

### What's News

Business & Finance

Fed officials are set to accelerate deliberations at their meeting next week over how to scale back their easy-money policies amid a stronger U.S. economic recovery than they anticipated six months ago. **A1**

◆ **Intel's CEO** sees the global semiconductor shortage potentially stretching into 2023, adding a leading industry voice to the growing view that the chip-supply disruptions won't wane soon. **A1**

◆ **Continued strong demand** pushed the median U.S. home price to a record in June, though the national house-buying frenzy cooled slightly as supply ticked higher. **A3**

◆ **Bitcoin's steep selloff** is undercutting the argument made by the digital currency's proponents that it is an inflation hedge. **B1**

◆ **Throngs of vacation travelers** and an infusion of government aid have restored Southwest, American and Delta to profitability. **B1**

◆ **Snap continued** its string of strong quarterly user and revenue growth, with its daily active user figure reaching 293 million in the latest quarter. **B1**

◆ **U.S. stocks rose**, with the S&P 500, Dow and Nasdaq gaining 0.2%, 0.1% and 0.4%, respectively. **B11**

◆ **Federal prosecutors** said utility FirstEnergy agreed to pay \$230 million to resolve charges that it was involved in an Ohio bribery scheme. **B5**

◆ **Mercedes-Benz** said it is gearing up to go all-electric by the end of the decade, accelerating a transition to plug-in cars. **B2**

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◆ **The Biden administration** is confronting China on cyberattacks and human rights and making tentative progress rallying allies to its side, while so far avoiding deep engagement with Beijing. **A1**

◆ **The U.S. military** is preparing to house as many as 35,000 Afghan interpreters and family members at two American bases, in Kuwait and in Qatar. **A1**

◆ **Top Iraqi and U.S. officials** plan to call for U.S. combat troops to leave Iraq by the end of the year. **A7**

◆ **Mississippi** asked the Supreme Court to abolish federal abortion rights, arguing that Roe v. Wade tramples on states' power to decide public policy within their borders. **A4**

◆ **Top Senate Republicans** said the GOP may line up against any effort to raise the government's borrowing limit this year. **A5**

◆ **China rejects the WHO's** proposal for a second phase of investigation into Covid-19's origins, a top Chinese official said. **A8**

◆ **Covid-19 vaccines**, designed to target the earliest version of the coronavirus, are holding up well against the Delta variant. **A6**

◆ **The U.S. imposed** new sanctions against a top Cuban military official and a special police unit and warned of more sanctions ahead. **A4**

◆ **NASA-funded researchers** said they had mapped the interior of Mars using seismic data collected by the agency's Mars InSight lander. **A3**

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Hong Kong Takes Aim at Children's Books Deemed Seditious



CLAMPDOWN: A hooded detainee is escorted on Thursday as Hong Kong's national-security police arrested five members of a speech therapists' union for allegedly conspiring to commit sedition through a series of picture books that portray sheep being targeted by wolves, an allusion to China's crackdown on pro-democracy supporters in the city. A7

Intel Sees Protracted Chip Shortage

CEO says the supply disruption could last into 2023, but hopes for relief later this year

By ASA FITCH

The chief executive of Intel Corp. sees the global semiconductor shortage potentially stretching into 2023, adding a leading industry voice to the growing view that the chip-supply disruptions hitting companies and consumers won't wane soon.

The world-wide shortage has fueled rising prices for some consumer gadgets. Meanwhile, the auto industry has been particularly hard-hit as the lack of a key component causes production delays. German car maker Volkswagen AG warned this month that the global shortage could worsen over the next six months. Others have said they were bracing for problems through next year. It could take until 2023 to get back to a reasonable supply-demand balance in the industry, Intel CEO Pat Gelsinger said in an interview as the company posted second-quarter earnings Thursday. "We have a long way to go yet," he said. "It just takes a long time to build [manufacturing] capacity."

Supply shortages should start showing signs of easing later this year, Mr. Gelsinger said, echoing comments from Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., the world's largest contract chip maker. TSMC said last week the chip shortage that has hampered car makers could start to ease in the next few months after it ramped up its production of auto chips.

TSMC and Intel are adding new chip-production plants, though some of that capacity won't be ready for about two more years. Mr. Gelsinger has been on a fast track to revive the chip maker after several years of missteps. Since he rejoined Intel in February, Mr. Gelsinger has committed to establishing a contract chip-making operation, announced major factory expansions and lured back talent to restore the Silicon Valley icon's technology prowess. The

Biden Tries To Build on Trump's Tough Line On China

By WILLIAM MAULDIN AND VIVIAN SALAMA

The Biden administration is raising the pressure on China, confronting it on cyberattacks and human rights and making tentative progress rallying allies to its side, while so far avoiding deep engagement with Beijing. The emerging Biden policy will get a test this weekend when the State Department's No. 2 official, Wendy Sherman, travels to China for the first face-to-face meeting of senior officials in more than three months. The discussions, the department said on Wednesday, will center on U.S. concerns and areas of possible alignment. The U.S. has in recent weeks begun to accelerate moves to pressure China. It issued twin advisories to U.S. businesses about the reputational, legal and other risks of operating in Hong Kong and Xinjiang, regions where Beijing is tightening its grip with crackdowns. This week, it publicly called out China's chief intelligence service for spooking hacking around the world—and got dozens of allies to join in the condemnation. Six months after taking office—and amid continuing internal deliberations—the Biden approach to China is taking shape. Officials are pressing ahead with the Trump administration's tougher line, while bringing allies on board on more issues to increase leverage, administration officials said. "What gets Beijing's attention the most is not just when Please turn to page A8



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Ultrawealthy buyers jockey with each other for property in Palm Beach, Fla. **M1**

**U.S. NEWS**  
Researchers map the interior of Mars using data from NASA's InSight lander. **A3**

Companies Test How Far They Can Raise Prices

Higher costs passed on to shoppers, who so far haven't curbed buying

American companies are starting to test the extent of their pricing power. Faced with rising costs for materials, transportation and workers, companies are charging more for products from metal fasteners to Oreo cookies, helping fuel inflation like the U.S. hasn't seen in more than a decade. As customers accept the price hikes, some big companies said they expect to raise prices even more. Others are more cautious, unsure if U.S. consumers have the appetite to absorb additional increases. What companies decide will go a long way to answering a question that has surged to the top of executives' and economists' agendas this

year: Is the recent jump in inflation transitory, as the Federal Reserve predicts, or persistent, as some executives warn? Fastenal Co., a major distributor of industrial supplies such as nuts and bolts, and Conagra Brands Inc., a food conglomerate, illustrate the pricing dance playing out as the biggest U.S. firms. Both companies are passing along higher costs to customers. They have different views about what happens next. Fastenal charged its customers extra in the first half of the year to offset its own higher product costs. But the company warns its ability to keep pace with costs could lag in coming months, in part because customer contracts put limits on price increases. "In an environment where inflation continues to rise quarter after quarter after quarter, Please turn to page A9

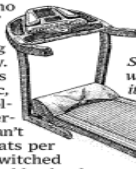
Treadmill Speed Limit, Slow Music: The 53-Page Covid Rulebook

South Korea issues regulations that cover everything from weddings to cab rides

By DASL YOON

SEOUL—South Korea's Covid-19 infections are rising fast, so health officials have demanded an immediate slowdown. Not of the virus, of treadmills and gym music. As required by new government rules, Lee Seong-min has reprogrammed his Seoul fitness center's 18 treadmills. They can go no faster than 3.7 miles an hour, a brisk walking pace for many. The venue's piped-in music, typically a collection of energized K-pop, can't exceed 120 beats per minute. He switched the playlist to old-school

ballads. "Most people listen to their own music anyway," said Mr. Lee, one of the gym's trainers. Up-tempo tunes and jogging might create excessive air droplets that could spread the virus, officials argue, worsening a coronavirus outbreak that is South Korea's biggest ever. It has prompted an unusually detailed prescription for what is pandemic-friendly and what is not, collected in a 53-page rulebook and baffling to some. Public protests involving more than one person are out. But a midday golf foursome is OK. Spectators can enjoy a Mozart concerto indoors, but can't watch a baseball game out. Please turn to page A9



U.S. to House Afghans At Kuwait, Qatar Bases

By GORDON LUBOLD AND COURTNEY MCBRIDE

WASHINGTON—The U.S. military is preparing to house as many as 35,000 Afghan interpreters and family members at two American bases, in Kuwait and in Qatar, in an expanding effort to aid those who face Taliban retribution for helping American forces, U.S. officials said. Plans are under way to build temporary housing and other facilities at Camp As Sayliyah in Kuwait and Camp Buehring in Qatar that would be designed to house the interpreters for at least 18 months. Thousands of welcome packages, containing health and comfort items and packaged military meals that don't contain pork to accommodate Muslim dietary requirements, are being positioned at the bases, officials said. The plans are to accommo-

dade the interpreters and their families as they await processing for American visas to be permanently resettled in the U.S. Construction and other preparations at the two bases are expected to cost the U.S. government several hundred million dollars, officials said. The plans build on similar preparations elsewhere. A first group of about 2,500 Afghan interpreters and relatives are expected to arrive at Fort Lee, Va., in the coming days, officials said. Those people, who include 750 U.S. officials and family members, will stay at Fort Lee for a week to 10 days before being resettled in the U.S. permanently, officials said. Thousands of other interpreters and their families aren't as far along in the Special Immigrant Please turn to page A7

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◆ **U.S. to pull combat troops** out of Iraq. **A7**



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## Heady, steady? Games get off to wobbly start

Maria Fekas of Hungary trains for the table tennis competition at the Tokyo Olympics that begin, officially, today. The Games, beset by doubts over whether they should go ahead at all amid the coronavirus pandemic, were dealt another blow yesterday when the director of today's opening ceremony was fired after footage emerged of him making a joke about the Holocaust in his earlier career as a comedian. The departure of Kentaro Kobayashi follows that of Keigo Oyama, the event's composer, over admissions of bullying a disabled classmate when at school. A number of positive Covid tests have also forced athletes to isolate in the Olympic village.

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AP Photo/Steve Delaney

# ECB divisions open over shift in inflation and rate-setting stance

◆ Bond buying strategy to go on ◆ More tolerance of price growth ◆ Policy hawks voice dissent

MARTIN ARNOLD — FRANKFURT

The European Central Bank's move to become more tolerant of inflation before raising interest rates sparked immediate criticism from some of its more hawkish policymakers, signalling the divisions likely to colour its debate on when to scale back bond buying.

After a policy-setting meeting yesterday the ECB said it would keep buying bonds and maintain its deeply negative interest rates in an effort to shift the eurozone out of its persistent pattern of sluggish inflation. It said it was prepared to tolerate a moderate and transitory overshoot of its price growth target.

But the wording of its new stance drew criticism from the leaders of the German, Dutch and Belgian central

banks, who sit on its 25-person governing council, according to people familiar with the discussions.

Jens Weidmann, president of Germany's Bundesbank, complained that the new conditions were too aggressive and increased the risk of inflation surging above target, the people said.

Klaas Knot, head of the Dutch central bank, called on the ECB to separate the timing of when it would stop buying bonds from its new rate guidance, those familiar with the discussions said.

Another council member said this idea was dropped after policymakers decided to postpone a discussion of the asset purchase plans until the autumn.

Speaking after the meeting, Christine Lagarde, ECB president, said there had been "minor divergence" on the guid-

ance but insisted it had won the support of "an overwhelming majority".

Some ECB rate-setters have called for a reduction of its €1.85tn programme of pandemic-related bond purchases, but the central bank left its guidance on asset purchases unchanged and Lagarde said it was "totally premature" to discuss tapering them.

In its announcement of the policy decision, the ECB said its revised guidance would "underline its commitment to maintain a persistently accommodative monetary policy stance to meet its inflation target".

The German and Dutch central banks declined to comment. The Belgian central bank could not be reached. Investors took the guidance, published two weeks after the ECB unveiled a strategy



Christine Lagarde says there was 'minor divergence' on the guidance but insists it has the backing of 'an overwhelming majority'

that raised its official inflation target to 2 per cent, made it more likely the ultra-loose policy would be kept longer.

Eurozone government bond yields fell slightly after the announcement. Germany's 10-year yield was 0.04 per cent, while Italy's 10-year yield fell by a similar amount to 0.64 per cent. Bond yields fell as their prices rose. The euro weakened against the dollar, hitting a three-month low of \$1.1762.

Elga Bartisch, head of macro research at the BlackRock Investment Institute, said the ECB had delivered "a dovish surprise" that was likely to be followed by "an upward adjustment" of its asset purchase plans this year. Additional reporting by Tommy Stubbington Markets insight page 11

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Prime minister Boris Johnson has agreed to exempt "critical" workers from Covid-19 self-isolation rules as staff shortages threaten to damage the UK economy and disrupt food supplies. — PAGE 2

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The US and Italy will pay more to help developing countries fight global warming to try to head off rows between rich and poor nations that could threaten the UN COP26 summit. — PAGE 4; OPINION, PAGE 17

► **Gas pipeline deal angers eastern Europe**  
A deal between Washington and Berlin to end a spat over the Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline from Russia to Germany has angered Ukraine and eastern EU states wary of Moscow. — PAGE 2

► **Unilever squeezed by rising costs**  
The boss of consumer goods group Unilever has warned it is facing the most significant rise in raw materials, packaging and transport costs in a decade after reporting a squeeze on profit margins. — PAGE 5

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The impact of the fast-spreading Delta variant of coronavirus is worsening health, economic and political crises in Tunisia, which has the Arab world's highest rate of Covid-19 deaths. — PAGE 2

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Newly listed private equity firm Bridgepoint has been accused of creating unnecessary conflicts of interest by paying its independent directors golden hellos totalling £3.25m. — PAGE 6; LEX, PAGE 18

► **Political storm breaks over Barrier Reef**  
Australia has told Unesco that a proposal to put the Great Barrier Reef on its endangered list because of environmental damage will put the UN body's credibility at risk. — PAGE 4

### Datawatch

#### Criminal trends

Annual % change in criminal activity in England & Wales\*



\* Year ending March 2021. Sources: CPS crime and telephone surveys. Home Office police recorded crime

Patterns of crime have been significantly affected by the pandemic and lockdowns. Falls in a range of crimes, particularly theft, were offset by rises in fraud and computer misuse, resulting in no change in overall crime levels.



## China IPOs forced from New York to Hong Kong

Investment banks are rushing to switch Chinese companies' initial public offerings from New York to Hong Kong after cyber security rules introduced by Beijing stopped lucrative tech listings due for the US. Around 20 Chinese groups were planning to raise \$1.4bn from share sales on Wall Street this year. Beijing's crackdown followed a data security probe of ride-hailing group Didi Chuxing days after its New York float. Analysis — PAGE 10

## Lynch's US extradition on Autonomy charges can go ahead, UK court rules

JANE CROFT — LONDON

Mike Lynch, the billionaire founder of Autonomy, can be extradited to the US to face charges over the software group's \$11bn sale to Hewlett-Packard, a London judge has ruled.

Lynch, one of the UK's best-known technology entrepreneurs, has been charged in the US with 17 counts of conspiracy and fraud relating to HP's purchase of Autonomy in 2011. He is accused of manipulating Autonomy's accounts, leading HP to pay an extra \$8bn for the company. He denies wrongdoing.

The extradition case was heard earlier this year but adjourned pending the ruling in a High Court civil fraud lawsuit brought against Lynch by Hewlett-Packard Enterprise over the Autonomy sale.

However, that ruling is not now due for several months so district judge

Michael Snow told Lynch yesterday that he had rejected his argument that extradition would be an abuse of process.

Snow did not have to decide Lynch's guilt or innocence but merely to rule on whether the case met the legal criteria for extradition.

"I am satisfied that the huge financial losses caused to HP in the US, the losses suffered by American investors and the significant reputational damage caused to HP strongly favours extradition," he ruled.

Lynch said he was "disappointed" that the court had ruled against him without waiting for the outcome of the High Court case.

"At the request of the US Department of Justice, the court has ruled that a British citizen who ran a British company listed on the London Stock Exchange should be extradited to America over

allegations about his conduct in the UK. We say this case belongs in the UK," he said, in a statement.

Lynch has pledged to appeal if the home secretary, Priti Patel, orders his removal. Losing parties in extradition cases take their case to the High Court and Supreme Court.

The case has wider significance for British executives, setting an important precedent for those accused of criminal wrongdoing.

Lynch's barrister, Alex Ballin QC, told the extradition hearing earlier this year that UK executives should be "held accountable here" because the "US is not the global marshal of the corporate world".

The UK-US extradition treaty signed in 2005 has long been criticised by British lawmakers for being weighted in favour of the US.

### World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				INTEREST RATES			
	Jul 22	prev	%chg		Jul 22	prev	%chg		price	yield	chg
S&P 500	4359.05	4359.09	-0.01	\$ per £	1.179	1.179	0.00	US Gov 10 yr	149.10	1.23	-0.05
Nasdaq Composite	14664.40	14631.95	0.22	\$ per €	1.376	1.367	0.66	UK Gov 10 yr	0.57	-0.04	-0.04
Dow Jones Ind	34751.14	34790.00	-0.13	€ per \$	0.857	0.862	-0.58	Gov 10 yr	-0.43	-0.03	-0.03
FTSE100	7159.51	7151.07	0.48	¥ per \$	110.126	110.326	-0.18	Jpn Gov 10 yr	117.47	0.01	0.00
Euro Stoxx 50	4063.00	4026.69	0.76	¥ per €	151.513	150.877	0.42	US Gov 30 yr	114.85	1.88	-0.06
FTSE 100	6969.30	6998.28	-0.43	SFr per €	1.083	1.083	0.00	Gov 2 yr	105.78	-0.72	0.00
FTSE All-Share	3691.48	4000.00	-0.21	€ per \$	0.848	0.848	0.00				
CAC 40	6461.58	6464.48	-0.04								
Nikkei	1914.54	1942.50	-0.60								
Hang Seng	27723.84	27224.58	1.83								
MSCI World	3036.72	3035.06	1.03								
MSCI EM	1312.15	1311.07	0.08								
MSCI ACWI	719.76	713.30	0.91								

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## Veterans Feel Urgency to Aid Afghan Allies

### On a Mission to Bring War Partners to U.S.

By JENNIFER STEINHAEUER  
and JOHN ISMAY

EDGEWATER, Md. — In a grainy video chat, Zak shared the latest from his embattled province in Afghanistan, an update as grim as it was commonplace. "The Taliban left a note at my house last night. They said, 'Surrender to-night or we will kill you,'" he recounted in a tone more resigned than terrified.

Maj. Thomas Schueman shifted in his chair in a cafe 7,000 miles away as Zak described the spiraling violence in the country where they had served together as a platoon commander and his invaluable interpreter.

The men fought in the 2010 battle for Sangin, one of the deadliest campaigns of the 20-year Afghan war, and later worked in Kabul advising the Army. "It was very dangerous," said Zak, who requested that he be identified by only his nickname because he feared for his safety. "But, you know, America came to help us and worked side by side with us for building our country and bring peace and democracy. You never know what life is going to bring you."

Zak, who spent three years working for the military, was assured that a U.S. visa would be his reward after risking his life to assist coalition forces. But even with Major Schueman's help with applications, and calls, letters and pleading on his behalf, Zak has waited six years for approval.

"I will keep working this for you every day and every night until we get this taken care of," insisted Major Schueman, a Marine infantry officer now attending the Naval War College in Rhode Island.

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## Climate Crisis Turns Subways To Flood Zones

By HIROKO TABUCHI  
and JOHN SCHWARTZ

Terrified passengers trapped in flooded subway cars in Zhengzhou, China. Water cascading down stairways into the London Underground. A woman wading through murky, waist-deep water to reach a New York City subway platform.

Subway systems around the world are struggling to adapt to an era of extreme weather brought on by climate change. Their designs, many based on the expectations of another era, are being overwhelmed, and investments in upgrades could be squeezed by a drop in ridership brought on by the pandemic.

"It's scary," said Sarah Kaufman, associate director of the Rudin Center for Transportation at New York University. "The challenge is, how can we get ready for the next storm, which was supposed to be 100 years away, but could happen tomorrow?"

Public transportation plays a critical role in reducing travel by car in big cities, thus reining in the emissions from automobiles that contribute to global warming. If

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Shukri Mubarez, bodega owner



David Santiago, delivery worker



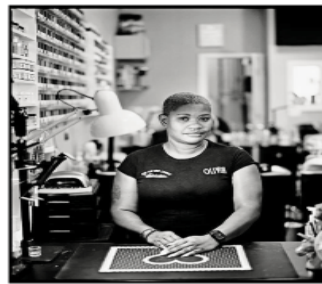
Esther Gonzalez, construction worker



Elise Kellman, Walgreens employee



Peter Hu, laundromat owner



Olivia Richards, owner of a nail salon

### Beating Heart of City in a Pandemic

Two and a half million service workers were at the center of the outbreak as it ravaged New York City's economy. SPECIAL SECTION

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## Exiled Belarus Leader Looks West for Support

By VALERIE HOPKINS

VILNIUS, Lithuania — She has met Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany, and President Emmanuel Macron of France. Just this week, she was feted in Washington, where she was received by Secretary of State Antony Blinken.

But while Svetlana Tikhanovskaya, the unlikely pro-democracy leader from Belarus, may have little trouble getting a meeting, her high-flying company only underscores her predicament.

It's been almost a year since Ms. Tikhanovskaya was forced to flee Belarus after claiming victory in presidential elections. Now she

### Challenging a Dictator as the Opposition at Home Is Muzzled

challenge she faces is how to maintain influence in Belarus from abroad. The support of Western leaders may help, but goes only so far.

Still, the meetings are part of Ms. Tikhanovskaya's strategy to build a broad Western phalanx against the Belarus dictator, Alexander Lukashenko, who has limited her ability to challenge him inside the country, where her re-

turn would mean certain imprisonment.

Only months ago, hundreds of thousands of protesters took to the streets to demand that Mr. Lukashenko resign. It was a rare democratic outburst in an eastern European country — outside the European Union and NATO — that has carefully tried to maneuver between Russia and the West, but has turned to Moscow as a primary source of support.

But now opposition figures are disappearing into prisons, and protests are dwindling.

"Now it's impossible to fight openly," Ms. Tikhanovskaya said. "It's difficult to ask people to go out for demonstrations because of

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## Why Infections Are Rising In Vaccinated Americans

### U.S. 'Not Out of the Woods Yet,' Says C.D.C.'s Chief

This article is by Michael D. Shear, Jonathan Weisman and Sheryl Gay Stolberg.

WASHINGTON — The director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention warned on Thursday that the United States was "not out of the woods yet" on the pandemic and was once again at a pivotal point as the highly infectious Delta variant ripped through unvaccinated communities.

Just weeks after President Biden threw a Fourth of July party on the South Lawn of the White House to declare independence from the virus, the director, Dr. Rochelle P. Walensky, called the now dominant variant "one of the most infectious respiratory viruses" known to scientists.

The renewed sense of urgency inside the administration was aimed at tens of millions of people who have not yet been vaccinated and therefore are most likely to be infected and become sick. Her grim message came at a time of growing anxiety and confusion, especially among parents of young children who are still not eligible to take the shot. And it underscored how quickly the pandemic's latest surge had unsettled Americans who had begun to believe that the worst was over, sending politicians and public health officials scrambling to recalculate their responses.

"This is like the moment in the horror movie when you think the horror is over and the credits are about to roll," said Representative Jamie Raskin, Democrat of Maryland. "And it all starts back up again."

The choice by millions to reject the vaccine has had the consequences that public health officials predicted: The number of new cases in the country has shot up almost 250 percent since the beginning of the month, with an average of more than 41,000 infections being diagnosed each day during the past week — up from 12,000.

The disease caused by the virus is claiming about 250 lives each day — many fewer than during the peaks last year, but still 42 percent higher than two weeks ago. More than 97 percent of those hospitalized are unvaccinated, Dr. Walensky said last week.

The public health crisis is part of a larger trend.

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### Late Edition

Today, sunshine and some clouds, relatively low humidity, high 82. Tonight, clear skies, low 68. Tomorrow, mostly sunny, moderate warmth, high 82. Weather map, Page B12.

### Shield Against Virus Works, but It Can Be Permeated

By APOORVA MANDAVILLI

A wedding in Oklahoma leads to 15 vaccinated guests becoming infected with the coronavirus. Rao's Fourth of July celebrations disperse the virus from Provincetown, Mass., to dozens of places across the country, sometimes carried by fully vaccinated celebrants.

As the Delta variant surges across the nation, reports of infections in vaccinated people have become increasingly frequent — including, most recently, among at least six Texas Democrats, a White House aide and an aide to Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

The highly contagious variant, combined with a lagging vaccination campaign and the near absence of preventive restrictions, is fueling a rapid rise in cases in all states, and hospitalizations in nearly all of them. It now accounts for about 83 percent of infections diagnosed in the United States.

But as worrying as the trend



Vaccines are still effective at preventing serious illness.

may seem, breakthrough infections — those occurring in vaccinated people — are still relatively uncommon, experts said, and those that cause serious illness, hospitalization or death are even more so. More than 97 percent of people hospitalized for Covid-19 are unvaccinated.

"The takeaway message remains, if you're vaccinated, you are protected," said Dr. Celine Gounder, an infectious disease specialist at Bellevue Hospital Center in New York. "You are not going to end up with severe disease, hospitalization or death."

Reports of breakthrough infections should not be taken to mean

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## Time for Inoculated to Return To Mask Wearing? It Depends.

By TARA PARKER-POPE

As the Delta variant spreads among the unvaccinated, many fully vaccinated people are also beginning to worry. Is it time to mask up again?

While there's no one-size-fits-all answer, most experts agree that masks remain a wise precaution in certain settings for the vaccinated and unvaccinated. How often you use a mask will depend on your personal health tolerance and risk, the infection and vaccination rates in your area, and who you're spending time with.

The bottom line is this: While

being fully vaccinated protects against serious illness and hospitalization from Covid-19, no vaccine offers 100 percent protection. As long as large numbers of people remain unvaccinated and continue to spread coronavirus, vaccinated people will be exposed to the Delta variant, and a small percentage of them will develop so-called breakthrough infections. Here are answers to common questions about how you can protect yourself and lower your risk of a breakthrough infection.

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### Wrongfully Imprisoned

Grant Williams, whose murder conviction was vacated on Thursday, spent 23 years behind bars, but never gave up hope he would be cleared. PAGE A12

### Biden Pressed on Voting Rights

In a letter, civil rights organizations and activists urged the president to support the passage of federal voting bills "by whatever means necessary." PAGE A17

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### Rap Video Seeks to Heal a Rift

A Jew and a Palestinian sling stereotypes at each other in the viral "Let's Talk Straight," with lyrics that seek to change Israel from within by challenging its most basic reflexes. PAGE A4

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Softball was dropped from the Olympic program after the 2008 Beijing Games. Now the sport has returned to the lineup, and 10 veterans of that tournament are competing in Tokyo. PAGE B10

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The British artist Ed Atkins, whose videos have made him one of his generation's most acclaimed voices, gets help from his mother in a new work. PAGE C1

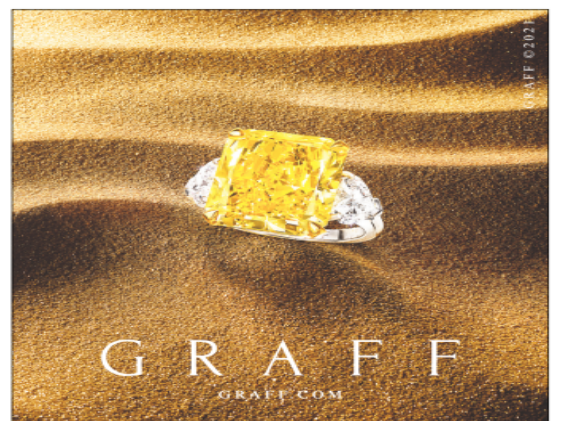
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## Officials urge caution as surge worsens

With coronavirus cases rising, even the vaccinated should be on guard, experts say.

By Luke Money and Rong-Gong Lin II

With coronavirus cases reaching levels in Los Angeles County not seen since the waning days of the winter surge, public health officials said Thursday that even those who have been vaccinated should take precautions, given how widely the virus is now circulating.

This surge is predominantly hitting people who have not been vaccinated. But when the rain gets really intense, for example during a bad thunderstorm, we might also throw on a raincoat," said L.A. County Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer.

"Vaccines are like our umbrella: excellent protection on most rainy days. But when the rain gets really intense, for example during a bad thunderstorm, we might also throw on a raincoat," said L.A. County Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer.

But, "when you have a more infectious variant that's circulating and you see what we see now, lots of community transmission, you can expect exactly what we're seeing: lots more people getting infected, including more people who are fully vaccinated," she added.

That mathematical reality is now playing out. Out of all coronavirus cases con-

**2,767**

New coronavirus cases in L.A. County on Thursday, the second straight day with more than 2,000 newly confirmed infections. Case counts haven't been this high since late February.

**655**

Coronavirus-positive patients hospitalized in the county as of Wednesday, nearly triple the number seen a month ago.

## CBS ousts station chiefs in Chicago, L.A. after inquiry

By Meg James

In a sweeping shake-up, CBS has ousted two senior managers responsible for its television stations in Los Angeles and Chicago.

Jay Howell, general manager of KCBS-TV Channel 2 and KCAL-TV Channel 9 in Los Angeles; and Derek Dalton, the head of WBBM-TV Channel 2 in Chicago, were ousted Thursday after a six-

month investigation into alleged wrongdoing within CBS' stations group.

The moves extend a dramatic management makeover at CBS News and the network's stations division after a Los Angeles Times investigation uncovered alleged misconduct, racism and misogyny at a handful of CBS-owned stations.

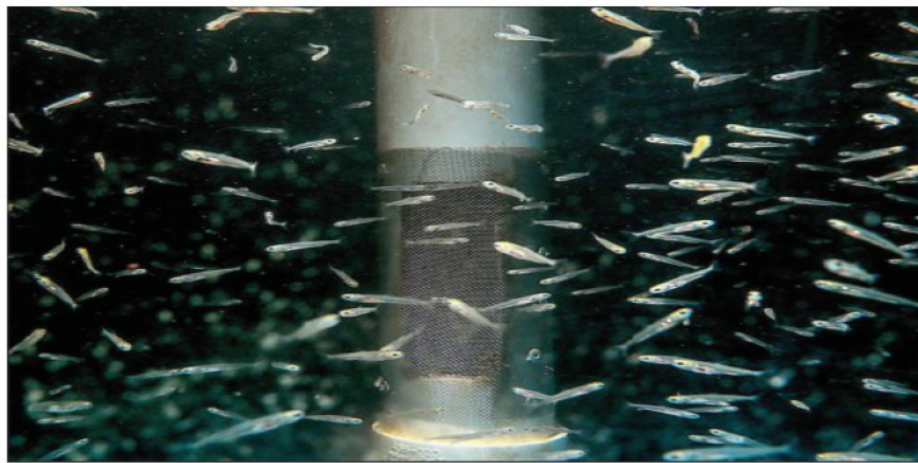
In April, CBS tossed out [See CBS, A9]

**Swimmer may be Phelps' successor**

The tattooed and low-key Caleb Dressel, 24, is poised to set records of his own. **SPORTS, B10**

**Justice urged to overturn Roe**  
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Partly sunny.  
L.A. Basin: 86/68. **B6**



**THOUSANDS** of suckers are raised at a complex called Gone Fishing, which has been so successful that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service partnered with the owners in 2015 after an earlier pilot program.

## Klamath farmers grow fish to quell a water war

Some hope to head off violence by repopulating two native species that are part of a decades-long conflict

By Anita Chabria and Hailey Branson-Potts  
Reporting from Tulelake, Calif.

It's a strange place to find fish, deep in the high desert, where drought-baked earth butts against scrubby mountains.

But water spews from the hot springs on Ron Barnes' land near the California-Oregon border, pure and perfect for rearing c'wam and koptu, two kinds of endangered suckers sacred to Native American tribes.

Barnes, who holds an advanced degree in aquaculture from UC Davis, has dug dozens of ponds on his property and filled them with thousands of young suckers. He hopes raising and releasing them into the wild will end the region's epic water wars — or at least get federal regulators out of the mix before his neighbors descend into violence.

"We have to take a pragmatic view of this thing," said Barnes, standing near his black-bottomed lagoons under an intense morning sun. "The single most effective way to get the government off our backs is to restore the fish" [See Fish, A12]



**MIKE MCKOEN**, a third-generation farmer in Klamath Falls, Ore., sifts the soil in one of his mint fields, fallowed because of rationed water supplies. His only irrigated crop is onions.

## Lebanon's 'queues of humiliation'



**SOLDIERS PUSH** back protesters, including a man, center, who lost his son during last year's massive explosion in Beirut, in the Lebanese capital this month.

**'People can't buy anything. There's no Eid. These last two years, it's never been this bad.'**

— **MOHAMMAD ASSI**, food store owner, on the eve of Eid al-Adha, a Muslim holiday

## AFTER 2 YEARS OF DEBATE, UC HIKES TUITION

Regents approve 4.2% increase for fall 2022. Critics say vulnerable students will be hurt.

By Teresa Watanabe

University of California regents, citing the need for financial stability and more grant aid, approved a tuition increase Thursday following widespread student protests and two years of debate.

The 4.2% increase in tuition and fees — \$534 added to the current annual level of \$12,570 — will apply only to incoming undergraduates entering in fall 2022 and stay flat for up to six years for them. Successive undergraduate classes would get a similar deal — one increase tied to inflation in their incoming year with tuition frozen for six years.

The undergraduate tuition increase includes a 2% surcharge for the incoming class next year, declining for subsequent classes until it is phased out by 2026. Graduate student tuition would be adjusted annually by the rate of inflation.

The plan aims to bring financial predictability to families, help struggling campuses maintain educational standards and make a UC education more affordable for many low-income students by raising more revenue for financial aid, UC President Michael V. Drake said.

He oversaw a similar tuition plan at Ohio State University before taking the reins at UC last year and said it had increased financial aid, lowered student debt levels and increased student diversity. Under the plan, 45% of tuition revenue raised from California students would be returned to them through financial aid.

The regents' action marked UC's second tuition increase since 2011 and came after two years of discussion. It was set for a vote last July but shelved with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Drake told regents Thursday that the financial squeeze on campuses over the last several years has resulted in negative fallout on students — more crowded [See UC tuition, A7]

Long lines for basic goods are public signs of a lengthy financial and political crisis.

By Nabih Bulos

**BEIRUT** — Fill 'er up? Be ready to wait in line at least an hour — assuming the gas station is open, that is.

Need medication? Something as basic as aspirin could set you on a daylong hunt from pharmacy to pharmacy.

Even a grocery run is an ever-accelerating race against ballooning prices and a falling currency. And whatever you do, you'll need to time it around power cuts that can last up to 23 hours a day.

This is life in Lebanon these days, where a 21-month-long, government-engineered economic implosion — the World Bank calls it "a deliberate depression" — has transformed everyday tasks into a gauntlet of fuel, power, water, medicine and [See Lebanon, A4]

**BUSINESS INSIDE:** Big Tech and policymakers in a race with medical privacy at stake. **A8**



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Summertime fun for the entire family. **EXPANDED SECTION**

## OLYMPICS PREVIEW

What to watch for and new sports at Tokyo Games. **SPECIAL SECTION**



## CHASING GOLD

The colorful story of Noah Lyles — in comic book form. **SPECIAL INSERT**

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How to prepare for your return to the office. **SPECIAL SECTION**

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## DOJ push takes aim at illegal gun sales

Anti-trafficking efforts focused on stifling violent crime launch in 5 cities

BY DEVLIN BARRETT

Justice Department officials eager to stanch the rising tide of gun violence in America launched an effort Thursday to choke off the flow of weapons to five major cities, targeting small-scale "straw" buyers of firearms later used in crimes.

At a meeting with leaders at the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Attorney General Merrick Garland decried "the gun violence tragedy now facing the country," which he said affects not just the security of cities and towns, but that of law enforcement officers, too.

Later in the day, Garland traveled to Chicago to talk more about the new anti-gun-trafficking efforts. Chicago is one of five cities getting extra attention from the Justice Department, along with D.C., New York, Los Angeles and the San Francisco area.

Amid a precedent-shattering pandemic, shootings rose dramatically in most parts of the United States in 2020, with initial data showing homicides spiked by about 20 percent — the largest single-year increase since such record-keeping began last century.

Historically, violent crime levels are still far below the record highs experienced in the 1990s. But there is growing concern among politicians and police — even as the Biden administration tries to balance public safety needs with demands to hold police accountable for misconduct and reduce the law enforcement presence in some neighborhoods.

SEE GUNS ON A 4

Protests show the communist government's biggest vulnerability might lie in clinging to centralized economic planning and strict state control



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BY NICK MIROFF

On a farm not far from the town where Cuba's protests erupted this month, police investigators last summer carried out a major sting operation. Their target was not a dissident activist but a dairyman nicknamed El Rey del Queso: the King of Cheese.

His offense? Operating a clandestine factory that produced tire-size hunks of cheese for private sale in Havana. Authorities arrested the King, confiscated hundreds of pounds of yellow queso and produced a news report about the bust on Cuban state television depicting him as a villain.

"He was delivering this cheese every week," Dailyn Valdes Perez, a first lieutenant in the Economic Crimes division of the Interior Ministry, told the cameras, describing the business as if it were

## In Cuba, a warning on resisting change

A rickshaw driver passes a state food store in Havana on Wednesday. Protests across Cuba this month against poverty and hunger drew a harsh response by the state.

U.S. sanctions: Official and special forces unit tied to attacks on protesters are targeted. A15

a drug ring.

Cuba's communist authorities have for decades treated private entrepreneurs as a threat to be contained, not encouraged. Long after China and Vietnam embraced market reforms, using material prosperity to buttress authoritarian rule, Cuba has clung to an economic model based on centralized planning and state control.

The July 11 protests that shook Cuba's rulers showed that that model might be their biggest vulnerability, as its weak foundation is further eroded by the decades-long U.S. embargo, additional Trump-era sanctions and now the coronavirus pandemic. The country's economy contracted 11 percent last year, according to government data. Cubans are spending hours in lines to buy basic goods they can barely afford. Hospitals

SEE CUBA ON A 24

## Federal return plan is at risk

VARIANT CLOUDS AN END TO TELEWORK

Unions voice concerns as GOP calls for reopening

BY LISA REIN

The Biden administration's effort to bring much of the massive federal workforce back to the office this fall is facing a new disruption just as the government was firming up detailed plans to move past the coronavirus pandemic.

Hundreds of agencies submitted their return-to-office plans to the White House budget office to meet last Monday's deadline, laying out how they would begin to phase out remote work for hundreds of thousands of employees after Labor Day, with a full return to federal offices planned by the end of the year. Detailed strategies for office cleaning, coronavirus testing, staggered work schedules and repositioned desks for social distancing were included, along with which jobs will be eligible for continued full- and part-time telework.

But with the more contagious delta variant surging and sending tens of thousands of unvaccinated people to hospitals across the nation, trepidation over the reentry plans has risen among some Biden administration officials, people aware of the planning say — and unions that represent federal employees are voicing concerns about their members' safety through collective bargaining.

SEE VIRUS ON A 4

Mask mandate: New L.A. County requirement incites rebellion. A10

Vaccines: CDC weighs extra dose for the immunocompromised. A11

## Few consequences after nooses are found

Black workers have discovered many of the racist symbols at job sites, offices

BY TAYLOR TELFORD

It happens like this: A noose is left at a construction site or office, somewhere it can easily be found. Usually, by a Black employee. Police are called, complaints filed and vows made to find the culprit.

Then, nothing. The cycle played out repeatedly this spring at the site of a future Amazon warehouse in Connecticut, where the state's governor decried the discovery of eight nooses in five weeks as "racist provocation of the worst type." Yet it's a form of harassment that occurs with unsettling frequency in the construction industry: More than four dozen nooses have been reported at 40 building sites and offices across the United States and Canada since 2015, a Washington Post analysis of news reports and court documents has found.

The incidents reviewed by The Post involved at least 55 nooses and spanned 17 states, plus the District and Toronto, and several marquee projects: a Merck vaccine facility in North Carolina; campus expansions at Princeton and



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Kyrin Taylor, left, quit his job as an apprentice wireman at Cooper Power & Lighting in New York after seeing a noose at work. He is seen with his attorney, Frederick K. Brewington.

Johns Hopkins; a luxury shopping center in New Jersey; Apple's Silicon Valley headquarters; and a Facebook data center in Iowa. In some cases, multiple nooses were found at the same site.

The symbolism is unambiguous, harking back to the days when the "threats of violence replaced slavery" as a tool of social control against Black Americans, said Lydia Bates, a Ku Klux Klan expert with the Southern Poverty Law Center. It evokes America's ugly history of lynching, when the noose was an implement of terror and murder used primarily against Black people, particularly in the South, after the Civil War and well into the 20th century.

The incidents offer a window into an industry that Wendell Stenley, director emeritus of the National Association of Minority Contractors, says has "deep roots in segregation," when Black workers were relegated to menial jobs with almost no path for advancement. In his view, the incidents signify the lack of inclusion of Black people in construction, who make up 6 percent of the workforce — versus 12 percent of all U.S. workers — and about 1.2 percent of its business owners.

SEE NOOSES ON A 6

## Where no AC is a point of pride, heat barges in

Some hold out, some give in as temperate summer spots become less so

BY MARC FISHER, CARISSA WOLF AND MICHAEL HINGSTON

In Boise, Idaho, where the temperature topped 97 for a stretch of 14 out of 15 days this month, Sarah O'Keefe refuses to give in. With the mercury repeatedly soaring into triple digits, she started waking up hours earlier, added afternoon siestas to her routine and installed a sprinkler to cool her hot metal roof. The AC stays off.

In Edmonton, Alberta — nobody's idea of a sweltering summer spot — Ellen Campbell no longer mocks neighbors who own air conditioners, but she's not about to buy one herself. When highs topped 90 degrees for a few days before returning to the more ordinary 60s, she checked her grandkids and herself into a local hotel for the AC and the pool. But she will not buy her own AC unit. That's not the kind of place where she lives.

In Portland, Ore., however, the heat finally got to Vivek Shandas. He's lived in the Pacific Northwest

for 21 years and had resisted buying an air conditioner until this summer.

"This thing broke us," he said. After highs hit 108, 112 and 116 degrees on successive days last month, he bought a portable unit, put it in his bedroom and crowded in with his spouse, 11-year-old child and two dogs. The bedroom never got down below 87 degrees, but the AC bought them some sleep.

From the cool coastal cities of the Pacific Northwest through the heavily forested northern states of Idaho and Montana and up into western Canada, places where air conditioning is anything but standard are suddenly confronting a new weather reality — persistent, painful heat spells that have many people questioning the identity and culture of the place they've chosen as home.

In a region where people take pride in their embrace of nature and where key elements of the economy are based on temperate summer days, this year's triple-digit temperatures are clouding the self-image of people who see buying an air conditioner as a sign of weak character.

"This is a place that is so ill-prepared for what we've just experienced," said Shandas, founder of the Sustaining Urban Places

SEE HEAT ON A 18



## Boca tendrá un "corredor sanitario": jugará con los titulares

Finalmente, dieron un permiso especial para que el plantel de Russo, pese al aislamiento, pueda jugar mañana, contra Banfield, con todos sus titulares. Deportes, página 6



## CRECE EL INTERÉS DE ARGENTINOS POR RADICARSE EN ISRAEL

—sociedad

En 2020, emigraron 560 personas y se estima que a fin de este año serán 750. Algunos van por un plazo corto y deciden quedarse; el gobierno israelí ofrece planes de apoyo. Página 7

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## Palo Pandolfo. El rock pierde a un trovador

—espectáculos

El músico murió ayer, en la calle, sin que se conozca aún la causa; líder de Don Cornelio y la Zona y de Los Visitantes, deja una obra inconclusa como solista.

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## Tras la carta de Nicolini, la oposición exige investigar la compra de vacunas a Rusia

**SPUTNIK.** Convocarán a la asesora presidencial y a Vizzotti a dar explicaciones en el Congreso

Luego de la carta al gobierno ruso revelada por LA NACION, en la que la asesora presidencial Cecilia Nicolini admitió la gravedad de la crisis por la falta de dosis de Sputnik V, la oposición exigió al Gobierno que dé explicaciones en el Congreso sobre el trasfondo de la negociación por la

compra de vacunas y anunció que impulsará una comisión investigadora. En la nota, Nicolini le reclamó a Rusia que cumpla con las obligaciones asumidas—a riesgo de romper el contrato—y reveló el juego de intereses políticos en la negociación.

Juntos por el Cambio impulsa en

la Cámara de Diputados la citación urgente de la asesora Nicolini y de la ministra de Salud, Carla Vizzotti, aunque chocarán contra el rechazo del kirchnerismo. En la Casa Rosada acusaron el impacto de la divulgación de la nota oficial en medio de la campaña. Página 2

### Moscú hizo 23 envíos y está lejos del objetivo

Alejandro Horvat  
Página 4

La UE donará 200 millones de dosis. Página 8

## Boudou ya quedó en libertad por la reducción de la pena

**CICCONE.** Le otorgaron un beneficio por haber hecho cursos en prisión

La Justicia le otorgó ayer la libertad condicional al exvicepresidente Amado Boudou, quien ya gozaba del beneficio de una prisión domiciliar que le había evitado volver a la cárcel. La excarcelación se dispuso después de que le redujeron el tiempo de condena por haber hecho cursos de filosofía, organización de eventos y electricidad mientras cumplía la pena. Boudou fue condenado en 2018 a 5 años y 10 meses de prisión por una maniobra para quedarse con la imprenta Ciccone, que fabrica papel moneda. Página 18

## JUEGOS OLÍMPICOS TOKIO 2020



## Comienzan los Juegos, atravesados por el Covid

**deportes—** No serán los Juegos Olímpicos que alguna vez soñó Japón. Sin público en los estadios, con picos de contagio en Tokio y numerosos casos en la Villa Olímpica, una sobria ceremonia inaugural abrirá una competencia entre restricciones y polémicas.

## Fuerte ataque de Maduro al número dos de Francisco

**VENEZUELA.** Denostó una carta del cardenal Parolin

CARACAS (Para LA NACION).— Con mínimos apoyos internacionales a su régimen, Nicolás Maduro descargó su furia contra el número dos del Vaticano y mano derecha del papa Francisco, el carde-

nal Pietro Parolin, al que acusó de volcar en una carta crítica a su gobierno—en la que llama a negociar con la oposición—“un compendio de odios”, “veneno”, “intrigas” y “cinismo”. Página 12

## Lleva dos meses prófugo el narco más buscado del país

**DROGAS.** Maylli Rivera atemorizaba al barrio Mugica

Raúl Martín Maylli Rivera era el jefe de la banda que atemorizaba con la potencia de las balas a los vecinos del barrio Mugica, en Villa Lugano. Hoy es un fantasma para las fuerzas de seguridad, que hace

dos meses están tras sus pasos. Logró, por ahora, mantenerse prófugo, pese a ser el narco más buscado en el país. Hay una recompensa de \$5.000.000 por datos que permitan su captura. Página 26

## Rodeado de aliados, Santilli lanzó su candidatura

**JUNTOS.** Ayer presentó su renuncia a la vicejefatura de gobierno de la ciudad

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## Por la brecha del dólar se frenarían las ventas de soja

**COSECHA.** Falta colocar 18,5 millones de toneladas por US\$6200 millones

Por el ensanchamiento de la brecha entre el dólar oficial y el blue, en torno de 90%, sumado a las expectativas de mayores tensiones cambiarias, las ventas de soja por parte de los productores podrían desacelerarse en el corto plazo. Del ciclo 2020/2021, cuya cosecha de ese cultivo ya terminó, quedan por vender unos 18,5 millones de toneladas, que, a los valores internos, representan unos US\$6200 millones. Página 20



## População com 18 anos ou mais\*

	ao menos uma dose	totalmente vacinada
<b>Brasil</b>	<b>60,3%</b>	<b>22,7%</b>
MS	74,8%	41,0%
RS	67,7%	30,3%
SP	71,2%	25,0%

## Totalmente vacinada



## Total de doses aplicadas

	1ª	2ª	única
<b>Brasil</b>	<b>93,2 mi</b>	<b>33,0 mi</b>	<b>3,5 mi</b>
1ª SP	24,6 mi	8 mi	1 mi
2ª MG	9,1 mi	3,1 mi	325,6 mil
3ª RJ	7,1 mi	2,7 mi	241,3 mil

## Números da pandemia

	Casos	Óbitos
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,5 mi</b>	<b>547,1 mil</b>
Méd. móvel	37,5 mil	1,155
Variação**	-23%	-20,4%
Em 24 h	49,6 mil	1.444

## Estágios



## Brasil

Dados das 20h de 22 jul. \*Ao menos uma dose; tomou dose única ou 1ª dose. Totalmente vacinada: tomou dose única ou 2ª dose. \*\*Em relação a 14 dias

## Maioria dos estados terá volta de aula presencial

Pela primeira vez na pandemia, a maioria das unidades da Federação vai reabrir as escolas, ainda que não necessariamente para todos os alunos. A partir de agosto, só Acre, Paraíba e Roraima continuarão sem aulas presenciais.

Apesar da vacinação, há receio de que essa retomada possa ser freada pelo avanço da variante delta no Brasil. **Cotidiano B7**

## Redes municipais só reabriram em 16,2% das cidades neste ano

Aos 75, filósofo Roberto Romano morre de Covid. O professor de ética e política da Unicamp e autor de "Brasil, Igreja Contra Estado", entre outros, estava internado desde o dia 11 de junho. **Poder A11**

## EDITORIAIS A2

**Aposta dobrada**  
Acerca de reforma ministerial e ataques às urnas.  
**Economia menor**  
Sobre redução da pasta comandada por Guedes.

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## PIRA VOLTA A BRILHAR NO RIO

Em evento com o prefeito Eduardo Paes e o cônsul Ken Hashiba, a chama da Rio-2016 foi reacendida na Candelária

Adriano Ishibashi/FramePhoto/Folhapress

## COMEÇAM AS LUTAS NA CASA ESPIRITUAL DAS ARTES MARCIAIS

Erguido para os Jogos de 1964 e palco dos Beatles e do adeus do ABBA, Nippon Budokan, o mais simbólico dos 41 locais olímpicos, se reencontra com o judô **B1**

## + COM QUE ROUPA

Atletas se voltam contra uniformes sensuais e nada práticos **B6**

## + OPINIÃO Úrsula Passos

A garota que pediu skate ao Papai Noel não seria machista **B5**

# Apoio da Defesa ao voto impresso eleva tensão entre Poderes

Políticos veem na declaração de Braga Netto sobre eleição tentativa de influenciar temas que não competem à pasta

A avaliação de que é preciso afastar os militares de decisões políticas ganha força entre membros do Judiciário e do Congresso após o ministro da Defesa, general Walter Braga Netto, ter defendido publicamente o voto impresso, bandeira do presidente Jair Bolsonaro, o que elevou a tensão entre os três Poderes. O ministro, que nega ter feito ameaças, disse considerar o debate sobre urna eletrônica legítimo.

Segundo reportagem do jornal O Estado de S. Paulo, Braga Netto enviou ao presidente da Câmara, Arthur Lira (PP-AL), mensagem na qual condiciona a realização das eleições de 2022 à aprovação de uma proposta de emenda constitucional que reinstitua o voto impresso.

A afirmação ecoa recentes arroubos golpistas do presidente, que acenou com a interdição do pleito caso sua vontade não fosse feita.

A proposta do governo é alvo de articulação entre ministros do Supremo e 11 partidos, e sua provável derrota sinalizaria à ala militar seus limites. Além disso, uma PEC que veta militares da ativa em cargos da administração pública tramita na Câmara. **Poder A4 e A6**

**Análise Igor Gielow**  
Centrão mira ministro e dá o seu primeiro tiro para defenestrar militares **A6**



Braga Netto (à esq.), Mourão e Luiz Eduardo Ramos prestam continência a Jair Bolsonaro

## EUA impõem novas sanções contra Havana

Biden anunciou medida contra o regime, de efeitos ainda pouco claros, depois de protestos na ilha. "É só o começo", disse. **Mundo A12**

## Congresso evitou rastro ao inflar fundo eleitoral

O texto que propôs a engorda do fundo eleitoral foi alterado sem emenda para não ligar parlamentares ao texto. **Poder A9**

## Carol Pires

Governo une 'nata do que não presta' com 'um fascista'

Opinião A2

## Empresas avaliam pagar dividendos antes de reforma

Grandes empresas avaliam esvaziar o caixa e antecipar o pagamento de dividendos, inclusive com empréstimos, para escapar do aumento de tributação previsto em projeto de lei, dizem advogados das companhias. **Mercado A15**

## Mercado A20

Embraer irá desenvolver mercado de 'carro voador' na América Latina

## Cotidiano B7

Cancelada pelo 2º ano, Festa do Peão em Barretos terá cinco dias de lives

## Ilustrada C1

Botão de pular a abertura pode matar a arte dos créditos iniciais de séries

## Guia C8

Veja onde praticar esportes olímpicos em SP, que tem até piscina para surfe



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## CHUVAS NA CHINA MATAM 33 PESSOAS E DEIXAM O GOVERNO SOB COBRANÇAS

A cidade de Zhengzhou viu caos e pânico nas ruas, com veículos arrastados, e no metrô, que alagou e teve 12 mortes; previsões erradas e alertas tardios sobre as chuvas, que duram quase uma semana e desalojaram 400 mil pessoas, motivaram críticas ao governo **Mundo A13**





Ex senador luqueño ya había recibido una leve pena en el caso audios del JEM

## Condena suave a OGD expone al Paraguay a castigo internacional

Juicio del ex legislador está en la mira de organismos que combaten el lavado de dinero. Fiscalía cometió cadena de errores que pueden beneficiar a la defensa del acusado.

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## Les JO de Tokyo sous haute surveillance sanitaire

La cérémonie d'ouverture lance, ce vendredi, des Jeux olympiques marqués par l'absence de public et par un protocole anti-Covid drastique.

Reportés d'un an à cause de la pandémie de Covid-19, les Jeux olympiques de Tokyo débutent ce vendredi à huis clos. Pour éviter un cluster géant et rassurer les Japonais,

refroidis par les difficultés rencontrées dans l'organisation de leurs JO, les autorités ont instauré une bulle sanitaire draconienne. Sans spectateurs étrangers ni

public local dans les tribunes, la fête olympique n'aura pas la saveur habituelle. Ce qui n'empêchera pas les 11 000 athlètes de s'affronter dans 339 épreuves et de rêver

aux fameuses médailles. La délégation française, forte de 378 athlètes, dont de sérieux chercheurs d'or, ne manquera pas d'atouts pour briller sur la route de Paris 2024.

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Vacances :  
la sécurité,  
critère  
de choix  
des Français

Au moment de choisir leur destination de vacances, huit Français sur dix se disent préoccupés par leur sécurité. Comme le révèle le dernier baromètre Fiducial-Odoxa, ils craignent surtout les agressions, les vols et les incivilités. Dans le contexte sanitaire, la peur du Covid et du variant Delta intervient aussi au moment de faire ses valises. Enjeu déterminant pour leur vote, 78 % des Français ne font pas confiance au gouvernement pour venir à bout de la délinquance. PAGE 11

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## Les Jeux quand même

Privés de spectateurs - japonais et étrangers -, les tribunes des Jeux de Tokyo vont sonner désespérément vides jusqu'au 8 août. Triste ambiance, qui est celle des stades de football et des autres disciplines depuis le début de la pandémie. Le sport, en effet, se consomme avec délectation dans le bruit, la passion et la fureur. Devant des fans déchainés et des caméras de télévision qui font partager, par écrans interposés, les exploits (et les déboires) des champions à ceux qui n'ont pas eu la chance d'obtenir un précieux billet pour le « grand soir ». Au Japon, c'est raté.

Les caméras seront bien présentes en nombre ce vendredi pour couvrir la cérémonie d'ouverture de ces Jeux sous vide que certains, dont de nombreux Japonais, ont voulu voir annulés. En vain. Et leur maintien, après un report d'une année, constitue une « bonne nouvelle ». Car au-delà de la situation sanitaire et des répercussions financières pour l'ensemble du sport mondial, la suppression de l'événement olympique aurait constitué un terrible coup pour les sportifs eux-mêmes. Nous ne parlons pas ici des footballeurs, tennismen et autres golfeurs qui vivent (magnifiquement) bien sans

les Jeux. Mais bien de tous ces judokas, escrimeurs, tireurs à l'arc, lutteurs et autres acteurs des « petites » disciplines qui ne sortent de l'ombre que tous les quatre ans, n'existent aux yeux du grand public qu'aux JO et y reçoivent cette légitime reconnaissance après des années de travail, certes vaines mais pas toujours évi- dentes. Être sportif d'une discipline olympique dite mineure, c'est assurément un bonheur fou lorsque brille la précieuse médaille et retentit *La Marseillaise*, mais aussi un sacerdoce indéniable, des sacrifices gigantesques (notamment familiaux et financiers) pour arriver au sommet.

« Bonne nouvelle », donc, les Jeux ont sauvé leur peau et ils vont distiller (malgré l'absence de public) leur lot d'exploits, de records, de surprises, de rires et de larmes. Quoi qu'on en dise, les JO demeurent ce rendez-vous unique avec le sport, ses valeurs, son universalité, ses émotions. Et les grincheux qui réclamaient leur annulation n'ont qu'à éteindre la télévision. ■

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# Anger mounts as ministers say NHS must find £500m for pay rise

Service must share  
bill for 3% award with  
Treasury, PM decides

**Denis Campbell**  
Health policy editor

Ministers are forcing the NHS to cover part of the cost of its own staff's 3% pay rise in an unprecedented move that health service chiefs fear will lead to cuts to patient care.

The NHS in England will have to find about £500m to help fund the 3% increase that Sajid Javid announced on Wednesday, despite already struggling to meet the extra costs of the pandemic, such as treating the soaring number of people with "long Covid" and tackling the care backlog.

Ministers face mounting anger from the medical profession after it emerged that tens of thousands of doctors were excluded from the 3% award, despite government advisers on NHS pay recommending they also be rewarded for their Covid work.

Usually the Treasury meets the full cost of annual NHS rises. However, Boris Johnson has decided the service will have to help shoulder at least part of the bill for the 3% uplift more than a million staff are due to receive for 2021-22, backdated to April.

NHS leaders reacted with dismay to having to divert money from providing care to help cover a cost normally borne by the Treasury. The NHS must find an estimated £500m to bridge the gap between the 2.1% rise that was factored in to its budget for this year and the 3%.

**'Doctors are already  
angry and dismayed  
by the award'**

**Dr Chaand Nagpaul**  
BMA council chair

Until this week the government had insisted for months that it could not afford to give health workers more than 1%. But it trebled that this week amid mounting concern that

such a low offer looked mean-spirited and might trigger a summer of industrial unrest among nurses, doctors and other groups of health personnel.

Danny Mortimer, the chief executive of NHS Employers, told BBC Radio 4's Today: "The key question is: is the government going to fund this pay award properly? What we can't have is a situation where the assumption is that the NHS will make efficiencies, will cut the number of staff or reduce the services it provides to pay for this pay award."

A senior NHS official

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## Mild rebuke to Cameron in Greensill 'cover-up'

**Rajeev Syal**

Boris Johnson has been accused of orchestrating a cover-up over the Greensill lobbying scandal after an official review issued a mild rebuke to David Cameron while criticising a deceased senior civil servant.

A report drawn up by the City solicitor Nigel Boardman has also praised lobbying as part of a functioning democracy while accepting that the businessman Lex Greensill was given "extraordinarily privileged" access to Downing Street.

Cameron and the late cabinet secretary Jeremy Heywood are criticised in the 141-page report. The former prime minister "understated" the nature of his relationship with Greensill when lobbying officials and "could have been clearer" about his work for the Australian financier.

But it says a covering memo to Cameron in 2012 pointed to Lord Heywood as the person primarily responsible for Greensill being given a role in government.

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The MP who  
said Boris  
Johnson lies**

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## More pinged key workers won't have to isolate

**Richard Partington  
Jessica Elgot  
Sarah Butler**

Workers from 16 key sectors including health, transport and energy will not have to isolate after being pinged by the NHS Covid app, as it was revealed that more than 600,000 people in England and Wales were sent self-isolation alerts last week.

The changes, after days of frantic talks with industry leaders, came amid open Conservative revolt over the so-called "pingdemic", with the former health secretary Jeremy Hunt warning that the government was facing a crisis of public trust in the system.

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