

What's News

Business & Finance

**China's Cyberspace Administration** is taking a lead role in Beijing's push to strengthen interagency oversight of companies listed overseas, especially those traded in the U.S., and to tighten rules for future foreign listings. **A1**

◆ **Americans are borrowing again**, in some cases at levels not seen in more than a decade, according to credit-reporting firm Equifax. **B1**

◆ **The Biden administration** will push regulators to confront consolidation and perceived anticompetitive pricing in the ocean shipping and railroad industries. **A2**

◆ **U.S. stocks dropped**, with the S&P 500 retreating 0.9% and the Dow and Nasdaq both shedding 0.7%. Treasury yields sank for a fourth day. **B1, B9**

◆ **Stellantis said it plans** to spend more than \$35.5 billion through 2025 to release an array of new electrified vehicles. **B1**

◆ **China's car sales in June** fell 5.1% from a year earlier as a semiconductor shortage continued to crimp auto makers' output world-wide. **B2**

◆ **The EU fined VW and BMW** a total of \$1 billion after finding the auto makers had colluded to impede competition in diesel-emissions systems. **B2**

◆ **Netflix struck a new exclusive deal** with Shonda Rhimes's production company that will expand their relationship beyond TV. **B1**

◆ **Instacart named Facebook veteran** Fidi Simo as its new CEO, as the grocery-delivery firm seeks to expand its business and go public. **B3**

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◆ **Biden mounted an ardent defense** of his decision to end the U.S. military involvement in Afghanistan, standing by the plan amid rapid gains by the insurgent Taliban, signs of strain on the Afghan military and grim forecasts from U.S. military and intelligence officials. **A1**

◆ **Pfizer will seek clearance** from U.S. regulators in coming weeks to distribute a booster shot of its Covid-19 vaccine to heighten protection against infections as new virus strains rise. **A1, A7**

◆ **Children are at extremely slim risk** of dying from Covid-19, according to some of the most comprehensive studies to date, which indicate the threat might be even lower than previously thought. **A6**

◆ **The FDA narrowed the prescribing instructions** for a new Alzheimer's drug, recommending the therapy be given to people with early-stage symptoms of the disease. **A1**

◆ **Haiti's interim prime minister** said his government was intensifying a manhunt following the assassination of the president, arresting several suspects believed to have participated in the killing. **A8**

◆ **New York, Massachusetts and 13 other states** signed on to a settlement with Purdue Pharma and its Sackler family owners, improving chances of court approval for a plan to resolve opioid lawsuits. **A5**

◆ **Michael Avenatti** was sentenced to 2½ years in prison for trying to extort Nike for more than \$20 million, capping the public downfall of the celebrity lawyer. **A3**

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Tokyo Bans Spectators at Olympics as Covid-19 Cases Surge



PRECAUTIONS: The Olympics, which begin July 23, will be off-limits to spectators, organizers said Thursday, after Japan declared a new state of emergency that will continue through the end of the Games due to a rise in Covid-19 cases. **A8**

Pfizer Will Ask U.S. to Clear Booster for Covid-19 Variants

By JOSEPH WALKER

Pfizer Inc. will seek clearance from U.S. regulators in coming weeks to distribute a booster shot of its Covid-19 vaccine to heighten protection against infections as new virus strains rise.

The company also said that it plans to start clinical trials in August of an updated version of its vaccine that would better protect against the Delta variant.

Pfizer and partner BioNTech SE said on Thursday that they will seek authorization for the third shot based on encouraging initial study data.

The companies said the data showed that a booster shot given at least six months after the second dose produced antibodies protective against the original strain of the virus and a more recent strain known as Beta.

The companies said that the antibody levels were five to 10 times higher than after two doses.

The companies said they expect their booster shot to provide similar higher levels of protection against the Delta variant.

In addition, Pfizer and BioNTech said they have begun producing the updated vaccine for testing in people.

"While we believe a third dose of BNT162b2 has the potential to preserve the highest levels [of] protective efficacy against all currently known variants including Delta, we are remaining vigilant," the

companies said, using the code name for their original vaccine.

The moves are the strongest sign to date of vaccine makers' efforts to confront new variants of the virus that have been better able to elude existing shots.

To date, companies have

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◆ **Hospitalizations up as Delta variant spreads.....** **A7**

FDA Narrows Use Of Alzheimer's Drug

By JOSEPH WALKER

U.S. health regulators narrowed the prescribing instructions for the first new Alzheimer's drug in nearly two decades, recommending the therapy be given to people with early-stage symptoms of the disease.

The change recommends use of the drug, Aduhelm from Biogen Inc., be brought in line with the patients on which it was studied.

It could also make it easier for Medicare, the federal insurance program that is expected to pay for most prescriptions, to limit the bill it faces from Aduhelm in coming years by restricting the number of patients who take it.

Biogen disclosed the label change on Thursday.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration, which made the change, initially approved Aduhelm in June for all Alzheimer's patients, rather than the specific group of patients with relatively mild symptoms for whom the drug was designed.

Some doctors and health economists criticized the broad approval, warning it could drive up wasteful Medicare spending by prompting sicker patients to take the medicine despite unlikely benefit.

"Treatment with Aduhelm should be initiated in patients with mild cognitive impairment or mild dementia stage of disease, the population in which

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THE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ISSUE

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China Cyber Agency Takes On Policing Of Overseas Listings

By LINGLING WEI

A powerful agency that China's President Xi Jinping set up during his first term to police the internet is taking on a new role: regulating U.S.-listed Chinese companies.

The Cyberspace Administration of China, which reports to a central leadership group chaired by Mr. Xi, is taking a lead role in Beijing's just-announced push to strengthen interagency oversight of companies listed overseas and to tighten rules for future foreign listings, people with knowledge of the matter said.

Behind the agency's rising clout is a desire to fix a lack of coordination between regulators, which has enabled the kind of mixed messages that preceded the initial public offering of ride-hailing giant Didi Global Inc. in June.

While the cybersecurity regulator sounded alarms to Didi about its network security, the people say, the main economic and financial regulators were largely supportive of the listing. In the absence of being told ex-

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◆ **Heard on the Street: Tech stock connection ends.....** **B10**

The Other 'Greek Freak' In the NBA

Christos Tsaltas has questions; he's up all night to ask

By BEN COHEN

It was late at night in the United States but very early in the morning in Greece, when a reporter named Christos Tsaltas took his customary place in the corner of a Zoom screen and introduced himself to an NBA star.

"Hello, Bam," he said to Bam Adebayo of the Miami Heat. "I would like to ask you..."

This polite greeting is how the league's most prolific interviewer begins most of his questions. And he has a lot of them. Mr. Tsaltas has so much that he would like to ask players that he can't limit himself to one question. "And also..." he says

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Top Master's Degrees Fail to Pay Off

Elite schools push programs that don't yield enough income for graduates to cover loans

By MELISSA KORN AND ANDREA FULLER

Recent film program graduates of Columbia University who took out federal student loans had a median debt of \$181,000.

Yet two years after earning their master's degrees, half of the borrowers were making less than \$30,000 a year.

The Columbia program offers the most extreme example of how elite universities in recent years have awarded thousands of master's degrees that don't provide graduates enough early career earnings to begin paying down their federal student loans, according to a Wall Street Journal analysis of Education Department data.

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Greatness never ends, but evolves

Neo QLED 8K



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## Tokyo no go

### Crowds ban at Olympics

A giant public TV in Tokyo shows a news conference by Yoshihide Suga, Japan's prime minister, yesterday announcing a state of emergency for the city because of rising coronavirus infections.

Suga said restrictions would start on Monday and last until August 22, covering the duration of the Tokyo Olympics. It means that the world's biggest sporting event will take place in front of empty stadiums, and organisers may need a bailout to refund ticket holders.

Japan has so far given a first dose of vaccine to just 27 per cent of its population, leaving a large pool of unvaccinated people among whom the virus could potentially spread.

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Eugene Hoshikawa

# ECB's new 2% inflation target offers room to keep rates at historic lows

◆ First strategy review since 2003 ◆ Break from conservatism ◆ Climate plans outlined

MARTIN ARNOLD — FRANKFURT

The European Central Bank has set a new 2 per cent inflation target and said that it could tolerate temporary moves beyond that point, in a shift that gives policymakers flexibility to keep interest rates at historic lows for longer.

The change, announced yesterday as part of the Frankfurt-based institution's first review of its strategy since 2003, marks an important break with the conservative monetary doctrine of Germany's Bundesbank that formed the bedrock of the euro's creation.

The central bank also revealed plans to tackle climate change risks by tilting its asset purchases and collateral rules away from heavy carbon-emitting companies that are not aligned with the EU's

climate goals. It addressed soaring house prices by promising to incorporate the cost of owning a home into its inflation measure.

After years of failing to lift inflation up to its objective, the ECB has ditched its target of "close to, but below, 2 per cent", which policymakers concluded was too opaque and implied a cap on price growth. The bank said its new target of 2 per cent was symmetric, "meaning negative and positive deviations of inflation from the target are equally undesirable". The new target is a medium-term objective with flexibility to fluctuate in either direction in the short term.

ING economists said that the change meant the ECB was "structurally more dovish". But ECB president Christine Lagarde said: "I don't think we are push-

ing out the level [at which] we would begin tightening."

The key change for investors is the ECB's statement that after a period of persistently low interest rates and inflation expectations, such as in recent years, it may temporarily seek to lift inflation above its target.

"When the economy is operating close to the lower bound on nominal interest rates, it requires especially forceful or persistent monetary policy action to avoid negative deviations from the inflation target becoming entrenched," the ECB said. "This may also imply a transitory period in which inflation is moderately above target."

However, the ECB did not go as far as the US Federal Reserve, which last year formally committed to a flexible aver-



The decision has been described as a 'historic shift for the ECB' and the 'death knell for the Bundesbank tradition'

age inflation target. This means it will aim for price growth to exceed its target to make up for a period of running below it. Lagarde said: "Are we doing average inflation targeting like the Fed? The answer is no, quite squarely."

Konstantin Veit, a portfolio manager at Pimco, said: "The review probably falls short as it doesn't answer the question of how monetary policy can be configured to generate such... inflation targets."

Andrew Kenningham at Capital Economics said that the decision was "a historic shift for the ECB" and "the death knell for the Bundesbank tradition, which has always emphasised the risks of high inflation".

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► **Cairn freezes Indian property in Paris**  
The Scottish oil group has in effect seized Indian state-owned properties in Paris, its latest attempt to force New Delhi to pay \$1.7bn awarded by a Hague tribunal amid a tax dispute. — PAGE 5, LEX, PAGE 16

► **Police kill Haiti assassination suspects**  
Police said they had shot dead four people suspected of assassinating Jovenel Moïse, Haiti's president, and arrested two others after a day of firefighting and heightened tension in Port-au-Prince. — PAGE 4

► **Carmakers fined over EU antitrust rules**  
VW and BMW have been fined €875m for colluding to prevent the deployment of emissions technology. Daimler was dealt with less harshly as it revealed the cartel's existence. — PAGE 6

► **Purdue buoyed as more states back deal**  
The drugmaker has moved closer to exceeding its target to make up for a period of running below it. Lagarde said: "Are we doing average inflation targeting like the Fed? The answer is no, quite squarely."

► **VCs spur record number of 'unicorns'**  
The number of \$1bn "unicorn" start-ups soared in the second quarter, as venture capitalists ramped up their investments following several blockbuster flotations in the US. — REPORT & INSIDE BUSINESS, PAGE 5

► **Zuma begins jail sentence for contempt**  
South Africa's ex-president has been taken into custody to start a prison term for contempt of the country's highest court, ending a stand-off that had challenged the rule of law. — PAGE 4

► **Stellantis lays out four-year electric plan**  
Stellantis, the merged PSA-Fiat Chrysler carmaker, is to spend more than €30bn developing electric cars and software, showing the investments necessary as combustion engines are phased out. — PAGE 6

## Datawatch

### Long road to recovery

Estimated time for employment to reach pre-pandemic levels



Jobless rates are expected to return to pre-pandemic levels in the UK and the US by the end of 2023. This has raised fears over the effect that long-term unemployment could have on people's mental health.



## Declining Treasury yields boost shares of US techs

Plunging US Treasury yields are forcing investors to reposition away from bets on inflation, and propelling shares of fast-growing techs to new records. The S&P 500 has hit eight highs in the past nine trading days and Apple, the index's largest group, hit a peak on Wednesday. A Morgan Stanley portfolio manager said: "The cost of cash is decreasing and people are looking for places to deploy that cash." Report — PAGE 8

# Beijing asked Didi to change location function to protect sensitive state sites

YUAN YANG AND SUN YU — BEIJING

China's Internet regulator requested multiple changes to the mapping function of ride-hailing group Didi's app before its US listing, fearing that it could reveal sensitive government locations, according to two people familiar with the company.

The Cyberspace Administration of China frequently communicated with Didi, making more than 20 requests for changes to the app that Didi implemented, said one of the people.

The CAC did not link the mobile app changes to any requests to delay the initial public offering, the people said. The CAC has issued many rectification notices to companies without taking down their apps. But the regulator announced on Sunday that Didi's ride-hailing app had "problems of seriously

violating laws on collecting and using personal information" and ordered it to be removed from mobile app stores.

The announcement, which came less than a week after the company raised \$4.4bn in the biggest Chinese initial public offering in the US since 2014, caused Didi's stock to plunge and has led to investor lawsuits over the company's disclosure of regulatory risks.

The case reveals how national security and online data have become interlinked priorities for Beijing, which is increasingly worried about the power that large tech platforms wield through their access to users' data. It also highlights the difficulties facing companies trying to comply with often opaque enforcement decisions.

Over the past year, the CAC has issued public warnings to hundreds of apps deemed to have misused personal infor-

mation, but Didi was not one of them.

"Usually there is no clear legal basis when the CAC asks a company to make changes to its app," said one of the people familiar with the matter. "But companies take them extremely seriously."

In its requests to Didi, the CAC wanted changes to the way its app collects and displays mapping information, said the people familiar with the company. When a user opens the app, it suggests popular pick-up points nearby.

The CAC was concerned that this could inadvertently reveal sensitive locations where government personnel worked, said the people. It was unclear whether the regulators made the requests to Didi formally.

Didi did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

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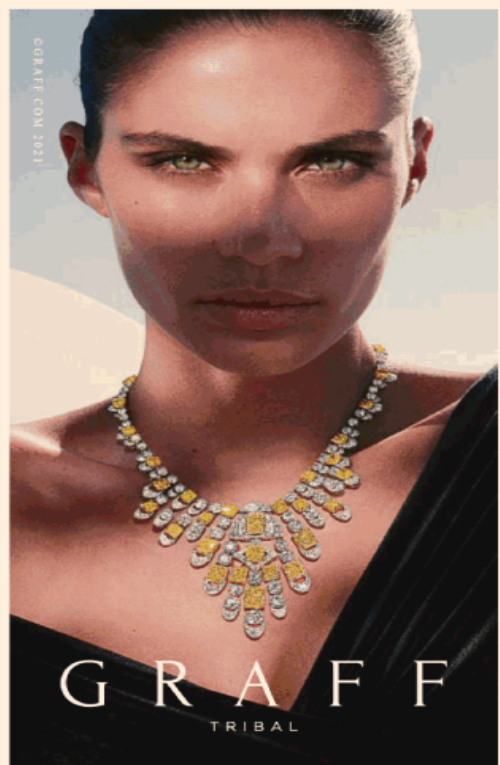
## World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				INTEREST RATES				
	Jul 8	prev	%chg		Jul 8	prev	%chg			price	prev	%chg
S&P 500	4322.72	4358.13	-0.81	\$ per £	1.186	1.180	0.727	0.725	US Gov 10 yr	148.75	1.31	0.00
Nasdaq Composite	14539.43	14685.06	-0.96	\$ per €	1.376	1.378	0.161	1.169	UK Gov 10 yr		-0.31	0.01
Dow Jones Ind	34435.35	34681.29	-0.71	€ per £	0.982	0.986	0.408	129.672	Jpn Gov 10 yr	117.28	0.02	-0.01
FTSEurofirst 300	1743.07	1772.52	-1.66	¥ per \$	109.555	110.080	0.472	81.810	US Gov 30 yr	115.94	1.92	-0.01
Euro Stoxx 50	3989.47	4078.53	-2.18	SPY per £	150.799	152.482	1.054	1.275	US Gov 2 yr	105.78	-0.89	-0.01
FTSE 100	7030.99	7151.02	-1.68	3fr per £	1.083	1.082	0.009	0.848				
FTSE All Share	4019.72	4098.58	-1.91	£ per \$	0.844	0.848	0.472					
CAC 40	6296.73	6527.72	-2.91									
Nikkei Dow	15420.84	15582.71	-1.73									
Hong Kong	27153.13	27960.62	-2.89									
MSCI World \$	3049.66	3042.63	0.23									
MSCI EM \$	1340.88	1348.58	-0.44									
MSCI ACWI \$	724.41	723.35	0.15									

CURRENCIES				COMMODITIES			
	Jul 8	prev	%chg		Jul 8	prev	%chg
Oil WTI \$	72.66	72.20	0.64	Gold \$	1804.69	1809.85	-0.29
Oil Brent \$	73.98	73.43	0.61				

INTEREST RATES				COMMODITIES			
	price	prev	%chg		Jul 8	prev	%chg
US Gov 10 yr	148.75	1.31	0.00	Fed Funds Eff	0.56	0.57	-0.01
UK Gov 10 yr		-0.31	0.01	US 3m Bills	0.55	0.55	0.00
Jpn Gov 10 yr	117.28	0.02	-0.01	Euro Libor 3m	-0.55	-0.55	0.00
US Gov 30 yr	115.94	1.92	-0.01	UK 3m	0.58	0.58	0.00
US Gov 2 yr	105.78	-0.89	-0.01				

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## Power Vacuum As Rivals Duel To Lead Haiti

### Assassination Suspects Include 2 Americans

This article is by **Constant Méheut, Michael Crowley, Natalie Kirsoff, Anatoly Kurmanov and Catherine Porter.**

The political storm in Haiti intensified on Thursday as two competing prime ministers claimed the right to run the country, setting up an extraordinary power struggle over who had the legal authority to govern after the brazen assassination of President Jovenel Moïse in his home the day before.

Haiti's interim prime minister, Claude Joseph, says he has taken command of the police and the army, declaring a "state of siege" that essentially put the country under martial law. But constitutional experts questioned his right to impose it, and his claim to power was quickly challenged by a rival.

Two days before his death, Mr. Moïse had appointed a new prime minister, Ariel Henry, a neurosurgeon who was supposed to take up the role this week and told a local newspaper that he was the rightful prime minister instead.

The dueling claims created a volatile political crisis that left constitutional experts confused and diplomats worried about a broad societal collapse that could ignite violence or prompt Haitians to flee the country en masse, as they have after natural disasters, coups or other periods of deep instability.

"No one understands" what is happening right now, said Lilas Desquiron, a Haitian writer who was culture minister from 2001 to 2004, leaving the nation's 11 million people in a "wait-and-see and powerless position."

Alarmed that Haiti may be approaching a breaking point reminiscent of the surge of Haitian refugees fleeing on boats to Florida after a 1991 coup, American officials quickly sided with the interim prime minister, Mr. Joseph, even though he was supposed to be replaced this week.

Briefing reporters on Thursday, a State Department spokesman, Ned Price, said that Mr. Joseph was "the incumbent" at the time of the assassination and that the United States would continue to work with him "as such." But he added that the United States had also "been in contact with" Mr. Henry, urging all Haitian officials

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A police car transporting two of the men arrested in the assassination of President Jovenel Moïse of Haiti was mobbed on Thursday.

## F.D.A. Reversal Will Limit Drug For Alzheimer's

By **REBECCA ROBBINS**  
and **PAM BELLUCK**

Under fire for approving a questionable drug for all Alzheimer's patients, the Food and Drug Administration on Thursday greatly narrowed its previous recommendation and is now suggesting that only those with mild memory or thinking problems should receive it.

The reversal, highly unusual for a drug that has been available for only a few weeks, is likely to reduce the approximate number of Americans who are eligible for the treatment to 1.5 million from six million.

The approval of Aduhelm early last month was one of the most contentious F.D.A. decisions in years. Groups that represent Alzheimer's patients had intensely lobbied the agency to sign off on the first new drug to treat the disease in 18 years — and the

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## In the Rubble, Entire Branches of the Family Tree

By **AUDRA D. S. BURCH**

**MIAMI** — Just after dawn on that morning that now feels like forever ago, Annette Guara Hurst hurried to her computer. A high-rise condo building had collapsed in a Surfside, Fla., neighborhood familiar to her, and she needed to see the file where she keeps her family's addresses. She scanned the list, looking for her youngest brother, praying that her gut was wrong.

But there it was: 8777 Collins Avenue, the same location of the oceanfront building that had buckled and fallen in the middle of night.

"Oh my God. Oh my God. Oh my God," were the only words Ms.

### Mourning Generations Erased by Collapse

Hurst could muster.

Marcus Joseph Guara, 52, the youngest of the three siblings, lived on the eighth floor, in Unit 802. So did her sister-in-law, Anael Rodriguez, 42. And her 11-year-old and 4-year-old nieces, Lucia and Emma. In that moment, Ms. Hurst had the devastating realization that her brother — and his family — might be gone.

On Tuesday, the family — found beneath the heap of rubble just days after the Champlain Towers South partly collapsed on June 24

— was buried together, the girls sharing a coffin adorned with a pink ribbon and a purple ribbon.

By Thursday afternoon, the death toll had risen to 64, with 40 victims identified. Seventy-six people were still classified as potentially missing.

The time of the disaster — when much of America was asleep — left a particularly cruel legacy: the entire loss of family units. Gone in an instant were parents and their young or adult children, sets of siblings, married couples, grandparents and their grandchildren — leaving their survivors grief-stricken and their family trees with gaping holes.

"The Surfside community will never be the same again," said the

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## In West Michigan, No Forgetting The Two Who Voted to Impeach

By **JONATHAN WEISMAN**

**GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.** — Representative Peter Meijer cites Gerald R. Ford as his inspiration these days, not because the former president held his House seat for 24 years or because his name is all over Grand Rapids — from its airport to its freeway to its arena — but because the freshman congressman has seen what Ford now lost to his political party.

Ford took control after a president resigned rather than be impeached for abusing his power in an attempt to manipulate the outcome of an election.

"It was a period of turmoil," said Mr. Meijer, who was one of 10 Re-

publicans who voted to impeach former President Donald J. Trump for inciting the Jan. 6 Capitol riot. Ford's greatest asset, he added, was "offering — this word is becoming too loaded of late — a sense of morals, moral leadership, a sense of value and centering decency and humility."

"Sometimes when you're surrounded by cacophony, it helps to have someone sitting there who isn't adding another screaming voice onto the pile," Mr. Meijer added.

Six months after the Capitol attack and 53 miles southeast of

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"The three times I had to take my clothes off, I felt like a whip was coming down on me. I felt like my entire body was on fire."

**ASMAA ABDEL HAMID**



"He used his finger to penetrate me. And the officer was watching. It was truly surreal."

**MALAK ELKASHIF**



"The way they had handled and inspected me, I can easily liken it to rape."

**ANONYMOUS**



"The authorities who are supposed to protect us from predators — turns out, they're the ones assaulting us."

**ACTIVIST TURNED JOURNALIST**

## In Egypt, Powerless and Sexually Abused by Agents of the State

This article is by **Mona El-Naggar, Youssuf Al-Hou and Aliza Aufrichtig.**

**CAIRO** — The women were either arrested for speaking out or had gone to the Egyptian authorities to report a crime.

In each case, they said, they were sexually abused by the offi-

cials sworn to protect them.

Whether they are victims of crimes, witnesses or the accused, women who encounter Egypt's criminal justice system risk being taken aside and stripped, groped, prodded and violated.

This treatment is illegal, but in this authoritarian and patriarchal country, there is almost nothing

they can do about it.

The women we interviewed described sexual violations that they said were committed in police stations, prisons and hospitals.

Some occurred during routine searches by the police or prison guards, the women said. Others were carried out by state-employed doctors ordered to conduct

invasive physical exams, including so-called virginity tests.

There is no public data on the number of these incidents, which rights groups say may amount to torture and sexual assault. And women in Egypt rarely report them because sexual assault victims are often shunned and dis-

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### Summer School Has Its Fans

As virus worries ease and more than 200,000 New York City childrens head back into classrooms, many parents say they're feeling a burden lifted.

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### 15 States Agree to Opioid Deal

Massachusetts and New York are among those that signed on to a \$4.5 billion settlement plan by Purdue Pharma and its owners.

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### A Final of Contrasting Styles

The Wimbledon women's singles final will pit the current world No. 1, Ashleigh Barty, against a former No. 1, Karolina Pliskova. And each has had her eye on this for a long time.

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### The Bond Market Chills Out

Although inflation fears have garnered the most attention recently, yields on Treasury bonds are falling, which means the bond market expects the red-hot economy to cool down.

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### 4 Million People Lost to Covid

The World Health Organization's director-general said the toll has risen because of dangerous virus variants and inequities in vaccine access.

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### Arrivederci to a TV Diva

Raffaella Carrà spent five decades beaming into the homes of Italians on television. Public mourning for her has few precedents in Italy.

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### Updating a Teen Drama

A new version of "Gossip Girl," on HBO Max, sashays into a different world — one changed by the #MeToo and Black Lives Matter movements.

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### An Overdue Exhibition

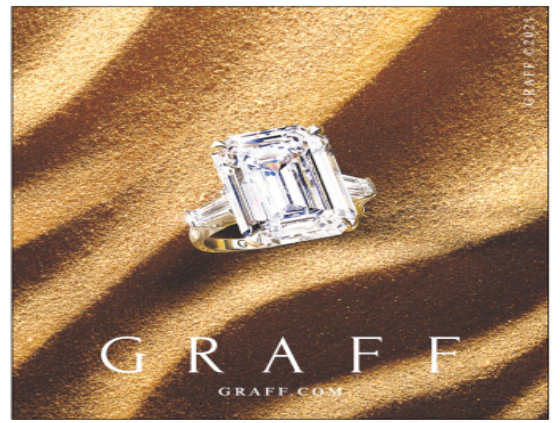
Since the 1960s, the artist Lynn Hershman Leeson has been investigating our relationship with technology and how it shapes us. At 80, she has her first solo museum show in New York.

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### Kara Swisher

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## Retired workers leave a void

Boomers laid off in pandemic are quitting job market, putting the economy at risk.

By DON LEE

WASHINGTON — Even with declining numbers of young Americans entering the job market and the Trump administration's crackdown on immigration, U.S. employers were able to count on the last of the baby boomers to prevent labor shortages and soaring wages.

But the COVID-19 pandemic has hit that long-standing reality like a hand grenade.

And the effects will probably be felt throughout the economy for years to come, in recurrent labor shortages, pressure for higher pay, problems for Social Security and private pension funds, and a host of other areas.

When the health crisis struck early last year, workers of all ages were laid off by the tens of millions. But the result of the pandemic-induced recession is turning out to be vastly different for older workers than for their younger counterparts.

Younger workers — regardless of the federal jobless benefits provided by Washington on a temporary basis — now face strong pressure to resume their interrupted careers relatively quickly. And recent jobs numbers reflect that pressure to get back to work.

Not so among older workers.

In large numbers, many have reassessed their finances and other factors and have concluded that they are about as well off retiring now as they would be going back to work and soldiering on for a few more years. [See Retirement, A9]



L.A. POLICE approach a woman in Venice to ask if she wants shelter. She declined. Sanitation crews early Thursday cleared a portion of an encampment on Ocean Front Walk that has set the city on edge.

Photographs by GENARO MOLINA Los Angeles Times

## Clearing camps, block by block, tent by tent

Remaining stragglers roused in predawn Venice sweep

By BENJAMIN ORESKES AND DOUG SMITH

Ursula was asleep on a beanbag under an umbrella on a patch of sand, just feet from the public bathrooms on Venice Beach when three LAPD officers shined flashlights on her and told her to move. It was just after 2 a.m. Thursday.

She told them she'd been given a hotel room the day before and had come back for the shopping carts teeming with possessions she left behind. But the effort left her too tired to return to the hotel.



THERE IS a Friday deadline to remove structures from the boardwalk's far north portion.

"You're going to have to get up and exit this area," one officer said — as sanitation workers stood off to the side, ready to sort her belongings from trash.

"The park is closed." For more than three hours, a crew of about a dozen Los Angeles sanitation and recreation and parks workers accompanied by several officers from the Los Angeles Police Department went to work on Ocean Front Walk, sweeping up debris from one portion of a homeless encampment that has set Venice on edge for months. [See Venice, A12]

## NEWSOM SEEKS CUT IN WATER USAGE

Californians are asked for 15% reduction as governor expands his drought emergency.

By TARYN LUNA

SACRAMENTO — Gov. Gavin Newsom is asking Californians to voluntarily cut back on water consumption by 15% compared with last year as drought conditions worsen and temperatures continue to rise across the western United States.

The governor on Thursday also expanded his regional drought state of emergency to apply to 50 California counties, or roughly 42% of the state's population.

"We're hopeful that people will take that mindset they brought into the last drought and extend that forward with a 15% voluntary reduction, not only on residences but industrial commercial operations and agricultural operations," Newsom said at a news conference in San Luis Obispo County.

With the recall election two months away, the governor has refrained from issuing a state of emergency for all of California or mandating water restrictions as drought covers the state. Standing before Lopez Lake, where the reservoir is at less than 35% capacity, Newsom encouraged people to take "common sense" measures, such as watering lawns less, fixing leaks on their properties and taking shorter showers. He underscored that water reduction. [See Consumption, A7]

## TOKYO OLYMPICS

## The 'Pandemic Games' will be marked by the sound of silence

With Tokyo in state of emergency, the Olympics will take place without crowds.

By DAVID WHARTON

The Tokyo Olympics made history last year when they were postponed until this summer because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Now comes another unfortunate first.

Facing a surge in coronavirus cases in the Japanese capital, the government has declared a new state of emergency beginning next week and officials confirmed Thursday what had been suspected for months — the Summer Games will proceed for the first time with no spectators allowed in the stands.

The sound of silence in empty stadiums and arenas will unarguably diminish the massive sports competition, said the International Olympic Committee, organizers and government officials in a joint statement that offered "regret for the athletes and for the spectators that this measure had to be put in place."

"I'm a little bit heartbroken," U.S. diver Krysta Palmer said. "I also feel heartbroken for Tokyo and the country of Japan. It's tough for them not being able to hold a normal Olympics."

Tokyo officials previously had suggested they would not move forward without fans but changed their

[See Olympics, A4]



JOSEPH ODELYN Associated Press

## ARRESTS IN HAITI

Protesters in Port-au-Prince decry the assassination of President Jovenel Moïse. Six suspects, two with U.S. links, are in custody. WORLD, A5

## Biden rejects role in protracted war

President rebuffs critics of Afghanistan pullout, noting the U.S. achieved its goal of killing Osama bin Laden. WORLD, A4

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Even if the Dodgers pitcher isn't charged, he may draw a long suspension, based on past cases. SPORTS, B10

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Mostly sunny. L.A. Basin: 89/69. B6



'Southern California is the hardest place to fight fire. It's not for the faint of heart.'

— JUSTINE GUDE



GINA FERRAZI Los Angeles Times

FOREST SERVICE firefighters Nick Browne, left, and Justine Gude deploy a hose pack at the Oak Flat Fire Station in the Angeles National Forest.

## Changing landscape puts fire crews under pressure

Heat, drought make for 'a whole year of summer'

By HAYLEY SMITH

At Oak Flat Fire Station in the Angeles National Forest, veteran firefighters are already getting a bad feeling about this year.

There has been so little rain, and rising temperatures caused by climate change have made the landscape drier than they've ever seen — ready to combust with the smallest spark.

They've watched the rugged mountains of the forest around the Castaic sta-

tion change before their eyes, from a place of seasons to a place that seems like it is in perpetual summer. And with homes encroaching farther into the terrain each year, there are more people in harm's way. The firefighters' readiness and anxiety now hang in the air, as thick as the dead, dry brush clinging to the surrounding hillsides.

"My first winter here, I was burning piles in thigh-deep snow," said Christian Bauzo, a firefighter who has been with the Forest Service for 15 years. "Now it's like, 'What winter?'" [See Fires, A7]

**BUSINESS INSIDE:** New solar farm could save water as well as generate clean energy. A8



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## Study stresses variant threat

Scientists emphasize need for both shots, speedy global vaccination

BY JOEL ACHENBACH

New laboratory research on the swiftly spreading delta variant of the coronavirus is highlighting the threats posed by viral mutations, adding urgency to calls to accelerate vaccination efforts across the planet.

A peer-reviewed report from scientists in France, published Thursday in the journal *Nature*, found that the delta variant has mutations that allow it to evade some of the neutralizing antibodies produced by vaccines or by a natural infection. A single shot of a two-dose vaccine "barely" offers any protection, researchers reported.

But the experiments found that fully vaccinated people — with the recommended regimen of two shots of the Pfizer-BioNTech or AstraZeneca vaccine — should retain significant protection against the delta variant. That echoes another report written by a collaboration of scientists in the United States and published Wednesday in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

The bottom line is that, in a time when the delta variant is rapidly gaining traction — it now accounts for a majority of new infections in the United States, according to the latest estimate from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention — full vaccination offers a much better firewall against infection than partial vaccination.

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The delta variant: What to know and how to protect yourself. A6



A crowd on Thursday surrounds a police car transporting two armed men arrested in Petion-Ville, a suburb of Port-au-Prince, Haiti. A Haitian official said at least three suspects in the assassination of President Jovenel Moïse early Wednesday had been killed.

## 2 U.S. citizens among Haiti suspects

Pair were among 17 detained in connection with the president's assassination, officials say

BY WIDLORE MERANCOURT, ANTHONY FAIOLA AND SHAWN BOBURG

PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI — Haitian authorities on Thursday escalated their hunt for what one official called the "intellectual authors" behind the assassination of President Jovenel Moïse, saying they had detained several suspects — including two U.S. citizens — as they tried to keep the capital from descending into vigilante justice.

Firefights between alleged suspects and police continued Thursday not far from the Pelerin 5 neighborhood in the hills above Port-au-Prince where Moïse was killed and his wife, Martine, was seriously wounded early Wednesday. The assassination of the

53-year-old president has deepened the spiraling political crisis in this impoverished Caribbean nation.

Two U.S. citizens of Haitian descent, identified as James Solages, 35, and Joseph Vincent, 55, are among those arrested, according to Mathias Pierre, Haiti's minister of elections and interparty relations. At least three suspects had been killed, authorities said, while 17 had been detained and eight others remained on the run. Officials had earlier said that four of the suspects had been killed. Other than the Haitian Americans, officials said all other suspects were believed to be Colombian nationals.

As of Thursday evening, officials had not provided evidence of the detainees' alleged involvement in the assassination, and ques-

tions remained about who launched the attack and why. Authorities showed images on national television of the detained men, bound, brooding and disheveled on the floor of Haiti's national police headquarters in the capital. Displayed on a nearby table was a cache of weapons authorities said they had seized, including assault rifles and machetes, as well as a tableau of the men's passports.

The mysterious plot against Moïse was reaching beyond Haiti's borders. Colombian authorities confirmed late Thursday that at least some of the suspects were former members of the Colombian army, saying they had

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## Biden defends Afghan pullout

SPEAKS AS TALIBAN GAINS GROUND

Final exit set for Aug. 31; local helpers to be moved

BY CLEVE R. WOOTSON JR., DAN LAMOTHE AND JOHN WAGNER

President Biden on Thursday forcefully rejected criticism that his decision to pull U.S. troops out of Afghanistan had left the country spiraling toward civil war or headed for an inevitable Taliban takeover, saying hurdles were to be expected and did not undermine the case for withdrawal.

In his first speech on the issue since announcing the decision in April, Biden also pledged to relocate thousands of Afghan interpreters who served alongside U.S. troops and now fear for their lives and the safety of their families, adding that some relocation flights would begin as early as this month.

Biden's remarks at the White House came as the rapid disintegration of security in Afghanistan, and sweeping gains by the Taliban, threatened to hinder the president's desire to make a clean break with a two-decade war that has cost trillions of dollars and killed about 2,400 U.S. service members.

Last week, the United States transferred Bagram air base, its most important airfield in Afghanistan, to Afghan forces, a near-final step in the withdrawal that Biden now says will be completed by Aug. 31, the most specific date he's given so far.

Biden said that he and his advisers had anticipated that difficult

SEE AFGHANISTAN ON A8

## White House is painted into an ethics conundrum

BY MATT VISER

White House officials have helped craft an agreement under which purchases of Hunter Biden's artwork — which could be listed at prices as high as \$500,000 — will be kept confidential from even the artist himself, in an attempt to avoid ethical issues that could arise as a presidential family member tries to sell a product with a highly subjective value.

Under an arrangement negotiated in recent months, a New York gallery owner is planning to set prices for the art and will withhold all records, including potential bidders and final buyers. The owner, Georges Bergès, has also agreed to reject any offer

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## Lazing on the queen's lawn



For the first time during her reign, Queen Elizabeth II will allow the public to picnic on the lawn of Buckingham Palace in London. The opportunity will last through the summer. Story, A12

## Bitcoin miners like Tex. — and its power system

Low prices, incentives to cut use during crunches luring more to the state

BY DALVIN BROWN

ROCKDALE, TEX. — Chad Harris, the CEO of Whinstone, the operator of the largest crypto "mine" in North America, remembers one of the last times Texas's electrical power problem became his electrical power problem.

It was a Wednesday in June, and evening temperatures were hovering around 94 degrees — far higher than the state normally experiences at that time of year. Texans were cranking up their air conditioners, and the state's grid, which infamously failed for days during a cold snap in February, was straining.

"We just got a text saying, 'The power grid needs support. Please curtail now,'" Harris said while standing outside the company's mining center at an old Alcoa aluminum facility about six miles outside this Central Texas town. Instantly, Whinstone's system went offline. The tens of thousands of computer servers that spin away generating bitcoin inside three long buildings simply stopped. "With the flip of a switch, we turned this off," Harris said.

In the world of crypto mining, having all your computers shut down at once, and stay down for hours, as they did in June, sounds like a disaster. Crypto miners worldwide compete with one another to generate the computer code that results in the production of a single bitcoin, and the algorithm that governs bitcoin's production allows only 6.25 bitcoin to be produced every 10 minutes.

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## Salvador Mazza, la Ciudad Juárez argentina

Viaje al corazón de la zona considerada una de las más peligrosas en el límite entre la Argentina y Bolivia, donde todos los delitos cruzan sus caminos. **Página 24**



## ZEBALLOS, EN LA FINAL DE DOBLES DE WIMBLEDON

—deportes

Mañana jugará la definición en el All England junto al español Granollers; fin de un paréntesis de 30 años sin jugadores de nuestro país en esta instancia. **Página 6**

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## La Ciudad flexibiliza los eventos culturales y las reuniones

**COVID.** Rodríguez Larreta dijo que la baja de contagios permite reducir las restricciones; la Casa Rosada extenderá el DNU

Matías Moreno  
LA NACION

El jefe de gobierno porteño, Horacio Rodríguez Larreta, anunció ayer nuevas flexibilizaciones de las restricciones sanitarias que se aplican en la ciudad de Buenos Aires. Las medidas, que incluyen la habilitación de encuentros de hasta diez personas en lugares al aire libre en domicilios particulares y de eventos culturales en espacios abiertos de hasta 1000 personas, rigen a partir de hoy.

Para justificar el nuevo esquema de aperturas, el alcalde porteño argumentó que la baja de casos de coronavirus se consolidó durante las últimas semanas en la Capital. Por el contrario, el gobierno nacional extendió tres semanas las restricciones al ingreso de 600 personas por día como máximo en vuelos internacionales.

“El promedio de casos nuevos por día bajó de 2500 a 1100”, remarcó Larreta, durante una conferencia en la sede de la administración porteña, en Parque Patricios. Además, destacó que en la ciudad, la ocupación de camas de terapia intensiva del sector público “pasó del 81% al 43%”. Tras repasar los indicadores epidemiológicos, Larreta anunció que a partir de hoy se permitirán las reuniones de hasta 20 personas en espacios públicos. También quedan habilitados los encuentros dentro de domicilios particulares y en lugares comunes de edificios, de hasta diez personas, siempre que sean en espacios al aire libre. También se va a admitir el uso de los espacios comunes en hoteles, con 30% de aforo. Continúa en la página 2

### LOS CAMBIOS

#### Encuentros sociales

Se habilitan las reuniones de hasta 20 personas en el espacio público. En los domicilios particulares, autorizaron los encuentros de hasta 10 personas al aire libre.

#### Eventos culturales

Un máximo de 1000 personas, a partir de agosto.

#### Oficinas

Hasta 30% de su capacidad.

## Vacunados vip: para la Justicia, no hubo delito

Archivaron casi toda la causa por entender que no se violó la ley. **Página 4**

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**MERCOSUR.** El Presidente acusó de “cortarse solos” a sus pares de Brasil y Uruguay por la baja de aranceles y los acuerdos fuera del bloque

La reunión de presidentes del Mercosur terminó ayer por ratificar las profundas diferencias que atraviesa el bloque en torno al grado de apertura comercial que propone cada uno de sus miembros.

Sin nombrarlos, el presidente Alberto Fernández acusó a Luis Lacalle Pou (Uruguay) y Jair Bol-

sonaro (Brasil) de “cortarse solos” con sus propuestas para reducir los aranceles.

A su turno, Bolsonaro criticó la falta de avances en el Mercosur durante la presidencia *pro tempore* de la Argentina y Lacalle Pou ratificó que buscará acuerdos por fuera del bloque. **Página 12**

## Bolivia acusó a Macri de haber apoyado la caída de Evo Morales

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## Acampe en la avenida 9 de Julio

**política**— Organizaciones piqueteras no oficialistas hicieron ayer una jornada nacional de protesta, que incluyó un acampe en la 9 de Julio, que provocó caos de tránsito. Recién se levantó a última hora. **Página 14**



RODRIGO NÉSPOLO

## Selección. Viaje a la intimidad de Messi, la ilusión que vive en una burbuja

El capitán busca en la Copa América el título que le falta: campeón con la Argentina

Desde el primer entrenamiento en Ezeiza, el 26 de mayo, un grupo de cien personas trabajó enfocado en dos consignas: mantener a rajatabla los protocolos sanitarios y ganar la Copa América. La primera obligó a extremar los cuidados de

una travesía que incluyó paradas en Río de Janeiro, Brasilia, Cuiabá y Goiânia, antes de regresar a Río, el destino final. Para lograr la segunda, apenas falta un partido, la gran final de mañana en el Maracanã ante Brasil, el favorito. Con-

centrados en Barra de Tijuca, los jugadores se encolumnan detrás del liderazgo de Messi, que jugará su quinta final con la Argentina. Él, como nadie, busca el único título que le falta en su vitrina: campeón con la selección. **Deportes**



## Eleição é de novo alvo de ameaças do presidente

Jair Bolsonaro fez ontem novas ameaças em relação ao pleito de 2022, quando deve disputar a reeleição. "Ou fazemos eleições limpas no Brasil ou não temos eleições", disse o presidente a apoiadores. Poder A7

**Caguei para a CPI [da Covid]**  
Jair Bolsonaro  
em live ontem A9

# Reprovação de Bolsonaro vai a 51% e bate novo recorde

Maioria vê presidente desonesto, falso, despreparado, autoritário e pró-ricos, aponta Datafolha

A reprovação a Jair Bolsonaro atingiu 51%, maior índice nos 13 levantamentos do Datafolha desde que o presidente assumiu o governo, em janeiro de 2019. A pesquisa foi feita nos dias 7 e 8, com 2.074 pessoas. A margem de erro é de dois pontos.

Na rodada anterior, realizada em 11 e 12 de maio, Bolsonaro tinha seu governo avaliado como ruim ou péssimo por 45% dos entrevistados. Já a avaliação positiva do presidente, que havia atingido seu pior nível com 24% em março, ficou estável.

A piora de desempenho ocorre em segmentos que viam a gestão como regular, em período marcado por acusações de corrupção no Ministério da Saúde, pela atuação da CPI da Covid e pelos primeiros dias nacionais de protestos da oposição.

A imagem presidencial é predominantemente negativa em todos os índices aferidos. Para a maior parte dos brasileiros, Bolsonaro é desonesto, falso, incompetente, despreparado, indeciso, autoritário, favorece os ricos e mostra pouca inteligência.

A popularidade só não caiu entre os mais ricos (acima de 5 salários mínimos de renda familiar mensal). Poder A4 e A6

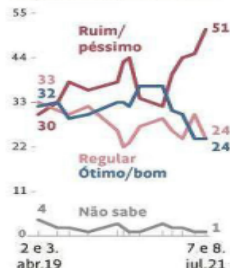
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Denúncias minam último bastião presidencial A6



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## Avaliação de Bolsonaro

Resposta estimulada e única, em %



## Maioria vê presidente como...

Resposta estimulada e única, em %



Fonte: Pesquisa Datafolha presencial com 2.074 pessoas com 16 anos ou mais nos dias 7 e 8 de julho. A margem de erro máxima é de dois pontos percentuais para mais ou para menos

## ARTISTAS FAZEM GRAFITE EM TAPUMES QUE CERCAM AS OBRAS DO MUSEU DO IPIRANGA

Grafito em ação no entorno do museu, que fez parceria com o Instituto Cidades Invisíveis para renovar as pinturas das barreiras de proteção da reforma

## MÔNICA BERGAMO

### Lewandowski ataca debate de regime semipresidencial

O magistrado chamou a ideia, proposta por colegas de Supremo e pelo ex-presidente Michel Temer, de inoportuna e a comparou à discussão pró-parlamentarismo antes da posse de João Goulart. Ilustrada B11



Pedestres perto do Estádio Olímpico de Tóquio Christopher Xue/Xinhua

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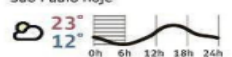
Sobre avaliação de Bolsonaro, segundo o Datafolha.

### Haiti em transe

Acerca de assassinato do presidente daquele país.

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São Paulo hoje



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### Não vai ter público

Após um novo estado de emergência ser decretado devido ao avanço da Covid, o governo japonês vetou a presença de torcedores nas arenas de Tóquio durante a Olimpíada.

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## Sem concorrência, grupo de MT leva rota que escoou soja

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## População com 18 anos ou mais\*

	ao menos uma dose	totalmente vacinada
Brasil	52,0%	18,3%
MS	66,5%	33,7%
RS	58,7%	23,3%
ES	58,2%	21,3%



	1ª	2ª	única
Total de doses aplicadas	81,9 mil	27,6 mil	1,8 mil
1º SP	21,1 mil	6,4 mil	610,1 mil
2º MG	7,7 mil	2,8 mil	62 mil
3º RJ	6,2 mil	2,2 mil	104,5 mil

	Casos	Óbitos
Total	19,0 mil	530,3 mil
Méd. móvel	48,7 mil	1.451
Variação**	-36,9%	-22,5%
Em 24 h	53,8 mil	1.733



Brasil  
Estável  
Dados das 20h de 8 jul. \*Ao menos uma dose: tomou dose única ou 1ª dose. Totalmente vacinada: tomou dose única ou 2ª dose. \*\*Em relação a 14 dias

## Planalto torce por racha depois de prisão na CPI

Auxiliares de Jair Bolsonaro veem arbitrariedade na prisão do ex-diretor do Ministério da Saúde Roberto Ferreira Dias e esperam um racha na CPI da Covid. Senadores apoiaram publicamente o presidente da comissão, Omar Aziz (PSD-AM). Poder A9

## Governo exonera diretor da Saúde acusado de ter autorizado reverendo a negociar doses

## Haiti prende mais suspeitos de assassinar Moïse

Autoridades do Haiti prenderam mais suspeitos de terem assassinado o presidente Jovenel Moïse. Com as novas prisões, o número de capturados chegou a seis, entre os quais estão pelo menos dois cidadãos americanos, segundo um ministro do país. Mundo A13

## Variante pode 'driblar' anticorpos de vacinados

Em estudo publicado na Nature, a variante delta mostrou resistência maior que outras mutações à neutralização dos anticorpos de quem se vacinou ou teve a doença. Em SP, especialistas divergem sobre antecipar segunda dose para frear a cepa. Saúde B1

## PMs iniciaram tumulto que matou nove em Paraisópolis em 2019, indica inquérito

## Mudar IR elevaria carga de empresas, diz levantamento

Segundo cálculos do IBPT, proposta do governo aumentaria a tributação de médias e grandes empresas em até 71,5%, pelo lucro real. Especialista vê "pegadinhas" no texto e afirma que objetivo é jogar opinião pública contra os empresários. Mercado A16





Desde el lunes 12, el vacunatorio en el ex Aratirí estará abierto las 24 horas

## Desde el martes 13 vacunan a los de 35 años en adelante

En cinco días Salud inmunizó a más de 219 mil personas. Unos 80 mil menores con enfermedades de base podrán ser inmunizados. Este fin de semana no hay vacunación.

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Presentan denuncia penal contra Hugo Javier, quien dice que las obras se hicieron

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# Les drones au cœur des nouvelles stratégies militaires

De la Libye au Haut-Karabakh, les aéronefs téléguidés ont montré leur capacité à modifier les rapports de force sur le champ de bataille. L'armée française veut rattraper son retard.

Il y a eu l'attaque contre l'entreprise pétrolière saoudienne Aramco en 2019, l'élimination du général iranien Soleimani en Irak l'an dernier, la résistance du gouver-

nement libyen soutenue par la Turquie contre le général Haftar, l'offensive azerbaïdjanaise à coups de « frappes saturantes » contre les forces arméniennes au Haut-Kara-

bakh à l'automne dernier... Sur tous les terrains de conflit, le recours aux drones « s'accroît et s'accélère », constate la ministre des Armées, Florence Parly. Léger,

parfois furtif, utilisé pour le renseignement ou pour des frappes en escadrilles, le drone lance de nouveaux défis aux États, sur les champs de bataille comme dans la lutte

antiterroriste. La France, qui avait tardé à prendre ce virage stratégique amorcé dès les années 2000, compte décupler ses capacités au cours des deux prochaines années.

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Protocoles sanitaires renforcés, personnels vaccinés, jauges de passagers réduites, navires plus respectueux de la nature et tarifs attractifs : les compagnies rassurent une clientèle, souvent de dernière minute, qui est au rendez-vous. **PAGE 26**

**L'exécutif veut amplifier les aides à la formation des jeunes**

La ministre du Travail, Élisabeth Borne, a dressé jeudi un bilan positif du plan d'aide d'urgence mis en place il y a un an pour éviter l'explosion du chômage des jeunes. Malgré tout, le taux d'emploi des moins de 25 ans reste très faible. Emmanuel Macron devrait annoncer prochainement l'élargissement de la Garantie jeunes, un dispositif d'accès à l'emploi qui a fait ses preuves auprès des décrocheurs.

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**ÉDITORIAL** par Jacques-Olivier Martin [jomartin@lefigaro.fr](mailto:jomartin@lefigaro.fr)

## Travaillez jeunesse...

En France, 20 ans n'a jamais été le plus bel âge de la vie pour travailler. Pas plus aujourd'hui qu'hier. Les 9 milliards d'euros déversés par les pouvoirs publics depuis près de douze mois pour soutenir l'apprentissage, le recrutement des moins de 25 ans en CDI ou CDD ont certes évité l'explosion du chômage des jeunes pendant cette crise. Mais ils n'ont en aucun cas guéri la France de son incapacité à donner du travail à sa jeunesse. Ce mal français est une réalité que deux chiffres illustrent bien mieux qu'un long discours : le chômage des moins de 25 ans est 5 points supérieur à la moyenne européenne et le taux d'emploi y est 5 points inférieur. Autrement dit, les jeunes sont moins nombreux à entrer sur le marché du travail qu'ailleurs, et ceux qui se lancent dans le grand bain ont plus de mal à trouver un job (sept ans en moyenne pour décrocher un CDI...) qu'en Allemagne, en Angleterre, aux Pays-Bas...

Alors que faire ? Dépenser des milliards en emplois aidés ? Créer un RSA jeune comme la gauche l'appelle de ses vœux ? Assurément non. Le traitement social et l'assistanat n'ont

jamais démontré leur efficacité. En matière d'emploi, mieux vaut apprendre à pêcher que de se contenter d'attendre son poisson.

Pour y parvenir, il est plus que temps de se retrancher les manches... Collectivement bien entendu. L'amélioration de l'emploi des jeunes ne peut être obtenue que si les entreprises et l'école travaillent main dans la main. Le

**Le traitement social et l'assistanat sont inefficaces**

meilleur exemple est l'apprentissage qui débouche sur un métier et une embauche pour 80 % des bénéficiaires. Il faut aller plus loin, accélérer dans ce domaine. De même, quitte à bousculer le modèle français, ne faut-il pas rapprocher l'université des entreprises pour proposer des formations vers les métiers les plus recherchés ? Gagner cette bataille, c'est offrir à la jeunesse de l'espoir et cette confiance indispensable pour construire une vie. C'est aussi l'une des réponses (avec la réforme des retraites) au « travailler plus », nécessaire pour assurer la prospérité de notre pays, demain, bientôt, dans vingt ans... ■

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# Easing of quarantine rules opens summer travel to 100 countries

Changes benefit people living in England, but not Britons resident abroad

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Ministers opened the door yesterday for travellers from England to enjoy summer holidays in more than 100 countries – but millions of Britons

living overseas will still be forced to quarantine if they come to the UK.

The rule change for amber list countries, which will take effect from 19 July, could open up popular tourist destinations such as France, Spain, Portugal and Greece to holidaymakers, though countries can impose their own quarantine rules on people arriving from England.

Airlines reported a surge in flight bookings from the UK yesterday. EasyJet said bookings to amber destinations had risen by 400% and British Airways said website

traffic had almost doubled after the announcement, with Spain and the US becoming the most searched-for destinations.

Many younger adults will miss out on overseas summer breaks, however. The government aims to have offered two vaccinations – with an eight-week gap – to all over-18s by mid-September. Ministers hope the travel announcement will spur reticent people into getting vaccines.

Although the transport secretary, Grant Shapps, said UK travellers would be able to “visit their family

## New alert over test and trace

Warning that the £22bn system risks being overwhelmed by surging Covid infections when restrictions are lifted in England on 19 July

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and friends who they’ve not seen for such a long time”, the government said it would not accept any proof of vaccination apart from the NHS app or certificate. Around 5.5 million Britons are resident abroad.

Shapps said travellers should still expect delays and disruption and that “travel will not be the same as it was”, warning that checks at the border would mean longer waits.

The move brought complaints from UK citizens living abroad who have been vaccinated in their countries of



## Taliban on march as UK troops head home

Emma Graham-Harrison  
Kabul

As Boris Johnson announced the end of Britain’s military mission in Afghanistan, Taliban fighters pressed in on the capital of Helmand province, once centre of the UK presence.

Militants are less than a mile from Lashkar Gah, now also home to tens of thousands of people who fled the fighting or Taliban rule across the rest of the province, local officials said.

“There is no security in Lashkar Gah, the situation is quite dangerous,” Abdul Majid Akhundzada, a member of the Helmand provincial council, told the Guardian. “All the districts have either fallen, or the fight is continuing. The government is in a weak, defensive position.”

Helmand has 14 districts, and only Lashkar Gah is still largely under control of government forces. Troops loyal to Kabul also hold the centres of four districts, Kajaki, Nad Ali, Marjah and Garmsir, and have isolated army bases in some areas including Sangin, but these have



Gareth Southgate  
‘I couldn’t be prouder to be an Englishman’

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## Mini pill on sale over counter for first time

Rachel Hall

More than a million women will be able to buy the contraceptive pill over the counter for the first time in 60 years after a landmark ruling from the UK’s drug regulator.

After a brief consultation with a pharmacist, two brands of progesterone-only “mini pills” will be available without a prescription for as little as £7.30 a month from the end of July, making them accessible to a much wider range of women and girls. The pills contain desogestrel, a synthetic progesterone that inhibits ovulation and prevents fertilisation by thickening the cervical mucus and thinning the uterus lining.

The decision was welcomed as “good news for

