

What's News

Business & Finance

U.S. stocks rose sharply as investors rushed to buy shares that were knocked down in Monday's selloff. The S&P 500 recorded its best day in nearly four months, adding 1.5%, while the Dow and Nasdaq both advanced 1.6%. **A1**

◆ **Chinese factories** that supply Apple and Nike and make other products sold in the U.S. are shunning workers from Xinjiang as Western countries increase scrutiny of forced labor from that region. **A1**

◆ **Netflix told investors** that while its competition is growing and rivals are combining to create more formidable entertainment platforms, it sees no need to get bigger to compete. **B1**

◆ **Nasdaq is teaming up** with a group of banks including Goldman and Morgan Stanley to spin out its marketplace for shares of private companies. **B1**

◆ **Biden said he would** nominate Jonathan Kanter to run the Justice Department's antitrust division, tapping a vocal critic of Google. **A2**

◆ **Top U.S. banking regulators** said they would work jointly to modernize rules governing how banks lend hundreds of billions of dollars annually in lower-income communities. **A2**

◆ **Billings, Mont., is the** new No. 1 on The Wall Street Journal/Realtor.com Emerging Housing Markets Index. **A6**

◆ **Apple has told real-estate** developers it wants to lease a large campus in Los Angeles for its growing entertainment operations. **B5**

World-Wide

◆ **The U.S. and Germany** have reached an agreement allowing the completion of a controversial Russian natural-gas pipeline, according to officials from Berlin and Washington, who expect to make the deal public as soon as Wednesday, bringing an end to years of tension between the two allies. **A1**

◆ **Tom Barrack**, the real-estate investor and long-time Trump ally, was arrested on charges that he acted as a foreign agent of the U.A.E. and lied to federal investigators. **A3**

◆ **The nation's three largest** drug distributors agreed to pay as much as \$1.2 billion to New York state to settle a continuing trial accusing the companies of helping fuel opioid addiction. **A3**

◆ **American life expectancy** dropped to 77.3 years in 2020, roughly the same level as in 2003, erasing years of hard-won gains in the nation's public health. **A3**

◆ **The Delta variant** accounts for 83% of analyzed Covid-19 cases in the U.S., according to genetic sequences from positive tests submitted to the CDC, the agency's director said. **A3**

◆ **The Senate barreled** toward a pair of Wednesday deadlines for advancing much of Biden's multitrillion-dollar economic agenda. **A4**

◆ **Jeff Richetti's** lobbying firm has flourished in the months since his brother, Steve Richetti, was named a senior counselor to Biden. **A4**

◆ **Ariel Henry**, a prominent neurosurgeon backed by the U.S., became Haiti's new prime minister. **A16**

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Bezos Takes Team to Edge of Space and Back



BIG LIFT: Clockwise from left, Blue Origin's New Shepard rocket took Jeff Bezos and three others to the edge of space Tuesday; Bezos floating in the capsule; and passengers Oliver Daemen, Bezos, Wally Funk and Bezos' brother Mark. **B1**

U.S. Set to Waive Opposition To Russia-Germany Pipeline

By BOJAN PANCEVSKI
AND BRETT FORREST

The U.S. and Germany have reached an agreement allowing the completion of a controversial Russian natural-gas pipeline, according to officials from Berlin and Washington, who expect to make the deal public as soon as Wednesday, bringing an end to years of tension between the two allies.

The Biden administration will effectively waive Washington's longstanding opposition to the pipeline, Nord Stream 2, a change in the U.S. stance, ending years of speculation over the fate of the project, which has come to dominate European energy-sector forecasts. Germany under the agreement will agree to assist Ukraine in energy-related projects and diplomacy.

U.S. officials under the previous two presidential administrations opposed Nord Stream 2, out of fears it would heighten Moscow's economic and political sway across Europe. The pipeline would allow the Kremlin to increase European dependence on its natural gas, then use it to blackmail U.S. allies, critics have said, charges Russia has dismissed.

President Biden, seeking closer ties with Europe and with Berlin in particular, waived U.S. sanctions against the Swiss-registered Russian pipeline firm, Nord Stream 2 AG, and its chief executive in May, signaling a change in the U.S. stance.

Mr. Biden continues to oppose the pipeline and views it as a Kremlin move to expand

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Milwaukee Ends Long Drought



The Bucks captured their first NBA title in 50 years by defeating the Phoenix Suns 105-98 Tuesday night in Milwaukee. Bucks star Giannis Antetokounmpo scored 50 points. **A12**

Good News: You Might Get That Job You Applied For in 2017

In today's tight labor market, companies are getting back in touch

By TE-PING CHEN

When Abigail Ezzell applied for a server position at Cracker Barrel, she was in high school. She was in college when she finally heard back.

The email landed last month, three years after she submitted it. "It was like, hey, Abigail, so glad to see you applied! They gave me a date and time to come in for an interview," says Ms. Ezzell, 20.

When Ms. Ezzell applied, she had been looking for an after-school job

in Mount Airy, N.C. She's now living in San Francisco, where she's an undergraduate studying political science.

"I definitely did not email them back," she says.

Cracker Barrel declined to comment. In the topsy-turvy labor market of 2021, recruiters are the new telemarketers and job ads are the new spam. In recent months, as the economy has reopened, millions of U.S. workers have found themselves besieged by unlikely suitors, including com-



Hello?

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The Olympics Are Turning Into a \$20 Billion Bust

Japan's hopes of economic windfall evaporate; grim national mood

TOKYO—When Toyota Motor Corp. said this week it wouldn't run any ads in Japan tied to the Olympics, it sent a message louder than any TV commercial about the host nation's grim mood.

By Alastair Gale, Miho Inada
and Rachel Bachman

Toyota is Japan's most valuable company and a global Olympics sponsor, the top rank shared by only 13 others world-wide. For U.S. audiences, it spent millions of dollars on a Super Bowl commercial featuring the Olympic rings. But in Japan, any link to the Games was too sensitive for the auto maker to advertise.

The Olympics open on Friday a year late and during a Covid-19 state of emergency in Tokyo. Anticipation and expectations for an economic windfall have largely evaporated. Stadiums and arenas that cost over \$7 billion to build or renovate for the Games will be mostly empty after spectators were banned.

Japan wanted the Tokyo Olympics to show the country is still a global force despite its declining population and a maturing economy eclipsed by China. The Games would also show how Japan rebounded from a devastating tsunami in 2011. Instead, the

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◆ Japan's premier defends decision on games... **A8**

Chinese Suppliers Now Shun Uyghur Workers

Chinese factories that supply Apple Inc., Nike Inc., and make other products sold in the U.S. are shunning workers from Xinjiang, as Western countries increase scrutiny of

phased out Uyghur factory workers transferred from Xinjiang through a state-backed labor program last year, former staff and shop owners near one of its factories said. The company has also stopped hiring Uyghur workers, current staff said.

Chinese mask producer Hubei Haixin Protective Products Group Co., whose personal protective equipment is sold on U.S. e-commerce sites, no longer employs laborers from Xinjiang, a company employee said. The company decided not to renew the contracts of its Xinjiang laborers in September after reports last year alleging the use of forced labor drew negative

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For this reporter and her family, Surfside has a different meaning. **A9**

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Netflix added 1.5 million memberships in the second quarter as growth slowed. **B1**

Cyber sheriffs

Central banks must tame wild west of digital money — MARTIN WOLF, PAGE 17

Green machine

Gabon's well-kept forests churn out valuable carbon credits — BIG READ, PAGE 15



Strong hands

Workers hold all the cards as US employers scramble to hire — PAGE 3

Space voyager

Giant step for Bezos's vision

Jeff Bezos grins as he steps down from Blue Origin's New Shepard capsule after an 11-minute round-trip to the edge of space yesterday.

The Amazon founder and world's richest man was flown 107km above the Earth's surface with three other passengers. They spent three minutes floating in the capsule while viewing their home planet through giant portholes before drifting back to the Texan desert under three parachutes.

After the trip, which follows years of slow progress that have consumed billions of dollars of his personal fortune, Bezos thanked "every Amazon employee, and every Amazon customer, because you guys paid for all this".

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Blue origin/FP

Kerry warns Beijing it must act fast to forestall climate 'chaos'

◆ Biden envoy seeks carbon border tax talks ◆ Issue threatens to spoil US-China accord

LESLIE HOOK — LONDON

China must act more quickly to cut emissions if the planet is to avoid global warming "chaos", US climate envoy John Kerry has warned, telling the Financial Times that he was keen to speak to Beijing about a possible carbon border tax.

Limiting global warming to 1.5C will be a "pipe dream" if China waited as late as 2030 for the peak of its emissions, he said in an interview after a speech in London yesterday. "We've got to deal with reality here. That is the baseline truth we're talking about," he said.

Kerry, who has crossed the world to promote President Joe Biden's climate agenda, singled out China, saying it would be "impossible" to limit warming

to 1.5C — the figure agreed in the Paris climate accord — unless the planet's biggest emitter changed its targets.

Co-operation between the US and China on climate was "the only way to break free from the world's current mutual suicide pact", he told his audience at Kew Gardens. Kerry will repeat his call for action at a G20 environment ministers meeting in Naples tomorrow.

However, the carbon border tax, a policy that is gaining traction among Senate Democrats in Washington, is an issue that could divide the US and China. After the EU last week published its proposal for a carbon border adjust-

ment mechanism — which would impose a levy on steel, cement and fertiliser from countries without carbon pricing — the US is considering whether to follow suit.

"We've talked with France, Netherlands and the EU very closely," Kerry said. "We've agreed to consult — we've not said we're supportive of definitely putting one into place. That's something I really want to talk to China and other countries about."

China, which accounts for 28 per cent of annual global emissions, has pledged they will hit a peak before 2030, without specifying when they might start to decline, or by how much.

However, if Beijing does not reduce emissions until 2030, Kerry said, the rest of the world would have to reach



John Kerry: "We've got to deal with reality here. That is the baseline truth we're talking about"

zero emissions by 2040, a decade earlier than planned. The former US secretary of state called for a "wartime mobilisation" of resources to fight the climate crisis, saying it was "a massive opportunity to rebuild our economies in the aftermath of a historic pandemic".

Ahead of the COP26 climate talks in Glasgow in November, the US has come under pressure to increase its contributions to climate finance, to help developing countries deal with the impact of climate change. Kerry said the US should do more on finance, hinting that more funds would be forthcoming soon.

"I've talked to President Biden, he's completely on board," he said. "He's trying to figure out how."

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► **US states near \$26bn opioids settlement**
Lawyers have said that US states are nearing a deal with pharma group Johnson & Johnson and three distributors to resolve claims that they fuelled the opioid crisis that has claimed 500,000 lives. — PAGE 6

► **Two-thirds of Indians have antibodies**
A survey of more than 36,000 people across 21 states has found that 62 per cent of unvaccinated Indians had Covid antibodies, raising hopes that the worst of the country's pandemic is over. — PAGE 4

► **Brussels sanctions warning to Poland**
The European Commission has warned Warsaw it could face fines if it fails to comply with two decisions by the European Court of Justice over judicial independence. — PAGE 2

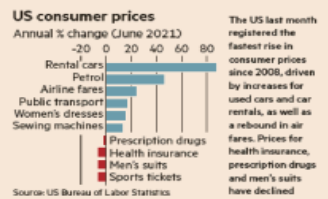
► **Pre-Wuhan coronavirus theory revived**
Fresh tests of blood samples collected in Italy as early as October 2019 have revived a debate over whether the virus was circulating in Europe before China confirmed the first case in Wuhan. — PAGE 2

► **Taliban attack on Afghanistan palace**
Insurgents fired rockets as President Ashraf Ghani attended prayers for the festival of Eid-al-Adha. The Islamists have already taken control of key border posts ahead of full US withdrawal. — PAGE 2

► **China hits back over west's cyber salvo**
Beijing's diplomats in the EU, UK, Canada, Norway and New Zealand have issued statements rejecting the allegations that China was at the heart of a wave of cyber attacks as a "malicious smear". — PAGE 4

► **UBS beats forecasts after M&A boom**
The world's biggest wealth manager has reported a second-quarter profit surge as it reaped the benefits of buoyant markets and a boom in merger activity. Earnings climbed 65 per cent. — PAGE 8, LEX, PAGE 18

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Water protests challenge Tehran's new government

Water is the latest theme in the Iranian population's discontent. Protests over shortages follow demonstrations against power cuts. Many Iranians see cheap utilities as a birthright, pledged to them by the revolution's founding father, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini. Rising consumption and the worst drought in half a century will make life difficult for the new government of Ebrahim Raisi. Few believe he will dare cut the subsidies Iran can ill-afford.

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Olympics opening ceremony becomes 'planning nightmare' as composer quits

ROBIN HARDING AND LEO LEWIS — TOKYO

Tokyo 2020 is scrambling to modify the Olympics opening ceremony just three days before it takes place after composer Keigo Oyamada resigned following an uproar over past comments about bullying disabled classmates in his youth.

After initially suggesting that it wanted to keep Oyamada in his role, organisers reversed course, accepting his resignation and scrapping the four-minute score he wrote for the opening ceremony on Friday.

The last-minute decision showed the desperation of Tokyo 2020 organisers to appease public opinion as a series of scandals plagued the Games in the final days before the competition starts.

But the decision to remove Oyamada's composition sparked a "planning night-

mare", said a person closely connected to Tokyo 2020. Initial debate focused on whether to substitute an entirely new piece of music into the gap or add about 50 seconds to all the other segments of the show — an even more complex proposal.

"In either scenario, you are asking a lot of the planners at the last minute. Not to mention the performers," said the person.

A 1994 interview with Oyamada, in which the composer known as "Cornelius" boasted of humiliating and bullying a disabled student while in school, resurfaced on social media over the weekend.

"In light of his sincere apology, we expressed a willingness to allow Mr Oyamada to continue his work on preparations in the short time remaining before the opening ceremony," said

Tokyo 2020. "However, we have come to believe that this decision was wrong, and we have decided to accept his resignation."

Oyamada made his departure as the number of Covid-19 cases linked to the Games rose to 71, with mounting fears that absences will affect the sporting competition. The nine new cases announced yesterday included an athlete resident of the Olympic Village, increasing the number of cases there to three, as well as an official from abroad, six contractors and one volunteer.

Tokyo 2020 is also under pressure after the arrest of an Olympics staff member from Uzbekistan on allegations of serious sexual assault; the disappearance of a Ugandan weightlifter, who left a note saying he wanted to find work in the country; and Toyota's decision not to run Olympic-themed ads in Japan.

World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				INTEREST RATES			
	Jul 20	prev	%chg		Jul 20	prev	%chg		price	yield	chg
S&P 500	4324.26	4258.49	1.54	\$ per £	1.176	1.181	-0.42	US Gov 10 yr	150.02	1.21	0.00
Nasdaq Composite	14475.99	14274.98	1.41	\$ per €	1.381	1.367	1.05	UK Gov 10 yr	0.56	0.01	-0.02
Dow Jones Ind	34985.51	33962.04	1.79	€ per ¥	0.004	0.004	0.00	Ger Gov 10 yr	-0.41	-0.02	-0.01
FTSE100	1223.33	1215.40	0.68	¥ per \$	109.935	109.975	-0.04	Japan Gov 10 yr	117.48	0.01	0.00
Euro Stoxx 50	3956.34	3929.52	0.71	\$ per £	149.639	149.515	0.83	US Gov 30 yr	117.43	1.87	0.03
FTSE 100	6881.13	6844.39	0.54	£ per €	1.085	1.084	0.01	Ger Gov 30 yr	105.73	-0.72	-0.02
FTSE All-Share	3932.84	3909.08	0.59	€ per \$	0.890	0.847	5.06				
CAC 40	6348.95	6296.97	0.81								
Nikkei 225	15216.27	15133.20	0.55								
Hong Kong	27288.16	27052.74	0.86								
Hong Kong	27288.29	27489.78	-0.84								
MSCI World \$	2975.55	3024.05	-1.62								
MSCI EM \$	1317.22	1340.08	-1.71								
MSCI ACWI	707.42	719.17	-1.63								

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Late Edition
Today, clouds and sunshine, showers, strong thunderstorm, high 86.
Tonight, clearing, a bit cooler, low 67.
Tomorrow, cloudy, less humid, high 83. Weather map is on Page A24.



LINDSAY D'ADDATO FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES

Construction of new homes is on pause in Oakley, Utah, where access to water was one of the main draws for settlers in the 1800s.

U.S. Accuses Trump Insider Of Hidden Ties

By SHARON LaFRANIERE
and WILLIAM K. RASHBAUM

WASHINGTON — Thomas J. Barrack Jr., a close friend of former President Donald J. Trump's and one of his top 2016 campaign fund-raisers, was arrested in California on Tuesday on federal charges of failing to register as a foreign lobbyist, obstruction of justice and lying to investigators. A seven-count indictment accused Mr. Barrack, 74, of using his access to Mr. Trump to advance the foreign policy goals of the United Arab Emirates and then repeatedly misleading federal agents about his activities during a June 2019 interview. Federal prosecutors said Mr. Barrack used his position as an outside adviser to Mr. Trump's campaign to publicly promote the Emirates' agenda while soliciting direction, feedback and talking points from senior Emirati officials.

Once Mr. Trump was elected, they said, Mr. Barrack invited senior Emirati officials to give him a "wish list" of foreign policy moves they wanted Washington to take within the first 100 days, first six months, first year and by the end of Mr. Trump's term, prosecutors said. Among other key Emirati objectives, Mr. Barrack pushed for the Trump administration not to hold a summit with Qatar, a rival Persian Gulf power that was under a blockade that the Emirates and Saudi Arabia, an Emirati ally, had organized, they said.

Mr. Barrack is latest in a long string of former Trump aides, fund-raisers and associates to face criminal charges. The former president's company, the Trump Organization, and its chief financial officer were indicted this month on state fraud and tax charges. Mr. Trump's former personal lawyer, Michael D. Cohen, pleaded guilty in a hush-money scandal.

Mr. Trump pardoned his 2016 campaign manager, Paul Manafort, who had been convicted in the special counsel's investigation, and his former chief strategist, Stephen K. Bannon, who had been under federal indictment on charges that he misused money he helped raise for a group backing Mr. Trump's border wall. Authorities have scrutinized a

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A Utah Town Halts Growth. It Lacks the Water.

By JACK HEALY
and SOPHIE KASAKOVE

OAKLEY, Utah — The mountain spring that pioneers used to water their hayfields and now fills people's taps flowed reliably into the old cowboy town of Oakley for decades. So when it dwindled to a trickle in this year's scorching drought, officials took drastic action to preserve their water: They stopped building.

During the coronavirus pandemic, the real estate market in their 1,750-person city boomed as remote workers flocked in from the West Coast and second-home owners staked weekend ranches. But those newcomers need water — water that is vanishing as a megadrought dries up reservoirs and rivers across the West.

So this spring, Oakley, about an

Record Drought Hurts Housing in the West: 'It's Just Brutal'

hour's drive east of Salt Lake City, imposed a construction moratorium on new homes that would connect to the town's water system. It is one of the first towns in the United States to purposely stall growth for want of water in a new era of megadroughts. But it could be a harbinger of things to come in a hotter, drier West.

"Why are we building houses if we don't have enough water?" said Wade Woolstenhulme, the mayor, who in addition to raising horses and judging rodeos has spent the past few weeks defend-

ing the building moratorium. "The right thing to do to protect people who are already here is to restrict people coming in."

Across the Western United States, a summer of record-breaking drought, heat waves and megafires exacerbated by climate change is forcing millions of people to confront an inescapable string of disasters that challenge the future of growth.

Groundwater and streams vital both to farmers and cities are drying up. Fires devour houses being built deeper into wild regions and forests. Extreme heat makes working outdoors more dangerous and life without air-conditioning potentially deadly. While summer monsoon rains have brought some relief to the Southwest, 99.9 percent of Utah is

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MAKHE MUGANYI FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES

Nina Turner, a progressive in greater Cleveland, is challenging the Democratic establishment.

In Ohio, Democrats Fight Over Future of Party

By JONATHAN WEISMAN

WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, Ohio — Nina Turner had just belted out a short address to God's Tabernacle of Faith Church in the cadences and tremulous volumes of a preacher when the Rev. Timothy Eppinger called on the whole congregation to lay hands on the woman seeking the House seat of greater Cleveland.

A House Race Exposes a Generational Split

"She's gone through hell and high water," the pastor said to nods and assents. "This is her season to live, and not to die."

On Aug. 3, the voters of Ohio's 11th District will render that judg-

ment and with it, some indication of the direction the Democratic Party is heading: toward the defiant and progressive approach Mr. Turner embodies or the reserved mold of its leaders in Washington, shaped more by the establishment than by the ferment stirring its grass roots.

Democrats say there is little broader significance to this individual House primary contest,

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Alzheimer Drug Approved Despite Doubts It Worked

Two Inquiries Examine F.D.A.'s Process in Collaborating With the Drugmaker

This article is by Pam Belluck,
Sheila Kaplan and Rebecca Robbins.

Two months before the Food and Drug Administration's deadline to decide whether to approve Biogen's Alzheimer's drug, aducanumab, a council of senior agency officials resoundingly agreed that there wasn't enough evidence it worked.

The council, a group of 15 officials that reviews complex issues, concluded that another clinical trial was necessary before approving the drug. Otherwise, one council member noted, approval could "result in millions of patients taking aducanumab without any indication of actually receiving any benefit, or worse, cause harm," according to minutes of the meeting, obtained by The New York Times.

"It is critical that the decision be made from a place of certainty," the minutes said.

The session, details of which have not been reported before, represented at least the third time that proponents of approving aducanumab in the F.D.A. had received a clear message that the evidence did not convincingly show the drug could slow cognitive decline.

On June 7, the F.D.A. greenlighted the drug anyway — a decision that has been met with scathing rebuke from many Alzheimer's experts and other scientists and calls for investigations into how the agency approved a treatment that has little evidence it helps patients.

How and why the F.D.A. went ahead and approved the drug — an intravenous infusion, marketed as Aduhelm, that the company has since priced at \$56,000 a year — has become the subject of intense scrutiny. Two congressional committees are investigating the approval and the price. Much is still unknown, but an examination by The Times has found that the process leading to approval took several unusual turns, including a decision for the F.D.A. to work far more closely

with Biogen than is typical in a regulatory review.

Allegations about the collaboration prompted the F.D.A. to conduct an internal inquiry after a consumer advocacy group called for an inspector general's investigation, according to documents reviewed by The Times. The agency has not disclosed the inquiry.

Though the decision was considered one of the F.D.A.'s most consequential and controversial in years, its leader, Dr. Janet Woodcock, the acting commissioner, was not involved in the deliberations and left the final ruling to the head of the center responsible for drug applications, the agency confirmed.

In written responses to questions from The Times, the F.D.A. defended its decision to approve the drug — the first for Alzheimer's in 18 years.

"The agency did not lower its standards," the F.D.A. said, adding, "and at no time considered doing so."

The decision, the agency said, was "informed by science, medicine, policy, and judgment, in accordance with applicable legal and regulatory standards."

In written answers to questions, Biogen said, "Biogen stands 100 percent behind Aduhelm and the clinical data that supported its approval."

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Dr. Janet Woodcock, the acting commissioner of the F.D.A.

Bezos Reaches Space but Sees It as Small Step

By KENNETH CHANG

VAN HORN, Texas — Jeff Bezos, the richest human in the world, went to space on Tuesday. It was a brief jaunt — rising more than 65 miles into the sky above West Texas — in a spacecraft that was built by Mr. Bezos's rocket company, Blue Origin.

While Mr. Bezos was beaten to space last week by Richard Branson, the British entrepreneur who flew in a rocket plane from his company Virgin Galactic, some analysts consider Blue Origin, founded by Mr. Bezos more than 20 years ago, to be a more significant contender in the future space economy. The company has ambitions of a scale far beyond short flights for space tourists, and it is backed by the entrepreneur who made Amazon into an economic powerhouse.

Lori Garver, who served as deputy administrator of NASA during the Obama administration, said that Mr. Bezos "has a huge, long-term vision that is multigenerational." She added that his intent for Blue Origin was to "compete for even higher stakes" in the growing business of space.

In 2017, Mr. Bezos announced that he would sell \$1 billion of Amazon stock a year to fund the

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Many Haitians Look to Future With Cynicism

By CATHERINE PORTER

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Gerard Lovius falls asleep at night on the floor of an empty classroom to the sound of gunfire. He and his shellshocked neighbors started living there a month ago, after gang members invaded his home, sending his terrified wife and three children running into the streets and leaving him with nothing: no money, no possessions, not even a cellphone.

On Tuesday morning, Mr. Lovius was back at his job as a street cleaner, tidying up before the day's state memorial for Haiti's assassinated leader in the Champs de Mars, the capital's main square. President Jovenel Moïse would soon be laid to rest, and the grieving members of his government had just reached a truce, vowing to lead the country anew.

But there was little peace in Mr. Lovius's life. "We have hope only in God," he said, hauling a wheelbarrow of trash up the street.

Haiti's leaders have called the political truce a new chapter, a turning of the page that, in the words of the interim prime minister, shows "that we can actually work together, even if we have different, even if we have different

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Floating on England's Canals

More people are buying the narrow boats used to navigate Britain's waterways and living on them.

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After a woman, who was born a Sikh, married a Muslim man, her parents accused him of kidnapping.

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Johnson & Johnson and three giant distributors were close to a tentative agreement worth \$26 billion that would pay for drug treatment.

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As the Delta variant rips through conservative communities, many Republicans remain reluctant to confront vaccine skeptics in their midst.

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Some communities are weighing new inspection requirements for aging structures, while others are stepping up enforcement of existing rules.

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The Future of Food Trucks

For many food truck operators and cart vendors, the ability to make meaningful profits depends on large numbers of workers returning to the office.

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Biden Picks Top Antitrust Cop

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Bucks Win N.B.A. Title

Led by Giannis Antetokounmpo, Milwaukee beat Phoenix, 105-98, for its first championship in 50 years.

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An Iron Grip on the Olympics

The I.O.C.'s president, Thomas Bach, used his clout to ensure the Games went on, even in a pandemic.

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Grilling on the West Coast

Tejal Rao celebrates all kinds of California barbecue, from brisket and smoked char siu, to cochinita pibil.

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Unionizing Small Restaurants

Stresses of the pandemic have moved many independent-restaurant workers to start labor-union drives.

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Bret Stephens

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A SO-CALLED fire cloud billows into the sky near a fire camp in Bly in southern Oregon. The Bootleg fire absorbed a smaller blaze to become the largest wildfire burning in the country right now — so big that it has created its own lightning. **NATION, A6**

COLUMN ONE

Next stop, a town at risk of extinction

A bus driver serving aging Korean villages focuses on keeping fragile riders safe.

BY VICTORIA KIM
REPORTING FROM
GOESAN-GUN, SOUTH KOREA

All day long, Han Kwi-young's eyes dart from the road ahead to the rearview mirror reflecting the inside of bus No. 106-1.

"Have a seat!" he intermittently bellows in his baritone. "Don't get up until the bus stops!" He knows the fragile bones of his charge — *uhreosins*, or elders, as he usually addresses them — pose far more peril than any hazards on these rural roads winding between rice paddies and fields of corn, tobacco and peppers.

The villages along his route are small, and getting smaller. A dozen households in one, a handful in the next, mostly populated by elderly residents whose children have long since left for the city. Every few months, a face disappears among his regular riders, and Han figures they've moved to a nursing home or died.

Goesan-gun, where Han began driving a bus three years ago, is perched on the

[See South Korea, A4]

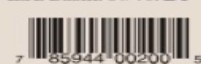
Bucks win NBA championship

Milwaukee seizes its first title in half a century, dispatching Phoenix 105-98 in Game 6. **SPORTS, B8**

Likely muse of 'Foxy Lady' dies

Lithofayne Fridgion, Jimi Hendrix's girlfriend who orbited with musical stars, was 80. **CALIFORNIA, B5**

Weather
Partly sunny.
L.A. Basin: 87/70. **B6**



Northern California fires stir own weather

Dixie and Tamarack burn nearly 100,000 acres, sparking pyrocumulus clouds, lightning, other dangerous conditions

BY HAYLEY SMITH

A pair of fast-moving wildfires in Northern California have chewed through nearly 100,000 acres while spewing noxious smoke, generating pyrocumulus clouds, lightning and other dangerous weather conditions and adding to the state's growing wildfire misery.

The state's northern reaches have been hit hard by a series of big wildfires this summer, with officials alarmed by the number of blazes that have broken out so early in the season. California already is outpacing last year's fire season as climate change is allowing blazes to spread faster and the terrain to burn more

quickly.

Exhausted firefighters had hoped for a reprieve after battling several forest fires — including one that burned through the small town of Doyle — worsened by a summer heat wave that has baked the Pacific Northwest and the upper reaches of Northern California.

But two new fires have raged out of control over the last few days, creating a new front of battle.

"Right now," said Tamarack fire incident spokesman Mike DeFries, "there's a lot happening all at once."

The 5-day-old Dixie fire spanning Butte and Plumas counties has stymied fire crews as it continues to swell — doubling in size to roughly 60,000 acres Tuesday with only 15%

containment, according to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

Pacific Gas & Electric said its utility equipment may have sparked the fire, after an electric worker found two blown fuses and a tree leaning onto a power line conductor in the area near the ignition point of the blaze.

The fire grew so volatile Monday that it generated its own pyrocumulus cloud, which created its own lightning, said Scott Rowe, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Sacramento.

The vertically growing clouds are unstable and intensely hot, he said, noting that "they are dangerous on

[See Fires, A7]



BLUE ORIGIN'S New Shepard rocket launches from a spaceport north of Van Horn, Texas. It carried Jeff Bezos and three other passengers.

Bezos launches himself and tourism into space

Billionaire's rocket carries first paying customer

BY SAMANTHA MASUNAGA
AND ANDREW MENDEZ

VAN HORN, Texas — The New Shepard rocket rumbled to life early Tuesday, catapulting Amazon.com founder Jeff Bezos and three others to the edge of space and allowing the world's richest person to achieve a childhood dream.

Back on Earth, spaceflight enthusiasts saw the brief voyage as the realization of decades of promise — the beginning of a new era for space tourism.

"Space tourism is finally here," said Alan Ladwig, author of the book "See

You in Orbit? Our Dream of Spaceflight." "It's still going to be expensive, it's still not going to be something everybody can do right away, but it's a first step."

Bezos' suborbital flight — his company Blue Origin's first crewed launch — came a little over a week after British billionaire Richard Branson along with five others boarded a space plane built by his Virgin Galactic firm and flew to the edge of space and back, making it there ahead of Bezos, who had announced his plans earlier. Virgin Galactic plans to complete two more test flights before it begins flying paying customers to space

[See Bezos, A9]

Billionaire held as foreign agent

L.A. mogul Barrack is charged with trying to influence Trump policy to benefit UAE.

BY MATT HAMILTON
AND MICHAEL FINNEGAN

Thomas J. Barrack Jr., the chair of former President Trump's inaugural committee and a prominent Southern California businessman, was arrested Tuesday on federal charges that he and two associates were part of a secretive, years-long effort to shape Trump's foreign policy as a candidate and later, president, all to the benefit of the United Arab Emirates.

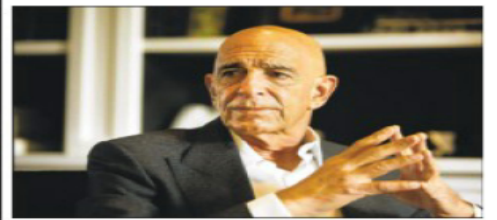
Barrack, 74, and the two

other men were indicted in a New York federal court and accused of acting as unregistered foreign agents of the wealthy Persian Gulf state starting about the spring of 2016.

The indictment said four UAE officials "tasked" Barrack and his associates with influencing public opinion through media appearances; molding the foreign policy positions of the Trump campaign and later, the Trump administration; and developing "a back-channel line of communication" with the U.S. government that promoted Emirati interests.

Barrack was also accused of obstructing justice and making several false statements in a 2019 interview.

[See Barrack, A7]



THOMAS J. BARRACK JR., who founded the Colony Capital investment firm, has close ties to Trump.

The Washington Post

Prices may vary in areas outside metropolitan Washington.



Afternoon T-storm 90/69 • Tomorrow: Partly sunny 85/67 BS

Democracy Dies in Darkness

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A penalty in billions for opioid brokers

Tentative deal also builds safeguards to keep legal pills off the black market

BY LENNY BERNSTEIN
AND MERYL KORNFELD

More than two decades and 500,000 overdose deaths after the U.S. opioid epidemic began, the biggest penalty for drug companies' role in the crisis was announced Tuesday, when lawyers for states, cities and counties detailed a tentative settlement worth \$26 billion.

The three major drug distributors — which federal law assigns primary responsibility for preventing illegal diversion of pharmaceutical painkillers — would pay \$21 billion over 18 years. Those companies, McKesson, Cardinal Health and AmeriSourceBergen, have been accused of ignoring clear signs that billions of pills spilled onto the black market and contributed to the U.S. addiction problem.

Johnson & Johnson, which once supplied much of the raw material for opioids and sold some painkillers but no longer does either in the United States, would pay \$5 billion over nine years.

SEE OPIOIDS ON A6

A wind-driven ocean of smoke



TWITTER @OYANGALEAS/REUTERS

Scores of wildfires in the western United States and Canada, including Osoyoos, B.C., above, have charred 1.3 million acres and are sending smoke across the continent, worsening air quality and, in some places, causing brilliant sunsets.

THE PEGASUS PROJECT | A GLOBAL INVESTIGATION

10 prime ministers, 3 presidents and 1 king

BY CRAIG TIMBERG,
MICHAEL BIRNBAUM,
DREW HARWELL
AND DAN SABBAGH

Spies for centuries have trained their sights on those who shape destinies of nations: presidents, prime ministers, kings.

And in the 21st century, most of them carry smartphones.

Such is the underlying logic for some of the most tantalizing discoveries for an international investigation that in recent months scrutinized a list of more than 50,000 phone numbers that included —

Hundreds of officials were on a list of 50,000 phone numbers that included some people targeted by spyware

Spyware used to monitor critics
In Hungary, a willingness is seen to employ a tool that once was out of bounds. **A10**

A guide to spyware
How vulnerable are you to hacking? And why it's hard to protect your phone. **A11**

according to forensic analyses of dozens of iPhones — at least some people targeted by Pegasus spyware licensed to governments worldwide.

The list contained the numbers of politicians and government officials by the hundreds. But what of heads of state and governments, arguably the most coveted of targets?

Fourteen. Or more specifically: three presidents, 10 prime ministers and a king.

None of them offered their iPhones or Android devices to The Washington Post and 16 other news organizations that scrutinized the list of phone numbers. That

SEE PEGASUS ON A9

Trump ally charged with lobbying for UAE illegally

BY DEVLIN BARRETT,
JOSH DAWSEY
AND SHAYNA JACOBS

Thomas J. Barrack, a billionaire businessman and longtime friend to former president Donald Trump, was arrested Tuesday in California and charged with violating foreign lobbying laws, obstructing justice and making false statements, officials said.

He and two other defendants are accused of acting and conspiring to act as agents of the United Arab Emirates between April 2016 and April 2018, according to an indictment unsealed Tuesday afternoon.

Prosecutors allege Barrack, 74, used his decades-long relationship with Trump to lobby on behalf of the UAE without registering as a lobbyist or telling administration officials he was working on the country's behalf. They also say he lied to FBI agents during a 2019 interview about his dealings with the wealthy Persian Gulf nation.

The 45-page indictment paints

SEE BARRACK ON A4

Bezos soars past edge of space with historic crew

BY CHRISTIAN DAVENPORT
AND DALVIN BROWN

VAN HORN, TEX. — Jeff Bezos rocketed past the edge of space Tuesday, launching from the improbable spaceport he has built in the West Texas desert here and fulfilling the lifelong dream of a die-hard Trekkie who was transfixed by the Apollo 11 moon landing and has pledged to use his fortune to open space for the masses.

Lifting off at 9:12 a.m. Eastern time, the New Shepard rocket that Bezos's Blue Origin space venture has been developing for years carried one of the most

unusual astronaut crews ever to depart Earth. In addition to Bezos, on board the capsule were Bezos's brother, Mark; Wally Funk, an 82-year-old aviation pioneer; and Oliver Daemen, an 18-year-old student from the Netherlands who lucked into the flight when the winner of an auction for the fourth seat had to postpone. (Bezos owns The Washington Post.)

The launch set a record for the oldest and youngest people to fly to space and came nine days after Richard Branson flew on a similar suborbital trajectory. The back-to-back launches amounted to yet

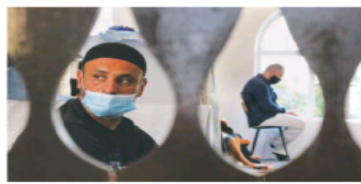
SEE LAUNCH ON A5



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Dutch teenager Oliver Daemen and aviator Wally Funk, 82, seen floating highest in the capsule, along with Jeff Bezos and his brother, Mark, experience low gravity Tuesday in a Blue Origin space vehicle.

IN THE NEWS



ALEXIS PIVUSHAK/REUTERS

Covid clouds Eid Muslims worldwide marked the start of Eid al-Adha under the threat of the delta variant, muting some rituals. **A14**

Pr. George's police settlement The county will pay a group of Black and Latino officers \$2.3 million in a discrimination lawsuit. **B1**

THE NATION

Teen loneliness around the globe has skyrocketed since a decade ago — and may be tied to smartphone use, a study found. **A2**
A bipartisan Senate measure is aiming to claw back authority over national security from the executive branch. **A3**
A top official in the U.S. Catholic Church quit after cellphone data was revealed that appeared to show he used a queer dating app. **A4**
The White House confirmed a staffer's breakthrough coronavirus infection but stayed on

message on vaccination and safety protocols. **A7**
A White House visit by a championship team and a Cabinet meeting felt like a sleepy summer day in contrast with the turbulent Trump era. **A8**

THE WORLD

The election of a left-wing teacher to Peru's presidency is the boldest case yet of the pandemic upending Latin American politics. **A15**
As Cuban President Miguel Diaz-Canel faces mass protests, he lacks the cachet of Fidel Castro, and analysts and activists are waiting to see

whether he'll enact reforms or simply fall back on repression. **A16**
In the wake of last week's deadly floods, Germans say precautions and warnings were insufficient. **A19**

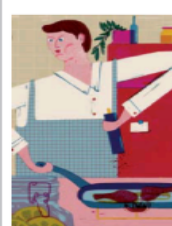
THE ECONOMY

After a huge drop in ticket sales for "Black Widow" on its second weekend, analysts wonder if the simultaneous theater and streaming tack is to blame or if the Marvel universe is past its cinematic peak. **A20**
The delta variant is posing a major risk to President Biden's promises of a swift economic comeback from the coronavirus pandemic. **A22**

THE REGION

The D.C. Council voted to increase income taxes on residents earning more than \$250,000 a year. **B1**
Normally closed to the public, the D.C. region's Mormon temple will temporarily welcome visitors for the first time since 1974. **B1**
Maryland will design bus lanes for upper Montgomery County as part of adding toll lanes to Interstate 270 and the Capital Beltway, the state's transportation chief said. **B1**
Liberty University was sued by a dozen women who allege the school mishandled sexual assault claims. **B5**

INSIDE



FOOD
The critic can cook The Post's Tom Sietsema got reacquainted with his kitchen as the pandemic wore on, and the results made the grade. **E1**

STYLE
Minds of menace Attorneys for people charged in the Jan. 6 Capitol insurrection try to explain what their clients were thinking. **E1**

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Jeff Bezos marcó otro hito en los viajes turísticos al espacio

La emergente industria del turismo espacial se anotó un nuevo éxito: el multimillonario dueño de Amazon, Jeff Bezos, hizo el primer viaje de su empresa Blue Origin, con otros tres pasajeros, a bordo del New Shepard. **Página 9**



MIRTHA LEGRAND Y SUS TEMORES: "ME TIENEN QUE CUIDAR"

—espectáculos

La diva anticipó cuándo volvería a conducir sus programas en El Trece y mostró su preocupación por la salud de Julián Weich y de su amiga Susana Giménez. **Página 4**

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El dólar blue no se detiene y se encienden las alarmas por la brecha cambiaria

MERCADOS. El paralelo llegó a \$182 y se separó del mayorista un 89%; en julio ya subió 8,3%

Melisa Reinhold
LA NACION

El dólar blue volvió a subir ayer por quinta rueda consecutiva: cerró en \$182 para la venta y alcanzó así el valor más alto desde octubre del año pasado. A ese precio, la cotización del dólar paralelo muestra la

aceleración en la que entró en julio: crece \$14 en lo que va del mes (un 8,3% más), mientras que en el primer semestre había sumado solo \$3, un 1,8%.

Las cotizaciones financieras de la divisa acompañaron la suba en los primeros negocios del día, pero al final de la jornada cerraron sin varia-

ciones por las intervenciones diarias del Banco Central para frenarlas.

El escenario político que se abre al aproximarse el inicio de la campaña electoral es, a juicio de los analistas, la principal causa de estos movimientos ante la expectativa de una devaluación tras los comicios de noviembre. **Continúa en la página 18**

DÉFICIT FISCAL

Las cuentas públicas mostraron un deterioro en junio, cuando el déficit fiscal llegó a \$153.217 millones. **Página 19**

Boca quedó eliminado en una escandalosa noche de Copa

deportes— Otra vez el VAR le anuló mal un gol a Boca, que en los penales perdió 3-1 con Mineiro y quedó fuera de la Libertadores. Lo más grave llegó después, con incidentes en la zona de los vestuarios y los gases lacrimógenos que lanzó la policía.



Los jugadores de Boca arremeten contra el vestuario de Mineiro; luego llegaron los gases lanzados por la policía

IMAGEN DE TV

Vuelven a evaluar en las escuelas y los alumnos que no aprueben podrán repetir

CORONAVIRUS. Se exigirá el 70% de los contenidos tanto en primaria como en secundaria

Después de haber suspendido la repitencia durante el año en el que las escuelas estuvieron cerradas, los ministros de Educación de la Nación y de las provincias acordaron ayer que, a partir de ahora, volverá

el esquema de evaluaciones. Definieron que los alumnos que no alcanzan el mínimo exigido podrán repetir el año o el grado que estén cursando. Para promocionar se exigirá que los estudiantes aprueben

el 70% de los contenidos que fueron propuestos para este ciclo escolar. La resolución fue adoptada por el Consejo Federal de Educación para escuelas de todos los niveles y jurisdicciones. **Página 2**

Tordillo, el pueblo que dejó atrás el miedo a la pandemia

Es el distrito bonaerense con más alto índice de vacunación y menos casos

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A un año de la toma, siguen los reclamos en Guernica

TIERRAS. Los desalojados piden que se cumpla con la entrega de lotes y servicios

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EL ANÁLISIS

La culpa no es de los que viajaron a Miami

Joaquín Morales Solá

—LA NACION—

La variante delta del Covid-19 está en las puertas del país y está azotando al mundo. De hecho, su proliferación es el principal motivo para explicar la inestabilidad de los mercados bursátiles internacionales. De acuerdo con la tradición, la Argentina se desvanece cuando el mundo solo se tambalea. Aquí también hubo una caída bursátil, el riesgo país superó los 1600 puntos básicos (un índice propio de un país en default) y, encima, se disparó el dólar paralelo hasta tocar niveles cercanos al récord. **Continúa en la página 14**

Castillo, obligado a negociar en varios frentes

PERÚ. El presidente electo deberá acordar con todos los sectores políticos

Ramiro Pellet Lastra
LA NACION

La semana próxima, Pedro Castillo será presidente de Perú y entrará al Palacio de Gobierno, donde sus antecesores se quedaron poco, como invitados. Un bosque embrujado donde se sucedieron cuatro mandatos en cinco años, signo de la inestabilidad del país. **Continúa en la página 7**

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ATIVISMO VIRA TESTE À REGRA

COI relaxa veto a manifestações para a Olimpíada, mas tema está longe de consenso B7

+ OPINIÃO
Marcelo Carvalho
O pódio como espaço de conscientização B11

+ O BRASIL NOS JOGOS*

QUARTA 5h
Futebol feminino
Brasil x China

QUINTA 8h30
Futebol masculino
Brasil x Alemanha

*horários de Brasília

Esporte B12
São Paulo faz 3 a 1 no Racing, avança às quartas e espera rival na Libertadores

População com 18 anos ou mais*

	ao menos uma dose	totalmente vacinada
Brasil	58,7%	21,7%
MS	73,9%	39,8%
RS	66,2%	29,0%
SP	69,1%	23,7%

Totalmente vacinada



	1ª	2ª	única
Brasil	91,1 mi	31,5 mi	3,4 mi
1ª SP	23,9 mi	7,5 mi	1 mi
2ª MG	8,9 mi	3 mi	288,5 mil
3ª RJ	7 mi	2,6 mi	227 mil

Números da pandemia

	Casos	Óbitos
Total	19,4 mi	544,3 mil
Méd. móvel	38,2 mil	1.197
Variação**	-21,9%	-23,1%
Em 24 h	30,6 mil	1.425



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

Rede paulistana de ensino volta com mais alunos dia 2

A Secretaria Municipal de Educação diz que creches terão 60% das crianças presencialmente e que as escolas seguirão a regra do estado, em que cada unidade pode definir número de alunos. O ensino médio terá uma aula a mais por dia em 2022. Cotidiano B1

Empresas vacinam funcionários no interior paulista

Saúde B4

Capital registra 5,4°C, recorde de frio no ano
São Paulo teve a madrugada com temperatura média mais baixa ontem. Marsilac, no extremo sul, chegou a marcar -2,3°C. B2



Joe Skipper / Reuters

JEFF BEZOS VAI PARA O ESPAÇO

Cápsula New Shepard é lançada no Texas; dono da Amazon é o 2º bilionário a voar ao espaço em sua nave, que levou também o 1º passageiro a pagar pela viagem suborbital. Ciência B5

Governistas tentam beneficiar bases na reforma de servidor

Propostas de emendas à PEC miram categorias ligadas ao bolsonarismo, como militares e forças de segurança

Aliados do governo apresentaram sugestões de mudanças na reforma administrativa para preservar bases eleitorais e ampliar benefícios a algumas categorias, especialmente militares e forças de segurança. As emendas de deputados bolsonaristas diluem os efeitos da PEC (proposta de emenda à Constituição) apresentada ao Congresso pela equipe de Paulo Guedes.

Uma das proposições busca aplicar a agentes das polícias legislativa, federal, civil e penal federal, estadual e distrital as regras de cálculo e reajuste de pensões em vigor nas Forças Armadas.

Outras tentam dar caráter de força policial às guardas municipais ao inseri-las no texto constitucional. Assim, a classe teria idade e tempo de contribuição diferenciados para aposentadoria.

Se acatadas pelo relator do texto, deputado Arthur Maia (DEM-BA), as alterações poderão reduzir o impacto fiscal esperado pelo governo —o objetivo da PEC é enxugar a máquina pública.

Procurado, Maia não respondeu a questionamento da reportagem. Mercado A15

Saúde priorizou militares da ativa na fila da vacina no Distrito Federal B3



Lelo de Almeida/Folhapress

'QUASE' NO BRASIL E HABITADA POR ISRAELITAS, ISLÂNDIA (PERU) MIRA VENEZA

Membros de igreja israelita preparam cordeiro para cerimônia religiosa em Benjamin Constant (AM); maioria vive na vizinha Islândia, já no Peru, mas separada do Brasil apenas por um braço do rio Javari e que se intitula Veneza por seus canais. Mundo A14

Bolsonaro propõe a recondução de Aras na PGR

Sob crescente pressão, Jair Bolsonaro enviou ao Senado proposta para reconduzir Augusto Aras para mais dois anos à frente da Procuradoria-Geral da República, que investiga e denuncia políticos com foro especial, como o presidente. A mensagem foi publicada pelo mandatário ontem. Em nota, Aras agradeceu. Poder A4 e A5

Fundo daria, em média, R\$ 250 mil por candidato

Se mantidos os R\$ 5,7 bilhões para o fundo eleitoral, somados ao fundo partidário, cada um dos 26 mil candidatos lançados em 2018 poderia gastar mais de R\$ 250 mil. Jair Bolsonaro sugeriu, sem detalhar, que o fundo fosse ajustado pela inflação. Poder A6

Lista com alvos de espionagem inclui rei, Macron e OMS

Os presidentes Emmanuel Macron (França) e Cyril Ramaphosa (África do Sul) e o rei Mohammed 6º (Marrocos) estão entre os possíveis alvos de uso do software Pegasus, capaz de hackear celulares, informaram os jornais Guardian e Le Monde. Mundo A12

Vice da Câmara busca aval para impeachment

Poder A8

Deputado é condenado a reparar repórter da Folha
André Fernandes (CE) terá de indenizar Patrícia Campos Mello em R\$ 50 mil por danos morais. A9

Lula e Bolsonaro desdenham de 3ª via em 2022

Poder A10



Em Parelheiros, o morador de rua Elias Aparecido de Jesus tenta se aquecer no dia mais frio em SP. Ronny Santos/Folhapress

Marcelo Coelho Apoiar Cuba não ajuda a esquerda

Não canso de ficar espantado com a teimosia de largas parcelas da esquerda brasileira quando o tema é Cuba. Prevalce a paixão, acima de qualquer racionalidade. Por mais que o PT bata palmas, nem a ala mais radical, imagino, pensa em imitar as atitudes de Fidel Castro. Ilustrada B17

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Sobre redução do funcionalismo civil do Executivo.

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Acerra de desfecho tardio da disputa presidencial.



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A TECNOLOGIA
NO PRÓXIMO NÍVEL

Veja como a pandemia acelera a revolução digital nas empresas

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EstúdioFOLHA

Parlamentarios acusan de que hubo una manifiesta traición a la patria

Fiscalía investiga informe de la CGR sobre deuda de Itaipú

Sandra Quiñónez conformó un equipo de fiscales para averiguar "sobre hechos que pudieron tener relevancia penal". Autoridades paraguayas operaron a favor de Brasil.

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Tras demora, cumple acuerdo con Tributación
Evasión: RGD apura pago de cuenta pendiente con Fisco y se salva de gran recargo

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España cede 252.000 vacunas y esperan más
Con donación se asegura segunda dosis para los que recibieron la AstraZeneca

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Lichi premió en Petropar a jefa castigada en otro ente

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Autopista de la Muerte se cobró 5 vidas en 3 meses

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El Paraná es ahora un mero lecho de rocas



Terrible bajante. Un marino mira el Puente de la Amistad desde un sitio antes cubierto por el agua. Navegación es casi imposible.

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La saison a plutôt bien démarré en Italie ou en Grèce. L'Espagne et le Portugal souffrent déjà du variant Delta. La mise en place de restrictions sanitaires dissuade les voyageurs. PAGES 24 ET 25

Justice, médias, corruption :
Bruxelles tance la Pologne
et la HongriePointant à nouveau Varsovie
et Budapest, la Commission
européenne s'inquiète des dé-
rives « systémiques » de l'état
de droit dans les deux États
membres et dénonce les ten-dances au « népotisme » des
dirigeants hongrois. Au-delà
des valeurs dont l'UE se réclame,
l'objectif est de garantir
un bon usage des fonds euro-
péens. PAGE 8 ET L'ÉDITORIALVaccination, restrictions :
l'exécutif cherche sa ligneAlors que le projet de loi sur
l'extension du passe sanitaire
est arrivé à l'Assemblée, le
chef de l'État cherche le bon
équilibre entre les préconisa-
tions des « enfermistes » et
celles des « déconfinistes ». Le
pouvoir tente de convaincreceux qui expriment une hos-
tilité à la vaccination. Sur le vo-
let des sanctions comme des
jauges, le texte a été largement
assoupli, sous l'impulsion no-
tamment des « pragmatiques »
et du ministre de l'Économie,
Bruno Le Maire. PAGES 2 À 5ÉDITORIAL par Philippe Gélie pgelie@lefigaro.fr

Hongrexit, Polexit, etc.

L'Europe souffre d'un point de côté qui l'empêche d'avancer. C'est à l'Est qu'« une dictature lui pousse à l'intérieur » telle une tumeur, s'enflamme l'eurodéputé belge Guy Verhofstadt à propos de la Hongrie, où Viktor Orban est accusé de traquer des citoyens grâce au logiciel espion Pegasus. Contrôle des juges et des médias, corruption : la commission de Bruxelles, dans son rapport annuel sur l'état de droit dans l'UE, cloue aussi au pilori la Pologne du parti Droit et Justice (PiS). Le dernier méfait de Budapest tient à une loi contre « la promotion de l'homosexualité », celui de Varsovie au rejet par la Cour constitutionnelle de la prééminence du droit européen. Bataille des « valeurs » qui creuse le fossé entre l'Ouest « libéral » du continent et l'Est socialement plus conservateur, voire « illibéral ».

Les dix pays auxquels l'Union européenne a ouvert ses portes en 2004 ont signé en connaissance de cause : ils ont rejoint un grand marché doté de règles communes, un espace de droit voué à réduire les inégalités et discriminations en son sein, sous l'arbitrage d'une cour indépendante. Ils en ont tiré un bénéfice

spectaculaire en termes de niveau de vie (86 milliards de fonds européens empochés depuis 2014 par la Pologne, 25 milliards par la Hongrie). Mais l'uniformisation socioculturelle n'était pas au programme. La fuite en avant d'Orban et du PiS se nourrit parfois des excès de zèle de Bruxelles. Ainsi des membres choyés du club en viennent-ils à rejeter « l'impérialisme » de l'UE en la comparant à l'URSS, dont ils subissent longtemps le joug.

L'UE doit choisir entre la purge et le compromis

peut survivre à un schisme. L'Union va bientôt devoir choisir entre la purge et le compromis. Hongrexit, Polexit, pourquoi pas Roumexit et Sloveexit - où cela s'arrêterait-il ? Si les rebelles ne restent que pour l'argent, on ne saurait exclure que l'Union se porte mieux en revenant au « noyau dur » originel. Mais, si l'on estime que les acquis géopolitiques de l'élargissement l'emportent sur les tiraillements internes, alors il est urgent de trouver un modus vivendi conjuguant prospérité et liberté. ■

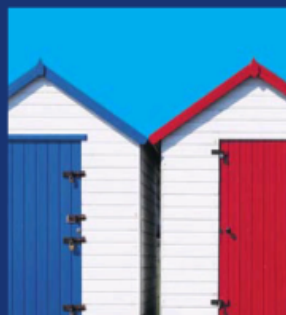
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The leaked database at the heart of the Pegasus project includes the mobile phone numbers of the French president, Emmanuel Macron, and 13 other heads of state and heads of government, the Guardian can reveal.

The South African president, Cyril Ramaphosa, and the Pakistani prime minister, Imran Khan, are also listed in the data, which includes diplomats, military chiefs and senior politicians from 34 countries.

The appearance of a number on the leaked list - which includes numbers

selected by governments that are clients of NSO Group, the Israeli spyware firm - does not mean it was subject to an attempted or successful hack. NSO insists the database has "no relevance" to the company.

NSO said Macron was not a "target" of any of its customers, meaning the company denies he was selected for surveillance using Pegasus, its spyware. It added that the fact a number appeared on the list was in no way indicative of whether that number was selected for surveillance using Pegasus.

But the list is believed to be indicative of individuals identified as persons of interest by government clients of NSO. 12 →



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Ministers 'turning blind eye' to Covid border checks

Exclusive
Jamie Grierson

Home affairs correspondent

Border officials are no longer required to make basic Covid checks on arrivals in England from green and amber list countries, according to leaked instructions that prompted claims the government is turning a blind eye

to the risk of importing Covid cases.

A change that came into effect yesterday means Border Force officers no longer have to verify whether new arrivals have received a negative Covid test, have booked a test within coming days or have a passenger locator form showing an address where they will isolate if necessary.

Border Force sources contacted the Guardian on condition of anonymity

to raise serious concerns with the shift in approach and said it was to reduce queues as foreign travel restarted. The government said it would not comment on leaked documents and stressed that airlines were legally required to conduct all the necessary checks.

Ministers' approach to the border has been one of the mostly heavily criticised aspects of the government's

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Covid strategy. Critics claim it was slow to act in shutting the borders to arrivals from India this year, ultimately allowing the more infectious Delta variant to take hold.

Reports have previously suggested the cabinet has been frequently divided over the best approach, with the home secretary, Priti Patel, understood to have called for tighter controls as far

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