

What's News

Business & Finance

The FAA is launching a broad review of how Boeing employees handle safety matters on the agency's behalf after some company engineers said they face undue pressure, according to an agency letter and people familiar with the matter. **B1**

◆ **Branson's Virgin Orbit** said Boeing will invest in the satellite-launching startup's planned \$3.2 billion SPAC listing later this year. **B3**

◆ **U.S. factories and service providers** reported sharply slower growth in August, the forecasting firm IHS Markit said in surveys that showed the Delta variant of the coronavirus is harming the economy. **A3**

◆ **The U.S. housing market** remained strong in July, with sales of previously owned homes rising at a faster pace than the prior month as high prices prompted owners to put more properties on the market. **A3**

◆ **Intel said it would provide commercial foundry services** in the first phase of a broader Pentagon program that aims to build up domestic design and production of cutting-edge chips. **B1**

◆ **The Nasdaq rose 1.5%** to close at a record. The S&P 500 and Dow gained 0.85% and 0.6%, respectively. **B9**

◆ **Tesla CEO Musk** planned a pilot version of an advanced driver-assistance feature the electric-vehicle maker is developing. **B1**

◆ **Mayim Bialik** will temporarily host "Jeopardy!," taking over Mike Richards's spot after he stepped down from the role. **B2**

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◆ **With logistics and conditions** at Kabul's international airport growing more dire, the Biden administration on Tuesday is scheduled to discuss with allies a withdrawal from Afghanistan beyond an Aug. 31 deadline that left just eight days to evacuate thousands of people. **A1**

◆ **Afghanistan's new Taliban rulers** are grappling with the threat of an economic collapse that could fuel challenges to their rule and has put pressure on them to share power. **A1**

◆ **The FDA gave full approval** for use of the Covid-19 vaccine from Pfizer and partner BioNTech, a move quickly followed by announcements from the Pentagon, the New York City school district and others that they would begin requiring vaccinations. **A1, A2**

◆ **China's anticorruption watchdog** is investigating top government officials in the eastern Chinese city of Hangzhou, where Alibaba and Ant are based. **A9**

◆ **Crime, gangs and mob violence** are disrupting efforts to deliver food and medical aid to Haitians following the Aug. 14 earthquake. **A8**

◆ **The police officer** who shot and killed Ashli Babbitt during the Jan. 6 riot at the Capitol won't face discipline after an internal investigation cleared him of any wrongdoing. **A3**

◆ **Crews worked to restore power** across Rhode Island and forecasters warned of heavy rain and flash floods as Henri weakened while moving east. **A3**

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Passengers evacuated from Afghanistan arriving at Dulles International Airport near Washington, D.C., on Monday.

Afghanistan Crisis Smolders With Eight Days to Deadline

By Vivian Salama and Nancy A. Youssef

With logistics and conditions at Kabul's international airport growing more dire, the Biden administration on Tuesday is scheduled to discuss with allies a withdrawal from Afghanistan beyond an Aug. 31 deadline that left just eight days to evacuate thousands of people.

Compounding the problem are the challenges borne of the more rapid-than-expected Taliban takeover. The State Department doesn't know exactly how many Americans are left on the ground, although some have estimated that between 10,000 and 15,000 were there

when the evacuations began, several U.S. officials said. President Biden on Tuesday will meet virtually with the leaders of the Group of Seven leading nations to discuss coordination and evacuation plans, as well as the need for humanitarian assistance for Afghan refugees. On Sunday, Mr. Biden said he and his mili-

tary advisers were discussing extending the Aug. 31 withdrawal deadline. In response, the Taliban, through direct talks with the U.S. in Kabul, said it wouldn't recognize any extension, nor. *Please turn to page A7*

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Crumbling Economy Pressures Taliban

By Yaroslav Trofimov

No longer facing serious military opposition, Afghanistan's new Taliban rulers are grappling with a new threat: an economic collapse that could fuel challenges to their rule and has put pressure on them to share power.

mate government of Afghanistan since President Ashraf Ghani and most ministers escaped Kabul on Aug. 15. In the eight days since then, the banks and money exchanges remain shut and prices for basic commodities surged. Economic activity ground to a halt. "People have money, but it's



A roadside vendor waiting for customers in Kabul on Monday.

Crypto's Surge Puts Regulators On Alert

The cryptocurrency industry is getting so big and enabling so much risk-taking that governments around the globe are taking notice.

By Dave Michaels, Caitlin Ostriff and Elaine Yu

Bitcoin traded above \$50,000 Monday; its total value now exceeds \$900 billion, more than all but a handful of companies. Digital currencies called stablecoins, designed to mimic the value of the U.S. dollar, grease ever more trading and issuance. Giant crypto exchanges in Asia offer 100-to-1 leverage, often serving traders in countries where their products aren't legal.

After years of relative inattention, regulators and lawmakers are scrambling to catch up—but it won't be easy. They aim to rein in a rebellious industry that has adopted the tech world's blueprint for aggressively deploying new products to quickly amass users—while often leaving regulatory compliance as an afterthought.

Some of the largest crypto firms are under increasing pressure. In recent weeks, Binance, the world's biggest crypto exchange, was barred from or warned about offering certain crypto investments in the U.K., Italy, Germany, the Netherlands. *Please turn to page A4*

◆ Bitcoin prices top \$50,000 for first time since May... B9

Inflation Spike Challenges Fed Chairman

Economic recovery, complicated by Delta variant, could hinge on Jerome Powell's strategy

By Nick Timiraos and Paul Kiernan

After a decade of low growth and inflation, Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell unveiled a new strategy a year ago in which the central bank would keep interest rates lower for longer.

Reality has dealt Mr. Powell a different and unexpected challenge: the biggest inflation spike in decades. Consumer prices rose 5.4% in July from a year earlier.

Mr. Powell heads into the Kansas City Fed's annual conference this week at the center of the debate over how long the currently higher inflation will last, and what the Fed should do about it.

He is managing internal disagreement and weathering external criticism, with economic recovery thrown into renewed turmoil by the rise of the Delta variant.

Some central bank officials expect the recent price surges to reverse on their

own, allowing the Fed to stick to the approach Mr. Powell outlined a year ago, intended to generate inflation slightly above 2%. Others see dangers that high inflation will persist, requiring the central bank to consider raising interest rates sooner or more aggressively than they had anticipated to force it down.

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Instagram Stars Make Farm Life Look Delightful—Minus the Manure

Photos feature fresh eggs, rodeo shirts; 'I show the good, the bad, but not the ugly'

By Rory Satran

Hannah Neeleman, a rancher and entrepreneur in Kamas, Utah, has found a following on social media for her rural life with her husband and six rosy-cheeked children.



Farm fresh

The reigning Mrs. Utah and Juilliard-trained ballerina posts photos of dancing in the barn in cowboy boots; cooking on "Agnes," her hunter-green Aga stove; and milking cows at dusk, all in support of the family's Ballerina Farm brand, which includes an e-commerce site that sells meat as well as sundries like cute sweatshirts. What doesn't make the cut:

expeditions the family makes to 7-Eleven for hot dogs when farm life inevitably gets too busy for a home-cooked meal. "I'm not sharing that, but we do it," said Ms. Neeleman, who has over 200,000 followers on Instagram. "We do get Slurpees occasionally."

Ms. Neeleman and other creators of farming-lifestyle content are part of the rise of "farm-fluencers," a social-media subculture devoted to portraying a bucolic vision of farm life. The result appears to be a charming, rustic dream. Reality is sometimes different. "I show the good, the bad, but not the ugly," Ms. Neeleman said. *Please turn to page A10*

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Smoke alarm Green protest targets London

Climate change protesters from the Extinction Rebellion movement gather in central London yesterday before blocking a junction in Covent Garden with a 4 metre-tall pink table.

The group said it intended to keep the structure in place during a fortnight of disruption. The action is intended to ensure climate change tops the political agenda in the run-up to the UK's hosting of the COP26 summit in Glasgow this year.

The international scope of the protest was underlined as more than 150 demonstrators blocked access to Norway's energy ministry, with one demonstrator saying "peaceful civil disobedience" was the only option. "We are desperate."

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Biden squeezed between allies and Taliban over evacuation deadline

● UK and France to push for extension at G7 ● New regime in Kabul likely to refuse

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Joe Biden will come under pressure today from western allies who want the US-led evacuation from Afghanistan extended beyond August 31, while facing the humiliating prospect that the Taliban may veto the idea.

At an emergency G7 meeting the US president will hear calls from allies including Boris Johnson, UK prime minister, and Emmanuel Macron, French president, to negotiate with the Taliban for an extension.

But the move exposes the fragility of the west's position in Afghanistan, as the leading democracies in effect plead with the Taliban to allow them to carry on their evacuation for a few more days.

Suhail shahen, a Taliban spokesman, told the Financial Times that US and other foreign troops at Kabul airport must withdraw in line with the timeline set by the Biden administration.

"Otherwise, it will be a violation," he said. "Our leadership will take a decision [on how] to react to the violation."

James Heap, UK defence minister, admitted the Taliban had "a vote" on whether to allow the evacuation to carry on from Kabul airport into September.

He said forcing a confrontation with the new regime in Kabul could be hugely counter-productive and that carrying out an evacuation from "a war zone" would make the west's task even harder.

"Even if the political will in London, Washington, Paris, Berlin is for an extension, the Taliban may say no," he

told the UK's LBC Radio. Biden is currently sticking to the original August 31 deadline — thus avoiding the potential humiliation of a Taliban "veto" on an extension — but has left open the door for requesting more time.

Pentagon spokesman John Kirby said that Lloyd Austin, defence secretary, was working to that deadline and had not asked the president for it to be extended, but he did not rule it out. Johnson, current G7 chair, will argue at a virtual meeting that the more time the west has to evacuate civilians — including Afghans who backed the Nato mission — the more it can get out.

Jean-Yves Le Drian, France's foreign minister, said: "We are concerned about the August 31 deadline set by the United States. More time is needed..." But the



Joe Biden will face calls from Emmanuel Macron and Boris Johnson to negotiate with the Taliban for a delay to the end of the airlift mission

west is still rushing against the deadline. The US military reported its biggest day of airlifts by far yesterday, with 28 US flights taking out more than 10,000 people out in 24 hours.

Johnson will urge G7 leaders to increase their offer of aid to ease the refugee crisis, with Britain committing up to £286m of humanitarian assistance.

The money will be spent in the region — including third countries that will be asked to process Afghan refugees seeking to travel to the west under resettlement programmes. The UK has promised to take 20,000 over five years, accepting many people will have to leave via countries like Pakistan.

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Millions of US gig workers will be left struggling financially when relief programmes to help them through the pandemic expire at the beginning of next month. — PAGE 4

► **China tech groups feel rising pressure**
Beijing has intensified an anti-corruption drive, warning officials in Hangzhou, where tech groups including Alibaba are based, to address "conflicts of interest" in ties with local businesses. — PAGE 4

► **Chemicals trader sued over Beirut blast**
A UK-registered chemicals company is being sued at the High Court in London over its alleged role in the huge explosion at Beirut's port last year that killed more than 200 people. — PAGE 4

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The growing reliance of Belarus leader Alexander Lukashenko on Vladimir Putin in the face of western sanctions is both an opportunity and a risk for the Russian president. — PAGE 2



► **BioNTech/Pfizer jab given full approval**
The BioNTech/Pfizer vaccine has become the first Covid-19 jab to receive full approval from the US Food and Drug Administration, having been given emergency-use authorisation in December. — PAGE 5

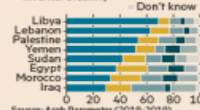
► **Boeing boosts Virgin satellite company**
Boeing is to invest in Richard Branson's Virgin Orbit satellite launch group when it lists in a merger with a special purpose acquisition company at a value of more than \$3bn. — PAGE 5

► **Air taxi investment soars to fresh high**
Investors put a record \$4.3bn into electric air taxi start-ups in the first eight months of this year as funding for air mobility technology, including drones, has soared 83 per cent in five years. — PAGE 6

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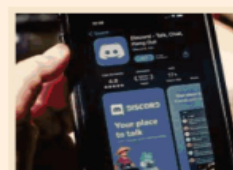
Views on aid from the US

% of respondents
 ■ Gaining influence
 ■ Economic development
 ■ Internal stability
 ■ Empowering civil society
 ■ Improving citizens' lives
 ■ Don't know



Source: Arab Barometer (2018-2019)

Since 1946, the US has sent about \$540bn in aid to the Middle East and north Africa for military, humanitarian and developmental purposes. But only 18 per cent of citizens believe the main motive was economic development.



Discord seeks harmony around a \$15bn valuation

Discord, the gaming focused chat platform, has rebuffed multibillion-dollar takeover offers from tech groups including Microsoft, Twitter and Amazon, and is reportedly putting together a funding round valuing the business at \$15bn. As founder Jason Citron seeks to expand its appeal to a mass audience and eyes a potential listing, he must also contend with the challenge of malicious content and growing attention from regulators.

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Brisk expansion in business activity shows eurozone 'firing on all cylinders'

VALENTINA ROMEO — LONDON

Eurozone business activity recorded a second consecutive month of strong expansion in August, suggesting that the bloc is on course for healthy third-quarter growth, according to economists.

The IHS Markit flash composite purchasing managers' index reached 59.5, down slightly from its 15-year high of 60.2 in July. A reading above the 50 mark indicates a majority of businesses reported an expansion in activity compared with the previous month.

Rising vaccination rates boosted optimism, which was near its highest level since the survey began in 2012. The survey also recorded strong hiring activity and rapid increases in input costs as manufacturing continues to grapple with supply chain disruption.

Chris Williamson, chief business economist at IHS Markit, said the eurozone economy had enjoyed "impressive momentum".

Bert Collin, senior economist at ING bank, said it was "firing on all cylinders" and forecast quarterly growth of about 2 per cent in the three months to September — the same strong pace as the second quarter.

"Concerns about the impact of the Delta (coronavirus) variant and input shortages remain but have not derailed the rebound thus far," he said. Services activity remained "exceptionally strong" and "employment is booming as the reopening of the economy means demand for workers", he added.

Employment growth remained at a 21-year high for the second month in a row as businesses increased staffing to meet expanding order books. Manufac-

turing businesses logged some labour shortages but hiring accelerated in the services sector.

Businesses' costs and prices rose at some of the fastest rates for 20 years, driven by input shortages and booming demand. Despite the supply-side pressures, Williamson said there were "welcome signs that these inflationary pressures may have peaked for now".

Jack Allen-Reynolds, senior Europe economist at Capital Economics, forecast that inflation would "jump in August and remain above [the European Central Bank's] target in the second half of the year".

Eurozone optimism contrasted with more downbeat sentiment in the UK, where the flash PMI figure dropped to 55.3 in August from 59.2 in July, under-shooting analysts' expectations and sinking to a six-month low.

World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				INTEREST RATES			
	Aug 23	prev	%chg		Aug 23	prev	%chg		price	yield	chg
S&P 500	4495.31	4441.87	0.98	\$ per €	1.174	1.188	-0.725	US Gov 10 yr	148.95	1.25	0.01
Nasdaq Composite	14835.02	14714.86	1.50	\$ per £	1.372	1.362	0.735	UK Gov 10 yr		0.54	0.01
Dow Jones Ind	35390.45	35120.08	0.74	€ per ¥	0.096	0.096		Ger Gov 10 yr	117.28	0.01	0.01
FTSE100	1819.47	1807.45	0.87	¥ per \$	109.745	109.895	-0.140	Jpn Gov 10 yr	116.28	1.87	0.00
Euro Stoxx 50	4182.42	4147.50	0.84	¥ per €	150.558	149.500	0.702	US Gov 2 yr	105.80	-0.75	0.01
FTSE MIB	7109.02	7087.90	0.30	Sfr per €	1.072	1.072					
FTSE All-Share	4092.12	4082.53	0.23	€ per \$	0.852	0.856	-0.475				
CAC 40	6983.10	6926.11	0.86								
Xetra Dax	15852.79	15808.04	0.28								
Nikkei	27494.24	27013.25	1.78								
Hang Seng	25109.59	24848.72	1.05								
MSCI World	3080.02	3063.22	0.55								
MSCI EM	1220.78	1232.41	-0.94								
MSCI ACWI	722.56	719.88	0.38								

COMMODITIES			
	Aug 23	prev	%chg
Oil WTI	85.66	82.14	5.70
Oil Brent	86.70	85.18	5.40
Gold	1778.05	1782.05	-0.17

FIXED INCOME			
	price	prev	chg
Fed Funds Eff	0.10	0.08	0.02
US 3m Bill	0.05	0.06	-0.01
US 10m T-bill	-0.56	-0.56	0.00
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An Afghan family in Turkey. The family crossed illegally from Iran and was sent back. Thousands of Afghans have met a similar fate.

Taliban Demand August Pullout As the U.S. Rushes to Evacuate

By MARK LANDLER and MEGAN K. STACK

As a desperate U.S. effort to evacuate Americans from Afghanistan gained momentum on Monday, Taliban leaders rejected a suggestion from President Biden that American forces might remain past an Aug. 31 deadline to complete the operation, injecting fresh urgency into an already frantic process.

American officials are increasingly worried that even with the vast number of Afghans, Americans and people of other nationalities evacuated in recent days — a total of about 10,400 people in the 24 hours from Sunday to Monday alone, according to the White House — many still remain to be rescued. In recent days, that operation has increasingly focused on the Americans still left, over the Afghans who worked with the United States.

On Monday, a State Department official said that some former Afghan military interpreters or other close U.S. allies, a designated priority group for evacuations, were being turned away from the airport by American officials in order to give priority to U.S. passport and Green Card holders in recent days. The official was not authorized to brief the press, and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The official's account was supported by interviews with Afghans who have approached the airport in recent days, and with American veterans' groups and other organizations that have tried to organize evacuations for interpreters and other Afghans at risk from the Taliban.

On Monday night, the State Department said that the Taliban had taken

A 1,400-Mile Trek to Turkey Only to Be Told to Turn Back

By CARLOTTA GALL

VAN, Turkey — In the days before the Taliban took Kabul, an Afghan woman was doubled over sobbing on a bench in a bus station in eastern Turkey, her children wailing at her feet.

Fourteen Turkish security and migration officials swooped down on her and other Afghan asylum seekers as our reporting team was interviewing them, part of an intensive crackdown by Turkey to apprehend Afghans crossing from Iran by the thousands and to prevent journalists from reporting on their plight. As her husband tried to gather their belongings, the woman clutched her stomach and retched. After prolonged questioning, they were escorted to a police vehicle.

"We came out of despair," another Afghan, Gul Ahmad, 17, said. "We knew if the Taliban had taken

over they would kill us — either in fighting or they would recruit us. So this was the better option for the family."

Even before the past week's harrowing scenes of Afghans thronging the Kabul airport to escape the Taliban, many thousands had been steadily fleeing their country over land, making their way some 1,400 miles across the length of Iran to the Turkish border. Their own desperate efforts to escape the Taliban have played out in quieter, though no less painful, tableaux at remote border crossings like the one in the eastern city of Van.

In recent months, as the NATO-led mission in Afghanistan was collapsing, 30,000 Afghans were leaving Afghanistan every week, not all but many across the Iranian

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MANDATES ON WAY AS PFIZER VACCINE GETS FULL U.S. NOD

F.D.A. Approval Paves Way for Colleges, Hospitals and Corporations to Act

By SHARON LaFRANIERE and NOAH WEILAND

WASHINGTON — The Food and Drug Administration on Monday granted full approval to Pfizer-BioNTech's coronavirus vaccine for people 16 and older, a decision that is likely to set off a cascade of vaccine requirements by hospitals, colleges and universities, corporations and other organizations.

Within hours, the Pentagon, CVS, the State University of New York system and the New York City school system, among others, announced that they would enforce mandates they had prepared but made contingent on the F.D.A.'s action.

The approval came as the nation's fight against the pandemic has intensified again, with the highly infectious Delta variant biting deeply into the progress that the country had made over the first half of the year. The Biden administration hopes the development will motivate at least some of the roughly 85 million Americans who are eligible for shots but have so far rejected them to change their minds.

The regulatory move goes a step beyond the emergency use authorization that the agency granted in December. More than 92 million people have already been fully vaccinated since then with Pfizer doses. Some who have rejected the vaccines, expressing

fears that they are experimental, have said they wanted to wait until the agency spent more time studying their safety and fully approved them.

In a roughly 10-minute address on the approval, President Biden said it should sweep away any lingering doubts about vaccines and spur more mandates. Appealing to corporate, state and local leaders, he said: "Do what I did last month. Require your employees to get vaccinated or face strict requirements." In late July, he announced that all federal employees and on-site contractors must be vaccinated against the virus or be required to submit to regular testing and other measures.

Mr. Biden tried to cast the F.D.A. approval as an example of how his administration was making headway against the pandemic, despite overflowing intensive care units in some states and an average of more than 1,000 lives a day lost. He said the death toll, while rising, was still far lower than it was last winter, because more than nine in 10 older Americans are now vaccinated.

With the F.D.A. yet to authorize a vaccine even on an emergency basis for children under 16, Mr. Biden also tried to reassure anxious parents about the growing number of children who are getting in-

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REQUIREMENT In a shift, Mayor Bill de Blasio of New York will order all Department of Education employees to be vaccinated. PAGE A12

Holmes Legacy Haunts Women Atop Start-Ups

By ERIN GRIFFITH

SAN FRANCISCO — When Alice Zhang set out in 2018 to raise funding for her drug discovery start-up, investors kept asking her about Theranos, the blood testing start-up led by the entrepreneur Elizabeth Holmes that had collapsed in scandal.

Others asked, too. At a Stanford University event, the organizers wanted Ms. Zhang to talk about Theranos. One adviser told her that when her start-up came up in conversation, people responded by cracking jokes about Ms. Holmes.

Ms. Zhang was initially confused. Her start-up, Verge Genomics, uses artificial intelligence to aid the discovery of therapeutic drugs. That was completely different from Theranos's business of marketing blood testing machines as a diagnostic tool. Ms. Holmes had also been accused of criminal fraud. Ms. Zhang had not.

But the pattern was clear. When Verge Genomics raised funding later that year, a prominent industry columnist wrote an article that compared Ms. Zhang to Ms. Holmes. Although the comparisons dissipated as her start-up has grown, Ms. Zhang, 32, said she hears the same stories from other female founders today, even though "I could see no similarity besides the fact that we're both women in the hard-science space."

A generation of female entrepreneurs — particularly those in life sciences, biotechnology and health care — is still operating in the shadow of Ms. Holmes. Though Theranos shut down in 2018, Ms. Holmes continues to

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Kathy Hochul was to be sworn in as governor early Tuesday.

Cuomo Defiant And All Alone In Final Hours

By LUIS FERRÉ-SADURNÍ and KATIE GLUECK

On his last day in office, Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo of New York, a three-term Democrat once envisioned as a national standard-bearer for his party, appeared alone.

Abandoned by virtually every political ally he once had, the governor held no public event on Monday, confining his lone appearance to a prerecorded farewell address where he defiantly cast his resignation as the unavoidable outcome of a rush to judgment on sexual harassment allegations made against him.

Mr. Cuomo, seated by himself and staring into a camera, characterized a damning 165-page report by the state attorney general's office as a "political firecracker on an explosive topic," forcing his resignation and clearing the way for his lieutenant governor, Kathy Hochul, to succeed him.

Ms. Hochul takes over as governor on Tuesday, becoming the first

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Tennesseans in Anguish as Flood Tears Homes and Friends Away

This article is by Rick Rojas, Winston Choi-Schagrin and Turiro Mzeeewa.

WAVERLY, Tenn. — With floodwaters rising rapidly, 15-year-old Lily Bryant and her older sister managed to find some wooden debris to cling to, but it offered only short-term relief. The makeshift raft hit a tree and split in two.

"Lily went one way and her sister went the other way, and no one has seen her since," said Tarry Lynn Gillinger Holderman, Lily's aunt. "She was washed away because the current was so strong."

Lily's sister, Kailynne, 19, made it to safety; Lily is missing.

Kailynne, Ms. Holderman said, is devastated. "She blames herself."

The scale of the destruction from the weekend's storm in Tennessee came into grim relief on Monday, as emergency workers and those who escaped the worst spent the day searching for loved ones. At least 21 people were confirmed dead and about 10 others remained missing, officials said, in catastrophic flash flooding that climate scientists warned would become only more common.

"This is exactly the type of event we expect to see with increasing frequency in a warming climate," said Gary Lackmann, a professor of atmospheric science at North Carolina State University.

The Tennessee disaster came



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Some Middle Tennessee residents were bewildered at the disaster's scope and still tallying its toll.

just days after at least five people were killed in flash floods in North Carolina in the wake of Tropical Depression Fred. Extraordinary floods in Germany, which sent water crashing through the streets in July, caused widespread devastation.

Some scientists caution, however, that it can be difficult to determine whether climate change is the driving force behind any individual flood or is responsible for making it more catastrophic, including this week in Tennessee.

Flooding is a result both of heavy rainfall and of the way water is managed — through dams, levees or retention ponds — as well as a landscape's hydrology, the way

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More than 20 members of the far-right group face charges tied to Jan. 6, but members have mobilized again. PAGE A8

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Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo commuted the sentence of David Gilbert, a participant in the infamous 1981 robbery. PAGE A9

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Quiet Shift on Temple Mount

Jews who pray at the mount say they are exercising their right to free worship. But the change upsets a deal aimed at avoiding conflict. PAGE A4

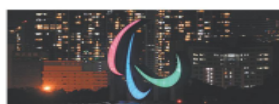
Warmer Europe, Worse Floods

Climate change increases the likelihood of downpours like the ones in Germany and Belgium, scientists say. PAGE A4

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Online classes helped many students with disabilities get an education. They want the option to continue. PAGE D1



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He Was Simply Mr. Ranger

Rod Gilbert, who spent 18 seasons with the team and is still its only player with over 400 goals, died at 80. PAGE B8

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An exhibition that places 78 fiberglass cows throughout New York City may be scaled down from 21 years ago, but it is still delighting passers-by. PAGE C5



U.S. has ramped up exit mission

American forces are in Kabul to escort evacuees to the city's airport. Taliban won't yield on the deadline.

BY NABIH BULOS

KABUL, Afghanistan — Amid chaos and violence at the Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul, U.S. forces have begun conducting missions into the city to ramp up a massive evacuation effort and escort stranded Americans and their Afghan allies to the perimeter of the airfield.

The Pentagon announced Monday that the campaign had accelerated significantly, with 16,000 people transported out of the country in the previous 24 hours — far beyond its earlier goal of 9,000 a day.

In all, 42,000 people have been evacuated since the end of July, including "several thousand" U.S. citizens. With President Biden under growing domestic and international pressure to extend the Aug. 31 deadline he set for U.S. and NATO troop withdrawal from Afghanistan, the situation has grown increasingly tense.

Security at the airport's perimeter is being handled by the Taliban and remnants of the U.S.-trained Afghan security forces that collapsed as the militant group seized power.

Crowd control at times has amounted to a stream of haphazardly fired bullets as thousands of people, choking on the dust and the heat, frantically try to reach the tarmac. Some have been crushed to death in the stampede.

A North Atlantic Treaty Organization official told Reuters on Sunday that at least 20 people had died — seven of them that Sunday.

On Monday before dawn, a firefight flared up at the periphery of the airport between Afghan forces and unknown attackers, leaving one soldier dead and at least three others wounded.

A statement from U.S. Central Command spokesman Navy Capt. William Urban said no U.S. or coalition forces were hurt in what he described as a "brief exchange of gunfire outside the north gate of Hamid Karzai International Airport."

"The incident appeared to begin when an unknown hostile actor fired upon Afghan security forces involved in monitoring access to the gate," he said. "The Afghans returned fire, and in keeping with their right of self-defense, so too did U.S. and coalition troops."

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Tennessee flood survivors recall terrifying day

With water up to her neck and her brother clinging to a tree, one woman held on to her front door — and she can't swim. **NATION, A5**

Volunteers tally 1,893 virus cases in L.A. Unified

Parent-teacher group sifts through district's reporting dashboard to distill data for the last week. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

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Low clouds, then sun. L.A. Basin: 82/63. **B6**

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SHOPPERS IN BURQAS examine merchandise Sunday in the women's area of the Lycee Maryam bazaar in Kabul, Afghanistan. The garment, mandatory under previous Taliban rule, became a symbol of oppression.

Photographs by MARCUS YAM Los Angeles Times

Burqa: Sartorial barometer of change

Sales temporarily rose in Kabul's bazaars. But the Taliban's decrees aren't entirely clear.

BY MARCUS YAM

KABUL, Afghanistan — In the old days — just over a week ago — the burqa sellers of Kabul were doing a less-than-booming business.

But then the Taliban came to town.

Fahruddin Saib Zada used to sell about a dozen a day of the all-enveloping garments, usually in the familiar sky-blue, although they're available in a range of colors. But in the first two



A SHOPKEEPER shows his wares. Some said burqa sales rose last week after the Taliban takeover.

days after the insurgent takeover of the capital on Aug. 15, his sales jumped to 40 a day.

When the Taliban last ruled Afghanistan, a five-year reign that came to a close in 2001, women risked being whipped by Taliban enforcers if they dared venture out without donning a burqa, the full-body, full-face covering whose mesh eyepiece offers the viewer a blinkered, straitened view of the world.

To a watching world, the garment became an emblem of Afghan women's subjugation under Taliban rule. But even once the movement was driven from power, the burqa never went away, es-

[See Burqa, A3]

'A PERSONAL ISSUE': Military veterans in Congress seek answers on messy Afghanistan exit. **WORLD, A7**

Big donations to Newsom raise concern

BY PHIL WILLON

SACRAMENTO — The campaign to recall Gov. Gavin Newsom has turned into a money magnet — for Gov. Gavin Newsom.

Newsom's anti-recall campaign raked in more money in its first five months — \$54 million — than the \$50.2 million his 2018 gubernatorial campaign raised over four years.

Most of the money came in six- or seven-figure donations from longtime Democratic financial backers, including government employee and trade unions, as well as people and interest groups that stand to gain from a relationship with California's governor. Even allies of the governor have expressed concern about the amount of money flooding in.

Netflix co-Chief Execu-

tive Reed Hastings, a major supporter of charter schools, topped the list of individual donors with \$3 million. The California Teachers Assn., which has clashed with charter school advocates for years, gave \$1.8 million.

The Service Employees International Union and its local affiliates, which together represent about 700,000 members, including government employees, do-

nated a combined \$5.5 million to Newsom's anti-recall campaign. Others in the \$1-million-and-up club include associations representing California Realtors, home builders and Democratic governors.

Republican political consultant Rob Stutzman said the political calculus for writing big checks to Newsom's anti-recall committee is easy to understand.

[See Newsom, A7]

Biden gets a boost from FDA

Federal regulators give full approval to Pfizer vaccine as the president's ratings dip amid COVID surge.

BY CHRIS MEGIERIAN AND ELI STOKOLS

WASHINGTON — The battle against COVID-19 passed a regulatory milestone Monday when the Food and Drug Administration granted full approval to Pfizer's vaccine, a decision that could boost President Biden's effort to control the pandemic.

Public health experts hope that full approval persuades more Americans to get their shots, strengthening protection against the coronavirus at a time when hospitals are swelling with unvaccinated patients who have contracted the more contagious Delta variant. A recent Kaiser Family Foundation poll found that 33% of unvaccinated Americans said they would be more likely to get a vaccine fully approved by the FDA.

Calling the FDA's announcement "an important moment in our fight against the pandemic," Biden directed his message from the White House to the vaccine-hesitant.

"The moment you've been waiting for is here," he said. "It's time for you to go and get your vaccination and get it today," he said, adding, "there is no time to waste."

"As I've said before, this is a pandemic of the unvaccinated," Biden continued. "It's a tragedy that's preventable. People are dying [See Vaccine, A6]

Vaccine approval may ease concerns

Experts hope the FDA action will improve vaccination rates. **NATION, A6**

Breakthrough infections rise

Of the vaccinated, adults 18 to 49 are most likely to get sick. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

A LIFE RAFT FOR WILDLIFE

As Earth warms and the drought deepens, conservationists and biologists are racing to rescue California's most threatened species

By Louis Sahagún
REPORTING FROM SHOSHONE, CALIF.

It was just before sunrise in July when the botanists Naomi Fraga and Maria Jesus threw on backpacks and crunched their way across a brittle alkaline flat in the hottest corner of the Mojave Desert. Their mission: to rescue a tiny plant teetering on the brink of extinction.

A decade ago, the Amargosa River Basin east of Death Valley National Park was a vast muddy wetlands studied with millions of Amargosa niterwort, a fleshy herb that grows only here and that scientists call *Nitrophila mohavensis*.

Today, the species has dwindled to fewer than 150,000, and most of the plants that still sprout from this salt-white playa have stopped producing viable seeds — stressed victims of decreasing rainfall, rising temperatures and the loss of groundwater due to pumping.

The botanists aimed to collect seeds until the temperature hit triple digits. Later, their bounty would be sealed inside aluminum foil packets for storage in California Seed Bank freezers at the nonprofit California Botanic Garden in Claremont.

"Oh, man, I've never seen it so dry here before," said Fraga, 42. [See Wildlife, A12]



GARY CORONADO Los Angeles Times

BOTANISTS Patrick Donnelly, left, Maria Jesus and Naomi Fraga search for seeds from the Amargosa niterwort plant in the Mojave Desert. The herb grows only in this region.

The Washington Post

Prices may vary in areas outside metropolitan Washington.

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FDA gives Pfizer's vaccine full approval

Key action could help increase inoculations against coronavirus

BY BEN GUARINO,
LAURIE MCGINLEY
AND TYLER PAGER

Federal regulators on Monday granted full approval to the Pfizer-BioNTech coronavirus vaccine — a milestone that could help increase inoculation rates and spark a wave of vaccine mandates by employers and universities amid a surge of new cases and hospitalizations fueled by the ferocious delta variant.

The Food and Drug Administration action marks the first licensing of a vaccine for the coronavirus, which has swept the United States in repeated and punishing waves since early 2020, exhausting nursing staffs, filling intensive care units, and raising fears among the vaccinated and the unvaccinated.

The vaccine is approved for two doses, three weeks apart, in people 16 and older. It remains available under emergency use authorization for adolescents ages 12 to 15.

"As the first FDA-approved vaccine on A4

Shots mandated: New York City, New Jersey schools face orders. A4

Moms on Facebook offer truth on shots

Group gives skeptics space to learn facts amid muck of misinformation

BY ELIZABETH DWOSKIN,
WILL OREMUS
AND GERRIT DE VYNCK

Anthony Buchanan considers himself a scientific, independent thinker. But for months, the Foreman, Ark.-based abortionist couldn't decide what to believe about vaccines. Google searches turned up conflicting information, and his Facebook feed was dominated by vaccine-skeptical posts and memes.

Then Buchanan came across a private Facebook group called Vaccine Talk that billed itself as "an evidence based discussion forum" for pro-vaccine and anti-vaccine folks alike. As he followed the discussions, occasionally chiming in with a question of his own, he noticed a pattern.

"On both sides, there's people telling the truth, at least their truth," said Buchanan, 32, who

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CRAG HUDSON FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

After arriving at Dulles International Airport, Afghan refugees board a bus that will take them to a nearby processing center. President Biden is under pressure to change his Aug. 31 deadline for evacuating people from Afghanistan.

Taliban sends fighters toward unbowed region

BY STEVE HENDRIX,
SUSANNA GEORGE,
RACHEL PANNETT
AND HAQ NAWAZ KHAN

DOHA, QATAR — The Taliban pushed into the last corner of Afghanistan remaining beyond the group's control Monday, sending hundreds of fighters to the outskirts of the northern Panjshir Valley and vowing to quash a fledgling resistance movement in the province.

Panjshir has long been an anti-Taliban stronghold, and in recent weeks, opposition leaders there, along with officials from the fallen government, have been trying to

Opposition stronghold braces for battle as talks in Kabul aim to cut violence, protect services

marshal forces to hold off the Islamist militant group.

The Taliban, having secured a grip on the rest of the country, has responded quickly, with the group's spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid saying in a statement Monday that resistance forces are "surrounded." He added that the Taliban wants to avoid further

fighting and to "resolve the issue peacefully through negotiations."

But a Taliban fighter, speaking on the condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to talk to the news media, told The Washington Post that the militant group's leaders had decided to send forces to the valley because talks with the resistance group "couldn't yield any results."

In neighboring Baghlan province, Taliban and resistance forces fought each other late Sunday into Monday, according to both sides, with anti-Taliban fighters reportedly making some gains. But Mujahid said the Taliban took control of the Bannu and Pule

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Biden is squeezed on airlift deadline

TALIBAN WARNS AGAINST EXTENSION

Allies press U.S. for more time for evacuations

BY MISSY RYAN,
ANNE GEARAN
KAROUN DEMIRJIAN
AND DAN LAMOTHE

The United States faced mounting global pressure on Monday to extend its evacuation mission in Afghanistan past President Biden's Aug. 31 deadline, despite a Taliban warning against doing so.

The admonition from Taliban spokesman Suhail Shaheen, who cautioned that foreign forces would be subject to "consequences" should they remain in Kabul into September, came as the U.S. military accelerated flights out of the Afghan capital following a week of chaos and insecurity that thwarted attempts by thousands of foreigners and desperate Afghans to depart.

"If they extend it, that means they are extending occupation," Shaheen told Sky News. "If they are intent on continuing the occupation, it will provoke a reaction."

The remarks add a new element of risk to Biden's effort to contain

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Tenn. floods lay bare the ever-evolving perils of climate change

As the planet warms, even inland areas once believed immune from such disasters are becoming increasingly vulnerable

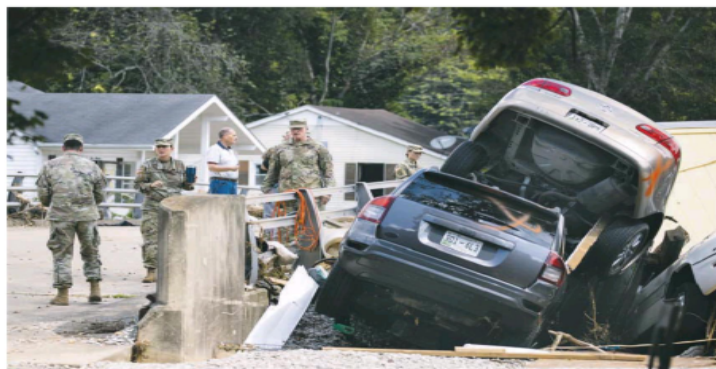
BY SARAH KAPLAN

Janet Rice never suspected that Trace Creek could get so high. It would take an ocean surging 500 miles from the coast to her rural town in middle Tennessee.

Then the weekend happened. More than 17 inches of rain fell in a single day on Saturday, overtopping the region's many rivers and submerging places not previously considered floodplains within a matter of hours. Rice's family business, a feed store that had stood for a century, was ripped in half. At least 21 people are dead, hundreds of homes are in shambles and the wreckage of people's lives is strewn across the landscape.

"An ocean did come through," Rice said.

Tennessee's flash floods underscore the peril climate change poses even in inland areas, where people once thought themselves immune. A warmer atmosphere that holds more wa-



BRETT CARLSEN/GETTY IMAGES

Army servicemembers survey damage Monday in Waverly, Tenn., where heavy rains over the weekend caused flash flooding in the area, leaving at least 21 people dead and others still missing.

ter, combined with rapid development and crumbling infrastructure, is turning once-rare disasters into common occurrences. Yet Americans, who often associate global warming with melting glaciers and intense heat, are not prepared for the coming deluge.

Inland flooding is the leading cause of death associated with tropical cyclones in the past 50 years, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency. On average, damage from inland floods costs more than any other severe weather event. It's a problem from the mountains of western North Carolina, where five people died in Tropical Storm Fred last week, to the streets of Dearborn, Mich., where heavy rains have repeatedly overwhelmed the sewer systems and destroyed homes.

"There is no place in the

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Nueve perfectos desconocidos: misterio, autoayuda y estrellas

Cómo es la miniserie que se rodó en plena pandemia en la casa de su protagonista, Nicole Kidman, y en la que se reúnen la autora y el guionista de *Big Little Lies*. Espectáculos



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Festejo en Olivos: Fernández oscila entre negar el delito y aceptar una conciliación

ESCÁNDALO. Su abogado, Gregorio Dalbón, le sugirió hacer una presentación judicial espontánea

Si bien todavía no se presentó ante la Justicia, el presidente Alberto Fernández evalúa la estrategia que usará para defenderse en los tribunales por la denuncia que enfrenta por el cumpleaños de Fabiola Yáñez en la quinta de Olivos, en violación de las restricciones que él mismo había fijado por decreto ante la pandemia de coronavirus.

Ayer, su abogado, Gregorio Dalbón, reconoció que analizó con el Presidente las alternativas y que una posible respuesta es buscar una conciliación para evitar llegar a una condena. "Le dije que la salida para hacer esto es afrontar las consecuencias de su acción", argumentó el abogado en declaraciones radiales. Sin embargo, en la Casa Ro-

sada también analizan buscar un sobreseimiento con el argumento de que no fue un delito porque ningún participante de la fiesta resultó contagiado. Esa interpretación ya había sido planteada por el jefe de Gabinete, Santiago Cafiero, el fin de semana. Es un argumento, sin embargo, que rechazan los especialistas en derecho penal. Página 6

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Luciana Vázquez

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Los seis conflictos que tienen en vilo a la Patagonia

sociedad— Entre Villa Pehuenia, en Neuquén, y Esquel, en Chubut, la Patagonia andina se ve surcada por seis conflictos territoriales que se prolongan en el tiempo y que incluyen hechos cada vez más violentos. La preocupación crece entre los vecinos. Página 24



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"Vivo con mucho miedo". El aterrador relato de una joven afgana escondida en Kabul

María del Pilar Castillo
LA NACION

Hasta la semana pasada, Rasooli no había conocido "el Afganistán de los talibanes". Cuando los islamistas estuvieron en el poder, entre 1996 y 2001, su familia huyó a Irán, luego

de que el grupo fundamentalista hizo detonar una bomba en un supermercado que terminó con la vida de su tío. Ella tenía apenas un año.

Aunque hasta hace ocho días nunca lo había vivido en carne propia, sí había escuchado sobre los padecimientos de las mujeres bajo los

talibanes, "conocidos por su misoginia y violencia de género", expresa la joven, de 24 años, que pidió mantener en reserva su apellido porque teme por su vida. Rasooli está escondida en la casa de un familiar en Kabul, desde donde habló con LA NACION. Continúa en la página 3

Admiten el avance de la variante delta en el país

COVID. El Gobierno dijo que "está cerquita" la circulación comunitaria; hubo otra muerte

Poco a poco, las autoridades sanitarias van admitiendo el estado de situación sobre la presencia de la variante delta en el país. Ayer se oficializó que la transmisión comunitaria de esa cepa altamente contagiosa del coronavirus "está cerquita" y, a las pocas horas, Mendoza confirmó el primer caso en esa provincia: una mujer que volvió de España.

Mástemprano, el Gobierno había difundido declaraciones de la ministra de Salud, Carla Vizzotti. "Se sigue vigilando la circulación, que a la fecha no es todavía predominante, pero ya está cerquita de ser comunitaria", indicó. Hubo otra muerte, la segunda, en Córdoba. Página 18

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DEG. Aconsejó volcarlos a fortalecer reservas y no en políticas "inconsistentes"

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São Paulo terá passaporte de vacina em grande evento

Grandes eventos na capital paulista, como feiras e jogos, deverão exigir passaporte de vacina a partir do dia 30. Após anunciar a medida também para bares e restaurantes, a prefeitura recuou e afirmou se tratar apenas de uma recomendação. **Saúde B5**

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Total da população vacinada

	ao menos uma dose*	totalmente vacinada**
Brasil	60,6 %	26,4 %
MS	71,5 %	41,0 %
SP	74,1 %	33,1 %
RS	66,1 %	32,4 %

Totalmente vacinada



Números da pandemia

	Casos	Óbitos
Total	20,6 mil	574,9 mil
Méd. móvel	29,2 mil	766
Varição***	-9,1 %	-15,5 %
Em 24 h	15,4 mil	370

Dados das 20h de 23 ago
* Tomou dose única ou 1ª dose
** Tomou dose única ou 2ª dose
*** Em relação a 24 dias

Bolsonaro insufla protestos; governadores pedem diálogo

Presidente quebra promessa a Arthur Lira e volta a questionar urna eletrônica

AMEAÇA AUTORITÁRIA

O presidente Jair Bolsonaro quebrou a promessa feita à liderança da Câmara de respeitar a decisão do Congresso contra o voto impresso e voltou a questionar o sistema, bandeira com que insufla bolsonaristas a questionarem as eleições de 2022 em atos no 7 de Setembro.

"A gente espera que tenhamos eleições limpas, democráticas e com contagem pública de votos no ano que vem", disse à Rádio Regional, de Eldorado (SP), citando um suposto ataque hacker ao Tribunal Superior Eleitoral. A acusação, sem prova, já o levou a ser investigado no inquérito das fake news.

A investida de Bolsonaro contra o Judiciário, que culminou em seu pedido pelo impeachment do ministro Alexandre de Moraes, do Supremo Tribunal Federal, e o deixou mais isolado, preocupa auxiliares próximos como o secretário-geral da Presidência, general da reserva Luiz Eduardo Ramos.

Os governadores estaduais, que participaram ontem de reunião ordinária de seu fórum, decidiram pedir um encontro com o presidente na próxima semana para tentar abrir diálogo. Eles temem o esgarçamento institucional e seu impacto também sobre a economia do país. **Poder A4 a A6**

Estados querem compensação para apoiar texto do IR

Para apoiar o projeto de reforma do Imposto de Renda, estados pedem que a União crie mecanismo para evitar perdas de arrecadação. Eles defendem ainda reestruturação ampla. Governo e Congresso querem tentar nova votação do projeto na Câmara nesta semana. **Mercado A17**

Estudo vê avanço de fake news a partir de 2015

Páginas de notícias falsas no Facebook começaram a crescer em 2015, com a pressão pela saída de Dilma Rousseff, evoluíram no pleito de 2018, tiveram picos no início da pandemia, em 2020, e decaíram a partir do inquérito do STF, indica estudo. **Poder A12**

Governo define as regras para racionar energia

Bento Albuquerque (Minas e Energia) definiu regras para o início do programa de racionamento de energia destinado a grandes consumidores. Para que seja implementado na prática, a Câmara de Comercialização de Energia Elétrica precisa publicar diretrizes. **Mercado A21**

Haiti resgata 24 pessoas com vida em escombros depois de terremoto A14

Mercado A23

AliExpress abre plataforma para vendedores do Brasil e briga com Magalu

tóquio 2020

Só Jogos põem em evidência pessoas com deficiência, diz Andrew Parsons B6



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RURALISTA VAI DEPOR NA PF COM ESCOLTA DE TRATORES EM MATO GROSSO

Presidente da Associação dos Produtores de Soja, Antônio Galvan (de camisa azul) chega à delegacia em Sinop; ele é acusado de financiar atos contra o STF e a favor de Bolsonaro impulsionados por Sérgio Reis e é citado em inquérito da PGR **Poder A6**



Macaco morto em incêndio em MS Corpo de Bombeiros de MS/Divulgação

Fumaça de queima agrava casos de Covid-19 no Norte

A fumaça teve relação com uma alta de 18% nos casos graves de Covid e de 24% em internações por síndromes respiratórias em cinco estados da Amazônia em 2020 com queimadas. A análise foi feita por jornalistas e o LabGAMA, da Universidade Federal do Acre. **Ambiente B1**

Eventos climáticos deixam mortos no México e nos EUA

Chuvas recorde no fim de semana provocaram enchentes no Tennessee, nos Estados Unidos, com ao menos 21 mortos, centenas de casas destruídas e árvores arrancadas. No México, a passagem do furacão Grace provocou tempestades, com 11 vítimas registradas. **Mundo A14**

SP se aproxima de clima de deserto com tempo seco

Saúde B3

Doria fala em indisciplina e afasta coronel bolsonarista

O governo paulista afastou o coronel da PM Aleksander Toaldo Lacerda, que fez convocação para atos bolsonaristas do 7 de Setembro, além de ter criticado João Doria (PSDB), políticos e STF. Doria tem insistido que não há contaminação na tropa, mas o incidente acendeu alerta. "Indisciplina não será admitida", disse. **Poder A8**

ANÁLISE

Fernanda Mena

Crise de governança piora com omissão de governadores

Poder A7

Cristina Serra Queremos que Forças Armadas?

Negar que houve ditadura ofende a honra e a memória de quem lutou pela democracia. Isso não é "narrativa". São fatos.

Mais de 30 anos depois, os fardados não encontraram seu lugar na democracia. Essa reflexão precisa ser feita: que Forças Armadas queremos? **Opinião A2**

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Sem trégua

Acerca de tensões fomentadas pelo bolsonarismo.

Desastre repetido
Sobre queimadas recorde no Pantanal pela 2ª vez.

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São Paulo hoje



	Hoje	Amanhã
Rio	17 35	18 37
Brasília	13 29	14 28
Ribeirão	17 36	20 37

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Charles Duke
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Télétravail : le retour des salariés vire au casse-tête

Après dix-huit mois de contraintes sanitaires, les entreprises espèrent retrouver une organisation normale du travail, mais le variant Delta leur complique la tâche.

De nombreuses entreprises préparent depuis des mois la sortie de la crise sanitaire et le retour de leurs salariés au bureau, afin de revenir à une organisation plus efficiente. Elles

jugent indispensables de tenir à nouveau des réunions en présentiel avec toutes les équipes pour retrouver une vie collective et faciliter l'intégration des nouvelles re-

crues. Mais avec la persistance du variant Delta, elles craignent un durcissement du protocole sanitaire. Indépendamment de l'évolution de l'épidémie, beaucoup

d'entre elles ont négocié au cours des derniers mois de nouveaux accords de télétravail, mais se heurtent aux réticences de salariés qui se sont habitués au distanciel. Enfin,

alors que leurs collaborateurs ne sont pas astreints au passe sanitaire, les entreprises s'interrogent sur sa gestion, notamment lorsque les tests PCR deviendront payants.

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Faut-il accélérer le retour des salariés dans les entreprises ?

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À Marseille, dans les quartiers où la guerre des gangs fait rage



Quinze personnes ont trouvé la mort depuis le début de l'année 2021. Illustration de l'emprise croissante du deal dans la vie des quartiers, le rythme des règlements de comptes s'emballe et leur violence s'intensifie. PAGES 2 ET 3

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Vite, le retour à la normale

Stop ou encore ? En dépit d'une accélération spectaculaire du rythme de vaccination des Français, la menace du variant Delta persiste et nul n'est en mesure de dire sous quelles contraintes sanitaires se déroulera la rentrée. Les entreprises, soumises comme tout le monde à un régime d'exception depuis dix-huit mois, ne cachent pas leur inquiétude de voir le retour à la normale encore différé. On les comprend : les organisations de travail à distance mises en place au plus fort de l'épidémie ont certes fait la preuve de leur efficacité, mais aussi montré leurs limites. Indéniablement, bon nombre d'employés et de cadres ont pu remplir leurs obligations professionnelles depuis chez eux. Les mieux logés y ont même trouvé d'incontestables avantages, en économisant du temps de transport et en aménageant à leur guise vie professionnelle et vie familiale. Beaucoup rêvent aujourd'hui d'un mi-temps à domicile. Mais le gros de la troupe, moins bien loti, a durement vécu cet isolement forcé, dont on mesure aujourd'hui les dégâts à travers la montée en flèche des risques psychosociaux. Ceux-là ne pensent qu'aux retrouvailles avec leurs collègues. La très grande majorité des entreprises a parfaitement intégré la nécessité de mieux prendre en compte le télétravail dans le monde d'après-Covid. Mais avant d'envisager un nouveau cadre de travail, leur priorité immédiate est d'organiser le retour des salariés au bureau. Car elles n'ignorent rien des risques de dispersion prolongée de leurs effectifs : réduction des échanges informels, manque de créativité, baisse d'efficacité collective, perte de cohésion sociale et, au bout du bout, rupture du lien avec l'entreprise.

De plus, la pandémie, les entreprises vivent au rythme des consignes gouvernementales. La vaccination de masse, leur a-t-on promis comme au reste du pays, aurait le retour à la vie normale pour contrepartie. Nous y sommes. C'est maintenant à elles et à elles seules, sans interférence des pouvoirs publics, de déterminer l'organisation du travail la mieux adaptée pour l'avenir. ■

Risque de rupture du lien entre le salarié et l'entreprise

La France veut un délai pour évacuer Kaboul

Depuis la mi-août, 30 000 personnes ont pu quitter l'Afghanistan, sur environ 100 000 à exfiltrer. La date butoir du 31 août est jugée de plus en plus intenable par les Occidentaux. « Un délai supplémentaire est nécessaire », a affirmé lundi Jean-Yves Le Drian. Cinq Afghans soupçonnés de liens avec les talibans, parmi un millier récemment arrivés en France, ont été placés sous surveillance. PAGES 5, 7 ET 16



PASSEZ L'ESPOIR

ET SAUVEZ LA VIE D'UN ENFANT

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School term fear as daily Covid death rate hits 100

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Deaths from Covid-19 are now averaging 100 a day across the UK, according to official data, and scientists have warned that case rates will jump with the return of millions of pupils to schools next week.

The seven-day average for deaths within 28 days of a positive test now stands at 100, figures released yesterday by Public Health England show – a number that was last exceeded on 18 March.

Although the vaccination programme means deaths are far below the peaks of last winter – the highest daily total was 1,248, reported on 23 January – it is a notable rise from late May and early June, when they were consistently in single figures.

Confirmed infection numbers have also started to rise once more after a big fall in mid July, with 31,914 cases reported yesterday, the seven-day average figure having increased 13% from a week before. Hospitalisations have risen from 672 on 31 July to 948 admissions on 17 August.

Adding to concern is the expectation of increased



Warnings that staying past deadline next week would cross a 'red line'

Dan Sabbagh and Julian Borger

Britain has begun a last-ditch scramble to get people out of Kabul amid warnings from the senior diplomat on the ground that staying past the 31 August deadline may not be realistic and risks provoking the Taliban.

Speaking to MPs from Kabul, Sir Laurie Bristow, the British ambassador to Afghanistan, said trying to hold Kabul's airport any longer would be fraught with risk.

His remarks appear to put him at odds with Boris Johnson, who is due to lobby the US president, Joe Biden,

at today's G7 summit about the possibility of extending the evacuation beyond the end of the month.

But in a frank admission about the dire situation in the Afghan capital, Bristow made clear the Taliban would not tolerate western forces staying into September – a spokesman for the group said yesterday this would cross a "red line" and "provoke a reaction".

He said: "The signalling we're seeing from the Taliban, including earlier today, is pretty uncompromising that they want the operation finished by the end of the month. So I think it follows from that, that if the US and its allies were to try to push beyond that, then there's at least a risk there of us doing so in a much more difficult and less compliant environment."

The virtual meeting also heard that planning by the British military for the end of the emergency airlift by the RAF, which has evacuated more

▲ Military personnel guide evacuees aboard a US air force plane at Hamid Karzai international airport, Kabul
PHOTOGRAPH: REUTERS

than 5,700 people since 13 August, had already begun.

Maj Gen Nick Borton, the chief of staff for operations, said they were "now starting to plan the conclusion" of the evacuation "and the difficult

business of drawing the operation to a close" eight days before the current deadline. A final decision by the US is likely to emerge from today's virtual G7 meeting, but any agreement would have to be negotiated with the Taliban, who control Kabul, the airport perimeter and access to it.

Johnson and Biden spoke yesterday for the first time in nearly a week. They discussed the emergency airlift, according to statements from the White House and Downing Street.

"The prime minister and President Biden noted the importance of concerted diplomatic engagement to secure the progress made in Afghanistan and prevent a humanitarian crisis," Downing Street said.

Officials in Washington confirmed that the UK had asked for the evacuation deadline to be extended, and the US has been resistant. "We would absolutely consider

"The signalling [from the Taliban] ... is they want the operation finished by the end of the month"

Sir Laurie Bristow
British ambassador



Paralympics British stars' quest for gold

Athletes including Ellie Simmonds, Sarah Storey and David Weir go for glory in Tokyo

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