By supermodel Karen Elson

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Pressure on PM to say if parties held in flat

Aubrey Allegretti
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Boris Johnson is under growing pressure to confirm whether parties were held in his Downing Street flat in defiance of Covid rules during lockdowns last year.

The prime minister's former adviser Dominic Cummings claimed yesterday that photographs could come to light proving such gatherings were held. Sources have told the Guardian that on the day Cummings dramatically quit Downing Street in November last year, blaring music and aides chatting were heard in the No 11 residence where Johnson lives with his wife, Carrie.

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