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◆ **Auto makers including GM, Ford and Jeep maker Stellantis will aim to make electric vehicles account for 40% to 50% of their U.S. sales by 2030. A1**

◆ **GM posted strong quarterly earnings and raised its full-year profit guidance but said the chip shortage and rising commodity costs would weigh on second-half results. B1**

◆ **Uber's ridership rebounded strongly in the most recent quarter from last year's pandemic lows and its food-delivery showed signs of strength. B1**

◆ **The Federal Reserve's Clarida said that the central bank could consider lifting interest rates from near zero by early 2023. A2**

◆ **The S&P 500 and Dow dropped 0.5% and 0.9%, respectively, while the Nasdaq gained 0.1%. B9**

◆ **Vici Properties agreed to buy MGM Growth Properties in a deal that values the casino real-estate owner at \$17.2 billion, including about \$5.7 billion in debt. B3**

◆ **Grill maker Weber sold fewer shares at a lower price than expected in its initial public offering. B2**

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◆ **New York Gov. Cuomo faced increasing legal and political challenges as four district attorneys said they are reviewing claims of sexual harassment, and Democrats who dominate the state Assembly accelerated their impeachment inquiry. A4**

◆ **FDA officials, under pressure to swiftly grant full approval to Pfizer's Covid-19 vaccine, are in an intense debate over whether the agency will make the decision this month or stretch the timetable into early or mid-September. A3**

◆ **The WHO called for a moratorium on Covid-19 booster shots until at least the end of September to address a shortfall in vaccine supplies to poor countries. A10**

◆ **The Biden administration's latest eviction moratorium is set to face an immediate and possibly fast-moving legal challenge that could present high hurdles for the White House. A4**

◆ **Mexico sued a group of U.S.-based weapons makers in U.S. federal court, arguing the companies actively facilitate the trafficking of guns to Mexican drug cartels through their negligence. A20**

◆ **The Senate moved through a series of amendments to the roughly \$1 trillion infrastructure package, with lawmakers anticipating a vote on final passage this week-end or early next week. A4**

◆ **Lawyers for Trump asked courts to block the release of his tax returns to Congress, saying Democratic lawmakers have no legitimate purpose in seeking them. A6**

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Taliban Attacks Intensify in Afghanistan's Capital



DEADLY BLAST: Afghans on Wednesday walk past one of the buildings destroyed in an attack Tuesday night that targeted the home of Afghanistan's defense minister, killing eight people and wounding 20. The defense minister wasn't home. A9

Robinhood Stock Skyrockets On Start of Options Trading

Small-time investors use Robinhood Markets Inc. to send stocks to the moon. Now they are setting their sights on the trading app itself.

By Caitlin McCabe, Orla McCaffrey and Gunjan Banerji

Investors piled into Robinhood options on their first day of trading Wednesday, helping send the stock up sharply. Robinhood, which made its debut on Nasdaq last week at \$38 a share, closed Wednesday at \$70.39, an 85% jump from its initial public offering price. The stock surged as high as

\$85 earlier in the session, nearly double its Tuesday closing price of \$46.80 a share. It is a remarkable turnaround for a company that just last week suffered a disappointing start to trading. On the day that trading kicked off, Robinhood declined more than 10% intraday, before finishing below \$35 a share. This week, sentiment surrounding the stock reversed course. On Wednesday, more than 172 million Robinhood shares changed hands, according to preliminary data from FactSet shortly after the close of the session, surpassing the 102.5 million during the company's first day of trading.

That made Robinhood the second-most actively traded stock in the U.S. market, according to Dow Jones Market Data, based on an analysis of companies trading above \$2 on the New York Stock Exchange or Nasdaq. The stock trailed only Advanced Micro Devices Inc., a frequent favorite among individual investors. At the peak of trading Wednesday, the eight-year-old company had a market value of more than \$71 billion, surpassing even Intercontinental Exchange Inc., which owns the New York Stock Exchange. Some of the day's momentum

was fueled by individual investors, who traded in and out of the stock, hoping to lock in big profits as shares swung. Volatility caused the Nasdaq to halt trading of the stock, listed under the ticker HOOD, three times Wednesday morning. Chatter about the stock surged on social-media platforms such as Reddit's WallStreetBets, Twitter and chat platform Discord—a pattern reminiscent of the meme-stock craze earlier this year. Some users posted screenshots of their positions or bragged about their profits. Robinhood ranked as the

Car Firms Shoot for 50% EVs By 2030

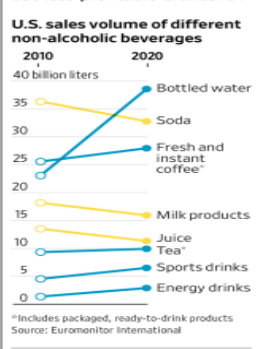
By Ben Foldy and Katy Stech Ferek

Auto makers including General Motors Co., Ford Motor Co. and Jeep maker Stellantis NV will aim to make electric vehicles account for 40% to 50% of their U.S. sales by 2030, according to people familiar with the matter who said the targets would be made public at the White House on Thursday. Other auto makers are expected to separately make similar announcements regarding sales targets for electric vehicles as consumers begin warming to EVs and as auto manufacturers lay heavy bets on the new technology, the people said. "This industry's going to spend \$330 billion over the next five years on electrification alone," said John Bozzella, president of the Alliance for Automotive Innovation, the lobbying group for auto makers and suppliers, at a conference Wednesday. "Even in Washington, D.C., that is real money."

The sales targets are predicated on increased support from federal and local governments, such as expanding the availability of charging and providing purchase subsidies, the people said. Federal lawmakers are proposing up to \$7.5 billion for states and municipalities to build electric-vehicle charging stations as part of the infrastructure bill moving through the Senate. Along with the electric-vehicle

Niche Drink Brands Dry Up

Big beverage makers are selling off some well-known but less profitable brands. B1



*Includes packaged, ready-to-drink products. Source: Euromonitor International

A Year After Port Explosion, Lebanese Economy Collapses

Brawls over milk, murder over gasoline; 'may God save the country'

By Jared Malsin and Nazih Osseiran

BEIRUT—In recent decades Lebanon has been a place of relative calm in a turbulent region. Now it is living through a once-in-a-century economic meltdown. The collapse, rippling through all levels of society, has been accelerated by the lasting effects of the explosion in the Port of Beirut one year ago. Power outages have become so frequent that restaurants time their hours to the schedule of electricity from private generators. Brawls have erupted in supermarkets as shoppers rush to buy bread, sugar, and cooking oil before they run out or hyperinflation topping 400% for food puts the prices out of reach. Medical professionals have fled just as the pandemic hammers the country with a new wave of infections. Thefts are up 62% and murder rates are rising fast.

In May, Gaith Masri, a 24-year-old law student and gas-station attendant from northern Lebanon, was shot dead after a scuffle with a customer when he refused to go beyond a rationing limit. "He was killed in cold blood, just because he wouldn't fill up someone's tank," said Firas Masri, Gaith's cousin. A month earlier, a gasoline smuggler had shot their uncle in almost the same spot for also refusing to go beyond the maximum allowance the station had set. He may never walk again.

The World Bank, measuring the contraction of GDP per capita—which was down about 40% from 2018 to 2020—and the estimated time it could take for Lebanon to recover, reported in May that the country's economic crisis could rank among the top three in the world in the past 150 years. "At some point the crisis gets so bad that

Business Piles Up Record Unused Credit

Increased corporate demand could hint at a coming spending boom, bankers say

By David Benoit

Businesses are sitting on record amounts of unused credit from U.S. banks, another quirk in the economic recovery that bankers have said could help unleash pent-up spending in the coming months. Bank executives said their business clients have in recent months ramped up requests for credit lines that can be drawn quickly for spending on inventory, labor or expansions. Companies aren't actually drawing the money into their bank accounts just yet. Businesses are already stuffed with cash, and supply-chain issues and labor shortages have crimped their ability to spend it. Those unexpected conditions are acting like kinks in the economy's attempts to restart from the dramatic braking in 2020. But bankers said the activity in recent months is evidence that businesses are planning to turn on the spending spigot. That could help the economy shoot higher. JPMorgan Chase & Co. and Bank of America Corp., the two biggest banks in the U.S., at the end of June together had nearly \$1 trillion in unused commitments to lend to corporate clients. That is up 20% from a year ago and a quarterly record at both banks. "This virtuous circle of hiring workers and meeting customer spending will help drive the economy, and hopefully

Sports-Betting App Rolls the Dice On Nevada Truck-Stop Casino

Patchwork of laws leads an entrepreneur to buy a room full of slot machines

By Katherine Sayre

LOVELOCK, Nev.—West Hollywood entrepreneur Mark Thomas walked into the Big Wheel Casino, tucked inside a Conoco gas station off Interstate 80, and surveyed his next big deal. About 50 slot machines with names like Wheel of Fortune and Wild Wolf chimed and flashed in the race-car-themed gambling room. The casino, about 90 miles from Reno, mostly draws truckers and miners, and the room was fairly empty that day. A gambler or two occasionally strolled in and out. Mr. Thomas is buying the truck-stop casino to be the centerpiece of the digital sports-betting company he co-founded, ZenSports. The company's app launched internationally in 2019, and now Mr. Thomas is looking to start taking bets in the U.S. "It's very far removed from this," Mr. Thomas said.

Business leaders broadly agree they need to get more workers vaccinated to keep the U.S. economy humming in the face of the fast-spreading Delta variant. By Chip Cutter, Sarah Nassauer and Bob Tita

U.S. Companies Split On Vaccine Mandates

Business leaders broadly agree they need to get more workers vaccinated to keep the U.S. economy humming in the face of the fast-spreading Delta variant.

But they're split over how best to do that. Some are dangling bigger bonuses or other incentives to cajole employees into getting the Covid-19 vaccine. Others have started requiring workers get the shot. In recent days, companies from Arkansas-based Walmart Inc. to Microsoft Corp. in Seattle have imposed vaccine mandates mostly on white-collar

workers returning to offices. Meatpacker Tyson Foods Inc. on Tuesday took a harder line, saying all its workers must get the vaccine by Nov. 1. "We did not take this decision lightly," Donnie King, Tyson's chief executive, wrote in a memo to the company's roughly 120,000 U.S. employees. "We have spent months encouraging our team members to get vaccinated—today, under half of our team members are." Both strategies come with

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Protesters demanded justice in Beirut on Wednesday, a year after a lethal port explosion that deepened Lebanon's economic crisis. DIEGO IBARRA SANCHEZ FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES

Crisis Builds for Cuomo As New Inquiries Loom And His Support Erodes

State Party Chairman Urges Resignation
— Impeachment Push Intensifies

By MICHAEL GOLD and JONAH E. BROMWICH

A day after the release of a devastating report concluding that he had sexually harassed 11 women, Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo found himself increasingly isolated on Wednesday, with his most loyal supporters abandoning him and three prosecutors saying they would investigate his behavior.

Several unions that had long been aligned with Mr. Cuomo withdrew their support on Wednesday. Two past members of his administration — including a former legal adviser — who had been consulted in the governor's strategic meetings on how to fight the accusations — asked him to resign.

By late afternoon, Mr. Cuomo had lost the backing of perhaps his closest political ally, Jay Jacobs, the head of the state's Democratic Party, who has been the governor's staunchest defender in recent months. In a statement, Mr. Jacobs said that the governor's removal from office was "inevitable" and that Mr. Cuomo's refusal to step down ran counter to Mr. Jacobs's advice.

"The governor has lost his ability to govern, both practically and morally," said Mr. Jacobs, who was handpicked by Mr. Cuomo for the job in 2019.

The defection of Mr. Jacobs emphasized Mr. Cuomo's political exile as he faces the biggest challenge of his career: survival in the face of growing public opposition to his continued leadership.

Mr. Cuomo was in Albany on Wednesday, remaining out of public view. He gave no response to the disclosure that prosecutors in Manhattan and Albany had already opened criminal investigations, and prosecutors in Westchester and Nassau Counties

asked the attorney general's office for investigative materials, or to the news that one of his accusers intended to file a lawsuit against him.

A lawyer for the governor on Tuesday called the report "unfair," "inaccurate" and "utterly biased." Asked on Wednesday about the criminal investigations and the defection of some allies, a spokesman for the governor referred back to Mr. Cuomo's videotaped address from Tuesday, in which he denied any wrongdoing.

The mounting legal troubles and political aftershocks deepened the crisis confronting the governor, and increased scrutiny and pressure on the State Assembly, which is in the midst of a sprawling impeachment investigation.

The inquiry's slow start this year appeared to offer Mr. Cuomo a chance to bide his time, with any prolonged delay seemingly aiding his chances at re-election next year. But State Assembly members said this week that the cache

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Carl E. Heastie, the Assembly speaker, may oversee an impeachment inquiry. Page A19.

Push to Repeal Power for War Divides G.O.P.

By CATIE EDMONDSON

WASHINGTON — When it comes to reining in presidential war powers, Senator Josh Hawley of Missouri, regarded as a leading prospect for the 2024 Republican nomination, agrees with President Biden.

Mr. Hawley supports repealing a decades-old law authorizing the use of military force in Iraq, which has been invoked as part of the legal justification for other military strikes since then and have become the initial focus of a broader effort to re-examine how much leeway Congress should give presidents to wage war.

"It's time to kill this," Mr. Hawley said of the law passed in 2002 to authorize the invasion of Iraq under President George W. Bush. The senator, who has styled himself as former President Donald J. Trump's populist heir, said it was a matter of listening to his party's voters, who he said want "to get out" of the nation's wars. His stance reflects a tentative but notable shift underway among Republicans as the United States haltingly disengages from what critics call the "forever wars" in Afghanistan and Iraq and continues to debate how to battle terrorist groups in the Middle East and Africa.

After espousing hawkish, interventionist positions for decades and almost uniformly backing the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Republican Party is now grappling with political pressure to align itself more closely with the inward-looking "America First" foreign policy articulated by Mr. Trump and backed by many conservatives.

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Inside a Historic Economic Collapse in Lebanon

By BEN HUBBARD

TRIPOLI, Lebanon — Rania Mustafa's living room recalls a not-so-distant past, when the modest salary of a security guard in Lebanon could buy an air-conditioner, plush furniture and a flat-screen TV.

But as the country's economic crisis worsened, she lost her job and watched her savings evaporate. Now, she plans to sell her furniture to pay the rent and struggles to afford food, much less electricity or a dentist to fix her 10-year-old daughter's broken molar.

For dinner on a recent night, lit by a single cellphone, the family

shared thin potato sandwiches donated by a neighbor. The girl chewed gingerly on one side of her mouth to avoid her damaged tooth.

"I have no idea how we'll continue," said Ms. Mustafa, 40, at home in Tripoli, Lebanon's second-largest city, after Beirut.

Lebanon, a small Mediterranean country still haunted by a 15-

year civil war that ended in 1990, is in the throes of a financial collapse that the World Bank has said could rank among the world's worst since the mid-1800s. It is closing like a vise on families whose money has plummeted in value while the cost of nearly everything has skyrocketed.

Since fall 2019, the Lebanese pound has lost 90 percent of its value, and annual inflation in 2020 was 84.9 percent. As of June, prices of consumer goods had nearly quadrupled in the previous two years, according to government statistics. The huge explosion one year ago in the port of

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Staying Atop the Skateboarding World

Sakura Yosozumi, 19, center, held off younger rivals for Japan's third gold in the sport. Page B10.

Mexico Sues Gun Companies in U.S., Saying They Fuel Carnage

By NATALIE KITROEFF and OSCAR LOPEZ

MEXICO CITY — For years, Mexican officials have complained that lax U.S. gun control was responsible for devastating bloodshed in Mexico. On Wednesday, they moved their campaign into American courts, filing a lawsuit against 10 gun companies.

The lawsuit, filed in federal

court in Massachusetts, was the first time that a national government has sued gunmakers in the United States, officials said. The suit accuses the companies of actively facilitating the flow of weapons to powerful drug cartels and fueling a traffic in which 70 percent of guns traced in Mexico are found to have come from the United States.

"For decades, the government and its citizens have been victim-

ized by a deadly flood of military-style and other particularly lethal guns that flows from the U.S. across the border," the lawsuit reads. The flood of weaponry is "the foreseeable result of the defendants' deliberate actions and

business practices."

The government cited as an example three guns made by Colt that appear to directly target a Mexican audience, with Spanish nicknames and themes that resonate in Mexico. One, a special edition .38 pistol, is engraved with the face of the Mexican revolutionary hero Emiliano Zapata and a quote that has been attributed to him: "It is better to die standing

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Nursing Homes Face Crossroads On Staff Shots

By MATT RICHTER and REED ABELSON

In late spring, the 142 nursing homes operated by the Good Samaritan Society hit a milestone that was unthinkable just four months earlier: Zero cases of Covid-19 across the whole company, from 900 at the peak of the pandemic.

The relief was short-lived.

The case count has ticked up again. It's still below 100 among residents and staff, the company said, but includes many breakthrough cases of vaccinated residents testing positive. Then last week, two vaccinated residents died with Covid at the Good Samaritan Society-Duvel county nursing home in Clear Lake, S.D.

The company said it had pinpointed the cause of the spread there and at other of its facilities: The breakthroughs had happened in the same homes where unvaccinated staff were testing positive, seemingly carrying the virus into the home from the community.

"We fought this virus, and we were winning with the vaccine," said Randy Bury, chief executive of the Good Samaritan Society, a nonprofit chain that operates in 24 states.

Late last month, the company became one of the largest long-term care chains in the country to order mandatory vaccines for staff, highlighting turmoil within an industry desperate to avoid a

Delta Outbreak In China Tests A Success Story

By SUI-LEE WEE and ELSIE CHEN

In the battle against the coronavirus, few places seemed as confident of victory as China.

The country of 1.4 billion people had eradicated the virus so quickly that it was one of the first in the world to open up in spring last year. People removed their masks and gathered for pool parties. In recent months, the government has contended with sporadic outbreaks in various provinces, but stamped them out swiftly by mobilizing thousands of people to test and trace infections, as well as locking down communities.

That model is now looking increasingly fragile in a world that passed a grim milestone on Wednesday: the 200 millionth recorded case of infection.

China is facing its biggest challenge since the virus first erupted in the Chinese city of Wuhan last year: the highly transmissible Delta variant that is rapidly spreading throughout the country. Chinese officials have acknowledged that curbing this outbreak will be much harder than the others, owing to the fast, asymptomatic spread of the variant.

Globally, the virus is continuing to infect at an astonishing rate. It took more than a year for the pandemic to reach its 100 millionth case, and little more than six months to double that.

While the number of cases are

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President Recep Tayyip Erdogan faces criticism over his handling of the worst forest blazes in decades. PAGE A6

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A dry season in Canada made worse by climate change has left cattle ranchers with dwindling feed. PAGE A4

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The Delta variant has raised new questions about how the inoculated can stay safe and avoid breakthrough infections. Some advice from experts. PAGE A12

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The bottle of booze, a gift from Japan to former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, exceeded the \$390 limit on what U.S. officials may keep. PAGE A20

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A recent string of victories for traditional Democratic leaders signals a season of setbacks for the party's more progressive wing. PAGE A20

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In Germany, specially outfitted tractor-trailers are running on power provided by overhead wires as a way to eliminate diesel emissions. PAGE B1

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The benefits of working remotely can also come with bias against those who aren't seen around the hallways. PAGE B1

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Two American women broke the existing world record in the 400-meter hurdles. Only one gets a gold medal. PAGE B8

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A Well-Heeled Prince

Shoes owned by the singer (including a pair, right, worn while singing "Raspberry Beret") are on view at Paisley Park. PAGE D5

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Some sellers and designers in the United States are starting to think that the rise of the new variant may mean face coverings are here to stay. PAGE D2

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A SHIFT FROM U.S.' 'LET IT BURN' POLICY

Forest Service will prioritize putting out fires over letting some thin out remote brush.

BY ANITA CHABRIA AND LILA SEIDMAN

SACRAMENTO — Facing criticism over its practice of monitoring some fires rather than quickly snuffing them out, the U.S. Forest Service has told its firefighters to halt the policy this year to better prioritize resources and help prevent small blazes from growing into uncontrollable conflagrations.

The change came days after politicians in California and the West, including Gov. Gavin Newsom, publicly challenged the "let it burn" approach after the Tamarack fire ignited last month, as The Times detailed in a story Sunday.

It also comes as fierce winds are expected to collide with bone-dry conditions at the massive Dixie fire in Northern California, already California's eighth-largest in recorded history at more than 270,000 acres, leaving firefighters bracing for further spread during a red flag warning that goes through Thursday. Currently, the blaze is 35% contained with nearly 5,000 personnel working to stop its advance.

Instead of letting some naturally caused small blazes burn, the agency's priorities will shift this year, U.S. Forest Service Chief Randy Moore indicated to the staff in a letter Monday. The focus, he said, will be on firefighter and public safety.

Moore, who took over as head of the agency last month, wrote that the 2021 fire season is "different from any before" and posed a "national crisis" that required the U.S. Forest Service to put on hold its mission to groom forest lands at times by letting wildfire clear them — to make them more resilient to fires. Instead, he said, the agency will use its strained resources to stop its advance.

[See Firefighting, A7]



HUNTER MCKEE pets Rosy after evacuating the horse to the edge of Lake Almanor on Tuesday as the Dixie fire advanced. Gov. Gavin Newsom and others have criticized the federal "wait and see" approach to wildfires. NOAH BERGER/Associated Press

L.A. to consider vaccine proof mandate

City Council proposal would apply to indoor places such as stores, restaurants and gyms.

BY LUKE MONEY AND EMILY ALPERT REYES

With coronavirus cases continuing to rise, Los Angeles is now considering a proposal to require proof of COVID-19 inoculation as a condition of entry at a host of indoor public spaces in what, if passed, would be the widest-ranging vaccination-verification effort in the city yet.

The motion, introduced Wednesday by City Council President Nury Martinez and Councilman Mitch O'Farrell, would require eligible individuals to demonstrate that they've received at least one vaccination dose to visit indoor places such as restaurants, bars, retail stores, gyms, spas, movie theaters, stadiums and concert venues.

The move comes amid a surge in coronavirus cases fueled by the highly infectious Delta variant, which has both public officials and private businesses scrambling to slow the spread. Some L.A. restaurants have already begun requiring proof of vaccination for customers, saying they hope that action can forestall the more intense restrictions seen earlier in the pandemic that pushed some retailers to their breaking point.

A growing number of public agencies, private [See Vaccination, A6]

Delay booster shots, WHO says

U.N. agency tells wealthy countries to hold off until all nations have access to vaccinations. WORLD, A3

LAUSD summer school infections

Cases rose steadily over five weeks but affected a small proportion of kids and staff. CALIFORNIA, B1

BORN INTO DANGER

She was promised school, but was forced to be a slave

By Gemma Holliani Cahya and David Pierson
REPORTING FROM JAKARTA, INDONESIA



WHEN Sri Siti Marni was 11, a Jakarta family offered to house her and pay for her education. Then came nine years of abuse. IRENE BARILAN FOR THE TIMES

"There are scars all over my body.... Every now and then when I'm alone, the memories of those years come back and I can't help but cry."

— SRI SITI MARNI, former child domestic worker in Indonesia

Sri Siti Marni was 11 years old when her aunt introduced her to a wealthy acquaintance from Jakarta who promised to take her in and pay for her schooling.

It was a generous offer, delivered unexpectedly. Marni's parents couldn't refuse. Her father, who made a living as a driver, deliveryman and parking lot attendant, struggled to raise eight children. Marni, his eldest, had no hope of a better life without continuing her education.

Marni packed clothes and hijabs and left her hometown of Bogor, on the outskirts of the Indonesian capital. The door opened to the family of Meta Hasan Musdallah, a former singer, who told Marni to call her "Mama" and to treat her four children as siblings. Marni felt like she was going on a long vacation.

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COLUMN ONE

Breaking up is not hard to do

Beach volleyball is 'like high school dating,' with changing partners and tips on dumping someone.

BY BEN BOLCH
REPORTING FROM TOKYO

Each time he introduced a beach volleyball partner to a friend, Patrick Powers used the same preface.

"Hey," Powers would say, "here's my new ex-partner." It was a reminder that nothing lasts in beach volleyball, especially partnerships. Players get hurt. They retire. They start to begrudge each other. Maybe one realizes he or she can do better with somebody else.

That's all it takes for an allegiance to fray and a courtship to begin, resulting in a new pairing. Over one's career, the process repeats itself multiple times, partners discarding each other as easily as a badly ripped tank top.

"All partnerships are doomed to die," said Karch Kiraly, the legendary beach [See Volleyball, A6]

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DIAMOND RIVALS

History comes into play as Japan and South Korea face off. Times writers of Japanese and Korean heritage discuss. PERSPECTIVES, A2

Photos, results and analysis from our team in Japan can be found in Sports, D1, and at LATIMES.COM/OLYMPICS

Mexico is suing U.S. gun makers

The government says the industry's negligence and illegal commercial practices fuel the nation's homicide epidemic. WORLD, A5

4 GOP Newsom rivals debate

Gubernatorial hopefuls criticize mask mandates, critical race theory and, of course, the incumbent facing recall. CALIFORNIA, B1

Animal activist gets probation

Charges against Marc Ching of providing treatment without a license came after a Times investigation. CALIFORNIA, B1

Scherzer sharp in L.A. debut

The Dodgers' new star pitcher struck out 10 Astros hitters in seven innings en route to a 7-5 home victory over Houston. SPORTS, D1

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Long battle lost for veterans cemetery

Plan for burial site at former El Toro base in Irvine is defeated by fierce opposition.

BY HANNAH FRY AND PRISCILLA VEGA

In Irvine, every detail is intentional. From the lush parks to the sparkling pools of its master-planned villages, the city offers a perfect balance of nature and suburban life.

Even the street names in its Great Park neighborhoods, which have popped

up over the last decade around the former Marine Corps Air Station El Toro, were developed in consultation with a feng shui master.

But there's one amenity that Great Park neighbors say will never fit: a veterans cemetery.

A nearly decade-long battle over a military cemetery in the city has pitted veterans, residents and politicians against one another, with every side asserting support for their preferred location and myriad reasons why the plan hasn't advanced.

The hostile reaction to [See Cemetery, A9]



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GENE KAPLIN, left, and Don Geller, who supported the Irvine cemetery plan, outside a council meeting.

BUSINESS INSIDE: The L.A. luxury condo market is roaring back from the pandemic. A8

Otra vez por penales, el clásico fue para Boca

Tras empatar 0-0 en los 90 minutos, el Xeneize derrotó a River 4 a 1 en la definición desde los 12 pasos; enfrentará en cuartos de final a Patronato, de Paraná, por la Copa Argentina. **Deportes**



EFEDRINA: LIBERARON AL EMPRESARIO PÉREZ CORRADI

—seguridad

La jueza de la causa lo resolvió porque Estados Unidos retiró el pedido de extradición para juzgarlo por tráfico de drogas. **Página 24**

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Combinarán vacunas de AstraZeneca y Moderna con Sputnik

CORONAVIRUS. El Gobierno anunció que son compatibles; lo harán para suplir la falta de envíos de segundas dosis rusas

Tras semanas de estudios clínicos, el Gobierno anunció ayer que se podrá combinar la primera dosis de la Sputnik V con las de AstraZeneca y Moderna, para suplir el faltante del segundo componente de la vacuna rusa.

El anuncio lo hizo la ministra de Salud, Carla Vizzotti, junto a sus pares Nicolás Kreplak (provincia de Buenos Aires) y Fernán Quirós (ciudad), en una conferencia de prensa en la Casa Rosada.

El gobierno nacional debió avanzar en los estudios sobre la combinación de vacunas por el desfase que existe en la entrega de la primera y la segunda dosis de la vacuna rusa. De hecho, hay una diferencia de seis millones de personas entre quienes recibieron la primera dosis solamente y quienes tienen aplicado el esquema completo.

De ese número, cerca de dos millones de personas tienen excedido el plazo de 90 días entre ambas, y en su mayoría se trata de adultos mayores, por lo que la demora representa un riesgo para su salud. **Página 2**

Inmunizar, la apuesta electoral de la Casa Rosada

"Vacuna en brazo, plata en bolsillo", es la frase que se repite en varios despachos de la Casa Rosada, que deposita en el plan de vacunación y la combinación de dosis contra el Covid-19 sus mayores expectativas frente a un horizonte electoral complejo. Con una economía profundamente golpeada, cuya crisis se acrecentó con la cuarentena de 2020, el Gobierno apuesta a que la inmunización permita una vuelta a la normalidad y empuje la reactivación económica. **Página 2**

Los infectólogos aconsejan aceptar las dosis de otra marca Mauricio Giambartolomei. **Página 4**

Bajaron los casos de Covid y aparecieron otras infecciones María Ayzaguer. **Página 5**

La causa de los cuadernos cumplió tres años y espera el juicio

COIMAS. Hay más de un centenar de imputados. **Página 14**

Un sindicalista ofrece devolver lo que robó para no ir preso

ENTRE RÍOS. José Allende, de UPCN, acordó entregar US\$1,2 millones; falta el aval del juez. **Página 14**

EL ESCENARIO

Fernández ensaya un acercamiento a EE.UU.

Carlos Pagni

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Alberto Fernández podría, antes de fin de año, ser recibido por Joe Biden en la Casa Blanca. Sobre el telón de fondo de esa posibilidad se recortarán las conversaciones que mantendrán mañana el Presidente y sus funcionarios con Jake Sullivan, el

consejero de Seguridad Nacional de la Casa Blanca, que visita Buenos Aires. La de Sullivan es una visita de principal importancia para las relaciones exteriores argentinas: es un funcionario del más alto nivel, que cruza en sus competencias la seguridad interna con

la política exterior. Para calibrar su relevancia: fue el papel en el que descolgó Henry Kissinger en las administraciones de Richard Nixon y Gerald Ford. Aunque Kissinger fue, además, secretario de Estado, es decir, canciller. Continúa en la página 11



JUEGOS OLÍMPICOS TOKIO 2020

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Las Leonas van por el oro tan ansiado

TOKIO (Enviado especial). Siempre vigentes y portadoras de grandes alegrías para el deporte argentino. Como en Sidney 2000 y en Londres 2012, donde lograron la medalla plateada, las Leonas volverán a jugar la final olímpica. Tras vencer a la India por 2-1, mañana, a las 7, definirán ante Países Bajos, en busca del oro en Tokio 2020. **Deportes**



Bolsonaro abraça ministro
Ciro Nogueira em posse na
Casa Civil. Pedro Ladeira/Folhapress

Bolsonaro diz que pode usar armas fora da Constituição

Alexandre de Moraes incluiu presidente como investigado no inquérito do STF sobre fake news

O presidente Jair Bolsonaro voltou a ameaçar a realização de eleições em 2022 e declarou que pode atuar fora dos limites constitucionais. Horas antes, o ministro do Supremo Tribunal Federal Alexandre de Moraes o incluiu como investigado no inquérito das fake news.

"Um inquérito que nasce sem qualquer embasamento jurídico não pode começar por ele [STF]. Ele abre, apura e pune? Está dentro das quatro linhas da Constituição? Não está, então o antídoto para isso também não é dentro das quatro linhas da Constituição", disse.

O comentário foi feito em longa entrevista ao vivo à rádio Jovem Pan na qual propôs o pedido para instaurar uma CPI sobre a urna eletrônica e falou em usar armas de oposição. "Jogo dentro das quatro linhas da Constituição, e jogo, se preciso, com as armas do outro lado."

O presidente do Tribunal Superior Eleitoral, Luís Roberto Barroso, chamou os ataques ao sistema de verificação do autoritarismo atual. Bolsonaro passou ontem a ser investigado no inquérito do STF que apura o esquema de informações falsas na campanha de 2018.

A solicitação veio do TSE e diz respeito à corrente disseminação de mentiras sobre a urna eletrônica e a declaração de Bolsonaro no mesmo sentido. A Folha revelou, em 2018, que a rede de mentiras era bancada por empresários que apoiavam o agora presidente. PoderA4



A central Carol durante partida de vôlei contra o Comitê Olímpico Russo em Tóquio; brasileiras venceram as russas de virada por 3 sets a 1 e vão disputar semifinal. Antonin Thuillier/AFP

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+ AGENDA DO BRASIL

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PENTATLO MODERNO
2h30 Natação 200m livre, classificatória (feminino)
SALTO ORNAMENTAL
3h Classificatória (masculino)

+ CORRIDA DO OURO

ATLETISMO
9h 400 m rasos (masculino)
MARCA ATLETICA
17h30 50km (masculino)
4h30 20km (feminino)
FUTEBOL
23h Suécia x Canadá (feminino)
VÔLEI DE PRAIA
23h30 (feminino)
BOXE (PESO PESADO)
3h05 (masculino)

População com 18 anos ou mais*

| | ao menos uma dose | totalmente vacinada |
|---------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Brasil | 67,1% | 27,1% |
| MS | 81% | 45,8% |
| RS | 73,3% | 34,9% |
| SP | 79,5% | 30,3% |



Total de doses aplicadas

| | 1ª | 2ª | única |
|---------------|---------|---------|-----------|
| Brasil | 108 mi | 43,6 mi | 3,9 mi |
| 1ª SP | 27,5 mi | 9,8 mi | 1,1 mi |
| 2ª MG | 10,3 mi | 3,8 mi | 449,3 mil |
| 3ª RJ | 7,9 mi | 3,2 mi | 274,3 mil |

Dados das 20h de 4 ago *Ao menos uma dose; tomou dose única ou 1ª dose. Totalmente vacinada: tomou dose única ou 2ª dose **Em relação a 14 dias

Lira defende 'retaguarda' a pesquisa eleitoral

O presidente da Câmara, Arthur Lira (PP-AL), defendeu o que chamou de "retaguarda" de 10 a 15 dias antes de eleições em que fosse adotado um "cuidado maior" com informações repassadas por pesquisas eleitorais. PoderA10

Chefe da FAB procura Gilmar para refutar golpe
Em almoço, brigadeiro Carlos Almeida Baptista Jr. diz a ministro do STF que rejeita golpismo, em meio à crise do Judiciário com Jair Bolsonaro. A6

BC eleva juros básicos em 1 ponto, maior alta em 18 anos

Diante da alta dos preços e das revisões nas expectativas do mercado para a inflação, o Comitê de Política Monetária do Banco Central elevou ontem a taxa básica de juros (Selic) em 1 ponto percentual, a 5,25% ao ano. É a maior alta em 18 anos.

A decisão já era esperada pela maioria dos consultores e economistas, mas desagradou à indústria. Para a Fiesp, o BC põe em risco a recuperação da atividade. O Copom já indicou que fará novo aumento de 1 ponto em setembro. MercadoA17

Manifesto pede respeito às urnas e aceitação do resultado em 2022 A10

Para rebater sanções, Belarus usa imigrantes como arma contra UE A14

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A capital paulista registrou no primeiro ano de pandemia um aumento de 156,3% de mortes por transtornos causados pelo álcool, indica relatório. B1

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Pela 1ª vez, Flip terá curadoria coletiva, em edição inspirada em plantas e floresta

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Viajantes sonham com férias de fim de ano, e médicos citam cuidados e riscos

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Pourquoi le prix du pétrole est reparti à la hausse

La reprise mondiale et la politique de l'Opep ont porté le baril à plus de 70 dollars. Les prix de l'or noir devraient rester élevés, sauf si l'épidémie de Covid paralyse à nouveau l'économie.

Le prix du baril de Brent est passé de 19 dollars en avril 2020 à presque 80 dollars il y a quelques semaines. Le pétrole a sombré avec le coup d'arrêt du premier confine-

ment planétaire. Depuis, à mesure que l'économie mondiale retrouve des couleurs, la demande redémarre et tire les prix à la hausse. En limitant l'augmentation de

leur production, les pays de l'Opep soutiennent les cours. Logiquement, les prix à la pompe ont bondi de plus de 20 centimes en un an, au grand dam des automobilis-

tes français, et ils devraient rester élevés dans les mois à venir.

À plus long terme, c'est l'inconnu. La vitesse de développement des transports

électriques, le déploiement du télétravail et la stratégie d'investissement des majors sont autant de facteurs qui joueront sur les prix du pétrole dans les années à venir.

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le génocide, le calvaire sans
fin des femmes yazidies

Martyrisée par l'État islamique à partir d'août 2014, cette minorité peine à se reconstruire. Six mille femmes et jeunes filles furent réduites en esclavage. Leur réinsertion dans la communauté reste difficile. PAGE 5

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Au pays de l'or noir

Le monde a du pétrole mais aussi des idées pour s'en passer ! Énergies renouvelables, moteurs électriques à batteries ou à hydrogène pour les voitures, les trains et, peut-être, demain, les avions, bâtiments à énergie positive, chasse au gaspi, traque au carbone... Une seule priorité : faire disparaître au plus vite les hydrocarbures pour réduire les émissions de CO₂ et freiner l'augmentation de la température de la planète dans les décennies à venir.

Tout le monde est sur le pont. La Commission européenne a réaffirmé mi-juillet son souhait d'atteindre la neutralité carbone en 2050. La Chine s'est fixé l'année 2060 pour y parvenir. Les États, les régions, les métropoles ont partout leur propre calendrier. Les entreprises multiplient les innovations vertes. Même les géants de l'or noir jurent qu'ils seront propres dans quelques décennies.

Prenons garde pour autant à ne pas aller plus vite que la musique. Mettre fin au pétrole, c'est tourner le dos à une révolution industrielle sur laquelle nous avons bâti notre développement, nos emplois, notre richesse depuis plus d'un siècle. Un choix jugé nécessaire au regard du défi climatique, certes, mais à

très haut risque : l'accélération de la voiture électrique ne menace-t-elle pas des centaines de bassins industriels et des millions d'emplois en Europe et en Amérique du Nord ?

C'est également devoir accepter pendant des années (des décennies ?) des prix élevés du fioul ou des carburants à mesure que les efforts d'exploration diminueront, mais aussi de toutes les énergies de substitution, dont le développement nécessite des investissements considérables. Rien de bon, là encore, pour les plus modestes, ceux qui dépendent le plus des énergies fossiles et peuvent le moins dépenser pour s'en affranchir. C'est aussi déstabiliser et appauvrir des pays producteurs qui ne vivent que grâce à la vente de barils...

Mettre fin au pétrole, c'est tourner le dos à une révolution industrielle

Répondre à l'urgence climatique sans allumer la colère sociale, ni briser le fragile équilibre mondial, l'équation de la fin du pétrole est explosive et d'une immense complexité... Attention au retour de flamme ! ■

Covid,
Liban...
Les vacances
studieuses
de Macron
à Brégançon

Après avoir lancé sur les réseaux sociaux une opération de pédagogie sur la vaccination et le passe sanitaire, le chef de l'État a participé mercredi, depuis sa résidence d'été, à la troisième conférence internationale de soutien à la population libanaise. Une opération qui a permis de collecter 370 millions de dollars, un an après la meurtrière explosion qui a dévasté le port de Beyrouth. PAGES 2 ET 3



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Millions get holiday boost as quarantine rules relaxed

Jessica Elgot and Natalie Grover

Millions of Britons were given the green light to travel to Europe's holiday hotspots yesterday, avoiding quarantine on return from France and Spain, where concerns have been raised about Covid variants.

Ministers said fully vaccinated holidaymakers returning from France would no longer need to quarantine, and ditched plans for a "watchlist" of amber countries such as Spain.

The announcement is likely to partially revive the tourism sector but will raise questions about whether the government is being complacent about the spread of the Beta variant.

The decision to abandon the watchlist idea, under pressure from

mutinous cabinet ministers, will also put UK tourists at risk of having their plans aborted without any notice, raising the spectre of a repeat of last summer's chaotic travel corridors.

Under-18s and those fully jabbed in the UK are now exempt from quarantine, as well as those who have been vaccinated in the EU and US.

Boris Johnson signed off the deal under pressure from his chancellor, Rishi Sunak, who had declared the UK was lagging behind vaccinated nations. It also ends a tense diplomatic situation over the quarantine measures for France, to which senior politicians in Paris had objected.

However, in a final note of caution, the government warned there were still concerns about Spain, the most popular summer destination for British tourists, and said it would be kept under close watch.

Concerns had grown that the UK would not have the hotel capacity for hundreds of thousands of Britons returning from Spain if it was forced onto the red list, which requires quarantine in a supervised facility. Even during last year's disrupted travel season, at least 3.2 million Britons travelled to Spain. **13** →

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Genetic secret to age of menopause discovered

Natalie Grover

Science correspondent

A series of genetic signals that influence the age of menopause have been identified, potentially paving the way to fertility treatment that could extend the natural reproductive

lifespan of women. Researchers scanned the genes of more than 280,000 women and found nearly 300 genetic signals that researchers say could help identify why some women are predisposed to early menopause, the health consequences of going through menopause early, and whether these signals can be

manipulated to improve a woman's fertility.

The study - led by scientists from the universities of Cambridge, Exeter and Copenhagen and still in its early stages - found that two genes named Chek1 and Chek2 were the key to understanding the difference between these women.

Their data suggested that women who lacked enough Chek2 protein experienced menopause more than three years later than those who had normal Chek2 levels. When Chek2 levels were manipulated to be under-expressed in mice, its offspring were

born with more eggs - suggesting a longer reproductive life span.

Similarly, when Chek1 levels were enhanced in the mice, that also extended the offspring's reproductive lifespan by improving its eggs.

Dr Katherine Ruth, a co-author of the study from the University of Exeter, said: "We hope our work will help provide new possibilities to help women plan for the future. By finding many more of the genetic causes of variability in the timing of menopause, we have shown that we can start to predict which women might have earlier **2** →

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makes history

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