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## Deadly Flooding Sweeps Central China After Days of Downpours



**CROSSING:** Roadways were flooded in Zhengzhou, Henan province, above, and throughout central China on Wednesday, with more than two dozen people killed. Production at one of Apple's biggest iPhone factories was also disrupted. A12, B1

## PG&E, in Shift, Plans to Bury Power Lines to Ease Fire Risk

By KATHERINE BLUNT

PG&E Corp. said that it plans to bury 10,000 miles of power lines to reduce wildfire risk throughout Northern California at an estimated cost of up to \$20 billion, reversing its earlier stance that doing so would be prohibitively expensive.

The utility company, which serves about 16 million customers in northern and central California, said Wednesday the

effort will substantially reduce the likelihood of its power lines sparking wildfires as drought and climate change heighten the risk of large, fast-moving blazes.

"We know that we have long argued that undergrounding was too expensive," Chief Executive Pat Pappas said. "This is where we say it's too expensive not to underground. Lives are on the line."

PG&E's equipment has ignited more than 20 California

wildfires within the past several years that have collectively killed more than 100 people and burned thousands of homes. Most of the fires were sparked when trees or branches touched the company's wires.

PG&E disclosed to California regulators earlier this week that one of its power lines may have been involved in the ignition of one of the fires currently ravaging the West, the Dixie Fire, which has

grown to cover more than 85,000 acres in Northern California. The company said in a regulatory filing that an employee responding to a power outage discovered a fire beneath one of its distribution lines in the Feather River Canyon in the forested Sierra Nevada foothills.

The employee found two

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## U.K. Tests Opening Despite Case Surge

By JASON DOUGLAS

LONDON—The battle between vaccines and the Delta variant of coronavirus is coming to a head in the U.K., closely watched by the rest of the world. At stake is whether advanced economies with high vaccination rates can enjoy something approaching pre-pandemic life in the face of fast transmitting versions of the virus.

The experiment should give a strong signal of whether Covid-19 can be relegated to the status of a manageable, seasonal menace such as influenza and whether lockdowns and social distancing can be consigned to the past.

In England, almost all Covid-era restrictions were lifted on Monday. Prime Minister Boris Johnson has said he wants Britons to judge for themselves whether to wear a face covering, dance at a nightclub or skip a big gathering.

The shift comes even as case loads rise rapidly—the U.K. is recording close to 50,000 daily cases, more than reported in Brazil, India, Indonesia or South Africa. The government justifies its actions by pointing to hospitalization

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Concern over Covid-19 turns prelude to Games into socially distanced event

By ALASTAIR GALE  
AND CHIEKO TSUNEOKA

TOKYO—When Masumi Matsubayashi took part in the torch relay before the 1964 Tokyo Olympics, the scene was chaotic.

"All I can remember is the billowing smoke from the torch, the rain, and desperately trying to keep up with other runners," said Ms. Matsubayashi, who was then 12 years

old and ran through crowds of people with a group accompanying the torch bearer.

This time around, she didn't even get to break a sweat. At a horse-racing track on the outskirts of Tokyo this month, Ms. Matsubayashi, now 69, held a torch with both hands and leaned to get it lit by the torch of a person standing next to her. A ripple of applause followed from

◆ **Missing From the Tokyo Olympics** Torch Relay—the Running Part

## Powell Has Support For Reappointment, But No Lock on Job

By NICK TIMIRAS  
AND ANDREW RESTUCCIA

President Biden's selection of the next Federal Reserve leader is likely between keeping the current chief, who enjoys broad support in markets and among lawmakers from both parties, or one of his well-regarded colleagues.

Chairman Jerome Powell, whose four-year term expires in February, is viewed by some inside and many outside the administration as the front-runner for the job. But if Mr. Biden, a Democrat, decides he would prefer his own pick, rather than the Republican chosen by Presi-

dent Trump, Fed governor Lael Brainard is the most likely candidate to succeed him.

"The president will engage with his senior economic team in a careful and thoughtful process to appoint a Federal Reserve chair in a timely manner," a White House official said.

The White House declined to comment on specific names that might be under consideration both for Fed chief and other vacancies on the seven-member board of governors. "The president will appoint the candidates who he thinks will be the most effective in managing monetary policy,"

◆ **Powell Has Support** For Reappointment, But No Lock on Job

## JPMorgan's Dimon Gets Retention Bonus

By DAVID BENOIT  
AND SIMON CLARK

JPMorgan Chase & Co. is giving 65-year-old Chief Executive Jamie Dimon 1.5 million reasons to stay at the bank for five more years.

The bank's board granted Mr. Dimon a retention bonus in the form of 1.5 million options that he can exercise in 2026, according to a regulatory filing. The award requires Mr. Dimon to stay at the bank the whole time and hit certain performance targets to receive

the full amount.

The move is meant to send a message to those inside and outside the bank that Mr. Dimon isn't going anywhere soon, according to people familiar with the matter.

JPMorgan's directors had given Mr. Dimon a similar award in 2008 and in recent years had been discussing how to reaffirm their desire to keep him, the people said. The coronavirus pandemic and Mr. Dimon's emergency heart surgery in early 2020

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The EU has flatly rejected UK proposals to fundamentally rewrite the Brexit deal in relation to Northern Ireland, pitching London and Brussels into renewed conflict and deepening the distrust in an already tense relationship.

Boris Johnson, the British prime minister, wants to renegotiate the deal he struck with Brussels in 2019 to govern post-Brexit trade with Northern Ireland, even though it has only been in force since the beginning of the year.

However, Maros Sefcovic, European Commission vice-president in charge of relations with the UK, said yesterday that Brussels "will not agree to a renegotiation of the protocol". Months of diplomatic wrangling lie ahead.

The dispute could also sour relations between Johnson and US president Joe Biden, who describes himself as Irish, and whose administration is keeping a keen eye on developments.

Brendan Boyle, a Democratic congressman from Philadelphia and member of the Irish caucus on Capitol Hill, accused the British government of trying to evade its responsibilities under the Northern Ireland protocol. "Their latest statement and proposed changes just continues this trend and serves only to further destabilise Northern Ireland," he said.

Lord David Frost, Johnson's EU minister, published a paper yesterday that would dismantle key parts of the protocol, including stripping the European Court of Justice of its role in policing the arrangement. Most checks at Irish Sea ports on goods moving from Great Brit-

ain to Northern Ireland would be replaced by a new system largely based on the honesty of traders, with spot checks behind the border.

Frost insisted Britain wanted to make the protocol work more effectively, but left open the possibility of London suspending it if Brussels refused to accede to the demands. "We cannot go on as we are," he said.

The post-Brexit status of Northern Ireland was identified by Frost as "the main obstacle" to building a productive, new UK-EU relationship. He wants to settle the issue permanently by rewriting the Johnson Brexit deal.

Sefcovic said the commission would "engage with the UK" on the suggestions and "seek creative solutions within the framework of the protocol". But he said a full-scale renegotiation, including a review of the ECJ, was unacceptable. "The protocol must be implemented. Respecting international legal obligations is of paramount importance."

The White House has made clear it is watching to ensure any moves by Johnson's government do not imperil the Northern Ireland peace process. Ned Price, state department spokesman, said the administration wanted both sides "to negotiate within the existing mechanisms when differences do arise".

Frost's allies insist the UK approach would "not be a problem" for the US administration because the UK was committed to negotiating a new settlement with Brussels in good faith.

Ireland's European affairs minister Thomas Byrne told the BBC: "We're willing to discuss any creative solutions within the confines of the protocol." Additional reporting by Jasmine Cameron-Chileshe

## China floods At least 25 killed after days of 'once in a millennium' rain



Subway travellers struggle with rising waters in Zhengzhou, China. Some 671mm of rain fell on the city in three days. The yearly average is 605mm. Report, page 2 — AFP/Getty/Courtesy of Weibo user meizi24

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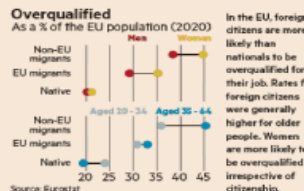
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## Novartis seeks to secure lead in \$10bn cancer treatment developed at Cern

HANNAH KUCHLER — LONDON

Novartis is hoping to cement an early lead in a new cancer treatment after positive trial results suggested it could help hundreds of thousands of patients and develop into a \$10bn market.

Vas Narasimhan, Novartis chief executive, said the drugmaker had the large-scale manufacturing capacity and relationships with hospitals required to deliver the treatment — called novel radioligand therapy.

"We believe it could be, in the coming decade, a \$10bn plus market," he told the Financial Times. "When you look at the cancers it could address, you certainly have the opportunity to go much, much larger."

Developed by physicists at Cern, the European organisation for nuclear research, Novartis's radioligand therapy

delivers beta radiation to tumours through an infusion, which is more precise than the blunt tool of radiotherapy.

The technology was acquired in two deals in 2018, with Novartis buying Endocyte for \$2.1bn, and Advanced Accelerator Applications, founded by the Cern scientists, for \$3.9bn. In a phase 3 trial for prostate cancer, Novartis found the Endocyte drug reduced the risk of death by 38 per cent, compared with standard care. Narasimhan said the results, published last month, were "pretty remarkable".

The company plans to submit the treatment for regulatory approval in the US and the EU in the second half of the year. It will expand trials into earlier treatments for prostate cancer and is examining its use against other cancers, including in the lung and brain.

The therapy requires complicated

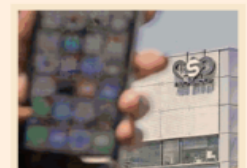
infrastructure, with patients isolated while receiving a radioactive treatment.

Narasimhan said it could help hundreds of thousands of prostate cancer patients alone. "We think prostate cancer will be the unlock to really enable us to get a much broader interest," he said.

Novartis had a strong second quarter with sales of Entresto, for heart failure, rising 46 per cent and oncology drug revenue up 7 per cent as health systems refocused on treatments hit by Covid.

"I think health ministers are more and more cognisant of the fact that, in the end, there were more deaths from cardiovascular disease in many countries than Covid, and then, in cancer, deaths approaching the deaths from Covid," Narasimhan said.

However, he warned the rebound in treatment could reverse because of the "ups and downs of the Delta variant".



### Israel uses NSO spyware as a tool of diplomacy

Spyware sold by an Israeli company, reported to have been traced to the mobile phones of 37 journalists, lawyers and political activists, has become a tool of the country's diplomacy. NSO's Pegasus software turns phones into listening devices while revealing their encrypted contents. It has been used to snoop on government critics from Saudi Arabia to India, say rights groups, as Israel has tried to foster ties with those states.

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### World Markets

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S&P 500	4053.59	4023.06	0.71	\$ per €	1.179	1.176	€ per \$	0.731	149.65	1.29	0.07
Nasdaq Composite	14594.82	14498.09	0.58	\$ per £	1.357	1.361	£ per \$	1.180	115.00	0.80	0.04
Dow Jones Ind	34767.88	34611.99	0.30	€ per ¥	130.069	129.311	¥ per €	86.984	117.54	0.01	0.00
FTSEurofirst 300	1751.07	1723.33	1.57	¥ per \$	110.335	109.625	\$ index	100.000	118.04	1.95	0.08
Euro Stoxx 50	4028.72	3956.34	1.79	€ per \$	150.877	149.629	\$fr per €	1.257	105.77	-0.72	0.00
FTSE 100	6999.29	6991.13	1.19	\$fr per £	1.083	1.085					
FTSE All-Share	4000.09	3932.04	1.71	€ per \$	0.848	0.850					
CAC 40	6464.48	6346.85	1.85								
Nikkei Dow	15422.50	15216.27	1.36								
Hang Seng	27544.59	27388.16	0.58								
MSCI World \$	3205.86	3205.55	0.01								
MSCI EM \$	1211.07	1217.72	-0.47								
MSCI ACWI \$	2173.30	2197.42	-0.83								
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Oil WTI \$	78.29	87.20	-4.80	Gold \$	1823.05	1814.90	0.45				
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## A Somber Toll As Record Rain Swamps China

**Cry of 'Please Save Us!'  
With Floods Surging**

By STEVEN LEE MYERS

The subway train in Zhengzhou, a city of five million in central China, was approaching its next station when the floodwaters began to rise ominously on the tracks. The passengers crowded forward as the water rose, submerging the cars at the rear first because they were deeper in the tunnel.

As the water reached their waists, then chests, finally their necks, the passengers called emergency services or relatives. One gave her parents the details for accessing her bank account. Some cried. Others retched or fainted. After two hours, it became difficult to breathe in the congested air that remained in the cars.

Ding Xiaopei, a radio host, was afraid to call her children, 13 and 4. What could she say? She posted a video that she thought might be her last message. "The water outside has reached this position," she said, it having reached chest level, "and my mobile phone will soon run out of power."

"Please save us!" she wrote. The flood that inundated Line 5 of Zhengzhou's subway on Tuesday added to the grim global toll extreme weather has taken already this year, with scorching heat in the Pacific Northwest, forest fires in Siberia, and flooding in Germany and Belgium. Although flooding is common in China, researchers have attributed the extreme weather sweeping the planet to the consequences of climate change.

At least 25 died in and around Zhengzhou, the capital of Henan Province, including 12 people in the subway, according to officials who briefed journalists on Wednesday. Days of torrential rain that began on Sunday created scenes of destruction that suggested the death toll could rise much higher.

Aerial photographs showed scores of cars in Zhengzhou all but submerged, the fate of their drivers and passengers unknown. Videos circulating online showed cars and even people being swept away in churning torrents.

The First Affiliated Hospital of Zhengzhou University, one of the

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A traffic police officer helped residents cross a flooded road by grasping a rope during torrential rainfall in Zhengzhou, China.

## Battle-Weary Nations Learn to Live With Covid

By SU-LEE WEE

SINGAPORE — England has removed nearly all coronavirus restrictions. Germany is allowing vaccinated people to travel without quarantines. Outdoor mask mandates are mostly gone in Italy. Shopping malls remain open in Singapore.

Eighteen months after the coronavirus first emerged, governments in Asia, Europe and the Americas are encouraging people to return to their daily rhythms and transition to a new normal in which subways, offices, restaurants and airports are once again full. Increasingly, the mantra is the same: We have to learn to live with the virus.

Yet scientists warn that the pandemic exit strategies may be premature. The emergence of more transmissible variants means that even wealthy nations with abundant vaccines, including the United States, remain vulnerable. Places like Australia, which shut down its border, are learning

### Making Push for a New Normal Even While Infections Rise

that they cannot keep the virus out.

So rather than abandon their road maps, officials are beginning to accept that rolling lockdowns and restrictions are a necessary part of recovery. People are being encouraged to shift their pandemic perspective and focus on avoiding severe illness and death instead of infections, which are harder to avoid. And countries with zero-Covid ambitions are rethinking those policies.

"You need to tell people: We're going to get a lot of cases," said Dale Fisher, a professor of medicine at the National University of Singapore who heads the National Infection Prevention and Control Committee of Singapore's Health Ministry. "And that's part of the

plan — we have to let it go."

For months, many residents in Singapore, the small Southeast Asian city-state, pored over the details of each new Covid case. There was a palpable sense of dread when infections reached double digits for the first time. And with borders closed, there was also a feeling of defeat, since even the most diligent measures were not enough to prevent infection.

"Our people are battle weary," a group of Singapore ministers wrote in an opinion essay in The Straits Times newspaper in June. "All are asking: When and how will the pandemic end?"

Officials in Singapore announced plans to gradually ease restrictions and chart a path to the other side of the pandemic. The plans included switching to monitoring the number of people who become very ill, how many require intensive care and how many need to be intubated, instead of infection.

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## Virus Widens A Racial Gap In Longevity

This article is by Julie Bosman, Sophie Kasakove and Daniel Victor.

New federal data draws one of the starkest illustrations to date of how the coronavirus pandemic has disproportionately affected Hispanic and Black Americans, showing that they suffered a far steeper drop in life expectancy in 2020 than white Americans.

Overall, life expectancy in the United States fell by a year and a half, a federal report said on Wednesday, a decline largely attributed to the pandemic that has killed more than 600,000 Americans.

It was the steepest decline in the United States since World War II.

From 2019 to 2020, Hispanic people experienced the greatest drop in life expectancy — three years — and Black Americans saw a decrease of 2.9 years. White people experienced the smallest decline, of 1.2 years.

The coronavirus "uncovered the deep racial and ethnic inequities in access to health, and I don't think that we've ever overcome them," said Dr. Mary T. Bassett, a former New York City health commissioner and professor of health and human rights at Harvard University, who characterized the findings as devastating but unsurprising.

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## \$26 BILLION DEAL REACHED TO DROP OPIOID LAWSUITS

STATES VS. DRUG GIANTS

Money From J. & J. and  
3 Distributors to Pay  
for Addiction Care

By JAN HOFFMAN

After nearly two years of wrangling, the country's three major drug distributors and a pharmaceutical giant have reached a \$26 billion deal with states that would release some of the biggest companies in the industry from all legal liability in the opioid epidemic, a decades-long public health crisis that has killed hundreds of thousands of Americans.

The agreement, announced Wednesday afternoon by a bipartisan group of state attorneys general, lays the framework for billions of dollars to begin flowing into communities across the country for addiction treatment, prevention services and other steep expenses from the epidemic.

The deal comes as the addiction crisis is worsening. Overdose deaths from opioids hit a record high in 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported earlier this month, a rise driven partly by the isolation and shutdown of services during the coronavirus pandemic. In all,



Opioids like oxycodone have fueled a U.S. addiction crisis.

more than 500,000 have died from overdoses to prescription and illegal street opioids since 1999, according to federal data.

"The urgency of the problem continues," said Attorney General Herbert H. Slatery III of Tennessee at the news conference announcing the deal. "It's just relentless." Tennessee, whose own spike in opioid deaths was particularly sharp in 2020, could receive more than \$500 million if the agreement is finalized.

The four companies that would be bound by the settlement — Johnson & Johnson and the drug distributors Cardinal Health, AmerisourceBergen and McKesson — are widely seen as having some of the deepest pockets among the corporate opioid defendants and this agreement was

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## 1964 Olympics Hailed a New Japan. In 2021, Spirits Are Sagging.

This article is by Motoko Rich, Hiroko Hida and Mokiko Inoue.

TOKYO — Under crisp blue skies in October 1964, Emperor Hirohito of Japan stood before a reborn nation to declare the opening of the Tokyo Olympic Games. A voice that the Japanese public had first heard announcing the country's surrender in World War II now echoed across a packed stadium alive with anticipation.

On Friday, Tokyo will inaugurate another Summer Olympics, after a year's delay because of the coronavirus pandemic. Hirohito's grandson, Emperor Naruhito, will be in the stands for the opening ceremony, which will otherwise be closed to spectators as an anxious nation grapples with yet another wave of infections.

For both Japan and the Olympic movement, the delayed 2020 Games may represent less a moment of hope for the future than the distinct possibility of decline. And to the generation of Japanese who look back fondly on the 1964 Games, the prospect of a diminished, largely unwelcome Olympics is a grave disappointment.

"Everyone in Japan was burning with excitement about the Games," said Kazuo Inoue, 69,



Rooftop reflections overlooking the national stadium in Tokyo before the long-delayed Olympics.

who vividly recalls being glued to the new color television in his family's home in Tokyo in 1964. "That is missing, so that is a little sad."

Yet the ennui is not just a matter of pandemic chaos and the numerous scandals in the prelude to the Games. The nation today, and

what the Olympics represent for it, are vastly different from what they were 57 years ago.

The 1964 Olympics showed the world that Japan had recovered from the devastation of the war and rebuilt itself as a modern, peaceful democracy after an era

of military aggression. Highways and the bullet train were rushed to completion. With incomes rising, many Japanese families like Mr. Inoue's bought televisions to watch the Games, the first to be broadcast live by satellite around

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## U.S. Lobbyists Find a Bonanza In Haitians Jockeying for Power

By KENNETH P. VOGEL and NATALIE KITROEFF

WASHINGTON — The struggle for power in Haiti after the assassination of the country's president has spilled onto K Street, where rival Haitian politicians, business leaders and interest groups are turning to lobbyists to wage an expensive and escalating proxy battle for influence with the United States.

Documents, interviews and communications among Haitian politicians and officials show a scramble across a wide spectrum of Haitian interests to hire lobbyists and consultants in Washington and use those already on their payrolls in the hopes of winning

American backing in a period of leadership turmoil in Haiti.

A group text chat in the days after the killing of President Jovenel Moïse that included Haitian officials, political figures and American lobbyists showed them strategizing about countering American critics and potential rivals for the presidency and looking for ways to cast blame for the killing, according to copies of the messages obtained by The New York Times and confirmed by some of the participants. The chat began before the assassination and originally included Mr. Moïse, though it ap-

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Netflix's "Sexy Beasts" requires contestants to wear a monstrous amount of makeup before they go out with their potential soul mates. PAGE D1





## Variant poses a political test for Newsom

A mask mandate, if issued, could anger voters before the recall election.

BY PHIL WILLON  
AND TARYN LUNA

SACRAMENTO — With the spread of COVID-19 on the rise, Gov. Gavin Newsom faces a delicate decision over whether to again impose statewide mask requirements in all indoor public places and risk upsetting Californians just weeks before they decide if he should be recalled from office.

In Los Angeles County, home to 1 out of every 4 Californians, residents are required to wear masks in those settings whether they are vaccinated or not. Seven San Francisco Bay Area counties last week recommended the use of masks, as did Sacramento and Yolo counties, to help stem the spread of the highly transmissible Delta variant of the coronavirus. On Monday, six more counties followed with voluntary requests to wear masks.

Though the Newsom administration has thus far deferred to counties, that could change if California continues to see an increase in coronavirus cases and hospitalizations.

"There have been so many points during the pandemic where it was hard to know what I would do," said Dr. Karen Smith, a communicable-disease physician and former director of the California Department of Public Health. "This is actually kind of the hardest one." Coronavirus cases continue to grow in many parts of California. On Wednesday, Los Angeles County reported 2,551 new infections, the highest total in months. [See Newsom, A9]

## L.A. County sees virus cases surge

Single-day total is highest since March, mostly affecting the unvaccinated. CALIFORNIA, B3

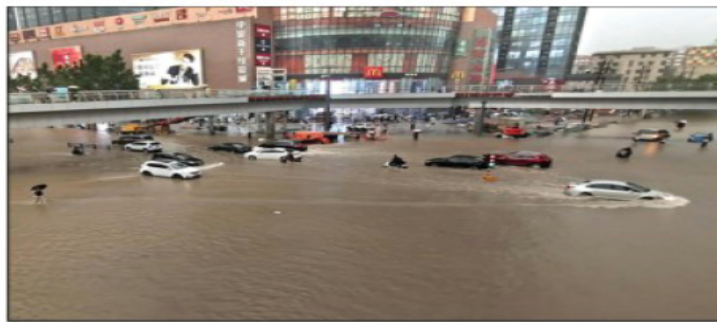
## Witnesses, videos tell sordid tale of Buck's fetish parties

Judge says jurors might need therapy after graphic evidence of meth-and-sex sessions.

BY MICHAEL FINNEGAN  
AND HAILEY BRANSON-POTTS

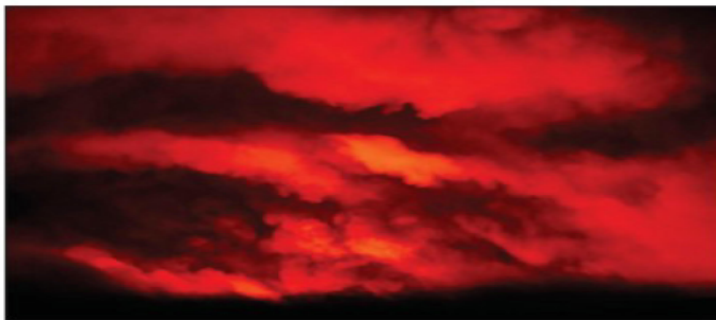
Carlos was living in a tent beneath a 195 Freeway overpass when a friend told him that a man named Ed Buck would pay him to smoke crystal meth and "prance around in underwear."

The \$200 offer was more than Carlos could refuse. He



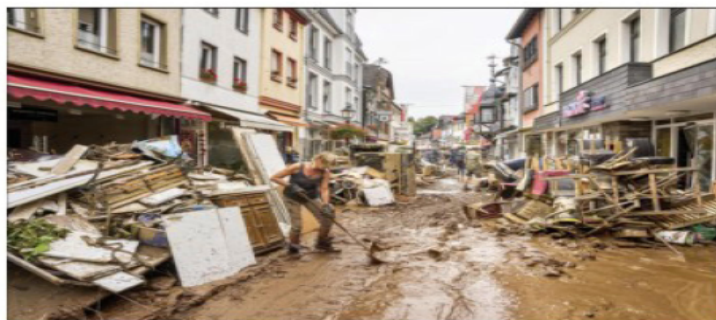
ZHENGZHOU, CHINA

Vehicles are stranded after a downpour that by Thursday had left more than 30 people dead. At one point, flooding trapped about 500 people in the subway.



ELY, ORE.

The Bootleg fire illuminates smoke at night last week; Oregon has been besieged by heat and drought. California is on pace for a record-breaking year in wildfires.



AHRWEILER, GERMANY

Severe flooding in western Germany last week turned streams and streets into debris-filled torrents that swept away cars, toppled houses and left scores dead.

## Dire climate predictions are becoming real around globe

Scenes of disaster play simultaneously in the Western U.S., Europe, China and Siberia.

BY DAVID PIERSON,  
ALICE SU AND MOLLY  
HENNESSY-FISKE

BEIJING — Torrents of murky brown water gushed past the train window, flowing fast through the subway tunnel. Inside, passengers stood on top of seats, clutching their phones overhead as the muddy tide rose past their chests. Some gasped for air. Others sent desperate last messages to family members, telling them their bank card passcodes and saying goodbye.

"The water outside has already come this high," one

frightened woman said, reaching out to the subway car door in a video that spread quickly online. "My phone is almost dead. I don't know if this is my last WeChat message."

The woman, one of some 500 people trapped on a subway amid catastrophic flooding Tuesday night in Zhengzhou, in China's Henan province, reportedly survived. A dozen people did not. By midday Thursday, the death toll had climbed to 33 and eight people were reported missing. More than 3 million people had been affected by the rain, including 376,000 who were relocated to shelters.

The scenes of desperation and devastation in Zhengzhou added to a portfolio of disasters this year that have raised the specter [See Climate, A4]

## Dangers of wildfire smoke loom nearly as large as flames

BY HAYLEY SMITH

When Erin Babnik awoke on the morning of Nov. 8, 2018, in Paradise, Calif., she thought the reddish glow outside was a hazy sunrise.

But the faint light soon gave way to darkness as smoke from the burgeoning Camp fire rolled in.

"The whole sky turned completely black, and there were embers flying around," Babnik recalled. "I remember it smelling horrible."

She hastily evacuated to nearby Chico with little more than an overnight bag. Her rented home, along with nearly every other structure

in Paradise, would soon be reduced to ash.

Although several years have passed and thousands of additional wildfires have ignited across California, researchers are still unpacking the precise dangers of smoke from blazes like the Camp fire. Already this year, plumes from the West's fires are making their way across much of the U.S. and Canada.

One recent study found that smoke from the Camp fire was particularly noxious because it contained particulates from burned homes as well as vegetation — something officials fear [See Smoke, A6]

## A turn toward destruction

The Dixie fire continues to explode, burning two structures, while other blazes erupt. CALIFORNIA, B1

**Drought could hurt state power output**  
Dwindling water level at Lake Oroville might force hydroelectric plant offline next month. CALIFORNIA, B1

## TOKYO OLYMPICS

## Games' future hangs in the balance



MARTIN MEISSENER/ASSOCIATED PRESS

AS THE SPORTS ACTION begins at the Summer Olympics in Tokyo, including a diving training session, a host of unknowns looms over the next 17 days.

## U.S. women fall in soccer

After humbling 3-0 loss to Sweden that ends unbeaten streak, Americans say they're not panicking. SPORTS, B10

## NBC makes a golden bet

Games will be shown across multiple networks and are seen as way to boost new streaming service. CALENDAR, B1

With success at risk because of COVID, organizers and others know what's at stake.

BY DAVID WHARTON

TOKYO — No matter how tough the questions get, no matter how many times reporters ask, the person in charge of running the Summer Olympics remains calm. There is a quiet determination in her voice.

The Games are pushing stubbornly ahead despite concerns about surging coronavirus cases in Japan, where only about 20% of residents have been vaccinated. There has been a costly year-long postponement, a series of scandals and constant public grumbling.

Still, Seiko Hashimoto, president of the Tokyo Olympics organizing committee, shows no sign of wavering at news conferences held inside the modernistic, gold-sheathed Tokyo Big Sight tower.

"We promised the world to host the Games," [See Olympics, A7]

## Infrastructure bill is blocked

The GOP move in the Senate may amount to only a delay as negotiators work on a bipartisan plan. NATION, A5

**Weather**  
Partly sunny.  
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## Federal inquiry of deputies urged

Congresswoman asks attorney general to look into alleged L.A. County clique. CALIFORNIA, B1



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## Bipartisan inquiry into Jan. 6 crumbles

After Pelosi rejects two GOP picks, McCarthy disavows House panel

BY MARIANNA SOTOMAYOR, JACQUELINE ALEMANY AND KAROUN DEMIRJIAN

Plans for a bipartisan committee to investigate the Jan. 6 insurrection fell apart Wednesday after House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) moved to block two controversial Republicans appointed by Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) from sitting on the panel — paving the way for two separate and largely partisan investigations of the violent attack on the Capitol.

Pelosi called on McCarthy to name two new Republicans to the committee after refusing to appoint conservative Reps. Jim Jordan (R-Ohio) and Jim Banks (R-Ind.), a privilege she has as speaker. As staunch backers of former president Donald Trump, both members voted against his impeachment and pushed to overturn the election results certifying Joe Biden as president.

"With respect for the integrity of the investigation, with an insistence on the truth and with concern about statements made and actions taken by these Members, I must reject the recommendations of Representatives Banks and Jordan to the Select Committee," Pelosi said in a statement. "The unprecedented nature of January 6th demands this unprecedented decision."

McCarthy instead vowed to go his own way, pulling all five Republicans he had named off the committee and saying the GOP would launch its "own investigation of the facts," without providing specifics on what that is. **SEE COMMITTEE ON A5**



An officer helps residents in Zhengzhou. The floods, which have killed 25, prompted President Xi Jinping to issue an order through state media for officials to give top priority to people's safety and property. The rain began over the weekend and continued Wednesday.

## 'Terrifying' floods in China

People trapped on subway trains, farm fields swamped after almost a year's worth of rain fell in a day

BY ALICIA CHEN, LYRIC LI AND EVA DOU

Wang Peng rushed to join flood rescue efforts in Zhengzhou on Wednesday, as the central Chinese city was inundated with record rain. But his volunteers found themselves overwhelmed, with streets turned into rivers.

"Once I got to the scene, I couldn't help anyone," said Wang, a 34-year-old logistics manager. "The water was too deep."

Wang and other volunteers recounted scenes of devastation in Zhengzhou on Wednesday, as the death toll rose to 25 and more than 1.2 million people were displaced. Videos circulating online showed residents being rescued with ropes from deep, rushing water. Large areas of the surrounding countryside remained underwater.

One of the areas hit hardest in the city was a tunnel between two subway stops on Line 5. Twelve people died when their train became trapped in rising floodwaters, the South China Morning Post reported. About 500 people were rescued from the underground tunnels in a massive operation.

The flooding was severe enough for Chinese leader Xi Jinping to issue a statement placed. Videos circulating online showed residents being rescued with ropes from deep, rushing water. Large areas of the surrounding countryside remained underwater.

Henan province is straining to respond to the historic flooding:

**1.2 million**  
people displaced by floodwaters

**17,000**  
firefighters on rescue duty

Wednesday through state media ordering authorities to give top priority to people's safety and property. More than 17,000 firefighters were mobilized for rescue operations, according to the Ministry of Emergency Management, along with local volunteers and personnel from other provinces.

"The water outside is already up to here," radio host Ding Xiaopei said in a quivering voice, pointing to chest-high water outside her subway window, in a widely shared smartphone video clip. "My smartphone is running out of batteries. I don't know if this is my last WeChat post."

Ding, a mother of two, was rescued Tuesday night after being trapped on the train for more than three hours, according to Jiemian, a Shanghai-based financial news outlet. **SEE FLOOD ON A15**

## Isolation, inequity make heat waves more deadly

Assessing last month's toll, Oregon officials call for 'social resilience'

BY SARAH KAPLAN

PORTLAND, ORE. — Mandi Luke's symptoms came on slowly: spots on her vision, fuzziness in her brain. Hunkered down in her tent beside a bike path in Portland's Lents neighborhood, she sipped Gatorade and made sure a breeze flowed through an opening in the fabric.

Her husband — a former Army medic — was helping treat sick people at another camp. When he texted to check on her, she tried to reassure him. Luke, 36, had been on and off the streets for years. She knew the dangers of heat, knew how to look after herself. And she knew that abandoning her home, her dog and her life's

possessions to seek out air conditioning was not an option.

But this was so much worse than the heat waves she'd seen before. Portland had notched record highs the past two days, and now the city was on track to hit 116 degrees.

The air inside the tent was still and stifling. Luke became woozy. Her pulse stuttered. It seemed like she couldn't get enough oxygen to her lungs.

She was gripped by a terrifying thought: This could kill her.

In an era of escalating climate change, extreme heat is the United States' most fatal form of weather disaster. Already this summer, hundreds of Americans have lost their lives amid a series of record-setting heat waves that scientists say would not have happened if not for human-caused warming. Even now, a fourth dome of punishing heat is poised to roast the Intermountain West. **SEE HEAT ON A26**

## In Dubai, a princess plots a futile race to escape

Days before commandos raided her getaway yacht, her phone joined a list that included spyware targets

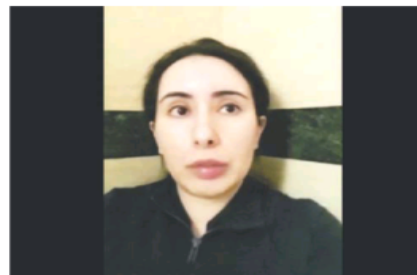
BY DREW HARWELL

The princess had been careful, so she left her phone in the cafe's bathroom. She'd seen what her father could do to women who tried to escape.

She hid in the trunk of a black Audi Q7, then jumped into a Jeep Wrangler as her getaway crew raced that morning from the glittering skyscrapers of Dubai to the rough waves of the Arabian Sea. They launched a dinghy from a beach in neighboring Oman, then, 16 miles out, switched to water scooters. By sunset they'd reached their idling yacht, the Nostromo, and began sailing toward the Sri Lankan coast.

Princess Latifa bint Mohammed al-Maktoum, the 32-year-old daughter of Dubai's fearsome ruler, believed she was closer than ever to political asylum — and, for the first time, real freedom in the United States, members of her escape team said in interviews.

But there was one threat she hadn't planned for: The spyware tool Pe-



FREE LATIFA CAMPAIGN/TINA JAHNKE/DAVID HACH/ASSOCIATED PRESS  
In video secretly recorded on a contraband phone and given by her friends this year to the BBC, Princess Latifa said she was being held "hostage" in a guarded villa.

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**U.S. and E.U. officials:** Some wary of NSO's links to Israel. **A11**

gasp, which her father's government was known to have used to secretly hack and track people's phones. Leaked data shows that by the time armed commandos stormed the yacht, eight days into her escape, operatives had entered the numbers of her closest friends and allies into a system that had also been used for selecting Pegasus surveillance targets.

"Shoot me here. Don't take me back," she'd screamed as soldiers dragged her off the boat, roughly 30 miles from the shore, according to a fact-finding judgment by the United Kingdom's High Court of Justice. Then she disappeared.

Latifa failed 2018 escape from her father — Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al-Maktoum, the United Arab Emirates' prime minister, vice president and minister of defense — sparked outrage and gave life to a troubling mystery: How, given all her precautions, had the princess been found?

An investigation by The Washington Post. **SEE PRINCESS ON A10**

## IN THE NEWS



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**Existential threats** Residents in the shadow of Nationals Park say gentrification and rapid redevelopment have put them at risk. **B1**

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**Rental relief** programs ramped up in June, but fears are mounting among housing experts that momentum may be coming too late. **A2**

**Pentagon officials** defended the military's tradition of staying out of elections after a report that the head of the Joint Chiefs feared President Donald Trump would attempt a coup. **A8**

**The Chicago City Council** voted to hand oversight of the city's police force to a panel of publicly elected community members. **A22**

**The world** Despite sanctions and the pandemic, North Koreans continue to work in Russia's Far East and send money home to the Kim regime. **A34**

**In southwestern Iran**, unrest over water shortages has led to at least two deaths and accusations of a heavy-handed government response to protests. **A16**

**The Biden administration** reached an agreement with Germany that allows for the completion of a natural gas pipeline with Russia. **A17**

**A CIA officer** who helped find Osama bin Laden will lead the inquiry into the cause of illnesses affecting dozens of U.S. personnel. **A18**

**The economy** Some companies that could be enriched by an infrastructure deal oppose tax increases that could fund it. **A20**

**The vaccine** misinformation problem facing Facebook and YouTube is simpler than it seems, and the platforms' algorithms are at the root of the issue. **Will Oremus writes. A22**

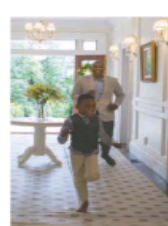
**Three major drug** distributors and Johnson & Johnson reached a \$26 billion settlement to resolve litigation over the opioid epidemic. **A22**

**The region** The Arlington County Board voted to create a civilian group that has the ability to subpoena police but cannot discipline officers. **B1**

**The transportation** Planning Board agreed to restore a Maryland toll lanes proposal for I-270 and part of the Capital Beltway. **B1**

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**LOCAL LIVING** Uncovering their home's past A Black family makes inroads in the largely White world of historic home renovation.

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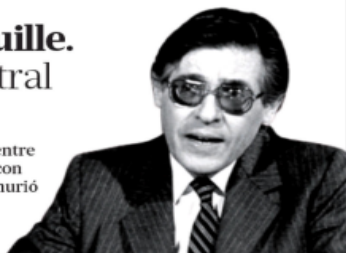
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## Juan Vital Sourrouille.

### El creador del austral

—economía

Fue ministro de Economía de Alfonsín entre 1985 y principios de 1989; lanzó el plan con el que se intentó contener la inflación; murió ayer, a los 80 años. **Página 24**



## LOS MUSEOS DE LA CIUDAD, EL BOOM DE LAS VACACIONES

—cultura

La mayoría tiene cupos agotados y niveles de asistencia superiores a los de antes de la pandemia; proponen distintas actividades para los chicos. **Página 26**

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## Dura crítica de EE.UU. a la política económica de Fernández

**INVERSIONES.** El Departamento de Estado apuntó a los controles de capital y de precios, y a las restricciones comerciales

WASHINGTON (De nuestro corresponsal).— En una cruda descripción sobre el clima para invertir en la Argentina, el gobierno de Estados Unidos señaló que los controles de capital —el cepo, en la jerga local—, las restricciones al comercio y los controles de precios amplían las distorsiones en la economía y obstaculizan las inversiones. Además, estimó que la incertidumbre económica, las políticas intervencionistas, la alta inflación y el estancamiento económico “han impedido que el país maximice su potencial”.

El duro diagnóstico quedó plasmado en un informe del Departamento de Estado, llamado “Declaraciones sobre el clima para las inversiones”, en el cual vuelca su visión sobre el ambiente para los negocios en más de 170 países que son mercados potenciales o desti-

nos de inversiones para compañías norteamericanas. El trabajo, que se realiza todos los años, incluye una descripción de las barreras que pueden encontrar las empresas para invertir en un país, las principales medidas y prioridades de la política económica de los gobiernos, y un pantallazo de las leyes y reglas que marcan el pulso de la economía local. **Página 21**

### EMISIÓN

En 13 días hábiles, el Banco Central (BCRA) emitió \$220.000 millones para auxiliar al Gobierno, es decir, lanzó a la calle \$17.000 millones por jornada. **Página 20**

## Tolosa Paz y Gollán, la dupla que impulsa el Presidente

**LISTAS.** Aún falta que se pronuncie Cristina Kirchner

En medio de las reuniones, negociaciones y operaciones cruzadas, el Gobierno salió ayer a instalar con fuerza que el presidente Alberto Fernández ya tiene encaminada la designación de la dupla que encabezará la lista de diputados nacionales en la provincia de Buenos Aires: Victoria Tolosa Paz, titular del Consejo Nacional de Coordinación de Políticas Sociales, y Daniel Gollán, ministro de Salud bonaerense.

Sin embargo, todavía nadie del

kirchnerismo confirmó en público esa información. Trascendió que hubo contactos entre Fernández y Cristina Kirchner, pero no que se haya cerrado un acuerdo. Si parece más lejana hoy la posibilidad de que Santiago Cafiero, jefe de Gabinete, encabece la lista. **Página 14**

**Santilli anunció su postulación en provincia**

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### EL ESCENARIO

## La revelación de la encrucijada más desesperante del Gobierno

Carlos Pagni

—LA NACION—

Cecilia Nicolini es una asesora clave de Alberto Fernández. Politóloga, con una interesante carrera académica, se la reconoce por su compromiso con la función pública. Ahora hay que agradecerle algo más: una sinceridad tan inusual como candorosa. Hace dos semanas, el 7 de julio, Nicolini dirigió una carta, vía mail,

a Anatoly Braverman. Es la mano derecha de Kirill Dmitriev, el CEO del Fondo Ruso de Inversión Directa (RDIF, por sus siglas en inglés). Hay varios motivos por los cuales esa carta, a la que accedió LA NACION, es muy valiosa. El más importante es que revela la encrucijada desesperante en que se encuentra el Gobierno en relación con la apuesta

más contundente de su plan de inmunización: la Sputnik V. También desnuda que la preferencia por esa vacuna ha sido una opción geopolítica; igual que el desinterés por productos alternativos. Nicolini explicita, además, algo obvio: que el oficialismo hace una utilización facciosa del plan de vacunación. **Continúa en la página 18**

## River ya está entre los ocho mejores

**deportes—** Braian Romero le devolvió la confianza a Gallardo: con dos goles de su último refuerzo, River superó 2-0 a Argentinos y se clasificó para los cuartos de final de la Copa Libertadores.



Romero (en el medio) celebra uno de sus goles con Carrascal, Suárez y Montiel

MAURO ALFIERI

## Escándalo en Brasil. La pesadilla de Boca no terminó al retornar a la Argentina

La noche bochornosa en Belo Horizonte derivó en una pesadilla continuada para el plantel de Boca Juniors. Los jugadores llegaron al país después de la polémica eliminación de la Copa Libertadores ante Atlético Mineiro y recibieron

la noticia de que deberán aislarse durante siete días y no podrán afrontar en las fechas previstas los próximos desafíos del club.

Lo decidió el Ministerio de Salud tras juzgar que se había roto la burbuja sanitaria a raíz de los incidentes

en los vestuarios del estadio Mineirão. El plantel pasó la noche en dos micros, frente a una comisaría, antes de volver. Falta resolver si le permitirán postergar los próximos dos partidos de la Liga o si deberá jugar con juveniles. **Deportes**





Galeria Verve, no edifício Louvre, no centro de São Paulo

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Palmeiras avança e fará duelo com o São Paulo nas quartas de final da Libertadores

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Campings atraem com natureza, baixo preço e atmosfera longe da pandemia

# Bolsonaro muda ministérios e dá mais poder ao centrão

Militares e Guedes perdem força; ganha Ciro Nogueira (PP-PI), líder do bloco

Em seu momento de maior fragilidade, Jair Bolsonaro prepara reforma ministerial para dar mais poder ao centrão, antes criticado pelo presidente e que se tornou sua base no Congresso. Líder do grupo, o senador Ciro Nogueira (PP-PI) deve assumir a Casa Civil no lugar do general Luiz Eduardo Ramos, alvo de queixas constantes de parlamentares.

Pragmático, Ciro, 52, que responde a inquéritos no Supremo, foi aliado do ex-presidente Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT) e já chamou Bolsonaro de fascista — se o Planalto o confirmar, quem assume o cargo no Senado é sua mãe e primeira suplente, Eliane Nogueira, 72. O governo busca, assim, blindar-se politicamente da queda de popularidade.

Pelo redesenho previsto, o general Ramos seria deslocado para a Secretaria-Geral, hoje ocupada por Onyx Lorenzoni (DEM-RS), que iria para o Ministério do Trabalho e da Previdência. Esta pasta seria recriada por meio de medida provisória que retiraria a atribuição do atual Ministério da Economia, enfraquecendo ainda mais Paulo Guedes.

A aproximação com o centrão e o provável retorno do Trabalho enterram de vez o discurso de campanha bolsonarista de rejeição à prática do "toma lá dá cá" e de engajamento da máquina pública. Poder A4 e A5 e Mercado A13

**Bruno Boghossian**  
Fragilizado, governo instala comitê da reeleição no Planalto A2



Atletas e árbitra de Grã-Bretanha x Chile fazem gesto antirracista no estádio Sapporo Dome, na abertura do futebol na Olimpíada Keita Iijima/The Yomiuri Shimbun/AFP

## Senado vê pouca ação do Planalto por Mendonça

Ao menos quatro senadores relataram que André Mendonça, indicado por Jair Bolsonaro a uma vaga no Supremo, os procurou por telefone, para marcar encontros e se apresentar. Para eles, o movimento indica falta de articulação do próprio Planalto para apoiar Mendonça. Poder A7

## ENTREVISTA Leonardo Padura Manifestantes em Cuba gritam sem querer ouvir outros

Escritor vivo mais famoso de Cuba, Leonardo Padura diz à Folha que a polarização criou um "estado de ódio" que não contribui para resolver os problemas da ilha. Criticado por ter citado o embargo americano como ponto central da crise, questiona a "imagem maniqueísta" do país no exterior. Mundo A12

## PROTESTOS ENTRAM EM CAMPO

Jogadoras de 5 seleções realizam atos antirracistas, e COI veta imagens nas mídias sociais da Olimpíada B9

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**Arrecadação federal chega a R\$ 897 bilhões no primeiro semestre, recorde em 22 anos A14**

## População com 18 anos ou mais\*

	ao menos uma dose	totalmente vacinada
Brasil	59,4%	22,1%
MS	74,3%	40,3%
RS	67,1%	29,8%
SP	70,2%	24,3%



	1ª	2ª	única
Brasil	92,1 mi	32,2 mi	3,4 mi
1ª SP	24,2 mi	7,7 mi	1 mi
2ª MG	9 mi	3,1 mi	316,1 mil
3ª RJ	7 mi	2,4 mi	227 mil

	Casos	Óbitos
Total	19,5 mi	545,7 mil
Méd. móvel	379 mil	1.170
Varição**	-24,1%	-21%
Em 24 h	54,7 mil	1.388

## Brasil Desacelerado

Dados das 20h de 21 jul. \*Ao menos uma dose; tomou dose única ou 1ª dose. Totalmente vacinada: tomou dose única ou 2ª dose. \*\*Em relação a 14 dias

## Exército vacinou agentes da Abin em segredo e sem aval

O Exército atuou na vacinação secreta de 130 servidores da Agência Brasileira de Inteligência, sem aval do Ministério da Saúde. A Abin informou ao Ministério Público Federal que a imunização atendeu a uma "iniciativa exclusiva" da categoria. Saúde B1

## Covid faz expectativa de vida cair 1,5 ano nos EUA

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L'espionnage téléphonique de responsables français, dont Emmanuel Macron, par des pays amis soulève une vague d'inquiétude et d'indignation, et jette un froid sur les relations internationales.

« Si les faits sont avérés, ils sont graves. » À l'instar de Jean Castex, toute la classe politique s'est saisie de l'affaire des écoutes obtenues via le logiciel espion israélien Pe-

gasus. Des téléphones du président Emmanuel Macron, de son ancien premier ministre, Édouard Philippe, et de treize ministres ou anciens ministres figu-

rent sur une liste de cibles potentiellement espionnées par le Maroc. Alors que des enquêtes parlementaires se profilent en France, le royaume chérifien dément ca-

tégoriquement les révélations du consortium de médias Forbidden Stories et menace d'attaquer ses accusateurs. Champion du monde du cyberespionnage, Israël est

aussi plongé dans l'embarras. Pour l'expert Guilhem Giraud, la France devrait « lancer le chantier de la moralisation des technologies de surveillance ».

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Le nombre de cas double tous les cinq jours et la quatrième vague est bien là. Sera-t-elle moins rude que les précédentes ? Tout dépendra de l'efficacité des mesures et du succès de la campagne vaccinale. PAGES 4 À 6

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## Les bretelles de Pégase

Qu'il est loin le temps des « bretelles » où un grésillellement sur la ligne valait brevet de reconnaissance, où une camionnette garée dans la rue tournait négligemment son antenne vers vos fenêtres, où un journaliste en poste dans un pays sensible poussait la politesse à « saluer ceux qui nous écoutent ». C'était le bon temps des barbouzes, quand Lino Ventura répondait aux petits noms charmants de « Chérubin », « Falbala », ou « Bazooka »...

Aujourd'hui, le règne absolu du furtif a enlevé toute poésie au métier d'espion. Un virus indécidable s'infiltre dans nos téléphones portables - qui renferment, il faut malheureusement l'admettre, la moitié de nos vies - et y dérobe tout ce qu'il veut sans laisser d'empreinte. Aux deux bouts de la ligne, un informaticien aussi génial qu'irresponsable et l'agent sans visage d'une police politique bien à l'abri dans son bureau. Pas étonnant qu'on attende avec impatience le prochain épisode d'OSS 117 pour rêver un peu ! Avec le logiciel espion israélien Pegasus, plus personne ne peut se croire à l'abri. Un roi, trois présidents - dont Emmanuel Macron - et dix premiers ministres ont été ciblés. Arroser ar-

rosés, le souverain Mohammed VI et son entourage figurent sur la liste qui impute aux services marocains la surveillance du président français. Le pire, c'est qu'on ne peut même pas affirmer qu'il a été effectivement espionné, encore moins quels secrets d'État ont été volés. Pas de trace, pas de crime, pas de coupable.

C'est pourtant le moment de réagir. Les armes silencieuses de la cyberguerre deviennent potentiellement aussi dévastatrices que la bombe atomique : elles peuvent paralyser les réseaux d'électricité, d'eau ou de transport, rançonner les entreprises et les hôpitaux, écouter en direct les dirigeants et les généraux. Les experts demandent un moratoire et un code de conduite international - ce qui souligne en creux l'absence de parade. Avec les virus, missiles anonymes et bon marché, le plus probable est d'assister à une folle course aux armements. Dans la mythologie, le cheval ailé emmenait le roi vaincre la Chimère ; de nos jours, il porte ses bretelles. ■

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## Threat of nurses' strike over 3% pay award for NHS staff

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Ministers have offered more than 1 million NHS staff in England a 3% pay rise, three times higher than the initial 1% offer that sparked fury among frontline workers.

However, nurses are likely to reject the award as too low and may take industrial action in protest. Other health unions also plan to ballot memberships over possible strikes.

After a day of confusion and rising tensions, the government dropped plans to make only 1.5% of the 3% uplift a permanent increase to

salaries, with the other 1.5% in effect a one-off bonus. It came after staff groups warned privately they would condemn a deal structured that way.

However, the government decision to exclude from the pay award the NHS's 61,000 junior doctors - all medics below the level of consultant - is certain to cause deep unease among a key group of staff who undertook a series of strikes in 2015-16 in protest at a proposed new contract.

The pay rise offer comes after the Covid pandemic left hospitals overwhelmed and forced staff to adapt to full personal protective equipment and the cancellation of leave. Waiting lists reached a record 5m patients.

Ministers stressed yesterday that they had accepted in full the recommendations of the two independent pay review bodies that advise the government on levels of NHS pay. The Department for Health and Social

Care (DHSC) said 3% was a "recognition of the unique impact of the pandemic on the NHS".

The 3% is for the 2021-22 financial year that began on 1 April, so will be backdated to then, the DHSC added. It will cover most NHS staff, including nurses, paramedics, consultant doctors, dentists and salaried GPs but not doctors and dentists who are still in training.

"NHS staff are rightly receiving a pay rise this year despite the wider public sector pay pause, in recognition of their extraordinary efforts," said Sajid Javid, the health secretary.

The DHSC disclosed the offer at 6pm, hours after

**'NHS workers know their worth and so do the public. Shame on the government'**

Rachel Harrison  
GMB union

## UAE link to UK phones in Pegasus database



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A member of the House of Lords is among more than 400 people whose UK mobile phone numbers appear in a leaked list of numbers identified by NSO Group's client governments between 2017 and 2019, the Guardian can reveal.

The principal government responsible for selecting the UK numbers appears to be the United Arab Emirates, according to analysis of the data. The UAE is one of 40 countries that had access to the NSO spyware that is able to hack into and secretly take control of a mobile phone.

Dubai, ruled by Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al-Maktoum, is also believed to have been an NSO client. The phones of Sheikh Mohammed's daughter Princess Latifa, who made a failed attempt to escape Dubai in 2018, and his ex-wife Princess Haya, who fled the country and came to the UK in 2019, appear in the data.

So too do the phones of several associates of both women - including, in the case of Haya, mostly UK-based numbers.

In multiple statements NSO said that the fact that a number appeared on the leaked list was in no way indicative of whether a number was targeted for surveillance using Pegasus. "The list is not a list of Pegasus targets or potential targets," the company said. "The numbers in the list are not related to NSO Group in any way."

But the Guardian and other media partners that had access to the data as part of the Pegasus project, a media consortium,

## Dismay at attempt to axe Brexit protocol

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The UK has launched an audacious attempt to rewrite a key plank of the Brexit deal, saying the Northern Ireland protocol was flawed at conception but served its purpose to get the UK out of the EU as "one country".

The European Commission immediately ruled out a renegotiation of the deal, which was trumpeted by Boris Johnson as a solution to the Irish border impasse two years ago. The commission is understood to be open to some changes on the special arrangements for Northern Ireland, however.

EU officials expressed exasperation at the UK's move, revealed yesterday in a 28-page command paper by the Brexit minister, Lord Frost. He told peers the protocol was unsustainable and said the



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