

## What's News

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**TikTok owner ByteDance** put on hold indefinitely its intentions to list offshore earlier this year after Chinese government officials told the social-media company to focus on addressing data-security risks. **A1**

◆ **Broadcom is in talks** to buy SAS in a deal that would value the closely held software firm in the range of \$15 billion to \$20 billion on an enterprise basis. **A1**

◆ **The Dow, S&P 500** and Nasdaq hit records, gaining 0.4%, 0.3% and 0.2%, respectively, as investors looked ahead to the corporate earnings season. **B9**

◆ **Boeing faces** a new production problem that has surfaced with its 787 Dreamliner, which is likely to further delay deliveries of the wide-body jets. **B1**

◆ **Some economists say** the so-called secular forces that helped keep inflation low for the past few decades have begun to reverse in ways the pandemic has intensified. **A2**

◆ **Major U.S. banks** such as JPMorgan and Citigroup are expected this week to report second-quarter profit gains, in a U-turn from a year ago. **B1**

◆ **Virgin Galactic** shares had their worst performance in more than a year after the space-tourism company said it could sell as much as \$500 million in stock. **B1, B4**

◆ **The EU** put on hold a proposed digital levy after G-20 finance chiefs endorsed an overhaul of the rules for taxing international companies. **A2**

### World-Wide

◆ **Cuba's Communist** government stepped up efforts to quell protesters and activists, cutting off most communications with the outside world, deploying security forces across the country and arresting more than 100 people, many of whose whereabouts remain unknown, activists said. **A1, A8**

◆ **The Trump Organization** removed longtime finance chief Allen Weisselberg as an officer at some of its subsidiaries, after prosecutors accused him and the company of a 15-year tax-fraud scheme. **A6**

◆ **The top U.S. commander** in Afghanistan stepped down from the post, marking a symbolic end to the American role in the war in that country. **A7**

◆ **A fast-moving fire** in Oregon forced hundreds of evacuations and threatened power-transmission lines to California. **A3**

◆ **The FDA** warned that the J&J Covid-19 vaccine is linked to a very small incidence of cases of a rare neurological disorder associated with other shots. **A3**

◆ **The U.K. confirmed** plans to drop almost all coronavirus restrictions in England next week, while urging citizens to keep taking precautions against infection. **A9**

◆ **A Jordanian court** convicted two men for sedition over an alleged plot to replace King Abdullah II with former Crown Prince Hamzah bin Hussein. **A18**

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## Running Tesla? 'I Rather Hate It,' Says Musk at Trial



**BIG WHEEL:** In Delaware Chancery Court on Monday, Tesla CEO Elon Musk defended a deal to combine the auto maker with SolarCity. The plaintiffs allege the deal was a scheme to benefit Mr. Musk and bail out the home-solar company. Mr. Musk testified he 'would much prefer to spend my time on design and engineering' than running the company. **B1**

## Broadcom in Talks to Acquire Software Firm SAS Institute

By CARA LOMBARDO AND DANA CIMILLUCA

Broadcom Inc. is in talks to buy SAS Institute Inc., according to people familiar with the matter, in the latest move by the acquisitive technology giant to beef up in the corporate-software market.

A deal, which would value closely held SAS in the range of \$15 billion to \$20 billion, could be finalized in the coming weeks, assuming the talks don't fall apart, the people said. That number is so-called enterprise value, some of the people said, which typically

includes assumed debt and is adjusted for cash on the target's balance sheet.

Broadcom has a market value of nearly \$200 billion after its shares have risen around 50% over the past year.

Broadcom, a semiconductor powerhouse built largely through acquisitions, has been on the hunt for more deals since former President Donald Trump blocked its quest to buy rival Qualcomm Inc. in 2018, citing security risks. Broadcom has since moved its headquarters from Singapore to the U.S.

Broadcom Chief Executive Hock Tan has been focused on diversifying beyond the company's core chip business and pushing into the lucrative software arena. In 2018, he struck a roughly \$19 billion deal to buy software firm CA Technologies, formerly Computer Associates. The following year, Broadcom agreed to buy Symantec Corp.'s so-called enterprise business for about \$10.7 billion.

Cary, N.C.-based SAS sells analytics, business-intelligence and data-management software. It traces its roots back to the 1960s, when uni-

versities teamed up to analyze troves of agricultural data through a program called the Statistical Analysis System, according to its website. Incorporated in 1976, the company now has more than 12,000 employees and customers around the world. It is still run by co-founders Jim Goodnight and John Sall.

Big technology firms have been laser-focused on expanding software businesses, with Salesforce.com Inc. agreeing last year to buy messaging company Slack Technologies Inc. for \$27.7 billion and Mi-

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## Cuba Moves Against Protesters

By JOSÉ DE CORDOBA AND SANTIAGO PÉREZ

Cuba's Communist government stepped up efforts to quell protesters and activists on Monday, cutting off most communications with the outside world, deploying security forces across the country and arresting more than 100 people, many of whose whereabouts remain unknown, activists said.

Well-known dissidents and civil-rights activists are among those detained by Cuban authorities in the aftermath of unprecedented nationwide protests that shook Cuba on Sunday. They included visual artist Luis Manuel Otero, poet Amaury Pacheco and José Daniel Ferrer, the leader of Cuba's most important opposition group, human-rights organization.

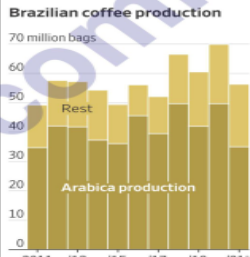
"For the first time ever, authorities deployed anti-riot equipment. Last night, police used rubber bullets and tear gas," said Ángel Rodríguez, a 31-year-old human-rights activist in Havana. Anti-riot vehicles were parked near the legendary Revolution Square, where the Communist government organizes massive parades, he said.

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## Higher Coffee Prices Brewing

Brazil's drought is taking a toll on coffee production, sending prices up globally. **B1**



\*Figures for 2021 are forecasts.  
Note: Coffee marketing years run October to September.  
Source: USDA

## Governments Pile Up Debt, Testing New Limits

Vast savings permit nations to borrow heavily at low interest cost

By MARCUS WALKER AND PETER LANDERS

The pandemic has pushed global government debt to the highest level since World War II, surpassing the world's annual economic output. Governments, especially in rich countries, are borrowing still more, partly to erase the damage of Covid-19.

Advocates say the spending, also encouraged by new economic thinking about debt, could usher in a period of robust global growth, reversing the malaise many wealthy countries have felt this century. But if those theories are off-base, the world could be saddled with debts that can be absorbed only via inflation, high taxes or even default.

Either way, the combination of huge debt and markets' lack of concern is unprecedented. The U.S. government is on course for

a budget deficit of \$3 trillion for the second year in a row. Despite that and fears of inflation, 10-year Treasury bonds are yielding only around 1.33%, partly because of the Federal Reserve's caution about raising its interest rates.

Japan's central-government debt is about to surpass a quadrillion yen, or nearly \$10 trillion. Even with total public debt of over 250% of gross domestic product, Tokyo spends no more on interest each year than it did in the mid-1980s, when public debt was around two-thirds of GDP.

Perennial debt champion Greece is adding to its pile, and investors are accepting even lower yields on its bonds than on U.S. Treasuries. Even some developing nations, such as India, are touting the virtues of higher

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## Oil Prices Gyrate as Bulls Rush to Market

By HARDIKA SINGH AND AMRITH RAMKUMAR

Hedge funds and other speculative investors recently pushed bets on rising oil prices to their highest level in years, a sign that one-sided positioning is sparking big moves in the world's busiest commodity market.

The ratio of bullish bets on U.S. crude to bearish wagers

surged to 23-to-1 during the week of June 15, the highest level since the summer of 2018 and nearly triple the figure from five weeks earlier, Commodity Futures Trading Commission data show.

While the ratio edged lower in more recent weeks, it has stayed at levels considered elevated by many analysts and well above 6-to-1, where it

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## Flying Is Back—and So Are the Little Belgian Cookies

Biscoffs are the only thing some look forward to on flights

By DANIEL MICHAELS AND ALISON SIDER

Honor Sachs, a professor of early American history in Colorado, was disturbed to find herself on a packed flight in May. "The one upside of fly-

ing: I've missed Biscoff cookies," she tweeted from her seat.

"I'm like a Pavlov dog when I see those carts making their way down the aisle," says Ms. Sachs.

Air travel is soaring after a pandemic-grounded year, and Americans already hate flying again. For many, slightly spicy Biscoffs offer a culinary consolation.

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## TikTok's Owner Delayed IPO After Warning

ByteDance's decision to put off plans came amid Beijing pressure on cybersecurity

By XIE YU AND LIZA LIN

ByteDance Ltd., the Chinese owner of popular short-video app TikTok, put on hold indefinitely its intentions to list offshore earlier this year after government officials told the company to focus on addressing data-security risks, people familiar with the matter said.

The Beijing-based social-media giant, last valued at \$180 billion in a funding round in December, had been weighing an initial public offering of all or some of its businesses in the U.S. or Hong Kong, according to people familiar with the company's plans.

But the company's founder, Zhang Yiming, decided it would be wiser to put the plans on ice in late March after meetings with cyberspace and securities regulators in which they asked the company to focus on addressing data-security risks and other issues, the people familiar with the matter said.

The company had other reasons for delaying the listing. It didn't have a chief financial officer at the time, a person close to the company said.

ByteDance's cautious approach contrasts with that of Chinese ride-hailing giant Didi

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The private equity firms rushing to raid UK plc — BIG READ, PAGE 15



## Chicago blues

Hopes of exodus from coastal cities has not played out — NOTEBOOK, PAGE 16

## Coming home Italy toasts its Euro winners

Italian defenders Leonardo Bonucci, left, and Giorgio Chiellini proudly carry the Uefa Euro 2020 trophy as Italy's national football team arrive at a ceremony at the presidential palace in Rome yesterday.

Across Italy on Sunday night jubilant fans poured on to firework-lit streets and squares to celebrate after their national team, the Azzurri, beat England at London's Wembley stadium in a nail-biting penalty shootout.

It was a unifying moment for a country in the midst of recession following 16 months of lockdowns after being the first country in the west to be hit by the coronavirus pandemic.

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# ECB faces split over how to apply inflation strategy, Lagarde warns

◆ Rate-setters meet next week ◆ Policy tightening to be resisted ◆ Stimulus decision looms

MARTIN ARNOLD — FRANKFURT

European Central Bank unity on its new inflation target could dissolve into division as early as next week when policymakers meet to discuss guidance on raising interest rates, its president Christine Lagarde has warned.

The bank's rate-setters are set to meet next Thursday for their first discussion since they last week launched a unanimously agreed strategy that changes the way the bank sets monetary policy for the first time since 2005.

Lagarde heralded the agreement, which included a new 2 per cent inflation target and an increased tolerance for temporary moves above that level. But she told the Financial Times: "I'm not under the illusion that every six

weeks [at monetary policy meetings] we will have unanimous consent and universal acceptance because there will be some variations, some slightly different positioning. And that is fine."

The decision on when to start winding down the ECB's pandemic stimulus programme will be a crucial test of the bank's new strategy in the coming months. Many analysts expect an announcement as early as September. Since the start of the pandemic the ECB has launched a €1.85tn emergency bond-buying scheme and lent trillions more euros to banks at deeply negative rates.

Some governing council members have already called to start winding down this stimulus after inflation hit the ECB's new 2 per cent target this year,

although price growth has since retrenched slightly.

The ECB president indicated that she anticipated battles ahead. "I neither have the expectation nor the illusion that we will be unanimous on all the decisions that we make," she said, adding that she expected "a constant effort" each time the ECB meets to set policy.

"What we will have to do now is to redefine our forward guidance to align it with the strategy review," Lagarde said, stressing the importance of incorporating the new requirement for its monetary policy to be "especially forceful or persistent" when interest rates are close to their lower limit, as they are now.

But Lagarde signalled that she was likely to resist early tightening of current policy, which economists regard as



Christine Lagarde, the ECB president, said: "There will be some variations, some slightly different positioning. And that is fine"

the most aggressive stimulus in the central bank's history. She said "forceful" and "persistent" were "keywords" that policymakers should not "undermine or understate".

The last time the ECB raised rates was in 2011, just as the eurozone sovereign debt crisis was erupting. In what is now widely regarded as a mistake. Most analysts do not expect it to raise its policy rate from a record low of minus 0.5 per cent before 2024 — at least a year later than the US Federal Reserve is expected to start increasing its rate.

Describing the strategy as a "foundational document", Lagarde said it would not make the ECB more dovish. Instead, she said it gave policymakers extra flexibility to tolerate inflation temporarily above as well as below its target.

### Briefing

#### ◆ Greensill paid Cameron \$1m salary

David Cameron was paid a salary of more than \$1m by Greensill, the finance company whose dramatic collapse exposed the former British prime minister's extensive lobbying efforts. — PAGE 6

#### ◆ South African army helps quell unrest

South Africa has deployed troops to help the police amid unrest after last week's jailing of ex-president Jacob Zuma for contempt of court. At least four people have died. — PAGE 4; GIDEON RACHMAN, PAGE 17

#### ◆ Johnson to lift Covid rules next week

The UK leader confirmed that most Covid-19 laws in England will be lifted on July 19, but businesses will now be "expected" to apply new guidelines to control the disease. — PAGE 2

#### ◆ Tate & Lyle to offload sweetener division

The London-listed food group is to sell a controlling stake in its American sweetener unit to KPS Capital in a \$1.3bn deal as it focuses on healthier products. — PAGE 8; LEX, PAGE 18

#### ◆ Virgin Galactic aims for daily flights

Virgin Galactic laid out a goal of taking tourists to the edge of space at a rate of more than one flight a day, as it tries to profit from founder Sir Richard Branson's successful test flight. — PAGE 6

#### ◆ EU rules to boost profits for electric cars

Emissions rules set to come into force as soon as 2025 will probably make petrol cars less profitable than electric models, a landmark for the sector, a senior Volkswagen executive said. — PAGE 8

#### ◆ Commodities run falls victim to Delta

Commodity prices fell — from crude to copper and corn — amid the spread of infectious coronavirus variants and fears about slowing growth in China, the biggest consumer of raw materials. — PAGE 10

### Datawatch

#### Decline of white Christian America

% of US population who identify as:

— White non-evangelical Protestant

— White evangelical Protestant

— White Catholic

— Unaffiliated

Source: Pew Research Center, Public Religion Research Institute

Excludes non-white Christians and other religions.

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The proportion of white evangelicals in the US has notably fallen since 2006, when it was the largest group of white Christians. The share of white non-evangelicals has risen, while the religiously unaffiliated figure has stabilised.



## Palestinian youth take old leaders and Israel to task

A youth-led movement is shunning the old politics by pushing its campaign for Palestinian justice by uniting activists from the occupied territories with Arabs who live inside Israel and hold Israeli citizenship. The movement, leaderless and without a clear vision, gained momentum after May's conflict in Gaza and comes at a time of heightened international solidarity and interest in a cause that had appeared dormant and marginal in recent years.

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## Israel is first country to offer Pfizer's 'booster' jab as Delta infections soar

NERI ZILBER — TEL AVIV

Israel will begin offering third doses of the BioNTech/Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine this week to adults with serious pre-existing medical conditions, the first country in the world to officially offer a so-called booster of the company's jab.

The move, confirmed by the health ministry yesterday, comes as US and European health authorities debate the need for booster jabs.

Late last month, the UK gave provisional backing for a booster campaign from September. Pfizer last week said that it would ask regulators to approve them. Other countries reliant on Chinese vaccines have offered booster jabs.

Israel has been widely hailed for rolling out one of the world's fastest vaccination drives after it secured regular supplies of the vaccine from Pfizer in

return for providing data. But infection rates are rising sharply in Israel owing to the highly transmissible Delta variant.

Case numbers have spiked to more than 400 per day, after weeks of single-digit daily infections. However, only 47 out of 4,000 active cases nationally involve serious illnesses, with health experts insisting that the two-dose Pfizer jab continues to provide strong protection.

Pfizer and BioNTech said last week that a third dose had "the potential to preserve the highest levels of protective efficacy against all currently known variants including Delta". The companies were still working on an updated version of their vaccine "that targets the full spike protein of the Delta variant".

According to Israeli health minister Nitzan Horowitz, a booster would be available for adults who are suffering

from severe immunodeficiency, have undergone a recent organ transplant, or are generally considered at risk.

The health ministry recommends that the third jab should be given between four and eight weeks after the second Pfizer dose. For some at-risk groups, the ministry also recommended that they take an antibody test after both the second and third doses.

"It's not uncommon in medicine to use drugs 'off label', that is not exactly according to the same protocols as used in clinical studies," said Dr Eyal Leshem, an infectious disease expert at Sheba Medical Center.

Under Israel's vaccination drive, which began in December, more than 5m of the country's 9m citizens have been fully inoculated with two doses.

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### World Markets

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S&P 500	4390.14	4369.55	0.24	\$ per €	1.187	1.187	0.00	US Gov 10 yr	148.02	1.37	0.03
Nasdaq Composite	14715.72	14701.92	0.09	\$ per £	1.389	1.383	0.43	UK Gov 10 yr	0.85	-0.01	
Dow Jones Ind	34859.43	34870.16	0.26	€ per \$	0.854	0.858	-0.47	Ger Gov 10 yr	0.30	-0.00	
FTSE 100	1778.06	1786.01	0.44	¥ per \$	110.275	110.140	0.12	Japan Gov 10 yr	117.17	0.02	0.00
Euro Stoxx 50	4097.72	4068.06	0.73	₹ per \$	153.221	152.363	0.56	US Gov 30 yr	113.89	2.00	0.02
FTSE MIB	7125.42	7121.88	0.05	S\$ per \$	1.086	1.085	0.09	Ger Gov 2 yr	105.77	-0.68	0.02
FTSE AEX	4070.34	4069.79	0.01	₹ per €	0.843	0.842	0.12				
CAC 40	6559.25	6529.42	0.46								
Xetra Dax	15790.51	15687.93	0.65								
Nikkei	28969.02	27940.42	2.25								
Hang Seng	27515.24	27344.54	0.62								
MSCI World	3053.12	3022.24	1.02								
MSCI EM	1318.17	1316.25	0.15								
MSCI ACWI	723.60	717.06	0.91								

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## Biden Pressing For Democracy Closer to Home

### Latin American Unrest Forces Shift in Focus

By LARA JAKES

WASHINGTON — President Biden took office with bold warnings for Russia and China about human rights as he pressed democracies around the world to stand up against autocracy. But this week, he is facing a string of similar challenges in America's neighborhood.

On Monday, a day after huge protests across Cuba, Mr. Biden accused officials there of "enriching themselves" instead of protecting people from the coronavirus pandemic, repression and economic suffering.

An hour later, the State Department announced it was revoking visas that had allowed 100 Nicaraguan politicians, judges and their family members to travel to the United States, as punishment for undermining democracy, suppressing peaceful protests or abusing human rights.

By early afternoon, Mr. Biden refocused on Haiti, urging its political leaders to "come together for the good of their country," less than a week after President Jovenel Moïse was assassinated in his bed.

"The United States stands ready to continue to provide assistance," Mr. Biden told reporters at the White House. He promised more details on Haiti and Cuba later: "Stay tuned," he said.

The turmoil presents a potential crisis closer to home, with a possible exodus of Haitians as the Biden administration contends with a surge of migrants at the southwestern border. It is also forcing the White House to focus on the region more broadly after years of indifference — or limited attention — from previous Republican and Democratic administrations.

"The clear trend line is that we've been very worried about democratic institutions over time," Patrick Ventrell, the State Department's director of Central American policy, said on Monday. He estimated that more than half of the seven countries in Central America were grappling with challenges to freely elected systems of government.

But U.S. influence began waning in the region over the past decade, as it turned toward fighting terrorism in the Middle East and as Russia and especially China moved in to finance projects and offer political support and other incentives.

Ryan C. Berg, a senior fellow and scholar in the Americas program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, said that China was now the top trading partner for at least eight Latin American nations, and that 19 countries in the region were participating in Beijing's extensive infrastructure and investment project, known as the Belt and Road Initiative.

The United States "took Latin

**HAITI ASSASSINATION** Shock abounds over the arrest of a doctor with ties to Florida. PAGE A6



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### Symbolic Farewell in Afghanistan

Gen. Austin S. Miller, left, stepped down as the top American commander of the Afghan war at a ceremony on Monday. Page A8.

## Deprivations Drive Irate Cubans Into the Streets

By OSCAR LOPEZ  
and ERNESTO LONDOÑO

Hospitals and pharmacies have run out of medicines as basic as penicillin and aspirin. Blackouts have become maddeningly frequent and agonizingly long. Cubans lucky enough to have foreign currency wait in line for hours for staples like beans and rice.

A searing economic decline, leading to hardships Cubans have rarely seen since the collapse of the Soviet Union devastated their country in the 1990s, has stirred the island's largest protest movement in decades, eliciting a chorus of support from American politicians and angry threats from Cu-

### Havana Experiences a Surge in Protests Not Seen in Decades

ba's government.

"We stand with the Cuban people and their clarion call for freedom," President Biden said in a statement on Monday, citing what he called "decades of repression and economic suffering to which they have been subjected by Cuba's authoritarian regime."

His comments followed an astonishing wave of demonstrations on Sunday, when thousands took

to the streets around the nation, shouting phrases like "freedom" and "homeland and life," a twist on the governing Communist Party's motto: "Homeland or death."

Protesters even overturned a police car and looted a government-run store — acts of open defiance shared widely online in a nation with a long and ruthlessly effective history of quashing dissent.

Cuba's president, Miguel Díaz-Canel Bermúdez, the first person outside of the Castro family to lead the country since the Cuban Revolution more than 60 years ago, has cast the outpouring as an existential threat.

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### 1,100-Year-Old Coins Fuel Mystery

Could a haul of silver be a part of the lost booty Vikings extorted to spare Paris from ruin? Page A4.

## Rethinking Florida Dream After Tower Collapse

By PATRICIA MAZZEI

SURFSIDE, Fla. — Modern Florida was built on condos like Champlain Towers South.

A new lifestyle is evolving in Florida and with it, a new habitat, the condominium, Florida Trend magazine declared in 1970, when it first used the word. Condos promised an entree to the Florida dream of sunshine and fresh starts, affordable because it could

### Condo 'Paradise' Loses Its Luster for Many

be shared with a few hundred neighbors.

A condo craze boomed in the 1970s, and Florida, decades after the advent of air-conditioning, insect repellent and swamp dredging, was on its way to becoming

the third-most populous state, a frontier land for builders and investors and a powerful lure for people seeking the ultimate Florida reward: life on the beach.

The residents of Champlain Towers South came to Surfside, Fla., from all over the Americas and every walk of life: wealthy penthouse owners who kept a beachside pied-à-terre, modest-income retirees who called the place home for decades, orthodox

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## Democratic Legislators Flee Texas in Voting Fight

By REID J. EPSTEIN  
and NICK CORASANTINI

STERLING, Va. — Texas Democrats fled the state on Monday in a last-ditch effort to prevent the passage of a restrictive new voting law by the Republican-controlled Legislature, heading to Washington to draw national attention to their cause.

The group left Austin in mid-afternoon on a pair of chartered

### Last-Ditch Bid to Stop G.O.P. Restrictions

flights that arrived at Dulles International Airport just before sunset. Fifty-one of the 67 State House Democrats flew on the planes, and several others arrived separately in Washington, enough to prevent Texas Republicans

from attaining a quorum, which is required to conduct state business.

The hastily arranged departure added a cinematic element to the partisan wrangling in a state with a colorful political history. Democrats have fled to neighboring states in the past to try to block legislation, including in 2003, when they traveled to New Mexico and Oklahoma in an effort to avoid Republican attempts to re-

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The former president's company stripped Allen H. Weisselberg of his titles after an indictment. PAGE A20

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Darren Baker, a famous manager's son who was nearly run over as a bat boy in the 2002 World Series, was drafted by the Washington Nationals as he seeks to create a new legacy. PAGE B6

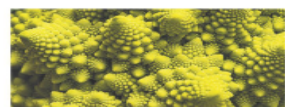
#### A Racist English Backlash

Bigoted social media posts were directed at three Black players who missed penalty kicks during a loss to Italy in the European soccer championship final. PAGE B8

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#### Fractals in Every Floret

Two scientists teamed up to try to figure out the genetic mystery of the fractal geometry in both Romanesco and standard cauliflower. PAGE D8



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SANDY VAZQUEZ, top, and her mother, Reyna, spend most of their days bedridden in their South Los Angeles home.

## COLUMN ONE

# They're her shield against bigotry

Bouts with COVID heighten sense of mortality for parents who worry about what'll happen to trans daughter after they're gone

By Joe Mozingo | Photography by Francine Orr

**H**e starts his shift before dawn working three industrial fryers at a frozen food factory. Jose Morales lifts a basket of burritos out of one vat of oil, hangs it to dry and dunks another in, all day juggling hot metal that has left mottled scars on his inner arms. After work, he guides his 30-year-old stepdaughter, Sandy Vazquez, in a wheelchair through an outpatient clinic in Willowbrook. Jose is well short of 5 feet, his slight stature common in the part of Mexico where he grew up, where Indigenous Nahuatl blood runs deep. While he can barely see over Sandy's head as he pushes, he has always been the big man

in her life, the one who took her to Toys R Us to get her first princess Barbie dolls, the one who chased her tormentors away — and who never once questioned her when she said she was a girl. For Jose and his wife, Reyna, their transgender daughter brought out an iron sense of purpose: They had to protect her until she found her own safe place. They are a tight knot of a family mounting a bare-bones battle for the American dream from an apartment next to the 105 Freeway in South Los Angeles. In recent years, Sandy had started to feel comfortable going out to parties with cousins and friends.

Her parents hoped she might be able to find a job and, someday, a partner who loved her. The last year battered those hopes. The family caught COVID-19 in December and Reyna almost died of it before recovering. And in May, Sandy faced the prospect of losing her foot and lower leg from an infection. Mortality has haunted them ever since with the dreaded question: What will she do when they're gone? Jose and Reyna met 26 years ago as they sewed shirts and dresses at a garment factory in downtown L.A. He had come to California a decade before.

[See Daughter, A12]

## COVID tore into a Jesuit center

By Andrew J. Campa

They were teachers, scholars, mentors, ministers to the troubled. They devoted their lives to God and helping others. After they grew old, they came to a secluded campus in the hills of the Santa Clara Valley to spend the rest of their days in quiet contemplation. One by one, the retired priests succumbed to COVID-19.

In the span of a month, beginning in early December, eight residents of Sacred Heart Jesuit Center in Los Gatos died. As each man grew sicker, fellow residents entered the infirmary one at a time, anointed him with oils and said a prayer.

The center's archivist, Brother Dan Peterson, wrote the obituaries. "When that phone rang, it was haunting," Peterson said. "You didn't know who was next. Sometimes the deaths were so quick you didn't have a chance to say goodbye, and others lingered in pain." Sacred Heart was home to more than 80 retired priests and brothers, some able-bodied and others who required frequent medical care. As in other facilities, elderly people living in close

## Biden backs protesters in Cuba



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**A PROTESTER** is arrested in Havana while others demonstrate Sunday against President Miguel Díaz-Canel. Thousands demanded freedom, food and medicine.

While praising the uprising, U.S. officials deflect criticism for a lag in policy changes.

By Tracy Wilkinson

WASHINGTON — U.S. officials Monday pledged to "stand firmly" with Cubans who have unleashed a rare robust wave of protest and called on the Havana government to refrain from a violent crackdown, even as authorities there shut down the internet and deployed counter-demonstrators into the streets.

"The Cuban people are demanding their freedom from an authoritarian regime," President Biden said, deeming it a "clarion call" for liberty. "I don't think we've seen anything like these protests in a long, long time, if, [See Cuba, A4]

## For insight on Sen. Manchin's mind-set, start with 2013 gun bill

By Melanie Mason

Nobody was more sensitive to the political peril of gun control than Sen. Joe Manchin III, a Democrat from deep-red West Virginia and a proud gun owner. But standing on the Senate floor five months after 20 children and six adults were gunned down in Newtown, Conn., he told colleagues this was "a

### Biden, city leaders talk crime, guns

President seeks to keep the focus on gun control and violence. **NATION, A6**

defining time in public service" — a moment to ignore those risks. He refuted the gun lobby's objections point by

point. He mourned those lost to firearms. He was at turns folksy and forceful but always pleading.

Manchin's measure to expand background checks for gun sales — the most prominent legislative efforts of his early Senate career — failed, despite months of negotiations. Eight years later, the episode has new relevance in

[See Manchin, A6]

### Warning added on rare reaction to J&J vaccine

The FDA flags reports of a "small possible risk" of Guillain-Barré syndrome for those getting the shot. **NATION, A6**

### Biden to target vote restrictions

Using his bully pulpit, the president on Tuesday will address the tactics from GOP state legislatures. **NATION, A5**

**Weather** Mostly sunny. L.A. Basin: 83/69. **B6**

## State's fires getting harder to fight

Vegetation is at record dry levels, creating "tinderbox conditions" for faster and hotter blazes, experts say.

By Hayley Smith and Alex Wigglesworth

The fires have burned more than 140,000 acres, from soaring mountains along the California-Nevada border to forest north of Mt. Shasta and the gateway to Yosemite.

But many of 2021's biggest blazes have one thing in common: They are burning faster and hotter than some firefighters have seen this early in the year.

A winter and spring of little rain and minimal snow runoff — followed by months of unusually warm conditions and several summer heat waves — left the vegetation primed to burn fast, giving crews little time to get a handle on the flames before they explode.

Vegetation is at record-dry levels for this time of the year, and it is at least six weeks ahead of where it should be, UCLA climate scientist Daniel Swain said. It is most anomalously dry in Northern California, where many of the recent fires have ignited.

Though the bone-dryness alone can't foretell how many fires will ignite in a given year, Swain said, it can say a lot about the character of the fires that occur.

"All else equal, drier vegetation means more intense fires," Swain said, noting that "intensity" refers both to the heat of a fire and to its behavior.

Intense fires fueled by dry vegetation "have a greater tendency to do things like hop over barriers, jump over control lines or roads or bodies of water, or to create their own weather conditions," he said.

It took less than 10 days for the lightning-sparked Lava fire in Shasta-Trinity National Forest to swell to 25,000 acres after igniting at the end of June, but it held the title of the year's largest wildfire only briefly.

The Sugar fire in Plumas County ignited July 2, and within 10 days it too had mushroomed in size to nearly 90,000 acres.

Variables such as wind and terrain can affect the speed of a fire, but Sugar fire officials said extreme dryness was one of the driving forces behind the rapid growth of the blaze, which is poised to become the first 100,000-acre megafire in California. [See Wildfires, A7]

### A close call for California's grid

Oregon fire knocked out electric lines, but lights stayed on. **BUSINESS, A8**

### Haitian arrested in assassination

After the president's slaying, a Florida businessman who accused leaders of corruption is detained. **WORLD, A3**

### Ohtani's derby homers fall short

Angels' two-way phenom slugs 28 home runs, but he gets beaten by Juan Soto's 31 in the first round. **SPORTS, B10**



**BUSINESS INSIDE:** COVID-19 pandemic spawned 'an epidemic of sleep deprivation.' **A8**

## deportes

Hernán Crespo  
"Messi y Di María  
tenían razón hace  
mucho tiempo"COLUMNISTA EXCLUSIVO  
durante la Copa AméricaLOS CINES REVIVEN  
CON LA TAQUILLA DE  
BLACK WIDOW

—espectáculos

La película de Marvel que protagoniza Scarlett Johansson superó, el fin de semana largo, las 300.000 localidades en las salas argentinas; un récord en tiempos de pandemia.

CIERRA UN CLÁSICO  
MARPLATENSE: TORRES  
DE MANANTIALES

—economía

El complejo dejará de ofrecer servicios de hotelería, jaqueado por la crisis del sector turístico; tiene más de 30 años y es un lugar emblemático. Página 21

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Tras las medidas oficiales,  
el dólar blue alcanzó el  
nivel más alto del año**TENSIÓN.** En el mercado paralelo, la divisa se vendió a \$177 luego de las nuevas restricciones

Después de que la Comisión Nacional de Valores (CNV) y el Banco Central (BCRA) sumaron restricciones para operar en el mercado del contado con liquidación (CCL) durante el fin de semana, el dólar blue subió ayer tres pesos y cerró a \$177, su mayor nivel en lo que va del año.

La brecha cambiaría entre el dólar

oficial y el paralelo se amplió hasta un 84%. Sin embargo, tanto el CCL como el llamado "dólar Bolsa" se mantuvieron estables, incluso con leves retrocesos.

Pese a las críticas de economistas —que cuestionaron la oportunidad y el sentido restrictivo de la medida sobre el mercado del dólar financiero

ro—, en el Gobierno reaccionaron con cautela. "Hay mucha gente que también especula y quiere hacer daño", afirmó el presidente Alberto Fernández, que advirtió que "algun pícaro" quiere "generar zozobra". Calificó al mercado paralelo como "muy inestable" y dijo que el Gobierno está "muy encima". Página 17

Pronostican que el oficial  
seguirá "pisado" hasta  
las elecciones

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El Central aprovechó y  
compró más reservas

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Misiones, donde la  
frontera es una ficción**sociedad**— Pese a las restricciones por el Covid, en Misiones continúa el tránsito en las fronteras. En Puerto Iguazú, el contrabando y el comercio ilegal por el río son actividades que no cesaron y el paso de personas es habitual en dos cruces secos. Diego Cabot. Página 24

En el paso Bernardo de Irigoyen, en Misiones, apenas un boulevard separa a la Argentina de Brasil; lo custodia un solo gendarme

HERNÁN ZENTENO

Esperan el aval de Rusia para aplicar segundas  
dosis de Sputnik envasadas en la Argentina**COVID-19.** En el Gobierno afirman que la autorización llegaría antes de fin de mes

El Gobierno espera que antes de fin de mes llegue la habilitación de Rusia para empezar a distribuir y aplicar las segundas dosis de Sputnik V que fueron envasadas en la Argentina.

Antes, se recibiría el aval para las dosis que también fueron envasadas en el país con el componente de la primera dosis. Mientras tanto, se aprobó ayer el fideicomiso a

través del cual se buscará financiamiento para levantar en Pilar una planta de elaboración de vacunas rusas que manejará el laboratorio Richmond. Página 2

Detectan otros  
nueve casos  
de la variante  
delta en el país

Fue en viajeros llegados de EE.UU., Paraguay y México; así, suman 15 en total. Página 4

Guiño de  
Fernández  
al régimen  
cubano en  
plena crisis**SEÑAL.** Se diferenció de EE.UU. y la UE y pidió el fin del embargo

En otra controvertida definición de política exterior, el presidente Alberto Fernández evitó ayer pronunciarse sobre la represión de las masivas manifestaciones que sorprendieron al régimen cubano e hizo un llamado a poner fin al embargo económico de Estados Unidos. Anteayer, la isla vivió una histórica ola de protestas contra el régimen, que respondió extremadamente su aparato represivo. Fuentes independientes hablaban de decenas de detenidos. En ese contexto, la Casa Blanca apoyó las protestas y lanzó una advertencia a La Habana para que evite el uso de la violencia. Página 7

Fuerte  
aumento de  
las protestas  
callejeras**CONFLICTOS.** El registro de las protestas muestra que en junio hubo 499 piquetes y en lo que va del año, 2474, una suba del 60% en comparación con el mismo período de 2020, cuando había mayores restricciones de circulación por la pandemia. El aumento de los conflictos callejeros tiene como principales protagonistas a las agrupaciones piqueteras y a desocupados, que reclaman trabajo y asistencia alimentaria. Página 12Miami: hallan  
los restos de  
una familia  
argentina**DERRUMBE.** Se trata de una pareja y su hija de 6 años. Página 11



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## COM DESOCUPAÇÃO, CENTENAS VIVEM CLIMA DE TENSÃO NO RIO DE JANEIRO

Escola municipal de Itaguaí em que estão mais de 400 'refugiados da pandemia' despejados há dez dias em uma das maiores reintegrações de posse do estado; famílias reclamam das condições no abrigo e falam em incerteza para o futuro **saúde B5**

## Economia apostou em queda da Covid sem ouvir Saúde

Em novembro, o secretário de Política Econômica disse que o país rumava para a "imunidade de rebanho". Ofício à CPI da Covid mostra que a declaração foi feita sem consultar a pasta da Saúde. Para senador, caso evidencia "falta de coordenação". **Mercado A16**

### População com 18 anos ou mais\*

	ao menos uma dose	totalmente vacinada
<b>Brasil</b>	<b>54,2%</b>	<b>19,2%</b>
MS	70,4%	36,9%
RS	61,9%	25,1%
ES	60,8%	22,3%

### Totalmente vacinada



### Números da pandemia

	Casos	Óbitos
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,1 mi</b>	<b>534,3 mil</b>
Méd. móvel	44,7 mil	1.297
Varição**	-34,5%	-20,2%
Em 24 h	18,8 mil	765

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### Brasil

Dados das 20h de 12 jul. \*Ao menos uma dose: tomou dose única ou 1ª dose. totalmente vacinada: tomou dose única ou 2ª dose \*\* Em relação a 14 dias

## Michael França Os erros da imprensa

Os jornais falham ao não apresentar com profundidade, por exemplo, reportagens e dados sobre educação, saúde, pobreza, produtividade, inovação, mobilidade social, desigualdades e discriminação. É preciso ir além do superficial. **Mercado A20**

## Reprovação aos ministros do STF sobe e atinge 33%

A reprovação à atuação dos ministros do Supremo voltou a crescer, de acordo com levantamento do Datafolha, e atingiu 33%. Pesquisa do instituto aponta também que 38% consideram o desempenho do Congresso ruim ou péssimo. **Poder A9 e A11**

## Farmacêuticas faturam R\$ 1 bi com 'kit Covid' na pandemia

O faturamento de sete farmacêuticas só com remédios do eficaz "kit Covid" foi de R\$ 482 milhões de janeiro de 2020 a maio de 2021. Em 2019, antes da crise, a comercialização ficou acima de R\$ 180 milhões. Em algumas empresas o crescimento foi sete vezes maior. O levantamento foi feito pela Folha com base em documentos sigilosos e abertos enviados por sete companhias à CPI da Covid. Outras não mandaram dados fechados de seu faturamento para a comissão, então o valor total pode ter ultrapassado R\$ 1 bilhão. **saúde B1**

# PF vai apurar suspeita de omissão de Bolsonaro

Inquérito é aberto no caso Covaxin; Procuradoria investigará suposta propina pedida por ex-diretor da Saúde

A Polícia Federal instaurou ontem inquérito para investigar suspeita de prevaricação de Jair Bolsonaro na negociação para a compra da vacina indiana Covaxin. A apuração decorre de afirmações do deputado Luis Miranda (DEM-DF), que disse ter avisado o presidente sobre irregularidades nas tratativas e sobre pressões a que seu irmão, servidor do Ministério da Saúde, teria sido submetido. A investigação foi solicitada pela Procuradoria-Geral da República depois de a ministra do STF Rosa Weber ter cobrado manifestação do órgão sobre a notícia-crime apresentada ao tribunal por três senadores. "Primeiro, eu entendo que a prevaricação se aplica a servidor público, não se aplicaria a mim. Mas qualquer denúncia de corrupção eu tomo providência", declarou Bolsonaro, após reunião com o presidente do Supremo, Luiz Fux. Também ontem, a Procuradoria da República no Distrito Federal abriu apuração preliminar sobre o suposto pedido de propina por parte de Roberto Ferreira Dias, ex-diretor de Logística do Ministério da Saúde. A Folha Luiz Paulo Dominghetti Pereira, da empresa Davati Medical Supply, afirmou que Dias lhe propôs US\$ 1 por dose para fechar contrato. **Poder A4 e A5**

## Fux encontra presidente e acerta reunião entre Poderes

O presidente do Supremo Tribunal Federal, Luiz Fux, reuniu-se ontem com Jair Bolsonaro e afirmou que ficou definida uma reunião entre os chefes dos três Poderes, ainda sem data marcada, com o objetivo de fixar "balizas sólidas para a democracia brasileira". O anúncio ocorre ante aumento da tensão com o Judiciário e o Legislativo pela retórica golpista do chefe do Executivo, que tem repisado o discurso de as eleições não ocorrerem se não houver um sistema que ele considera confiável —no caso, o voto impresso. **Poder A8**

## Lamentavelmente, muita gente importante aí boicota

Jair Bolsonaro a apoiadores, antes de reunião com o presidente do Supremo, Luiz Fux **A8**

**Para Aziz, há claro crime de responsabilidade** Presidente da CPI, Omar Aziz declarou que Jair Bolsonaro nada fez ante acusações sobre vacinas. **A6**

**Alvaro Costa e Silva** O agora Capitão Solução continua sem fazer nada **Opinião A2**

## Ex-embaixador Paulo Tarso Flecha de Lima morre aos 88 anos

Receita Federal mostrou detalhamento do impacto fiscal da proposta de reforma do Imposto de Renda e passou a prever ganho maior de arrecadação. **A17**

## Cuba mira youtubers e EUA depois de protestos

Líder do regime cubano, Miguel Díaz-Canel afirmou ontem que os atos do dia anterior, os maiores em décadas, foram realizados por delinquentes que manipulam emoções por meio das redes. Disse ainda que a razão da escassez de comida e remédios, que motivou protestos, é o bloqueio dos EUA. **Mundo A12**

**Análise Carol Pires** Regime mirava modelo chinês, mas vê risco de uma primavera cubana **A12**



Líder cubano Miguel Díaz-Canel durante pronunciamento ontem em Havana **Divulgação Governo de Cuba**

## Esporte B8 Copa da nova cepa

Realização da Copa América no Brasil trouxe pelo menos uma nova variante do coronavírus ao país.

**Ilustrada B10** Governo cita Deus para barrar apoio a festival de jazz antifaquista na Bahia

**Produtora afasta DJ Ivis após vídeos com agressões a ex** **Ilustrada B10**

## EDITORIAIS A2

**Telhados de vidro** Acerca de percepção de corrupção sob Bolsonaro. **A ordem dos fatores** Sobre reações a governador que se declarou gay.

## ATMOSFERA

