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The most significant changes to global tax rules in a century will take longer than planned, negotiators said, as they struggle to reach a formal agreement on how countries with large consumer markets could collect more corporate tax revenue. A1

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◆ **Twitter sent a letter to** Musk saying his effort to abandon his takeover is "invalid and wrongful" and that Twitter hasn't breached any of its obligations. B1

◆ **Musk's move to terminate** his deal to buy Twitter sent the company's shares down 11%, as investors prepare for what is expected to be a messy courtroom battle. B10

◆ **U.S. stocks fell to start** the week, with the S&P 500, Nasdaq and Dow Industrials losing 1.2%, 2.3% and 0.5%, respectively. B1

◆ **Netflix is searching for** an executive to spearhead the creation of an ad-supported tier of its service, according to people familiar with the matter, and has interviewed external candidates. B1

◆ **Frontier said it is done** bidding against rival JetBlue for Spirit Airlines and wants Spirit to delay its shareholder vote once again. B1

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◆ **Health officials preparing** to broaden the reach of a national mental-health crisis line are working to strengthen an overstretched call-center network that didn't connect with about one in six callers in recent years, a Wall Street Journal data review showed. A3

◆ **Federal law requires doctors** and hospitals to perform abortions when a woman diagnosed with an emergency medical condition needs the procedure to stabilize her health, Biden administration officials said, even if abortion is restricted in their state. A5

◆ **France's HRA Pharma,** owned by Perrigo, asked the FDA to approve what it says would be the first over-the-counter birth-control pill in the U.S. A5

◆ **The Justice Department** told a judge that Bannon's last-minute offer to testify to the Jan. 6 panel is no reason for the ex-Trump strategist to avoid trial for defying the committee's subpoena seeking testimony and documents. A4

◆ **The race to succeed** British Prime Minister Johnson intensified Monday, with several senior Conservative Party politicians making pitches. A18

◆ **The death toll from a** Russian missile attack Saturday on a residential building in Ukraine's Donetsk region rose to 31 people, Ukrainian President Zelensky said. A7

◆ **Moderna said it is** developing two potential Covid-19 booster shots targeting different Omicron subvariants, citing differences in market preferences among the U.S. and other countries. A5

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NASA Shows First Images of Space's Deepest Reaches



STAR LIGHT, STAR BRIGHT: Officials released the first images captured by the James Webb Space Telescope, displaying a galaxy cluster that includes the faintest objects ever observed in infrared. More images will be released Tuesday. A6

PGA Tour Faces DOJ Inquiry Into Fight With Saudi Rival

By LOUISE RADNOFSKY AND ANDREW BEATON

The Justice Department is investigating whether the PGA Tour engaged in anticompetitive behavior as it battles the upstart, Saudi-backed LIV Golf circuit, the PGA Tour confirmed to The Wall Street Journal. Players' agents have received inquiries from the DOJ's antitrust division involving both the PGA Tour's bylaws governing players' participation in other golf events, and the PGA Tour's actions in

recent months relating to LIV Golf, according to a person familiar with those inquiries.

The questions send a clear signal that the Justice Department is watching the fight that has divided professional golf, which both sides expect to end up in U.S. courts at some point.

A spokesman for the PGA Tour said it was aware of the investigation—and was confident it would prevail. The Justice Department declined to comment.

Since the debut last month of LIV Golf, which is financed

by Saudi Arabia's sovereign-wealth fund, the Public Investment Fund, the PGA Tour has suspended players who have chosen to participate—a punishment that LIV has assailed as anticompetitive. Some of those players have opted to resign from the PGA Tour.

The emergence of LIV Golf and the extraordinary money behind it has plunged the sport into tumult and financial upheaval. LIV offers \$25 million in prize money at its tournaments—far more than is currently offered on the PGA

Tour—in addition to the seemingly massive sums the top pros are receiving for simply signing on.

The PGA Tour has responded by upping its purses at select tournaments and creating alternate routes, including new proposed international events, to further line players' pockets. But even the Tour's boss concedes it can't match the Saudis' coffers.

"If this is an arms race and if the only weapons here are dollar bills, the PGA Tour can't

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When Parents Report a Child to Avert a Shooting

Troubling behavior leads to difficult decision

By TAWNELL D. HOBBS AND SARA RANDAZZO

SPENCER, Okla.—Even on the day Alania Vasquez reported her 14-year-old son to police, the enormity of the decision hadn't fully hit her.

She told an officer who came to her apartment that she believed her son would hurt people, likely at a school. He had a growing obsession with guns and vio-

lence, and she had discovered him watching videos of school shootings. He'd been in trouble for making threats at school and bringing in a pocketknife. A teacher had overheard him telling his classmates how to construct pipe bombs. He'd had an angry outburst earlier that day, which was in September 2019.

Officers searched her

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Shampoo Eschewers Raid Pantry

Some trust locks to eggs, vinegar, chickpea flour

By ELAINE YU

It's been more than two years since Laura Curtis-Moss last shampooed her hair.

Ms. Curtis-Moss is part of the "no poo" movement, a backlash against modern haircare. Making the switch takes serious commitment, with a few hair-raising weeks for converts and their families before the benefits start to shine through.

The 35-year-old environmental charity worker, who lives in Edinburgh, wanted to use less plastic, and her scalp had been feeling dry and sore. Remote working gave her a chance to experiment, and so she lathered

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Gap Replaces Its CEO, Issues Profit Warning

By SUZANNE KAPNER

Gap Inc. replaced Chief Executive Sonia Syngal after a little more than two years on the job and warned that its profits would slide amid a continued sales slump, making her the latest leader who has been unable to help the casual-clothing company regain its status among U.S. shoppers.

The apparel retailer said Monday its executive chairman, Bob Martin, a former Walmart Inc. executive, would serve as interim CEO effective immediately while it searches for a permanent successor. The company also said it hired former Walmart executive

Horacio Barboito to take over as CEO of the Old Navy chain. Gap said Ms. Syngal also resigned from the company's board.

The leadership shake-up comes after years of slumping sales at the flagship Gap brand and, more recently, problems at the Old Navy chain, which accounts for more than half of total revenue.

Old Navy last summer introduced a range of sizes to make its clothing more inclusive but the effort backfired, leaving the chain with too many very small and very large sizes and not enough of the middle sizes, which are the most popular. In May, the

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Investors Dump Bonds Of China Policy Banks

By REBECCA FENG

HONG KONG—International investors are rapidly unwinding what was once a popular trade in Chinese bonds as Russia's invasion of Ukraine prompts a rethink of those investments.

Foreigners for years loaded up on debt from Chinese state-owned lenders known as policy banks, which fund domestic and overseas projects like dams, roads and airports. The easy-to-trade yuan-denominated bonds were viewed as almost as safe as China's sovereign debt and paid higher interest rates.

Two of the three Chinese policy banks, China Development Bank and the Export-Import Bank of China, lent billions of dollars to Russian borrowers that needed funding for uses including energy projects. They have been mostly silent about their exposures to

Russia since the war broke out. The two banks didn't respond to requests to comment.

Since February, global investors unloaded \$27 billion in yuan-denominated Chinese policy-bank bonds, or about a sixth of their total holdings of such debt. The selling pace picked up sharply in May, according to data from China Central Depository & Clearing.

The outflow is part of a \$61 billion exodus from yuan bonds since February, spurred in part by weakness in China's currency and a shrinking yield advantage over U.S. debt. It suggests that private-sector investors, like fund managers, have been faster to sell down than public ones such as central banks.

Since the invasion, some investors have been redeeming

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Race is on
MPs jostle for
Johnson's seat

The front-runners out of 11 Conservative MPs declaring an intention to stand to become the UK's next prime minister, from left: Kenia Badenoch, Liz Truss, Rishi Sunak and Penny Mordaunt.

The party will whittle down the expanding roll call to a shortlist of two by next Wednesday before voting for their next leader next month.

Ex-chancellor Sunak, one of the first ministers to open the floodgates last week by quitting Boris Johnson's cabinet, is the bookmakers' favourite with more than 30 MPs supporting him. Mordaunt has the second-largest number of backers; foreign secretary Truss is third. **Sunak under fire page 2**
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Lowest global population growth since 1950 raises economy fears

◆ Covid pushes Europe into decline ◆ Most expansion in Africa ◆ China to see fall this year

VALENTINA ROMEO AND ALAN SMITH — LONDON

The global population grew in 2020 and 2021 by less than 1 per cent a year for the first time since 1950, as Europe's population went into decline during the coronavirus pandemic, according to a UN report.

The populations of 61 countries are forecast to decrease by at least 1 per cent between 2022 and 2050, with low fertility rates combining with better healthcare to accelerate the ageing of societies.

As the figures were released in the UN's World Population Prospects report, António Guterres, UN secretary-general, hailed "advances in life expectancy and dramatically reduced maternal and child mortality rates".

But the rising proportion of older people in many countries is predicted to hit economic growth and public finances, and is already posing political challenges. Despite slowing growth, the global population is still poised to reach the milestone of 8bn people this year. In 2023, India is projected to surpass China as the most populous country.

The world population is expected to peak in the 2080s at 10.4bn but will then begin to fall — the first forecast decline in the UN report.

Europe's population shrank by 744,000 in 2020 and by 1.4m last year — the largest fall of any continent since records began in the 1950s, reflecting a surge in deaths, falling births and lower net migration linked to the pandemic. However, the pandemic "is not the

main factor", said John Wilmoth, director of the population division of the UN's economic and social affairs department. Europe is expected to continue to contract until 2100, with Germany and others joining a trend already established in eastern and southern EU countries.

The fertility rate "has been quite low in almost all European countries for many decades and that means there aren't lots of young people", he said.

Two-thirds of global citizens live in a country where the fertility rate is less than 2.1 births per woman, roughly the level required for populations to remain stable if mortality rates are low. In nations with falling populations, "unless you get a productivity miracle, overall economic growth will fall", said Charles Goodhart, emeritus professor at the



The world population is expected to peak in the 2080s at 10.4bn but will then begin to fall

London School of Economics and co-author of *The Great Demographic Reversal*.

In Asia, Japan's population has been shrinking since 2010, South Korea's fell in 2020 and China's is forecast to do the same this year. China's population is forecast to decline by about 6m annually in the mid-2040s and by double that amount by the late 2050s.

"If you look at a map of countries that are going to decrease in population size, it basically starts in central Europe and goes east all the way to Japan across Russia and China," said Wilmoth.

Africa overtook Asia in 2020 to become the main source of population growth. The UN reports that more than half of the projected increase up to 2050 would be concentrated in just eight countries, mostly in Africa.

Briefing

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Premier Ranil Wickremesinghe has confirmed that Gotabaya Rajapaksa will step down after protests at the weekend sent him into hiding. The government is to quit when a new cabinet is in place. — PAGE 4

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The club of richer nations has set a deadline of the middle of next year for agreement on key aspects of its global initiative, in a bid to keep up the pressure on the Congress to be elected in November. — PAGE 3

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The aerospace group has raised its expectations for orders for the next 20 years as airlines replace less fuel-efficient aircraft. But it added that passenger numbers would not grow as fast. — PAGE 4; LEX, PAGE 16

Datavatch

Wealth and gender
Female share of global labour income (%)



Source: World Inequality Lab

Global gender inequalities remain considerable, according to the World Inequality Report. In 1990, women's share of total incomes from work was just below 31 per cent. The figure has risen only slightly in 30 years.

Abe assassination puts
Moonies in the spotlight

The murder of Japan's former premier Shinzo Abe has turned a spotlight on South Korea's Unification Church. The mother of suspect Testuya Yamagami was a member and he is said to believe her donations hurt the family finances. Abe and grandfather Nobusuke Kishi, also a prime minister, supported the church but were not members. "Kishi brought the group that destroyed my family so I targeted his grandson", local media quoted Yamagami as saying. **Liberal Democrats** — PAGE 4

Klarna's valuation plunges from \$46bn to under \$7bn in tough funding round

SIDDHARTH VENKATARAMAKRISHNAN LONDON

Klarna, once Europe's most valuable private tech company, has had its price tag slashed from a high of \$46bn last year to \$6.7bn at a difficult fundraising that highlights the crash in many tech valuations.

Michael Moritz, chair of Klarna and a partner at investor Sequoia, blamed investors "suddenly voting in the opposite manner to the way they voted for the past few years". He predicted that "after investors emerge from their bunkers, the stocks of Klarna and other first-rate companies will receive the attention they deserve".

The \$800m fundraising round, announced yesterday, featured new investors including Mubadala, the sovereign wealth fund of the United Arab

Emirates, and the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board in addition to existing investors such as Sequoia and Commonwealth Bank of Australia.

Just over a year ago, Klarna was valued at \$46bn after a \$639m funding round led by Japan's SoftBank, the investment group behind a disastrous bet in office-sharing group WeWork.

Founded in 2005, the Swedish company pioneered buy now, pay later, which allows customers to delay payments. The popular form of credit was boosted by the e-commerce boom during the Covid-19 pandemic.

But with inflationary pressures increasing, investors have soured on growth-chasing fintechs, which have suffered an even steeper decline than other technology sectors.

Sebastian Siemiatkowski, Klarna's chief executive, said the latest fundrais-

ing round was "a testament to the strength of Klarna's business" in the face of steep falls in global stock markets.

Buy now, pay later providers have been hit badly as discretionary spending falls. They are also facing growing competition from mainstream lenders and BigTech players such as Apple.

There is increasing regulatory scrutiny of the sector too. In June, the UK outlined plans to strengthen rules, including requiring lenders to conduct affordability checks.

The new valuation is Klarna's lowest since August 2019, when it was priced at \$5.5bn, and follows a series of efforts to raise cash this year, according to people briefed on the matter. Efforts to tap investors for new cash at a \$25bn valuation in May failed, while investors were also approached in June to invest at a valuation below \$20bn, they added.

World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				GOVERNMENT BONDS			
	Jul 11	Prev	%Chg	Pair	Jul 11	Prev	%Chg	Yield (%)	Jul 11	Prev	%Chg
S&P 500	3857.24	3899.38	-1.07	\$/€	1.098	1.017	8.00	US 2 yr	3.06	3.10	-0.04
Nasdaq Composite	11404.17	11635.31	-1.99	\$/£	1.189	1.203	-1.16	US 10 yr	2.98	3.10	-0.12
Dow Jones Ind	31206.64	31338.15	-0.42	€/£	0.948	0.886	6.90	US 30 yr	3.16	3.27	-0.11
FTSE 100	1635.78	1641.78	-0.37	\$/¥	137.445	138.665	-0.88	UK 2 yr	2.06	2.09	-0.03
FTSE 250	3471.03	3508.55	-1.01	€/¥	163.353	163.632	-0.17	UK 10 yr	2.18	2.23	-0.06
FTSE 100	7196.59	7196.24	0.00	\$/₹	0.988	0.980	0.82	UK 30 yr	2.60	2.63	-0.03
FTSE All-Share	3958.92	3981.27	-0.56	\$/₹	0.988	0.980	0.82	JPY 2 yr	-0.07	-0.07	0.00
CAC 40	5996.30	6033.13	-0.61	\$/₹	0.988	0.980	0.82	JPY 10 yr	0.24	0.25	-0.01
Hang Seng	21124.20	21275.78	-0.77	\$/₹	0.988	0.980	0.82	JPY 30 yr	1.25	1.34	-0.04
MSCI World	2603.62	2602.03	0.06	\$/₹	0.988	0.980	0.82	GER 2 yr	0.42	0.51	-0.10
MSCI EM	989.57	994.34	-0.50	\$/₹	0.988	0.980	0.82	GER 10 yr	1.24	1.34	-0.10
MSCI ACWI	608.50	607.89	0.11	\$/₹	0.988	0.980	0.82	GER 30 yr	1.53	1.61	-0.07
FT Wilshire 2500	5069.98	5075.34	-0.11	\$/₹	0.988	0.980	0.82				
FT Wilshire 5000	39587.27	39626.11	-0.10	\$/₹	0.988	0.980	0.82				

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G.O.P. Voters Of Two Minds Toward Trump

Many Ready to Back a
Rival, a Poll Finds

By MICHAEL C. BENDER

As Donald J. Trump weighs whether to open an unusually early White House campaign, a New York Times/Siena College poll shows that his post-presidential quest to consolidate his support within the Republican Party has instead left him weakened, with nearly half the party's primary voters seeking someone different for president in 2024 and a significant number vowing to abandon him if he wins the nomination.

By focusing on political payback inside his party instead of tending to wounds opened by his alarming attempts to cling to power after his 2020 defeat, Mr. Trump appears to have only deepened fault lines among Republicans during his yearlong revenge tour. A clear majority of primary voters under 35 years old, 64 percent, as well as 65 percent of those with at least a college degree — a leading indicator of political preferences inside the donor class — told pollsters they would vote against Mr. Trump in a primary.

Mr. Trump's conduct on Jan. 6, 2021, appears to have contributed to the decline in his standing, including among a small but important segment of Republicans who could form the base of his opposition in a potential primary contest. While 75 percent of primary voters said Mr. Trump was "just exercising his right to contest the election," nearly one in five said he "went so far that he threatened American democracy."

Overall, Mr. Trump maintains his primacy in the party: In a hypothetical matchup against five other potential Republican presidential rivals, 49 percent of primary voters said they would support him for a third nomination.

The greatest threat to usurp Mr. Trump within the party is Gov. Ron DeSantis of Florida, who was the second choice with 25 percent and the only other contender with double-digit support. Among primary voters, Mr. DeSantis was the top choice of younger Republicans, those with a college degree and those who said they voted for President Biden in 2020.

While about one-fourth of Republicans said they didn't know enough to have an opinion about Mr. DeSantis, he was well-liked by those who did. Among those who voted for Mr. Trump in 2020, 44 percent said they had a very favorable opinion of Mr. DeSantis — similar to the 46 percent who said the same about Mr. Trump.

Should Mr. DeSantis and Mr. Trump face off in a primary, the poll suggested that support from Fox News could prove crucial: Mr. Trump held a 62 percent to 26 percent advantage over Mr. DeSantis among Fox News viewers, while the gap between the two Floridians was 16 points closer among Republicans who mainly receive their news from another source.

The survey suggests that Mr. Trump would not necessarily enter a primary with an insurmountable advantage over rivals like Mr. DeSantis. His share of the Republican primary electorate is less than Hillary Clinton's among

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Taking In the Presidential Palace

Hundreds of Sri Lankans filled the official residence of Gotabaya Rajapaksa on Monday. He says he will resign Wednesday. Page A4.

As Prices Rise, Rental Market Is Hard to Exit

By JEANNA SMIALEK
and CONOR DOUGHERTY

Rents have been rising swiftly across America for much of the pandemic era, and housing experts are warning that they could now receive a boost from an unlikely source: the Federal Reserve.

As the central bank raises interest rates to cool down the economy and contain rapid inflation, it is also pushing up mortgage costs, putting home purchases out of reach for many first-time buyers. If people who would have otherwise bought a home remain waylaid in apartments and rented houses, it could compound already-booming demand — keeping pressure on rental prices.

While it is tough to predict how big or how lasting that Fed-induced bump in rental demand might prove, it could ironically make it more difficult for the central bank to wrestle inflation lower in the near term. Rent-related costs make up nearly a third of the closely tracked Consumer Price Index inflation measure, so anything that helps to keep them climbing at an unusually brisk pace is likely to perpetuate rapid inflation.

Rents on new leases climbed by 14.1 percent in the year through June, according to Apartment List, an apartment listing service. While that is slightly less than the 17.5 percent increase over the course of 2021, it is still an unusually rapid pace of growth. Before the pandemic, a 2 to 3 percent pace of annual increase was normal. The recent quick market rent increases have been slowly spilling over to official inflation

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Musk Leaves Twitter Weakened and Vulnerable

By KATE CONGER
and MIKE ISAAC

SAN FRANCISCO — For years, Twitter was a runner-up social media company. It never grew to the size and scale of a Facebook or an Instagram. It simply muddled along.

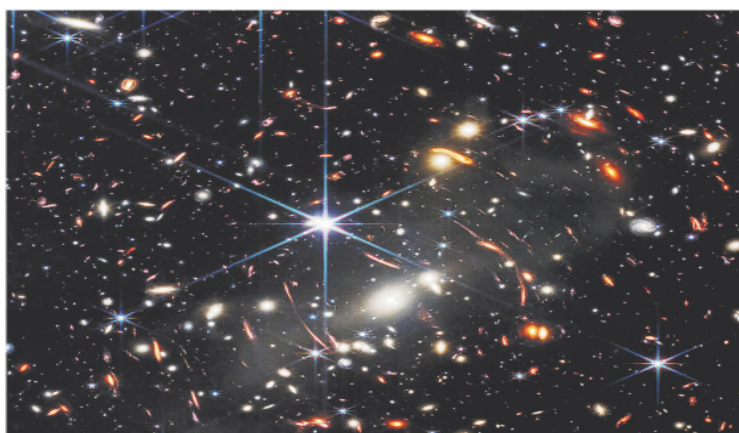
Then, Elon Musk, a power user of the service, stormed in. He offered \$44 billion to buy Twitter and declared that the company could perform far better if he were in charge. He disparaged Twitter's executives, ridiculed its content

Bitter Legal Battle After Months of Meddling

deal, he is inexorably leaving Twitter worse off than it was when he said he would buy it. With each needling tweet and public taunt, Mr. Musk has eroded trust in the social media company, walloped employee morale, spooked potential advertisers, emphasized its financial difficulties and spread misinformation about how Twitter operates.

"His engagement with Twitter took a severe toll on the company," said Jason Goldman, a member of Twitter's founding team who has

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Galaxies in Our Eyes

The Webb Space Telescope's infrared image of the distant universe was unveiled Monday. Page A18.

Hochul's Transparency Vow Hits a Snag: Hochul

By JAY ROOT

ALBANY, N.Y. — In the last days of the 2022 legislative session, as the State Capitol was abuzz with frenzied pushes to strengthen gun control, abortion rights and environmental regulations, New York lawmakers received a jolting email.

Gov. Kathy Hochul was asking them to fast-track legislation authorizing billions of dollars in cor-

Deals to Give Subsidies Are Made in Private

porate subsidies to lure semiconductor plants to New York, according to the message from Democratic leaders in the State Senate.

The chip subsidy bill, which would designate \$10 billion in

state tax breaks over 20 years for microchip makers, was passed by the Senate on its last scheduled day after Ms. Hochul invoked emergency procedures, known as a "message of necessity." The Assembly quickly followed suit.

No public hearing, where criticism might be aired and taxpayer safeguards contemplated, was ever given to the matter.

"There's really no one with a

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States That Ban Abortion Risk Losing Business

By ALEXANDER BURNS

As a group of conservative states enacted severe abortion restrictions last year, Gov. J.B. Pritzker of Illinois sent letters to a handful of corporate executives with close ties to Texas.

Mr. Pritzker, a Democrat, urged executives to rethink basing their companies in "a state that strips its residents of their dignity." Most workers, he wrote, did not want to

Policies Likely to Push Young Talent Away

live under a rigid abortion ban.

There was no immediate response to his overture. Companies thriving in Texas' freewheeling business environment were not about to flee because of legally contested abortion regulations

that were not certain to be enforced.

Ten months later, the political and legal landscape is radically different. And a Supreme Court decision that abolished the right to an abortion is now threatening

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After a public art exhibition, artists scramble to save their own works. Above, a disassembled "Fountain for Survivors" by Pamela Council. Page C1



COLUMN ONE

Working — and dying — alone at home

A remote worker, 28, logs off one day. Five days pass before his body is discovered.

BY KIERA FELDMAN

Dominic Green signed out of work as he always did, exactly at 4:30 p.m.

"Good afternoon everyone, my shift has ended," the 28-year-old emailed from his desk in the living room of his Los Angeles apartment on a winter Wednesday afternoon.

A remote contract worker, Dominic had never met any of his colleagues. A supervisor would later tell his father that she couldn't pick him out in a photo. "We really don't know people by anything except the work that they do," he remembered her saying.

As the COVID-19 pandemic entered its third year, Dominic and his peers expected as much out of life. In 2020, Dominic's classes went remote. His June 2021 graduation ceremony was held as a drive-through. And all of his job interviews were conducted by video.

Dominic, who was single and lived alone, had started his position as an epidemiologist in September, joining the 41% of white-collar workers who were fully remote, spending their days at home in jobs that were more disconnected and isolating than ever.

At the beginning and end of each shift, Dominic sent his bosses a mandatory email clocking in and out.

But the next day, a Thursday, Dominic didn't send his 8 a.m. email. He missed the 4:30 p.m. sign-out too. Friday also came [See Remote worker, A1]



AN AIR TANKER drops fire retardant to fight the Washburn fire, which was at 2,720 acres and 22% containment Monday. Firefighters on the ground were setting controlled blazes to impede uncontrolled flames.

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NASA's deep-space flashback

At long last, first Webb telescope image reveals ancient light

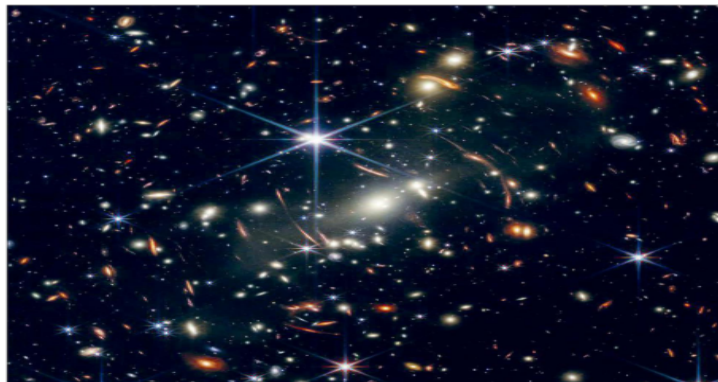
BY CORINNE PURTILL AND SUMEET KULKARNI

Billions of years ago, long before a swirling cloud of gas and dust coalesced to form the sun, light left the earliest stars and began a long journey through space.

The light has been traveling ever since, covering trillions upon trillions of miles. It hurtled by galaxies and their nascent stars, some of which were accompanied by planets. And on one of these, a species evolved with the ability to not only question what might be out there but to build tools to see what its own eyes could not.

On Monday, the world got its first glimpse of that ancient light courtesy of NASA's James Webb Space Telescope, the most sophisticated and ambitious deep-space viewing tool yet assembled.

It's a snapshot of deep space, with innumerable [See Webb, A1]



NASA

THE WORLD has gotten its first look at galaxies revealed by the James Webb Space Telescope, which intercepts light in the infrared part of the spectrum.



GARY KAZANJIAN For The Times

DANNY KIM, right, receives a blessing from the temple abbot, Say Bunthon, during a special ceremony at the Cambodian Buddhist Temple in Fresno.

Cambodian American officer heals with culture

BY DIANA MARCUM

FRESNO — Out west of the freeways, where city and rural meet, nothing seems out of the mix: a boy chasing a flock of chickens in his frontyard, tidy tract homes, aging trailer parks, the stretching fields, drivers in work trucks and luxury cars stopping at the agua fresca stand, its awning blocking the broiling sun.

But still the Cambodian temple surprises. It rises from the flat landscape — red, orange, gold, green — ringed by bare-breasted angels gleaming white in the sun. Dragons arch over the entryway to the

grounds where Danny Kim grapples with an oversize banner for Fresno Cambodian Nights.

Modeled after its lively counterparts in Cambodia, the night market launched in 2021 and immediately drew worldwide attention. A Cambodian man in Australia wrote a song about it. A Cambodian French family came to see it firsthand. The Khmer community in Long Beach, the nation's largest, looked into starting its own.

There hadn't been anything like it before in the United States. The night market is a way to connect with the past and share Cambodian culture into the future.

[See Cambodian, A1]

Book alleges bad behavior at USC and The Times

Reporter says he faced pushback inside paper while investigating a medical school dean.

BY MARIA L. LA GANCA

It would be hard to find a worse couple of years than 2016 and 2017 for two major Los Angeles institutions: the University of Southern California and The Times.

That's when a young drug addict overdosed on crystal meth and GHB in a Pasadena hotel room while partying with Dr. Carmen Puliafito, dean of USC's Keck School of Medicine. It also was when two high-level editors then at The Times were accused of trying to stop the paper's own reporting team from covering the USC scandal.

The Times eventually published a lengthy piece on USC's major ethical lapses. But to do so, a clandestine team of reporters had to hide their early efforts to cover the university from the paper's top management, according to the book "Bad City: Peril and Power in the City of Angels," out this month.

"A Times Investigation:

The Secret Life of a USC Dean" did not run in the paper until more than a year after Sarah Warren survived that overdose. The piece kicked off a series of hard-hitting stories on Puliafito and led to a Pulitzer Prize-winning investigation into Dr. George Lyndall, the USC gynecologist accused of sexually abusing hundreds of students.

Although USC's flaws have been exposed, The Times' largely have not. Until now. In "Bad City," Times investigative reporter Paul Pringle — who led the paper's efforts to scrutinize Puliafito and USC — dissects how the university and several of The Times' top editors, now no longer at the paper, allegedly fell from grace together.

Managing Editor Marc Duvoisin and Publisher and Editor-in-Chief Davan Maharaj were fired in 2017. Tronc, which owned The Times then, stated publicly that they were terminated as part of a management restructuring and there was no conflict of interest between the two men and USC.

But under their leadership, Pringle wrote, "a balance of power that existed between USC and the Times

[See Book, A1]

BATTLE IS ON TO DEFEND ANCIENT SEQUOIAS

The Washburn fire in Yosemite National Park is threatening 500 of the giant trees.

BY HAYLEY SMITH

Firefighters waged an all-out battle Monday as the 2,720-acre Washburn fire burned at the edges of Yosemite National Park's largest grove of ancient sequoia trees.

The fire, which more than doubled in size over the weekend, was within striking distance of the park's Mariposa Grove, home to more than 500 mature sequoias including the Grizzly Giant, a 209-foot behemoth estimated to be about 3,000 years old.

"We really don't want to leave this one to chance, because this really is such an iconic tree," forest ecologist Garrett Dickman said in a video update showing sprinklers spraying water around the base of the Grizzly Giant.

"We're trying to give it some preventative first aid, really, and make sure that when the fire — if the fire — comes over here, that this tree is protected," he said. "That is, to cool flames and to increase the relative humidity and decrease the fire behavior around the tree."

Sequoias are known to withstand heat, and in fact have long relied on fire for reproduction. But California's new breed of hotter, faster and more frequent fires fueled by climate change have proved a formidable foe for the giants, with last year's KNP Complex and Windy fires destroying about 3,600 of the trees in Sequoia National Forest and Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks — an estimated 3% to 5% of the world's sequoia population.

The year prior, the Castle fire in Sequoia National Park wiped out an estimated 10% of the world's sequoias, with experts warning that extreme heat and drought were sapping moisture from the trees and impairing their defenses.

Matt Ahearn, an operations section chief with California Interagency Incident Management Team 19, said the fire was skirting the edge of the Mariposa Grove.

"It has backed a little ways into that, but it hasn't [See Sequoias, A1]

Tying extremists to Trump's orbit

Jan. 6 panel will focus on the relationship between aides and the groups that planned violence. **NATION, A5**

Crisis abortions 'must' be given

Biden administration tells hospitals to provide the services if the life of the mother is at risk. **NATION, A7**

Map tool charts dangerous heat

Tracking highlights a stark disparity favoring wealthier, leafier neighborhoods in L.A. County. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Weather Cloudy, then sunny. L.A. Basin: 79/61. **B6**

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ISIS aimed to attack Europe with chemicals

Ambitions of Iraqi weapons expert revealed in new program details

BY JOBY WARRICK

In the summer of 2014, as his followers were ravaging the cities of northern Iraq, Islamic State leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi convened a secret meeting with a weapons expert whose unusual skills the terrorist chief was anxious to acquire.

His guest was a small man, barely above 5 feet tall, and he had only recently been freed from a years-long stint in U.S. and Iraqi prisons. But before that, Salih al-Sabawi had been an Iraqi official of some renown: a Russian-trained engineer who had once helped President Saddam Hussein build his extensive arsenal of chemical weapons.

Baghdadi had summoned Sabawi, 52, to offer him a job. If supplied with the right equipment and resources, could he produce the same weapons for the Islamic State? Sabawi's reply, according to a later intelligence report about the meeting, was yes. He could do that and more.

Thus began what U.S. and Iraqi Kurdish officials describe as a crash effort aimed at building the biggest arsenal of chemical and, potentially, biological weapons ever assembled by a terrorist group. Within six months, under Sabawi's direction, the Islamic State would manufacture mustard gas, a chemical weapon from the World War I era, as well as bombs and rockets filled with chlorine.

But Sabawi's ambitions, and by extension, Baghdadi's, were much broader, according to newly disclosed details on the Islamic State weapons program. Iraqi Kurdish intelligence reports, SEE ISIS ON A8

A look deep into space and time



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NASA on Monday released the first full-color image from the \$10 billion James Webb Space Telescope, launched in December. The image shows a cluster of galaxies, called SMACS 0723, that function as a lens. "We're looking back more than 13 billion years," NASA's administrator said at the White House. **Story, A5**

THE UBER FILES | A GLOBAL INVESTIGATION

'Hit the kill switch': Covert tech used to foil raids

BY FAIZ SIDDIQUI AND JOSEPH MENN

Twenty minutes after authorities raided Uber's Amsterdam office in April 2015, Ligea Wells's computer screen mysteriously went blank. The executive assistant tapped out a text warning her boss of another strange occurrence on an al-

ready eventful day.

"hi!" she typed in a message that's part of a trove of more than 124,000 previously undisclosed Uber records. "My laptop shut down after acting funny."

But her computer's behavior was no mystery to some of her superiors.

Uber's San Francisco-based chief executive, Travis Kalanick,

had ordered the computer systems in Amsterdam cut off from Uber's internal network, making data inaccessible to authorities as they raided its European headquarters, documents show.

"Please hit the kill switch ASAP," Kalanick had emailed, ordering a subordinate to block the office laptops and other

devices from Uber's internal systems. "Access must be shut down in AMS," referring to Amsterdam.

SEE UBER ON A18

The whistleblower: A former executive steps forward. **A17**

Influence campaign: Investors sought among foreign media. **C1**

A year after protests, Cuba confronts an exodus

Harassment, threats and tanking economy are driving defections

BY CHRISTINE ARMARIO

MIAMI — José Carlos Melo had never protested before the hot July morning last year when Cubans began marching in a small town outside Havana. Within hours, people were calling for a demonstration in the capital.

With his mother's blessing, the restaurant manager ventured out to join the thousands chanting "Freedom!" and "It's over!"

Melo would be tear gassed and shoved to the ground. But on Instagram and in television interviews in the days that followed, he recounted it as the happiest day of his life — a turning point that seemed to mark a before and an after in Cuba's history.

What came next was more complicated. State security agents lurked outside his home. SEE CUBA ON A24



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José Carlos Melo in Miami on Friday. Melo participated in the surge of protests last year in Cuba and was detained several times by Cuban authorities before he was able to flee the island.

THE COVID MONEY TRAIL

Looking to fund tax cuts, states seize on federal aid

GOP lawsuits challenge one of Congress's few limits on relief dollars

BY TONY ROMM

As gas prices climbed toward record highs this May, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis (R) secured a pause on the state's fuel taxes — a \$200 million plan he helped pay for with a pot of federal funds awarded earlier in the pandemic.

The policy was intended to save money for local drivers and state coffers alike. But it also appeared to mark a potential violation of federal law — and the latest skirmish in an escalating clash between GOP officials and the White House over how states can use generous federal stimulus dollars.

More than a year after Congress approved a \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package, Republicans in nearly two dozen states have ratcheted up efforts to tap some of those funds for an unrelated purpose: paying for tax cuts. The moves have threatened to siphon off aid that might otherwise help states fight the pandemic, shore up their local economies or prepare for a potential recession.

The intensifying Republican campaign targets one of the signature programs Democrats approved as part of President Biden's American Rescue Plan last year. At the urging of the nation's mayors and governors, Congress delivered what largely amounted to a blank check for every city and state to bolster their budgets.

Congress ultimately laid down few conditions for how local leaders could use the aid. SEE TAXES ON A20

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TOM BRENNER FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Sending a message The father of a Parkland school shooting victim interrupted a White House event marking a new gun law. **A3**

Birth control A drugmaker is seeking approval to sell a daily pill over the counter for the first time in the United States. **A14**

THE NATION

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The Jan. 6 committee will hold its seventh public hearing Tuesday, focusing on how far-right groups took cues from President Donald Trump and his allies. **A4**
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Russia attacked civilian targets in Ukraine's second-largest city, and Ukrainian forces struck back by hitting a Russian weapons depot. **A11**
The family and friends of a retired U.S. Marine Corps officer who is missing in Ukraine say

the response by the United States has been inadequate. **A11**

THE ECONOMY

Twitter shares plunged another 11.3 percent Monday as the company braces for a legal battle with Elon Musk after he backed out of buying the platform. **A14**

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A Loudoun County judge ruled that a grand jury can continue investigating how the public school system handled sexual assault cases. **B1**
Gun violence has risen sharply in Montgomery County this year, according to Police Chief Marcus Jones. **B1**

Arlington County residents are preparing for a battle over housing density and a proposal to do away with single-family zoning. **B1**
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Tony Sirico, 79, played Paulie Walnuts on "The Sopranos," a role modeled in part on his earlier life as a shake-down artist. **B6**

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Medical mystery Digging into his records, a man with cracked teeth and broken bones found a possible diagnosis. **E1**

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Histórico: revelan la imagen más profunda del universo, captada por el telescopio Webb

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La difundió ayer Joe Biden y muestra miles de galaxias a 4600 millones de años luz de la Tierra; hoy, la NASA difundirá el resto de las imágenes tomadas por el sucesor del Hubble. **Página 4**

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Batakis prometió bajar el gasto público, en medio del silencio del kirchnerismo

ANUNCIOS. Dijo que congelará el ingreso de empleados estatales nacionales, avanzará en un revalúo inmobiliario y cumplirá con el FMI; leve caída del dólar, pero subió el riesgo país

En medio de un tembladeral en los mercados, la ministra de Economía, Silvina Batakis, prometió ayer aplicar un ajuste del gasto público, avanzar en un revalúo inmobiliario en todo el país y poner en marcha, desde el próximo viernes, el proceso para segmentar las tarifas de luz y de gas. Además, se comprometió a cumplir con el acuerdo firmado con el Fondo

Monetario Internacional (FMI). En su primera conferencia de prensa como titular del Palacio de Hacienda tras la renuncia de Martín Guzmán, Batakis afirmó que también congelará la contratación de personal en todas las dependencias del Estado nacional. El rumbo fijado por la ministra no tranquilizó del todo a los mer-

cados. Si bien las variantes de los dólares financieros cerraron todas en baja, cayeron las cotizaciones de los bonos públicos y subió el riesgo país. Las palabras de Batakis recibieron el apoyo inmediato de Alberto Fernández, mientras que el kirchnerismo duro calló, en medio de la frágil tregua oficialista. **Páginas 8 y 9**

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Segmentación tarifaria
Silvina Batakis anunció que se publicará el viernes el registro para los usuarios.
Sin nombramientos y menos gasto estatal
Se congelarán los nombramientos y gastos en todas las dependencias públicas.
Aumento de tasas
Batakis volvió a repetir que van en un camino hacia tasas reales positivas.
Revalúo inmobiliario
Para avanzar, el organismo fiscal devaluaciones inmobiliarias pasará a Economía.
Metas con el FMI
Ratificó que se cumplirá el acuerdo con el organismo.



La vicepresidenta siguió ayer la audiencia desde su despacho en el Senado

CAPTURA DE VIDEO

En un giro abrupto, el Gobierno pasó de acusar a pedir la absolución de Cristina

CORRUPCIÓN. Lo hizo a través de la UIF, el organismo antilavado que antes había impulsado las denuncias

La Unidad de Información Financiera (UIF), organismo antilavado que depende del Poder Ejecutivo, pidió ayer en la causa Vialidad que Cristina Kirchner sea absuelta: dijo que no se probaron ni el supuesto fraude ni la asociación ilícita, los delitos que se le imputaron a la vi-

cepresidenta. De esa forma, la UIF exhibió ante la Justicia un giro completo en su postura, que pasó de darles impulso a las denuncias, durante el gobierno de Mauricio Macri, a pedir desvincular a la vicepresidenta. La UIF también solicitó la absolución del exministro

de Planificación Federal Julio De Vido y del exsecretario de Obras Públicas José López, entre otros exfuncionarios. Cristina Kirchner siguió el caso conectada vía Zoom desde su despacho del Senado. Fue una de las últimas en sumarse a la audiencia. **Página 20**

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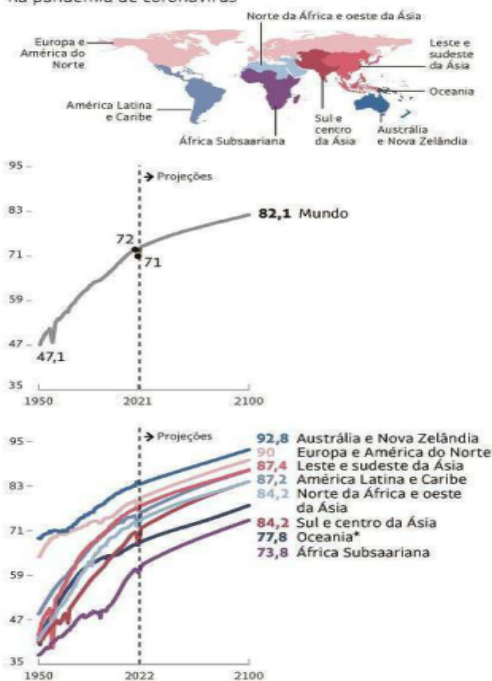
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Cai a expectativa de vida global na pandemia de coronavírus



Pandemia reduz expectativa de vida global, em alta desde 1972

O coronavírus reduziu a expectativa média de vida no mundo, o que não ocorria desde 1972, afirma a ONU. Em 2021, o indicador ficou em 71 anos; em 2019, era de 72,8. O Brasil, que também registrou queda, deve ser superado pela Nigéria e passar a 7º país mais populoso. **Mundo A12 e A13**

Caixa bancou seguranças na casa de Guimarães

Além de bancar obras na mansão em que vivia Pedro Guimarães, a Caixa forneceu seguranças e internet à casa. Guimarães deixou o comando do banco acusado de assédio sexual. Seu advogado e a Caixa atribuem a escotla a supostas ameaças sofridas pelo executivo. **Mercado A18**

J. P. Coutinho Democracia custa a se recuperar

A única forma de estranhos aceitarem o resultado de uma eleição é pelo reconhecimento de que o outro faz parte do mesmo barco. Palavras proféticas de Roger Scruton. Cuidado, Brasil: o problema da democracia é que, uma vez destruída, ela dá um trabalho a recuperar. **Ilustrada C7**

Ministra fala em rigor fiscal e controle de preços na Argentina A19

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Casa Branca divulga primeiro registro colorido de telescópio lançado pela Nasa

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Dos anos de sex symbol ao vício, 'Elvis' conta história do rei e de seu empresário

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Peeling de fenol custa R\$ 30 mil e promete rejuvenescer anos em uma sessão

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Família acompanha enterro de Marcelo de Arruda, morto por militante bolsonarista, em Foz de Iguaçu **Paulo Lisboa/Folhapress**

Posição sobre assassinato divide campanha bolsonarista

Ala política pede declaração mais firme por pacificação, mas presidente ignora

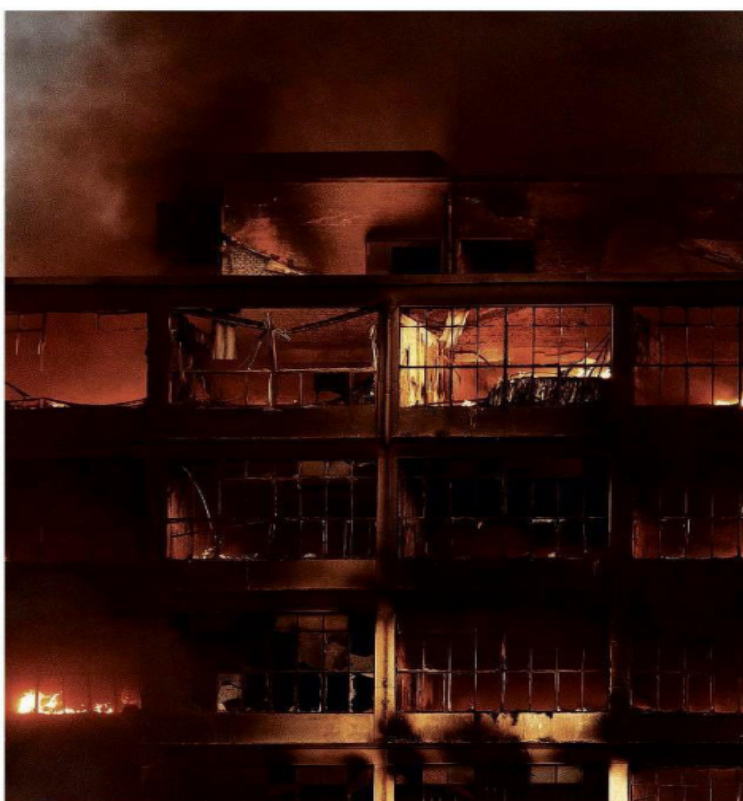
A cúpula do Congresso repudiou a violência pré-eleitoral após o assassinato, na véspera, de um militante petista por um bolsonarista, e a ala política e integrantes do centrão cobraram do presidente Jair Bolsonaro posição mais firme pela pacificação.

O corpo do guarda municipal Marcelo de Arruda, morto pelo policial penal Jorge José da Rocha Guarani, foi enterrado ontem em Foz de Iguaçu (PR). O bolsonarista invadiu o aniversário do petista, sem conhecê-lo, aos gritos de "aqui é Bolsonaro".

Diante do temor de acirramento, o presidente do Senado, Rodrigo Pacheco (PSD-MG), pediu que Bolsonaro (PL) e Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT) contemham seus militantes. Arthur Lira (PP-AL), o da Câmara, defendeu paz e tolerância na campanha.

Bolsonaro, que na véspera dissera rejeitar apoiadores violentos, se eximiu e afirmou tratar-se de "briga entre duas pessoas". **Política A4**

Nem só o discurso de ódio é perturbador, diz representante da OEA A9



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INCÊNDIO ATINGE PRÉDIOS NA REGIÃO DA RUA 25 DE MARÇO

Prédio tomado por chamas no centro de São Paulo; explosão no 3º andar, de causa ainda desconhecida, feriu 2 bombeiros, fez estrutura de loja vizinha ruir e teto de igreja cair **Cotidiano B2**

Médico é preso em flagrante por estuprar grávida sedada

Uma segunda parturiente se apresentou na Delegacia de Atendimento à Mulher de São João de Meriti (RJ) para testemunhar contra o anestesista Giovanni Quintella Bezerra, preso em flagrante ontem por colocar o pênis na boca de uma gestante sedada na cesárea. O ato foi gravado. O médico foi indiciado por estupro de vulnerável e pode perder o registro profissional. **Cotidiano B1**

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Colombianos tras pasos de los que ordenaron matar a Pecci

Una comitiva fiscal y policial cafetera –en donde se condenó en tiempo récord a sicarios– trabaja desde ayer en Paraguay con sus pares locales para hallar a mandantes de crimen.

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Dimitri, Nelore de 1.145 kilos, es el animal más pesado de la Expo

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Tres criaturas apelan al buen corazón de la gente

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Loi sur le pouvoir d'achat : la surenchère des oppositions

Les députés examinent les textes cette semaine en commission. Le montant cumulé des amendements déposés par les différents groupes d'opposition dépasse 100 milliards d'euros.

C'est cette semaine que le quinquennat commence vraiment au Parlement. Le paquet pouvoir d'achat tant attendu est examiné depuis lundi soir en commission à l'Assemblée nationale. Pour les deux textes législatifs qui le composent - un projet de

loi pouvoir d'achat contenant de nombreuses mesures et un projet de loi de finances rectificative consacré au volet financier de ce projet -, plus de 600 amendements ont été déposés par les oppositions, qui se sont montrées très créatives en matière de

dépenses. Baisse de TVA, des taxes pétrolières, blocage des prix..., selon les calculs du rapporteur général du budget, le député Renaissance Jean-René Cazeneuve, le montant des propositions faites par les oppositions dépasserait les 100 milliards

d'euros. Ces surenchères de dépenses ne s'accompagnent d'aucune mesure d'économies alors que la situation budgétaire est déjà très dégradée. Du côté de la majorité, on se dit prêt à étudier les amendements mais pas forcément à transiger.

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Pourquoi la législation contre les squats est toujours mal appliquée

Un an après le durcissement de la loi, les mesures antisquats sont loin de tenir leurs promesses. La procédure administrative express mise en place fait l'objet d'autant d'interprétations qu'il y a de préfets sur le territoire. Méconnaissance des dispositions nouvelles, frilosité des différents acteurs qui jouent l'inaction... la liste des freins qui accentuent la détresse des propriétaires, enfoncés dans des situations kafkaïennes, est longue. PAGE 8

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Quoi qu'il en (sur)coûte

Juillet, le temps des récoltes et des moissons dans nos campagnes, et celui des dépenses à l'Assemblée. Ainsi va la France... Pour la bonne cause, cela va sans dire. Nos parlementaires clenchent sur les mesures de soutien au pouvoir d'achat, un sujet qui fait consensus parce que la flambée de l'inflation est une réalité ; et, surtout, nos députés, quelle que soit leur couleur politique, ont toujours préféré se montrer prodigues plutôt que d'imposer des économies.

Les amendements aux deux projets de loi (pouvoir d'achat et loi de finances rectificative) qui arrivent en commission parlementaire en sont la meilleure illustration : chacun a sa recette pour aider nos concitoyens, partout une même surenchère de dépenses (plus de 100 milliards d'euros d'amendements cumulés), et nulle part des propositions sérieuses d'économies. Venant des Insoumis ou du RN, qui rasant gratis de longue date, cette fuite en avant n'est guère surprenante. On aurait pu en revanche attendre un peu plus de sérieux budgétaire de la part des Républicains, qui n'ont eu de cesse de reprocher à

Emmanuel Macron d'avoir « cramé la caisse ».

En jurant que nous sommes passés du « quoi qu'il en coûte » au « combien ça coûte », Gabriel Attal, le nouveau « surintendant des finances » de Bercy, voudrait nous faire croire que l'exécutif a changé de scénario pour cette saison 2 de la présidence Macron. Mais ne soyons pas naïfs. Derrière ces belles formules, il n'y a que des mots et aucune action sérieuse pour prévenir les dangers à venir.

Et quels dangers ! Des charges d'intérêts qui flambent déjà (elles ont grimpé de 18 milliards d'euros cette année avec l'inflation), une croissance qui pourrait flancher jusqu'à la récession, des réformes de fond (retraites, notamment) qui pourraient ne pas se faire faute de majorité à l'Assemblée nationale. Ces premières lois du quinquennat sont bien parties pour consacrer « le quoi qu'il en (sur)coûte » avec la complicité de tous. Y compris celle du gouvernement ! ■

Nulle part des propositions sérieuses d'économies

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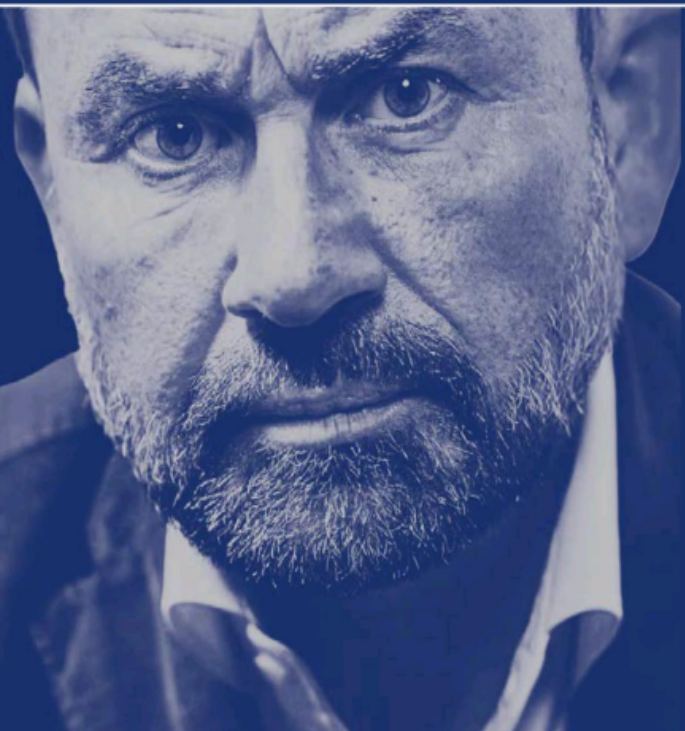


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Tories take fast track to replace PM

Jessica Elgot
Aubrey Allegretti

Britain's new prime minister will be named on 5 September, it has been announced, as the starting gun was fired on the Tory leadership race that will see hopefuls whittled down to two by Thursday.

With just two contenders so far having the support of the 20 Tory MPs needed to get them on to the ballot, the nine remaining hopefuls were scrambling to shore up support by tonight before knockout votes begin

tomorrow afternoon, with results announced later in the day.

To speed up the competition, the 1922 Committee of Tory backbenchers opted to increase the number of backers a candidate needed yesterday from eight to 20, and ruled that they would need at least 30 to get past the first round of voting.

The former chancellor Rishi Sunak has secured the backing of nearly 40 MPs while the trade minister Penny Mordaunt has 24. Grant Shapps, the transport secretary, has the fewest publicly declared supporters - eight - while Suella Braverman, the attorney

general, has 12. Those who struggle to reach the 20 threshold could be forced to pull out within 24 hours and instead pledge their support to one of the frontrunners.

Mordaunt was given a boost by polling for the ConservativeHome website last night that showed she was the preferred candidate among party members.

Graham Brady, chair of the 1922 Committee, said there was "quite a big field" of those hoping to replace Boris Johnson and it was shaping up to be "quite a lively contest", but added that it should be concluded

"reasonably rapidly". The final two should have been decided by the time the Commons goes into recess at the end of Thursday, Brady said, with some in-person and virtual hustings held during August and a new prime minister announced on 5 September.

Sunak will formally launch his campaign today, as will the centrist candidate Tom Tugendhat. Sunak's launch will underline the need to deal with the deficit before major tax rises, a hint at possible further public spending cuts.

Sunak will attack his rivals' tax cutting

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