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Business & Finance

The U.S. economy grew rapidly in the second quarter and exceeded its pre-pandemic size, but the outlook has suddenly turned cloudier due to the fast-spreading Delta coronavirus variant. **A1**

◆ **Didi is considering** going private to placate authorities in China and compensate investors for losses incurred since the ride-hailing giant listed in the U.S. in June. **A1**

◆ **Nikola founder** Trevor Milton was indicted on securities-fraud charges for allegedly lying to investors about the company's business making commercial trucks powered by alternative fuel. **A1**

◆ **Credit Suisse** knew Archegos was a massive risk and didn't take actions to fix it, according to an investigation into the bank's collapse of the family investment firm. **B1**

◆ **Amazon** posted strong results that showcased its dominance even as a slight slowdown in e-commerce sales highlighted the challenge of sustaining the growth it has logged during the pandemic. **B1**

◆ **Scarlett Johansson** sued Disney, alleging her contract was breached when the company released "Black Widow" on the Disney+ streaming service at the same time as its theatrical debut. **A1**

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

◆ **Procter & Gamble** said David Taylor would step down as chief executive. He will be succeeded on Nov. 1 by Jon Moeller, his top deputy. **B3**

World-Wide

◆ **Biden** said federal employees and on-site contractors must get vaccinated against Covid-19 or wear a mask on the job and submit to regular testing, and he called on state and local governments to make \$100 payments to newly vaccinated Americans. **A3**

◆ **The EU** passed the U.S. in Covid-19 vaccinations, with the continent inoculating people at a sustained pace and America struggling to persuade vaccine holdouts to get a shot. **A6**

◆ **The Biden administration** won't move to extend a federal moratorium on the evictions of tenants in arrears on rent during the pandemic but is asking Congress to authorize such an extension. **A4**

◆ **Former Cardinal** Theodore McCarrick, once one of the most powerful leaders in the U.S. Catholic Church, has been charged with sexually assaulting a 16-year-old boy in Massachusetts in 1974. **A3**

◆ **The Senate and House** voted to pass a \$2.1 billion supplemental spending bill to fund Capitol security upgrades and pay for aid to resettle Afghan refugees who worked alongside U.S. troops. **A4**

◆ **The U.S. plans** a sanctions campaign against Iran's evolving capabilities for precision strikes using drones and guided missiles. **A16**

◆ **U.S. regulators** for the first time have said that a knockoff version of a biologic drug is interchangeable with its branded equivalent. **A5**

◆ **Died: Carl Levin**, 87, former U.S. senator. **A2**

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Robinhood Stumbles in Wall Street Debut



NEW DAY: Robinhood founders Baiju Bhatt and Vladimir Tenev on Wall Street on Thursday as the app synonymous with meme stocks made its trading debut, closing down 8.4%. **B1**

Johansson Sues Disney Over Marvel Film Release

By JOE FLINT AND ERICH SCHWARTZEL

Black Widow has a new enemy: the Walt Disney Co. Scarlett Johansson, star of the latest Marvel movie "Black Widow," filed a lawsuit Thursday in Los Angeles Superior Court against Disney, alleging her contract was breached when the media giant released the film on its Disney+ streaming service at the same time as its theatrical debut.

Ms. Johansson said in the suit that her agreement with Disney's Marvel Entertainment guaranteed an exclusive theatrical release, and her salary was based in large part on the box-office performance of the film. "Disney intentionally induced Marvel's breach of the agreement, without justification, in order to prevent Ms. Johansson from realizing the full benefit of her bargain with Marvel," the suit said.

The decision to put the movie on Disney+ is projected to cost Ms. Johansson more than \$50 million, a person familiar with details of her contract claimed.

A Disney spokesman said Ms. Johansson's suit had no merit and is "especially sad and distressing in its callous disregard for the horrific and prolonged global effects of the Covid-19 pandemic." The company said it "fully complied with Ms. Johansson's contract and furthermore, the release of Black Widow on Disney+ with Premier Access has significantly enhanced her ability to earn additional compensation on top of the \$20 million she has received to date."

The suit could be a bellwether for the entertainment industry. Major media companies are giving priority to their streaming services in pursuit of growth, and are increasingly putting their high-value content

◆ **Hollywood projects** disrupted by Covid-19..... **B4**

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Report commissioned by Credit Suisse faults bank for not acting on Archegos risks. **B1**



MANSSION
Newcomers are transforming Bozeman, Mont., sending prices higher. **M1**

What's the Hot Deal for 3½ Tons Of Football Players? Barbecue

College athletes can now make money, leading to meaty endorsements

By LAINE HIGGINS

Jordan Wright loves all kinds of hogs. As owner of Wright's Barbecue outside of Fayetteville, Ark., he smokes them daily for pulled pork, ribs and bacon burnt ends. And as an alum and lifelong fan of the University of Arkansas, he cheers for the Razorbacks on fall Saturdays by yelling "Woo Pig Sooi!"

Thanks to a new era that is

West Dusts Off an Old Idea To Compete With China

State aid to critical industries, notably tech, makes a comeback

By GREG IP

The U.S. and its allies have long pressed China to stop helping favored industries with subsidies, government preferences and other interventions.

Now they are beginning to copy it. Last month, the U.S. Senate voted for direct industry subsidies with little precedent: \$52 billion for new semiconductor fabrication plants, called "fabs."

Other regions have done the same. The European Union has committed to nearly doubling

its share of global semiconductor manufacturing capacity, to 20%. South Korea approved up to \$65 billion in support for semiconductors, and Japan promised to match other countries' semiconductor aid while planning to turn Japan into an Asian data center hub.

Chip-manufacturing subsidies are the most prominent of a range of interventions Western governments are rushing out to promote industries they deem strategic, from electric-car batteries to pharmaceuticals. Such interventions have increased sharply in both the U.S. and Europe since the start of the pandemic.

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Nikola's Founder Accused of Lying To Investors in Federal Indictment

By CORINNE RAMEY

Trevor Milton, the founder of Nikola Corp. and onetime executive chairman of the electric-truck startup, was indicted on securities-fraud charges for allegedly lying to investors about its business making commercial trucks powered by alternative fuel.

Mr. Milton, who resigned from the company in September

2020, faces two counts of securities fraud and one count of wire fraud, according to an indictment made public Thursday. The 39-year-old faces a maximum 25-year prison term if convicted of the top securities-fraud charge.

"In order to drive investor demand for Nikola stock, Milton lied about nearly every aspect of his business," said Audrey Strauss, U.S. attorney in Man-

hattan, at a news conference.

The Securities and Exchange Commission also filed a civil complaint Thursday against Mr. Milton.

Mr. Milton pleaded not guilty to the charges in federal court in Manhattan on Thursday and was released on \$100 million bond. A spokesman for his lawyers—Brad Bondi, Marc Mukasey and Terence Healy—

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Lee Wins All-Around Gold



American gymnast Sunisa Lee became the new Olympic women's all-around champion on Thursday. **A11**

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Raising the bar Lee chalks up gold for US

Sunisa Lee of Team USA has won the top prize in the women's gymnastics all-around final at the Tokyo Games.

Lee, whose uneven bar routines are among the most difficult in the world, had not expected to try for gold in Tokyo but earlier in the week teammate Simone Biles withdrew from both the team and individual all-around, citing mental health issues. Biles's withdrawal underscored the pressure faced by athletes at the pandemic Games.

Competitors have not been able to bring their family members, who typically provide support, while strict rules to curb the spread of Covid-19 leave athletes sequestered before their events.

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Mike Gable/Reuters

Consumer spending boom powers earnings and boosts US growth

◆ Bumper payouts in mining and oil ◆ Easing of restrictions lifts profits ◆ Delta shadow persists

FT REPORTERS

Strong consumer spending and surging commodity prices have fuelled a bumper crop of corporate earnings and helped the US economy bounce back to its pre-pandemic level.

In a sign of buoyant demand for natural resources, miners and energy producers said yesterday they would return billions of dollars to shareholders, while some of the world's top consumer goods companies reported their strongest growth in years.

Energy group Shell yesterday raised its dividend by 40 per cent, while Anglo American said it would give \$4.1bn back to shareholders following the strongest profits in the miner's 104-year history.

Mark Cutifani, Anglo chief executive,

said: "The first six months of 2021 have seen strong demand and prices for many of our products as economies begin to recoup lost ground, spurred by stimulus measures... The share buyback should tell you that we don't think this is as good as it gets."

Miner Rio Tinto announced a record \$9.1bn dividend as its half-year profits topped those for the whole of 2020 due to surging iron ore demand from a rebounding Chinese economy, while steelmaker ArcelorMittal posted its highest profits since 2008.

The easing of Covid-19 restrictions in recent months across Europe and the US has led to a sharp rise in consumer spending, boosting profits at spirits producer Diageo and Anheuser-Busch InBev, the world's largest brewer.

Nestlé, the world's largest food producer, reported its strongest first-half growth in a decade, propelled by a steep rise in sales of its food, drinks and confectionery outside the home.

Stimulus-fuelled consumer spending also helped power US growth in the second quarter. The world's largest economy expanded 6.5 per cent and returned to its pre-pandemic level for the first time since Covid-19 struck, figures released yesterday showed. But economists had been expecting growth of 8.5 per cent. Some blamed supply chain disruptions, others said that the spread of the Delta variant of Covid-19 and waning government support would lead to a slowdown in the second half.

The Delta variant has cast a shadow over corporate outlooks, with countries



Anglo American boss Mark Cutifani: "The share buyback should tell you that we don't think this is as good as it gets"

such as Brazil and India still grappling with the latest waves of the virus.

"Covid-19 is not over," Guillaume Faury, Airbus chief executive, warned. The aerospace group has doubled its profit forecast this year to €4bn because of resurgent demand for aircraft.

The raft of strong earnings in Europe chime with numbers out earlier this week showing bumper profits at big US companies, especially in the tech sector. Apple, Alphabet and Microsoft brought in combined after-tax profits of almost \$5bn a week during the second quarter.

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Briefing

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Credit Suisse is planning to sue Archegos Capital after a report into the \$5.5bn loss for the bank that resulted from the family office's collapse found it had probably been "deceived". — PAGE 5, LEX, PAGE 16

► **German inflation at 13-year high**
Sharp rises in the price of clothes, food and leisure activities have pushed German inflation to 3.1 per cent, its highest in 13 years, raising questions about Europe's ultra-loose monetary policy. — PAGE 2

► **Rugby looks to private equity**
Rugby union chiefs seeking to expand the sport worldwide are talking to big private equity groups over investments that may include a stake in the Rugby World Cup. — PAGE 4



► **Fresh Hong Kong crackdown feared**
Hong Kong authorities may be stoking concerns of so-called terrorism to justify a further crackdown on dissent, following the imposition of a tough security law last year, say observers. — PAGE 4

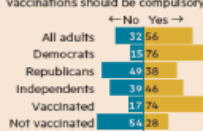
► **Race to replace Libor moves ahead**
The body overseeing America's transition away from Libor has endorsed a forward-looking interest rate, marking a crucial step in the race to replace the scandal-tarnished benchmark. — PAGE 8

► **SoftBank to cut stake in Uber**
SoftBank is said to be planning to sell a big slice of its stake in Uber after heavy losses on its shares in Didi Chuxing, another ride-hailing group, following a crackdown by Beijing. — PAGE 6, LEX, PAGE 16

► **UK imposes £100m fine over drug price**
The UK has fined Advanz Pharma and private equity groups Cinvan and Hg £100m for excessive and unfair pricing of thyroid drug liothyronine after its price was raised 1,000 per cent in eight years. — PAGE 6

Datawatch

Mandatory vaccinations
% of US adults who think vaccinations should be compulsory



Source: Morning Consult (July 24-25, 2021)

The US Covid-19 vaccination campaign could be shifting from freebies to mandates. About three in five adults say government, employers, schools and businesses should require jobs for residents, workers and customers.



Facebook plots a course to explore 'metaverse'

Facebook is increasing its investment in the 'metaverse' — an immersive, interconnected virtual world inhabited by countless digital avatars — hiring 10,000 people to compete with rivals to build the next generation of the Internet. Founder Mark Zuckerberg also made clear he was intent on monetising the opportunity of virtual worlds, saying advertising would 'probably be a meaningful part of the metaverse'.

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Nikola founder charged with lying over electric truck to drive up stock

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Nikola founder Trevor Milton has been charged by US federal prosecutors with misleading investors on the electric truck start-up's technology.

The US attorney's office in Manhattan accused Milton, who stepped down as chair of Nikola last year, of defrauding investors by using "false and misleading statements" to persuade them to buy shares in the company.

Milton appeared before a judge yesterday afternoon and was released on \$100m bail after pleading not guilty.

He was charged with two counts of securities fraud and one count of wire fraud in an indictment unsealed yesterday. The Securities and Exchange Commission also filed a civil complaint against Milton.

Federal prosecutors allege that Milton targeted "thousands" of retail investors, many of whom had no prior experience in trading.

"Milton told lies to generate demand for Nikola stock," said Audrey Strauss, US attorney for the southern district of New York.

Prosecutors listed several allegedly false and misleading statements from Milton, including claims that the Nikola One truck was a working prototype despite lacking propulsion; that Nikola had developed batteries and other components, when it was acquiring them from suppliers; and that truck orders worth billions were binding, when most could be easily cancelled.

The indictment also included details of a video seized on by the company's detractors, which depicts the Nikola One rolling down a hill because it cannot

move under its own power. The truck's door was built of minivan parts and "had to be taped up during the shoot to prevent it from falling off," the indictment said.

Milton, whose stock value hit \$8.5bn at Nikola's peak, was motivated "to enrich himself and elevate his stature as an entrepreneur," the indictment said.

Milton's lawyers stated that he was innocent and called the case "a new low in the government's efforts to criminalise lawful business conduct".

Nikola, which still plans to deliver trucks later this year, said that Milton had "not been involved in the company's operations" since he resigned. It added: "Today's government actions are against Mr Milton individually, and not against the company. Nikola has co-operated with the government throughout the course of its inquiry."

World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				INTEREST RATES			
	Jul 29	prev	%chg		Jul 29	prev	%chg		price	yield	chg
S&P 500	4424.30	4400.04	0.54	\$ per €	1.189	1.190	-0.71%	US Gov 10 yr	150.40	1.26	0.01
Nasdaq Composite	14811.34	14762.58	0.33	\$ per £	1.398	1.397	1.17%	UK Gov 10 yr	0.57	0.00	
Dow Jones Ind	35118.61	34930.93	0.54	€ per \$	0.850	0.851	-0.12%	Ger Gov 10 yr	-0.45	0.00	
FTSEurofirst 300	1788.14	1778.86	0.52	\$ per ¥	109.620	110.110	-0.45%	Jpn Gov 10 yr	117.42	0.02	0.01
Euro Stoxx 50	4119.03	4103.03	0.39	\$ per ₹	153.199	152.712	0.32%	US Gov 30 yr	117.19	1.91	0.00
FTSE 100	7019.42	7016.63	0.04	£ per ¥	1.077	1.079	-0.19%	Ger Gov 2 yr	105.81	-0.76	0.00
FTSE All-Share	4054.12	4024.08	0.75								
CAC 40	6533.77	6499.31	0.53								
Xinhua Dai	11540.47	11576.38	-0.31								
Nikkei	27762.42	27581.08	0.73								
Hang Seng	29515.32	29473.88	0.14								
MSCI World \$	3069.48	3068.87	0.02	Oil WTI \$	73.38	72.39	1.37	Feed Funds EFT	0.08	0.06	0.02
MSCI EM \$	1289.21	1292.43	-1.26	Oil Brent \$	74.93	73.87	1.43	US 3m Bills	0.05	0.05	0.00
MSCI ACWI	723.61	722.41	0.17	Gold \$	1796.60	1800.35	-0.21	Euro Libor 3m	-0.56	-0.56	0.00
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TOKYO OLYMPICS



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THE BEST, ALL AROUND: Sunisa Lee, the first Hmong American in the Olympics, competes on the balance beam during the individual all-around competition Thursday. The 18-year-old from Minnesota held off Brazil's Rebeca Andrade to win gold and extend Team USA's all-around gold medal run to five Olympics. **Story, D1**

An Olympic 'recovery' rings hollow

BY MICHELLE YE HEK LEE
AND JULIA MIO INUMA

FUKUSHIMA, JAPAN — After radiation turned their village into a no-go area a decade ago, an improbable alliance formed between cattle farmer Muneko Kanno and nuclear physicist Yukihiro Tani on their frustration over the Japanese government's response.

They decided to take matters into their own hands.

They collected soil samples to measure radioactivity and developed their own method of decontamination from the fallout of the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant, destroyed after a devastating earth-

In the Fukushima region of Japan, the memories of 2011 disaster overshadow theme of rebuilding

Quiet start for the Masters champ
Golf event without fans creates an echo chamber for Hideki Matsuyama. **D7**

Barry Swruga
The entirety of the gymnastics all-around offered insight into our priorities. **D8**

quake and tsunami in March 2011 that killed 16,000 people and forced 165,000 people from their homes.

They urged residents who fled their hometowns to return home and help restore the village. But their community remains gutted.

And they winced at the prevailing theme of the Tokyo Olympics: "recovery." Organizers stuck with the original packaging — aimed at showcasing how far the country had come since the 2011 disasters — even as the Games were delayed a year and are now underway inside a pandemic bubble with no spectators in the Tokyo area and athletes cocooned from the rest of Japan.

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Biden toughens vaccine rules for federal workers

MASKS, TESTS FOR THOSE WHO REFUSE SHOT

Directive aims to be model for others as variant rages

BY ANNIE LINSKEY,
JOHN WAGNER
AND SEUNG MIN KIM

President Biden announced Thursday that all federal employees and on-site contractors will have to be vaccinated against the coronavirus or be required to wear masks and undergo repeated testing, an order that will affect millions of workers and is designed to be a model for other employers.

The new policy, a major change in the White House strategy against covid-19, reflects a heightened concern within the West Wing about the raging delta variant, which is driving up infections and hospitalizations

throughout large swaths of the country, at the same time that vaccination rates have stalled.

The administration hopes that the new directive will have a ripple effect and persuade an array of state and local governments, as well as private companies, to push their workers and customers harder to become vaccinated.

"I think you're going to find the patience of businesses, and the patience of other people, running thin," Biden said, his voice at times rising in exasperation. "Because the fact is, if we had a higher vaccination rate, we wouldn't be in this position."

He added, "If in fact you are

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Face coverings become latest school flash point

BY MORIAH BALINGIT,
DONNA ST. GEORGE
AND VALERIE STRAUSS

New federal guidelines prompted by a surge in coronavirus cases have left school leaders across the country embroiled in debates over whether to require masks in schools, muddling a long-sought return to normalcy for millions of children.

The wrangling over masks, considered by pediatricians and epidemiologists to be one of the most effective ways to stop school spread, has turned deeply personal and political, fueling vitriol at

school board meetings that have left board members fearing for their safety. Several Republican-led states have barred school districts from requiring masks, threatening to fine school leaders or cut state funding if they attempt it.

Caught in the fray are school leaders, who are forced to again navigate constantly shifting pandemic conditions, conflicting guidance on how to manage them and political fights — all while trying to craft policies that will keep students safe and buildings open. Because despite the deep

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CDC document: Officials must "acknowledge the war has changed." **A7**

Federal workers react: Some employee groups signaled opposition. **A13**

Back to masks in D.C.: Face coverings again will be required indoors. **B1**

McCarrick, ousted cardinal, is charged with sex assault

BY SARAH PULLIAM BAILEY

Defrocked Catholic cardinal Theodore McCarrick was criminally charged Wednesday with sexually assaulting a 16-year-old boy during a wedding reception at Wellesley College in Massachusetts in 1974, according to court documents obtained by The Washington Post. The charges make McCarrick, a former archbishop of Washington, D.C., the highest-ranking Catholic official in the country to face criminal charges for alleged sex abuse.

McCarrick, 91, was for years one of the country's most connected and influential Catholic leaders before allegations of his behavior were made public in 2018, and he was later expelled from the priesthood. It was long assumed McCarrick would not be criminally charged because of statute of limitations on alleged incidents, though some men have filed civil lawsuits in New York and New Jersey, alleging McCarrick sexually abused them in those states when they were children.

Marc Hamilton, an attorney with Child USA, said the case was able to be prosecuted because McCarrick was not a Massachusetts resident and the statute of



Defrocked cardinal Theodore McCarrick is accused of assaulting a 16-year-old boy in 1974.

limitations essentially expired when he left the state. Hamilton said that such statutes of limitations are quite common across the United States but that McCarrick's case is highly unusual.

"This is extraordinary," said Hamilton, who is a professor at the University of Pennsylvania. "Prosecutors feel safe filing charges even against bishops. It shows us the movement for sex abuse cases is becoming mature."

On Wednesday, McCarrick was charged with three counts of indecent assault and battery on a person over 14 in a criminal complaint filed by Wellesley Police in Dedham District Court and reviewed by The Post.

In 2019, the Vatican defrocked McCarrick after finding him guilty of sexual abuse, delivering him the most significant abuse-related punishment for a former cardinal in modern Catholic history. **SEE MCCARRICK ON A5**

6.5% growth points to full recovery

BY RACHEL SIEGEL
AND ANDREW VAN DAM

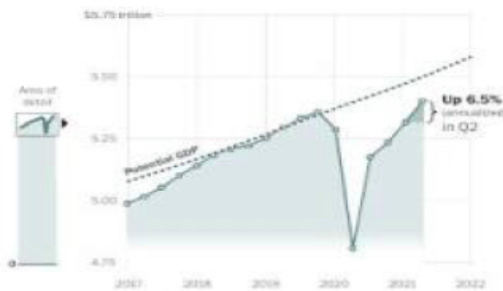
The U.S. economy was officially back and fully recovered from the coronavirus pandemic as of June, although a recent surge in cases could bring new uncertainty.

The economy grew at an annual rate of 6.5 percent in the quarter that ended in June — below forecasts of at least 8 percent — as vaccinations and unleashed consumer spending added momentum to the recovery. The lower-than-expected figures reflect an economy struggling with supply-chain backlogs that have hampered business productivity by reducing inventories of bank goods and materials and pushing prices higher, economists say.

For the first time since the pandemic took hold, economic output eclipsed its pre-pandemic high, after adjusting for inflation. However, that doesn't mean the economy is back to the level it would have attained had the pandemic not happened, because about a year of continued economic growth is missing.

The drag caused by low inventory in the second quarter could leave "quite the tail wind to growth going forward," especially as supply chains have time to clear, said Joe Brusuelas, chief

Quarterly U.S. gross domestic product



Note: Quarterly GDP, adjusted for inflation and seasonally. Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, Congressional Budget Office. THE WASHINGTON POST

economist at RSM.

For example, Brusuelas said he ordered a German car in mid-March, knowing there would be a wait, given a shortage of microchips and other parts in the auto supply chain. His car was not shipped until this week, in the third quarter.

"That in a nutshell is a good description of the first half of

2021," he said. "It's lumber. It's dry wall. It's chips. As the supply-chain constraints ease, those bottlenecks clear, and you'll get a surge in industrial production and residential investment."

The report on gross domestic product, released Thursday by the Commerce Department's Bureau of Economic Analysis, offered a

SEE GDP ON A16

Ace Scherzer, star Turner dealt as Nats begin rebuild

BY JESSE DOUGHERTY

The Washington Nationals agreed to trade star Max Scherzer and Trevor Turner to the Los Angeles Dodgers on Thursday night, according to multiple people with knowledge of the situation, dramatically altering their roster while signaling a rebuild just two years after they won the World Series.

After fielding a contender for a decade and building for another playoff run this season, the Nationals will instead fuel the Dodgers' quest for back-to-back championships and try to restock their thin farm system. As of late Thursday, the trade was agreed upon but pending medical reviews for all players involved.

The deal, expected to be completed before Friday's 4 p.m. Major League Baseball trade deadline, takes two more title-winning cornerstones out of Washington. Also gone are Anthony Rendon, Howie Kendrick, Sean Doolittle and Adam Eaton, among others.

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IN THE NEWS

Tracking the pack Researchers are trying to gauge the effects of a Wisconsin wolf hunt that blew past its quota, as another hunt nears. **A3**

Assaults from within Dozens of Afghan troops died in insider attacks in a Taliban offensive this spring, a U.S. report said. **A12**

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The recount of votes in the presidential election in Maricopa County, Ariz., has concluded, amid upheaval marked by the resignation of an audit official and a GOP deflection. **A5**

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London's Marble Arch Mound, denounced by paying visitors as a mind-boggling "monstrosity," shut down just days after its opening. **A30**

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After years of high-profile failures, Boeing's 737 MAX do-over launch

offers the aerospace conglomerate a chance for redemption. **A13**

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The suspect in the killing of 6-year-old Nyah Courtney in D.C. was tied to the crime through a bullet casing and text messages, a prosecutor said. **B1**

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The Russell Westbrook era in Washington came to an abrupt end as the Wizards traded him to the Lakers for three players and a pick in Wednesday's draft. **D1**

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Derrumbe en la costa y quejas por la falta de obras

Esta vez la sudestada y las olas derribaron una casa frente a la playa en Mar del Tuyú (foto); el fenómeno se repite y piden acelerar los trabajos de defensa. **Página 24**



JAVIER DAULTE: "POR FIN ESTAMOS TODOS HACIENDO TEATRO"

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El dramaturgo y director acaba de estrenar *Luz testigo*, obra surgida de un concurso en plena pandemia; se alegra porque el público está volviendo a las salas

1941-2021 ROBERTO CALASSO. UNA HUELLA EN LA LITERATURA

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Su trabajo en el sello Adelphi rescató a escritores, y sus libros como autor estaban colmados de erudición y estilo; dejó una marca en el siglo XX. **Página 23**

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La salida de Rossi genera tensiones en el oficialismo por cambios en el gabinete

GOBIERNO. Frederic, Scioli y Beliz, los posibles reemplazantes en el Ministerio de Defensa

La salida traumática de Agustín Rossi del Ministerio de Defensa obligó al presidente Alberto Fernández a definir cambios en el gabinete, pese a su intención de postergar su reestructuración para después de las elecciones.

Buscar un sucesor para Rossi no

estaba en los planes presidenciales. En medio de la tensión, un sector del oficialismo instaló ayer el nombre de la ministra de Seguridad, Sabina Frederic, para pasar a Defensa. Esto abriría una vacante en una cartera que sufrió los embates del bonaerense Sergio Berni. El kirchnerismo

quisiera ver en Seguridad a una figura con mayor perfil para la pelea electoral, un ministerio que Sergio Massa siempre quiso para el Frente Renovador. Para Defensa también se mencionan al embajador en Brasil, Daniel Scioli, y al asesor presidencial Gustavo Beliz. **Página 10**

EL ESCENARIO ¿Y si la oposición va hacia Venezuela?

Claudio Jacquelín
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La hora del reencuentro en los geriátricos

coronavirus— Para los residentes en geriátricos bonaerenses, como María Magdalena Pagés (foto), de 95 años, llegó el día tan esperado: tras más de un año, sus familiares ya pueden entrar a visitarlos. **Página 3**

Un infectado con la variante delta contagió a 13 personas. **Página 2**



RICARDO PRISTUPLUK

Para los ejecutivos de IDEA, la situación va a empeorar

ENCUESTA. Alta inflación, dólar y falta de un plan, las claves en este semestre

Más de seis de cada diez empresarios consultados en la tradicional encuesta de expectativas de ejecutivos de IDEA prevén que la situación económica del país empeorará en este semestre debido a la alta inflación, las tensiones con el dólar y la falta de un plan.

Pese a una leve mejora con relación al relevamiento anterior, los directivos pronostican una baja de la inversión con relación a sus ventas y piden estabilidad en las reglas de juego para dinamizar esa variable clave. **Página 18**

DESDE ADENTRO Florescia Donovan

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La economía de EE.UU. ya crece a nivel prepandemia

EXPANSIÓN. WASHINGTON (AFP).— La economía de Estados Unidos vuelve a sonreír. Con un crecimiento del 6,5% en el segundo trimestre, alcanzó por primera vez el nivel previo a la pandemia, según dijo el Departamento de Comercio, que estima un crecimiento del 7% para 2021. El horizonte no está despejado por los efectos que tendría en la actividad el avance de la variante delta. **Página 6**

JUEGOS OLÍMPICOS TOKIO 2020 LA NACION EN JAPÓN

Los atletas de elite y otro frente para cuidar: la cabeza

"Siento que tengo el peso del mundo en mis hombros". La frase la pronunció la gimnasta estadounidense Simone Biles, estrella del deporte y ganadora de cinco medallas en Río 2016. La pandemia y las presiones la afectaron al punto de retirarse

de competencias en Tokio 2020. Y abrió el debate: psicólogos coinciden en que es tan valioso el cuidado de la mente como el del físico. "El alto rendimiento implica presiones, miedos, ansiedades altísimas. El deportista de elite tiene que tener una

preparación mental", dice Marcelo Roffé. "No hay nada más valioso que el ánimo. Es el motor de la conducta", afirma César Bernhardt. "Lo de Biles es un llamado de atención", admite la exgimnasta y hoy médica Celeste Carnevale. **Deportes**

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Los Pumas: intimidad y vuelta demorada. **Página 4**

Hermetismo en Cuba tras la muerte de otro general

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A ginasta Rebeca Andrade se exhibe na final individual feminina nos Jogos de Tóquio, no ginásio Ariake; brasileira levou prata inédita, 0,135 ponto atrás da americana Sunisa Lee *Dylan Martinez/Reuters*

tóquio 2020

REBECA, A INESQUECÍVEL

Com a prata no peito, primeira ginasta do Brasil a subir no pódio olímpico coroa resiliência p.1

+ MAYRA TRIMEDALHISTA Judoca leva bronze e é 1ª brasileira solo no pódio em 3 Jogos seguidos p.4

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- 5h Brasil x Taipé
- NATAÇÃO
- 7h Eliminatórias*
- ATLETISMO
- 7h Preliminares e finais*
- BOXE MASCULINO
- 7h39 Brasil x Jordânia
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- ARCO E FLECHA
- 21h30 Brasil x Itália
- JUDÔ
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Não há folga
Sobre alta da arrecadação e demandas por gastos.

Tunísia em suspenso
A respeito de crise institucional no país africano.

População com 18 anos ou mais*

	ao menos uma dose	totalmente vacinada
Brasil	63,8%	25,0%
MS	76,3%	43,7%
RS	70,9%	32,8%
SP	75,5%	28,1%

Totalmente vacinada



	1ª	2ª	única
Brasil	98,9 ml	36,4 ml	3,8 ml
1ª SP	26,1 ml	9 ml	1,1 ml
2ª MG	9,8 ml	3,5 ml	393,8 ml
3ª RJ	7,5 ml	2,9 ml	259,6 ml

Dados das 20h de 29 jul *Ao menos uma dose; tomou dose única ou 1ª dose. Totalmente vacinada: tomou dose única ou 2ª dose **Em relação a 14 dias

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Hábitos e consumo no segundo ano da pandemia

Especial lista 25 empresas e serviços destacados em 5 segmentos

Dias Melhores B6

Brasileiro de 17 anos é ouro na Olimpíada; não a de Tóquio, mas a de Física

Djamila Ribeiro

Feminicídio deixa órfãos violentados pelo Estado

Ilustrada C5

Bolsonaro mente em maior ataque a sistema de voto

Após anos citando irregularidade, presidente admite não ter prova de fraude

Em live veiculada em suas redes sociais e em canais oficiais na qual prometera divulgar provas de fraude eleitoral, o presidente Jair Bolsonaro admitiu ontem que não existem tais evidências e reapresentou teorias acerca da urna eletrônica já desmentidas diversas vezes.

"Não tem como se com provar que as eleições não foram ou foram fraudadas. São indícios", declarou. Ao longo das mais de duas horas de transmissão, mostrou vídeos que insinuam ser possível fraudar o código fonte para computar o voto de um candidato para o outro.

O TSE (Tribunal Superior Eleitoral) voltou a expor a falsidade da teoria e publicou uma lista em que desmente 18 afirmações da live. A alegação de fraude é usada pelo presidente para defender a impressão do voto, à qual condicionou, em outra ocasião, as eleições de 2022.

Durante o discurso, em meio às mentiras, ele também criticou o TSE, o Estado laico, a imprensa, a esquerda, os institutos de pesquisa e as minorias. **Poder A4 a A8**

Presidente erra sobre apurações em 2014 e 2018; veja checagem A6



Fogo consome instalações da Cinemateca Nacional na Vila Leopoldina, zona oeste de São Paulo *Arthur Sens*

Queimaram a estátua errada, diz historiador

Eduardo Bueno, autor de mais de 30 livros de história do Brasil, afirma que "Borba Gato não foi um caçador de índio", pois viveu em outro momento. O historiador critica o ataque do dia 24 no qual a estátua do bandeirante em Santo Amaro, São Paulo, foi incendiada. **Cotidiano B4**

Incêndio atinge depósito da Cinemateca Brasileira em SP

Um incêndio atingiu um depósito da Cinemateca Brasileira, na zona oeste de São Paulo, na noite de ontem.

O fogo teve início durante manutenção no ar condicionado de uma sala.

Governo trava R\$ 666 milhões de combate à Covid

Saúde B1

O local não é a sede principal da Cinemateca, mas abriga parte importante de seu acervo histórico, como filmes de 35 mm e 16 mm, feitos de material altamente inflamável. **Ilustrada B6**

'Migrantes da pandemia' vão para ruas da capital

Cotidiano B2

Rastreamento falho afeta metade das armas no país

O Brasil vive um virtual apagão de informações sobre cerca da metade do arsenal registrado pelo governo federal. A dificuldade de acesso a órgãos de investigação e controle atinge principalmente armas compradas por CACs (Caçadores, Atiradores e Coletadores). **Cotidiano B5**



Significativa presencia de diplomático y fiscal general en alegatos finales

EEUU tiene en la mira juicio contra OGD por corrupción

● Presión para que caso no acabe con una pena benigna

● Fiscales pidieron 10 años para el ex senador colorado

● Lo acusan de enriquecimiento ilícito, lavado y declaración falsa



Imédito. Brian Skaret, agregado de Justicia de la Embajada estadounidense, y la fiscal general Sandra Quiñones en la sala donde se lleva a cabo el juicio.



Bajo observación. Óscar González Daher (derecha) y su hijo Óscar González Chaves (a su lado) fueron vetados de ingresar a EEUU de por vida por las sospechas que pesan sobre ellos.

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Destrozo. El camión en que iban los uniformados muertos quedó hecho chatarra.

Asesinan en un ataque en el Norte a tres militares de la Fuerza de Tarea

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Afghanistan: la déroute
des Occidentaux

Alors que les talibans progressent irrémédiablement dans la reconquête du pays, Russes et Turcs se positionnent déjà pour tirer profit du départ des Américains. PAGES 2 À 4 ET L'ÉDITORIAL

Licenciement et passe
sanitaire: le Sénat s'oppose
au gouvernement

Licenciés ou suspendus ? Le sort des salariés refusant de présenter un passe sanitaire fait l'objet d'une bataille d'interprétation entre le gouvernement et le Sénat. Alors que

la dernière version du projet de loi prévoit seulement une suspension du contrat, le gouvernement a rappelé qu'une procédure de licenciement pouvait être engagée. PAGE 5

Mesures d'urgence aux
Antilles et à La Réunion
face à la quatrième vague

Les cas de Covid explosent dans certains territoires ultramarins. L'état d'urgence sanitaire a été instauré en Guadeloupe, à Saint-Martin et Saint-Barthélemy. En Martinique,

un confinement débutera vendredi pour au moins trois semaines. À La Réunion, un confinement partiel renforcé d'un couvre-feu est instauré pour deux semaines. PAGE 7

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Triple désastre

En dépit de leur puissance, de leur volontarisme et de leur prosélytisme démocratique, les États-Unis et leurs alliés n'ont fait que bâtir sur du sable durant deux décennies en Afghanistan. Après y avoir englouti des milliers de vies et des milliards de dollars, à peine plient-ils bagage que leur legs se délite sous leurs yeux. Les talibans se trouvent à nouveau aux portes du pouvoir, l'armée afghane menace de se disloquer, milices et seigneurs de la guerre réapparaissent, la République et ses institutions ne tiennent plus qu'à un fil.

Désastre complet, qui annonce au moins trois types de régression. D'abord pour la population afghane, en particulier les femmes et la jeunesse qui avaient goûté au parfum de la liberté, bientôt condamnées à choisir entre un islamisme moyenâgeux et une nouvelle guerre civile. Sur le front terroriste ensuite, avec le retour d'al-Qaïda, resté proche des talibans, et de la branche locale de l'organisation État islamique, qui inquiète de l'Inde à l'Iran. Sur le plan géopolitique enfin, avec le déploiement instantané des Russes et des Turcs, impatientes de reprendre pied en Asie centrale: les premiers aux confins tadjik et ouzbek de l'ancien empire soviétique,

qu'ils soutiennent face aux risques de débordement du conflit et d'afflux de réfugiés; les seconds à Kaboul même, où les Américains ont cru bon de leur confier la sécurité de l'aéroport, c'est-à-dire leur sortie de secours... Syrie, Libye, Haut-Karabakh hier, Afghanistan aujourd'hui, Liban demain peut-être: le tandem russo-turc a pris la troublante habitude d'occuper le vide laissé par les Occidentaux.

Quel spectacle afghan va le plus secouer l'opinion ?

d'une majorité d'Américains. Mais c'est avant que ne s'étalent sous leurs yeux le gâchis de leurs efforts passés et le drame renouvelé des prochaines violences. Ce jour-là, l'orgueil blessé des conquérants vaincus pourrait faire payer dans les urnes au brave commandant ayant ordonné la retraite ce que les Afghans vont payer de leur sang. ■

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MPs criticise 'systemic failure' of police to improve record on race

Vikram Dodd

Police and crime correspondent

Police and governments have done too little to stamp out racial injustice in the ranks, with the failings being "systemic" and leading to "unjustified inequalities", a landmark report by an all-party committee of MPs has found.

The report by the home affairs committee was heavily critical of the progress made in the 22 years since the Macpherson report into

why the racist killers of Stephen Lawrence were allowed to go free, which blamed "institutional racism".

The new report is peppered with criticism of policing for not doing more, but also for governments of both main parties for failing to take racial justice "seriously enough". It condemns "deep rooted and persistent racial disparities" with guidelines and recommendations ignored over the past two decades, or not followed through.

Racial disparities against ethnic minorities, especially black Britons

remain, and cannot be explained or justified, the report says.

Police chiefs accepted the report, saying the slow pace of reform was of "deep regret", and promised real change.

The report brands as "unjustified inequalities" the fact black people remain nine times more likely than white people to be stopped and searched in England and Wales, with most found to be innocent. Black people are more likely to be stopped for drugs but less likely to use them, the report says.

"This highlights the need to change the culture of policing"

Andy George

Black Police Association

On Tuesday the prime minister described stop and search as "loving", as he launched a new crime strategy derided by some as being a collection of gimmicks including

government approval to make stops without suspicion easier.

The report said recruitment of minority ethnic officers was too slow. It was "inexcusable" that forces would take decades to be representative of the areas they police. Currently 7% of officers are from ethnic minorities compared to 14% of the population. Demographic predictions for the Guardian project an even bigger race gap. Retention is also a problem, with minority ethnic officers twice as likely as white ones to be dismissed.

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Spyware firm visited by Israeli officials



Bethan McKernan

Middle East correspondent

Israeli authorities have inspected the offices of the surveillance technology company NSO Group in response to the Pegasus project investigation into abuses of the company's spyware by several government clients.

Defence ministry officials visited the offices near Tel Aviv on Wednesday, at the same time as the defence minister, Benny Gantz, arrived for a pre-arranged visit to Paris in which he discussed the Pegasus revelations with his French counterpart.

The French president, Emmanuel Macron, is one of the highest profile figures whose phone numbers appeared on a leaked database of 50,000 numbers that are believed to have been selected as candidates for possible surveillance by clients of NSO.

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Sunisa Lee steps up to take gymnastics gold

With Simone Biles watching and cheering from the sidelines, a new star of American gymnastics was born yesterday as Sunisa Lee became the all-around Olympic champion. **News Page 6 and sport →**