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◆ **In phone calls** last week, New York Lt. Gov. Hochul sought advice on potential first steps in office as well as whom to hire if Gov. Cuomo resigned or was removed from office. A top aide to Cuomo said she was resigning. **A4**

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In Greece, Residents Fight to Save Towns as Wildfires Rage



EMBATTLED: Local residents fought a wildfire Sunday in the village of Gouves on the Greek island of Evia, where flames in recent days have destroyed pristine forests and encroached on villages, triggering more evacuation alerts. **A7**

Companies Readjust as Cases Rise

Delta variant's spread has bosses pushing back office returns, scrapping big events

By CHIP CUTTER

Up until a few weeks ago, corporate leaders felt confident about what to expect this fall. Offices would reopen after Labor Day. Business travel

would resume more broadly. Long-delayed work gatherings, conventions and off-site meetings would finally take place.

The pandemic has, once again, upended many of those plans.

The swift, startling resurgence of Covid-19 cases and hospitalizations across the U.S. is causing corporate leaders to rip up playbooks for the next few months.

No longer is a September re-

turn a target for many companies. Some employers, such as banking giant Wells Fargo & Co. and managed-care company Centene Corp., have in recent days shifted return-to-office dates to October. A range of other prominent companies now predict it will be 2022 until most workers return.

Amazon.com Inc. on Thursday delayed its return for corporate employees to at least Jan. 3, from September. Lyft

Inc. pushed back its planned office reopening to February 2022. Other companies, such as Dell Technologies Inc., have postponed fall returns in the U.S. without giving new reopening dates. Business travel at the company also remains largely restricted.

In a memo to employees Tuesday, Dell Chief Operating Officer Jeff Clarke said that, because of the Delta variant,

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Confusion Reigns Over School Mask Policies

Delta prompts a scramble to reconsider safety plans, with widely varying results

By BEN CHAPMAN AND CAMERON McWHIRTER

When students in California and Illinois head back to school in a few weeks, they will have to wear masks. Florida and Arizona, meanwhile, banned mask requirements in schools. Some, but not all, districts there are insisting on them anyway.

Local school leaders in Georgia can make their own choices about masking, and policies differ from one district to the next. School officials in Gwinnett County, outside Atlanta, imposed a mask mandate eight days before the new school year started last month—a sudden reversal

that caught some parents off-guard.

"It has created quite a bit of chaos within a lot of families," said Gwinnett County parent Michael Rudnick, who formed a group fighting the mandate.

Schools are reopening just as the rise of the more contagious Delta variant shifts the fight against Covid-19. Masks are back on top of the policy agenda. And confusion reigns.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued new guidance in July recommending that students and

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◆ **Local vaccine mandates** gain wider backing. **A3**

You're Not Killing the Plants—But Your Cat Is

Owners hide flora and erect barriers in vain; Beso the tabby's leafy victim

By HARDIKA SINGH AND AMY NAILOR

Adam Kopley couldn't figure out what was killing the spider plant he brought home in May. The culprit turned out to be sleeping under his own roof.

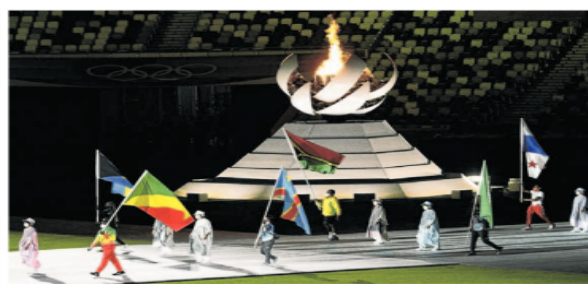
Working from home allowed the 35-year-old Chicago resident to catch the perpetra-

tor red-pawed. He walked in on his 4-year-old ragdoll cat, Gilbert, sprawling atop his crushed plant.

"I kept thinking that I was doing something wrong," Mr. Kopley said.

The pandemic has brought an abundance of new pets and new plants into American homes. It's also given cat owners

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Tokyo Games Come to an End

Nations' flags were paraded Sunday at the Tokyo Olympics closing ceremony. The event faced an aggressive wave of Covid-19 and a Japanese public that remained uninterested in the role of the host country. **A6, A12**

Cash Piles Into Short-Term Markets

By JULIA AMBRA VERLAINE

An unusual surge of short-term lending by cash-rich companies is raising concerns on Wall Street that a period of unrest might lie ahead.

Investors such as money-market funds and banks are parking more than \$1 trillion in spare cash overnight at the Federal Reserve. That is the

most on record since the Fed opened its facility for these reverse repurchase agreements in 2013.

The scale of the moves has some analysts warning that the markets for short-term funding are vulnerable to disruption. The cause for this summer's rush into the Fed's reverse repo facility appears to be the central bank's decision

in June to nudge up the amount of interest it pays, from 0% to 0.05%—though usage had already been rising in the spring.

Repurchase agreements, or repos, are the market's main mechanism for moving cash from those who have it to those who need it. The Fed also uses them to influence

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

At Uber and Lyft, a shortage of drivers has eased, but fares have remained high. **B1**

Sexual-Assault Claim At Alibaba Fuels Anger

By CHAO DENG AND KEITH ZHAI

An allegation of sexual assault against a manager at Alibaba Group Holding Ltd. has sparked a firestorm of public criticism, prompting Chief Executive Daniel Zhang to intervene in a situation that has stirred questions about sexual harassment in Chinese workplaces.

An 11-page account of the allegations by a female employee circulated on Alibaba's internal

discussion board Saturday night Beijing time and had become a subject of heated conversation among staff, according to company employees reached by The Wall Street Journal. Screenshots of the internal discussion later made their way to the broader Chinese internet, where they quickly went viral.

According to the woman's account, the alleged perpetrator was a manager named Wang Chengwen—her supervisor at

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A Glittering Finish

Helped by its seventh straight title in women's basketball, the U.S. ended atop the medal count at a bizarre Olympics. Page D2.

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Insurgents Move Closer to Cementing Power

This article is by Christina Goldbaum, Najim Rahim, Sharif Hassan and Thomas Gibbons-Neff.

KABUL, Afghanistan — The Taliban seized three Afghan cities on Sunday, including the commercial hub of Kunduz, officials said, escalating a sweeping offensive that has claimed five provincial capitals in three days and shown how little control the government has over the country without American military power to protect it.

Never before in 20 years of war had the Taliban directly assaulted more than one provincial capital at a time. Now, three fell on Sunday alone — Kunduz, Sari-Pul and Taloqan, all in the north — and even more populous cities are under siege, in a devastating setback



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A Taliban flag flying in Kunduz, Afghanistan, on Sunday.

for the Afghan government.

The fall of these cities is taking place just weeks before U.S. forces are set to complete a total withdrawal from Afghanistan, laying bare a difficult predicament for President Biden.

Since the U.S. withdrawal began, the Taliban have captured more than half of Afghanistan's 400-odd districts, according to some assessments. And their recent attacks on provincial capitals have violated the 2020 peace deal between the Taliban and the

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Signal as U.S. Mission Ends: You're on Your Own

This article is by Helene Cooper, Katie Rogers and Thomas Gibbons-Neff.

WASHINGTON — If the Taliban seized three Afghan cities on Sunday, including the commercial hub of Kunduz, officials said, escalating a sweeping offensive that has claimed five provincial capitals in three days and shown how little control the government has over the country without American military power to protect it.

But these are different times. What aircraft the U.S. military could muster from hundreds of miles away struck a cache of weapons far from Kunduz, Taloqan

Cuomo's Deputy Readies for Call As Boss Teeters

By DANA RUBINSTEIN

When Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo was holding his marathon sessions of news briefings during the peak of the coronavirus crisis, he was often flanked by his closest aides.

Notably absent was Kathy Hochul, his lieutenant governor. When Mr. Cuomo published a book that portrayed him as a heroic leader during the pandemic, he highlighted the roles played by a slew of his top aides. He made no mention of Ms. Hochul.

But for Ms. Hochul, being marginalized by her boss might now be a blessing.

After a damning state attorney general report concluded Mr. Cuomo had sexually harassed 11 women, most of them current or former state employees, he is now facing deafening calls for his resignation and possible impeachment.

Brittany Comisso, who accused Mr. Cuomo of groping her and filed a criminal complaint against him, came forward publicly in excerpts released Sunday of an interview that will air on Monday. And the governor's top aide, Melissa DeRosa, who had been accused of trying to retaliate against one of his accusers, said

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Afghan Forces Receive Scant Assistance as Incursions Grow

or Sari-i-pol, the cities that already had been all but lost to the Taliban.

The muted American response on Sunday showed in no uncertain terms that America's 20-year war in Afghanistan is over. The mismanaged and exhausted Afghan forces will have to retake the cities on their own, or leave them to the Taliban for good.

The recent string of Taliban mil-

itary victories has not moved President Biden to reassess his decision to end the U.S. combat mission by the end of the month, senior administration officials said Sunday.

But the violence shows just how difficult it will be for Mr. Biden to extract America from the war while insisting that he is not abandoning the country in the middle of a brutal Taliban offensive.

In a speech defending the U.S. withdrawal last month, Mr. Biden said the United States had done more than enough to empower the Afghan police and military to secure the future of their people. U.S. officials have acknowledged

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MARY INSHA KANG FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES

Children racing on 34th Avenue in Queens, which is closed to vehicles to give people more space.

On Car-Free Streets, Rethinking Urban Living

By WINNIE HU

The metal barriers go up every day at 8 a.m. to keep the cars at bay.

Then 34th Avenue turns into a 1.3-mile-long block party. It serves as a connector not for vehicles but for people in a space-starved, melting pot neighborhood in Queens.

A CITY STIRS A Lesson in Queens

People come out for coffee breaks and stay for free classes in yoga, zumba, salsa and Mexican folk dance. A pop-up circus brought clowns, jugglers and acrobats to delight children. Dogs in rainbow-hued outfits and their

owners marched together in a pride parade. One couple even got married on the avenue with a state senator officiating.

"This is a whole exercise in what is possible," said Myrna Tinoco, 45, a social worker who roller skates on the avenue with her 6-year-old son. "At a minimum, just to have the legroom to

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Venture Capital Opens Up

The once-clubby world of start-up deal making known as "angel investing" has had an influx of new participants. It's part of a wider boom in ever-riskier investments.

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Lingering Covid Disrupts Lives Of Youngsters

By PAM BELLUCK

Will Grogan stared blankly at his ninth-grade biology classwork. It was material he had mastered the day before, but it looked utterly unfamiliar.

"I don't know what you're talking about," he blurted. His teacher and classmates reminded him how adeptly he'd answered questions about the topic during the previous class. "I've never seen this before," he insisted, becoming so distressed that the teacher excused him to visit the school nurse.

The episode, earlier this year, was one of numerous cognitive mix-ups that plagued Will, 15, after he contracted the coronavirus in October, along with issues like fatigue and severe leg pain.

As young people across the country prepare to return to school, many are struggling to recover from lingering post-Covid neurological, physical or psychiatric symptoms. Often called "long Covid," the symptoms and their duration vary, as does the severity.

Studies estimate long Covid may affect between 10 percent and 30 percent of adults infected with the coronavirus. Estimates from the handful of studies of children so far range widely. At an

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Yankees' Rizzo Tests Positive

Anthony Rizzo said in June that he was not vaccinated against the coronavirus because he needed more data.

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Leïla Slimani's latest book is modeled on her grandmother's immigration from France to Morocco.

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Transformative Football Coach

Bobby Bowden turned Florida State into a national powerhouse and became one of the most successful figures in the college game. He was 91.

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TOKYO OLYMPICS



ATHLETES attend the closing ceremony at Olympic Stadium in Tokyo. The Games were tinged with sadness as events did not host fans. ROBERT GAUTHIER Los Angeles Times

Well, that was weird

With fans barred from attending odd Games, athletes' outstanding feats often felt muted.

BY DAVID WHARTON

TOKYO — A tropical storm swept into the city before dawn, gusts of wind bringing heavy clouds and drenching rain, as if the Tokyo Olympics didn't have enough problems. The COVID-19 pandemic had forced a year's postponement and, with much of Japan still in a state of emergency, cancellation remained possible to the last moment. Even as the massive sporting event lurched ahead, spectators were banned, leaving athletes to compete in eerily quiet stadiums and arenas.

"Some were already speaking of a ghost Games," International Olympic Committee President Thomas Bach said.

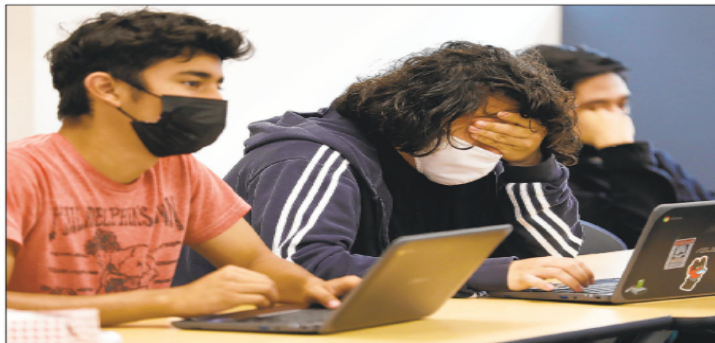
On Sunday, with inclement weather threatening to ruin the closing ceremony, the sky lifted and brightened by late afternoon. After 17 [See Olympics, A4]

Tokyo Olympics

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Delta brings back-to-school blues

Virus casts shadow over the full reopening of campuses



JOHAN MENDEZ, left, and Daniel Chavez attend a summer class at Hawthorne High School. County officials say they have confidence in campus safety protocols. AL SEIB Los Angeles Times

BY HOWARD BLUME

Back-to-school 2021, with California campuses fully open for 6 million children, was supposed to herald relief — even celebration — for a mostly normal school year ahead. But a surge in the highly contagious Delta variant of the coronavirus has reignited parents' anxiety — and, for many, the safety and quality of schooling once again feel uncertain and tenuous.

"I wanted to be excited about a new school year, but now I am having to think: 'Am I putting our health at risk by going to school in person?'" said Irma Villalpando, who has two high school daughters at the Maywood Center for Enriched Studies. "I am feeling very sad because I think that it is going to be another very [See School, A8]

Why are vaccination rates so low?

BY JAWEED KALEEM, TERRY CASTLEMAN AND RICHARD READ

For more than a year, Steve Allender, the Republican mayor of Rapid City, S.D., took a public stand in favor of COVID-19 safety measures, urging people to wear masks, avoid large gatherings and — following his example — get vaccinated.

Constituents responded by heckling him at City Council meetings and staking out his house in a campaign to intimidate him and portray vaccination as an assault on their personal freedom.

By early summer, Allender had quit trying. The highly infectious Delta variant was surging, but with so many people refusing to get

shots, he concluded there was nothing that he or other local officials could do to stop it.

"Our role is just to sit back and let it happen," he said in an interview. "I feel like a bit of a coward."

His experience with the toxic politics of vaccination is far from unique.

The Los Angeles Times set out to understand how such politics play out at the

local level. We looked at the percentage of people who are fully vaccinated in each U.S. county with a population of at least 20,000 and for every state except Hawaii — for which no county-level data were available — identified the county with the lowest rate.

Pennington County, where Rapid City is located, had the lowest rate in South [See Vaccines, A7]

L.A. COUNTY: Supervisors will consider a vaccination mandate for indoor public places. CALIFORNIA, B3

Feeling angry, ignored after blast

More than a month after the LAPD blew up a South L.A. block, displaced families are still struggling.

BY BRITTNY MEJIA AND KEVIN RECTOR

Even before the Los Angeles Police Department blew up the residential block in South L.A. where her family has lived for nearly two years, life was hard and full of worry for Juana Ocegueda. The 41-year-old mother of five was barely scraping by, working irregular hours in a T-shirt printing shop and cleaning houses to help pay the family's \$2,600 monthly rent.

She worried about her 14-year-old autistic son, her husband who is disabled and awaiting eye surgery and the status of her older kids' applications to remain in the country safely under the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.

Today, however, things seem much more uncertain, she said.

More than a month after the LAPD blew up the 700 block of East 27th Street while trying to safely detonate a cache of illegal fireworks, displaced families like Ocegueda's and others who have remained in less damaged homes on the street say they are still struggling to piece their lives back together.

Some complain of injuries suffered in the blast. Others have lost work. Some say they will never regain what they lost.

Inspectors have told Ocegueda's family they can move back into their apartment, but their landlord has told them to hold off. When Ocegueda visited, she noted cracks in the walls, while her son fretted over the family cat, who couldn't join them at the downtown hotel where city officials put them up as the mess gets sorted out.

"Mom, when are we going to take her home?" her son asked after visiting Ivy in a shelter.

Ocegueda didn't know how to answer, she said, because she doesn't know where home is anymore.

Gerdyne Lorna Hairston said her longtime partner, Auzie Houchins, 72, died July 22 after their home — next door to where police say they found the fireworks — was badly damaged in the blast, the windows shattered. Officials confirmed he is one of two elderly men who lived on the block and have since died. [See Block, A7]

COLUMN ONE

How a law targeting Latinos became a call for civic action

BY SARAH D. WIRE REPORTING FROM WASHINGTON

Businessman Lou Correa abandoned plans to join the Republican Party. Raul Ruiz, a UCLA student on the cusp of medical school, discovered a passion for public policy. Juan Vargas, who had weighed the seminary, finally found his calling — getting more Latinos to vote and run for office.

The spark behind the seismic shift in each man's life: California's infamous

Proposition 187, the initiative voters overwhelmingly approved in 1994 to deny services to those residing in the country illegally.

Correa, Ruiz and Vargas all would become members of Congress. So would Jimmy Gomez, Pete Aguilar, Tony Cardenas, Norma Torres and Alex Padilla.

Long before a president called Mexicans crossing the southern border rapists, Proposition 187 galvanized a generation of California Latinos into joining civic life and Democratic politics in numbers never before seen, marginalizing the Republican [See Prop. 187, A12]

2nd-largest blaze in state history

The Dixie fire, burning in Northern California, is nearing 500,000 acres, with thousands evacuated. CALIFORNIA, B3

Pujols delivers in Dodgers' 8-2 win

His home run lifts team over the Angels in the Freeway Series, his first time facing them since he was let go. SPORTS, D7

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Partly sunny. L.A. Basin: 82/64. B6



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People inspect damaged Kunduz shops after Taliban fighters seized key northern cities. WORLD, A3

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The Washington Post

Prices may vary in areas outside metropolitan Washington.

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Democracy Dies in Darkness

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Delta ascends in variant battle

Scientists race to study mutations as cases rise, U.S. urges vaccinations

BY JOEL ACHENBACH,
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AND BRITTANY SHAMMAS

The variant battle in the United States is over. Delta won.

Since late last year, the country has been overrun by a succession of coronavirus variants, each with its own suite of mutations conferring slightly different viral traits. For much of this year, the alpha variant — officially known as B.1.1.7 and first seen in the United Kingdom — looked like the clear winner, accounting for the majority of cases by April. In second place was Iota, B.1.526, first seen in New York City. A few others made the rogue's gallery of variants: gamma, beta, epsilon.

Then came delta — B.1.617.2. It had spread rapidly in India, but in the United States, it sat there for months, doing little as the alpha advanced. As recently as May 8, delta caused only about 1 percent of new infections nationally.

Today, it has nearly wiped out all of its rivals. The coronavirus pandemic in America has become a delta pandemic. By the end of July, it accounted for 93.4 percent of new infections, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The speed with which it dominated the pandemic has left scientists

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In Cleveland, residents aim for more sway over policing

BY EMMANUEL FELTON

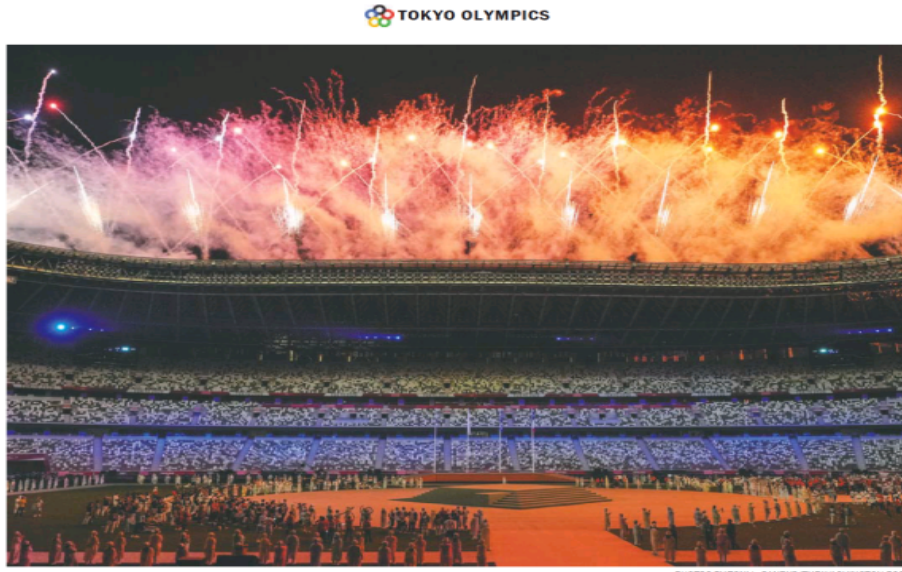
CLEVELAND — There was a time when Brenda Bickerstaff believed the Justice Department could fix this city's police department.

When Bickerstaff's brother was shot and killed by police in January 2002, the Cleveland Division of Police was already under federal investigation, and officials had interviewed her as part of the probe. She remembers thinking she had found the people who were going to help her family get justice.

But 20 years and two federal probes later, Bickerstaff thinks it's time for residents to take the lead in transforming the only police department in the nation that has entered into federal oversight twice.

She is part of a group of Black women pushing a reform effort that includes, among other things, a November ballot initiative for a civilian oversight panel

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PHOTOS BY TONI L. SANDY/THE WASHINGTON POST

Games come to a complicated end

Magic of competition cut through pandemic gloom, but legacy of these Olympics is complex

BY SIMON DENYER
AND MICHELLE YE HE LEE

TOKYO — The flame that burned throughout one of history's most controversial Games was extinguished Sunday as Japan brought the curtain down on the Tokyo Olympics with Closing Ceremonies that were as unusual as the event itself.

Most of the athletes weren't present; they were sent home within 48 hours of competing as part of the strict rules meant to contain the coronavirus pandemic. For those who attended, organizers offered a show of music, juggling and dance that was supposed to replicate the experience of visiting a grassy Tokyo park — an experience that had been off-limits to athletes during the Games.

"In these difficult times, you gave the world the most precious of gifts: hope," International Olympic Committee President Thomas Bach told the athletes. "For the first time since the pandemic began, the entire world came together, sport returned to center stage, billions of people around the globe

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Skylar Diggins-Smith places a gold medal around the neck of teammate Sue Bird after the U.S. women's basketball team clinched its seventh consecutive Olympic title with a 90-75 victory over Japan on Sunday in Saitama, Japan. Bird and Diana Taurasi became the first basketball players to win five Olympic gold medals. **Sports, D1**

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Lower-paying fields reach a milestone: \$15 an hour

BY ANDREW VAN DAM
AND HEATHER LONG

The U.S. labor market hit a new milestone recently: For the first time, average pay in restaurants and supermarkets climbed above \$15 an hour. Wages have been rising rapidly as the economy reopens and businesses struggle to hire enough workers. Some of the biggest gains have gone to workers in some of the lowest-paying industries.

Overall, nearly 80 percent of U.S. workers now earn at least \$15

As hiring surges, grocery, restaurant workers are quickly reaping gains

an hour, up from 60 percent in 2014. Job sites and recruiting firms say many job seekers won't even consider jobs that pay less than \$15 anymore. For years, low-paid workers fought to make at least that much. Now it has effectively become the new baseline.

As competition for workers heats up, large employers are taking notice and bumping up starting pay. CVS said it will increase starting pay from \$11 to \$15 by next summer, joining other large employers such as Target, Best Buy, Costco and Disney. When major employers raise their wages, it pushes smaller competitors in the area to follow suit. Brandeis and Princeton researchers recently found. The overall effect has been one of the fastest periods of rising wages since the early 1980s for rank-

and-file workers and a clear spike from pre-pandemic trends. This higher pay is likely to be permanent as wages rarely fall once they move up.

Economists caution that a higher average wage is not the same as a \$15 minimum wage. Half of workers in these industries are still making below \$15 an hour. Nonetheless, rising pay is still a game-changer for millions of workers.

"It wouldn't be fair to call \$15 an hour the new minimum, but I

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Taliban fighters overrun 3 cities

SHARP ESCALATION IN PACE OF SEIZURES

Significant gains amid final phase of U.S. exit

BY SUSANNAH GEORGE

KABUL — Taliban fighters overran three major cities in the north of Afghanistan on Sunday, the most significant territorial gains the militants have netted in a single day since the withdrawal of U.S. forces entered its final phase this year.

In nearly simultaneous operations, the Taliban pushed into the center of Kunduz city and the capitals of Sar-e Pol and Takhar provinces. Afghan officials said clashes were continuing in Kunduz, and a major military operation was planned to retake the strategically important city that the militants had besieged for months.

The developments marked a sharp escalation in the pace of Taliban gains across Afghanistan. For months, Taliban fighters focused on taking control of districts and increasing pressure on urban areas, but that changed Friday when they overran provincial capitals for the first time since the withdrawal of foreign forces. The militants took a second city on Saturday, and by Sunday government-held territory in the north appeared

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Assassination probe in Haiti raises specter of repression

BY WIDLORE MÉRANCOURT,
SAMANTHA SCHMIDT
AND SHAWN BOURG

PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI — Nearly a month after the assassination of President Jovenel Moïse, none of the dozens of detained suspects have been taken to court. Some of the judges and clerks involved in investigating the killing have gone into hiding, fearing for their lives and claiming they faced pressure to tamper with reports.

Now — with the plot and motives still murky — many Haitians have begun to believe the authorities are also using the investigation as cover to crack down on political foes of the administration trying to keep power after gunmen killed Moïse on July 7.

A prosecutor for Port-au-Prince has issued arrest warrants against political opponents — high-profile evangelical pastors, a former justice minister and Moïse critics — who all say they had nothing to do with the assassination.

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Dixie Fire The Northern California wildfire has grown into the second-largest blaze in state history at more than 463,000 acres. **A5**

A shared fight The biracial sons of a Georgia spa shooting victim hope to unite Black and Asian communities in a push for equity. **A3**

THE NATION Public health officials are urging more businesses and local entities to enact mask and vaccine requirements. **A2**
An executive assistant who last week filed a criminal complaint accusing New York Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo of illegal sexual conduct has come forward publicly for a TV interview. **A5**

THE WORLD Cannabis sold legally in California is heading south illegally, dominating a booming boutique market in Mexico. **A8**
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Bobby Bowden, 91, coached Florida State into a football powerhouse. **B6**

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Secretary of State Antony Blinken delivers remarks on investing in infrastructure. **B1**

Job openings for June are expected to rise to 9.285 million. **B1**

TUESDAY

EPA Administrator Michael Regan and Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm participate in an online event to discuss the fight against climate change. **B1**

WEDNESDAY

Consumer prices for July are expected to rise 0.5 percent.
The Senate Judiciary Committee holds a hearing on pending nominations. **B1**

THURSDAY

Zambia holds its presidential election.
Jobless claims for the week ended Aug. 7 are estimated at 378,000.
Producer prices for July are expected to rise 0.6 percent. **B1**

FRIDAY

Export and import prices for July are expected to rise 0.8 percent and 0.6 percent, respectively. **B1**

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Safe harbor? Sen. Joe Manchin III's houseboat, the site of a recent coronavirus scare, has become a hot gathering spot for official Washington. **C1**

Canis robotus

Spot, produced by Boston Dynamics, is the \$74,500 dog of our dystopian dreams. **C1**

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Los 25 hits de los Juegos: figuras y decepciones en Tokio



INDEPENDIENTE SE QUEDÓ CON EL CLÁSICO Y ES DUEÑO DE LA PUNTA

—deportes

Garó 1 a 0 como local con gol de Silvio Romero y quedó puntero; fue un partido cargado de emociones, por la quinta fecha de la Liga Profesional. Deportes, página 5

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El Gobierno apuesta a que Lorenzetti presida otra vez la Corte

JUSTICIA. Así lo reconocieron tanto en la Casa Rosada como cerca de Cristina; pretenden que reemplace a Rosenkrantz, con quien no tienen diálogo

En el Gobierno reconocen que quieren que Ricardo Lorenzetti presida nuevamente la Corte Suprema en reemplazo de Carlos Rosenkrantz, que fue nombrado en el tribunal durante el gobierno de Mauricio Macri y resultó elegido por sus pares, en 2018, titular del cuerpo.

El kirchnerismo no tiene diálogo con el actual presidente de la Corte, en un contexto de tensión con la Justicia por las causas de corrupción que involucran a Cristina Kirchner y a exfuncionarios, muchas de las cuales dependen de recursos planteados ante el máximo tribunal.

La inclinación del oficialismo por Lorenzetti fue reconocida a LA NACION tanto en el sector del Frente de Todos como cerca de Cristina Kirchner como entre quienes se identifican con Alberto Fernández. Entre los jueces de la Corte

PRESUPUESTO

La Corte Suprema fijó en \$31.000 millones su presupuesto para 2022. Esto representa un 22% más que el año actual. Página 13

que pueden aspirar a la presidencia, en el Gobierno ven a Horacio Rosatti con desconfianza. A pesar de la pretensión del oficialismo, en la Corte Suprema aseguran que todavía no se discute internamente la sucesión de Rosenkrantz, quien a su vez reemplazó a Lorenzetti tres años atrás.

En las elecciones, el oficialismo apunta a aumentar su bancada en la Cámara de Diputados y a acceder así al número necesario para reformar la Justicia. Página 12

Messi

“Hice todo para quedarme”



BARCELONA.—Se fue. Lionel Messi se despidió de Barcelona y el mundo lo vio llorar. Aclaró que no era su deseo, que lo sorprendió la tan drástica decisión del club. Hoy lo esperan en París para ajustar su desembarco en PSG. Deportes

EL ESCENARIO

La difícil misión de vender futuro

Claudio Jacquelin

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Los sondeos iniciales sobre la opinión pública que ya están recibiendo los dirigentes y precandidatos de casi todas las fuerzas políticas ofrecen más motivos para la preocupación que para el entusiasmo. No se trata de las primeras encuestas de intención de voto circulantes tras la oficialización de las candidaturas, que constituyen más un entrenamiento o una herramienta para las operaciones políticas y para justificar aportes encubiertos, antes que una referencia certera o un insumo preciso para la toma de decisiones. Continúa en la página 15

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Mensagem de agradecimento durante a cerimônia de encerramento dos Jogos de Tóquio, realizados sob a ameaça da pandemia e sem público na maioria dos eventos. Antonio Brancic/Reuters

Pacote para reeleição de Bolsonaro já soma R\$ 67 bi

Entre as medidas para impulsionar a popularidade do presidente Jair Bolsonaro em 2022, estão isenção para o diesel (R\$ 26 bilhões), ampliação do Bolsa Família (R\$ 25 bilhões) e reajuste salarial para servidores (R\$ 5 bilhões), além da reforma tributária, que subtrai R\$ 7,7 bilhões de estados e municípios.

A escalada de despesas pressiona o Ministério da Economia. Mercado A13

PEC do Executivo cria Auxílio Brasil e muda precatório

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Poderes buscam conter tensões com voto impresso

Líderes do Congresso, integrantes do governo e ministros do Supremo e do TSE articulam para reduzir a tensão entre os Poderes após a análise do voto impresso na Câmara, que deve ocorrer amanhã. A expectativa é que o plenário da Casa derrube o texto, pelo qual Jair Bolsonaro tem obsessão. Poder A4

Ana Cristina Rosa O Brasil que vale ouro é resiliente e miscigenado

Opinião A2

Total de brasileiros que vivem em Portugal pode ser o dobro do oficial

Mundo A10

MEDALHAS

	1º	2º	3º	TOTAL
1ª EUA	39	41	33	113
2ª China	38	32	18	88
3ª Japão	27	14	17	58
4ª Grã Bretanha	22	21	22	65
5ª ROC	20	28	23	71
6ª Austrália	17	7	22	46
7ª Holanda	10	12	14	36
8ª França	10	12	11	33
9ª Alemanha	10	11	16	37
10ª Itália	10	10	20	40
11ª Canadá	7	6	11	24
12ª Brasil	7	6	8	21
13ª Nova Zelândia	7	6	7	20
14ª Cuba	7	3	5	15
15ª Hungria	6	7	7	20
16ª Coreia do Sul	6	4	10	20
17ª Polônia	4	5	5	14
18ª Rep. Tcheca	4	4	3	11
19ª Quênia	4	4	2	10
20ª Noruega	4	2	2	8

Mulheres avançam, e país tem recorde de medalhas

Brasil termina em 12º nos Jogos; pódios femininos sobem de 5, em 2016, para 9

tóquio 2020

A campanha brasileira nos Jogos de Tóquio terminou com resultados positivos. Com 21 medalhas, o país superou o recorde de 19 registrado em 2016, no Rio. Até então, só a Grã Bretanha havia conseguido uma melhora após sediar as Olimpíadas.

A evolução acompanhou a alta de 11% da quantidade total de premiações distribuídas. Foram 7 ouros, mesmo número de cinco anos atrás. O Brasil terminou na 12ª colocação, superando em uma posição o desempenho anterior. Os EUA ficaram em primeiro, a China, em segundo, e os anfitriões, em terceiro.

As mulheres foram decisivas para o recorde brasileiro. Dos 21 pódios com atletas do país, 9 vieram de disputas femininas, quase o dobro dos 5 de 2016. Os homens foram 1º, 2º ou 3º em 10,2% das competições que disputaram (12 em 118); já as desportistas tiveram aproveitamento de 11,3% (9 de 80).

A ginasta Rebeca Andrade persistiu após lesões que quase a tiraram das Olimpíadas e foi a única brasileira a sair com duas medalhas, um ouro e uma prata. A skatista Rayssa Leal se tornou, aos 13 anos, a medalhista mais nova que o Brasil já teve.

Na organização dos Jogos houve episódios de sexismo.

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ENTREVISTA DA 2ª Carla Di Pierro

'Estamos desconstruindo a imagem de herói'

Psicóloga do COB celebra Jogos de Tóquio como históricos por mostrarem que atletas desistem e são vulneráveis A12

População com 18 anos ou mais*

	ao menos uma dose	totalmente vacinada
Brasil	69,0%	28,3%
MS	84,1%	46,7%
RS	75,2%	35,9%
SP	82,0%	32,0%
Totalmente vacinada		



	1ª	2ª	única
Brasil	107,1 mi	41,6 mi	3,9 mi
1ª SP	28,4 mi	10,4 mi	1,1 mi
2ª MG	10,5 mi	4 mi	457,2 mil
3ª RJ	8,4 mi	3,4 mi	288,1 mil

Dados das 20h de 8 ago. *Ao menos uma dose; tomou dose única ou 1ª dose. Totalmente vacinada: tomou dose única ou 2ª dose. **Em relação a 14 dias.

EDITORIAIS A2

Foi bom

Acerca de Jogos Olímpicos e desempenho brasileiro.

Estímulo à vacina

Sobre medidas adotadas por governos e empresas.



MULHERES NEGRAS SE TORNAM MAIOR GRUPO NAS UNIVERSIDADES PÚBLICAS

Protagonistas de avanços educacionais mas discriminadas no mercado, mulheres como Stephanie Marinho, Larissa Rabelo, Bruna Vieira, Danielle Rosa e Larissa Alexandre, da Medicina-USP, são 27% dos alunos no ensino superior público Cotidiano B5

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- Empresarios afirman que se oponen a dialogar hasta que se acaben los cierres y la violencia
- Supermercadistas advierten sobre escasez y esperan que el Gobierno no permita los cortes

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Río Paraná. En Ayolas (foto) y otras zonas ribereñas los peces están expuestos a la depredación.

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Urge adelantar veda por bajante sin precedentes



Rifan recursos oficiales
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Abdo no logra tener un liderazgo fuerte ni zafarse de la corrupción

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annoncés
par le gouvernement
sur le passe sanitaire ?

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La France se met à l'heure du passe sanitaire

Le sésame s'impose désormais dans la vie quotidienne des Français. Professionnels et particuliers tentent de s'adapter bon gré mal gré, dans la crainte de tensions et d'incivilités.

Avec l'extension, ce lundi, du passe sanitaire, les Français doivent désormais montrer patte blanche pour accéder aux bars, restaurants, hôpitaux, à certains grands centres commerciaux de plus de

20 000 m² et pour monter dans un train, un avion ou un bus parcourant de longues distances. Les professionnels se sont résignés à cette nouvelle contrainte mais redoutent une baisse de leur chiffre d'affaires

et des problèmes avec les clients hostiles à ce dispositif. Face à la montée en puissance de la contestation dans la rue (237 000 manifestants samedi), le gouvernement a assoupli les contraintes. Un test de

dépistage négatif sera valide 72 heures et non plus 48 heures. La semaine qui s'ouvre servira de « rodage » pour ceux qui sont chargés des contrôles.

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Une étude du géographe
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par Jérôme Fourquet
et le cartographe Sylvain
Manternach. PAGES 6 ET 7



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Sur la route de Paris 2024,
les sports collectifs sauvent le
palmarès tricolore aux JO de Tokyo

Les handballeuses ont récolté la 33^e et dernière médaille pour le sport français, qui aura fait moins bien à Tokyo qu'à Rio ou à Pékin. Il lui reste trois ans pour rebondir avant son rendez-vous ultime : les Jeux de Paris 2024. PAGES 12 A 14

Climat :
le rapport
attendu
du Giec
ne devrait
guère inciter
à l'optimisme

Sauf en France, où les températures sont basses pour la saison, l'été 2021 sera, une fois de plus, parmi les plus chauds des vingt dernières années dans le monde. Publié ce lundi, le premier volet du rapport du Giec (Groupe d'experts sur le climat) n'a aucune chance d'être porteur d'une bonne surprise : le réchauffement climatique s'accélère. Et si les plans de relance ont tenu compte des objectifs climatiques, ils restent insuffisamment ambitieux pour faire face à l'urgence.

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ÉDITORIAL par Yves Thréard ythreard@lefigaro.fr

Un mal nécessaire

De quoi cette mobilisation est-elle le nom ? Au cœur des villes, grandes ou petites, elle enfle de semaine en semaine. Les piétons de la contestation sont un mélange d'antivaccins, d'anti-passe sanitaire, d'anti-QR Code, d'anti-Macron, d'anti-État, etc. L'usage du préfixe « anti » est aussi commode que réducteur, car nul ne sait dessiner d'eux un profil exact et définitif. À leurs côtés, en embuscade, plus ou moins loin, se tiennent quelques visages et voix connus. La présidentielle est dans toutes les têtes...

La France serait-elle à la veille de quelque chose ? Elle se sait imprévisible, éruptive. Elle convoque son histoire, ancienne ou récente, des « bonnets rouges » aux « gilets jaunes », sans oublier les violentes jacqueries qui ont accompagné la peste noire du milieu du XIV^e siècle.

En plein été, il est en effet curieux de voir autant de gens se précipiter dans les cortèges. Les manifestants sont certes infiniment moins nombreux que ceux qui se plient aux injonctions des autorités et à la vaccination. Certains de leurs détracteurs estiment même que l'effet loupe donné par les médias leur

confère une importance démesurée. Peut-être, mais le mouvement est réel. Il ne faillit pas, au contraire. Il est le signe incontestable de fractures, d'une défiance qu'il serait osé de négliger.

Tout le monde ne veut pas jouer le jeu, et l'affaire pourrait se corser davantage à partir de ce lundi, avec l'entrée en vigueur généralisée du passe sanitaire.

La vie de tous les jours des tenants du front du refus va se compliquer

nant, la vie de tous les jours des tenants du front du refus va se compliquer. Face à eux, le gouvernement, qui vient de décréter quelques assouplissements, n'a pas d'autre choix que d'expliquer et d'expliquer encore que ce passe sanitaire est un mal nécessaire si la France veut éviter un nouveau confinement. ■

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'Almost out of time': stark warning from scientists on climate disaster

On eve of IPCC report, call for action on a crisis 'playing out in real time'

Fiona Harvey
Environment correspondent

The fires, floods and extreme weather seen around the world in recent months are just a foretaste of what can be expected if global heating takes hold, scientists say,

as the world's leading authority on climate change prepares to warn of an imminent and dire risk to the global climate system.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change will today publish a landmark report, the most comprehensive assessment yet, less than three months before vital UN talks that will determine the future course of life on Earth.

Policymakers have already previewed the findings, finalised on Saturday night, which have been the subject of an intense two weeks

of online discussion from experts around the world, and represent eight years of work from leading scientists.

Doug Parr, policy director at Greenpeace UK, said governments must take heed of the warnings. "Practical, funded and deliverable plans [by governments] to keep us below the supposedly safe limits [of heating] are almost non-existent. Urgent climate action was needed decades ago - now we're almost out of time."

"The UK government has a huge responsibility as host of the UN climate talks to ensure world leaders

'If emissions continue to rise, increasingly severe impacts occur'

Simon Lewis
University College London

sign up to policies that not just put the brakes on the climate crisis, but slam it into reverse."

The IPCC, made up of hundreds of the world's foremost climate

scientists, publishes comprehensive assessments roughly every seven years, with this report the sixth since 1988. This one will be different, however: previous work has shown that the 2020s are a crucial decade, in which greenhouse gas emissions must be halved in order to limit heating to 1.5C above pre-industrial levels, established by previous IPCC reports as the threshold of safety, and the lower of two goals in the 2015 Paris agreement.

Michael Mann, distinguished professor of Earth



Team GB's Olympics hailed as 'miracle of Tokyo'

Sean Ingle
Tokyo

Team GB's trailblazing performance in Tokyo has been hailed as "the greatest achievement in British Olympic history" after the young team matched the tally of medals from London 2012 on the final day.

With Jason Kenny successfully defending his keirin title to become the first Briton to win seven Olympic gold medals, and the boxer Lauren Price winning middleweight gold, the British team ended fourth in the medal table with 65 overall - 22 of them gold.

While that was behind the United States, who



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Jason Kenny, Britain's most decorated Olympian, after winning gold yesterday, with his wife Laura, Britain's most decorated female Olympian. Far left: Team GB boxer Lauren Price, who also won gold

