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# Delta Variant Throttles Job Growth

Services sector was especially hit, but employers show high demand for workers

By Sarah Chaney Cambon and Eric Morath

U.S. hiring slowed sharply in August as the surging Delta variant dented the pace of the economic recovery.

The U.S. economy added 235,000 jobs last month, the Labor Department said Friday,

falling far short of economists' estimates for 720,000 new jobs. Job growth last month was also down from upwardly revised monthly payroll gains of 1.1 million in July and 962,000 in June.

Though job gains are slowing, employer demand for workers persists. The unemployment rate fell to a pandemic low of 5.2% in August from 5.4% in July. Wages increased 0.6% from a month earlier and 4.3% from a year ago. Industries including warehousing, manufacturing and fi-

nance added jobs solidly in August.

Hiring last month was particularly weak in services sectors that involve in-person interaction. Employment in leisure and hospitality held steady after adding an average of 350,000 jobs a month over the previous six months. Retailers cut jobs in August. The Covid-19 Delta variant appears to be weighing on broader

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Monthly change in nonfarm payrolls

Month	Monthly change in nonfarm payrolls
July 2020	~1,500,000
Aug. 2020	~1,000,000
Sept. 2020	~500,000
Oct. 2020	~500,000
Nov. 2020	~500,000
Dec. 2020	~500,000
Jan. 2021	~500,000
Feb. 2021	~500,000
Mar. 2021	~500,000
Apr. 2021	~500,000
May 2021	~500,000
Jun. 2021	~500,000
Jul. 2021	~500,000
Aug. 2021	235,000

Note: Data for July and August 2021 are preliminary. Source: Labor Department

## Biden Surveys Damage in Storm-Ravaged Louisiana

TEMPEST'S WAKE: President Joe Biden on Friday walks by a tree uprooted during Hurricane Ida as he visits the Cambridge neighborhood of LaPlace, La. The death toll from the storm continued to rise in both the Northeast and the South. **A3**

## Apple Postpones Scanning For Illegal Content

By Joanna Stern and Tim Higgins

Apple Inc. is delaying the rollout of tools aimed at combating child pornography on iPhones after sparking concern among privacy advocates. **A1**

The Cupertino, Calif., tech giant said Friday it would take additional time to make improvements on the plan announced last month—the second time in a year that it has delayed a new privacy feature after an outcry from critics over the potential ramifications.

As part of the latest initiative, the company planned to roll out a system through an iPhone software update later this year that could identify known child-pornography images, then alert Apple if a certain number of those images were uploaded to the company's cloud storage service known as iCloud.

Apple had vigorously defended its new program as being privacy friendly, arguing that other cloud providers trying to combat exploitative images rely on technology that scans an entirety of a user's data while Apple had hatched a way to look at only items that were flagged as in violation. Apple's system wouldn't flag offending content if it wasn't uploaded to the cloud.

## A Daring Escape Plan

Afghanistan's women's soccer team knew it had to get out

By Drew Hinchshaw and Joe Parkinson

The first voice message was from a 16-year-old forward, knee-deep in a trench filled with sewage and panicking in the crowds swarming Hamid Karzai International Airport. "We are desperate," she cried over the clamor of gunfire. "I cannot stand on my feet. I cannot."

A second message, an instant later, pinged from a defender stuck at a Taliban checkpoint: "I fell down. Our phones are dying."

Other soccer players had been lost in the crush of thousands trying to breach the air-

port's Main Gate, where a goalkeeper had fainted. "She's out of breath," a teammate shouted.

The Afghan national women's soccer team was trapped outside Kabul's airport, sending more than 40 messages in the span of minutes to a former captain thousands of miles away. It was 2:30 a.m. on Aug. 22 in Copenhagen, where Khalida Popal was sitting on her living room floor, the lights off, her back against the wall. The 34-year-old founding member of Afghanistan's women's team—an exile since a gunman shot at her a decade

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## Tyson, Union Agree on Vaccines

By Jacob Bunge

Tyson Foods Inc. said it secured labor unions' support for its Covid-19 vaccine mandate, with the company agreeing to a new paid sick leave policy for plant workers.

The company said the agreement with the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union and the Retail Wholesale and Department Store Union, which together represent about 80% of Tyson's unionized employees, would keep workers safe and help Tyson's recruitment efforts.

Since announcing the vaccination requirement for its 120,000 U.S. workers on Aug. 3, Tyson said more than 30,000 have been vaccinated. The Arkansas company estimated that about three-quarters of its U.S. workforce now have received at least one dose of a Covid-19 vaccine.

Workers in the \$213 billion U.S. meat industry were among the hardest hit during Covid-19's initial spread through the country in spring 2020. Spreading infections killed more than 130 workers in U.S. meat plants, according to labor union estimates, and led to temporary shutdowns of some of the country's biggest meat plants.

Meat companies installed automated temperature checks, issued face coverings to workers and placed partitions between cutting-line work stations where employees

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To Muscle Up, Gyms Hire Candy Pro

Trade group's new CEO likes fitness, caramels

By Julie Bykowicz

WASHINGTON—Gyms and fitness studios have turned to an unlikely leader as they ask Congress for financial help: a candy lobbyist.

After a decade as a public policy executive for the National Confectioners Association, Liz Clark recently signed on as president and chief executive officer of the International Health, Racquet and Sportsclub Association, the fitness industry's biggest trade group.

The pandemic drained gyms and studios of members and revenues, so owners formed

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## After Punishing Didi, China Eyes a Stake in It

By Quentin Webb and Lingling Wei

Chinese state investors are looking to take an ownership stake in ride-hailing giant Didi Global Inc., months after regulators punished the company with restrictions and made it one of the highest-profile casualties of China's toughening stance on tech.

The municipal government in Beijing is coordinating a proposed investment by a consortium of state-backed companies that includes a competing ride-hailing service, a person familiar with the matter said.

The state investors are seeking voting rights in Didi, a second person said, because that would give the government significant influence over matters like data and other major corporate decisions. The deal could be structured like last year's invest-

ment by state entities into a Chinese unit of NIO Inc., the U.S.-listed electric vehicle company, this person added.

Didi pushed through with a \$4.4 billion U.S. initial public offering in late June, even though the country's cybersecurity watchdog had suggested to the company that it postpone its share sale.

Didi has since been subject to punitive actions by Chinese regulators that have sent its newly listed shares plunging. The Chinese government has restricted Didi from accepting new users in the country, removed dozens of its apps from domestic app stores and put it under investigation by seven ministries.

The potential deal, which is at a preliminary stage, would be led by Beijing Shouqi (Group) Co., a smaller, state-owned rival to Didi that is backed by the city's Beijing

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## HOW TO SPEND IT Designs for Life

SEPARATE MAGAZINE



## Apple delays child sex abuse detection code

- Privacy campaigners force rethink
- iPhone photo software faces change

TIM BRADSHAW — LONDON

Apple has bowed to pressure on a planned launch of software to detect photos of child pornography and sex abuse on iPhones after a fierce backlash from privacy campaigners.

The company said it would delay and potentially modify the system, which was expected to launch this year.

"We have decided to take additional time over the coming months to collect input and make improvements before releasing these critically important child safety features," Apple said.

One proposed feature involved a system for matching files that were being uploaded from a user's iPhone to iCloud Photos against a database of known child sex abuse imagery.

But the controls, announced last month, sparked alarm among privacy and human rights groups, which feared a tool for scanning images on iPhones could be abused by repressive regimes.

The American Civil Liberties Union was among those warning that any system to detect data stored on a phone could also be used against activists, dissidents and minorities. "Given the widespread interests of governments around the world, we cannot be sure Apple will always resist demands that iPhones be

scanned for additional selected material," the ACLU's staff technologist, Daniel Kahn Gillmor, said last week.

Apple's change of course dismayed some child protection campaigners. Andy Burrows, head of child safety online policy at UK charity NSPCC, said the move was "incredibly disappointing" and that the company "should have stood their ground".

Apple's original plan was welcomed by US, UK and Indian officials but caused anger in Silicon Valley during delicate talks between tech bosses and regulators over tackling online abuse.

In an email circulated internally at Apple, child safety campaigners had dismissed the complaints of privacy activists and security researchers as the "screaming voice of the minority".

Apple had spent weeks robustly defending its plan, which it said involved "state of the art" cryptographic techniques to ensure the company itself could not see any images on devices.

But Craig Federighi, Apple's senior vice-president of software engineering, admitted that the introduction of the child pornography detection system, alongside a separate tool that could warn parents if their children received sexually explicit photos through its iMessage system, was confusing.

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## Welcome to the FT's financial literacy campaign



Roula Khalaf, Editor

Dear Readers, The FT today launches the Financial Literacy and Inclusion Campaign, an FT-backed charity set up to promote financial literacy and inclusion around the world. This ambitious new project replaces our yearly seasonal appeal that many of you have supported.

We aim to make an impact in an area consistent with our values and expertise. Two-thirds of the global population are financially illiterate, according to World Bank data, and the correlation with deprivation is plain. Over the coming weeks, FT writers will report on the least financially literate groups: young people, women and marginalised communities.

Young people are a priority. As governments start to withdraw financial aid provided during the pandemic, the young have been plunged into job insecurity. Instilling children with confidence in numeracy sets them up for financial resilience in the future. I urge you to read today's editorial on the legacy of financial literacy. I know you will share my enthusiasm for this cause and I hope you will support the campaign.

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## Moderna out in front in jab race, studies suggest

The debate about who needs booster shots, and when, has been energised by research suggesting that Moderna's Covid vaccine may offer longer-lasting protection than Pfizer's. Studies have found that people given the Moderna jab had more than double the number of antibodies two months after a second dose, with the difference appearing marked in older people.

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## US employment growth slows sharply as Delta variant ravages hiring plans

COLBY SMITH AND JOE RENNISON — NEW YORK  
JAMES POLITY — WASHINGTON

The US economy created 255,000 jobs in August, a sharp decline from the previous month and a sign that the more contagious Delta coronavirus variant is having an effect on hiring plans.

Non-farm payrolls figures marked a steep drop from the 1.1m jobs created in July, and were well below economists' expectations for 735,000 positions in August. The unemployment rate ticked lower to 5.2 per cent, having hovered at 5.4 per cent in July.

"It is all Delta," said Ian Shepherdson, chief economist at Pantheon Macroeconomics. "September is going to be similar if not worse, and I'm struggling to imagine we get a turnaround in October... I'd be really surprised if we got

back to 500,000 before November."

The leisure and hospitality sector had no job gains in August, having increased by an average of 350,000 positions per month over the previous six months, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. In another sign that the Delta variant was having a major impact, restaurants suffered job losses of 42,000, while retailers had declines of 29,000.

Hiring in the construction sector also failed to pick up, with "little change" in the employment picture, according to the BLS. Job gains were "notable" in professional and business services, manufacturing, transportation and warehousing, the report showed.

The extremely weak jobs report comes days before the scheduled expiration of enhanced federal unemployment benefits put in place to blunt the economic damage caused by the pan-

demic. The additional aid, which included an extra \$500 in weekly assistance for unemployed Americans, is set to expire on Monday, removing a critical source of support for an estimated 7.5m workers at a time when Covid-19 cases are rising at an alarming rate in parts of the country.

Despite the weak job figures, President Joe Biden yesterday reiterated that the US's economic recovery was "durable and strong". But he added: "Even with the progress we've made, we're not where we need to be in our economic recovery."

Some officials have called for the Federal Reserve to announce plans in September to begin scaling back its \$120bn asset purchase programme, saying the US economy is on a sustainable growth path with rising inflation.

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## World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				INTEREST RATES			
	3 Sep	prev	%chg		3 Sep	prev	%chg		3 Sep	prev	%chg
S&P 500	4031.41	4036.95	-0.12	\$ per £	1.188	1.187	0.00	US Gov 10 yr	1.48	1.33	0.03
Nasdaq Composite	15344.54	15331.18	0.08	£ per €	0.857	0.858	-0.01	UK Gov 10 yr	0.62	0.62	0.04
Dow Jones Ind	35348.07	35443.02	-0.27	¥ per \$	106.665	106.975	-0.03	Ger Gov 10 yr	0.36	0.36	0.03
FTSE 100	1916.61	1927.42	-0.58	₹ per \$	81.697	81.490	0.02	Japan Gov 10 yr	115.96	0.04	0.01
Euro Stoxx 50	4201.79	4232.10	-0.72	₩ per \$	152.127	152.139	-0.01	US Gov 30 yr	116.36	1.94	0.03
FTSE All-Share	4120.51	4133.54	-0.32	Sfr per €	1.085	1.085	0.00	Ger Gov 2 yr	105.45	-0.72	0.01
CAC 40	6669.99	6763.08	-1.08	₹ per \$	0.842	0.843	-0.01				
Xetra Dax	15781.20	15840.58	-0.37								
Nikkei	29126.51	29543.51	-2.05								
Hang Seng	25801.39	26090.43	-0.72								
MSCI World \$	3161.46	3151.06	0.31	Oil WTI \$	89.44	89.99	-0.79	Fed Funds Eff	0.10	0.00	0.02
MSCI EM \$	1311.51	1312.44	-0.04	Oil Brent \$	72.72	73.03	-0.42	US 3m Bill	0.05	0.05	0.00
MSCI ACWI \$	245.67	243.67	0.22	Gold \$	1812.55	1811.80	0.04	Euro Libor 3m	-0.56	-0.53	0.01
								UK 3m	0.06	0.07	-0.01

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Today, mainly cloudy, turning breezy, showers, high 76. Tonight, stray showers, low 66. Tomorrow, turning out dry, some clearing, high 82. Weather map is on Page 18.



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A floodgate in Terrebonne Parish, La., where officials have been trying for years to secure federal funding for a levee system similar to the one in New Orleans.

## Where Towers Stood, Rebirth Grinds to Halt

By MATTHEW HAAG  
and PATRICK MCGEEHAN

The Amish Market opened in 1999 in the shadow of the World Trade Center, one of the few grocery stores and delis for residents and workers in the southernmost tip of Manhattan. Two years later, the 110-story twin towers at the complex collapsed in the Sept. 11 attacks, showering the store in fiery debris and ash.

Shattered after the attacks, the market reopened roughly five years later in a new location a few blocks away. It joined a triumphant comeback as Lower Manhattan was reborn into one of the country's largest business districts, a vibrant residential neighborhood and, with the addition of the National September 11 Memorial and Museum, a tourist destination.

The Amish Market boomed, too, its staff doubling to 200 employees and weekly sales surging to more than \$160,000.

But all that growth evaporated in a matter of days in a far different crisis that has wiped out many of Lower Manhattan's gains since 2001.

When the coronavirus swept into New York in March 2020, the neighborhood abruptly emptied out, and revenue at the Amish Market plummeted in just one week, to \$24,000 — not enough to pay rent, payroll and overhead. The store limped along until it permanently closed last September.

More than 350 retailers in Lower Manhattan have shut down over the past 18 months. New malls built after the terror attacks have had few shoppers, and landlords have sued retailers for not paying rent. Seven hotels have closed permanently, and others have yet to reopen.

Private-sector jobs have shrunk to 221,000, a smaller workforce than in the months before 2001. Through the first seven months of 2021, daily ridership in the busiest subway stations in downtown reached just 6.3 million passengers, an 82 percent decrease from the same period in 2019, according to an analysis by The New York Times of subway ridership data.

More than 21 percent of Lower Manhattan's office space is available for rent, a record high that is more than double the vacancy rate before the pandemic, according to Newmark, a real estate services company.

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## Lesson of the Levees: Protecting Everyone May Be Out of Reach

This article is by Richard Fausset, Sophie Kasakove and Christopher Flavelle.

LAROSE, La. — After Hurricane Katrina, an ambitious and expensive system of levees, walls, storm gates and pumps was installed around New Orleans to protect against the kind of flooding and horror that so deeply scarred the city, and the nation, in 2005. And when Hurricane Ida hit in the past week, exactly 16 years later, those hopes were largely fulfilled. The flooding was minimal.

But 60 miles away, in the small community of Larose, the situation was different. In William Lowe's neighborhood, storm surge from Ida overtopped a modest levee maintained by the Lafourche Parish government near his elevated house, sending water from a nearby canal up over his floorboards. Days later, his neighborhood was still waterlogged, and he and his family were getting to and from the house by boat.



William Lowe and his family have been getting to his home in Larose, La., by boat since Hurricane Ida struck last weekend.

"You've got lives destroyed down here," said Mr. Lowe, 49, choking back tears. "You go to the Dollar General, you've got people standing outside bawling, because they've got nothing."

In the working-class bayou country south and west of New Orleans, local government officials

have been trying for decades to secure federal funding for a system similar to the one in New Orleans, to little avail.

And as Ida moved north, bringing more death and destruction to places like New York City, advocates for the project in coastal Lafourche and Terrebonne

Parishes were left to wonder about its fate at a time when bigger and better-known places are ever-more-likely to be competing for storm protection funding.

As sea levels rise and a warming ocean brings more fearsome storms, the fight over hurricane protection in Southern Louisiana is only the latest example of a growing dilemma for the United States: which places to try to save, and how to decide.

Until recently, that question may have seemed like the plot of a dystopian movie, or at least a problem to leave for future generations. But as disasters become more severe, the cost of rebuilding has skyrocketed. Extreme weather has caused more than \$450 billion in damage nationwide since 2005; the number of disasters causing more than \$1 billion in damage reached 22 last year, a record.

The Government Accountability Office has warned those costs may be unsustainable. Yet the de-

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Looting has led residents of Phoenix, a mostly Indian suburb, to create checkpoints and barricades.

## In South Africa, Fatal Mix of Race and Vigilantes

By JOHN ELIGON  
and ZANELE MJI

PHOENIX, South Africa — The blows thundered down — bats, a hammer, a field hockey stick — as Njabule Dlamini lay curled on the pavement, trying to summon the strength to move.

He and five friends, all of them Black, had been driving in a

minibus taxi through the streets of Phoenix, a predominantly Indian suburb created from the forced racial segregation of apartheid South Africa.

A mob surrounded them, dragged them from the taxi, made them lie on the pavement and beat them furiously, according to witnesses and video footage obtained by The New York Times. Some of

Mr. Dlamini's friends managed to escape. Others were chased and beaten again by the crowd, which had been whipped up in recent days by WhatsApp warnings and reports of violence by Black people streaming into their community to loot shopping centers. Mr. Dlamini barely made it across the street. He later died of his injuries.

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## Biden Is Still Mourning a Son, But Some Can't Bear His Grief

By KATIE ROGERS

WASHINGTON — In the hours before Lance Cpl. Jared Schmitz, 20, was killed by a terrorist's bomb in Afghanistan, he posed for a photograph taken by a bunkmate. In the image, the Marine's brow was furrowed. He flashed a peace sign.

"This is Jared Schmitz," his father, Mark Schmitz, said he told President Biden days later at Dover Air Force Base, where the two men had traveled to observe the dignified transfer of the remains of 13 U.S. Marines killed last month in the attack in Kabul.

But Mr. Schmitz was confused by what happened next: The president turned the conversation to his oldest son, Beau, who died of brain cancer in 2015. Referring to him has become a reliable constant of Mr. Biden's presidency. In speeches, Oval Office discussions and personal asides, Mr. Biden tends to find a common thread back to his son, no matter the topic. But for Mr. Schmitz, another father consumed by his grief, it was "too much" to bear.

"I respect anybody that lost somebody," Mr. Schmitz added in an interview, "but it wasn't an appropriate time."



Joseph R. Biden Jr. with his son Beau Biden in 2009. He died of brain cancer in 2015.

The Biden administration, seeking to avoid a public rift with Gold Star families, has not pushed back on criticism from Mr. Schmitz and other families who have said the president brought up his own son too often and acted distant during the ceremony at Dover. But the moment crystallized just how much Mr. Biden is still haunted by the memory of a son he had always described to confidants as "me, but without all the downsides," and how his anguish over that loss can clash with the political realities of being president.

Mr. Biden's reputation is staked, in part, around his ability to with-

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**AISSATA BA**, 20, a Mauritanian American Muslim from Aliso Viejo, faced hateful comments about her religion from classmates. "People look at you like you're a terrorist," her mother said.

IRFAN KHAN Los Angeles Times

**COLUMN ONE**

## For young Muslim women, the enduring pain of 9/11

One terrible day caused a chain of tragedy that persists in the form of hatred directed at a new generation

By Brittny Mejia

**O**n a rainy day during her sophomore year of high school, as Aissata Ba studied in the library, a photo popped into her phone. It showed a beheading by Islamic State militants, along with a caption in red letters: "Go back to your country."

Ba reported the incident. Administrators never tracked down the person who sent it. It was not the first time she'd been the focus of hatred, the 20-year-old said, betraying no emotion as she recounted such incidents, sitting next to her parents in their Southern California home. A copy of the Quran lay prominently on the coffee table.

There was the boy in sixth grade who would say "allahu Akbar," Arabic for "God is great," and throw his backpack near her, pretending it was a bomb. And the time in eighth-grade math class when a boy turned to her and asked how she could "be part of a religion of terrorists."

Asked when they thought such incidents became common, the Ba family didn't hesitate.

"It started with 9/11," said Ba's mom, Zeineboui, who immigrated to Chicago in 1999.

That day in 2001 caused a chain of tragedies — for the nearly 3,000 people who perished during the attacks in New York, at the Pentagon and in Pennsylvania; for the young men and women who died serving their country in the wars that followed; and for Muslims, and those perceived as Muslim, who became targets of hatred.

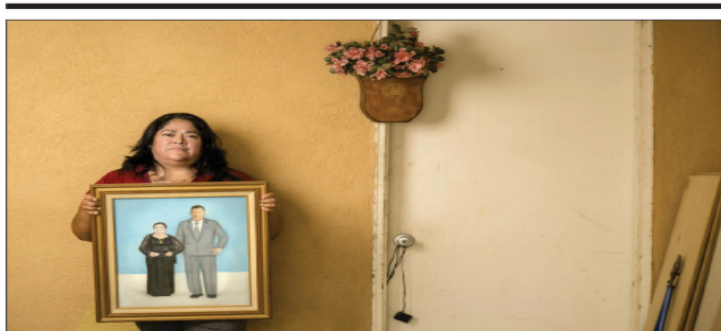
Some Muslims in the United States think about their lives as having two distinct chapters: before two planes crashed into the World Trade Center and after. Then there's a generation that has known only a world in which one terrible day changed their country.

In the Ba household — parents who emigrated from Mauritania and three daughters born in the U.S. just before and after 9/11 — those realities exist side by side.

"Terrorism existed before 9/11," Aissata's father, Amadou, said. But "I think here people experienced it really with 9/11. That

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**9/11  
TWENTY  
YEARS  
LATER**



**ROSARIO** Rodriguez hold a picture of her parents in her garage in Three Rocks, Calif. At first, life here reminded her of her native Mexico. Then the drought hit.

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## A drought-driven exodus

Farm laborers dream of leaving the Central Valley

By PRISCILLA VEGA

**THREEROCKS, Calif.** — Rosario Rodriguez never wanted to leave her hometown of Triguil, Mexico. She was surrounded by family and could quickly get to the nearest grocery store or clinic.

But love called, and she

followed her then-boyfriend to Three Rocks — a speck in Fresno County where he worked in the fields.

At first life there reminded her of home in the central Mexican state of Nayarit — the enticing small-town feel, the lushness all around. The charm wore off as the reality of living in a rural town in Central Cali-

fornia set in. Then the drought broke the spell.

"It was never my intention to come to this country," Rodriguez said. "I was happy in Nayarit, but we got married and he brought me here. And so here I am."

For decades, farm labor has kept unincorporated communities alive through-

[See Exodus, A18]

### CALIFORNIA RECALL ELECTION

## State's direct democracy gets a partisan twist

Giving people a voice started as a check on monied interests. Now it's a political tool.

By THOMAS CURWEN

When California's newly elected governor, Hiram Johnson, delivered his inaugural address on Jan. 3, 1911, he made a radical proposition.

His first duty, Johnson declared on that celebratory day, was "to eliminate every private interest from the government and to make the public service of the State responsive solely to the people."

His words sent shock waves through halls of power accustomed to an easy exchange of money and influence. Determined to "arm the people to protect them-

selves" against such abuses, Johnson proposed amending the state Constitution with "the initiative, the referendum and the recall."

The savvy electorate of the day understood that their governor, a Republican well-versed in the Progressive agenda, was arguing for voters to be given the right to place laws on the ballot through petition, to weigh in on laws passed by the Legislature and to remove public officials from office without cause or judicial procedure.

Ten months later, voters agreed, and representative democracy, the crowning achievement of the founding fathers in 1787, now had a powerful rival — direct democracy — that would leave an indelible mark on California's political landscape.

"The people of the State of California are ready to [See Recall, A8]

## Elder on tightrope with Trump stance

By JAMES RAINY

Within 24 hours of Donald Trump riding down that golden escalator into the heart of America's political consciousness, Larry Elder once recalled, he had the reality TV star pegged as the next president. He urged his radio audience: "We ought to get behind him."

Two years into Trump's presidency, Elder sounded rhapsodic about the choice he and other Americans made. "The election of Donald Trump in 2016, in my opinion, was divine intervention," he told an audience of conservatives at a Rancho Palos Verdes resort in 2019. "It was a miracle. He is almost God-sent."

Elder sounds decidedly more guarded about Trump these days, as the longtime Los Angeles radio host leads

[See Elder, A9]



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### Recall election voters guide

The stakes, candidates, issues and history of a peculiar California tradition — and how to cast your ballot. **SECTION U**

### Warren rallies with Newson

U.S. senator joins governor in Culver City to decry recall. Other national Democrats due to enter the fray. **NATION, A8**

## College football crowds are back; COVID-19 never left

By MOLLY HENNESSY-FISKE and JENNY JARVIE

**AUSTIN, Texas** — With the Texas Longhorns hosting the Louisiana Ragin' Cajuns for their season opener Saturday, it didn't matter to Orlando Candelaria that hospitals across the state are packed with COVID-19 patients, that just 47% of

Texas residents are vaccinated and that the governor, who's recovering from COVID-19, has banned mask mandates.

Candelaria, 37, just had to suit up — maskless — in his burnt-orange jersey and sunglasses, get to the Bevo Boulevard tailgate area outside the stadium and shout "Hook 'Em, Horns!"

"We're trying to get back

to normal: The game, the fans, Bevo Boulevard, seeing the crowd start coming together," Candelaria, who has been vaccinated, said as he stood amid the pregame throng. "Once you get those 100,000 people in that stadium, crowded, cheering, it's an experience that will never get old."

Last year, college football [See Football, A11]



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### BRUINS UPSET LSU

UCLA running back Zach Charbonnet breaks loose for a big gain in a 38-27 win over the No. 16 Tigers at the Rose Bowl. **SPORTS, D1**

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"Today" show weatherman is remembered for his warmth and cheer. **OBITUARIES, B7**

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The No. 15-ranked Trojans roll to a 30-7 victory over San Jose State. **SPORTS, D1**

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## Taliban outlasted U.S. at the table

Single-minded adversary exploited perceived diplomatic weaknesses

BY KAREN DEYOUNG

On the day he was to begin peace talks with the Trump administration in the fall of 2018, Taliban co-founder and senior leader Abdul Ghani Baradar found himself in a luxury villa at a Qatari resort. His uncovered windows overlooked the swimming pool, where bikini-clad women lay in the Persian Gulf sun.

Zalmay Khalilzad, the Afghan-born U.S. diplomat negotiating for the administration, noted the scene when he showed up to greet Baradar, who had recently been released from years of imprisonment in Pakistan. It was, Khalilzad said lightly in the Pashto language they shared, a vision of heaven.

Baradar quickly walked to the windows and closed the curtains. It was time to begin.

Less than 18 months later, after what President Donald Trump called "very successful negotiations," Baradar and Khalilzad struck a deal to end the 20-year war in Afghanistan with the full withdrawal of U.S. troops. After another year and a half, under the same agreement but a different U.S. president, the last American forces made a hasty, chaotic exit, leaving the Taliban in full charge of the country.

It was not the ending the United States wanted. In its wake, SEE TALIBAN ON A13

## Behind the mismatch in job openings, job seekers

BY HEATHER LONG, ALYSSA FOWERS AND ANDREW VAN DAM

A mystery sits at the heart of the economic recovery: There are 10 million job openings, yet more than 8.4 million unemployed are still actively looking for work.

The job market looks, in some ways, like a boom-time situation. Business owners complain they can't find enough workers, pay is rising rapidly, and customers are greeted with "please be patient, we're short-staffed" signs at many stores and restaurants.

But the nation remains in the midst of a deadly pandemic with covid-19 hospitalizations back at their highest rates since January. The surge is weighing on the labor market again, with a mere 235,000 jobs added in August. There are still 5 million fewer jobs compared with before the pandemic, reflecting ongoing problems, including child care as some schools and day cares shut down again from outbreaks.

From the White House to the local Waffle House, there's a struggle to understand what is going on — and what's likely ahead.

This weekend, the employment crisis will hit an inflection point as many of the unemployed lose \$300 in federal weekly benefits and millions of gig workers and the self-employed lose unemployment aid entirely. Some anticipate SEE JOBS ON A7



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TOP: Firefighters use a hose and hand tools last week in Meyers, Calif., to mop up hot spots in the Caldor Fire, which has burned more than 200,000 acres. ABOVE: A man kayaks down U.S. 51 in LaPlace, La., after Hurricane Ida unleashed torrential rain.

## In New York, life and death underground

NEW YORK — In her first-story apartment, as the water rose to Deborah Torres's waist, she heard the cries for help from below, from the basement where a 19-month-old baby lived with his parents.

There was nothing Torres could do. She was trying to save her own life and get out of the three-story, red brick house in the Woodside section of Queens. There was nothing anyone could do. As water from the storm known as Ida deluged the city Wednesday night, basements filled first. And in this basement, a family who'd come to America from Nepal was

Many of those killed were immigrants in flooded basements

BY STEPHANIE LAI, VERA HALLER, SAMIRA SADEQUE AND MARC FISHER

trapped inside a tiny apartment that wasn't supposed to be an apartment.

The weight of the water made the doors and windows in the basement immovable. The rush of rain was so loud, Torres could no longer hear the family below.

Ang Gelu Lama, his wife, Mingma Yangji Sherpa, and their toddler, Lopsang, drowned in the two-bedroom space they called home. Police divers found their bodies at about 3:30 a.m. Thursday.

Three miles away, in the East Elmhurst SEE FLOODS ON A11

## Pondering covid's endgame: How, if ever, does this end?

BY MARC FISHER

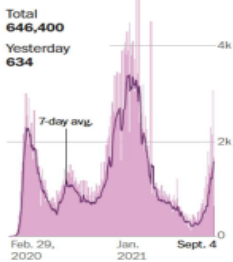
It's basically over already. It will end this October. Or maybe it won't be over till next spring, or late next year, or two or three years down the road.

From the most respected epidemiologists to public health experts who have navigated past disease panics, from polemicists to political partisans, there are no definitive answers to the central question in American life: As a Drudge Report headline put it recently, "is it ever going to end?" With children returning to

classrooms, in many cases for the first time in 18 months, and as the highly contagious delta variant and spotty vaccination uptake send case numbers and deaths shooting upward, many Americans wonder what exactly has to happen before life can return to something that looks and feels like 2019.

The answers come in a kaleidoscopic cavalcade of scenarios, some suggested with utmost humility, others with mathematical confidence: The pandemic will end because deaths finally drop SEE VIRUS ON A8

### New coronavirus deaths in the U.S., by day



## Big firms with Texas ties silent so far on strict abortion ban

BY TODD C. FRANKEL AND JENA MCGREGOR

An array of large American companies with ties to Texas have declined to stake out a position on the state's strict new abortion ban, a stark contrast with corporate America's recent willingness to speak out on racial justice, voting rights and other polarizing social issues.

Texas-based American Airlines and Dell Technologies, which earlier this year criticized Republican-led attempts to restrict voting access in Texas and other

states, have remained silent since the state implemented the abortion ban this week, following the Supreme Court's decision not to block it.

Dallas-based Southwest Airlines also declined to comment, as did Hewlett-Packard Enterprise, which moved its headquarters from Silicon Valley to the Lone Star State last year. "This is not a topic that we can comment on," said Tim Paynter, spokesman for defense contractor BAE Systems, which is expanding operations in Texas. SEE ABORTION ON A15



## Argentina va por otro impacto en Brasil

Tras ganar la Copa América en el Maracanã, la selección buscará sacar al invicto al líder de las eliminatorias, Messi-Neymar, de compañeros a rivales, a las 16, en San Pablo. Deportes



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## El Gobierno pierde apoyo en el país y en la provincia saca una diferencia exigua

**PASO.** Las encuestas anticipan una elección pareja entre el Frente de Todos y Juntos; podrían crecer el ausentismo y el voto en blanco

Encuestadores y analistas coinciden en pronosticar que el escenario más probable de cara a las PASO del próximo domingo es que el oficialismo perderá votos a nivel nacional —algunos se animaron a pronosticar una merma de hasta 15 puntos

respecto de 2019— y sacaría una diferencia exigua en la provincia de Buenos Aires, que sin embargo no le garantiza una victoria en las elecciones de noviembre. En la ciudad, en tanto, Juntos se encamina a ratificar su liderazgo. Mientras, el

descontento social con la política podría derivar en un crecimiento del ausentismo. Página 10

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Entre traiciones e internas, la auténtica grieta

Jorge Liotti

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La frase generó el ruido de una piedra contra un tonel de lata. “Yo no voy a traicionar a Cristina, a Máximo, a Massa, ni a ninguno de ustedes”. Los criptólogos del oficialismo salieron a rastrear las razones que detonaron esa aclaración sorpresiva de Alberto Fernández. En la Casa Rosada la atribuyeron a una casualidad discursiva. Para el kirchnerismo se trató de un mensaje interno. Continúa en la página 14

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Gane o no, Cristina se radicalizará

Joaquín Morales Solá

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A final, la Argentina se parece a Suiza. O, para expresarlo con más exactitud, la campaña electoral argentina se parece a una de Suiza. ¿No son, acaso, temas de sociedades satisfechas los debates sobre la frecuencia del sexo o el consumo de marihuana? ¿Tan poco pasa en la Argentina para que sus principales candidatos (candidatas, en este caso) pierdan el tiempo en esas naderías? Continúa en la página 39



## Dolor y recuerdo en la Marcha de las Piedras

Pidieron al Gobierno que no las saque. Página 20

## La trampa de los US\$1000, la nueva estafa por WhatsApp

**PELIGRO.** Capturan cuentas de mensajería para engañar a contactos

Gabriel Di Nicola  
LA NACION

Ciberdelincuentes buscan apropiarse de cuentas de WhatsApp para embaucar a contactos a través de la usurpación de la identidad. El

engaño digital se corporiza cuando la víctima está convencida de que mantiene un intercambio de mensajes con una de sus amistades y, en realidad, tiene del otro lado del celular una red de estafadores internacionales. La trampa de la nue-

va estafa es la propuesta de venta de US\$1000 a un precio especial, justificado por alguna urgencia del oferente. El dinero transferido entra entonces en un complejo salto entre cuentas hasta perderse su rastro. Continúa en la página 32

## Reclaman cambios en el sistema de conteo de la pandemia

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Bolsonaro convocó a marchas en 60 ciudades para el martes, Día de la Independencia. Página 4



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### Socialismo raiz na China

Com foco no desenvolvimento, o líder chinês Xi Jinping mira a prosperidade comum. Embora não seja uma renúncia a regras do capitalismo, é um passo atrás no que o país faz desde que começou a se abrir.

## tóquio 2020

Velocista Verônica Hipólito defende luta divertida contra o capacitismo B8

### Total da população vacinada

	ao menos uma dose*	totalmente vacinada*
Brasil	64,8%	31,3%
MS	73,2%	46,2%
SP	76,5%	40,0%
RS	69,8%	37,9%

### Totalmente vacinada



### Números da pandemia

	Casos	Óbitos
Total	20,9 mi	583,3 mil
Méd. móvel	20,8 mil	609
Variação***	-29,3%	-21,2%
Em 24 h	17,9 mil	560
Dados das 20h de 4 set.		
* Tomou dose única ou 1ª dose		
** Tomou dose única ou 2ª dose		
*** Em relação a 14 dias		

## À frente de estatais, militares chegam a ganhar R\$ 260 mil

Portaria da Economia libera acúmulo; oficiais dirigem 35% das empresas federais

Militares colocados pelo governo Jair Bolsonaro no comando de 1 em cada 3 empresas sob controle da União acumulam remunerações mensais que vão de R\$ 43 mil a R\$ 260 mil entre vencimentos advindos das Forças Armadas e salários ou benefícios pagos pelas companhias, informa Vinicius Sassine.

Hoje, 16 das 46 estatais ligadas ao governo federal são presididas por oficiais de Exército, Marinha e Aeronáutica. Em 15 desses casos, eles recebem o valor equivalente ao exercício militar e a remuneração como executivo, excedendo o teto de R\$ 39,3 mil imposto ao funcionalismo público federal.

Questionadas, só a Empresa Brasileira de Serviços Hospitalares (EBSERH, que gere hospitais universitários) disse seguir o teto. Mas, desde abril, portaria do Ministério da Economia permite considerar o limite para cada remuneração em separado, e os pagamentos ao presidente da EBSERH subiram.

Além dela, seis outras citaram a medida como base legal. Foram mencionados ainda a Constituição, decisões do Supremo Tribunal Federal e do Tribunal de Contas da União e parecer da Advocacia-Geral da União. Os maiores vencimentos são do general Joaquim Luna e Silva, na Petrobras. Mercado A21



Avião lança carga de água sobre incêndio na rodovia Transpantaneira; estrada em MT se tornou símbolo da devastação do Pantanal em 2020. Laio de Almeida/Folhapress

## Pleito de 2022 divide reação das oposições a ato golpista

### AMEAÇA AUTORITÁRIA

As oposições a Jair Bolsonaro à esquerda e à direita convergem no discurso de que é preciso dar resposta também nas ruas ao ato de raiz golpista insuflado pelo presidente para o dia 7 de setembro.

Fragmentados, porém, por interesses eleitorais, grupos falham em gerar reação unificada. Poder A6

## Judiciário não tem saída para crise, diz desembargador

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## George Abboud e Pedro E. Serrano

### Como chegamos ao golpismo?

O golpismo também adquire legitimidade pela manifestação de juristas que interpretam o artigo 142 de modo a permitir intervenção militar "constitucional". Opinião A3

## Governo admite erro ao unir CLT a novos contratos

Membros do governo consideram um erro ter tentado aprovar novos programas trabalhistas e mudanças na CLT de uma vez, na minirreforma trabalhista derrubada pelo Senado dia 1º. O foco, afirmam, deveria ter sido a criação de modalidades de contratos de trabalho. Mercado A22

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Em vez disso, especialistas indicam a adoção dos imunizantes da Pfizer ou da AstraZeneca como dose adicional para quem tem mais de 70 anos e para imunossuprimidos, como o Ministério da Saúde planeja fazer. Saúde B1

## No Pantanal, fogo reaparece com força em rodovia turística

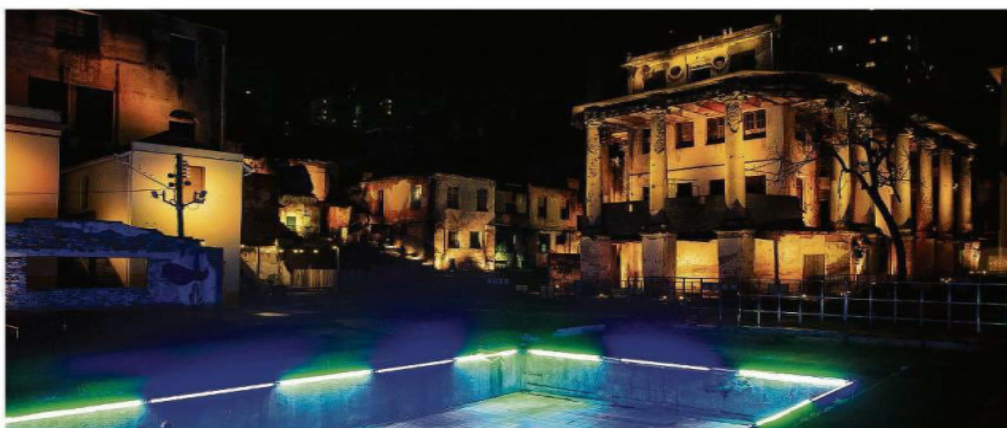
O fogo na Transpantaneira, um dos símbolos do incêndio que devastou o Pantanal em 2020, consumiu 7.000 hectares na última semana, estima-se. Setembro é historicamente o mês de mais queimadas na região. Ambiente B6

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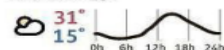
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# Avant 2022, la gauche en recul affiche ses divisions

Les candidats à la présidentielle ne manquent pas mais, selon les sondages, les formations de gauche réunies peinent pour l'heure à atteindre 30 % du corps électoral.

Des candidats en ordre dispersé mais pas d'incarnation. Cinq d'entre eux sont déjà dans la course ou sur le point de s'y lancer : Jean-Luc Mélenchon pour les In-

soumis, une ou un écologiste, Anne Hidalgo pour le PS, Arnaud Montebourg sur une ligne souverainiste et Fabien Roussel pour le PCF. Sans compter Philippe Poutou

(NPA) et Nathalie Arthaud (LO). Ensemble, selon les premiers sondages, ils peinent à franchir la barre des 30 % au premier tour. Alors chacun tente d'exister pour

faire entendre sa différence : les candidats à la primaire des Verts débattent ce week-end. Anne Hidalgo comme Arnaud Montebourg entreront en campagne pro-

chainement tandis que Fabien Roussel a sorti un livre cette semaine. Pas de quoi pour l'instant susciter l'enthousiasme chez les militants.

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## La pénurie de puces électroniques paralyse l'industrie automobile

Débordés par une demande mondiale qui explose dans tous les secteurs de l'industrie depuis la fin des confinements, les fabricants de puces électroniques ne parviennent pas à tenir la cadence. Cette pénurie frappe plus particulièrement les constructeurs automobiles, contraints de réduire drastiquement leur production. Leurs clients doivent désormais patienter entre six et neuf mois pour recevoir leur véhicule. **PAGES 22 ET 23**

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## La traversée du désert

**E**n politique, il faut toujours se méfier des jugements définitifs. Après la victoire de Nicolas Sarkozy en 2007, Bernard-Henri Lévy, reprenant une formule de Jean-Paul Sartre, estimait que la gauche était un « grand cadavre à la renverse ». Cinq ans après, François Hollande, « Monsieur 3 % » dans les sondages, accédait à l'Élysée. La prudence n'empêche pas néanmoins de se rendre à l'évidence : à huit mois de la présidentielle, la gauche française est dans une impasse. Non seulement elle est déboussolée, sans idées, mais elle ne compte plus ses divisions, l'un allant d'ailleurs avec l'autre. Ils sont déjà pléthore à vouloir se présenter en avril prochain. Après Jean-Luc Mélenchon (LFI) et Fabien Roussel pour le PC, voici Arnaud Montebourg, bientôt un écolo et Anne Hidalgo, auxquels s'ajouteront inmanquablement quelques anticapitalistes patentés. Cela fait beaucoup de monde pour une part de marché bien maigre si l'on en croit les études d'opinion : autour de 30 % des intentions de vote au total à ce jour. Le « Lider Maximo » de La France insoumise est le seul à dépasser, péniblement, 10 %. À

force d'outrances, celui qui pouvait le mieux rassembler s'est marginalisé. Même son entourage en vient parfois à s'interroger.

Entré il y a quarante ans à l'Élysée, François Mitterrand doit se retourner dans sa tombe. Il n'a pourtant pas peu contribué à cette crise d'identité dont l'actuel embouteillage de candidatures est le fruit. Dans le tumulte de la mondialisation, une bonne partie de la gauche a oublié le peuple pour miser sur les minorités, nié les réalités pour se perdre en illusions, abandonné ses principes pour flirter avec l'intolérance et l'obscurantisme. Les écologistes pensent être l'aiguillon de la refondation, mais ils sont plus coupés du monde que branchés sur lui. Arnaud Montebourg souhaiterait jouer une autre musique, mais ses camarades ne le reconnaissent plus. Quant à Anne Hidalgo, on attend de savoir ce qui pourrait la distinguer d'un syndic de faillite du PS. À gauche, la fin de la traversée du désert ne devrait pas être pour 2022. ■

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