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Thanksgiving Parade Boots Up on the Streets of New York



BIG KICK: The Kilgore College Rangerettes of Kilgore, Texas, performed during the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City on Thursday, as throngs of spectators turned out for the display of marching bands, giant balloons and floats.

FTX's Collapse Wiped Out Founder's Philanthropic Aims

By RACHEL LOUISE ENSIGN
 AND BEN COHEN

Sam Bankman-Fried said he wanted to prevent nuclear war and stop future pandemics. And he publicly pledged to use his vast and growing wealth to do so.

But the collapse of Mr. Bankman-Fried's firm, FTX, and the revelations that he mixed FTX's money with that of its customers, have upended those declared lofty philanthropic goals.

Run by self-described ideal-

ists who boasted they were spending the wealth of their billionaire patron to make the world a better place, Mr. Bankman-Fried's FTX Foundation and its flagship Future Fund touted deep pockets, ambitious goals and fast turnarounds.

Now Mr. Bankman-Fried's fortune has disappeared, and the self-described philosopher-executives running the organizations have resigned. Grant recipients are scrambling for cash to plug the shortfall and fretting about the provenance of FTX's largess after the com-

pany's lawyers said this week that a "substantial amount" of assets were missing and possibly stolen.

Kevin Esvelt, an evolutionary engineer at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, works on the safe advancement of biotechnology, including the prevention of deliberate pandemics. He said he filled out the Future Fund application in a day and got a response in less than two weeks: His pledged award was \$1.2 million.

Dr. Esvelt is now searching

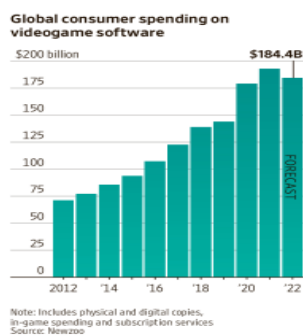
for emergency funding for SecureBio, the pandemic defense nonprofit he built with the grant. He is using the Future Fund's prize only to pay employee salaries, he said. The rest of the money will be set aside until he knows more about where it came from and whether it might be clawed back, he said.

"This is something of a tragedy for people who were Please turn to page A6

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Slump Hits Gaming Software

The global videogame industry is facing its first annual sales decline in at least a decade, as the favorable effects of the pandemic fade and as major game publishers come out with fewer blockbuster releases over the coming holiday season. **B4**



Population: 900 Humans And 850 Polar Bears

Residents of a remote Canadian town learn to embrace lumbering neighbors

By ANGELA OWENS

CHURCHILL, Manitoba—On a cold October morning in this remote Canadian village, a series of loud bangs disturb the quiet hum of residents beginning their day.

A polar bear lumbering through town has been spotted near the cemetery.

Conservation officers, armed with cracker shells, also known as scare cartridges, arrive to push the bear away from residences.

The sound of the nonlethal shells fired from a shotgun is enough to deter the bear from going further into town for breakfast.

"It was a busy morning," says Ian Van Nest, district supervisor for the Polar Bear Alert Program, who responded to the call at 7:30 a.m. "We

hazed it with cracker shells, and he made his way over towards the bay."

For Churchill, the morning's events weren't that unusual. The tiny town is known as the Polar Bear Capital of the World because in autumn, some of the largest carnivores on land loiter around while they wait for the Hudson Bay to freeze. What does Churchill have to bear with?

It becomes home to roughly 900 humans and 850 polar bears—and researchers say the bears are now around longer.

A banner at the airport introduces visitors to polar bear safety. Polar bear crossing signs dot the roads. There is even a polar-bear jail for furry tourists who overstep their welcome.

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Polar express

China's Workers in Pakistan Are Targeted for Attacks

Beijing's Belt and Road investment strategy meets resistance

By SAEED SHAH AND CHUN HAN WONG

KARACHI, Pakistan—In April, a Pakistani mother of two blew herself up outside the gate of Karachi University's Chinese language and culture institute, incinerating a minibus and killing three Chinese teachers and a Pakistani driver.

The attack—one of a growing number targeting Chinese nationals working abroad in Asia and Africa—was a sign of China's deepening challenges as it pours money into the developing world with the aim of extending its influence.

China is the largest lender to the developing world, mainly through Chinese leader Xi Jinping's Belt and Road infrastructure program. The country has worked to portray itself as a benevolent partner to the countries where it is spending money, in an attempt to draw a distinction with Western powers.

Still, as its global reach expands, China is increasingly grappling with the consequences of projecting power around the world, including corruption, local resentment, political instability and violence. For developing countries, China offers perhaps the best chance of

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Twitter Exits Draw Eye Of Europe's Regulators

Elon Musk's bid to remove Twitter Inc. employees who don't embrace his vision has led to a wave of departures among policy and safety-issue staffers around the globe, sparking questions from regulators in key jurisdictions.

By Sam Schechner,
 Kim Mackrael
 and Newley Purnell

risdictions about the site's continued compliance efforts.

Scrutiny has been particularly close in Europe, where officials have in recent years assumed a greater role in regulating big tech companies. Staff departures in recent days include dozens of people spread across units such as government policy, legal affairs and Twitter's "trust and safety" division, which is responsible for functions like drafting content-moderation rules, according to current and former employees, postings on social media and emails sent to work addresses of people who had worked at Twitter that recently bounced

back. They have left from hubs including Dublin, Singapore and San Francisco.

Many of the departures follow Mr. Musk's ultimatum late last week that staffers pledge to work long hours and be "extremely hardcore" or take a buyout. Hundreds or more employees declined to commit to what Mr. Musk has called Twitter 2.0, and were locked out of company systems. That comes after layoffs in early November that cut roughly half of the company's staff.

Twitter conducted another round of job cuts affecting engineers late Wednesday, before the Thanksgiving holiday in the U.S., people familiar with the matter said. The exact scope couldn't be immediately learned, though some of the people estimated dozens of employees were let go.

Twitter sent fired engineers an email saying their code wasn't satisfactory and offering four weeks of severance, some of the people said. Some other

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Beijing's Covid-19 Controls Weigh on Recovery

Lockdowns to contain a new outbreak threaten uncertainty in global supply chain

By JASON DOUGLAS

SINGAPORE—Widespread lockdowns imposed across China as authorities there struggle to contain the country's largest Covid-19 outbreak threaten to again create uncertainty in global supply chains and dim the prospects for world economic growth.

Beijing's battle to contain the virus—including sharp restrictions on everyday life and commerce in cities from the major port city of Tianjin in the north to Guangzhou in the south—comes as economies elsewhere lose speed as central banks raise interest rates to beat back inflation.

The heavy-handed and widely applied steps send a strong signal that the country and its leaders aren't ready for a sustained reopening almost three years after the start of the pandemic and long after other major economies have dismantled almost all Covid controls.

Beijing's continued zero-tolerance approach to Covid likely means the world can't rely on China to be a locomotive of growth as the U.S. and European economies slow. Many economists expect the U.S. to tip into recession sometime in the next 12 months, although

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Jay Leno's "ridiculous" Newport, R.I., home, Seafair, that he bought fully furnished. **M1**

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Today, cloudy, a couple of morning showers, periodic sun during the afternoon, breezy, high 52. The wind will become west at 10-20 miles per hour. Weather map, Page B12.



Big Balloons and Giant Smiles

The 96th annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade drew dancers, spectators and even Smokey Bear to Midtown streets. Page A16.



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Surgeons Work in the Dark As Missiles Batter Ukraine

Civilians Cope With Lost Power and Water, but 'Every Hour Is Getting Harder'

This article is by Marc Santora, Thomas Gibbons-Neff and Natalia Vermaak.

KYIV, Ukraine — In the crowded operating room, the surgeons had made the long incision down the middle of the child's chest, cut the breastbone to spread the rib cage and reach the heart. Then the lights went out. Generators kicked on to keep life-support equipment running on Wednesday night, and nurses and surgical assistants held flashlights over the operating table, guiding the surgeons as they snipped and cut, working to save the child's life in almost total darkness.

"So far we are coping on our own," said Borys Todurov, the director of the clinic, the Heart Institute, in Kyiv. "But every hour is getting harder. There has been no water for several hours now. We continue to do only emergency operations."

In its increasingly destructive campaign to batter Ukraine's civilians by cutting off their power and running water, Russia hammered Ukraine's populace this week with a wave of missile strikes that was one of the most disruptive in weeks. Ukraine's engineers and emergency crews worked desperately on Thursday to restore services through snow, freezing rain and blackout conditions. And throughout the country, people dealt with the deprivations.

As surgeons donned headlamps to work in the dark, miners were pulled from deep underground by manual winches. Residents of high-rise apartments lugged buckets and bottles of water up the stairs of buildings where elevators stopped running, and shops and restaurants flipped on generators or lit candles to keep business going.

Although Ukrainians expressed

defiance at Russia's efforts to weaken their resolve in the worsening cold, millions remained without power on Thursday night as Russia's persistent missile strikes took a growing toll. At least 10 people were killed on Wednesday. After each missile strike, repairs have become more challenging, blackouts have lasted longer and the danger for the public has increased.

"The situation is difficult throughout the country," acknowledged Herman Galushchenko, Ukraine's energy minister. By 4 a.m., he said, engineers had managed to "unify the energy system," allowing power to be directed to critical infrastructure facilities.

The barrage on Wednesday, which injured dozens of people, appeared to be one of the most dis-



BERNAT ARMAN/GETTY IMAGES
Inside a hospital in Kherson, one of many Ukrainian cities struggling with blackouts.

ruptive attacks in weeks. Since a blast on Oct. 8 on the Kerch Strait Bridge, which links the occupied Crimean Peninsula to Russia, the Russian military has fired around 600 missiles at power plants, hydroelectric facilities, water pump-

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NEWS ANALYSIS

U.S.-Iran Ties Enter New Era Of Antipathy

By DAVID E. SANGER

Over the past few days, Iran has told international inspectors that it plans to begin making near bomb-grade nuclear fuel deep inside a mountain that is hard to bomb, and dramatically expand its nuclear fuel production at a plant that Israel and the United States have repeatedly sabotaged.

Iranian forces have shot or locked up antigovernment protesters, provided Russia with drones for its war in Ukraine and, some Western intelligence agencies suspect, may be negotiating to produce missiles as well for Russia's depleted arsenal. The United States accused Iran on Tuesday of once again violating Iraqi territory to conduct attacks in the Kurdistan region. A new era of direct confrontation with Iran has burst into the open. Its emergence was hidden for a while by more dramatic events — including the Ukraine invasion and rising U.S. competition with China — and negotiations with Tehran dragged on, inconclusively, for 18 months.

Now, President Biden's hope of re-entering the United States into the deal with Iran that was struck in 2015, and that President Donald J. Trump abandoned, has all but died. Negotiations halted in September, and in recent weeks Mr. Biden has imposed new sanctions on Iran and expressed support for protesters that Iran's hard-liners have portrayed as a mortal threat.

At the White House, national security meetings on Iran are devoted less to negotiation strategy and more to how to undermine Iran's nuclear plans, provide communications gear to protesters and interrupt the country's supply chain of weapons to Russia, according to several administration officials.

"There is no diplomacy right now underway with respect to the Iran deal," John Kirby, a

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Carnage Leaves Empty Chairs at Thanksgiving

By MICHAEL WILSON

A janitor working his shift at a Virginia Walmart. A 40-year-old woman returning home to Colorado Springs for the holidays. A young man at his girlfriend's side, watching her friend perform in a drag show.

Three college football players. A mother who worked to help foster children. One bartender who remembered your drink, and another who danced.

White and Black, gay and straight, old and young. The collection of the newly dead from just

606 Mass Shootings in the U.S. in 2022, and 33 in November

three of this month's mass shootings are the very picture of the ideals — inclusivity, setting aside differences — that America prides itself on at this time each November. Fourteen people who did not know their last Thanksgiving was already behind them.

Tuesday's rampage, in which

six people were killed in a Walmart in Chesapeake, Va., was the 33rd mass shooting in November alone, and the nation's 606th this year, according to the Gun Violence Archive.

That shooting occurred after three students were killed at the University of Virginia on Nov. 13 and five people were killed on Saturday night at a gay club in Colorado Springs. On Wednesday, four teenagers were wounded in a shooting in Philadelphia just after classes were dismissed for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Yesterday's parents, children

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GILLES SARRIE FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES

The four fashion influencers of Glimma Beijing shooting a video in the Chinese capital.

They Rap. They Sashay. They're Grandparents.

By ALEXANDRA STEVENSON and ZIXU WANG

HONG KONG — The 65-year-old woman crouches in a field and holds up a head of cabbage. Behind her, two friends sway back and forth, cucumber and radish in their hands. "This rotten cabbage, let's pull it out, eat it, achieve some foodie freedom," Guo Yifen, the woman with the cabbage, raps in a

In China, Seniors Bask in Viral Success

low and creaky voice in the song "Spicy Hot Pot Real Rap."

The trio, known as Sister Wang Is Coming, is known for sharing playful videos on Douyin, the Chinese version of TikTok. Ms. Guo

and her musical partners, Wang Shuping, 64, and Wang Xiurong, 66, have more than half a million followers who watch their food-related music videos, featuring jams like "Fried Mushrooms" and "Country Food Rap."

The group is part of a growing number of older Chinese who have found viral success sharing their daily lives online. In this corner of the Chinese internet, octo-

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As Rich Spend, Spiraling Prices Challenge Poor

By JEANNA SMIALEK

BOSTON November has been busier than expected at the Langham Hotel in Boston as luxury travelers book rooms in plush suites and hold meetings in gilded conference rooms. The \$135-per-adult Thanksgiving brunch at its in-house restaurant sold out weeks ago.

Across town, in Dorchester, demand has been booming for a different kind of food service. Catholic Charities is seeing so many families at its free pantry that Beth Chambers, vice president of basic needs at Catholic Charities Boston, has had to close early some days and tell patrons to come back first thing in the morning. On the Saturday morning before Thanksgiving, patrons waiting for free turkeys began to line up at 4:30 a.m. — more than four hours before the pantry opened.

The contrast illustrates a divide that is rippling through America's topsy-turvy economy nearly three years into the pandemic. Many well-off consumers are still flush with savings and faring well financially, bolstering luxury brands and keeping some high-end retailers and travel companies optimistic about the holiday season. At the same time, Ameri-

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Covid Legacy: Online Spread Of Health Lies

By SHERYL GAY STOLBERG

WASHINGTON — No long after Randy Watt died of Covid-19, his daughter Danielle sat down at her computer, searching for clues as to why the smart and thoughtful man she knew had refused to get vaccinated. She pulled up Google, typed in a screen name he had used in the past and discovered a secret that stunned her.

Her father, she learned, had a hidden, virtual life on Gab, a far-right social media platform that traffics in Covid misinformation. And there was another surprise as well: As he fought the coronavirus, he told his followers that he was taking ivermectin, a drug used to treat parasitic infections that experts say has no benefit — and in fact can be dangerous — for patients with Covid-19.

"On two occasions I coughed so hard that I larynx went into spasm and closed my airway," he wrote in a post on Gab a few days before Christmas last year. "Frightening, yes, but relaxing instead of panicking allowed the airway to open in 15 to 20 seconds. Took second dose of ivermectin, along with vitamin regimen. Rest, fluids, and prayer."

Mr. Watt, a passionate song-

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Extreme Heat Will Change Us

Half the world could soon face dangerous levels of heat. We measured the daily toll it is already taking on people in Kuwait City and Basra, Iraq. PAGE A8

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A Casino in Coney Island?

A developer is pursuing a gambling license for the Brooklyn neighborhood, promoting the project as a way to revitalize the area. PAGE A17

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In the World Cup's host nation, some say that the barrage of criticism over the country's human rights record is laced with stereotypes and hypocrisy. PAGE B7

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Netflix's Theater Experiment

The streaming giant agreed to some exclusive theatrical distribution for two new blockbusters, but it's not clear exhibitors will get much more. PAGE B1

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Turkey Day at the beach

Above, Adam Hansard, 26, of Garden Grove, and Brynn Webb, 10, of Los Alamitos carry on the family Thanksgiving tradition of football on the beach in Seal Beach. At right, Jamie and James Phillips of Rancho Cucamonga try cooking their holiday turkey during high winds at Bolsa Chica State Beach.



California takes lead in coming to grips with hate

ANITA CHABRIA



How do you stop hate crimes? How do you even know where to begin? California is taking a nation-leading step to answer those questions with two new state-sponsored and -funded efforts. The Commission on the State of Hate seeks to understand why hate crimes are rising and how to combat them. The Governor's Council on Holocaust and Genocide Education examines how to inoculate California schoolkids against the misinformation and propaganda that kindle animosity.

I'm not a big one for committees when it comes to solving problems. But these are different, both because of the people on them (a no-nonsense group known for getting results) and their strategic mission to come up with solutions that can be implemented in law enforcement, classrooms and every place where hate's foothold plagues the Golden State.

As hate commission member and transgender activist Bamby Salcedo put it, "It's important for all of us to wake up and to understand that hate is real and hate is happening in front of our eyes. It really is up to all of us to ensure, and really think about, do we contribute to the hate that people are experiencing or do we believe in humanity and the good of humanity?"

Silence is violence, and it's good that California, as one of the most powerful states in the union, is choosing to use its voice when the cacophony of attacks from the far right feel deafening and effective.

We've all seen the news

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PEOPLE PROTEST in Los Angeles in 2021. The pandemic brought a rise in anti-Asian hate crimes. JASON ARMSTRONG Los Angeles Times



ROBERT GAUTHIER Los Angeles Times

RUTH PEREZ and her son, Yonathan, inside their decrepit one-bedroom unit at the Chesapeake Apartments in South L.A. "It's just back-to-back issues," he said.

Poor conditions continue at big apartment complex

Tenants resentful and resigned months after landlord, county and city pledged action.

BY LIAM DILLON

Maintenance workers installed new vinyl in Ruth Perez's one-bedroom apartment over floorboards that sag underfoot. They put a new drainpipe in a sink that still clogs. They screwed new cabinet hinges into rotted wood. And they haven't yet bothered to replace the

stained carpet or the heavy wooden closet doors that keep coming off their tracks.

"It's just back-to-back issues," said Perez's 23-year-old son, Yonathan, who lives with his mom and two younger siblings. "They fix one problem and then another one comes up. We don't feel comfortable in our own home."

It's been more than six months since L.A. city and county officials pledged rapid action after a Times story that revealed rampant slum-like conditions at Chesapeake Apartments, a 425-unit, World War II-era

complex that stretches multiple blocks in South Los Angeles. Since then, code enforcement and public health inspectors have issued more than 2,000 citations to the landlord, Pama Properties, for violations including plumbing and electrical failures and cockroach and mold infestations.

Now the bulk of the inspection efforts appear to be concluding, even though residents point to continued problems. Tenants and activists describe mounting resentment and resignation as yet another attempt at

[See Chesapeake, A7]

RECORD VOTE FOR L.A. MAYOR

Some 978,000 ballots were cast in the race, with Bass' tally the highest yet for top job.

BY JAMES RAINEY

A record number of Los Angeles voters cast ballots for mayor in this month's election, the result of changes in the electoral calendar, the state's easing of voter registration rules and the provocative contest between U.S. Rep. Karen Bass and businessman Rick Caruso, according to analysts and nearly complete returns from county officials.

Bass took advantage of the new political landscape to drub her rival, notching a nearly 10-percentage-point margin. Nearly 978,000 Angelenos cast votes for mayor, surpassing the previous high of 856,000 in the transformative, racially polarizing race in 1969, when the white incumbent, Sam Yorty, defeated his Black challenger, Councilman Tom Bradley.

With L.A.'s population a full 1 million under the 3.8 million it is today — and the total of registered voters only half the 2.2 million of today — the 1969 race drew an astonishing 76% turnout; this year's Bass-Caruso matchup will be about 45%, according to county election officials.

Bass made history last week when she became the first woman elected mayor in L.A.'s 24-year history. Her vote total of 508,860 as of this

[See Bass, A5]

Kyiv is bombed but not beaten

Missile strikes leave Ukrainians without water and power and scrambling to survive.

BY JOHN LEICESTER, HANNA ARIHROVA AND SAM MEDNICK

KYIV, Ukraine — Residents of Ukraine's bombed capital clutched empty bottles in search of water and crowded into cafes for power and warmth Thursday, switching defiantly into survival mode after Russian missile strikes a day earlier plunged the city and much of the country into the dark.

In scenes that were hard to believe in a sophisticated city of 3 million, some Kyiv residents resorted to collecting rainwater from drainpipes as repair teams labored to reconnect supplies. Friends and family members exchanged messages to find out who had electricity and water back. Some had one but not the other. The previous day's aerial onslaught on Ukraine's power grid left many with neither.

Cafes in Kyiv that by some small miracle had both quickly became oases of

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Measles poses an imminent threat

A record 40 million kids worldwide missed a vaccine dose last year, according to WHO and CDC. PERSPECTIVES, A2

50 years after Davis' big feat

Trojan reflects on his six touchdowns against Notre Dame. The rivalry continues Saturday. SPORTS, B12

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Why stories of cons, crooks and murderers are splattered all over streaming platforms. CALENDAR, E1

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Germans probe ties to Russian gas, cash

Murky foundation shows Moscow's influence on state's energy policies

BY LOVEDAY MORRIS, KATE BRADY AND SOUAD MEKHENNET

SCHWERIN, GERMANY — When Matthias Warnig, chief executive of the company building the Nord Stream 2 natural gas pipeline between Russia and Germany, arrived for a meeting at the historic lakeside state chancellery building here, he carried a bright bouquet of flowers.

It was August 2020 and Trump administration sanctions on the nearly constructed pipeline under the Baltic Sea had caused final work on the project to grind to a halt. Warnig, a former officer in the Stasi, East Germany's secret police, was looking for ways around the U.S. action.

His quest — and his gift of sunflowers and snapdragons — found a receptive audience.

"It is outrageous," Manuela Schwesig, head of the German state of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, said of the U.S. move to target any firm helping to complete the pipeline. Two gas routes — Nord Stream 1 and 2 — came ashore in her northern German state.

"But," Schwesig continued after her meeting with Warnig, "I'm confident we'll find a solution."

The eventual solution was the creation by the state government of an opaque, largely Russian-funded climate foundation designed to complete the construction while shielding the firms it contracted with from U.S. sanctions. The expectation was that a German state entity would not be put under U.S. sanctions, and that the foundation would quietly act as the pipeline contractor while maintaining a public facade focused on environmental issues.

Following Russian President SEE RUSSIA ON A7

"We see it already happening: Deforestation is depriving the forest of rain."

Bernardo Flores, Brazilian climate scientist, on how factors including climate change are destroying the water cycle of the Amazon



THE AMAZON, UNDONE

In parched rainforest, a desperate wait for water

Millions are facing a hotter, drier landscape, where the tipping point may already be here

BY TERRENCE MCCOY | PHOTOS BY ALEXANDRE CRUZ-NORONHA

RIO BRANCO, BRAZIL — In her 60 years of life in the Amazon, Antonia Franco dos Santos has never had much money. Food was, sometimes scarce. But never in the forest, with its heavy rains and endless rivers, had she known a life without water — not until she moved to this city along the southern crest, where her reserves are now down to the last gallon and the deliveryman is nowhere to be seen.

"He'll come," Franco says, looking into the distance. "He will."

It hasn't rained in more than a month, and probably won't for another. The community pond that Franco and her neighbors used during the rainy season has dried to a muddy



Antonia Franco dos Santos lives in the remote city of Rio Branco in Brazil's Amazon, in a shack without running water. The Acre River, top photo, runs low and muddy through Rio Branco, in Acre state, in the country's west.

puddle. A water hole they've dug in desperation hasn't conserved a drop. And inside her wooden shack this Monday morning is a stack of dishes, unwashed; a pile of clothes, unwashed; and an infant great-grandchild named Samuel. He needs a washing, too.

For Franco, this makes three drought-racked years in a row, living in a landscape she never imagined: an Amazon gone dry. "I have to hope," she says, glancing down at her mismatched socks. "Today will be different. Enough water will come."

For years, scientists have been warning that the Amazon is speeding toward a tipping SEE BRAZIL ON A10

Men use condoms less, even with STDs surging

BY FENIT NIRAPPI

The basket of free ultrathin and studded condoms stayed full to the brim — a reality that no longer surprised the D.C. health workers offering HIV testing this month at a downtown plaza.

Public health authorities are confronting a rise in sexually transmitted infections in a world where condom use has steadily declined — and, with it, one of the most effective ways of curbing the spread of disease.

"They'll laugh at it, or sometimes they get it and throw it away," said Kevin Anglade, a community outreach worker for Whitman-Walker Health, a D.C.-based LGBT health-care organization that opened in the 1970s as the Gay Men's Venereal Disease Clinic. "It's a new normal, which is very sad."

The United States recorded nearly 2.5 million cases of chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis in 2021, more than doubling in the past two decades, according to preliminary data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

About half of new infections last year were in young people between the ages of 15 and 24. Men who have sex with men contract infections at higher rates than heterosexuals because they are more likely to have multiple recent partners and it's easier for sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) to circulate in smaller networks of people.

Condoms, once central to campaigns to eradicate STDs at the height of the AIDS crisis, have become a tougher sell because of medical advancements such as long-acting contraception and SEE CONDOMS ON A2

BLACK OUT

Building a pipeline to bypass football's biases

At Michigan State, young coaches get an opportunity to learn from Tucker's successes and failures

BY CANDACE BUCKNER

Mel Tucker just sat down, and he already sees something he doesn't like.

It's August, and a new season is on the horizon. In the Michigan State University football office, staffers greet each other with cheery salutes of "Happy first practice!" But Tucker, the head coach, is stoic as he eyes the spliced-up practice film playing on the big screen, which illuminates the otherwise dark room.

The potato salad and green smoothie in front of him go ignored. Tupac Shakur plays faintly in the background. Tucker's eyes are locked not on a missed block or tackle but on a small white towel hanging from the back of a linebacker's pants.



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Mel Tucker, who spent a decade in the NFL that included a stint as an interim head coach, is near the end of his third season leading the Michigan State University football team.

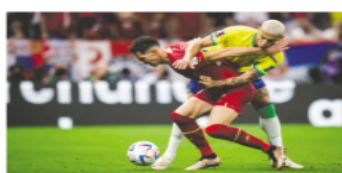
In here, coaches call that "flair" — any adornment that juices up the uniform. Tucker considers armbands, compression sleeves and even towels flair. And he hates flair.

He strives to keep it off his practice fields, but he must have missed the towel during that

SEE NFL ON A15

This fall, The Washington Post is examining the NFL's failure to equitably promote Black coaches to top jobs despite the multibillion-dollar league being fueled by Black players. There have been 192 head coaches since 1990; 25 have been Black.

IN THE NEWS



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World Cup A highlight goal cemented Brazil's win in its opener over Serbia. The U.S. team will continue play Friday against England. D1

THE NATION Elon Musk plans to restore banned Twitter accounts starting next week, a move critics say is dangerous. A2

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Florida officials say it could take months to clear the nearly 31 million cubic yards of debris left by Hurricane Ian. A18

THE WORLD Bullfighting, which is on the decline in Spain and across Latin America, is seeing a surge of popularity in southern France. A6

Anwar Ibrahim, a longtime opposition leader, has become Malaysia's prime minister, bringing a halt to a chaotic election season after last week's vote resulted in a hung parliament. A8

The European Space Agency has for the first time selected a person

with a physical disability to be included in its next generation of astronauts. A13

THE ECONOMY Mining magnate Andrew Forrest, one of the world's major polluters, is now betting the future of his company on green hydrogen — and technology that does not yet exist. A14

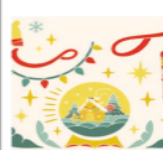
THE REGION Volunteers mobilized by the hundreds across the District to provide holiday meals and encouragement at a time

of elevated need. B1

Virginia community colleges are expanding the ways they help students in need, hoping to ease the pressures of inflation and the pandemic. B1

After a federal court ruling that restored border access for asylum seekers, D.C. may soon see another surge of migrants on buses from Texas and Arizona. B1

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Jenna Ortega makes an "Addams Family" icon her own in Netflix's new original series "Wednesday." In Life



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Experts at Reviewed have the inside track on hot deals, best gifts and activities this season. In Weekend Extra



US stands its ground vs. England

Captain Tyler Adams and team looking to show Three Lions what they are capable of. In Sports

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TITLE IX
USA TODAY INVESTIGATION

Assault victims: University failed us

Marshall lacked urgency in rape cases, they say

Alia E. Dastagir
USA TODAY

The remembering is sharp – every detail, each decision, the cleaving of her life.

Alicia Gonzales remembers sitting on the bed in her dorm room at West Virginia's Marshall University. She remembers what she wore – sweatpants and a long-sleeved shirt, no makeup, hair fastened in a French braid. It was approaching afternoon. She didn't want to be alone with him, but the friend who was with her left, so she was alone with him.

She remembers the way she tensed when he began to talk about his body count. He'd had sex with 16 people, he told her. She remembers all the excuses she made, initially plausible, increasingly desperate – the door's unlocked, my roommate will be home soon, in my religion we don't have sex on Mondays.

When she pointed out someone could walk in, he got up and deadbolted the door. That's when she knew, when the voice inside her said, "You're going to get raped."

Her perpetrator, fellow Marshall student Joseph Chase Hardin, was more than 6 feet tall and 250 pounds, and he was aggressive and undeterred

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Joseph Chase Hardin took a plea deal that reduced his felony sexual assault charge to a misdemeanor battery charge. He was then reinstated at Marshall University. USA TODAY NETWORK

About this series

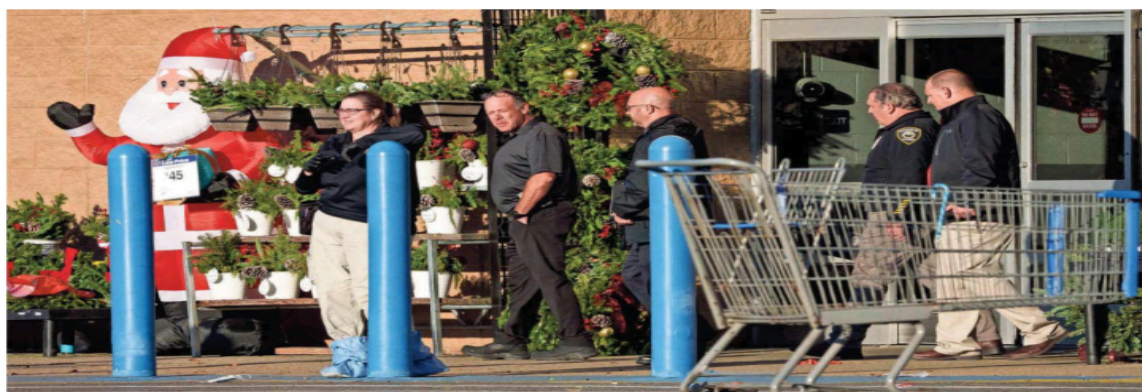
USA TODAY's "Title IX: Falling short at 50" exposes how top U.S. colleges and universities still fail to live up to the landmark law that bans sexual discrimination in education. Title IX, which turns 50 this summer, requires equity across a broad range of areas in academics and athletics. Despite tremendous gains during the past five decades, many colleges and universities fall short, leaving women struggling for equal footing.



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MASS SHOOTINGS

'Waiting for the next bad thing to happen'



Investigators converge on the scene of a Walmart in Chesapeake, Va., following a mass shooting that left six people dead and at least six others injured. It was the second mass shooting in Virginia this month. JACK GRUBER/USA TODAY

Recent spate of gun violence has left Americans on edge

Trevor Hughes and Terry Collins
USA TODAY

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. – Chesapeake. Colorado Springs. Uvalde. Buffalo. Portland. Highland Park.

Mass shootings in big cities and small towns across the country have risen in the wake of the 2020 pandemic lockdowns. And amid the grief and shock and loss, each one prompts more businesses, schools, hotels or nightclubs to toughen their own security responses.

"Due to the senseless nature of gun violence in America that is only horrifically worsening, I have lived a more sheltered life out of sheer fear."

Haylea Turner
Longtime patron of Club Q

Days before, a shooter killed five people at an LGBTQ bar in Colorado Springs, Colorado, before being tackled by a former U.S. Army major and other patrons.

In between those two attacks, six other people were killed and 14 others wounded in shootings in Oklahoma, Mississippi, Texas and Illinois, according to the nonprofit Gun Violence Archive, which catalogs shootings of four or more people, ex-

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Witness says Walmart assailant was 'going hunting'

Jorge L. Ortiz, Claire Thornton and Paul Bibeau
USA TODAY

CHESAPEAKE, Va. – The shooter who killed six people at a Walmart in Virginia late Tuesday was targeting co-workers, "going hunting" and making sure they were dead, according to a witness.

Jessica Wilczewski said overnight team leader Andre Bing came into the break room before the late shift started and opened fire with a purpose, contradicting the account of another witness who said the gunman shot wildly.

"The way he was acting – he was going hunting," Wilczewski told The Associated Press on Thursday. "The way he

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Authorities have released the names of five of the six victims of the shooting in Chesapeake, Virginia: from top, Brian Pendleton, Tynika Johnson, Kellie Pyle, Lorenzo Gamble and Randall Blevins. They withheld the name of the 16-year-old because of his age.

Rise in preterm birth rate 'concerning'

March of Dimes report: '21 levels hit 14-year high

Nada Hassanein
USA TODAY

Preterm births last year reached their highest peak since 2007 – with more than 383,000 born before 37 weeks of gestational age in the United States, according to a new report.

In 2021, roughly 10.5% of babies were born premature, according to the annual March of Dimes "Report Card," which rated the U.S. a D+. The score dropped from its C- rating in 2020.

The report released this month

found disparities widened between white mothers and Native and Black mothers, who are already 62% more likely to have a preterm birth and nearly three times as likely as white moms to die of childbirth-related causes. In 2021, Black mothers saw a 3% increase and Native mothers a 6% increase in preterm births, according to the analysis.

Of all groups, Asian and Pacific Islander mothers saw the largest increase – 8% – even though births to Asian mothers fell that year, and they have the lowest preterm birth rate overall.

Experts say the pandemic may have contributed significantly to the rising preterm birth rates, and the findings signal a need for more efforts toward en-

suring equitable prenatal care access.

Preterm births can be caused by health conditions in the birthing parent, like high blood pressure and diabetes, as well as stress, problems with the uterus or placenta, infection or inflammation. Being born premature can lead to significant developmental complications including undeveloped respiratory systems causing breathing problems, and hearing, vision and behavioral issues.

"Any increase in preterm birth is concerning because of the downstream effects on the infant after a preterm delivery," said Dr. Cynthia Gyamfi-Bannerman, a professor of obstetrics, gynecology and reproductive sciences at the University of California, San Diego.

Se espera fecha para el juicio oral por la muerte de Maradona

A dos años del hecho, la Cámara de San Isidro tiene que resolver los planteos de las defensas de los imputados; luego fijaría el inicio para el debate oral. **Página 26**



TRAS 154 AÑOS, HABRÁ MUJERES EN LAS AULAS DEL SALVADOR

—sociedad

El colegio jesuita se suma a otras escuelas religiosas que decidieron adoptar la enseñanza mixta; el cambio será gradual y empezará en 2023 en el nivel inicial. **Página 24**

ALCOHOL CERO AL VOLANTE: AVANZA LA LEY NACIONAL

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El proyecto fue aprobado por amplia mayoría en la Cámara de Diputados; ahora definirá el Senado; si lo sancionan, regirá en todo el país. **Página 24**

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Denuncian a Cristina y la Corte frena la jura de los senadores en el Consejo

MAGISTRATURA. El tribunal solo autorizó la asunción de los diputados en el organismo

La maniobra de Cristina Kirchner de partir en dos el bloque oficialista para arrebatarse un lugar a la oposición en el Consejo de la Magistratura tuvo ayer nuevas consecuencias judiciales. La Corte Suprema de Justicia decidió tomar juramento a los cuatro consejeros de la Cámara de Diputados y dejó en suspenso la

jura de los cuatro senadores, cuyos nombres envió el kirchnerismo, incluido el camporista Martín Doñate, cuyo nombramiento había sido impugnado.

El tribunal, en un fallo anterior, había dicho que no correspondía la designación de Doñate por la segunda minoría de la Cámara alta,

sino que ese lugar le correspondía a Luis Juez, de Pro. El kirchnerismo igual votó el nombramiento del senador camporista. Ayer, Luis Juez presentó una denuncia penal contra la vicepresidenta por el delito de desobediencia. La acusó de haber ignorado la orden de la Corte de nombrarlo en el Consejo. **Página 8**

Pacto con Irán: la vicepresidenta pidió mantener el caso cerrado

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Sigue la escalada del dólar blue y roza los \$320

MERCADO. Ayer dio un salto de \$7 y se vendió a \$319 en la City porteña

En las calles de la City porteña, los "arbolitos" vendieron ayer dólares blue a \$319, con una suba de \$7 frente a la jornada anterior, mientras que en la semana ya acumuló una escalada de \$13. De todos modos, aún está a \$19 de distancia de su valor nominal histórico, los \$338 que marcó en julio pasado.

La pérdida de reservas del Banco Central, una inflación arriba del 6% mensual y la emisión para sostener la deuda en pesos son algunas de las situaciones que hicieron saltar al blue \$27 en las últimas ocho ruedas. **Página 16**

Larreta lanzó a Quirós en la ciudad y agitó la interna

JUNTOS POR EL CAMBIO. El jefe de gobierno porteño, Horacio Rodríguez Larreta, lanzó ayer al ministro de Salud, Fernán Quirós, como precandidato a sustituirlo en ese cargo por Juntos por el Cambio. La presentación significó un desafío para el expresidente Mauricio Macri, que había impulsado hace dos meses un plan, junto con Patricia Bullrich, para posicionar a su primo, Jorge Macri, como el postulante de Pro en la ciudad de cara a 2023. **Página 13**



La pirueta de Richarlison para su golazo, el segundo propio en el triunfo de Brasil ante Serbia

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Brasil ganó con el gol más lindo del Mundial y Ronaldo batió un récord

Los sudamericanos se impusieron a Serbia por 2 a 0, pero se lesionó Neymar

Luego de los impactos por las caídas de la Argentina y Alemania, el Mundial de Qatar le abrió las puertas al máximo campeón. Y Brasil no dudó: venció a Serbia por 2-0, con tantos de Richarlison, el segundo, con una tijera espectacular.

Claro que no todo fue festejos: Neymar salió lesionado en un tobillo y habrá que ver su evolución.

Cristiano Ronaldo estableció un nuevo récord: convirtió en cinco mundiales seguidos y Portugal batió 3-2 a Ghana. **Deportes Mundial**

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Chavistas y opositores reanudan el diálogo

VENEZUELA. Luego de más de un año, vuelven a la mesa de negociación en México; Maduro llega fortalecido. **Página 2**



Na arena Lusail, com dois sérvios pela frente na grande área, Richarlison salta para marcar de voleio seu segundo gol na estreia do Brasil na Copa, aos 28 do segundo tempo Kai Pfaffenbach/Reuters

Justiça autoriza aborto a menina do PI, mas mãe se opõe

A Justiça do Piauí autorizou o aborto legal de uma menina grávida após ser estuprada de novo no Piauí, mas o procedimento ainda não foi realizado. A mãe, contra a interrupção da gestação, disse que recorrerá. A Promotoria afirma que deve valer a vontade da criança. Cotidiano B1

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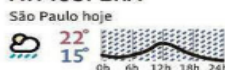
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Sobre explosão da demanda por habitação popular.

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O voo do pombo

O atacante Richarlison, do londrino Tottenham, que imita pombos para festejar gols, fez os dois da vitória do Brasil sobre a Sérvia. O segundo, tido como o mais bonito de uma estreia da seleção em Copas, destravou o jogo. p.1

Neymar sai chorando, e tornozelo preocupa

Atacante torceu o tornozelo direito em contra-ataque aos 22 minutos do 2º tempo. Com inchaço visível, começou tratamento ainda no banco e virou preocupação para a sequência do Brasil, que pega a Suíça na segunda (28) às 13h. p.2

Paulo Vinicius Coelho Forte, time não depende mais só do camisa 10 p.5

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PT quer dobradinha de Haddad e Arida na área econômica

Ideia seria colocar petista à frente da Fazenda e liberal no Planejamento, mas há dúvidas se economista aceitará

O PT quer formar uma dobradinha entre Fernando Haddad e Persio Arida no comando da área econômica, para manter o partido no comando de decisões estratégicas e ao mesmo tempo abrir espaço para a influência de um economista liberal nas políticas públicas.

A ideia seria Haddad na Fazenda e Arida no Planejamento, que deve ficar encarregado do Orçamento.

Haddad já vinha mantendo conversas com representantes do mercado financeiro e hoje representará o presidente eleito, Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, em uma reunião na Febraban, que reúne os principais bancos.

Existem dúvidas, porém, se Arida aceitará, o que faz petistas trabalharem com opções técnicas do partido. Procurados, ambos não quiseram se manifestar.

A sigla avalia que a indefinição do nome provoca desgaste. Ontem, o senador petista Jaques Wagner afirmou que isso tem dificultado o avanço da PEC (proposta de emenda à Constituição) da Transição.

A presidente do PT, Gleisi Hoffmann, o rebateu e declarou que o problema está na articulação no Senado, da qual Wagner ficou encarregado. Mercado A17 e A18



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CRISTIANO RONALDO SUPERA PELÉ E MESSI E SE TORNA ÚNICO A MARCAR EM 5 COPAS

Craque português comemora gol de pênalti, o primeiro da vitória de Portugal contra Gana por 3 a 2 em Doha, no Mundial do Qatar; além de partida desta quinta-feira, o jogador marcou em 2006 (1 vez), em 2010 (1), em 2014 (1) e em 2018 (4) p.1

PP e Republicanos negam golpismo e isolam Valdemar

Parte da coligação de Jair Bolsonaro, PP e Republicanos disseram reconhecer o resultado da eleição, isolando o PL de Valdemar Costa Neto. As duas siglas devem recorrer da decisão do TSE que bloqueou o fundo partidário após negar ação do PL. Política A4

Bolsonaro se reúne com Forças Armadas após derrota no TSE

Política A11





Otro capítulo después de que se señalara como corruptos a referentes políticos locales

Significativa cita entre EEUU y Paraguay sobre corrupción

El encuentro se realizará en Washington en el marco de un congreso sobre intercambio de experiencias. Los principales referentes de ambos países mantendrán una reunión privada.

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L'Europe confrontée à une
nouvelle vague migratoire

Les frontières de l'UE
sont en alerte alors que
les arrivées clandestines
enregistrent la plus forte
hausse depuis 2015.

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L'Allemagne bloque
toujours l'accord
sur le prix du gaz

Convoqués pour une nouvelle
réunion extraordinaire consa-
crée à la crise énergétique, les
ministres européens de l'Éner-
gie ne sont pas parvenus à

s'entendre pour un plafonne-
ment du prix du gaz. Soucieuse
de son approvisionnement,
l'Allemagne reste hostile à une
telle mesure. PAGE 24

Kiev, capitale plongée
dans le froid et l'obscurité
par les bombes russes

Alors que les températures ont
chuté en dessous de 0°C, Kiev,
près de 3 millions d'habitants
avant-guerre, se retrouve sans
électricité, sans chauffage, ni

eau courante. La nuit, les gé-
nérateurs ronronnent dans les
rues. Le maire, Vitali Klit-
schko, prédit « l'hiver le plus
dur depuis 1945 ». PAGES 8 ET 9

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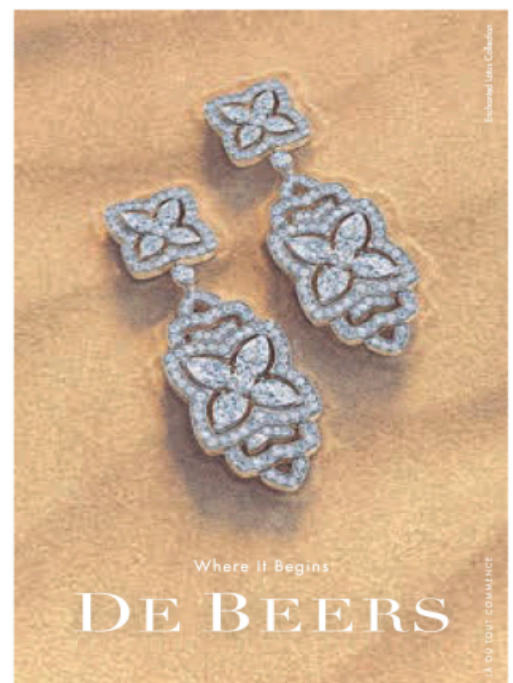
L'Europe passoire

Une nouvelle vague migratoire
est en train d'enfler aux fron-
tières de l'Union européenne.
À la mi-novembre, les
234 passagers de l'Ocean Vi-
king n'ont mis que quelques jours à passer
entre les mailles du filet tendu par Gerald
Darmanin de Toulon à la presqu'île de
Giens. Dix jours plus tard, la Grèce appelle à
l'aide pour gérer l'accueil de 500 rescapés
débarqués dans le petit port crétois de Pa-
leochora. Sur la route des Balkans, les trafi-
quants d'êtres humains ne sont plus stop-
pés par le mur du Hongrois Viktor Orban.
Face au plus grand afflux de sans-papiers
depuis la crise migratoire de 2015, l'Europe
s'agite en essayant de boucher les trous.
Avec un bilan consternant : 281 000 entrées
clandestines depuis le début de l'année et
plus de 1 800 noyades.

Comme par automatisme, les ministres de
l'Intérieur des Vingt-Sept se réunissent en
urgence, à la recherche d'une « solution
européenne ». On promet de renforcer les
patrouilles aux frontières extérieures de
l'UE, de fermer certaines voies d'accès et
d'intensifier la « solidarité » entre les États
membres. Petite nouveauté cette fois, on

pourrait se pencher sur les méthodes de
certaines ONG à la proximité suspecte avec
les passeurs. Mais la réforme de l'asile et de
l'immigration présentée il y a plus de deux
ans par la Commission avance à la vitesse
du paresseux : les gouvernements se propo-
sent de la boucler d'ici aux élections euro-
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En attendant, chaque route clandestine est
remplacée par une autre, chaque mur est
traversé par un tunnel et chaque crise met à
mal les mécanismes
communautaires péni-
blement échaudés.
En se déchaussant de
l'Ocean Viking, l'Italie a
temporairement perdu
la « solidarité volontaire » de la France, qui
devait la soulager de 3 500 réfugiés. L'UE
tient par-dessus tout à son espace de libre
circulation, un avantage précieux pour ses
citoyens, mais elle n'y met pas les moyens.
La pression migratoire pousse les États à se
replier sur leurs frontières. Au lieu d'unir
ses forces, l'Europe passoire ne fait que dé-
multiplier son impuissance. ■



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MPs urge investigation into PPE contracts after Mone revelations

Anger in Commons at 'sickening, shameful' procurement deals

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The growing controversy over a PPE company linked to the Conservative peer Michelle Mone sparked an angry reaction in parliament yesterday, with MPs demanding an inquiry

into wider concerns over profiteering from unusable personal protective equipment during the pandemic.

One MP condemned instances of politically connected firms benefiting from government contracts as "absolutely sickening, shameful and unforgivable", while parliamentarians asked ministers for more information about how PPE Medpro was awarded more than £200m in government contracts after it was referred to ministers by Lady Mone.

MPs also asked broader questions about the government's procurement

contracts during the pandemic - some of which, one MP said, had since been flagged by Transparency International as a "corruption risk".

In response to an urgent question yesterday from Labour's deputy leader, Angela Rayner, the junior health minister Neil O'Brien repeatedly sought to defend the government's actions and its use of a "VIP lane" that prioritised referrals from politically connected PPE companies.

He said: "The people who came through the high-priority route were not politically connected people,

except in the sense that they were being referred in by MPs across the house."

The urgent question was triggered by a report in yesterday's Guardian. Mone and her children secretly received £29m originating from the profits of PPE Medpro, a company that was awarded large government contracts after she recommended it to ministers, documents seen by the Guardian indicate.

Mone's referral of the company to the Conservative ministers Michael Gove and Theodore Agnew helped

it secure a place in the "VIP lane", which was used by the government during the pandemic to prioritise certain firms. PPE Medpro then secured two contracts worth more £203m.

Tens of millions of pounds of PPE Medpro's profits were later transferred to a secret offshore trust of which Mone and her adult children were the beneficiaries, the documents indicate.

The documents state that the secret payment to the trust was via Mone's husband, Douglas Barrowman, who weeks



Strike disruption grows in run-up to Christmas

Children at a rally for striking teachers in Glasgow yesterday. The protest came as nurses confirmed they - like postal, railway and school staff - will go on strike in the coming weeks. **News Page 2** →

UK inquiry into dinghy tragedy criticised

Diane Taylor

Bereaved families who lost relatives in a mass drowning in the Channel a year ago have criticised the UK body investigating the tragedy over a lack of progress in determining how and why dozens of lives were lost.

An interim report by the Marine Accident Investigation Branch, published yesterday, confirmed the boat had reached UK waters.

Initially, officials had thought the tragedy was outside their jurisdiction as the bodies and survivors had been found in the French part of the Channel. But an investigation into the British search and rescue response was launched in January "when it became evident that some of the events relating to

