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◆ **Merger activity** dropped 43% in recent months and initial public offerings of stock plummeted to their lowest level in more than a decade as the Fed's rate increases siphoned capital out of the markets. **B1**

◆ **Shale companies** are slowing their oil-field activity, keeping U.S. oil production roughly flat and offering little relief for tight global markets. **B1**

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◆ **Sen. Manchin** criticized Biden over comments the president made about moving away from coal plants in favor of wind and solar energy. **A4**

◆ **A weather system** brewing in the Atlantic Ocean north of Puerto Rico may hit Florida's east coast as a tropical storm or hurricane later this week, the National Hurricane Center said. **A3**

◆ **The last eight years** have each been warmer than any before that period on record, according to a report by the World Meteorological Organization released as the U.N. opened two weeks of climate talks. **A9**

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TRAIL BLAZING: Clockwise from top left, Senate candidates campaigning Sunday included Democratic Sen. Raphael Warnock, Republican Mehmet Oz, Democratic Sen. Mark Kelly, Republican Blake Masters, Democrat John Fetterman and Republican Herschel Walker.

Candidates Make Final Push As GOP Midterm Hopes Grow

Candidates made their closing arguments to voters in key battleground states during a

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in Chandler, Ariz.

busy final weekend of campaigning before Election Day, as Republicans grew more bull-

ish on their prospects for victory in the battle for Congress.

With voters expressing concern about inflation and dissatisfaction with President Biden's stewardship of the economy, Republicans are heavily favored by nonpartisan analysts to win control of the House of Representatives in Tuesday's elections. Democrats had better odds of keeping their Senate

majority, but Republican candidates were making late polling gains in such states as New Hampshire, Arizona and Pennsylvania.

Sen. Maggie Hassan (D., N.H.) has seen her polling lead over Republican challenger Don Bolduc diminish, with a top Republican official on Sunday suggesting the state was now winnable after independents

started breaking late for the GOP. Ms. Hassan enlisted Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D., Minn.) and Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg to campaign for her Sunday.

Pennsylvania attracted three commanders in chief on Saturday: President Biden and his two immediate predecessors, Donald Trump and Barack

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After Quarter Billion Dollars, Georgia Race Is a Toss-Up

Parties bet Walker-Warnock contest will determine Senate majority

By JOSHUA JAMERSON
AND CAMERON MCWHIRTER

ATLANTA—To win a single Senate seat, Republicans and Democrats have spent the equivalent of \$30.83 on every one of the 7.8 million eligible voters in Georgia. That comes to somewhere north of \$241 million and counting.

For all the money spent, Democratic Sen. Raphael Warnock and his Republican opponent, Herschel Walker, a former All-Pro running back for the Dallas Cowboys, remain virtually deadlocked, many polls show. A few have shown Mr. Warnock gaining momentum

in recent days.

The Peach State is on the front lines of the nation's midterm elections Tuesday that will determine the majority in the Senate, now split 50-50. Both parties are betting the path to victory runs through Georgia, making it home to one of the most expensive Senate races of all time.

As candidates have done in other tight races, Mr. Walker has ridden inflation worries while Mr. Warnock got a temporary bump from the Supreme Court's rejection of the constitutional right to abortion.

Mr. Warnock, an Atlanta pastor, has in the

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Vintage Photo Booths Baffle a New Generation of Fans

Where are you supposed to look? Why do these film strips smell like chemicals?

By HANNAH MIAO

Frianna Gultom wanted her picture taken. The typical selfie wouldn't do.

The 21-year-old Philadelphia waitress has thousands of images with her iPhone, but the black-and-white film photo strips all over TikTok caught her eye. During a trip to New York for a concert, she and a friend hunted down a vintage photo booth in a hotel lobby.

The dated technology confused her much the way smartphones can trip up older users. Why was it so dark in

there, and where should she look? The quick succession of flashes surprised her. Then it took about three minutes for the machine to spit out a photo strip, which emerged wet with a sharp, chemical smell.

She didn't like how the first pictures turned out, so she tried another set. Ultimately, the pair pumped in more than \$60 for 10 rounds of old-fashioned snapshots. Worth it, they decided. "Even though we now have an

iPhone 14 with better lenses," Ms. Gultom said, "it just doesn't beat the experience of

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Shoppers Trade Down As Inflation Fears Rise

By SUZANNE KAPNER

Many shoppers are trading down to less expensive clothing and accessories—swapping Lululemon leggings for Uniqlo and expensive lingerie for Target bras and panties—as inflation eats into their disposable income and a rocky stock market erodes their wealth.

The downshift raises concerns about the coming holiday season, historically a time when many people splurge on designer handbags, fine jewelry and other extravagant purchases for themselves or loved ones. Investors will get updates on shopping attitudes this week when Ralph Lauren Corp., Michael Kors parent Capri Holdings Ltd. and Tapestry Inc., the owner of Coach, report their latest results.

"I'm skipping the splurge this year," said Kate Cheng, who owns a jewelry store in

San Francisco. Ms. Cheng said she normally treats herself to a designer handbag or another luxury item during the holidays, but is holding off this year over concerns about a looming recession.

She has noticed a shift in her customers' buying habits in recent months to less-expensive silver jewelry from gold. That has prompted her to curtail her own spending. She switched to Uniqlo leggings instead of products from Lululemon, which cost about twice as much. She also canceled a trip to Maui, which would have cost about \$4,000, and instead plans to take a road trip to New Mexico for about half the price.

Seventy-two percent of consumers plan to look for less expensive alternatives this holiday season as a result of inflation, according to a survey. Please turn to page A5

Facebook Parent Prepares Sweeping Layoffs

Meta Platforms' cuts are expected to affect thousands of workers at social-media giant

By JEFF HORWITZ
AND SALVADOR RODRIGUEZ

Meta Platforms Inc. is planning to begin large-scale layoffs this week, according to people familiar with the matter, in what could be the largest round in a recent spate of tech job cuts after the industry's rapid growth during the pandemic.

The layoffs are expected to affect many thousands of employees and an announcement is planned to come as soon as Wednesday, according to the people. Meta reported having more than 87,000 employees at the end of September. Company officials already told employees to cancel nonessential travel beginning this week, the people said.

The planned layoffs would be the first broad head-count reductions to occur in the company's 18-year history. While smaller on a percentage basis than the cuts at Twitter Inc. this past week, which hit about half of that company's staff, the number of Meta employees expected to lose their jobs could be the largest to date at a major technology corporation in a year that has seen a tech industry retrenchment.

A spokesman for Meta declined to comment, referring to Chief Executive Mark Zuckerberg's recent statement that the company would "focus our investments on a small number of high priority growth areas."

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Biden, Putin Aides Held Secret Talks

By VIVIAN SALAMA
AND MICHAEL R. GORDON

WASHINGTON—President Biden's top national-security adviser has engaged in recent months in confidential conversations with top aides to President Vladimir Putin of Russia in an effort to reduce the risk of a broader conflict over Ukraine and warn Moscow against using nuclear or other weapons of mass destruction, U.S. and allied officials said.

The officials said that U.S. national security adviser Jake Sullivan has been in contact by phone with Yuri Ushakov, a for-

eign-policy adviser to Mr. Putin. Mr. Sullivan also has spoken with his direct counterpart in the Russian government, Nikolai Patrushev, the officials added. The aim has been to guard against the risk of escalation and keep communications channels open, and not to discuss a settlement of the war in Ukraine, the officials said.

Asked whether Mr. Sullivan has engaged in undisclosed conversations with Messrs. Ushakov or Patrushev, National Security Council spokeswoman Adrienne Watson said: "People claim a lot of things," and de-

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US hatches plan for companies to pay for switch from fossil fuel energy

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CAMILLA HODGSON — SHARM EL-SHEIKH
AIME WILLIAMS — WASHINGTON

The US is working on plans to tap cash from the world's largest companies to help developing countries cut their use of fossil fuels, which it aims to unveil at the UN climate summit this week.

US president Joe Biden's climate envoy John Kerry is trying to marshal support from other governments, companies and climate experts to develop a framework for carbon credits to be sold to businesses. The proceeds could then fund clean energy projects.

Under the plans, regional governments or state bodies would earn carbon credits by reducing their power sector's emissions, as fossil fuel infrastructure such as coal-fired plants are phased out and renewable energy use increases.

The credits would be certified by an independent, as-yet-unspecified accreditation body. Companies would then be able to buy the credits to offset their own carbon emissions.

Although the scheme would be voluntary, Kerry said recently that he hoped the private sector could be "enticed" to the table because it would offer the most polluting companies a way of addressing their emissions.

Kerry and the US administration want to unveil the idea at the COP27 climate summit in Egypt, according to people familiar with the matter. More than 110 heads of state are expected to attend COP27, which began yesterday.

At the opening session in Sharm el-Sheikh the issue of "loss and damage" was put on the formal agenda for the first time. "Loss and damage" has become a shorthand for poor countries' and climate campaigners' calls for wealthy countries to help out with the costly impacts of climate change.

The issue has grown more urgent this year as a succession of extreme weather events including widespread flooding in Pakistan and Nigeria have wreaked severe damage.

Data published by the World Meteorological Organisation yesterday showed that the past eight years are on track to be the warmest on record, calling it a



The COP27 climate summit opened yesterday in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt
Mohammed Abed-El-Wazir

planetary "distress signal". The WMO's report said the global average temperature in 2022 was around 1.15°C higher than pre-industrial levels. The Paris climate accord committed countries to limit warming to 1.5°C ideally.

UN secretary-general António Guterres described the report as a

"chronicle of climate chaos". He added: "Change is happening with catastrophic speed — devastating lives and livelihoods on every continent."

World leaders are scrambling to fund the shift to clean energy and reduce developing countries' dependence on coal, oil and gas. US officials hope that

Kerry's plan will combat global warming by unlocking "tens of billions" of dollars of private capital to fund the energy transition in developing economies, according to a person familiar with the discussions.

The use and trading of carbon credits is unregulated and a controversial solution to global warming. In theory, one credit represents one tonne of carbon avoided or removed from the atmosphere, but critics say they do not always deliver the emissions savings they promise.

However, the concept has boomed as companies and countries come under pressure to cut their emissions and meet net-zero emissions targets, which are legally binding under the Paris Agreement.

Several industry groups are working to develop standards in an effort to bring more credibility to carbon credits, and regulators including the US Commodity Futures Trading Commission have been asked to monitor the market. US officials said they would ensure the environmental integrity of the credits.

But the US proposal lacks detail, the people said. Carbon credits were not "the kind of thing you can have half baked. The rules matter, the details matter," said one person familiar with the plans. "There's no easier way to get people angry than to throw offsets into the mix."

A person familiar with the discussions said the US state department was planning to introduce a broad framework but it would take further time to develop the full details.

"One of the things we're looking at is the possibility of the private sector, in effect, being enticed to the table," Kerry said last month. "Funds could go directly into closing down some coal plants and acquiring renewables, which is direct emissions reduction. I hope perhaps even by [the time of COP27 in] Sharm el-Sheikh we might be in a position to outline that," he said.

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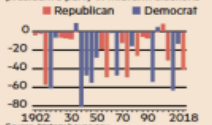
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Midterm blues
Net change in House of Representatives seats for the president's party in midterm elections



The US president's party nearly always loses congressional seats in midterm elections, with net losses in the House of Representatives often in the dozens. These exceptions have occurred since 1902, in periods of high presidential approval.



Changing times put brake on used-car seller Carvana

Carvana, the US used-vehicle seller that promotes itself via car 'vending machines', has stalled since last year when a shortage of new models spurred a surge in the second-hand market. On Thursday, the retailer reported car volumes down 8 per cent year on year, while net losses grew to more than \$500mn. More availability of new cars, interest rate rises, plus governance issues have pushed shares down 95 per cent from their peak.

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Orcel strategy puts UniCredit in conflict with ECB over capital plans and Russia

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UniCredit has clashed with the European Central Bank over the Italian lender's plans to return cash to shareholders and its failure to leave Russia, according to people familiar with the matter.

The friction has built since chief executive Andrea Orcel took over in April 2021 and implemented an aggressive strategy to overhaul UniCredit's operations and pay out more funds to shareholders. The two sides have aired their opposing views in a series of letters, according to one person briefed on the matter who said the relationship was "more than just a little bit strained".

The clash comes as the central bank takes a tougher stance towards

eurozone lenders' capital plans as the bloc braces for recession. Italy and Germany, UniCredit's two biggest markets, are expected to be hit hardest by Europe's energy crisis because of their previous heavy reliance on Russian gas.

Several people briefed on the discussions said that the ECB had objected to UniCredit's commitment to distribute €16bn to shareholders by 2024, saying that it ran contrary to official guidance that "banks should not set their dividend policies in terms of absolute amounts". Another such person said: "When the regulators send you a list of questions, you can come out to a mutual compromise around the answers, but Orcel's style is 'I'm right because we've got all this capital'."

UniCredit has told the ECB that it has the headroom to pay more to shareholders without significantly weakening its

balance sheet thanks to relatively high capital levels, with common equity at 15.4 per cent of risk-weighted assets.

Tension has also built up over UniCredit's failure to cut its ties with Russia. It is one of two European banks, along with Austria's Raiffeisen, to maintain large operations in the country. The ECB views its Russian presence as an unwelcome source of risk and has been pushing it to exit.

UniCredit told the Financial Times the ECB had "continuously provided us with challenge and guidance" during the bank's strategic overhaul, adding that regulators' "public support" was "indicative of the trust that they have shown in us". UniCredit said it was "committed to disengaging from Russia in an 'orderly and decisive' fashion".

The ECB declined to comment. Additional reporting by Owen Walker

World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				GOVERNMENT BONDS			
	Nov 4	Oct 28	Prev %Chg		Nov 4	Oct 28	Yield (%)		Nov 4	Oct 28	Chg
S&P 500	3717.46	3719.89	-0.07	\$/£	0.990	0.995	5.2	US 2 yr	4.68	4.72	-0.04
Nasdaq Composite	10304.76	10342.94	-0.37	\$/¥	1.126	1.159	0.887	US 10 yr	4.16	4.15	0.01
Dow Jones Ind	32011.87	32001.25	0.03	€/£	0.877	0.859	0.5	US 30 yr	4.24	4.17	0.08
FTSE London 300	1840.94	1820.96	1.1%	\$/HK\$	147.245	147.510	0.4	UK 2 yr	3.68	3.64	0.02
Euro Stoxx 50	3689.39	3593.16	2.6%	\$/¥	168.093	170.980	0.2	UK 10 yr	3.53	3.51	0.02
FTSE 100	7534.84	7188.63	4.8%	\$/¥	0.988	0.991	0.3	UK 30 yr	3.77	3.71	0.06
FTSE All-Share	4001.84	3826.87	4.5%	\$/¥	1.126	1.155	0.4	JPN 2 yr	-0.05	-0.05	0.00
CAC 40	6416.44	6243.28	2.7%	\$/¥	1.126	1.155	0.4	JPN 10 yr	0.25	0.24	0.01
Hang Seng	13459.85	13130.15	2.5%	\$/¥	1.126	1.155	0.4	JPN 30 yr	1.56	1.53	0.03
Nikkei	27199.74	27963.39	-1.8%	\$/¥	1.126	1.155	0.4	GER 2 yr	2.11	2.07	0.04
Hang Seng	16161.14	15339.49	5.3%	\$/¥	1.126	1.155	0.4	GER 10 yr	2.30	2.24	0.06
MSCI World \$	2467.89	2499.78	-1.3%	\$/¥	1.126	1.155	0.4	GER 30 yr	2.22	2.17	0.06
MSCI EM \$	890.30	873.52	1.9%	\$/¥	1.126	1.155	0.4				
MSCI ACWI \$	570.77	576.22	-1.0%	\$/¥	1.126	1.155	0.4				
FT Wilshire 2500	4849.95	4886.74	-1.0%	\$/¥	1.126	1.155	0.4				
FT Wilshire 5000	37902.71	38260.81	-0.9%	\$/¥	1.126	1.155	0.4				

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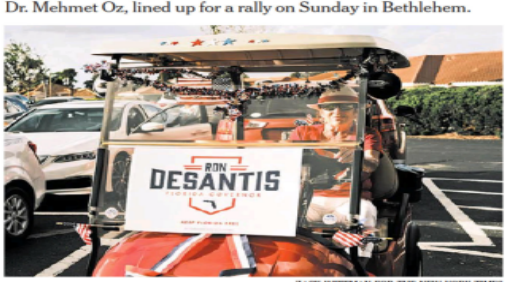
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FLORIDA A supporter showed up at Sun City Center to see Gov. Ron DeSantis, a Republican, on Sunday afternoon.

In Rich Suburb, Republicans vs. 'Trumplicans'

By DAN BARRY

GREENWICH, Conn. — Over the summer, the Greenwich Country Day School sent out an invitation for its annual Cider and Donuts event. To emphasize its commitment to diversity, the school noted that the autumn gathering was open to families "who identify as Black, Asian, Latinx, multi-racial, indigenous, Middle Eastern, and/or people of color."

But to the alarm of the local Republican Town Committee, the invitation left out a demographic not often thought of as marginalized in this affluent community.

"You listed nearly every group but white people ... was that on purpose?" the committee asked in an Instagram post. "Is that how you bring people together? Inclusion ...?"

Stunned, the private school's administrator graciously said the letter could have more clearly conveyed that all were welcome for cider, after which the Republican committee congratulated itself for striking a blow for civil rights: "Glad the RTC has helped our community become more inclusive."

The culture wars were destined to spill someday into the rarefied precincts of Greenwich. But who in the name of George Bush would have expected the charge to be led by a band of Trump acolytes who have taken control of the town's Republican committee?

The electoral worth of the party's far-right swerve will be tested nationwide in this week's midterm elections. Here in Greenwich, long a bastion of moderate Republicans like the elder Mr. Bush — a Greenwich Country Day alum — the takeover has people asking: Who are these Greenwich Republicans? And did they lock the town's traditional Republican leaders in the hold of some yacht

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At Climate Talks, Poorer Nations Say Rich Polluters Must Pay Up

This article is by Brad Plumer, Lisa Friedman and Somini Sengupta.

In Pakistan, flooding this summer killed 1,700 people and left one-third of the country underwater. In Fiji, entire villages are retreating inland to escape rising seas. In Kenya, persistent drought has killed livestock and devastated livelihoods.

They are among scores of developing countries that face irreversible damage from climate change but have done little to cause the crisis. And they are demanding compensation from the parties they see as responsible:

A Marathon at Full Strength

New York City's race drew some 50,000 runners and eager crowds on Sunday. A Special Section.

Supreme Court Adoption Case May Threaten Tribes' Sovereignty

By JAN HOFFMAN

The little girl who will soon be known by the nine justices of the United States Supreme Court as Y.R.J. is now 4 years old. For much of her short life she has been living with Dr. Jennifer Brackeen and Chad Brackeen, a suburban Texas couple fighting with the Navajo Nation to adopt her. Y.R.J.'s birth mother is Navajo. The Brackeens are white.

On Wednesday, the Supreme Court will hear arguments in their case, which could affect not only the little girl's adoption but those of thousands of Native American children in foster care. Depending on how broadly the justices rule, the outcome of the case, Brackeen v. Haaland, could also start the unraveling of other federal protections that have long been extended to tribes.

That is because the case, which primarily pits the Brackeens and Texas against the U.S. Department of the Interior and five tribes, could turn on whether the Supreme Court finds that tribes are racial classifications rather than political ones — a prospect that the tribes find deeply threatening.

"It would put at risk every treaty, every property and political

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Culver City to weigh voting at age 16

Measure VY would let teens cast ballots in local races. Similar efforts are rare in U.S.

BY CONNOR SHEETS

Ada Meighan-Thiel, a 17-year-old senior at Culver City High School, acted out an age-old teenage ritual as she stood on Marcelo Chamecki's front porch the week before election day. She was there to try to get an adult to take her and her young friends seriously.

Her arguments were well-rehearsed on this sunny afternoon as she expounded on the virtues of Measure VY, a ballot initiative that would allow 16- and 17-year-olds to vote in city and school board elections in her West-side hometown.

The local measure goes before voters in Tuesday's election. If it passes, it would make Culver City one of few U.S. communities to allow people as young as 16 to vote. No other municipality in the country has the issue on its ballot this year.

"Measure VY would expand the local voting age here in Culver City to 16," Meighan-Thiel said, a clipboard of informational fliers in hand. "By really involving people in democracy from a young age, a value of participation will be instilled in them so going forward they'll be much more habitual, well-informed voters."

Clutching a coffee mug in the wooden doorway of his home on a tree-shaded street, Chamecki, a science professor at UCLA, listened to Meighan-Thiel's pitch, nodding as she explained why she should be trusted to vote. He asked questions about how the proposal would be implemented.

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BRINE EXITING the Claude "Bud" Lewis Carlsbad Desalination Plant is further mixed with ocean water at the discharge pond. High concentrations of brine can raise toxicity in marine environments.

CAN THE OCEAN SOLVE WATER CRISIS?

State's drought drives renewed interest in desalination. There are pros and cons.

BY HAYLEY SMITH

For decades, environmentalists have decried ocean desalination as an ecological disaster, while cost-savvy water managers have thumbed their noses at desal's lofty price tag.

But as the American Southwest barrels into a new era of extreme heat, drought and aridification, officials and conservationists are giving new consideration to the process of converting saltwater into drinking water, and the role it may play in California's future.

Although desalination requires significant energy, California's current extended drought has revived interest in the technology. Experts are already experimenting with new concepts such as mobile desalination units and floating buoys, and at least four major plants will soon be operational along the state's coastline.

David Feldman, director of Water UCI at UC Irvine, said desalination could eventually provide "somewhere between a third and half of California's potable water — with one caveat."

"Before we can even estimate what percentage of California's potable water would come from desal, we're going to have to consider whether or not water agencies feel confident that they have exhausted other less expensive and less energy-intensive options," said Feldman, who is also a professor of urban planning and public policy at the university.

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AMERICA UNSETTLED

Race for Central Valley's soul

Farmworker's son challenges a farmer for congressional seat

BY ALEJANDRA REYES-VELARDE

BAKERSFIELD—As a teenager, David Valadao had a long list of chores to do before school every day. He'd jump on his tractor, buck hay and feed the family's dairy cows on their Hanford farm. After school, it was more of the same.

When Rudy Salas was a child, he woke before dawn to join his father in the Central Valley fields. He worked piecemeal, boxing up grapes and fixing machinery. When he injured his fingers doing repairs, his father would tell him, "Put some duct tape on it and tell me about it later."

Valadao and Salas represent, at least symbolically, two of the largest forces fueling the Central Valley — the farmers who drive the area's agricultural industry and the workers [See Central Valley, A7]



INCUMBENT Rep. David Valadao talks to Marcia Bittleston-Bogan, left, and her mother, Winnie Bittleston, in Buttonwillow, Calif.

Abortion shaping race

Contest for Michigan governor features two women on opposite ends of the debate. **NATION, A5**

Weighing Black clout

Erika D. Smith examines what a Karen Bass loss might mean for race relations. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Latino right on the air

Radio show in L.A. is confident GOP movement will lure disaffected liberals. **CALIFORNIA, B1**



DANIEL MAXWELL Los Angeles Times

KEMPER DONOVAN'S podcast, "All About Agatha," is devoured by Agatha Christie fans worldwide.

COLUMN ONE

66 books, 6 years, 2 'Agathologists,' 1 beloved podcast

BY DEBORAH NETBURN

At first glance, Kemper Donovan's backyard bungalow appears perfectly normal for this Santa Monica neighborhood, but a few clues suggest otherwise.

A map of the English county of Devon. A copy of "The Poisoner's Handbook." A professional-looking microphone perched on a wooden desk. And there's the enormous portrait of Agatha Christie hanging next to the guest bed.

If you use your little gray cells — as Christie's fictional detective Hercule Poirot liked to say — you might deduce that this is where Donovan, 43, records the long-running podcast "All About Agatha." In it, he and co-host Catherine Brobeck set out to read and rank all of Christie's 66 mystery novels, and discuss them in exhaustive detail.

For six years, thousands of Agatha Christie enthusiasts across the globe have downloaded the podcast for what one listener described as a "joyfully geeky" take on [See Podcast, A12]

Myanmar rebels keep fight alive

Battles on multiple fronts prevent the junta from regaining its tight grip on power.

BY KYAW HSAN HLAING AND ANDREW NACHEMSON

CHIANG MAI, Thailand — The day her 4-year-old grandson was killed, U San Yee had taken him to their local market in rural Myanmar for sticky rice and his favorite fried banana snacks

before he went home to play with his toy cars.

"We didn't know that the Myanmar military would fire artillery shells," U San Yee said. "That's why we were just going about and living our normal lives."

When the first explosions struck Kin Seik, a farming village of about 3,000 people, the two were watching "Tom and Jerry" cartoons.

"We tried to run to another place, but on the way a shell fell on my grandson and his mother while they were holding hands," said U

San Yee, who could only watch as the boy bled to death and his mother was wounded.

Three civilians were killed and eight others injured in the Aug. 28 attack on the community of bamboo houses on the fertile plains of the country's western state of Rakhine. It was one of a series of deadly assaults that marked the collapse of an 18-month cease-fire between the military and the Arakan Army, one of the country's most powerful ethnic insurgent groups.

Nearly 22 months after the country's military overthrew a democratically elected civilian government led by Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi, it is now fighting a war on multiple fronts.

More than 7,000 civilians have been killed since the coup, according to the Institute for Strategy and Policy, a Yangon-based think tank.

Victims include protesters shot in the head, dissidents killed in detention and villagers bound and burned alive.

[See Myanmar, A4]

Businesses push the envelope to woo workers back to office

BY ROGER VINCENT

In L'Oréal's plush West Coast headquarters in El Segundo, workers are pampered by a concierge who will fill their cars with gas, pick up their laundry, retrieve their dogs from day care or do any other task employees want.

Personal and professional chores are fulfilled for \$5 an hour, freeing employees to concentrate on their jobs in a former aircraft factory turned office building that now sports such comforts as a fitness center, restaurant, juice cafe and a cabana-like bar that serves

coffee drinks and, depending on the occasion, alcohol.

People work where they wish on the campus, even outdoors, where a park-like setting is served by company Wi-Fi and a vegetable garden grows fare employees can take home. Dogs are welcome inside and out.

L'Oréal's sweet setup reflects a carrot-and-stick approach being used to get people back to the office as pandemic concerns wane among employers. Lure them to work, the thinking goes, by making it a place they want to be.

It's not always an easy sell. In a recent survey by real estate brokerage CBRE,

only 25% of executive leaders said they believe their workers would voluntarily come into the office more often than they do today. In contrast, more than half of bosses said they want their employees in the office more.

Cosmetic company L'Oréal Group demands that employees work in the office at least three times a week, on days of their choosing. Their presence is a necessary part of operating the century-old company based in Paris, said David Greenberg, chief executive of L'Oréal USA.

"We're in an industry that's very much people- [See Back to office, A6]

Kyiv mayor has dire warning

Ukrainians are told to prepare for a winter of no heat, power and tap water. **WORLD, A3**

Hyperloop tube is removed

SpaceX's testing site shot complaints from the city of Hawthorne. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Brady finds way to defeat Rams

L.A.'s struggles to off-season continue in demoralizing 16-13 loss to Tampa Bay. **SPORTS, D1**

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Rain and drizzle.
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At COP27, polluting countries to feel heat

Flood-ravaged Pakistan leads bloc of poor nations seeking compensation

BY SARAH KAPLAN
AND SUSANNAH GEORGE

DADU, PAKISTAN — Before the floods, Mazhar Hussain Birhami dreamed of becoming a scholar. The 22-year-old wanted to pursue a master's degree in English literature, to comprehend the world beyond the rural village in Pakistan where he lived with his parents.

But his books were washed away this summer amid historic flooding that scientists say was supercharged by climate change. After weeks of relentless rainfall, a nearby levee was breached in August, sending a waist-deep torrent rushing into his house. Birhami's family had just a few hours to escape with what little they could carry: pots and pans, small bags of food, a woven bed frame. With one-third of his country underwater and no help in sight, the college graduate's dreams seemed lost to the deluge.

Low-income nations have long warned that rising temperatures would hit their citizens the hardest, punishing the people who contributed the least to planet-warming emissions and have the fewest resources to cope. Now, as the floods in Pakistan and other recent disasters make the consequences of climate change impossible to ignore, the world is gearing up for a showdown over who should pay the costs.

At this month's U.N. climate negotiations in Egypt, Pakistan will lead a bloc of more than 100 developing nations insisting on compensation for the irreversible harms of climate change — a class of impacts collectively known as "loss and damage." The bloc has called for the creation of a dedicated loss-and-damage fund, which hard-hit countries can rely on for immediate assistance after a disaster, rather than waiting for humanitarian aid or loans that will drive them into debt.

Wealthy countries have historically resisted such calls, fearing liability for the billions of dollars in damage that could be linked to their emissions. But the dramatic escalation in extreme weather, coupled with deep frustration over unfulfilled climate funding

SEE COP27 ON A14

A fresh test for American democracy

BY AMY GARDNER AND
ROSALIND S. HELDERMAN

Local governments have erected barriers and called in police reinforcements to protect buildings where votes will be counted. Election officials have prepared rapid social media responses to false claims of ballot fraud. And a human rights group typically focused on fragile democracies abroad has turned its attention to the United

TRUMP'S 2020 FALSE CLAIMS STILL A FORCE

Officials push to buttress system, boost trust in votes

States, asking candidates to pledge to respect the results.

Two years after Donald Trump tried to overturn a presidential election, Tuesday's midterms will test American democracy once more, with voters uncertain whether they can be-

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lieve in the process. Republican election deniers poised to take positions of power, and the mechanics of voting itself under intense scrutiny.

A majority of Trump supporters still believe his disproved claims of a rigged election. They

have demanded error-prone hand counts to bypass machines they mistrust, signed up by the thousands to scrutinize ballot boxes, firearms in hand, on the false belief that they were filled with fraudulent votes in 2020.

But even as signs of stress emerge, the system has been buttressed by those, including some prominent Republicans, who believe the 2020 election was legitimate and are deter-

mined to counteract Trump. Voters have cast early ballots in vast numbers and largely without trouble. Hundreds of election administrators have brought new transparency to their jobs to try to convince critics that they can trust the result.

"Our entire universe has changed," said Stephen Richer, the Republican recorder of Maricopa County, Ariz., the second-largest voting jurisdiction in the

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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: People in Hiram, Ga., listen to Republican Senate hopeful Herschel Walker during a rally. An election worker collects a ballot from a driver delivering it to an office in Detroit. Supporters of Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) wait to enter a rally in Miami. Marlene Coadley Jenkins, center, turns out for an event in North Carolina featuring Senate candidate Cheri Beasley.

In surprisingly narrow race, Hochul campaigns to prove her place in N.Y.

BY RUBY CRAMER

NEW YORK — Through the crowd of a Brooklyn farmers market, below the heads of shoppers, passing by a tent selling branches of lavender, a young mother spotted the small, trim frame of Kathy Hochul.

The woman leaned down to

her two sons. "Say hi! Say hi!" she told them. The boys looked up, distracted by the noises of a Saturday afternoon in New York, unsure of where to direct their attention.

"She's gonna be our next..." Their mother paused. She corrected herself.

"She's our governor! And she's

gonna win. And she's gonna be the governor..." again!"

The boys smiled. The governor smiled.

"Thank you," Hochul said politely.

Kathleen C. Hochul, who began her career in Democratic politics 30 years ago with a seat on the town board in Hamburg, N.Y.,

370 miles northwest of New York City, had been their governor for the past 14 months, sworn in at the stroke of midnight on Aug. 24, 2021, out of view from the public, one minute after the resignation of Andrew M. Cuomo, who left office amid claims of bullying and repeated sexual harassment.

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CRITIC'S NOTEBOOK

Stop building museums on the National Mall. Extend it.

BY PHILIP KENNICOTT

The Smithsonian Board of Regents has a once-in-a-century chance to build two essential new museums while remaking the symbolic landscape of Washington. They seem intent on squandering that opportunity.

The regents late last month announced their preferred sites for the future National Museum of the American Latino and the American Women's History Museum, both authorized by Congress in 2020. The plots chosen — one on the south side of the National Mall near the Washington Monument, the other on a roughly triangular plot close to the Tidal Basin — were selected from a list of four, winnowed down from a longer list of 15 preferred or "Tier I" possibilities. Congress must now approve the selections — and it should decline to do so.

Both spots — the "South Monument site" and the "Tidal Basin site" — are extremely problem-

atic, would lead to unnecessary expense, and would force architectural and design compromises that would diminish the potential beauty and functionality of the buildings. The people of the United States, including women and Latinos whose history will be represented in these spaces, deserve better.

Both sites also fall within a "no build zone" established by Congress almost 20 years ago to preserve the beauty, openness and grandeur of the Mall and to prevent it from becoming urbanized and overbuilt. To go forward with the Tidal Basin site would require Congress to override its own better judgment, while building on the South Monument site would also force much of the building to go underground, and would compromise views of the Washington Monument.

The preferred locations would set a destructive precedent for future museums, in-

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For Commanders fans, resignation gives way to hope

At FedEx Field, team's faithful recall disbelief they felt after learning the Snyders would consider a sale

BY SAM FORTIER



Kam Curl, right, and the Commanders saw their winning streak end at three games with a 20-17 loss to Dalvin Cook's Vikings. Find complete game coverage, plus a Candace Buckner column, in Sports, D1.

In the parking lots and in the stands at FedEx Field on Sunday, Washington Commanders fans saw the familiar "Sell the Team" signs and T-shirts and banners in a new light. The slogan for years had been a cry of frustration and of exasperation, the only recourse for those who had stuck around as a once-proud franchise lost games on the field and fans in the stands. But now, some said they felt a sense of hope.

Though there was skepticism, too — some said they will refuse to believe Daniel and Tanya Snyder would sell the Commanders until it actually happens — there were more signs, more banners and a buzz among the tailgaters. One fan improvised by sticking two sheets of paper below the windshield wipers of his Ford that read "BYE DAN."

"It's what this fan base needs to bring back people who have left us over the last [25] years," said Justin Lake, a season-ticket holder, adding: "It's been tough as

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IN THE NEWS

Population crisis As climate change threatens Africa's food and water supplies, Egypt is begging families to have fewer children. A17

The Help Desk tackles a workplace dilemma: Is it okay to quit via email, text or Slack? A19

The nuances of Asian American identity are laid bare in a tight race in Orange County. C1

Hands up for some hands-on learning

Johns Hopkins students ride the roller coasters at Six Flags to study physics and bioengineering. B1



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Experts warn stocks rally not a sure bet this year

Historically, markets like political gridlock, but many factors are in play this year. **In Money**

Heavy hitters this holiday: 10 movies you have to see

Upcoming months will bring awards-season fare and new flicks from A-list filmmakers. **In Life**



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USA TODAY SPORTS

Second world title a relief for Astros

Plagued by scandal in 2017, champs celebrate bumpy road to club's second well-earned victory. **In Sports**

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Tempted by \$1.9 billion? Powerball prize grows

Jackpot climbs to record after 40 drawings with no grand prize winner

Orlando Mayorquin and Mike Snider
USA TODAY

The world's largest lottery prize keeps getting bigger.

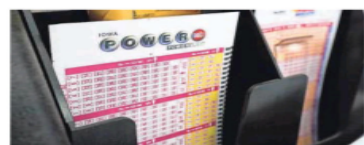
Saturday's jackpot had climbed to \$1.6 billion – the largest lottery prize ever – with a cash option of \$782.4 million. But none of the tickets sold matched all six of the winning numbers drawn.

The record-breaking jackpot is now worth an estimated \$1.9 billion, with a cash value of \$929.1 million, Powerball announced. The next drawing is Monday at 10:59 p.m. ET.

Even though there was no grand prize winner Saturday, 16 other tickets won million-dollar prizes by matching all five white balls. One ticket sold in Kentucky had the Power Play to win \$2 million. In total, more than 10.9 million tickets won cash prizes totaling \$102.2 million. The winning numbers were 28 45 53 56 69 and the Powerball was 20. The Power Play was 3.

There have now been 40 Powerball drawings since the jackpot was last won on Aug. 3 in Pennsylvania, according to Powerball. That ties the lottery game's record for the most consecutive drawings without a grand prize winner. The previous longest run of drawings without a jackpot winner ended after 41 drawings on Oct. 4, 2021, with a winner of a \$699.8 million jackpot in California.

Powerball tickets are \$2 a play. Tickets are sold in 45 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Winners can receive their prize through an annual payment plan over 29 years, but most people opt for the grand jackpot prize in cash.



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MIDTERM ELECTIONS



President Joe Biden speaks in support of the reelection campaign of U.S. Rep. Mike Levin on Thursday at MiraCosta College in Oceanside, Calif. Biden has mostly steered clear of campaigning in swing states. SAUL LOEB/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

Some Dems second-guess Biden's closing message

Officials lament lack of sustained focus on the economy, inflation



Robert Gibbs, former Obama press secretary

"It's just tough to make the argument of 'if these guys get into power, here's the things they'll end up doing' versus, 'hey, bread was really expensive in Aisle 4.'"

"If we have made any kind of mistake, it's the fact that we haven't talked about all of these assaults on American freedom."

Craig Varoga, a longtime Democratic strategist



Faiz Shakir, a political adviser

"If you're going to vote on democracy and the frailty of democracy, if you're going to vote on abortion, a lot of those people have made their decision."

Joey Garrison
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON – Joe Biden crisscrossed the stage for a half-hour before he delivered his gravest warning yet.

The president – his right hand holding a microphone, his left casually in his suit pocket – returned to the podium and paused.

"This is really deadly earnest, man," Biden told the Florida Memorial University crowd during a campaign rally last week in Miami. "Democracy is on the ballot this year. Along with your right to choose and the right to privacy."

Biden has spent the final days of an uphill midterm campaign for Democrats imploring that modern-day Republicans are uniquely dangerous – willing to destroy democracy to gain power, ban abortion nationally, cut Social Security and Medicare and, if they don't get their way on entitlements, crash the economy by forcing the government into default.

In his closing argument to halt Republican momen-

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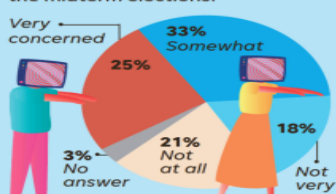
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Will others fall victim to misinformation?

Americans on how much they worry people in their community will be fooled by false information about the midterm elections:



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Safety complaints about refrigerators surge

Analysis shows more than 75% of recent reports focus on one brand: Samsung

Bianca Pallaro and Amritpal Kaur Sandhu-Longoria
USA TODAY



Morgan Finton says his Samsung doesn't regulate temperatures properly but he's given up seeking a refund. JACK GRUBER/USA TODAY

Food rotting quickly. Vital medications ruined. Families diagnosed with food poisoning.

These are just a few of the hundreds of refrigerator complaints consumers have filed in recent years with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, which only publishes reports involving the risk of illness, injury or death.

USA TODAY reporters analyzed thousands of complaints submitted during the past decade and found that since 2020, the number focusing on refrigerators has spiked to record levels. And, more than 75% of the recent fridge complaints mention one brand: Samsung.

Some customers who have spent thousands of dollars on their Samsung refrigerators say the appliance doesn't keep their food at a safe temperature.

A mom from Shafter, California, who kept her breast milk in her Samsung Family Hub 4-Door

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Eduardo Krapp/Folhapress

ATLETAS FAZEM TRAVESSIA ENTRE PRÉDIOS DO ANHANGABAÚ NA VIRADA ESPORTIVA

A 46 m de altura, esportista cobre 300 m de distância entre a sede da Prefeitura de São Paulo e a da Companhia de Engenharia de Tráfego, no centro, no segundo dia do evento Cotidiano B2

Esquema de venda ilegal de armas usa laranjas

A polícia do Maranhão investiga empresas de fachada que compram armas e munições de forma legal para abastecer mercado ilegal. Empregado da Companhia Brasileira de Cartuchos e sargento estariam no esquema, informa Rogério Pagnan. Cotidiano B1

Últimos 8 anos foram os mais quentes da história

Alerta foi feito com base em relatório da Organização Meteorológica Mundial divulgado neste domingo (6), durante abertura da Conferência do Clima da ONU, a COP27. Ambiente B4

Jovens de baixa renda penam por 1º emprego

Índice de desocupação entre brasileiros de 18 a 24 anos é de 19%, segundo IBGE. Pobres são os mais afetados. Mercado A18

Entrevista da 2ª A14 'Van Gogh apoiaria'

James Harvey, do grupo Just Stop Oil, explica protestos com ataques a obras

Just Stop Oil - 14.out.22/Via Reuters



Ativistas jogam sopa no quadro 'Girassóis'

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Premiado em Cannes, 'Close' leva ao Mix Brasil drama sobre homofobia

PT quer deixar correção do Imposto de Renda para 2023

Proposta de ampliação das faixas não está sendo tratada na PEC da Transição

Promessa de campanha do presidente eleito Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT), a correção da tabela do Imposto de Renda, com isenção do pagamento para quem ganha até R\$ 5.000, deve ser discutida só no próximo ano, propõem integrantes do partido. A medida não está incluída na PEC da Transição.

A proposta de emenda à Constituição visa autorizar despesas acima do teto a fim de garantir gastos sociais. Ela terá um custo de pelo menos R\$ 100 bilhões. Por acarretar renúncia fiscal, a mudança no IR teria de ser contemplada no Orçamento de 2023, em tramitação no Legislativo.

Adiar evitaria incoerência, uma vez que a PEC está sendo discutida sob argumento de que não há espaço no Orçamento para contemplar benefícios como aumento real do salário mínimo. Uma ala da Câmara defende que a ampliação da isenção é uma demanda antiga e deveria ser votada já.

Especialistas consideram que fazer uma reforma completa, com mais vagar, que permita encontrar alternativas de compensação para a perda de receita, seria mais adequado. Mercado A15 e A16

Reforma proposta por Lula prevê simplificar tributo sobre consumo A16

Inadimplência atinge maior taxa anual desde 2016

Em outubro, o percentual de brasileiros com dívidas em atraso avançou 4,7 pontos em 12 meses e alcançou o recorde de 30,3%. É o maior patamar de endividados da série histórica da Pesquisa de Endividamento e Inadimplência do Consumidor. Mercado A23

Lula calibra ministérios para evitar desfalque no Senado

A escolha de ministros de Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT) deve evitar desfalques na base governista, principalmente no Senado. O presidente eleito indicou a aliados que calibrará essas indicações, o que pode ter impacto no primeiro escalão projetado pelos petistas.

Três senadores são chave: Flávio Dino (PSB-MA), Wellington Dias (PT-PI) e Jaques Wagner (PT-BA). Lula não os descartou, mas teme que seus suplentes tenham menos capacidade de articulação diante bolsonaristas de peso, como Sérgio Moro (União-PR). Política A5

Lygia Maria A falácia da insanidade

Quem assistiu aos eventos logo após as eleições teve a impressão de que abriram as portas do hospício. Mas não caímos na patologização que tende a objetificar seres humanos: não por acaso, ideologias totalitárias tratam pessoas como coisas. Opinião A2



Maiara Queiroz lidera time de 18 pessoas em grupo varejista em Salvador, graças a programa de empregabilidade oferecido por instituto Rafael Martins/Folhapress

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Sobre cuidados a serem tomados pelo poder público.

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Está denunciado ante la Fiscalía por pedir dinero a cambio de cargos en Yacyretá

Hijo de Perla de Vázquez se ufana del apoyo de un presunto narco

José Luis Vázquez Acosta afirmó que este supuesto amigo le iba a ayudar a devolver el dinero a las personas que lo denunciaron por estafa. ÚH accedió a video comprometedor.

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Exhortación. Monseñor Ricardo Valenzuela animó a todos los fieles a participar el próximo miércoles 9 del Censo Nacional de Población y Viviendas 2022.

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Alors que s'ouvre la 27^e conférence mondiale sur le climat, ceux qui pâtissent le plus du réchauffement demandent au monde de tenir ses engagements financiers. PAGES 2, 4, L'ÉDITORIAL ET NOTRE SUPPLÉMENT

L'inflation pèse sur la campagne électorale américaine

Dernière ligne droite pour la campagne des élections de mi-mandat, mardi, aux États-Unis. Joe Biden et les démocrates, y compris Barack Obama, jettent leurs dernières

forces à la veille du scrutin. Le camp du président est fragilisé par une inflation galopante qui ronge l'épargne des classes moyennes et des futurs retraités. PAGES 16, 17 ET 26



Économie : retour brutal sur terre pour les gagnants du Covid

Le monde d'après a vécu. Les secteurs d'activité qui avaient connu une croissance explosive pendant les deux années de crise sanitaire sont aujourd'hui confrontés à un grand

ralentissement. Pour la livraison à domicile, le bricolage, les jeux vidéo ou encore les livres, il faut réapprendre à vivre au même rythme que le reste de l'économie. PAGES 28 ET 29

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Fatalisme et incantations

Souvent, il faut lire les mots à l'envers. La COP27, qui vient de s'ouvrir en Égypte, doit être, officiellement, celle de la « mise en œuvre » qui permettra de « passer des promesses aux actes ». La plupart des spécialistes ont déjà traduit : en creux, ces formules incantatoires trahissent une forme de fatalisme. La liste des convives réunis pour cette nouvelle conférence de lutte contre le réchauffement climatique, à elle seule, en dit long sur le cadre limité dans lequel elle s'inscrit : ni la Chine - premier pollueur mondial - ni l'Inde ne feront le déplacement. Joe Biden s'annonce bien affaibli, une bonne partie des membres du G20 seront absents. Leurs dirigeants ont d'autres soucis en tête que les derniers chiffres du Giec : occupés à remplir les cuves, ils suivent de plus près la hausse de l'inflation, les tensions qu'elle suscite et l'explosion des dettes publiques. Le choc énergétique et la guerre en Ukraine ont rebattu la donne mondiale. L'heure n'est pas au multilatéralisme.

Cela tombe mal : cette année, justement, les pays du Sud veulent réclamer des comptes aux pays du Nord. L'accord de Paris avait prévu que les pays en voie de développement augmentent leurs efforts en échange d'un

soutien financier des pays développés. Il se trouve que les premiers sont évidemment tentés d'utiliser les énergies fossiles pour accéder à la croissance, et que les seconds sont, moins que jamais, enclins à sortir le carnet de chèques. Les négociations sur le financement des « pertes et dommages » causées par le dérèglement climatique s'annoncent serrées.

Le président français figurera certes bien sur les photos de Charm el-Cheikh, et il ne manquera pas de répéter combien l'écologie compte à ses yeux. Mais ni la France ni même l'Europe - qui renoue avec le charbon pour faire face

aux conséquences de la guerre et pallier le recul du nucléaire - ne peuvent jouer la partie seules. L'échappée en solitaire du chancelier allemand à Pékin souligne, par ailleurs, de fortes divergences de vues entre les uns et les autres - mondialisation ou relocalisation ? Avis aux ahurés de l'écolo-gauchisme : les œuvres d'art n'y sont pour rien. La planète n'a pas besoin de manifestations immatures, de fausses solutions et de haine des hommes. Pour sauver ses beautés, il faut déjà les célébrer. ■

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Revealed: UK and US failing to pay 'fair share' of \$100bn climate fund

Exclusive Rich polluters billions short on bill to aid developing countries

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The US, UK, Canada and Australia have fallen billions of dollars short of their "fair share" of climate funding for developing countries, a new analysis shows. The assessment, by

Carbon Brief, compares the share of international climate finance provided by rich countries with their share of carbon emissions to date, a measure of their responsibility for the climate crisis.

Rich countries pledged to provide US\$100bn (£88bn) a year by 2020, although this target has been missed. The US share of this, based on its past emissions, would be \$40bn yet it provided only \$7.6bn in 2020, the latest year for which data is available. Australia and Canada gave only about a third of the funding indicated by the

analysis, while the UK supplied three-quarters but still fell \$1.4bn short.

The issue of climate finance will be critical to progress at the Cop27 summit, which began in Egypt yesterday. Developing countries did little to cause the climate emergency, making funding from rich countries vital to create trust needed for combined global action.

Richer countries accept vulnerable nations face a "life or death situation" and need more than \$100bn but delivery of the money has been contentious and slow. The \$100bn

'The money is there ... it's a question of political will'

Rachel Simon
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was meant to support the cutting of carbon emissions and work to adapt communities to the increasingly extreme weather being driven by global heating. However, a series of

reports last week have laid bare how close the planet is to catastrophe, with "no credible pathway [of carbon cuts] to 1.5C in place", the internationally agreed temperature limit to avoid the worst of the climate crisis.

On funding for adaptation, the UN secretary general, António Guterres, said on Thursday: "We need a global surge in adaptation investment to save millions of lives from climate carnage." However, some climate impacts are so severe that they cannot be adapted to, and at Cop27 vulnerable nations

PM vows to press Egypt over jailed writer's fate

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Rishi Sunak has said he will raise the issue of the imprisoned writer Alaa Abd El-Fattah in Egypt at the Cop27 talks but the writer's sister responded by warning that her brother's hunger and water strike mean he could die before the end of the summit.

Sunak wrote to the family of the British-Egyptian writer saying he would raise his imprisonment with the Egyptian government and reply with an update by the end of the climate summit.

Abd El-Fattah is a figurehead of Egypt's 2011 uprising, a writer and democracy advocate who has spent most of the past decade in prison. Last year he was sentenced to a further five years in prison on charges of "spreading false news", for sharing a social media post about torture.

He gained British citizenship from his mother last year while incarcerated in a desert prison two hours outside Cairo.

He has said the first day



▲ Mona Seif, sister of Alaa Abd El-Fattah, holds a vigil outside Downing Street yesterday PHOTOGRAPH: IMAGEPLOTTER/ANALON

Hunt plans £60bn of cuts and tax rises

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Jeremy Hunt will set out tax rises and spending cuts totalling £60bn at the autumn statement under current plans, including at least £35bn in cuts, the Guardian understands.

Ministers must submit the key planks of the plans for the autumn statement to the Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR) by this morning.

Treasury sources also said that a decision on whether to raise benefits in line with inflation or whether to change the pensions triple lock was also likely to be taken within days so that the OBR could factor that into forecasts.

Conservative MPs have already protested against previous suggestions of breaking the triple lock, which would raise



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