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WHITE HOUSE MEMO Biden Faces Polarized U.S. As Vote Nears

By PETER BAKER
ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Before heading into a community center for a campaign rally the other day, President Biden stopped to speak to the overjoyed crowd that could not squeeze into the small facility. As often happens whenever Mr. Biden finds a microphone and a willing audience, his family made a cameo appearance. This time it was his long-dead grandparents. "Every time I'd walk out of my grandpa's house, he'd yell, 'Joey, Joey, the faith,'" the president recounted. "My grandmother would yell, 'No, Joey, spread it.' Go spread the faith."



GEORGIA Hercules and his owner Cam Ashling, center, organized signs for Raphael Warnock, a Democrat, Sunday in Johns Creek.



WISCONSIN Amy Waldman, 63, talked with Haley Hagar, 32, while Ms. Hagar was out canvassing on Sunday in Milwaukee.



PENNSYLVANIA Supporters of the Republican Senate candidate, Dr. Mehmet Oz, lined up for a rally on Sunday in Bethlehem.



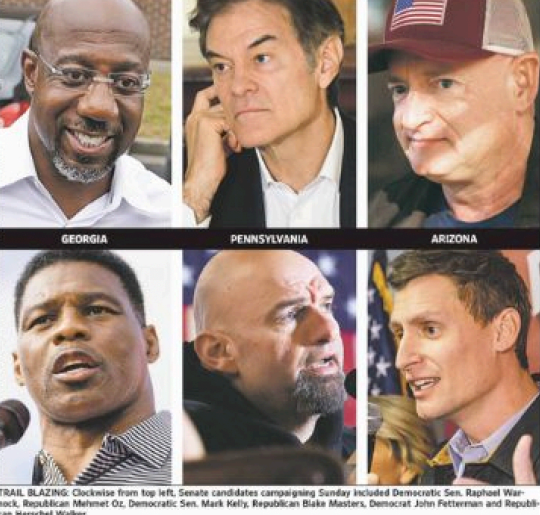
FLORIDA A supporter showed up at Sun City Center to see Gov. Ron DeSantis, a Republican, on Sunday afternoon.

MIDTERMS SPUR A RUSH OF ANGST AND CONFIDENCE LAST PUSH FOR VOTERS

G.O.P. Shows Optimism as Democrats Brace for Losses
This article is by Lisa Lerer, Jennifer Medina and Jonathan Weisman.
DELAWARE COUNTY, Pa. — The turbulent midterm campaign rolled through its final weekend on Sunday as voters — buffeted by record inflation, worried about their personal safety and fears about the fundamental stability of American democracy — showed clear signs of preparing to reject Democratic control of Washington and embrace divided government.

What's News

Business & Finance
Meta Platforms plans 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.
• Many shoppers are trading down to less-expensive clothing and accessories as an inflation cuts into their disposable income and a rocky stock market erodes their wealth.
• Apple warned that shipments of its high-end iPhone models would be hindered amid Covid-19 restrictions at one of its major suppliers in China.
• Merge 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 increase siphoned capital out of the markets.
• Shale companies are slowing their oil-field activity, keeping U.S. oil production roughly flat and offering little relief for tight global markets.
• Walgreens is in a deal to combine a unit with the owner of CityMD.
• Berkshire Hathaway owing to a loss as a volatile stock market and from insurance underwriting offset gains in its manufacturing, service and retail businesses.
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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.

Facebook Parent Prepares Sweeping Layoffs

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 hiring more than 53,000 employees at the end of September. Company officials already told employees to expect nonseverance travel beginning this week, the people said.
The cleared 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 renaissance.

Trump's Taunt Highlights Rift With DeSantis

By MICHAEL C. BENDER and PATRICIA MAZZEI
SUN CITY CENTER, Fla. — Former President Donald J. Trump hasn't endorsed Gov. Ron DeSantis this year because, as he has explained, his fellow Floridian never asked. Mr. DeSantis didn't attend the Trump rally on Sunday in Miami, his allies said, because he wasn't personally invited.
Breasted spots are commonplace in politics. But rarely has a rift in the top of a party spilled so fully into view as such a pivotal moment. At a rally on Saturday night in Lutz, Fla., Mr. Trump bestowed one of his signature nicknames on Mr. DeSantis: Ron De-Santimonium.
Their escalating tensions took center stage on Sunday, with degrading campaign rallies in Florida just two days before voting concludes in the 2022 midterm elections. Mr. Trump campaigned in South Florida with Senator Marco Rubio and other Florida Republicans, while Mr. DeSantis made his case for re-election during a set of events, along with the state's west coast.
Mr. Trump didn't repeat the taunt on Sunday, and Mr. DeSantis didn't mention the former president at his events, but the collateral damage from their impasse looms as a distraction for their

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, Latino, 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...?"

Ex-Conservative's Backers Take Control of Party in Moderate Town

The culture wars were destined to spill somewhere into the marbled 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 vote of the party's far-right wing will be tested nationwide in this week's midterm elections. Here in Greenwich, long a bastion of moderate Republicans like the older Mr. Bush — a Greenwich Country Day alum — the takeover has people asking: Who are these Greenwich Republicans? And did they kick 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, Leo Friedman and Somini Sengupta.
In Pakistan, flooding this summer killed 1,200 people and left one-third of the country underwater. In Fiji, entire villages are threatened, and in other developing areas, 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 are demanding compensation from the parties they see as responsible:
warmer nations that have burned oil, gas and coal for decades and created pollution that is dangerously heating the planet.
Across countries and centuries, the idea that if you harm your neighbor's property, you owe reparation is a common notion, found even in the Bible.
But as a legal and practical matter, it has been extraordinarily difficult to apply to climate change. Rich nations and blocs like the United States and the European Union have opposed the idea of explicitly compensating poorer countries for climate disasters already underway.
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A Marathon at Full Strength
New York City's race drew some 50,000 runners and eager crowds on Sunday. A Special Section.

Candidates Make Final Push As GOP Midterm Hopes Grow

Candidates made their closing arguments to voters in key battleground states during a busy final weekend of campaigning before Election Day, as Republicans grew more bullish on their prospects for victory in the battle for Congress.
With voters expressing concern about inflation and disaffection with President Biden's stewardship of the economy, Republicans are heavily favored by opinion polls and by 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 Bonior diminish, with a top Republican official on Sunday suggesting the state was now favoring either independents

After Quarter Billion Dollars, Biden, Putin Aides Held Secret Talks

Parties bet Walker-Warnock contest will determine Senate majority
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 warm 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 with top aides to Mr. Putin, the officials said. 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 signal a settlement of the war in Ukraine, the officials said.
Asked whether Mr. Sullivan has engaged in any face-to-face conversations with Messrs. Gisharov or Patrushev, National Security Council spokesman Adrienne Watson said: "People claim a lot of things," and he

Shoppers Trade Down As Inflation Fears Rise

Many shoppers are trading down to less expensive clothing and accessories — swapping high-end packages for cheap and expensive luggage for cheap gear and pants — as inflation cuts 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., on Monday, says parent Card Holdings Ltd. and Tapestry Inc. will report their third-quarter earnings.
"I'm skipping the splurge this year," said Kate Chesne, who owns a jewelry store in

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 MUIO
Prizma Guitto wanted her picture taken. The typical black-and-white film photo strips all over TikTok caught her eye. During a trip to New York for a concert, she stumbled down a vintage photo booth in a hotel lobby.
The dated technology confused her: the way she had to hold the camera up to her eyes, why she so dark in

Supreme Court Adoption Case May Threaten Tribes' Sovereignty

Are the Navajo a Nation or a Racial Group?

Texas against the U.S. Department of the Interior and five tribes, could turn on whether the Supreme Court finds that the Navajo are a "tribe" for purposes of federal protection, rather than a racial group — a prospect that the tribes find deeply threatening.
"It would put at risk every treaty, every property and political right," said a Navajo spokesman.
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By STEWART KAPLAN
San Francisco, Ms. Chang 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 wardrobe choices from Lululemon, which cost about twice as much. She also canceled a trip to Miami, 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 intend to seek less expensive alternatives this holiday season as a result of inflation, according to a survey by the analyst firm. [Please turn to page A5](#)

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