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The Supreme Court gave abortion providers a narrow legal path to challenge Texas' ban on ending pregnancies after six weeks, but the splintered ruling left the law in effect for now and made any rapid resumption of such abortions in the state unlikely. **A1**

◆ **Biden and top Democrats** rushed to counter fresh Republican criticism that the party's education, healthcare and climate agenda is more expensive than it seems and will exacerbate inflation. **A4**

◆ **The Omicron variant** has so far caused mostly mild cases of Covid-19 in a small group of largely vaccinated people in the U.S., federal data show. **A3, A10**

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U.S. Inflation's Persistent Rise Hits Fastest Pace in 39 Years

By GWYNETH GUILFORD

U.S. inflation reached a nearly four-decade high in November, as strong consumer demand collided with pandemic-related supply constraints.

The Labor Department said the consumer-price index—which measures what consumers pay for goods and services—rose 6.8% in November from the same month a year ago. That was the fastest pace since 1982 and the sixth straight month in which inflation topped 5%.

The so-called core price index, which excludes the often-volatile categories of food and energy, climbed 4.9% in November from a year earlier. That was a sharper increase than October's 4.6% rise, and the highest rate since 1991.

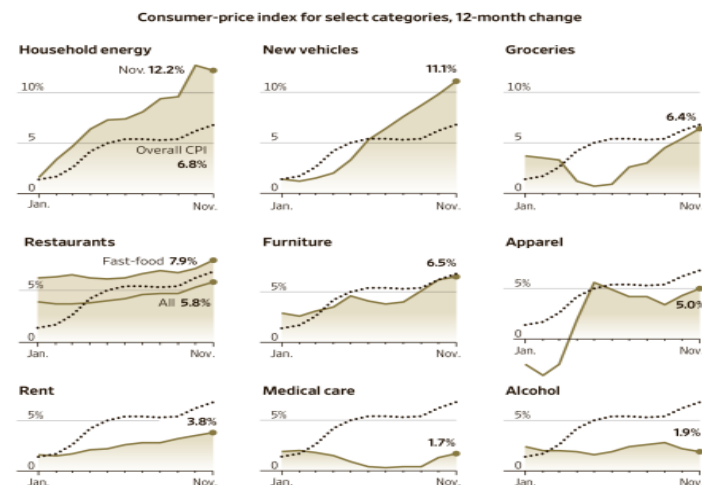
The increase in prices for new vehicles, which came in at 11.1% in November, was the largest on record, as were those for men's apparel and living room, kitchen and dining room furniture. A 7.9% surge in fast-food restaurant prices last month marked the sharpest on record too.

The steady rise in restaurant prices during the past few months is a sign of pass-through from wages into higher prices, economists say. That dynamic is increasingly showing up in other industries. Wages tracked by the Atlanta Fed climbed 4.3% in November, up from 4.1% in October and the highest since 2007.

Some energy prices showed signs of easing—in part because of easing in oil prices.

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Aboard a Stranded Ship That No One Would Help

Poor nations supplying flags seldom assist abandoned vessels

By JOE PARKINSON AND DREW HINSHAW

LIMASSOL, Cyprus—The cargo ship laden with 3,000 tons of flammable sulfur was stranded off the coast of Somalia and taking on water.

With "SOS" in the subject line, an Oct. 26 email from the crew of the MV Haj Abdullah said the hull of the 260-foot vessel was cracked and seawater was sloshing over the deck and into the diesel fuel. The sailors were almost out of food, and months had passed since the ship's owner had last paid them. The waters around them were notorious for piracy.

For more than two months, the Haj Abdullah's requests for assistance had ricocheted around the international shipping system without any help responding. The ship's London-based insurer canceled its coverage, saying the vessel was unseaworthy. The ship's Lebanese, Egyptian and Syrian crew had been abandoned by a Lebanese owner. They were sailing under the jurisdiction of Sierra Leone, whose tricolor flag fluttered above the deck.

The Sierra Leone Maritime Administration regulates hundreds of ships transporting billions of dollars of cargo, relying on a management company operating on the outskirts of Limassol, Cyprus. The crew petitioned the Cyprus office for help. Under the laws of the West African nation, its maritime authorities

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EXCHANGE



OUT OF OFFICE
The future of in-person work is more uncertain than ever.

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Omicron—the Metal Band—Makes the Best of Its Name

Belgian group gets unexpected chance at fame as Covid-19 variant spreads

By JAMES HOOKWAY

When Philippe Delhaute and Ignace Casier were working out the guitar parts for some songs last week, they didn't expect their band's name to raise quite so many eyebrows.

"I went to the store wearing our band T-shirt and people were looking at me really weirdly," Mr. Delhaute recalls. "But we have been here for six years now and have nothing to do with Covid whatsoever."

Meet Omicron. Not the coronavirus variant but the Belgian death metal band, who say that the only thing contagious about them is their music.

The four-piece band has already begun making a name in their home country, thrashing their guitars and singing about alien invasions and the mysteries of human evolution, their favorite themes. Soon they will begin recording their new album, "Entropic Entity," and, if the

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Migrant Tragedy Spurs Grief



A makeshift memorial marks the site of a Thursday truck crash in southern Mexico that killed at least 55 migrants. **A10**

GM Picks Michigan For Two EV Projects

By MIKE COLIAS

General Motors Co. plans to invest more than \$3 billion to make electric vehicles in Michigan, people familiar with the matter said, a potential win for the car maker's home state after recent commitments of auto projects to Southern states.

GM is finalizing plans for two electric-vehicle projects in Michigan.

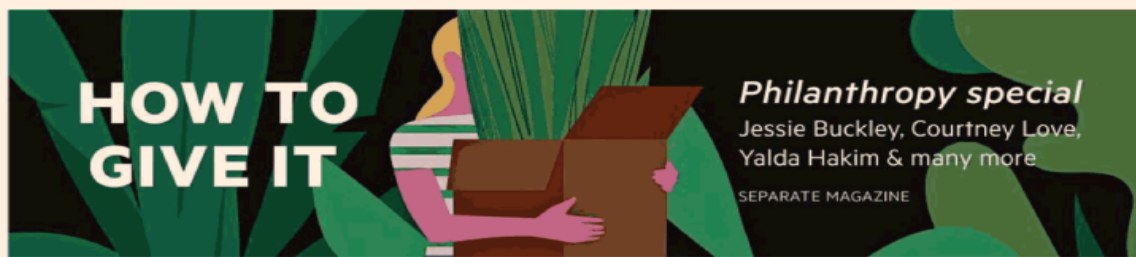
One would convert its Orion Assembly plant in suburban Detroit to serve as its hub for production of electric pickup trucks, the people with knowledge of the plans said. The renovation would cost at least \$2 billion and would be expected to create more than 1,500 jobs at the factory, which today is lightly used, the people said.

Also, the Detroit-based auto maker intends to build a battery-cell factory near one of its assembly plants in Lansing, Mich., the people said. That project, involving a 50-50 joint venture between GM and its battery partner, LG Energy Solutions, would split more than \$2 billion between GM and LG and create around 1,200 jobs, the people said.

GM officials are in talks with local governments to secure tax abatements and other approvals for the projects, and the plans could fall through or Please turn to page A2

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Philanthropy special

Jessie Buckley, Courtney Love, Yalda Hakim & many more

SEPARATE MAGAZINE

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



Giuseppe Cacace/FP via Getty Images



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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S&P 500	4051.34	4067.45	\$ per £	1.121	1.120	US Gov 10 yr	147.73	1.46	-0.02
Nasdaq Composite	15565.95	15517.37	\$ per €	1.323	1.321	UK Gov 10 yr		0.66	-0.02
Dow Jones Ind	39621.51	39754.09	£ per \$	0.855	0.855	Ger Gov 10 yr		-0.35	0.01
FTSE Eurofirst 300	1846.29	1849.96	\$ per ¥	113.425	113.445	Jpn Gov 10 yr	112.81	0.05	0.01
Euro Stoxx 50	4280.60	4288.30	¥ per \$	150.049	149.832	US Gov 30 yr	121.80	1.86	0.00
FTSE 100	7291.78	7321.26	SFr per €	1.042	1.044	Ger Gov 2 yr	104.71	-0.70	0.01
FTSE All-Share	4148.90	4167.39	€ per \$	0.885	0.886				
CAC 40	6991.68	7008.23							
Xetra Dax	15623.31	15636.26							
Nikkei	28437.77	28725.47							
Hong Kong	23995.72	24254.98							
MSCI World \$	3172.49	3196.39	Dec 10	prev	Dec 10	prev			
MSCI EM \$	1247.71	1241.01	Oil WTI \$	71.21	70.94	Real Funds EUR	0.09	0.08	0.00
MSCI ACWI \$	743.61	748.11	Oil Brent \$	74.63	74.42	US 3m Bill	0.08	0.07	-0.01
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Civilian Deaths Mounted As Secret Unit Struck ISIS

U.S. Force Alarmed Officers by Sidestepping Rules Protecting Noncombatants

This article is by **Dave Philipps**,
Eric Schmitt and **Mark Mazzetti**.

A single top secret American strike cell launched tens of thousands of bombs and missiles against the Islamic State in Syria, but in the process of hammering a vicious enemy, the shadowy force sidestepped safeguards and repeatedly killed civilians, according to multiple current and former military and intelligence officials.

The unit was called Talon Anvil, and it worked in three shifts around the clock between 2014 and 2019, pinpointing targets for the United States' formidable air power to hit: convoys, car bombs, command centers and squads of enemy fighters.

But people who worked with the strike cell say in the rush to destroy enemies, it circumvented rules imposed to protect noncombatants, and alarmed its partners in the military and the C.I.A. by killing people who had no role in the conflict: farmers trying to harvest, children in the street, families fleeing fighting, and villagers sheltering in buildings.

Talon Anvil was small — at times fewer than 20 people operating from anonymous rooms cluttered with flat screens — but it played an outsized role in the 112,000 bombs and missiles launched against the Islamic State, in part because it embraced a loose interpretation of the military's rules of engagement.

"They were ruthlessly efficient and good at their jobs," said one former Air Force intelligence officer who worked on hundreds of classified Talon Anvil missions

from 2016 to 2018. "But they also made a lot of bad strikes."

The military billed the air war against the Islamic State as the most precise and humane in military history, and said strict rules and oversight by top leaders kept civilian deaths to a minimum despite a ferocious pace of bombing. In reality, four current and former military officials say, the majority of strikes were ordered not by top leaders but by relatively low-ranking U.S. Army Delta Force commandos in Talon Anvil.

The New York Times reported last month that a Special Operations bombing run in 2019 killed dozens of women and children, and that the aftermath was concealed from the public and top military leaders. In November, Defense Secretary Lloyd J. Austin III ordered a high-level investigation into the strike, which was carried out by Talon Anvil.

But people who saw the task force operate firsthand say the 2019 strike was part of a pattern of reckless strikes that started years earlier.

When presented with The Times's findings, several current and former senior Special Operations officers denied any widespread pattern of reckless airstrikes by the strike cell and disregard for limiting civilian casualties. Capt. Bill Urban, a spokesman for the military's Central Command, which oversees operations in Syria, declined to comment.

As bad strikes mounted, the four military officials said, Talon

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TORNADO OUTBREAK PUMMELS SIX STATES



Antoine Hawkins said the bathtub saved his life Friday night when a tornado tore apart his apartment building in Mayfield, Ky.

Grief, and Gratitude, in a Small Kentucky Town

By **RICK ROJAS**
and **JAMIE MCGEE**

MAYFIELD, Ky. — Churches were reduced to rubble. The courthouse was wiped out. A building where the utility company parked its trucks had seemingly vaporized, taking the vehicles with it.

And the candle factory was nothing more than a spread of assorted debris. The only indication of what it once was: The scents of vanilla and lavender, along with aromas that conjured up springtime and fresh laundry — all from

Close-Knit Community Shattered by Storm

the chemicals used in the candles were picked up by powerful winds.

"I don't know how Mayfield will rebound," Joe Crenshaw, 37, said as he stood along the perimeter of the factory on Saturday afternoon, hoping to help, somehow, with efforts to find survivors in the rubble.

Mayfield, a city of roughly 10,000 people perched in the west-

ern corner of the state, is a community in shock. One person after the next told harrowing accounts of hiding as the tornado ripped through the town, sounding like a freight train. Gov. Andy Beshear of Kentucky called it the worst tornado disaster in the state's history. Of the 110 people working in the candle factory when the tornado hit, he said, just 40 have been rescued.

But amid anguish and worry, there was also gratitude among those who survived.

"By the grace of God, I woke up late," said Jamal Morgan, 25, who

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Toll May Pass 100 From Midwest to the South

This article is by **Rick Rojas**, **Jamie McGee**, **Laura Faith Kebede** and **Campbell Robertson**.

MAYFIELD, Ky. — Rescue workers across the middle of the country combed through wreckage for survivors on Saturday after a horde of tornadoes ripped a catastrophic swath from Arkansas through Kentucky. Scores of people were killed in the storms, and officials warned that the toll was almost certain to rise as they sifted through the ruins.

The tornadoes tore through at least six states on Friday night, including Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri and Tennessee, said Bill Bunting, the operations chief at the Storm Prediction Center, part of the National Weather Service. They crumbled metal like paper, swatted down concrete buildings and threw a freight train off its track.

The tornado outbreak killed people who were working the Friday night shifts at a candle factory in Kentucky, where scores are believed to have died, and at an Amazon warehouse in Illinois, where at least six people were killed and where recovery operations were continuing. Officials said on Saturday that they did not know how many workers at the warehouse were unaccounted for but that they expected recovery efforts to continue for three more days.

Hundreds of thousands of people were without power on Saturday, according to reports compiled by PowerOutage.us. Many of them were customers in states at the heart of the outbreak, but close to a half million customers in other states, including Michigan and Ohio, also lost power in the sprawling weather system.

In a speech on Saturday afternoon in Delaware, where he was spending the weekend, President Biden said his administration would do "everything it can possibly do to help" the states that had sustained serious damage in the tornado outbreak.

"This is likely to be one of the largest tornado outbreaks in our history," he said, adding that he had approved the emergency dec-

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A clinic in Zambia, a country lacking practice in adult shots.

Many Obstacles Even as Doses Flow to Africa

By **STEPHANIE NOLEN**

NGWERERE, Zambia — Four people turned up at a health clinic tucked in a sprawl of commercial maize farms on a recent morning, looking for Covid-19 vaccines. The staff had vials of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine stashed in the fridge. But the staff members apologetically declined to vaccinate the four and suggested they try another day.

A vial of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine holds five doses, and the staff was under orders not to waste a single one.

Ida Musonda, the nurse who supervises the vaccination effort, suspected that her team might have found more takers if they packed the vials in Styrofoam coolers and headed out to markets and churches. "But we have no fuel for the vehicle to take the vaccines there," she said.

They did vaccinate 100 people on their last trip to a farm; the records from that trip sat in a paper heap in the clinic because the

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Trump Loyalists Speed Into Jobs Overseeing Vote

By **CHARLES HOMANS**

ELIZABETHTOWN, Pa. — When thousands of Trump supporters gathered in Washington on Jan. 6 for the Stop the Steal rally that led to the storming of the U.S. Capitol, one of them was a pastor and substitute teacher from Elizabethtown, Pa., named Stephen Lindemuth.

Mr. Lindemuth had traveled with a religious group from Elizabethtown to join in protesting the certification of Joseph R. Biden's victory. In a Facebook post three days later, he said that "Media coverage has focused solely on the negative aspect of the day's events," and said he had been in Washington simply "standing for the truth to be heard."

Shortly after, he declared his candidacy for judge of elections, a local Pennsylvania office that administers polling on Election Day, in the local jurisdiction of Mount Joy Township.

Mr. Lindemuth's victory in November in this conservative rural community is a milestone of sorts in American politics: the arrival of the first class of political activists who, galvanized by Donald J. Trump's false claim of a stolen election in 2020, have begun seeking offices supervising the election systems that they believe robbed Mr. Trump of a second term. According to a May Reuters/Ipsos poll, more than 60 percent of Republicans now believe the 2020 election was stolen.

This belief has informed a wave of mobilization at both grass-roots

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A group of migrants was apprehended by officers with the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Inside Texas' Unusual Effort to Arrest Migrants

By **J. DAVID GOODMAN**

BRACKETTVILLE, Texas — Magdaleno Ruiz Jimenez huddled under a waxing moon in the rough brush of a Texas ranch. His journey to the small border community of Brackettville had been long, about 1,300 miles from his home in Mexico. But now a drone was buzzing overhead.

A lone officer, Sgt. Ryan Glenn, emerged from the darkness. He

had a flashlight and a screen with coordinates for where Mr. Jimenez and six other men could be found on the cold caliche, blobs of heat visible to an infrared camera on the overhead drone. More officers soon arrived.

"I spent everything to get here," Mr. Jimenez said after the officers wrestled him and the other men from the brush.

The men assumed they had been detained by immigration of-

ficers for illegally crossing into the United States. They were wrong. Instead, they were arrested on charges of trespassing on a vast private ranch by officers from the Texas state police.

For several months now, Texas has been engaged in an effort to repurpose the tools of state law enforcement to stem the increase of people crossing illegally.

To do this, Texas officials led by

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The Year's Top 10 Books

Editors at the Book Review choose best fiction and nonfiction of 2021, from a "prose poem" by a debut novelist to a biography of Sylvia Plath.

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Old Murder, New Mystery

The 1993 killing of a woman near Buffalo is drawing scrutiny amid fears that the state was wrong when two men were convicted of the crime.

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Alabama Star Wins Heisman

Bryce Young, the Crimson Tide's sophomore quarterback, led his team to the College Football Playoff despite playing behind a leaky offensive line.

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Elon Musk's Troll Philanthropy

No burning here: The Tesla founder seems to take immense pleasure in using his identity as a philanthropist to antagonize the public.

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TWISTERS RAVAGE 5 STATES, KILLING DOZENS

Storms decimate parts of Kentucky, where governor says death toll may surpass 100.

BY MOLLY
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MAYFIELD, Ky. — As a tornado passed over this Kentucky town of about 10,000 late Friday, the Rev. Wes Fowler huddled with his wife and three children — ages 12, 8 and 6 — in the basement of the First Baptist Church Mayfield.

"Ceiling tiles were moving up and down and dust filled the room. I basically got my family against a wall in the basement. I laid on top of them. Honestly, we didn't know if we were going to make it for a few minutes there," Fowler, 45, said Saturday, sobbing as he stood in the ruins of the church. "In the moment, all I could think about was covering up my wife and my kids."

At least 79 people were feared dead — most of them in Kentucky — after a series of tornadoes tore through the Midwest and Southeast overnight, according to state and local officials.

At a briefing Saturday, President Biden said he had approved an emergency declaration for Kentucky, "and I stand ready to do the same for the governors of the other states."

"This is likely to be one of the largest tornado outbreaks in our history," he said.

Biden said he spoke with the governors of the five most impacted states — Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri and Tennessee — as well as to Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky. "We still don't know how many lives are lost or the full extent of the damage," Biden said.

He said that the Federal Emergency Management Agency was sending resources, including help with temporary housing, and that he planned to visit the affected areas in Kentucky. Biden said he expected [See Tornadoes, A12]



Anita, tanbur



Lina, viola



Fatima, cello



Zohra, trumpet



Farida, violin



Sunbol, violin

A bittersweet escape

REPORTING FROM DOHA, QATAR, BY NABIH BULOS AND MARCUS YAM | PHOTOGRAPHY BY MARCUS YAM

It was already dark when the crimson-silver Qatar Airways jetliner glided to a stop at its parking slot in Doha's airport. A small group assembled at the bottom of the gangway to meet the disembarking passengers. Among those waiting was 59-year-old Ahmad Sarmast. ¶ He wanted to seem businesslike, to maintain calm. After all, the experience of the last few months had taught the director of the Afghanistan National Institute of Music that nothing's done until it's done. But then 13-year-old Farida, her violin case in hand, appeared at the top of the gangway: another budding musician, Zohra, also 13, followed. They saw Sarmast, ran down the steps and hugged him. ¶ "That's when I gave up and started to cry," he said. "We all were." ¶ With Farida and Zohra in Doha, the months-long, herculean struggle to evacuate members of the music school after the Taliban's triumph in Afghanistan was over. The flight's arrival meant that all those willing and able to leave the capital, Kabul — almost 300 students, faculty, staff and their families — were out, and that the journey to the institute's new home in exile was almost complete. ¶ But the moment was bittersweet for Sarmast. [See Escape, A4]

COLUMN ONE

The globe-spanning quest in search of a lost timepiece

A gold pocket watch made for J.P. Morgan vanished in the 1970s. Finding it became an obsession.

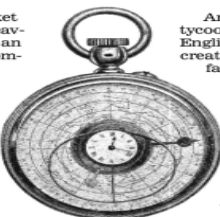
By Daniel Miller

The double-sided pocket watch had a map of the heavens on one of its two dials, an intricate display whose complexity nodded to the mechanical masterpiece ticking within the solid-gold case.

It told time, of course, but it could also chart the sunrise and sunset, the phases of the moon, the path of constellations, the signs of the Zodiac, and track equinoxes, solstices and the declination of the sun.

The watch's creation 112 years ago must have seemed like a bit of alchemy — and operating it a brush with magic.

Impressive as its features were, the 175-pound watch may be just as notable for whom it was believed to be made: John Pierpont Morgan.



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Around 1905, the Gilded Age tycoon commissioned the English firm J. Player & Son to create the timepiece, people familiar with the watch have asserted over the decades. It cost 1,000 pounds — or about \$5,000 at the time — and took four years to make.

Just a few years after the watch's completion, Morgan died in 1913 at the age of 75. The banking magnate's death is said to have touched off a long, peripatetic journey for the timepiece, which eventually found its way into the hands of an enigmatic antiquities dealer in New York.

Then, in the mid-1970s, the pocket watch disappeared, spawning an enduring mystery. I set out to solve it in spring 2020. [See Watch, A10]

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'Fully vaccinated' could soon mean getting a booster

Waning immunity and Omicron variant lead to scrutiny of what meets that standard.

BY MELISSA HEALY

For many Americans who scrambled to get vaccinated against COVID-19 as soon as their turn came up, the relief of gaining immunity was just one reward. Achieving "fully vaccinated" status conferred a faint halo of virtue as well.

Now, both the shots' biological protection and the satisfaction of contributing to the herd's immunity are proving short-lived. And with a worrisome new coronavirus variant threatening to erode vaccine-induced immunity further, health officials are debating whether the definition of "fully vaccinated" should be amended to include a booster shot.

Scientists are leaning

heavily in favor, and public health leaders are not far behind.

So far, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention hasn't officially shifted the goalposts. Americans subject to job-related vaccine mandates or required to show proof of "full vaccination" to enter gyms, restaurants or public events can satisfy the requirement without a booster.

But the CDC has tiptoed up to those goalposts, telling all but the youngest vaccinated Americans that durable immunity will require an extra dose, and urging those 16 and older to get one as soon as they are eligible.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, President Biden's senior advisor on the pandemic, also walked right up to the line — but didn't cross it.

"Optimal protection is going to be with a third shot," Fauci told CNN last week. He added that while he didn't see the official definition of "fully vaccinated" [See Vaccines, A20]

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For hours, storms heave wreckage into the sky

Scores killed as twisters rake six states

Families search amid the rubble of candle factory

BY AUSTYN GAFFNEY,
ABIGAIL HAUSLOHNER,
TODD C. FRANKEL
AND ARELIS R. HERNÁNDEZ

MAYFIELD, KY. — Ivy Williams's wife, Janine, had called him Friday night to tell him that a bad storm was coming when the call abruptly cut out. He hasn't heard from her since.

The 50-year-old quality assurance worker was several hours into her night shift at Mayfield Consumer Products with more than 100 other employees when a tornado swept through and flattened the metal building on top of them.

About 40 people were rescued; just as many remain unaccounted for and are feared dead. Williams spent Friday night and Saturday trying to learn to which group his wife of seven years belonged.

"I won't go home without her," Williams said Saturday, crying as he spoke while sitting on a bench outside His House Ministries counseling center, where families

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Warmer climate could intensify violent disasters

BY MICHAEL BIRNBAUM,
BRADY DENNIS
AND JASON SAMENOW

In the wake of deadly storms that ravaged parts of the South and the Midwest this weekend, scientists had a warning: While the exact link between climate change and tornadoes remains uncertain, higher temperatures could add fuel to these violent disasters.

As rescuers searched Saturday amid the rubble of violent tornadoes that barreled through multiple states, killed scores of people, and leveled homes and businesses, climate scientists said people around the world needed to brace for more frequent and intense weather-driven catastrophes.

"A lot of people are waking up today and seeing this damage and saying, 'Is this the new normal?'" said Victor Gensini, a meteorology professor at Northern Illinois University, adding that key questions still remain when it comes to

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TOP: An aerial view of the damage to a candle factory in Mayfield, Ky., on Saturday. More than 100 people were inside Friday night when a tornado flattened the building. ABOVE: Reed Mattison, bottom right, helps a family clean debris from their home in Bowling Green, Ky., on Saturday. At least one tornado tore through the city, and more than 30 were reported across six states overnight.

RESCUE OPERATIONS ARE UNDERWAY

State of emergency declared in Kentucky

BY AUSTYN GAFFNEY,
ABIGAIL HAUSLOHNER
AND SCOTT WILSON

MAYFIELD, KY. — A desperate search and rescue operation unfolded Saturday across six states mauled the previous evening by rare late-season tornadoes that may have left more than 70 people dead.

More than 30 separate tornadoes moved with devastating power and speed through an area stretching from Mississippi in the south to Illinois in the north. As they swept through the region over several hours, the twisters killed dozens, including workers in a candle factory in a flattened Kentucky town, lakeside vacationers in Tennessee and a nursing home resident in Arkansas.

While the stream of tornadoes battered dozens of communities, none suffered more than this town of about 10,000 people in southwestern Kentucky, not far from a

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In care home, a furious effort to protect lives

BY ANTONIO OLIVO,
EMILY WAX THIBODEAUX
AND SILVIA FOSTER FRAU

MONETTE, ARK. — Barbara Richards made a horrifying discovery as she looked out the glass door of the Monette Manor nursing home Friday night. A tornado was heading straight for her.

"I could see the rotation outside before it got to us," Richards, 57, said in an interview.

She ran back toward the residents, warning them to cover their heads with pillows and hold on tight. She and the other nurses had already gathered the home's elderly residents together, putting as many as they could in a hallway near the nurse's station. They barricaded the glass doors with mattresses.

There wasn't anything left to do.

"Then it hit and blew the glass out of the windows in the facility," Richards said. "You could see the

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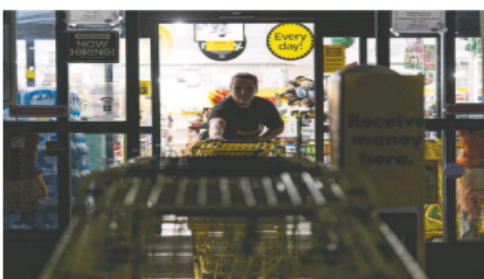
At a dollar store, a thriftier worker's revolt unfolds

BY GREG JAFFE

WINSTED, CONN. — The afternoon shift workers at Dollar General No. 18060 had listened with growing panic as an executive accused their store manager of stealing. They could hear the yelling and threats in the back office, a scene that had shaken all of them — especially Shellie Parsons.

In a life marked by poverty, addiction and physical abuse, Parsons, 37, had come to see her store — a beige prefabricated building on the outskirts of town — as her haven, a \$15.75-an-hour pathway to a better life. She was desperately afraid of losing it.

And so, after a brief discussion with a few trusted co-workers, she headed to a nearby Stop & Shop



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Shellie Parsons, 37, wrangles shopping carts at an entrance to the Dollar General location just outside Winsted, Conn., last month.

grocery store where years earlier she recalled seeing a picket line, walked back to the deli counter and asked one of the butchers, whom she had never met, whether he had a phone number for someone at their union. She dialed from the parking lot.

"Why does it got to be me?" she recalled thinking as the phone rang. She feared that talking to a union organizer could get her fired, even as she worried that doing nothing would leave her and her colleagues vulnerable to the whims of upper management.

All over the country, workers who had labored through a global pandemic for low pay and meager benefits were concluding that they deserved better from their bosses. Wages were rising, and a

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For Putin, Ukraine embodies ultimate battle with the West

BY ROBYN DIXON

MOSCOW — Since President Biden's call with Russian President Vladimir Putin over the Ukraine crisis, Russian officials have dug in deeper: blaming NATO for the confrontation, dismissing Ukraine as a puppet state of the West and ruling out a pull-back of Russian forces massed near Ukraine's border.

Putin even compared Ukraine's fight against Moscow-backed separatists in eastern Ukraine to genocide.

It all suggests that — even if Putin heeds Biden's warnings — the current tensions in the region will look a lot like future tensions,

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HOTESUR. Hay 21 transferencias sospechosas; el fiscal las usará para apelar el sobreseimiento

Hernán Cappiello y Candela Iní
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El corazón de la apelación para permitir la reapertura de la causa contra Cristina Kirchner y sus hijos, Máximo y Florencia, por lavado de dinero en Hotesur y Los Sauces es un peritaje contable ignorado por los jueces que sobreseyeron a la vicepresidente y su familia.

El estudio muestra cómo el mismo día, en 21 ocasiones, el dinero que recibió Lázaro Báez de la obra pública con sobrepagos termina-

ba en las cuentas de los Kirchner, luego de pasar por Valle Mitre, la gerenciadora de los hoteles.

Los jueces Daniel Obligado y Adrián Grünberg saltaron este peritaje, que será la llave del recurso que presentará el fiscal Diego Velasco entre mañana y el martes para conseguir que se haga el juicio oral y público. En el trabajo, se visualiza el "reciclaje" que se hizo con el dinero que recibió Lázaro Báez, pasó por Valle Mitre y terminó en las cuentas de los Kirchner. Continúa en la página 10

EL ANÁLISIS

Un país de patotas y falsedades

Joaquín Morales Solá

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Es un gobierno raro. Está a punto de exigir un pase sanitario en la provincia de Buenos Aires para contener los contagios de la variante ómicron,

pero al mismo tiempo convoca a una masiva marcha autorreferencial y sectaria por el aniversario de una celebración de todos los argentinos. Continúa en la página 35

EL ESCENARIO

Cristina, Kristalina y un FDT en tensión

Jorge Liotti

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La cena había sido convocada para que los diputados salientes del Frente de Todos recibieran a los nuevos legisladores en un marco de camaradería. Era lunes a la noche y en el Club Caledonia de Barracas había buen clima. Para matizar alguien le preguntó a Máximo Kirchner qué posición adoptarían cuando llegase al Congreso el acuerdo con el FMI. "Bueno, Alberto ya tiene asegurados los 116 votos de Juntos por el Cambio; nosotros después vemos", respondió con el tono irónico que utiliza ante temas espinosos. Continúa en la página 16

La Natividad rompió con la historia del polo

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Los Castagnola lograron la hazaña: vencer al tío Cambiaso en Palermo; fue 15-13 a La Dolfina en una final electrizante.



La selfie de Camila Cambiaso con sus hijos Barto (con la copa) y Camilo (der.) Castagnola y con Nachi Du Plessis y Polito Pieres. RODRIGO NÉSPOLO

Miramar: imputaron al policía por homicidio

TENSIÓN. Reforzaron la seguridad con 600 efectivos

El policía bonaerense Maximiliano González fue imputado ayer por homicidio agravado a causa del asesinato en Miramar del adolescente Luciano Olivera.

El uniformado se negó a declarar y fue enviado al penal de Batán. En tanto, 600 efectivos llegaron a Miramar para reforzar la seguridad tras los disturbios. **Página 27**

Solo el 20% tiene formación universitaria

EDUCACIÓN. Así surge de un ranking de la OCDE

El 20% de los argentinos de entre 25 y 64 años tiene formación universitaria y apenas el 36% concluyó sus estudios secundarios. Esos porcentajes encienden las alar-

mas vinculadas con el acceso al mercado laboral y surgen de un ranking de la OCDE, analizado por la Universidad de Belgrano (UB). **Página 25**

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Destruição em Mayfield, no Kentucky, após fenômeno varrer regiões do estado; tempestades violentas atingiram também Illinois, Tennessee, Missouri, Arkansas e Mississippi Mundo A18

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A paisagista Marisa Carneiro, proprietária de um hospital de plantas Adriano Vizzoni/Folhapress

Passaporte de vacinação é obrigatório, decide Barroso

Medida dispensa os impedidos por motivo médico ou por falta de imunizante

O ministro do Supremo Tribunal Federal Luís Roberto Barroso determinou a obrigatoriedade do passaporte de vacinação contra Covid-19 para todo viajante que vier do exterior.

A medida acolhe parcialmente pedido feito pelo partido Rede Sustentabilidade.

A decisão dispensa os não vacinados por motivos médicos, por falta comprovada de imunizante no país de origem ou por razão humanitária excepcional.

Para o magistrado, teste negativo ou quarentena, como havia determinado o governo, não são suficientes.

Segundo o ministro, permitir a livre opção pela quarentena "cria situação de absoluto descontrole e de consequente ineficácia da norma". Ele definiu o tema como urgente, pelo aumento de viagens no período de festas e pelo risco de o Brasil se tornar destino antivacina.

Rivais do presidente Jair Bolsonaro (PL), como o governador de São Paulo, João Dória (PSDB), e secretários estaduais de Saúde comemoraram a decisão. O ministro pedirá que ela seja enviada para referendo em sessão extraordinária do plenário virtual da corte. Saúde B3

Verba sob Lira irriga caixa de cidade governada pelo pai

Governada pelo pai de Arthur Lira, presidente da Câmara, Barra de São Miguel (AL) recebeu R\$ 4,7 milhões em 2021 e R\$ 5,8 milhões em 2020 em emendas de relator. Lira disse que o repasse é legítimo e reduz desigualdades no município. Poder A6

Marcos Lisboa O populismo pusilânime

O populismo em campanha teme enfrentar grupos de interesse e o desmonte de políticas fracassadas. O baixo crescimento não é obra do acaso diante do voluntarismo pouco embasado e da captura de políticas públicas por grupos organizados. Poder A20

Congresso mira cortes para ampliar emendas e fundo

Para elevar a verba do fundo eleitoral e de emendas, o Congresso avalia cortes em outras despesas, como no custeio de ministérios. Também se discute reduzir parte da quantia em gastos obrigatórios, como aposentadorias e demais benefícios da Previdência Social.

Os congressistas querem aprovar a lei orçamentária ainda neste mês para garantir a execução das emendas no início de 2022. Em ano eleitoral, o prazo de liberação é mais curto, até julho. O mecanismo tende a ser o principal capital político de parlamentares. Poder A4

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Ao menos 175,5 mil moradias em São Paulo ficam em áreas de perigo iminente de deslizamento e solapamento de margens de córregos. Promotória cobra da prefeitura plano previsto há seis anos para reduzir riscos. B3

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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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Après une saison blanche en raison de l'épidémie de Covid, les vacanciers sont décidés à retrouver les joies de la montagne. Les stations de ski ont fait le plein de réservations pour Noël et les fêtes de fin d'année. **PAGE 22**

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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

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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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