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**S**quare agreed to an all-stock deal valued at around \$29 billion to acquire Australia's Afterpay, an installment-payment company that positions itself as a cheaper alternative to a credit card. **A1**

**◆ Big money-management firms** expanded their dominance in Silicon Valley last quarter, putting 2021 on pace to nearly double last year's record in startup financing. **A1**

**◆ Auxin Solar** and Suniva plan to petition the U.S. government to extend tariffs on solar cell and panel imports, reigniting a fight that has split the industry. **A3**

**◆ Deutsche Bank's** asset-management arm at times painted a rosier-than-reality picture to investors about its ESG strategy, according to its ex-sustainability chief and internal emails and presentations seen by the WSJ. **B1**

**◆ Users representing** about 1.3% of Robinhood's funded accounts participated in the company's IPO, according to numbers provided by the online brokerage. **B2**

**◆ The union representing** workers at Chile's La Escondida copper mine said its members voted to reject the owner's most-recent contract offer and go on strike. **B3**

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**◆ A national ban** on most residential evictions expired, setting the stage for a potentially widespread displacement of low-income renters that looks poised to hit Southern states particularly hard. **A1**

**◆ Senators wrapped up** the construction of a roughly \$1 trillion infrastructure bill, racing to pass it through the chamber by the end of the week and send it to the House, where its fate is intertwined with a \$3.5 trillion package of Democratic priorities. **A4**

**◆ Donald Trump** has \$102 million in political cash he can wield as the GOP eyes retaking majorities in Congress next year, according to filings with the Federal Election Commission. **A4**

**◆ The U.S. joined** the U.K. and Israel in blaming Iran for a fatal drone strike last week on an Israeli-linked tanker near the coast of Oman in the Arabian Sea. **A6**

**◆ Hong Kong's** Education Bureau said it would no longer recognize the city's largest teachers' union, accusing it of engaging in political propaganda. **A6**

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## A Golden Sunday at the Tokyo Olympics



**HAPPY HEROICS:** Clockwise from left, Italy's Lamont Marcell Jacobs wins the men's 100-meter final to claim the title of the world's fastest man; Yulimar Rojas of Venezuela celebrates after setting a world record in the women's triple jump; and American Caeleb Dressel wins gold and breaks the Olympic record in the final of the men's 50-meter freestyle. **A13-14**



## Tech-Startup Financing Shifts

By Heather Somerville

Big money-management firms expanded their dominance in Silicon Valley last quarter, crowding out venture capitalists in a once-niche business and putting 2021 on pace to nearly double last year's record in startup financing.

Hedge funds, mutual funds, pensions, sovereign-wealth groups and other so-called non-traditional venture investors

were more active in the second quarter than in any previous period, according to research firm PitchBook Data Inc. These firms participated in 42% of startup financing deals, and those deals accounted for more than three-quarters of the invested capital, according to PitchBook.

Investment in U.S. startups for the first half of 2021 hit \$150 billion, eclipsing full-year funding every year before

2020, according to PitchBook.

The large asset firms have massive pools of capital, move quickly and are less likely to ask for board seats or involvement in company decisions, often making them more appealing to founders, according to interviews with investors and startup executives. The result has been a dizzying pace of deal making.

"It's like speed dating but more extreme," said Peter Fish-

man, a longtime Silicon Valley tech professional who last year co-founded data-automation startup Mozart Data Inc.

Big money managers have long allocated some of their portfolios to invest in venture-capital firms. But many started investing directly in startups around a decade ago in a near-zero interest-rate economy, looking for better returns from tech companies that were stay-

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## Eviction Ban's End To Hit South Hard

By Will Parker

A national ban on most residential evictions expired after Saturday, setting the stage for a potentially widespread displacement of low-income renters that looks poised to hit Southern states particularly hard.

Meanwhile, only about \$3 billion out of \$46.6 billion in federal rental assistance meant to prevent tenant evictions and help struggling landlords had reached landlords and tenants by the end of June, according to the U.S. Treasury Department, which noted that the pace at which local programs were disbursing the funds has been increasing.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention enacted the eviction ban in September to prevent evictions of millions of tenants who were unable to pay rent because of financial hardship during the pandemic. The CDC has extended the moratorium three times. The White House said on Wednesday that only Congress could extend it again, citing a Supreme Court ruling that limited the CDC's power to renew it. But lawmakers failed to reach an agreement to renew the ban.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi wrote in a letter this weekend that the Senate could take action on this issue and that the House was on call while out of town. But Republicans are unlikely to vote to extend the

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## Marlboro Ranch Sale Snuffs Out Smokers' Vacation Dreams

Tobacco firm's move puts some in a funk; 'I decided now's a good time to try to quit'

By Jennifer Maloney  
and Omar Abdel-Baqi

Christine Dorgan has a box full of swag and gear she ordered with points from the back of her Marlboro cigarette packs: a watch, a dart board, a portable picnic table. And last year, just as the pandemic hit, she won her most coveted prize: a trip to the Marlboro Ranch.

The trip, like so many vacations, was canceled by Covid-19. And now she will never get the chance to go.



Howdy, Smokers.

In June, cigarette maker Philip Morris USA sold the 18,000-acre Montana property where the company for two decades had hosted loyal customers on all-expense-paid trips. As cigarette smoking declines, so does its trappings.

"I signed up for that thing I don't know how many times," said Ms. Dorgan, a 54-year-old diesel mechanic who lives in Windom, Minn. A smoker since age 12, she quit last year shortly before she

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## Succession Drama Rattles Scholastic

Richard Robinson bequeathed control to 'partner and closest friend'

By Jeffrey A. Trachtenberg  
and Shalini Ramachandran

The longtime head of Scholastic Corp., M. Richard Robinson Jr., died suddenly in June on a walk in Martha's Vineyard. He left behind a surprising succession plan.

He didn't give control of the \$1.2 billion publisher to either of his two sons, or his siblings, or his ex-wife, with whom he had rekindled a friendship during the pandemic. Instead, control went to Iole Lucchese, Scholastic's chief strategy officer. She also inherited all his personal possessions.

In the 2018 will, a copy of which was reviewed by The Wall Street Journal, Mr. Robinson described Ms. Lucchese, a 30-year company veteran, as "my partner and closest friend." Ms. Lucchese and Mr. Robinson had been longtime romantic partners, according to interviews with family members and former employees.

Ms. Lucchese's sudden emergence as Scholastic's heir has set in motion a family succession drama at the century-old company—it is one of the world's largest publishers of children's books, from the "Harry Pot-

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## Higher Wages for Hires Ripple Through Ranks

By Lauren Weber  
and Omar Abdel-Baqi

Companies across the U.S. economy are raising pay to recruit workers in a tight labor market, increases that are rippling through firms and prompting employers to re-think pay for existing staffers.

So-called wage compression—when pay for new hires or entry-level staff approaches what longtime staff or senior colleagues make—poses a financial and management challenge for employers, and has

gained new urgency as companies fight to attract and retain employees amid record-high rates of job quitting.

When companies make public pay increases for entry-level jobs, they also send signals to their internal workforces, said Diane Burton, academic director of the Institute for Compensation Studies at Cornell University's ILR School and a professor of human resource studies. Those signals can prompt companies and individuals to reassess the value of

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# Signs of 'housing fever' surface as global property prices surge

● Fastest US growth in 30 years ● Rises across OECD ● Pandemic fuels demand for space

VALENTINA ROMEO AND CHRIS GILES  
LONDON

House prices are booming in almost every major economy in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, forging the broadest rally for more than two decades, and reviving concerns over potential threats to financial stability.

Of the 40 countries covered by OECD data, just three experienced real-terms house price falls in the first three months of this year — the smallest proportion since the data series began in 2000, analysis by the Financial Times found. Historically low interest rates, savings accumulated during lockdowns and a desire for more space as people work from home are all fuelling the trend, analysts said.

Some nations are showing signs of "housing fever", said Enrique Martinez-Garcia, senior research economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

Annual house price growth across the OECD group of rich nations hit 9.4 per cent — its fastest pace for 30 years — in the first quarter of 2021, as economies rebounded from severe coronavirus-triggered recessions.

National data suggest the pattern continued in the second quarter. In the US, house prices rose at their fastest annual rate in nearly 30 years in April, while price growth in countries including the UK, South Korea, New Zealand, Canada and Turkey has also been strong.

In the short term, rising house prices can be "a good thing for the economy because people who already own homes feel richer and they can spend more due to the valuation of their assets", said Claudio Borio, head of the monetary and economic department at the Bank for International Settlements, the bank for central banks.

However, if the trend persists it could become an unsustainable boom that might eventually push activity "into reverse", particularly when accompanied by strong credit expansion, he warned.



Average prices across the OECD are growing faster than incomes, making housing less affordable  
FT Housing

Low borrowing costs make house purchases more affordable relative to and to other investments. Many households have also accumulated large savings during the pandemic, money which can then be spent on housing.  
At the same time, more people have sought out larger properties in quieter

places, after long hours spent at home. The situation has been "amplified by lack of supply and increasing building prices", according to Matthias Pleissner, an economist at the rating agency Scope Ratings. Construction inventories have shrunk and the cost of materials such as steel, timber and copper has surged.

Average house prices across the OECD are also growing faster than incomes, making housing less affordable. Adam Slater, lead economist at Oxford Economics, said properties in advanced economies were about 10 per cent overvalued compared with long-term trends. That makes this boom one of the biggest since 1900, he calculated

— although nowhere near as big as the run-up to the financial crisis of 2008. One main factor is different from conditions nearly 15 years ago: central banks scarred by the earlier housing bust are more vigilant.

The Reserve Bank of New Zealand has added house prices to its mandate and the European Central Bank has asked the EU statistics agency to include them in headline inflation calculations. Aditya Bhawe, economist at Bank of America, said policymakers were "now acutely aware of the risks around housing policy". In contrast to 2008, that "meaningfully reduces the chances of an adverse outcome", he added.

### Rental costs worry Pimco

Dan Ivascyn, chief investment officer at Pimco, which has about \$2.2tn under management, has warned of inflationary pressure from housing rental costs that could push interest rates higher and overturn a sense of complacency among investors. Rising rent pressure, page 6

## China's military expansion threatens the 'survival' of Taiwan, Japan warns

ROBIN HARDING AND LEO LEWIS  
TOKYO

Japan's defence minister has called on the international community to pay greater attention to the "survival of Taiwan" as he warned that China's military build-up was enveloping the island.

Nobuo Kishi, the younger brother of former prime minister Shinzo Abe, told the Financial Times in an interview that broad international pressure was crucial to preventing Taiwan's future being decided by military confrontation.

His comments mark a further step up in rhetoric: after Japan broke with years of precedent and directly linked Taiwan's security to its own in a recent defence white paper, with an explicit reference to the need for a greater "sense of crisis".

The same report warned that the overall military balance between China and Taiwan was now "tilting to China's favour" — a message Kishi repeated.

"We're seeing various moves by China that work to envelop Taiwan", he said.

Chinese military aircraft have regularly entered the air defence identification zone off Taiwan's south-western coast since last year. Chinese naval vessels have been spotted in greater number in waters off eastern Taiwan.

Kishi is known for his close relations with politicians in Taipei and is regarded as both a conservative and a hawk on China. Japan's strong message, Kishi said, was that peace in the Taiwan Strait would be assured only if the international community demanded it.

"Rather than a direct military collision between China and Taiwan, international society needs to pay greater

attention to the survival of Taiwan," he said.

US and Japanese military officials have begun serious planning for a possible conflict between China and Taiwan, including joint exercises, six officials told the FT at the end of June.

Taro Aso, Japan's deputy prime minister, said a crisis in Taiwan could present an existential threat to Japan, in remarks at a private fundraiser that were reported by local media. The comments were significant because that is the constitutional hurdle for use of Japan's military in support of US forces.

As part of Japan's push for greater international attention, Kishi said Tokyo welcomed a greater role for European countries in the region, including the forthcoming visit by the UK's Queen Elizabeth aircraft carrier strike group. Additional reporting by Kathryn Hillier



### China's tutoring squeeze ruins family summer plans

The recent crackdown on China's \$100bn tutoring industry has left both the companies that provide courses and the parents that pay for them reeling. The sector is scrambling to find new ways to generate revenue, such as providing simple childcare services. With expensive tutoring now banned, parents are weighing up whether to send their kids to low-cost government summer camps instead. Parents' dilemma, page 4  
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Nasdaq Composite	14072.69	14038.99	-1.11	£ per €	1.390 1.375	UK Gov 10 yr	105.07	0.57	-0.01
Dow Jones Ind	34529.47	35090.95	-0.36	€ per ¥	0.893 0.859	Ger Gov 10 yr	130.142	0.48	-0.01
FTSE100	1779.56	1778.70	0.04	¥ per \$	105.592 110.570	Japan Gov 10 yr	117.37	0.01	0.00
Euro Stoxx 50	4089.30	4109.10	-0.48	\$ per €	152.582 152.061	US Gov 30 yr	118.05	1.89	-0.03
FTSE 100	7032.30	7027.58	0.07	Sfr per €	1.075 1.083	Ger Gov 30 yr	105.79	-4.77	0.00
FTSE All-Share	4030.24	4025.12	0.13	€ per \$	0.943 0.950				
CAC 40	6912.76	6908.02	0.07						
Nikkei	27283.59	27549.00	-0.96						
Hang Seng	25981.03	27723.84	-6.36						
MSCI World \$	3098.62	-	-						
MSCI EM \$	1295.41	-	-						
MSCI ACWI \$	729.68	-	-						
COMMODITIES			FED FUNDS EFF						
	Jul 30	Jul 23	%Week						
Oil WTI \$	79.70	72.11	2.20						
Oil Brent \$	76.10	74.12	1.32						
Gold \$	1929.30	1790.40	1.66						

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## 'When Will This Ever End?'

A wave of Covid cases at an I.C.U. in Santa Monica, Calif., dashed the hopes of doctors who thought the worst was over. Page A14.

## New York Push To Clear Streets Hits Homeless

By ANDY NEWMAN  
and NICOLE HONG

On a sweltering July afternoon, a homeless man named Melvin Douglas bled up to his sleeping spot beneath the High Line, the elevated, art-filled New York park overlooking the Hudson River, and found that a city cleanup crew had thrown away his possessions — again. The same thing had happened the day before.

"Brand-new clothes, brand-new T-shirts, everything," Mr. Douglas, 54, said as he shook his head at the bare sidewalk. "They took all my stuff, bro. No regard at all."

As the country's most populous city strives to lure back tourists and office workers, it has undertaken an aggressive campaign to push homeless people off the streets of Manhattan.

City workers used to tear down one or two encampments a day. Now, they sometimes clear dozens. Since late May, teams that include sanitation workers in garbage trucks, police officers and outreach workers have cruised Manhattan around the clock, hitting the same spots over and over.

The sweeps are part of a broader effort by Mayor Bill de Blasio that includes transferring over 8,000 people from hotels, where they had been placed to stem the spread of the coronavirus, to barracks-style group shelters. The transfers are continuing despite the recent surge in the Delta variant of the virus, though the city told a judge it would delay the moves Monday to address concerns that it was not adequately considering people's health problems and disabilities.

The city is also responding to months of complaints about homeless people blocking public spaces, menacing passers-by and

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## Riots Shattered Illusion of Coexistence in Israel

By ROGER COHEN

ACRE, Israel — Uri Jeremias, a celebrated Israeli chef, saw himself as a benefactor. By bringing jobs, tourists and investment to the mainly Arab heart of the coastal town of Acre, he believed he was seen as nurturing coexistence between Jews and Arabs.

Until an Arab mob torched his Uri Buri restaurant in May and a Jewish guest at his luxury hotel was asphyxiated in the worst inter-community riots in decades.

"I was targeted as a Jew by radicalized thugs," Mr. Jeremias, 76, said at his airy house in Nahariya, a few miles north of Acre. "But many more Arabs came to help me put out the fires than came to burn my places down. We cannot allow a violent minority to win."

Mr. Jeremias's flowing Father Time beard and piercing blue eyes have become a feature of high-end

## In Arab-Jewish Towns, Resentment Festeres Over Inequality

travel magazines, where he has been portrayed as "cooking up coexistence" beside the glowing Ottoman walls of Acre's Old City. He vows to restore the restaurant soon. He wants to get his 62 employees, half of them Arab, back to work, for the sake of "all the people of Acre and also the state of Israel."

It won't be easy. Blending diverse people is tougher than blending flavors.

The May riots, set off by provocative police interventions at the Aqsa Mosque and the outbreak of the 11-day Israel-Hamas war, tore away a thin layer of civility to ex-

pose seething resentments between Israel's Jewish and Palestinian citizens. Across almost all of Israel's seven officially "mixed" Arab-Jewish towns, gunfire, arson, stone-throwing and lynching left a trail of destruction. Arab mobs burned Jewish stores to the ground. Rightist Jewish vigilantes chanted "Death to Arabs." Four people, two Jews and two Arabs, were killed and hundreds, mostly Arabs, were later arrested.

In Acre, a city whose Crusader, Ottoman, Arab and Jewish history has been one of uneasy mingling, a spark was enough to demonstrate that many Palestinians, who account for 30 percent of the town's population of 56,000, saw Mr. Jeremias's enterprise more as creeping exclusion and oppression than opportunity.

A journey across several mixed Israeli towns and cities revealed the extent of this mutual incom-

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In the mixed city of Acre, Israel, Palestinians account for 30 percent of the population of 56,000.

## Fight Over Rezoning Bid Tests Charlottesville's Progress on Race

By CAMPBELL ROBERTSON

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — In early July, crews showed up downtown for some long-delayed evictions. After years of protest, litigation and even violence, the statues of two Confederate generals, Lee and Jackson, were finally carted out of city parks, expelled by the city's drive to right its past

wrongs. Now the really hard work awaits.

It has been four years since white supremacists descended on Charlottesville, wreaking bloody havoc in the streets and killing a young woman. The horror of that August weekend sent the city into a deep study of its own racial past and a debate over what to do about its legacy. The catalog of lin-

## City Removes Statues but Balks at More

gering artifacts of that bigoted history is daunting, beginning with statues but quickly getting to the basics of civic life like schools and neighborhoods.

In a city that prides itself on its progressivism, the push for justice has, in general terms, enjoyed broad support. That this push may entail changes to people's neighborhoods — streets of one- and two-story brick homes, lovely dogwoods and abundant Black Lives Matter signs — is another matter.

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## Officials Enlist Stars of TikTok In Vaccine War

### Tapping Influencers to Steer Facts to Youth

By TAYLOR LORENZ

LOS ANGELES — Ellie Zeiler, 17, a TikTok creator with over 10 million followers, received an email in June from Village Marketing, an influencer marketing agency. It said it was reaching out on behalf of another party: the White House.

Would Ms. Zeiler, a high school senior who usually posts short fashion and lifestyle videos, be willing, the agency wondered, to participate in a White House-backed campaign encouraging her audience to get vaccinated against the coronavirus?

"There is a massive need to grow awareness within the 12-18 age range," Village Marketing wrote to Ms. Zeiler's business email. "We're moving fast and have only a few available slots to fill, so please let us know ASAP."

Ms. Zeiler quickly agreed, joining a broad, personality-driven campaign to confront an increasingly urgent challenge in the fight against the pandemic: vaccinating the youthful masses, who have the lowest inoculation rates of any eligible age group in the United States.

Fewer than half of all Americans age 18 to 39 are fully vaccinated, compared with more than two-thirds of those over 50, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. And about 58 percent of those age 12 through 17 have yet to receive a shot at all.

To reach these young people, the White House has enlisted an eclectic army of more than 50 Twitch streamers, YouTube TikTokers and the 18-year-old pop star Olivia Rodrigo, all of them with enormous online audiences. State and local governments have begun similar campaigns, in some cases paying "local micro influencers" — those with 5,000 to 100,000 followers — up to \$1,000 a month to promote Covid-19 vaccines to their fans.

The efforts are in part a counterattack against a rising tide of vaccine misinformation that has flooded the internet, where anti-vaccine activists can be so vociferous that some young creators say they have chosen to remain silent on vaccines to avoid a politicized backlash.

"The anti-vaccine side of the internet is still set on all this vaccine news," said Samir Mezrahi, the administrator of several "meme pages" such as Kale Salad, which has nearly 4 million followers on Instagram and posts viral videos

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## SHORT ON DOSES, AND STRUGGLING TO DELIVER THEM

### CHALLENGES FOR COVAX

## Money, Bureaucracy and Logistics Clip Global Vaccination Plan

By BENJAMIN MUELLER  
and REBECCA ROBBINS

Deaths from Covid-19 were surging across Africa in June when 100,000 doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine arrived in Chad. The delivery seemed proof that the United Nations-backed program to immunize the world could get the most desirable vaccines to the least developed nations. Yet five weeks later, Chad's health minister said, 94,000 doses remained unused.

Nearby in Benin, only 267 shots were being given each day, a pace so slow that 110,000 of the program's AstraZeneca doses ex-



A Covax shipment of AstraZeneca doses in Madagascar.

pired. Across Africa, confidential documents from July indicated, the program was monitoring at least nine countries where it said doses intended for the poor were at risk of spoiling this summer.

The vaccine pileup illustrates one of the most serious but largely unrecognized problems facing the immunization program as it tries to recover from months of missteps and disappointments: difficulty getting doses from airport tarmacs into people's arms.

Known as Covax, the program was supposed to be a global powerhouse, a multibillion-dollar alliance of international health bodies and nonprofits that would ensure through sheer buying power that poor countries received vaccines as quickly as the rich.

Instead, Covax has struggled to acquire doses: It stands half a billion short of its goal. Poor countries are dangerously unprotected as the Delta variant runs rampant, just the scenario that Covax

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## Biden's Climate Plans Hobbled After an Exodus Under Trump

This article is by Coral Davenport,  
Lisa Friedman and Christopher Flavelle.

WASHINGTON — Juliette Hart quit her job last summer as an oceanographer for the United States Geological Survey, where she used climate models to help coastal communities plan for rising seas. She was demoralized after four years of the Trump administration, she said, in which political appointees pressured her to delete or downplay mentions of climate change.

"It's easy and quick to leave government, not so quick for government to regain the talent," said Dr. Hart, whose job remains vacant.

President Donald J. Trump's battle against climate science — his appointees undermined federal studies, fired scientists and drove many experts to quit or re-

tire — continues to reverberate six months into the Biden administration. From the Agriculture Department to the Pentagon to the National Park Service, hundreds of jobs in climate and environmental science across the federal government remain vacant.

Scientists and climate policy experts who quit have not returned. Recruitment is suffering, according to federal employees, as government science jobs are no longer viewed as insulated from politics. And money from Congress to replenish the ranks could be years away.

The result is that President Biden's ambitious plans to confront climate change are hampered by a brain drain.

"The attacks on science have a much longer lifetime than just the lifetime of the Trump administration," said John Holdren, profes-

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"I've become an actor, but I don't want to be seen," says Vicky Krieps, who is starring in "oid," a thriller directed by M. Night Shyamalan. PAGE C1



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## COLUMN ONE

### Huge crystals for the rich? Of quartz!

Flush with pandemic savings, wealthy consumers are seeking out massive stones to decorate their homes.

BY ANDREA CHANG

**S**even feet tall and encrusted with lavender spikes throughout its craggy interior, the 1-ton amethyst throne required five men to muscle it through the double doors of gem shop Crystallarium. It's not cheap to own a sparkly boulder chair. This particular specimen, the largest the West Hollywood store has procured, costs \$45,000. But Crystallarium has sold four in recent months: an orb-shaped amethyst one for a celebrity singer; a his-and-hers set bought sight unseen by a Bel-Air couple, who placed them poolside; and a white quartz version that a customer lugged aboard his yacht despite its 900-pound weight.

As crystals of all types and sizes have skyrocketed in popularity, wealthy buyers seeking one-of-a-kind showstoppers are gravitating toward ever-larger statement pieces. No longer the stuff of pendants and pocket watches, crystals are being sculpted into love seats and coffee tables, set atop pedestals and illuminated with dramatic uplighting, and sliced lengthwise before being mounted to look like life-size angel wings.

Longtime mineral collector Peter Megaw said the global market for high-end crystals has increasingly come to resemble fine art, with scarcity driving demand for spectacular and unique pieces, and more attention being paid not just to size but also attributes such as color, transparency and clarity. [See Crystals, A8]



**IN THE CANALS** of Belen, Peru, houses are built on stilts or in some cases simply float. Impoverished residents bathe and fish in the murky, polluted water of the Itaya River, a tributary of the Amazon. Photographs by LILIANA NIETO DEL RIO For The Times

## In parts of Latin America, 'to survive is a privilege'

Pandemic sets back youths trying to escape poverty

By Patrick J. McDonnell

**IQUITOS, Peru** — When the pandemic began to ravage this jungle city, Marlon Ashanga loaded his wife, two kids and virus-stricken father into a canoe and guided them three days upriver, deep into the Amazon rainforest.

"People were getting sick everywhere, and we were scared," recalled Ashanga, a boatman in Belen, a port district of bustling street stalls and homes on stilts. "In the forest, we could rely on natural remedies. And I knew we wouldn't starve."

Felipe Solomón Vales fled in the opposite direction: He was with his wife teaching in a remote village when the radio carried word of a spiraling contagion and nationwide lockdown that was threatening to trap the young couple and their infant far from their families. The three slipped out in a banana boat and later trekked through the bush lugging [See Latin America, A4]



**MARYLIN** Tenant grieves for father Cesar Gustavo Tanata Lavi, a COVID victim, near Iquitos, Peru, with her daughter and a friend.

The World They Inherit

This is the second in a series of stories about global youth. They are inheriting a planet of multiplying dangers. The young are more connected than any generation in history, linked at light speed across continents and cultures. Yet they are threatened by the old ways of power. Can they change it?

## TOKYO OLYMPICS



**SOUTH AFRICA'S** Wayde van Niekerk, the reigning Olympic champion in the 400 meters, douses himself with cold water after he advanced to the semifinals. ROGER SEDRES/Gallo Images/Getty Images

## Faster, higher, sweatier

Hot, humid weather extra taxing on athletes

By David Wharton

**TOKYO** — It wasn't just the unrelenting sun. Or the sluggish air, wet and still and settling close to the ground.

By midday, the canoe slalom course at the Summer Olympics, a man-made rapids beside Tokyo Bay, had been transformed into something that left racers sweating and exhausted after barely a minute, as if its

### Lee takes bronze in uneven bars

The U.S. gymnast adds medal to her collection but total satisfaction eludes her. **SPORTS, D1**

### Fallen Jewett shows spirit

U.S. runner tumbles in 800 semi-final but he helps rival to his feet to become a hero. **SPORTS, D1**

churning waters had been brought to a boil.

"It's like a bath," Matej Benus of Slovakia said. "It's like paddling in bathwater."

These Games figured to be among the hottest in Olympic history, and, other than a few days when a tropical cyclone blew through, they have not disappointed. Beach volleyball has felt like a sauna, and tennis courts have turned into frying pans. [See Olympics, A5]

## A long path toward shelter for residents of Venice boardwalk

By Benjamin Oreskes and Genaro Molina

Seated under an umbrella, Teresa Robles and her friend Dixie Moore laughed at stories of each other's adventures, Robles telling of the time she first came to Venice and fell in love.

Not with a man, but with this stretch of seaside — where she slept for much of last year and would return if that were allowed.

Robles loved letting her dog, Notcho, roam as she made art in her tent and woke up with waves crashing against the shore. That

dream ran up against a different reality last month when the city began to enforce rules against pitching tents on the grassy strip along Ocean Front Walk — in hopes of letting vendors return and reducing the chaos that had defined the oceanfront strip in recent months.

Both Robles and Moore had slept near where they were sitting and chatting. Not anymore.

After a month of intensive outreach, persuasion by police and park rangers, and painstaking separation of valuables from the jerry-built structures and furnishings [See Shelter, A12]



**L.A. COUNTY** workers supervise as homeless people pack up their encampments Friday on Venice Beach. GENARO MOLINA/Los Angeles Times

## Rise of Delta variant alarms parents

Experts urge caution but say young kids who aren't yet eligible for the vaccine could still go back to school.

By Hayley Smith and Deborah Netburn

New evidence about the Delta variant's ability to infect and spread even among those who are fully vaccinated has been particularly alarming for parents of young children who are still not eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine.

Many parents who thought their children faced limited risks of getting the coronavirus are now reassessing their stance. Health experts said parents should be extra careful with the highly contagious variant, which is causing rising infection numbers in Los Angeles County and many other parts of the country.

But several also stressed that it's important to keep the risks in context, adding that children could still go back to school with proper precautions.

"Children need to be in school," said Julie Swann, a health systems engineer at North Carolina State University. "Those of us who have experienced last year, we know it."

Dr. Katherine Williamson, a pediatrician in Orange County, said she has seen an increase in coronavirus cases among young patients in recent weeks, as well as an uptick in parents who are vaccinating eligible children — both of which she attributed to the rise of the Delta variant.

"Parents should be making sure that they're doing everything they can to keep their kids safe when they have an unvaccinated child in their family," Williamson said.

Yet the risk of severe illness remains low for those who are vaccinated against COVID-19, and the rates of infections, hospitalizations and deaths are much higher for those without the shots.

With the right guidelines and increased vaccinations among those who are eligible, Williamson said, it is still possible to keep young people protected.

"Kids are only as safe as who they are around," she said.

[See Variant, A8]

### Lightning brings new forest fires

Northern California's Monument and McFarland blazes prompt evacuation warnings and strain resources. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

### Infrastructure plan unveiled

Senators detail nearly \$1-trillion bipartisan package on spending as debate inevitably looms. **NATION, A7**

### L.A. City College swap meet closes

After more than two decades and hit hard by the pandemic, vendors ring up final sales. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

**Weather** Low clouds, then sun. L.A. Basin: 89/64. **B6**





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## An eye toward change in St. Louis

BY GRIFF WITTE

ST. LOUIS — It was Juneteenth weekend in St. Louis, and the new mayor was leading the celebrations: She hoppedscotched from cookouts to charity runs, grooved to classic R&B songs and proclaimed that her city would be among the nation's first to pay reparations to the descendants of enslaved people.

Two weeks later, Tishaura Jones

spent a quiet weekend with her family. In the process, she became the first St. Louis mayor in decades to skip the city's Fourth of July parade, an event long sponsored by a group with a dubious racial record. St. Louis would need to have some "tough conversations," Jones said, before she felt comfortable joining the party.

The tale of the two weekends in many ways encapsulates the young

tenure of St. Louis's history-making mayor: The 40-year-old unapologetically embraces her Black identity, champions progressive policy ideas long dismissed as fringe and doesn't seem to mind who she might alienate along the way.

At a time when other public officials are desperately hoping for a return to normal after more than a year of pan-

SEE ST. LOUIS ON A6

St. Louis Mayor Tishaura Jones fist-bumps Jaxon Coopwood, 5, as his mother, Marcasa Reed, watches at a food distribution event in July. Jones has embraced her Black identity and championed progressive policies.

## Infrastructure deal is unveiled

\$1 TRILLION PLAN WAS WEEKS IN THE MAKING

2,700-page, bipartisan package in hands of Senate

BY TONY ROMM

Senate Democrats and Republicans unveiled on Sunday a roughly \$1 trillion proposal to improve the country's roads, bridges, pipes, ports and Internet connections, setting in motion a long-awaited debate in the chamber to enact one of President Biden's economic policy priorities.

The package arrives after weeks of haggling among a bipartisan bloc of lawmakers, who muscled through late-night fights and near-collapse to transform their initial blueprint into a roughly 2,700-page piece of legislation. The fate of their labors now rests in the Senate, where

proponents of infrastructure reform have little margin for error as they race to adopt the sort of bill that has eluded them for years.

Virtually no part of the U.S. economy is untouched by the plan chiefly put together by Sens. Rob Portman (R-Ohio) and Kyrsten Sinema (D-Ariz.). Roughly half of its \$1 trillion overall price tag constitutes new federal spending, with the rest coming from existing, planned investments in the country's roads, highways and bridges, according to details released in recent days by lawmakers and the White House, which supports the proposal.

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## Inside Biden's efforts to court GOP senators

BY SEUNG MIN KIM

On the day President Biden's first attempt at a bipartisan infrastructure deal collapsed, he dialed up a Republican senator he saw as a potential negotiating partner for a renewed push.

In that June 8 phone call, Biden told Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-La.) that he wanted a public works agreement with Republicans in the neighborhood of \$600 billion. More notably, Biden showed deep interest in provisions on energy resiliency that Cassidy had been working on for

weeks. That embrace of a favored provision hit home with Cassidy. "The president made it clear that that was essential for him," the senator said. "Since the president had said it must be there, obviously that was very helpful."

Cassidy would ultimately become one of five Senate Republicans, who, along with five Democrats and the White House, reached an agreement last week on a sweeping infrastructure package that includes \$550 billion in new spending to revitalize

SEE BIDEN ON A2

## Families plead with Congress to recognize covid victims

BY WILLIAM WAN

For weeks, the covid-19 survivors had been calling their representatives in Congress, pleading for an appointment.

Each one had lost someone they loved to the virus. Now they wanted to have that loss — along with those endured by the families of 610,000 other victims — acknowledged by the U.S. government.

Most congressional offices simply ignored them. Others blamed stricter covid protocols or staffers working from home for being unable to schedule time.

So, as the virus surged once again, roughly 50 activists from a dozen grass-roots organizations across the country converged on Washington at the end of the July, determined to make their voices heard.

Their groups bore names like Marked by Covid, Survivor Corps, Covid Grief Network, Young Wid-

SEE VIRUS ON A7

## Deep in the forest, Germany fights another virus

An outbreak of African swine fever has put major pig farming industries and pork exports at risk

BY LOVEDAY MORRIS

ODER-SPREE, GERMANY — In the Brandenburg forest, a bounding 4-year-old black Belgian shepherd named Uschi picks up a scent. Wearing a neon high-visibility jacket, she stops by an overturned tree and barks.

In the mud, teeming with maggots, is the rotting carcass of a wild boar. "Hero Uschi," shouts a member of the search team. It's exactly what they spent the day hunting.

As the world fights the coronavirus pandemic, teams in Europe are battling another outbreak: African swine fever. Hundreds of miles of fencing have been thrown up in Europe to stop its steady march west across the continent, threatening the major pig farming industries in Germany and elsewhere.

While the virus cannot be passed to humans, it kills almost every pig it infects in about a week to 10 days, and it has been spreading in Europe in recent years.

In fenced-off "red zones," such as those in the forests of the Oder-Spree district southeast of Berlin,

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A soldier of the Bundeswehr searches for infected wild boars in a forest near Beeskow, Germany, on July 13. Teams work to clear infectious wild boars that have succumbed to African swine fever and hunt any still alive in an attempt to break infection chains.

## Firms rush to respond as delta variant upends rules

BY ABHA BHATTARAI AND ERICA WERNER

Stunned business executives are struggling to adjust to the rapidly shifting environment caused by the coronavirus's delta variant, rocked by a cascade of evolving mask and vaccine recommendations from federal, state, and local officials. In many cases, they are ignoring new mask or vaccine guidelines — or requirements — within hours of shifting government reports.

The burst of new policies, which has intensified in just the past few days, has jolted automakers in Detroit, retailers in Texas, state universities in Missouri, technology giants in California, and now theme park and hospitality workers in California, Florida, Hawaii and elsewhere.

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Florida record: Tally of new cases in a single day reaches 21,683. A9

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Trump continue to spend money at the former president's properties, according to recent public filings. A5

**THE WORLD** The United States, Britain and Israel accused Iran of carrying

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**The Taliban** is ramping up pressure on some of Afghanistan's largest cities, striking busy transit hubs and pushing front lines deep into urban areas for the first time since the militants

were overthrown nearly two decades ago. A16

**THE REGION** The Virginia General Assembly returns to the Capitol it left 17 months ago, gathering to set a course for a state still recovering from the pandemic and bracing for a resurgence of the virus. B1

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## BARILOCHE, COMPLICADO POR LA FALTA DE NIEVE

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El cerro Catedral está muy limitado y pudieron abrir pocos medios de elevación; sin esquí, potencian ofertas alternativas para el turismo. **Página 24**

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Murió a los 78 años, tras haber estado dos meses internado con Covid; nacido en Italia, hizo reír a varias generaciones de argentinos con un estilo entrañable. **Espectáculos**

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## El kirchnerismo pasará a controlar el Congreso si supera el 40% de los votos

**ELECCIONES.** Ese caudal, a nivel nacional, le permitiría sumar las bancas que le faltan en Diputados

Si el oficialismo supera el 40% de los votos en las elecciones legislativas a nivel nacional, alcanzará el quórum en la Cámara de Diputados, según las estimaciones que maneja el propio kirchnerismo. De lograrlo, el bloque que comanda Máximo Kirchner junto al presidente de la Cámara baja, Sergio Massa, avan-

zará con las reformas judiciales que impulsa Cristina Kirchner, actualmente estancadas por no reunir la mayoría en el cuerpo. El objetivo de máxima del oficialismo es controlar Diputados, donde todavía carece de mayoría propia. Para eso, necesita renovar las 51 bancas que pone en juego y sumar otras 10. La meta de

mínima del oficialismo es, además de renovar las bancas en juego, sumar 6; así, con 125 integrantes, alcanzaría quórum con el apoyo de los aliados. Si se consideraran los antecedentes de 2017 y 2019, el oficialismo debería superar el 40% en el total nacional para lograr sus objetivos. **Página 14**

### EL ESCENARIO

El futuro altera al oficialismo

Claudio Jacquelin  
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## Crecieron 55% las compras de dólar ahorro

**EN JUNIO.** La carrera alcista del blue y el cobro del aguinaldo impulsaron el mercado oficial

Javier Blanco  
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A juzgar por los últimos datos oficiales, se acabó una calma que duró pocos meses. La demanda de dólar ahorro, que se había pinchado naturalmente luego de que el Gobierno recortó el cupo para comprar divisas en más de un 98%, y a la vez lo encareció al aplicar el recargo del impuesto a las ganancias, comenzó a reactivarse en junio. Ese mes, según datos del Banco Central, 443.000 personas compraron divisas en el mercado oficial (45,7% más que en mayo) por US\$76 millones (55,1% más). **Continúa en la página 20**

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## Semifinalistas: otro zarpazo de las Leonas

**TOKIO.** Un golpe de autoridad de las Leonas para llegar a las semifinales y disfrutar de dos posibilidades para luchar por medallas en los Juegos Olímpicos: ganaron 3-0 ante Alemania, con tantos de Agustina Albertario, María José Granatto y Valentina Raposo. **Deportes**

Quién es el desconocido que reina en los 100 m  
Javier Saúl. **Página 8**

## Dura crítica a la idea de limitar el plazo de los jueces

**RECHAZO.** El titular del Colegio de Abogados de la Ciudad de Buenos Aires, Alberto Garay, calificó como un "nuevo ataque a los jueces y juezas" la idea del presidente Alberto Fernández de limitar en el tiempo el mandato de los magistrados. En la oposición consideran que se busca "terminar con la independencia". **Página 18**

## Regreso a clases con más presencialidad y secuelas anímicas en chicos y adolescentes

**CORONAVIRUS.** Ya no habrá distritos con ciento por ciento de escolaridad virtual

Hoy se reanudan las clases después del receso invernal, y ya no queda ningún distrito del país con 100% de escolaridad virtual. En varias jurisdicciones se volverá a la jornada com-

pleta presencial. Los expertos, mientras tanto, advierten sobre la angustia y el desganado que se observan en chicos y adolescentes ante el regreso de la presencialidad. **Página 4**

Vacunarán desde mañana a los menores con riesgos

Por Valeria Musse  
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Tuvo la mayor cantidad de infecciones en 24 horas desde el inicio de la pandemia. **Página 8**

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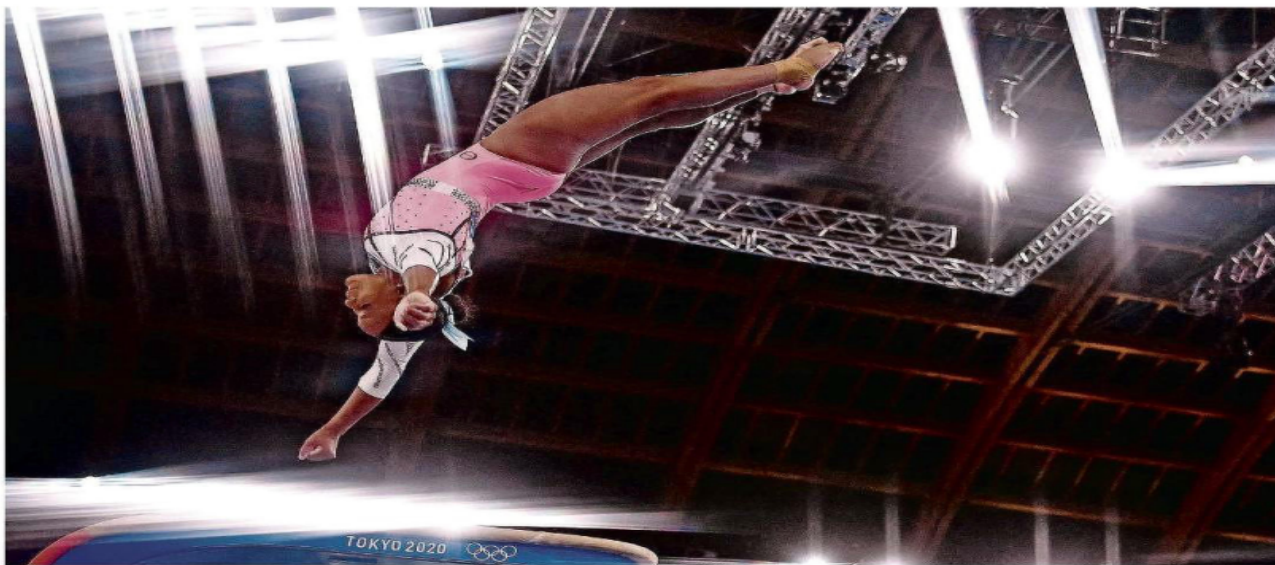
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Primeira brasileira a ganhar duas medalhas em uma mesma edição das Olimpíadas, Rebeca Andrade tentará mais um pódio nesta segunda-feira (2) **Loïc Venance/AFP**

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### Violência doméstica não tem ideologia

A biofarmacêutica cearense, 76, símbolo do combate à violência doméstica com a lei que faz 15 anos, no sábado (7) diz achar "totalmente esdrúxulo" que Bolsonaro defenda armar mulheres contra agressores. Para ela, o problema não é de esquerda nem de direita. **Cotidiano B12**



## Alunos voltam às aulas de forma desigual hoje em SP

Rede privada aceita aluno presencialmente sempre, e na pública haverá rodízio

A volta às aulas no estado de São Paulo acontece nesta segunda (2) de forma desigual. Na capital, nos principais colégios particulares os alunos poderão frequentar todas as aulas de forma presencial, se assim quiserem. Já no sistema público da cidade, haverá necessariamente um revezamento.

A Folha aferiu isso ouvindo as dez maiores escolas de cada rede no estado. Com isso, será reforçado um dos principais impactos da pandemia da Covid-19, a disparidade no setor educacional. O Brasil foi um dos países do mundo que manteve por mais tempo fechadas escolas durante a crise sanitária.

Nos colégios dos mais abastados, o ensino remoto foi mais constante do que o ofertado a alunos de baixa renda da rede pública. O governo paulista pretende tornar a frequência presencial obrigatória a partir de setembro, após analisar como o quadro de infecções se desenrola em agosto.

Em todos os locais, contudo, regras de distanciamento social e uso de máscara de proteção prevalecem. Avaliação feita pelo governo estadual paulista aponta deficiências do estudo à distância, além do efeito social de redução de renda de mães que não tiveram onde deixar os filhos. **Cotidiano B1**

## Por vídeo, Bolsonaro repete discurso golpista em protestos

Jair Bolsonaro falou por vídeo com manifestantes que foram às ruas de capitais para protestar em favor do voto impresso auditável, três dias depois da live em que ele questionou urnas eletrônicas com mentiras.

Os atos reuniram milhares de pessoas em algumas cidades, mas não lotaram lugares como a avenida Paulista, termômetro nacional. O presidente voltou a questionar a legitimidade do pleito de 2022. **Poder A4 a A7**

## Passado mês do Orgulho LGBTQIA+, apoio desaparece

Se no mês de junho, que marca o Orgulho LGBTQIA+, empresas de vários segmentos disputam visibilidade patrocinando atos e eventos ligados às agendas da diversidade, no resto do ano esses apoios somem, afirmam ativistas. **Cotidiano B4**

## ANÁLISE Igor Gielow Presidente faz o que pode e centrão fica em impasse

Jair Bolsonaro mobilizou suas últimas reservas, agora ancorado no ataque às eleições de 2022. Com isso, deixa seus aliados do centrão em uma situação delicada. **Poder A7**

## Exterior, câmbio e inflação mantêm juros altos no país

A combinação de cenário externo, preocupações com o câmbio e o risco de inflação mantém o patamar dos juros brasileiros alto. A taxa básica, que chegou a bater em 2%, está em 4,25%, e há problemas adicionais na condução econômica. **Mercado A17**

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Manifestantes pró-Bolsonaro se concentram em frente ao Masp, na avenida Paulista, em São Paulo **Bruno Santos/Folhapress**

## No retorno do recesso, CPI quer abrir novas frentes

A CPI da Covid volta do recesso parlamentar nesta segunda-feira de olho em novas frentes de apuração, como irregularidades de contratos do Ministério da Saúde com hospitais federais. A ideia é encerrar logo o tema compra de vacinas. **Poder A4**

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## Malgré la quatrième vague, le tourisme se porte bien

Hors de Paris, la plupart des régions touristiques de France ont vu leur activité augmenter en juillet. Ni le variant Delta ni le passe sanitaire ne devraient casser cette dynamique.

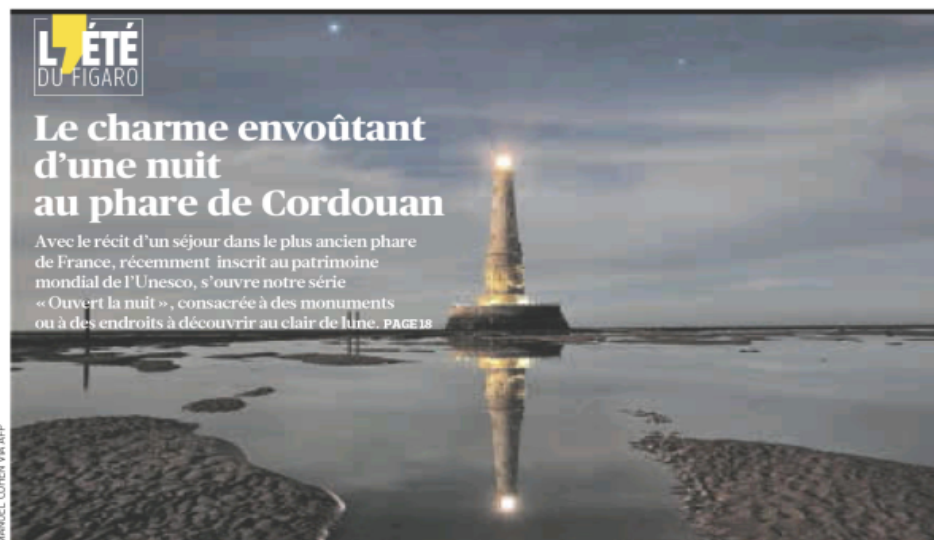
« Globalement, l'été sera très bon, assure le directeur général de l'agence de développement touristique Atout France. Par endroits, il sera même meilleur qu'en 2019. » La saison estivale a démarré plus

tôt que l'an passé, les Français sont presque aussi nombreux à avoir privilégié leur pays pour les vacances ; et les étrangers commencent à revenir : le gouvernement en espère 50 millions cette an-

née, après 90 millions en 2019 et 35 millions en 2020. L'activité touristique de juillet a donc été supérieure à celle de l'an passé, presque partout en France. La quatrième vague de Co-

vid-19 ne devrait pas briser cet élan. Les Français ont adapté leur programme estival, et le passe sanitaire, en vigueur dans les campings depuis le 21 juillet, semble même les rassurer.

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**L'ÉTÉ**  
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### Le charme envoûtant d'une nuit au phare de Cordouan

Avec le récit d'un séjour dans le plus ancien phare de France, récemment inscrit au patrimoine mondial de l'Unesco, s'ouvre notre série « Ouvert la nuit », consacrée à des monuments ou à des endroits à découvrir au clair de lune. PAGE 18

MANUEL COHEN VIA AFP

### Le mouvement des anti-passe sanitaire s'amplifie

Ils sont passés de 110 000 à 204 000 en trois semaines. Forts de cette mobilisation, les manifestants anti-passe sanitaire, aux profils très hétérogènes, sont déterminés à maintenir la pression et prévoient des rassemblements plus denses dans les prochaines semaines. Le gouvernement, lui, minimise le phénomène, tout en se disant vigilant. Émaillées de quelques heurts à Paris et en province, les manifestations ont parfois entraîné des échauffourées, comme à Montpellier, où un pharmacien a été la cible d'insultes et a dû remballer sa tente de dépistage du Covid-19. PAGE 2

**ÉDITORIAL** par Jacques-Olivier Martin [jomartin@lefigaro.fr](mailto:jomartin@lefigaro.fr)

### Les vacances malgré tout

Plus de 1000 kilomètres de bouchons au plus fort de la journée de samedi, des temps de parcours qui se sont étirés tout au long du week-end, des gares bondées... Le grand chassé-croisé des juilletistes et des aoûtistes a résisté au Covid, comme l'an dernier, du reste. Il faut dire qu'après des mois de crise, de souffrance pour certains, de peur pour d'autres, de travail « en mode dégradé », de chômage, de confinements, de couvre-feux... les Français sont fatigués. Ils n'aspirent plus qu'au soleil, au repos, aux amis, à la fraternité. La France est une grande famille. Elle se fâche, se déchire, mais aime se retrouver le temps d'un été, pour construire son identité, soigner ses fractures et panser ses plaies... Les plus audacieux, munis de formulaires dûment remplis, de preuves de vaccination ou de tests PCR, ont osé l'étranger : l'Espagne, l'Italie, la Grèce, la Croatie... Les autres, beaucoup plus nombreux, ont préféré nos plages, nos montagnes, nos campagnes, des vacances sans masque ni pape-rasse. C'était plutôt vrai en juillet, ça le sera beaucoup moins dans quelques jours, lors-

que le passe sanitaire deviendra obligatoire dans les transports, les bars, les restaurants. Les professionnels du tourisme observent les courbes de contamination, retiennent leur souffle en espérant que les clients n'annuleront pas leurs réservations à l'hôtel, au camping, au restaurant, au concert. C'est un risque, bien sûr, car ce virus sour-nois et imprévisible ne prend pas de congés. Mais gardons-nous de prédire le pire. Les deux tiers des Français majeurs sont vaccinés et font preuve depuis des mois d'une incroyable capacité d'adaptation à l'inédit et à l'imprévu. Gageons qu'ils sauront vivre avec le passe sanitaire (pas trop longtemps tout de même). Surtout, ne sous-estimons pas leur volonté de protéger cette liberté dont ils ont été trop souvent privés ces derniers temps. Jamais le désir d'évasion n'a été aussi puissant... et pas seulement le temps des vacances ! ■





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## PM faces Tory revolt as poverty and hunger crisis hits 'blue wall'

**Brexit MP strikes out at 'intolerable' hardship in his home counties seat**

**Patrick Butler and Jessica Elgot**

Boris Johnson faces another significant backbench rebellion over the Treasury's spending this autumn after a high-profile Tory MP hit out at "intolerable" levels of hunger and

poverty in his affluent home counties constituency, urging ministers to abandon plans to cut universal credit.

Steve Baker, a leading Brexiter and MP for Wycombe in Buckinghamshire, called on ministers not to ignore the cost of living crisis faced by people "in real trouble" in constituencies like his who had been "tipped over the edge" financially by the pandemic.

The work and pensions minister, Thérèse Coffey, has confirmed that the pandemic universal credit uplift of £20 a week will be withdrawn as

planned at the end of September. Coffey was known to have been uneasy at the end of the uplift but is now believed to be resigned that Johnson and Rishi Sunak are opposed to any further extension.

The Guardian understands that compromise solutions have been floated, including targeting children in poverty more directly, but the Treasury has made clear to multiple departments that spending plans must be met with tax rises.

Baker said retaining the £20 uplift "wasn't enough" and that universal

***'There should be more money going into universal credit'***

**Steve Baker**

Conservative MP for Wycombe

credit should be overhauled to remove the requirement that new claimants wait a minimum of five weeks for a first payment, a measure blamed for pushing people into debt.

Senior Conservatives have signalled opposition to the cut, including the former work and pensions secretaries, Sir Iain Duncan Smith, Damian Green, Esther McVey, Stephen Crabb and Amber Rudd.

Six Conservatives have already rebelled on the issue, including the chair of the education select committee, Rob Halfon, after Labour forced a vote in January before a six-month extension was announced in April.

Labour are looking to test Conservative support for the cuts again when parliament

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## Taliban escalate Afghan offensive

**Peter Beaumont  
Agencies**

The Taliban escalated the nationwide offensive in Afghanistan yesterday, renewing assaults on three cities and rocketing a major airport in the south amid warnings that the conflict was rapidly worsening.

As Afghan government forces struggled with the resurgent Taliban after the withdrawal of US-led foreign forces, hundreds of commandos were deployed to the economically important western city of Herat, while authorities in the southern city of Lashkar Gah called for more troops to rein in the assaults amid fierce fighting.

In Lashkar Gah, the provincial capital of Helmand - once the focus of UK military efforts - witnesses described street fighting, bodies lying in the open and Afghan government and US airstrikes raining down on Taliban positions.

According to reports from the city, Afghan forces remained in control of the city centre

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**'You have to gamble and give yourself a chance'**

Charlotte Worthington successfully landed the first ever 360-degree backflip by a woman in competition as she stunned her rivals to take gold in the BMX freestyle. **News Page 6 and sport →**