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◆ **The president signaled** he was prepared to support a narrow bill that lowered prescription-drug costs and extended ACA subsidies but left out climate provisions, as Senate Democrats grappled with whether to abandon their broader economic agenda. **A1**

◆ **Chinese exports to Russia** of microchips and other electronic components and raw materials, some with military applications, have increased since Moscow's invasion of Ukraine. **A1**

◆ **The Ukrainian city of Mykolaiv** was hit by Russian missiles, the latest in a series of airstrikes on civilian areas. **A7**

◆ **The House passed** two bills aimed at ensuring abortion access and protecting the ability of women seeking abortions to cross state lines. **A4**

◆ **Over half the U.S. population** lives in counties where Covid-19 cases and hospitalizations are high enough that people should wear masks in indoor public settings, according to CDC data. **A3**

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◆ **Shoppers spent more** in June but got less as they weathered the highest inflation in four decades. U.S. retail sales rose 1.0% last month and a May decline was slightly smaller than previously estimated. **A1**

◆ **U.S. stocks rebounded** Friday, capping a volatile week. The Dow industrials, S&P 500 and Nasdaq rose 2.1%, 1.9% and 1.8%, respectively, but all three indexes suffered weekly losses. **B1**

◆ **Musk filed a motion** Friday opposing Twitter's request to expedite a trial over his intention to terminate his \$44 billion takeover of the company. **B1**

◆ **Preparations for potential** bad loans in a recession pushed Citigroup's second-quarter profit down 27%. **B3**

◆ **BlackRock said** that its second-quarter profit fell 22% amid a bruising stock market downturn. **B11**

◆ **China's GDP growth** is unlikely to make a quick comeback, say economists who forecast a drawn-out recovery as Beijing seeks to stabilize the economy. **A8**

◆ **Biden appointed** a federal panel that seeks to resolve a labor dispute between freight railroads and their labor unions, forestalling a possible strike. **A2**

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President Biden was greeted by Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman in Saudi Arabia on Friday before a politically fraught meeting in which Mr. Biden said he confronted the prince about the killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi.

## Biden, Saudi Crown Prince Meet In Bid to Reset Soured Relations

JEDDAH, Saudi Arabia—President Biden said he confronted Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman about the killing of journalist Jamal

By Catherine Lucey, Andrew Restuccia and Stephen Kalin

Khashoggi during a politically fraught meeting intended to reset relations with an oil-rich nation the U.S. believes it can no longer afford to shun amid high energy prices.

"I made my view crystal clear," the U.S. president said, noting that he raised the brutal 2018 dismemberment of Mr. Khashoggi at the beginning of the Friday meeting. "I'll always stand up for our values." In recent days, Mr. Biden and his senior aides had repeatedly declined to say whether the president would bring up Mr. Khashoggi's death during his meeting with the crown prince.

The confrontation over Mr. Khashoggi's death came after

Mr. Biden landed in Saudi Arabia before sunset following a rare direct flight from Israel nearly three years after promising to treat the kingdom like a "pariah" over human-rights issues, a vow that helped bring U.S.-Saudi relations to a breaking point. He is now betting that engaging personally with the kingdom's 36-year-old leader will ultimately help reassert U.S. leadership in the Middle East while also eventually taming high inflation at home. The president said he didn't

regret pledging to make Saudi Arabia a pariah: "I don't regret anything I said."

Prince Mohammed told Mr. Biden that he wasn't personally responsible for the killing. "I indicated I thought he was," Mr. Biden said. The U.S. intelligence community has concluded that Prince Mohammed ordered the killing.

The prince said the kingdom had put on trial those responsible for the killing and put in place guardrails to en-

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## Democrats Eye Drug Costs After Climate Deal Stalls

By Siobhan Hughes

WASHINGTON—President Biden signaled he was prepared to support a narrow bill that lowered prescription drug costs and extended Affordable Care Act subsidies but left out climate provisions, as Senate Democrats grappled with whether to abandon their broader economic agenda after intraparty talks hit an impasse.

Mr. Biden said that if the Senate didn't move forward with climate legislation, he would turn to executive action, calling clean energy and combating climate change urgent matters. On the prescription-drug portion of the agenda, he said the Senate "should move forward, pass it before the August recess, and get it to my desk so I can sign it," characterizing it as a major victory for American households.

The statement came a day after talks between Sen. Joe Manchin (D., W.Va.) and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D., N.Y.) broke down. Mr. Manchin told Mr. Schumer that he would back a prescription-drug proposal but couldn't commit to backing tax increases or climate provisions, citing inflation worries.

Such a stance effectively blocked Democrats from moving forward with their broader economic agenda. Please turn to page A4

## Europe's Short Workweek Has Been Getting Shorter

Pandemic brought trimmed hours and furloughs; involuntary leisure

By Tom Farless

European workers have put in fewer hours than Americans for decades. Now, they are working even less than before the pandemic—almost one day a week less than Americans in 2021, according to data for the five biggest European Union economies.

Since the start of the pandemic, Americans have increased their working hours by about 1%, on average, while Europeans have trimmed theirs by around 2%, according to data about the five large EU economies from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

That is partly because many European companies tried to avoid pandemic-related

layoffs by reducing workers' hours. Nearly two million Europeans still are in Covid-19 furlough programs, with governments, for now, covering a portion of their lost pay. The U.S. economy recovered more quickly, and many American workers who kept their jobs or found new ones have continued to work the same or longer hours.

Europe has long had a reputation in the U.S. for less demanding work hours and more generous vacation practices, which many Americans attributed to a different approach to work-life balance. The pandemic labor picture shows that the differences aren't strictly voluntary.

For some Europeans, especially in the

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## EXCHANGE



## INFLATION GUIDE

After a four-decade high, parsing what's up and what comes next. **B1**

## Peacocks Loose in Nebraska

Noisy birds haunt Grand Island, evade capture

By Ben Kesling

GRAND ISLAND, Neb.—It isn't hard to find the flock of feral peacocks living on Eldorado Street. What's hard is figuring out what to do with them.

For years, an ostentation of peacocks has lived among

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## Some Chinese Exports Help Russian Military

By Brian Spegele

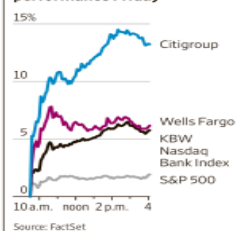
BEIJING—Chinese exports to Russia of microchips and other electronic components and raw materials, some with military applications, have increased since Moscow's invasion of Ukraine, complicating efforts by the U.S. and Western allies to isolate the country's economy and cripple its military.

Chip shipments from China to Russia more than doubled to about \$50 million in the first five months of 2022 compared with a year earlier, Chinese customs data show, while

## Banks Give Lift to Market

U.S. stocks rebounded Friday. The S&P 500 rose 1.9%, paced by financial shares. **B1**

## Share-price and index performance Friday



Source: FactSet

exports of other components such as printed circuits had double-digit percentage growth. Export volumes of aluminum oxide, which is used to make the metal aluminum, an important material in weapons production and aerospace, are 400 times higher than last year.

The rise in reported export values may partly be explained by inflation. But the data shows that many Chinese tech sellers have continued to do

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◆ **Russian strike hits two universities in Ukraine.** **A7**



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## For Biden, Uneasy Visit to Saudi Leader

In Public, Murder of  
a Journalist Goes  
Unmentioned

By PETER BAKER  
and DAVID E. SANGER

JEDDAH, Saudi Arabia — President Biden exchanged the shakiest fist for a fist bump on Friday as he abandoned his promise to make Saudi Arabia a "pariah" and sat down with the crown prince he deemed responsible for the grisly killing and dismemberment of a columnist who lived in the United States.

In the most fraught foreign visit of his presidency to date, Mr. Biden's encounter with Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman gave the de facto Saudi leader a measure of the international rehabilitation he sought, while securing steps toward closer relations with Israel and an unannounced understanding that the kingdom would soon pump more oil to relieve high gas prices at home.

Mr. Biden's discomfort was palpable as he avoided a handshake with the prince in favor of a fist bump that in the end proved no less problematic politically. While cameras recorded the opening of their subsequent meeting, the president made no mention of Jamal Khashoggi, the Washington Post columnist assassinated in 2018 by Saudi operatives, and the prince smiled silently when a reporter asked if he owed an apology to the family.

But Mr. Biden later told reporters Mr. Khashoggi's murder was "outrageous" and said he had confronted the crown prince privately. "I raised it at the top of the meeting, making clear what I thought at the time and what I think of it now," he said. "I was straightforward and direct in discussing it. I made my view crystal clear."

He reported that Prince Mohammed, often known by his initials M.B.S., had denied culpability. He basically said that he was not personally responsible for it, Mr. Biden said. "I indicated that I thought he was."

Saudi officials contradicted his account. Adel al-Jubeir, the Saudi minister of state for foreign affairs, told reporters that he did not hear Mr. Biden tell the crown prince that he was responsible, describing instead a brief and less contentious exchange that focused on human rights without dwelling on the killing.

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*'He basically said that he was not personally responsible for it. I indicated that I thought he was.'*

PRESIDENT BIDEN, on Mohammed bin Salman and the killing of Jamal Khashoggi.

## Cycle Never Ends for Egypt's Political Detainees

This article is by Vivian Yee, Allison McCann and Josh Holder.

CAIRO — When the University of Washington Ph.D. student was arrested in Cairo while researching the Egyptian judiciary, he asked the prosecutor for the accusations against him. Joining a terrorist group, he was told, and spreading fake news.

"I was pleased for a second, because these are so absurd, there's absolutely no evidence, it's very, very easy to refute," said the student, Waleed K. Salem, 42. But as he found out, "Once you're slapped with these labels, you go into the black box."

In the black box of pretrial detention, Mr. Salem was never tried or formally charged with a crime. Instead, every time he maxed out the legal pretrial detention period, a prosecutor extended his imprisonment in a hearing that usually lasted about 90 seconds.

"The first five months, you're

## Thousands Trapped in a Brutal Crackdown Against Dissent

their ranks swelled by Mr. el-Sisi's crushing campaign against dissent.

Mr. el-Sisi's predecessors also jailed critics. But he has done so on a vastly greater scale, largely by transforming a routine administrative procedure known as pretrial detention — the seemingly infinite loop that ensnared Mr. Salem in 2018 — into Egypt's chief engine of mass repression.

Security forces arrest people from the street or from their homes, disappearing them without notifying families or lawyers.

When the detainees surface in custody, prosecutors accuse them of terrorist activity and detain them for months or years on end without ever having to prove their case at trial.

The crackdown has caught up Egyptians of every stripe, branding them as enemies of the state for even the mildest criticisms. One case involved the arrest of a

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## PRESIDENT YIELDS ON CLIMATE PLANS AS TALKS COLLAPSE

Manchin Again Has Democrats Fuming

By EMILY COCHRANE

WASHINGTON — It was a familiar, if excruciating, position for Democrats.

A day after pulling the plug on his party's plans to pass a climate, energy and tax package this summer, Senator Joe Manchin III of West Virginia, the conservative-leaning Democrat who has repeatedly flirted with compromise only to scuttle his party's highest ambitions, called in on Friday to a West Virginia radio show. Perhaps, he suggested, in another month or so, he might see his way clear to salvaging the last bits of President Biden's domestic agenda.

There was no guarantee, of course, and the comments were only the latest instance of Mr. Manchin capitalizing on his role as a swing vote in an evenly divided Senate to dictate his party's legislative strategy, leaving Democrats at his mercy.

This time, Democrats had had enough.

Rather than engage in another round of will-he-or-won't-he negotiations with Mr. Manchin, Mr. Biden let it be known that he was done trying to secure his climate agenda in Congress.

Mr. Manchin's abrupt withdrawal left Senator Chuck Schumer, Democrat of New York, and the majority leader, jittered after months of courting a colleague whose demands and red lines seemed to shift by the day, or the latest economic projection. And it prodded many Democrats into open revolt against Mr. Manchin, blaming him for the demise of their ambitions and the last chance for their party to tackle the existential threat of climate change.

Mr. Manchin, said Representative Pramila Jayapal of Washington, the chairwoman of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, has shown that he doesn't know how to close a deal — he doesn't want to close a deal — and that you can't trust him.

For more than a year, Mr. Manchin, who at 74 is serving his third term in the Senate, has been situated exactly where he prefers to be: at the center of a high-

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Doomed by Inflation and a Key Holdout

This article is by Jim Tankersley, Lisa Friedman and Coral Davenport.

WASHINGTON — President Biden bowed to political reality on Friday, conceding that he had been unable to persuade a holdout coal-state Democrat, or any Republicans in the Senate, to back legislation that had been his greatest hope to confront the climate crisis.

Ending more than a year of fruitless negotiations over a proposal to push the nation's electricity and transportation sectors away from fossil fuels, Mr. Biden said Friday that he was instead prepared to "take strong executive action to meet this moment."

Even for a president who has prided himself on compromise and the art of the possible, it was a marked retreat, one driven by the economic and political challenges of rampant inflation.

Mr. Biden called on Democratic senators to pass a narrow bill to expand health-insurance subsidies through the Affordable Care Act and reduce the cost of prescription drugs. The move effectively dooms his quest for a major climate change law, and his accompanying plans to raise taxes on businesses and high-earning individuals, unless Democrats hold the House and Senate in November's midterm elections.

The president's climate goals stalled amid shifting economic priorities driven by fast-rising consumer prices, including the gasoline price spike triggered by Russia's war in Ukraine. Under-scoring that point, Mr. Biden made the announcement from Saudi Arabia, where he flew on Friday to press the region's oil giant to ramp up even more crude oil to global markets.

At the end of a news conference in Jeddah, Mr. Biden vowed that "I am not going away" on the climate fight. "I will use every power that I have as president to continue to fulfill my pledge toward dealing with global warming," he said.

Mr. Biden came to office promising to wean the United States from fossil fuels like oil and coal to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions that are on pace to trigger

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## Barely Started, A Life Is Ended By an Airstrike

By MARIA VARENIKOVA and ANDREW E. KRAMER

VINNYTSIA, Ukraine — She called her Sunny Flower. She had just learned her first words. She liked to clean the corridor at the speech therapy center she attended, and organize the toys. She always seemed happy.

And after her final visit to the center on Thursday, Liza Dmytriyeva, 4-year-old with Down syndrome, did what young children like to do — proudly push her own baby carriage through the park on a walk with her mother.

It was, in other words, a typical, happy morning for Liza. But it ended in a flash of fire and metallic shrapnel from a Russian cruise missile strike on Vinnytsia, a central Ukrainian town far from the front lines, where some sense of normalcy had still been possible five months into the war.

The explosion killed Liza and gravely wounded her mother, Iryna Dmytriyeva, who lost a leg and who remains unconscious,



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Liza Dmytriyeva, 4, was killed as she was pushing her stroller through a park with her mother in Vinnytsia in central Ukraine.



ending a touching, loving effort by a mother to care for a child with a disorder, in peacetime and then during war. She had kept a blog about her daughter's development.

"She was happy running to her lessons and never wanted to leave," said Alyona Korol, the director of LogoClub, the speech

therapy center Liza attended. It was not until Ms. Korol saw a photograph of Liza's tiny legs and small shoes beside a blood-splattered baby carriage that she realized her beloved student, Sunny Flower, had died amid the smoke and chaos of the strike.

The scene punched through the

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## Voters View Economy as Grim, Even if Their Finances Are Not

By BEN CASSELMAN and LYDIA DEPILLIS

The fastest inflation in four decades has Americans feeling sour about the economy, even as their own finances have, so far, held up relatively well.

Just 10 percent of registered voters say the U.S. economy is "good" or "excellent," according to a New York Times/Siena College poll — a remarkable degree of pessimism at a time when wages are rising and the unemployment rate is near a 50-year low. But the rapidly rising cost of food, gas and other essentials is wiping out pay increases and eroding living standards.

Americans' grim outlook is bad news for President Biden and congressional Democrats heading into this fall's midterm elections, given that 78 percent of voters say inflation will be "extremely important" when they head to the polls.

It could be bad news for the economy as well. One long-running index of consumer sentiment hit a record low in June, and other surveys likewise show Americans

## A Pessimism That Could Feed a Recession

becoming increasingly nervous about their own finances and the broader economy.

Economists have long studied the role of consumer sentiment, which can be driven by news media narratives and indicators unrepresentative of the broader economy, like certain grocery prices or shortages of particular goods. At least in theory, economic pessimism can become self-fulfilling as consumers pull back their spending, leading to layoffs and, ultimately, to a recession.

Christina Simmons grew up poor and has worked hard to give her 7-year-old son a better life. She has climbed the ranks at the health insurer where she works near Jacksonville, Fla., and has more than doubled her salary over the past few years. Yet she feels as if she is falling behind.

"I worked my butt off to get to

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A Times video investigation reveals that members of the group maneuvered in a coordinated way on Jan. 6. PAGE A17



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Rafael Caro Quintero was convicted of killing Enrique Camarena, a Drug Enforcement Administration agent, and was wanted by the F.B.I. PAGE A9

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A German military officer who planned to assassinate public figures while posing as a Syrian refugee was sentenced to five and a half years. PAGE A9

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As a child, Chanira Bajracharya was worshipped in Nepal, but made time to study. She tells other girls to do the same. The Saturday Profile. PAGE A4

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Europe's largest economy still depends on gas supplies from Russia that could be cut off, leading to fuel rationing in the winter. PAGE B1

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The average monthly bill is now about a record \$700. But shoppers have options, including looking for less expensive smaller vehicles. PAGE B6

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The photographer Tod Papageorge has a new show, featuring images that he once took of California beaches. PAGE C1



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A Ukrainian track star, fearful of returning home, arrives at the world championships expecting to win. PAGE B7

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Olympic officials declared Jim Thorpe the sole winner of the pentathlon and decathlon at the 1912 Games. PAGE B10

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#### Sheila S. Coronel

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## Pregnant, homeless and living in a tent: Meet Mckenzie



CHRISTINA HOUSE Los Angeles Times

Mckenzie Trahan had lived on the streets of Hollywood on and off since she was 13. At age 22, she was nearly seven months pregnant and staying in a tent above the 101 Freeway. "Stitches," to her friends — or as her scalp tattoo put it, one of "Hollywood's Finest" — would struggle to find and keep a home to raise her baby. In the process, she would have to leave behind the street life and the friends that had sustained her during the years she survived by her wits and fists as one of L.A.'s many thousands of homeless people. **SECTION AA**

**MORE ONLINE:** In 2018, Times staff writer Gale Holland, photographer Christina House and videographer Claire Hannah Collins met Mckenzie Trahan and set off to tell her story in a project we're calling "Hollywood's Finest." Stay tuned for a feature-length documentary of the same name. Experience this project online at [latimes.com/hollywoodsfinest](https://latimes.com/hollywoodsfinest).



## Biden says he pressed prince on killing

He defends visit with Saudi leader, whom he says he confronted over Khashoggi death.

BY NOAH BIERMAN AND TRACY WILKINSON

JIDDA, Saudi Arabia — President Biden shared a fist bump Friday with the leader of the oil-rich country he once vowed to make a "pariah" over its human rights abuses as the White House scrambles to mitigate record inflation and high gas prices hammering Americans in an election year.

Biden, facing a barrage of criticism over meeting with Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, told reporters that he confronted Saudi Arabia's de facto leader over the brutal 2018 slaying of Jamal Khashoggi, a U.S.-based journalist and critic of the Saudi government. U.S. intelligence officials have concluded that Mohammed ordered the killing.

"I made my view crystal clear," Biden said, describing his first meeting as president with Mohammed. "I said very straightforwardly: [See Saudi, A4]"



KENT NISHIMURA Los Angeles Times

**THE DC** Dragon Boat Club practices July 6 in the Washington Channel. To make the team, one journalist realized she had to change her lifestyle.

**COLUMN ONE**

## Solution to work stress: Enter the dragon boat

After 6-year break, she grabs a paddle again

BY KIMBRIELL KELLY REPORTING FROM WASHINGTON

"Tell me," said my aunt-in-law, appraising me through her rimmed glasses, "how is work these days?"

In a word, exhausting. I had been leading our Washington, D.C., staff coverage of the Jan. 6 insurrection, the inauguration of President Biden, a worldwide pandemic and the ongoing election challenge by the outgoing President

Trump. While up late editing one night, I couldn't immediately decide whether to put the "a" or "o" in U.S. Capitol.

I rattled off the list of terrible things: A staffer got trapped in the Capitol during the insurrection. I had to get bulletproof gear for my reporters covering the inauguration, and all that came along with being a pioneering new boss.

The week of the 2020 presidential election, I had been promoted to Washington bureau chief for The Times, the first person of color to have that job and only the second woman since The Times

[See Dragon, A7]

## Coronavirus case clusters are on the rise at L.A. workplaces

Outbreaks occur at a variety of businesses as hospitalizations and deaths keep climbing.

BY RONG-GONG LIN II, LUKE MONEY AND ROGER VINCENT

Workplaces throughout Los Angeles County are being hit hard by the latest coronavirus surge, with the number of reported case clusters nearly quadrupling since early May.

The sharp rise is the latest wrinkle for efforts by companies looking to bring employees back on something resembling a pre-pandemic schedule.

Among the areas to see infection clusters: airports, food processing companies, aerospace and Hollywood film and television production. This comes as hospitalizations and deaths in L.A. County are rising due to the spread of ultra-infectious subvariants.

Patterns of office attendance and leasing have changed over the last two years in line with the COVID-19 threat level, real estate industry observers report. When surges subside, employers are more likely to sign new space commitments with landlords and to press workers to come to the office.

Given the extent of work-

place case clusters, county health officials are recommending that employers take steps to reduce crowding and, if there's a suspected outbreak, expand options for remote work.

Countywide, 371 workplaces reported clusters of coronavirus cases in the week to Tuesday. In early May, the number was 100.

A cluster is defined as three or more coronavirus cases within a 14-day period. Workplaces are required to report clusters to the L.A. County Department of Public Health. A cluster does not necessarily mean that transmission occurred at the workplace; employees may have become infected elsewhere.

L.A. County officials say if there are more than 300 workplaces reporting clusters in a week, it is cause for a high level of concern.

The "clusters and outbreaks are disruptive and hazardous, particularly as many more outbreaks now involve 20 or more workers," L.A. County Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer said this week.

"Staff need to abruptly take time off to isolate and recover, leading to staffing shortages and interruptions in customary operations," she said. "Work-site outbreaks create worrisome risk for vulnerable employees, and they often contribute to additional spread of [See Case clusters, A8]"

## Home kits make it difficult to gauge extent of surge

One estimate suggests only 14% of positive test results nationally are being reported.

BY EMILY ALPERT REYES

In Sherman Oaks, Julia Irzyk tries to gauge how rampant the coronavirus is in her community, turning to a constellation of data points to guide her.

"I have very little confidence that I would survive COVID," said Irzyk, who is more vulnerable to the coronavirus because she has lupus and other health conditions.

So Irzyk keeps track of hospitalizations and deaths. She checks data from wastewater monitoring that predicts spikes in coronavirus infections. Recently, troubled by what she was seeing in the numbers, she told employees at her talent agency to stop coming to work in the office.

But she puts little stock in one of the simplest numbers regularly shared by health officials: How many COVID-19 cases are being re-

ported. Those official figures are "relatively worthless at this point," said Irzyk, who authored a book on disability and the law. "Positive tests are being discovered through home testing — and they're not reported to anyone."

The boom in home testing for the coronavirus has meant that health officials never hear about many COVID cases, deflating official counts.

Federal funding to test uninsured patients also dried up this spring, pinching the availability of free testing for some Americans. California has sought to continue providing testing for uninsured people through its own programs, and in Los Angeles County, the Department of Health Services said the number of its own sites — which offer COVID testing without out-of-pocket charges to L.A. County residents — has remained stable since the beginning of this year.

But official testing has nonetheless fallen off even as California reckons with the rapid spread of the BA.5 [See Surge, A8]



IRFAN KHAN Los Angeles Times

**LAURA ROBLES**, 14, takes a self-administered oral swab COVID-19 test at Union Station in downtown L.A. Many cases of the illness are not being reported.

### Kershaw almost flawless in win

The Dodgers ace has his perfect game spoiled late in a 9-1 victory over the Angels in the Freeway Series. **SPORTS, B12**

### Action sought on crowded shelters

Two L.A. councilmen call for more resources for struggling animal shelters after a Times report. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

### Biden endorses Palestinian state

President concedes that such a development is "far away" and acknowledges despair of Palestinian people. **WORLD, A4**

### Weather Sunny and warm.

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**BUSINESS INSIDE:** What would it take for Musk and Twitter to resolve their dispute? **A9**



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Democracy Dies in Darkness

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## Manchin once more puts Biden in a bind

President asks Congress to pursue a modest bill on health-care costs

BY TONY ROMM

With his long-stalled economic agenda in political peril, President Biden on Friday called on congressional Democrats to refocus their once-sweeping spending ambitions — and adopt a package soon that aims to lower Americans' health-care costs.

The public statement from the White House reflected an unavoidable reality: Biden's once-vast vision to remake broad swaths of the U.S. economy — including an attempt to invest historic sums in the fight against climate change — had faltered for perhaps the final time after months of failed negotiations between Democratic leaders and Sen. Joe Manchin III (D-W.Va.).

The swift collapse stemmed from Manchin's renewed fears about rising prices, seven months after similar fiscal concerns prompted the moderate West Virginian to scuttle Democrats' roughly \$2 trillion plan, known as the Build Back Better Act. Privately, Manchin told Democratic leaders this week he could not support their latest push to spend money to combat climate change or raise taxes on wealthy Americans and corporations, as The Washington Post first reported Thursday night.

Instead, Manchin essentially

SEE MANCHIN ON A5

## Ambitious U.S. climate agenda might be put on ice

BY BRADY DENNIS AND MAXINE JOSELOW

As President Biden's climate ambitions appeared to collapse in Congress on Friday, advocates around the world expressed alarm about how an absence of U.S. leadership could undermine the push to avoid catastrophic warming of Earth's atmosphere.

Mohamed Adow woke up in Nairobi to the news that Sen. Joe Manchin III (D-W.Va.) remains unwilling to support new climate spending, a stance that would all but torpedo Biden's push to rapidly cut the nation's greenhouse gas pollution.

The frustration and disappointment Adow felt at the congressional gridlock had little to do with the president, and everything to do with the implications for the planet if the world's second-largest emitter does not change course.

"People say this is a blow for Biden's climate plan," Adow, head of Power Shift Africa, a think tank that lobbies for clean energy, said

SEE CLIMATE ON A8



President Biden greets Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman after arriving at Al Salam Royal Palace in Jeddah. Many observers saw the fist bump as a sign of friendly relations between the two leaders, though Biden earlier called Saudi Arabia a "pariah."

## Funding, warm words fall short with Palestinians

BY STEVE HENDRIX

JERUSALEM — President Biden devoted the last hours of his Israel visit to restoring ties with Palestinians severed by his predecessor, visiting a Palestinian hospital Friday in East Jerusalem and crossing an Israeli military checkpoint to meet with Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas in Bethlehem.

The president called for a full accounting of the May killing of Palestinian American journalist Shireen Abu Akleh during an Israeli raid in the West Bank, the first time he

had publicly mentioned the incident during his visit.

Biden's two events produced no progress toward renewed talks in the long-stalled Israeli-Palestinian peace process. But the White House did announce a range of measures meant to improve the situation at a time "when Palestinians are hurting, you can just feel it," as Biden put it after his meeting with Abbas.

"I know that the goal of the two-state [solution] seems so far away, while indignities like restrictions on movement and travel or the daily worry of your children's safety

are real and immediate," the president said. "So even if the ground is not ripe at this moment to restart negotiations, the United States and my administration will not give up on trying to bring the Palestinians and the Israelis closer together."

The administration approved \$316 million in new aid for Palestinians, including \$100 million for a hospital network that serves patients from the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Also included is \$200 million that will go to the U.N. agency that supports Palestinian refugees, helping to restore funding that was

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## Biden meets Saudi leader

DELIVERS REBUKE OF KHASHOGGI KILLING

Fist bump with crown prince draws criticism

BY TYLER PAGER AND CLEVE R. WOOTSON JR.

JEDDAH, SAUDI ARABIA — President Biden said he confronted Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman directly Friday about the 2018 murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi, telling him in a "straightforward and direct" way that the killing was unacceptable and "making clear what I thought of it at the time and what I think of it now."

The crown prince, who is the de facto ruler of Saudi Arabia, "basically said that he was not personally responsible for it," Biden recounted. "I indicated that I thought he was." U.S. intelligence agencies have concluded that MBS, as he is widely known, directed the killing of Khashoggi, a contributing columnist for The Washington Post and an outspoken critic of the Saudi regime.

Biden's comments came at the end of a day when a fist bump between the president and the crown prince — in an image disseminated by the Saudis — quickly took on powerful symbolism ahead of the high-stakes meeting. Human rights activists said the gesture, as Biden and Mohammed met, projected acceptance

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Greeting: Biden's fist bump is something to contemplate. C1

## Illinois town could see a revival after Roe decision

Once reliant on its steel mills, Granite City now has one of the only abortion clinics for hundreds of miles



Granite City, Ill., could see a boost from an influx of people seeking abortion care, but some residents are not comfortable hitching their economic fortunes to a practice many see as immoral.

BY CAROLINE KITCHENER

GRANITE CITY, ILL. — The executive director of the chamber of commerce has tried to revive the image of the steel mill town where she has spent every one of her 82 years: Granite City isn't dirty, she'll tell anyone who asks, it's industrial. Its residents aren't down-and-out, but working hard to get back on track.

In the newsletter she writes once a month, Rosemarie Brown urged Granite City residents to reject "those unpleasant labels that neighboring communities have placed on us." She hosted a barbecue dinner to celebrate local business owners. For the chamber's black-tie event, she made centerpieces out of hunks of raw coal from the mill, tying them together with a shiny orange bow.

Then came news from Washington that could saddle Brown's city with an entirely different reputation.

The Supreme Court's decision last month to overturn *Roe v. Wade* suddenly left Granite City

and other communities in southern Illinois as home to the closest abortion clinics for women hundreds of miles away. At the bottom of a long blue state that dips into red America, where many states across the South and Midwest have banned abortion, the region is now poised to become an island of abortion access, with as many as 14,000 people expected to come for abortions this year. Although the area leans conservative, Illinois' government is led by Democrats elected by more densely populated regions upstate.

As soon as Brown heard about the Supreme Court decision, alone in her office, she started to cry.

With abortion patients pouring in, she said.

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# Juro real sob Bolsonaro é o mais alto desde Dilma

Indicador chega a 8,5%, um ponto abaixo do registrado na crise que culminou em impeachment, e tendência é subir

Os juros reais — taxa cobrada descontada a inflação — atingiram seu maior patamar no Brasil desde o segundo mandato de Dilma Rousseff, em 2015 e 2016.

O indicador está hoje em torno de 8,5%, segundo cálculo da Nova Futura Investimentos com base em dados do Banco Central, contra o pico de 9,5% em 2015. A tendência é de alta, conforme indica o mercado futuro.

O encarecimento do crédito sob Jair Bolsonaro (PL), provocado pela pressão inflacionária diante da piora da situação fiscal do país e de um cenário externo adverso, tem paralelos com a crise que culminou, há seis anos, no impeachment.

"Pode ser que a gente ainda não tenha visto o topo dos juros por aqui", afirma Nicolas Borsoi, economista-chefe da Nova Futura.

A aprovação da chamada PEC dos bilhões, que permitirá ao governo explodir gastos em ano eleitoral, e o aumento das taxas nos EUA devem alimentar novas altas.

A elevação do indicador mostra que o investidor exige recompensa maior para pôr dinheiro em ativos brasileiros, pois o risco cresceu. Juros maiores também freiam a economia ao dificultar empréstimos. *Mercado A13*

## Alcolumbre direciona obras para empreiteira investigada

O senador Davi Alcolumbre (União-AP) direcionou obras da estatal Codevasf para a empreiteira Engelfort, alvo de investigações, responsável por uso de empresa de fachada em licitações federais e campeã em contratos de pavimentação no governo Bolsonaro.

Nessas obras, todas no Amapá, também ocorreram desvios, superfaturamentos e superdimensionamentos, segundo investigação da área técnica do Tribunal de Contas da União. Alcolumbre, Codevasf e Engelfort dizem desconhecer a apuração. *Política A8*

## Marcos Mendes Encolheram os anões

Frete aos números atuais, os "anões do orçamento", que nos anos 1990 faziam emendas em favor de entidades criadas por eles mesmos e embolsavam o dinheiro, encolheram. A cada dia, os casos que surgem são mais amplos e similares aos do passado. *Mercado A21*

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## Bolsonarista é indiciado por homicídio qualificado

A Polícia Civil do Paraná indiciou ontem o policial penal bolsonarista Jorge Guaranho por homicídio qualificado do guarda municipal petista Marcelo Arruda, morto sábado (9) em sua festa de aniversário.

Segundo o inquérito, no qual foram ouvidas 17 pessoas, o crime teve motivo torpe e pôs em risco outras pessoas. A pena prevista nesses casos é de 12 a 30 anos de prisão. *Política A4*

## SP vive escassez de remédios puxada por antibióticos

Pesquisa do Conselho Regional de Farmácia mostra que 98,5% dos farmacêuticos paulistas relatam desabastecimento, em especial de antibióticos — alguns essenciais, como amoxicilina. Ministério aponta dificuldade de importação de matéria-prima. *Saúde B1*

**Policial mata a própria família e se suicida no PR**  
Fabiano Garcia matou a tiros 8 pessoas, entre elas a ex-mulher e 3 filhos. A hipótese é que ele não aceitava pedido de divórcio. *B2*

**Assassinato de Bruno é afronta inédita a direitos indígenas, diz viúva A9**



Bandar Al-Jaloud/Palácio Real Saudita/AFP

## BIDEN VISITA PRÍNCIPE SAUDITA SUSPEITO DE MANDAR ASSASSINAR Opositor

Joe Biden cumprimenta com 'soquinho' Mohammed bin Salman em Jeddá; criticado por se encontrar com príncipe, que é suspeito de envolvimento na morte do jornalista Jamal Khashoggi, líder americano disse que o confrontou sobre o tema *Mundo A10*



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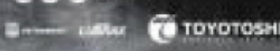
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Pression fiscale : la France  
mauvaise élève de l'EuropeLa libération fiscale, le jour de  
l'année où les salariés français  
auront fini de payer leurs im-  
pôts et taxes sociales, aura lieu  
dimanche 17 juillet, selon l'Ins-  
titut Molinari. La France, long-  
temps dernière en Europe de ce  
classement, n'est plus lanternerouge, mais affiche toujours un  
taux de prélèvements parmi les  
plus élevés. Retraites, baisse des  
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leurs pions avec prudence. Ils  
consultent, échantillent et se  
préparent à cette bataille im-portante pour l'avenir de leur  
parti. Au centre de l'attention,  
Laurent Wauquiez : le président  
de la région Auvergne-Rhône-  
Alpes, qui a quitté la tête de LR  
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les rênes. PAGES 4 ET 5ÉDITORIAL par Philippe Gélie [pgelie@lefigaro.fr](mailto:pgelie@lefigaro.fr)

## La bombe italienne

Bien souvent, l'étiquette d'« homme providentiel » trahit l'ego de celui qui s'en affuble. Avec Mario Draghi, c'est tout l'inverse : le président du Conseil italien se croit si peu indis-  
pensable qu'il a décidé de démissionner, fati-  
gué des querelles microcholineuses de la classe  
politique. Mais ceux qui observent la situation  
de son pays croisent les doigts pour qu'il sur-  
monte le psychodrame actuel et reste aux  
commandes. « Super Mario », le « sauveur de  
l'euro » en 2012 (rendons à l'ancien gouver-  
neur de la Banque centrale européenne la pa-  
ternité du « quoi qu'il en coûte »), ne s'est pas  
métamorphosé dix ans plus tard en sauveur de  
l'Italie : il en est plutôt le garde-fou, un rem-  
part au bord du précipice dans lequel nous  
pourrions tous être entraînés.

La simple vérité est que notre voisin transalpin  
ne peut pas se payer le luxe d'une crise politi-  
que. Il chevauche une dette publique de  
2 500 milliards d'euros qui dépasse celles de la  
Grèce, du Portugal, de l'Irlande et de l'Espa-  
gne cumulées. La somme est trop faramineuse  
pour que la BCE puisse la racheter. Lestée par  
une croissance chroniquement en panne, à la  
merci de la hausse du coût des emprunts et  
d'une crise énergétique qui pointe son nez,

Rome dépend de la ligne de crédit de 200 mil-  
liards d'euros consentie l'an dernier par les  
Européens. Ceux-ci avaient deux bonnes rai-  
sons : l'Italie pèse trop lourd dans l'UE pour  
faire faillite, et ils font confiance à Mario Dra-  
ghi pour mener les réformes exigées (l'aide est  
assortie de 527 conditions!).

À la lumière de tels enjeux, les petits intérêts  
politiciens du Mouvement 5 étoiles (M5S) ont  
du mal à nous émouvoir. Le parti populiste

« antisystème », à son  
pinacle lors des législa-  
tives de 2018, est en  
partie rentré dans le  
rang, puis s'est scindé  
en deux sur son pacifis-  
me envers la Russie, et  
il ne recueille plus  
aujourd'hui que 10 % des intentions de vote.

L'urgence pour son chef, Giuseppe Conte  
(successeur du comique Beppe Grillo), est de  
se faire remarquer avant les élections pro-  
grammées au printemps 2023 - si elles ne sont  
pas anticipées maintenant qu'il a brisé la coali-  
tion d'unité nationale. Bravo, c'est réussi !  
Mais cela valait-il d'allumer une bombe qui  
peut faire exploser toute l'Europe ? ■

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# Thousands may die as record highs expected

First national emergency heat red alert triggered, with 40C temperatures forecast

**Robert Booth**  
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Thousands of people could die in the coming heatwave, experts warned yesterday, as the government triggered the first ever national emergency heat red alert with a record 40C forecast for south-east England on Tuesday.

Health officials fear people living alone on upper floors of buildings are among those who could perish, as they did in Paris in 2003. Last year two lesser heat episodes caused about 1,600 excess deaths, according to official figures.

The level 4 heat alert announced for Monday and Tuesday by the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) means "illness and death may occur among the fit and healthy, and not just in high-risk groups".

The Met Office described the heat, which is coming from France and Spain, as "absolutely unprecedented" and urged people to treat it like a storm warning and consider changing plans.

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▲ Boscombe beach, Dorset, yesterday. Britons are urged to keep out of the sun next week PHOTOGRAPH: STEVE GILLET / LIVEPIX

## Covid boosters for the over-50s in the autumn

Everyone over 50 in England is to be offered a booster shot and a flu jab, as cases of Covid rise by almost 30% in a week in the UK *Page 2* →

## No 10 rivals clash in ill-tempered debate

Tory leadership candidates argue over tax and trust, with none willing to say that Boris Johnson is honest *News Page 6* →

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