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Twitter sued Elon Musk in a Delaware court over the billionaire's attempt to walk away from his \$44 billion takeover bid, seeking to force him to honor the terms of the deal. **A1**

◆ **London's Heathrow Airport** said it would cap the number of departing passengers at 100,000 a day as it and other airports struggle with staff shortages and surging demand for travel. **A1**

◆ **Hedge-fund manager William Ackman** is winding up the largest-ever special-purpose acquisition company after failing to find a target. **B1**

◆ **U.S. stocks fell**, with the S&P 500 and Nasdaq both declining 0.9% and the Dow shedding 0.6%. **B1**

◆ **Netflix is seeking** to amend its programming deals with major entertainment studios to allow it to put content on an ad-supported version of its streaming service, people familiar with the matter said. **B1**

◆ **Alphabet's Google** will slow hiring for the rest of the year, CEO Sundar Pichai told employees. **B1**

◆ **Peloton will outsource** all manufacturing of its stationary bikes and treadmills as the unprofitable company races to overhaul its business model. **B4**

◆ **Rivian will embark** on a series of belt-tightening measures intended to keep the electric-vehicle startup nimble, its chief executive said in a letter to employees. **B2**

◆ **PepsiCo reported** a 5.2% increase in revenue for the latest quarter as prices on average rose 12%. **B3**

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◆ **Covid-19** is circulating widely in the U.S. as the BA.5 Omicron subvariant elevates the risk of reinfections and rising case counts, spoiling chances for a summer reprieve from the pandemic across much of the nation. **A1**

◆ **Biden met** with Mexico's president at the White House as both nations face a surge in illegal border crossings and growing differences on energy, trade and the extradition of Assange to the U.S. **A7**

◆ **Ukrainian forces** struck ammunition depots deep inside Russian-occupied territory in the south and east of the country as Russia shelled Ukrainian cities in the east. **A9**

◆ **Sri Lankan President Rajapaksa** fled the country on a military aircraft, an immigration official said, the same day he was due to formally resign. **A9**

◆ **Senators pressed** Jay Shambaugh, Biden's nominee to serve as the Treasury Department's top economic diplomat, about a range of issues at a confirmation hearing. **A4**

◆ **California Gov. Newsom** signed a bill allowing private citizens to sue companies, including gun manufacturers, for violating the state's firearms regulations. **A3**

◆ **The Senate confirmed** Steven Dettelbach to run the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. **A4**

◆ **NASA completed** its release of the first set of scientific images from the James Webb Space Telescope. **A3**

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Japan Says Farewell to Assassinated Former Leader Abe



MOURNING: Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and other officials offered prayers alongside the hearse carrying the body of Shinzo Abe after his funeral on Tuesday. The former prime minister was shot and killed at a political rally on Friday. **A9**

Europe's Travel Surge Forces Heathrow to Limit Passengers

LONDON—Heathrow Airport said it would cap the number of departing passengers from one of Europe's biggest international hubs and

By Benjamin Katz, Sara Ruberg and Stu Woo

has asked airlines to stop selling new tickets from the airport for the summer season, as it and others struggle with staff shortages and surging travel demand.

The cap on departing passengers follows similar moves at London Gatwick Airport and Amsterdam Schiphol as the industry grapples with a historic surge that has taxed its capacity to handle the added traffic.

All three airports are usually gateways for Americans heading for often-painstakingly planned European vacations. With the dropping of travel restrictions and higher Covid-19 vaccine rates, this was the first summer that many travelers have felt comfortable enough

to make overseas trips since the start of the pandemic.

Before Covid-19, Heathrow was the second-busiest airport in the world in terms of international travelers after Dubai International Airport, typically handling between 110,000 and 125,000 departing passengers each day over its summer months, according to a spokeswoman for the airport. It operates not just as a trans-Atlantic hub, but as a launchpad for travel across Europe and beyond.

Heathrow said it had assessed the capacity of check-in staff, baggage handlers and other staff before making the decision to cap passenger numbers at 100,000 passengers a day for the rest of the summer. While below prepandemic levels, that is sharply higher than the last two years of travel. Heathrow said it has seen the same growth over the past four months as it saw over 40 years.

"Over the past few weeks...we have started to see Please turn to page A8

Jan. 6 Committee Probes Role of Far-Right Groups



A House panel accused ex-President Donald Trump of spurring far-right groups to violence on Jan. 6, 2021, and showed testimony of former White House counsel Pat Cipollone. **A4**

Subvariant Fuels Covid-19 Wave

By Jon Kamp and Jared S. Hopkins

Covid-19 is circulating widely in the U.S. as the BA.5 Omicron subvariant elevates the risk of reinfections and rising case counts, spoiling chances for a summer reprieve from the pandemic across much of the nation.

Covid-19 levels are high in one-fifth of U.S. counties, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's metric based on case and hospital data, a share that has been mostly rising since mid-April. BA.5 is estimated to represent nearly 2 in 3 recent U.S. cases, which are averaging just more than 100,000 a day, CDC data show. The true number of infections might be about six times as high, some virus experts said, in part because so

many people are using at-home tests that state health departments largely don't track.

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Russian Oligarchs Dodge Sanctions In Swiss Haven

Ownership shuffles and secrecy thwart efforts to punish alleged Putin cronies

ZUG, Switzerland—After Switzerland said in February it was joining European Union sanctions against Rus-

By Drew Hinshaw, Joe Parkinson and Patricia Kowsmann

sian oligarchs, this quiet Alpine getaway seemed like an obvious place to hunt for targets.

The streets are clustered with the offices of companies founded by Russia's wealthiest men, along with the headquarters for landmark natural-gas pipelines

Nord Stream 1 and 2 and the energy-trading department of Gazprom PJSC.

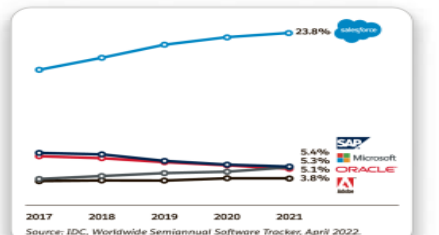
So many Russian billionaires have homes or businesses here that the local opposition party had begun taking sightseers on an Oligarch's Tour. Swiss newspapers nicknamed Zug "Little Moscow" and joked that local leaders wanted to build a Kremlin wall around the town.

It didn't seem so easy to the six local officials charged with helping implement sanctions. Working from a fifth-floor conference room,

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Ranked #1 for CRM Applications based on IDC 2021 Revenue Market Share Worldwide.



Source: IDC, Worldwide Semiannual Software Tracker, April 2022.



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Inflation rocks the NBA trade landscape, upping the market for Kevin Durant. **A14**

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South Korean drama 'Squid Game' makes history with Emmy nomination. **A11**

Consumers Are Giving Inflation The Bird—With a Whole Chicken
Rising prices turn penny-pinchers into butchers; 'Depression recipes'

By Joshua Jamerson

Rising prices for packaged chicken breasts, thighs and wings can leave a consumer squawking: Enough is enough. Egged on by the high cost of chicken parts, Simon Kirsch, a 33-year-old tech worker from Portland, Ore., decided to spring for the whole bird and take it apart himself.

"I couldn't justify spending that money," he says. A few online tutorials and messily butchered chickens

later, he no longer is winging it. Now, "breaking down a chicken is pretty fast," says Mr. Kirsch. He even spent about \$10 on chicken shears to get super close to the bones, which he saves for making soup stock. He dresses that up with bargain veggies, such as onions, potatoes and celery.

Before inflation, he says, "I wasn't, like, making soup on the weekends."

Roasting whole chickens is nothing new for many cooks, Please turn to page A10

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Japan mourns
Kishida pledge
on Abe quest

A car carrying the body of Japan's former prime minister Shinzo Abe leaves Zojoji temple in Tokyo after his funeral yesterday.

Following the assassination of the country's longest-serving leader on Friday, current prime minister Fumio Kishida has vowed to continue the mission of a man who shaped Japanese policy for the past decade.

Abe's death leaves the ruling Liberal Democratic party's largest faction leaderless, after he failed to groom a successor powerful enough to become the new face of his rightwing policies. Over the next three years, analysts say there is likely to be a weakening of hardline conservative voices within the LDP.

Kishida's chance to make a mark page 3



Yusuf Yamashita/Getty Images

West fears arms sent to Ukraine
end up on Europe's black market

◆ Allies want tracking system ◆ Concern over crime gangs' role ◆ Kyiv issues assurances

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ROMAN OLEARCHYK — KYIV

Nato and EU states are pushing for better tracking of weapons supplied to Ukraine in response to fears that criminal groups are smuggling them back out of the country and on to Europe's black market.

Since Russia launched its war against Ukraine, western states have provided more than \$10bn in military support, from rocket launchers and armoured vehicles to rifles and ammunition.

A number of Nato member states are discussing with Kyiv some form of tracking system or detailed inventory lists for weapons supplied to Ukraine, two western officials briefed on the talks told the Financial Times.

Ukraine's government is setting up a more extensive weapons monitoring and tracing system with the help of western countries, a third person familiar with the situation said.

"All these weapons land in southern Poland, get shipped to the border and then are just divided up into vehicles to cross: trucks, vans, sometimes private cars," said one western official. "And from that moment we go blank on their location and we have no idea where they go, where they are used or even if they stay in the country."

The potential for US weapons sent to Ukraine to fall into the wrong hands is "among a host of considerations" given the "challenging situation", Bonnie Denise Jenkins, US under-secretary for arms control and international security, said

yesterday. "The US very seriously takes our responsibility to protect American-origin defence technologies and prevent their diversion or illicit proliferation."

She added that the US was in "continued contact" with Kyiv on the issue and remained confident in the Ukrainian government's ability to "appropriately safeguard and account for" US weapons.

Yuriy Sak, an adviser to Ukraine's defence minister, said: "Any movement of weaponry either into Ukraine or out of Ukraine — when such movement is required for repairs when necessary — is very closely monitored and supervised both by Ukraine and our international partners."

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the European Commission launched an "EU support hub" in Moldova on Monday to provide expertise in combating issues such as weapons smuggling.

"It's hard to avoid trafficking or smuggling. We didn't achieve it in former Yugoslavia and probably won't avoid it in Ukraine," Jana Černochová, the Czech defence minister, said. She added that she trusted donor countries to take all necessary steps to track weaponry.

EU law enforcement agency Europol said in April that its investigations indicated that trafficking from Ukraine into the bloc to supply crime groups had begun and was a potential threat to the bloc's security. It called for "a register of weapons" transferred from the EU to Ukraine to help in tracking them.

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Consultants have reported a surge in demand from executives anxious about possible conflict, with requests for the views of ex-military leaders or top officials. The rise follows the war in Ukraine. — PAGE 4

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Two Luxembourg subsidiaries of the Malaysian oil group have been seized by heirs of the last sultan of Sulu, who claimed to hold oil-rich land that was leased to a British trading company in 1878. — PAGE 4

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Law of the gun

Firearm deaths (per 100,000) in US states by strength of regulation



Data for 2021 Source: Giffords Law Center

Causes of gun violence in the US are diverse and complex, but one relationship is clear. States with the most relaxed gun laws report more than twice as many firearm-related deaths as in states with the strictest regulations



JAB bets big on vets but is not counting its chickens

JAB Holdings has turned to pet care and veterinary services after return from lipsticks and lattes flagged. "But we do not count our chickens yet," it said recently. After splashing out \$9bn on acquisitions to become one of the largest vet operators, and spending \$2bn on insurance companies covering 2m pets, the group that manages money for Germany's Reimann family and outside investors is firmly on the radar of US monopoly busters.

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Spain set to raise €7bn from banks and utilities with windfall tax 'for workers'

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Spain has become the latest eurozone country to impose a windfall tax on banks in a sign of European governments' search for funds to lessen the pain of consumer price rises.

The move by prime minister Pedro Sánchez, which Madrid said would limit banks' gains from rising interest rates, triggered falls in Spanish banks' stock prices. Shares in CaixaBank, Bankinter and Sabadell fell about 10 per cent, while Santander and BBVA, the country's two biggest by market capitalisation, dropped nearly 4 per cent.

Sánchez, who leads a coalition government with radical left lawmakers, said a similar tax would be levied on energy utilities as part of a package aimed at protecting the less well-off

from the impact of inflation and soaring energy prices. Inflation in Spain rose to a 37-year high of 10 per cent in June, up from 8.5 per cent in May.

The temporary taxes on banks and energy groups, to be applied in 2023 and 2024, are projected to raise a total of €7bn — €1.5bn a year from the financial sector and €2bn a year from utilities.

"We are asking big companies to ensure that any exceptional benefits obtained during the current circumstances are channelled back to workers," Sánchez said. "I know it's getting harder and harder to make ends meet."

The bank levy came without warning and drew strong criticism from analysts.

"This is a crude form of populism. The government argument is that banks are benefiting from rising interest rates," said José Ramón Nurriaga, an analyst at Abante Asesores. "But there was no

state compensation during the long period when rates were negative."

Among other measures, the government plans to use the funds to build 12,000 homes in Madrid, make most state railway journeys free between September and December and provide €2bn in scholarships for over-16s.

Windfall taxes on energy companies profiting from high oil and gas prices have been on the political agenda across Europe, but only a few countries have considered imposing levies on banks. Hungary introduced a similar measure to Spain in May while Poland's rightwing government introduced a tax on banking assets in 2016.

The share prices of utility groups Iberdrola and Naturgy fell less than 1 per cent as the government had previously indicated that it would levy charges on energy companies.

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	Jul 12	Prev	%Chg	Pair	Jul 12	Prev	%Chg	Yield (%)	Jul 12	Prev	%Chg
S&P 500	3955.10	3954.43	-0.02	\$/€	1.066	1.068	-0.20	US 2 yr	3.04	3.06	-0.02
Nasdaq Composite	11370.55	11372.50	-0.02	\$/£	1.189	1.189	0.00	US 10 yr	2.82	2.86	-0.06
Dow Jones Ind	31250.15	31173.84	0.24	€/¥	0.848	0.848	0.00	US 30 yr	3.10	3.16	-0.06
FTSE100	1642.11	1635.78	0.39	¥/\$	137.445	137.445	0.00	UK 2 yr	1.97	2.06	-0.09
Euro Stoxx 50	3468.48	3471.69	-0.43	€/€	163.353	163.353	0.00	UK 10 yr	2.07	2.18	-0.11
FTSE 100	7229.38	7198.59	0.18	\$/¥	0.988	0.989	-0.01	UK 30 yr	2.57	2.60	-0.03
FTSE All-Share	3595.15	3590.92	0.16	JPY 10 yr	1.164	1.164	0.00	JPY 2 yr	-0.08	-0.07	-0.01
CAC 40	6044.20	5996.30	0.80	JPY 10 yr	0.24	0.24	-0.01	JPY 30 yr	1.30	1.28	0.01
Korea Dax	12805.48	12802.44	0.02	GER 2 yr	0.33	0.33	0.00	GER 10 yr	1.13	1.24	-0.11
Nikkei	26236.08	26812.30	-1.77	GER 30 yr	1.40	1.53	-0.13				
Hang Seng	20944.74	21124.30	-1.32								
MSCI World \$	2572.33	2603.62	-1.20								
MSCI EM \$	181.15	189.57	-4.94								
MSCI ACWI \$	600.82	608.58	-1.28								
FT Wilshire 2500	5693.98	5675.34	-0.11								
FT Wilshire 5000	39687.27	39628.11	-0.10								

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WHERE STARS ARE BORN The cliffs of the Carina nebula, captured by the James Webb Space Telescope. Its images revealed the earliest periods of star formation.

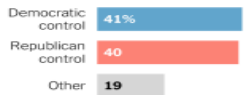
Midterm Race Appears Tight, Polling Shows

By NATE COHN

With President Biden's approval rating mired in the 30s and with nearly 80 percent of voters saying the country is heading in the wrong direction, all the ingredients seem to be in place for a Republican sweep in the November midterm elections.

But Democrats and Repu-

What is your preference for the outcome of the 2022 congressional elections?



Based on a New York Times/Siena College poll of 649 registered voters from July 5-7.
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cans begin the campaign in a surprisingly close race for control of Congress, according to the first New York Times/Siena College survey of the cycle.

Overall among registered voters, 41 percent said they preferred Democrats to control Congress compared with 40 percent who preferred Republican control.

Among likely voters, Republicans led by one percentage point, 44 percent to 43 percent, reflecting the tendency for the party out of power to enjoy a turnout advantage in midterms.

The results suggest that the wave of mass shootings and the recent Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe v. Wade have at least temporarily insulated the Democrats from an otherwise hostile national political environment while energizing the party's predominantly liberal activist base.

But the confluence of economic problems and resurgent cultural issues has helped turn the emerging class divide in the Democratic coalition into a chasm, as Republicans appear to be making new in-

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For DeSantis, Rare Silence On Abortion

This article is by Maggie Haberman, Patricia Mazzei and Michael C. Bender.

When the Supreme Court erased the constitutional right to an abortion last month, Gov. Ron DeSantis of Florida was among the many Republicans who celebrated. "The prayers of millions have been answered," he tweeted. But while other Republican leaders vowed to charge ahead with new restrictions — or near-total bans — Mr. DeSantis offered only a vague promise to "work to expand pro-life protections."

More than two weeks later, he has yet to explain what that means.

Mr. DeSantis, a favorite among those Republicans who want to move on from the Trump era, is rarely a reluctant partisan warrior. But his hesitance to detail his plans for abortion policy reflects the new and, in some states, difficult political terrain for Republicans in the post-Roe v. Wade era, as Democrats grasp for advantage on the issue in an otherwise largely hostile midterm election year.

In April, Mr. DeSantis signed a law barring abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy, bringing the state's limit down from 24 weeks. But with Roe overturned, some on the right now see a 15-week ban as insufficient, and other Republican governors, particularly in Southern states, have pushed for more aggressive restrictions.

Mr. DeSantis has described fetuses in the womb as "unborn babies." Yet he has largely avoided specifying what other restrictions he might endorse. When a state representative filed legislation last year seeking a six-week ban, the governor would not support or oppose it. "I have a 100 percent pro-life record," he said instead.

Now, campaigning for a second term as governor, Mr. DeSantis is coming under intense pressure from powerful parts of the G.O.P. base to further curb abortions in

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A Stunning New Peek Into the Ancient Cosmos

This article is by Dennis Overbye, Kenneth Chang and Joshua Sokol.

The universe was born in darkness 13.8 billion years ago, and even after the first stars and galaxies blazed into existence a few hundred million years later, there too stayed dark. Their brilliant light, stretched by time and the expanding cosmos, dimmed into the infrared, rendering them — and other clues to our beginnings — inaccessible to every eye and

Webb Telescope Shows Previously Invisible Details of Universe

instrument.

Until now. On Tuesday the James Webb Space Telescope, the most powerful space observatory yet built, offered a spectacular slide show of our previously in-

visible nascent cosmos. Ancient galaxies carpeting the sky like jewels on black velvet. Fledgling stars shining out from deep within cumulus clouds of interstellar dust. Hints of water vapor in the atmosphere of a remote exoplanet.

Their sum is both a new vision of the universe and a view of the universe as it once appeared new.

"That was always out there," said Jane Rigby, an astrophysicist

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Japan Bids Abe Farewell

Citizens offered flowers for ex-Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in Tokyo before his funeral on Tuesday.

In Many Ways, the World Is Getting Better. It Also Feels Broken.

Has the world entered a time of unusual turbulence, or does it just feel that way?

THE INTERPRETER
MAX FISHER

If you scan the headlines, it's easy to conclude that something has broken. The pandemic. Accelerating crises from climate change. Global grain shortage. Russia's war on Ukraine. Political

and economic meltdown in Sri Lanka. A former prime minister's assassination in Japan. And, in the United States: inflation, mass shootings, a reckoning over Jan. 6 and collapsing abortion rights.

That sense of chaos can be difficult to square with longer-term data showing that, on many metrics, the world is generally becoming better off.

Examining the Reasons for the Disparity

War is rarer today, by some measures, than it has been for most of the past 50 years — and, when it does occur, is significantly less deadly. Genocides and

mass atrocities are less common all the time. Life expectancy, literacy and standards of living have all risen to historic highs.

Also steadily declining in recent decades: hunger, child mortality, and extreme poverty, liberating hundreds of millions from what are, by sheer numbers, among the pre-eminent

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The president must juggle concerns over nuclear weapons, Russian oil and Saudi Arabia's de facto leader. PAGE A9

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Drier winters, higher temperatures and less rain are putting the fertile region's rice harvest at risk. PAGE A4



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The question of whether Elon Musk must buy the company is headed to a court in Delaware. PAGE B1

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In a 2-0 win, the team punished Spain's mistakes and clinched a spot in the women's Euros quarterfinals. PAGE B8

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New laws take aim at the firearms industry

California legislation, coming after Supreme Court ruling, sets up a legal showdown.

By Hannah Wiley

SACRAMENTO — Less than a month after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled against restrictions on carrying firearms in public in a substantial victory for 2nd Amendment advocates, California Gov. Gavin Newsom has signed at least three major gun control measures into law to restrict access to the weapons and create an avenue for private citizens to sue the industry.

On Tuesday, Newsom signed one of the highest-profile bills on a list of more than a dozen he prioritized this year amid a nationwide surge in gun violence. Assembly Bill 1594 establishes a "firearm industry standard of conduct" and allows local governments, the state Department of Justice and gun violence survivors to sue for egregious violations of state sales and marketing regulations.

Assemblymember Phil Ting (D-San Francisco) and other Democratic lawmakers said they crafted the legislation, which was sponsored by Atty. Gen. Rob Bonta, to work within the boundaries of a federal law that shields manufacturers and dealers from certain lawsuits.

"To the victims of gun violence," [See Laws, A11]

County's COVID fatalities double in a month

By Luke Money and Rong-Gong Lin II

The number of weekly COVID-19 deaths reported in Los Angeles County has doubled over the last month — the first significant increase in fatalities since the end of the winter surge.

Over the last week, the nation's most populous county tallied roughly 100 COVID-19 deaths, the highest total in three months. A month ago, the county was reporting about 50 deaths a week.

Although the numbers are still a fraction of the peak in the winter, when there were more than 500 COVID-19 deaths a week, they underscore the growing concerns over new super-contagious subvariants that have fueled a new wave of infections.

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STEPHEN AYRES, left, testified that he'd gone to Washington to hear President Trump's speech, but never intended to go to the Capitol until Trump told backers to go. Jason Van Tatenhove spoke of the Jan. 6 deaths.

'Big protest in D.C. on January 6th. Be there, will be wild!'

— DONALD TRUMP in a Dec. 19 tweet

'If a president tries to instill and encourage, whip up a civil war among his followers, using lies, deceit and snake oil, regardless of the human impact, what else is he going to do if he gets elected again?'

— JASON VAN TATENHOVE, former spokesman for the Oath Keepers

Was Mongols leader an informant?

Bikers allege ex-president aided ATE, hampered group's legal defense

By Matthew Ormseth

Drunk and despondent, David Santillan called his wife to beg for forgiveness.

The president of the notorious Mongols motorcycle club promised he'd put his infidelities behind him, get sober and be a better father.

Then the conversation, which she was secretly recording, turned to John. "John told me already — I have one year," Santillan said. "One year, he's retiring ... and he can't protect me. He told me. So we have to have an exit strategy."

"John" was John Ciccone, an agent with the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives who had investigated the Mongols for decades.

Livid at her husband — and the fact that his mistress had been harassing her and her children — Annie Santillan texted the June 2021 recording to two members of the Mongols. Her husband, [See Mongols, A14]



DAMIAN DOVARGANES Associated Press

MONGOLS members at the new 6th Street Viaduct on Saturday. Feds have dubbed the group, founded in the '70s, an "outlaw motorcycle gang."

Emmys are pro-HBO to the max

The channel and its sister streamer rack up 140 nominations, with some surprises. CALENDAR, E1

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L.A. tries to live with brown lawns amid watering limits. "It's sad," one resident laments. CALIFORNIA, B1



L.A. losing homes for adults with serious mental illness

By Lila Seidman

Mark Samuel has calculated how long his willpower will last before he closes a home for people suffering from mental illness who have little money to their name.

Thirty-six months.

FOR YOUR MIND

This article is part of The Times' mental health initiative, For Your Mind, an effort to increase coverage of treatment, public policy, wellness and culture related to mental health in California's communities.

Then he'll tear down Sepulveda Residential in Van Nuys and put up apartments, or sell. Plans and permits for the demolition are ready to go. Developers have tried to cajole him into selling with eye-popping offers. Once he pays for the building permit, it's a done deal. [See Homes, A8]

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An epic lawsuit: Twitter v. Musk

Company initiates legal battle after billionaire tried to terminate sale

BY ELIZABETH DWOSKIN AND RACHEL LERMAN

Twitter filed suit Tuesday against Elon Musk to force the billionaire to make good on his promise to purchase the company, issuing the first legal volley in what is expected to be one of the most high-profile business trials in recent history.

In a scathing attack on Musk and his motivations, Twitter accused the world's richest man of flagrant hypocrisy, self-interested rule-breaking and of purposefully trying to hurt the company that as incoming owner he was duty-bound to protect.

"Having mounted a public spectacle to put Twitter in play, and having proposed and then signed a seller-financed merger agreement, Musk apparently believes that he — unlike every other party subject to Delaware contract law — is free to change his mind, trash the company, disrupt its operations, destroy stockholder value, and walk away," the company wrote in a fiery legal complaint, referring to Musk's exit strategy as a "model of hypocrisy."

For months Musk has publicly threatened to walk away from the sale of the influential social network, efforts that culminated last week in a Securities and Exchange Commission filing claiming he was "terminating" the agreement because Twitter hadn't given him enough information about spam and bots on its service. Twitter's

SEE TWITTER ON A17

Trump hid Capitol plan, panel finds



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Rioter Stephen Ayres apologizes to Capitol Police officer Harry Dunn after testifying Tuesday before the Jan. 6 select committee.

Cheney: Trump tried to call witness who has yet to testify

BY ISAAC ARNSDORF AND JOSH DAWSEY

Rep. Liz Cheney (R-Wyo.) ended Tuesday's hearing of the House committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol with a direct warning to former president Donald Trump.

Sometime in the past two weeks, Cheney said, Trump tried to call someone whom she

identified as a witness who has not yet appeared in the committee's hearings. The person didn't take the call and instead alerted their lawyer, who in turn told the committee. The committee reported the call to the Justice Department, Cheney said, suggesting the possibility of a crime.

"Let me say one more time," Cheney, the panel's vice chair, SEE TRUMP ON A4

Rivals tell of wild theories, threats, fury in Oval Office

BY ROSALIND S. HELDERMAN AND JOSH DAWSEY

Late on a Friday night about six weeks after Donald Trump lost his reelection, a fistfight nearly broke out in the White House between the president's fired national security adviser and a top White House aide.

A motley crew of unofficial Trump advisers had talked their way into the Oval Office and an

audience with the president of the United States to argue the election had been stolen by shadowy foreign powers — perhaps remotely via Nest thermostats.

For hours, the group tried to persuade Trump to take extraordinary, potentially illegal action to ignore the election results and try to stay in power. And for hours, some of Trump's actual SEE MEETING ON A5

2020 TWEET UNITED RIGHT-WING GROUPS

White House counsel says advice was ignored

BY ISAAC STANLEY-BECKER AND JACQUELINE ANANY

Donald Trump scrawled the words on Twitter that motivated right-wing extremists to seek blood on Jan. 6, 2021, and kept secret a plan to direct his supporters to the Capitol that day, according to evidence and testimony presented Tuesday at the seventh hearing of the House select committee investigating the pro-Trump riot.

The tweet was issued at 1:42 a.m. on Dec. 19, 2020, after an hours-long meeting with outside advisers about seizing voting machines that a White House adviser described in real time as "unhinged."

"Big protest in D.C. on January 6th," wrote the president. "Be there, will be wild!"

The message marked a turning point in Trump's efforts to stay in power and, in the telling of Rep. Jamie B. Raskin (D-Md.), "would galvanize his followers, unleash a political firestorm and change the course of our history as a country."

Notably, the committee member said, the president's move to advertise a protest on Jan. 6 caused the Proud Boys and the Oath Keepers, two right-wing extremist groups that have not historically worked together, to join hands and coordinate their planning, including with maps of D.C. that pinpointed the location of police.

The tweet also illustrated, said SEE HEARING ON A4

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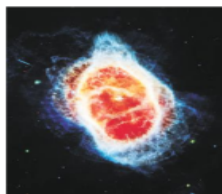
Webb telescope delivers the drama of the cosmos

Full-color images show NASA project is more powerful than expected

BY JOEL ACHENBACH

NASA on Tuesday released the first set of full-color images and data obtained by the revolutionary \$10 billion James Webb Space Telescope, and it is quite the cosmic show: colliding galaxies, a dying star shedding itself layer by layer, a glorious stellar nursery and the intriguing signs of water vapor and clouds on a giant planet whirling around a faraway star.

The telescope appears to be even more powerful than the people who dreamed it up had hoped. It is able to see farther into the depths of space and time than the acclaimed Hubble, collecting the exquisitely faint infrared light emitted by the first stars and galaxies more than



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The Southern Ring Nebula seen about 2,000 light-years away.

13 billion years ago. "It sees things that I never dreamed were out there," senior project scientist John Mather, a Nobel laureate who started working on the telescope in 1995, said after the unveiling of the images.

The Webb project has been a long and difficult journey filled with hazards, but it has produced

SEE TELESCOPE ON A8

BY DOUGLAS MACMILLAN

CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA — He had been a cop, a factory worker and a taxi driver, but at 44, Shaun Cupido had yet to find a path to prosperity. Murderous gangs ruled Manenberg, the apartheid-built township where he had spent his whole life, and he was sick of having to remind his three children to lie down and cover their heads every time they heard the pop of bullets.

Then, in 2017, Cupido found a job he thought might finally change his fortunes. Uber promised to let South Africans make their own hours and be their own bosses. He rented a car, began ferrying tourists around Cape Town's waterfront shopping districts and cliffside resorts, and for a while, the money was good. He started to dream of building his own business operating a fleet of cars for the ride-hailing company.

But little by little, he said, Uber made changes to its service that lowered his pay and raised his risks. The company recruited new

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Drivers risked debt and danger in South Africa



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Shaun Cupido thought driving for Uber would be a path to prosperity from his dangerous township.

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Bidding farewell Days after former prime minister Shinzo Abe was gunned down, Japan paused to remember him. A14

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The D.C. Council pushed a plan to end the practice preventing residents with unpaid traffic fines from renewing their driver's licenses. B1
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Tesoros nunca vistos del universo profundo

El telescopio más potente de la historia captó nuevas imágenes



Ayer, la NASA sumó tres imágenes de alta calidad y detalle que les permitirán a la astronomía y a la humanidad reunir más información detallada para conocer el origen del universo. La tecnología que utiliza el telescopio James Webb permite acercarse a exoplanetas gigantes, galaxias, nebulosas y estrellas agonizantes como nunca antes. Página 20

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Urgido por la deuda, el
Gobierno maniobra para que
los bancos le presten más

OPCIÓN. El BCRA creó un mecanismo para cubrirlos del riesgo de pérdida de valor de los bonos

El Banco Central (BCRA) oficializó ayer otro intento de convencer a los bancos de que destinen parte del dinero que tienen colocado en letras de liquidez (Leliq) a la compra de bonos del Tesoro. La medida refleja la preocupación del Gobierno por las dificultades que enfrenta para refi-

nanciar los fuertes vencimientos de la deuda en pesos. Además, el BCRA busca limitar el aumento de su deuda remunerada (se acerca a los \$7 billones), reducir el déficit cuasi fiscal y evitar que el Gobierno le siga demandando asistencia. Se trata de un mecanismo por el cual les garan-

tiza recomprarles los bonos que le hayan adquirido al Tesoro, tomando un seguro que ofrecerá a bajo costo.

La decisión fue adoptada ayer en una reunión extraordinaria del directorio del BCRA y alcanza a los títulos que se emitan desde ahora hasta el fin de 2023. Página 16

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EL ANÁLISIS

Una paz frágil,
tras días de
paranoia y
desconfianza

Joaquín Morales Solá

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Tal vez estén viviendo solo una tensa vigilia en las vísperas de otra guerra. Un alto funcionario del Gobierno, cercano a Alberto Fernández, sostiene que la primavera presidencial por la tregua reciente entre las facciones de la administración es simétrica al malestar vicepresidencial. Continúa en la página 10

Tensión en la UIF tras el giro
en favor de Cristina Kirchner

VIALIDAD. El ente pidió absolver a la vicepresidenta

El alegato de la Unidad de Información Financiera (UIF) en el juicio del caso Vialidad, donde pidió absolver a Cristina Kirchner, exacerbó el malestar que se vive dentro del organismo antilavado desde que asumió el gobierno del Frente de Todos. El

pedido de absolución implicó un drástico giro para la UIF, que durante años impulsó la causa contra la vicepresidenta y Lázaro Báez. Hoy se debate sobre cómo pararse ante los expedientes de corrupción del kirchnerismo. Página 13

Intervienen la oficina donde
espiaron datos de los jueces

INTRUSIÓN. Reforzarán las medidas de seguridad

El Consejo de la Magistratura decidió ayer intervenir la oficina que maneja las declaraciones juradas de los jueces nacionales y federales, después de que desconocidos irrumpieron y revisaron 24 sobres lacrados

con información confidencial.

Gran parte de los sobres vulnerados tenían información personal de jueces a cargo de causas de corrupción. Los consejeros de la Magistratura decidieron, además, reforzar la seguridad. Página 14

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Emmy aposta no algoritmo

'Succession' e HBO lideram indicados ao Emmy, e lista, que inclui 'Round 6' e 'Euphoria', mostra que a premiação da TV está saturada de opções e mais atenta ao que é pop do que ao que tem qualidade.

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Repercussão do podcast 'Mulher da Casa Abandonada' motiva denúncias

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Excesso de vitamina D faz britânico ser internado com rim debilitado

Congresso barra emenda de relator obrigatória

Em articulação liderada pelo presidente do Senado, Rodrigo Pacheco (PSD-MG), o Congresso derrubou a obrigatoriedade de o governo pagar as emendas de relator, principal meio de negociação política entre Legislativo e o governo Jair Bolsonaro (PL). Foi aprovado também um dispositivo que mantém anônimo o parlamentar que indica os recursos remanejados. **Política A9**

Polícia do RJ apura se anestesista estuprou outras 5

A polícia investiga se mais cinco gestantes foram estupradas no parto pelo anestesista Giovanni Bezerra, preso em flagrante na segunda. O conselho de medicina do Rio suspendeu provisoriamente o registro dele. **Cotidiano B1**

Mariliz Pereira Jorge Basta ser mulher

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Texto-base que explode limite orçamentário em meio a campanha põe em risco equilíbrio fiscal

A Câmara aprovou na noite de ontem em 1º turno o texto-base de uma proposta de emenda à Constituição que libera estimados R\$ 41 bilhões em gasto com benefícios em ano eleitoral. A sessão foi suspensa pelo presidente da Casa, Arthur Lira, antes de votados os destaques.

Entre outras coisas, a PEC aprovada por 393 votos a 14 (de 308 necessários) autoriza o governo a criar um vale para caminhoneiros e taxistas, dobrar o valor do Auxílio Gás e ampliar o Auxílio Brasil para R\$ 600 até o fim do ano, a um custo estimado em R\$ 41,3 bilhões.

O texto institui o estado de emergência para permitir que o presidente Jair Bolsonaro (PL) fure o teto de gastos, o que coloca em risco duas décadas e meia de equilíbrio fiscal. Os deputados ainda precisam votar os destaques e, se houver mudança, apreciar em 2º turno.

A votação, que havia sido adiada na semana passada, foi suspensa após problemas técnicos durante o processo. O Planalto tem pressa para começar os pagamentos dos repasses, dada a proximidade da eleição. Bolsonaro está em segundo lugar nas pesquisas eleitorais.

A oposição criticou a proposta, mas votou a favor — a ampliação de benefícios é pauta de partidos de esquerda, como o PT de Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva. **Mercado A15**

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Pedestres circulam em rua do centro de São Paulo onde, ao fundo, prédio começou a pegar fogo na noite de domingo; edifício corre o risco de desabar, diz Prefeitura **Cotidiano B2**

Dados indicam negociação de compra de sentença pelo Pros

Áudios, trocas de mensagens e depoimento registrado em cartório mostram uma possível negociação para compra de decisão no Tribunal de Justiça do Distrito Federal a favor do grupo que hoje comanda o Pros (Partido Republicano da Ordem Social), relata Ranier Bragion.

O material levanta suspeita de um acerto de R\$ 5 milhões em torno da promessa de uma sentença favorável por parte do desembargador Diaulus Costa Ribeiro. Ribeiro disse que jamais recebeu "qualquer proposta criminosa". O Pros não respondeu a perguntas específicas do caso. **Política A4 e A5**

Bolsonaro liga para irmãos de petista morto

Jair Bolsonaro (PL) telefonou a familiares do petista Marcelo de Arruda, morto por um bolsonarista em Foz do Iguaçu, e os convidou para ir a Brasília. Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT) insinuou interesse eleitoral do presidente. **Política A10**

Nomes do governo são 70% em lista para fiscalizar urna

Ao menos 70% dos nomes indicados para atuar nas próximas etapas de fiscalização do processo eleitoral são ligados ao governo de Jair Bolsonaro (PL) — 28 de 40. O TSE ainda não confirmou se aceitará todas as sugestões. **Política A8**

ANS derruba limite de sessões de terapia em planos de saúde

Medida, que entra em vigor no mês que vem, também vale para atendimento de qualquer paciente com fonoaudiólogos, fisioterapeutas e terapeutas ocupacionais. **B3**

Zona leste tem 9 dos 10 bairros com mais furto de carros em SP

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Clan González Daher explotó su esquema usurario por 60 años

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Le Moyen-Orient n'a pas son pareil
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d'échecs militaires ou stratégiques en
Afghanistan, en Irak et en Syrie, réduit les
attentes des acteurs locaux envers feu le
« gendarme du monde ». Les dirigeants is-
raéliens, palestiniens et saoudiens sont
conscients d'accueillir un chef de la Mai-
son-Blanche affaibli, que l'âge ne cesse de
faire trébucher, à la merci d'une déroute
lors des prochaines législatives et poussé
par son propre camp à ne pas se représenter
pour un second mandat.S'il l'avait pu, le vieux président diplomate,
qui arpente ces contrées depuis un demi-
siècle, se serait abstenu de renier publique-
ment une promesse électorale : Mohammed
Ben Salman (MBS), prince héritier aux com-
mandes à Riyad, serait traité par Washing-
ton en « paria » pour avoir commandité le
sordide assassinat du journaliste Jamal
Khashoggi en octobre 2018. Las ! Washing-ton a besoin que le Saoudien consente à
augmenter sa production de pétrole, afin de
faire baisser le prix de l'essence à la pompe
et de contenir l'inflation aux États-Unis, qui
met en péril les chances des démocrates
dans les urnes en novembre. Sans compter
le risque de dislocation de la coalition for-
mée avec les Européens contre la Russie.Joe Biden met un genou à terre, mais MBS lui
tient la dragée haute, invoquant
un accord de pla-
onnement de la
production passé
avec Vladimir
Poutine. Israël ne
compte pas lui
donner beaucoupplus de satisfactions, ni sur la perspective de
dialogue avec les Palestiniens, ni sur une
promesse de retenue face à l'Iran au seuil
nucléaire. C'est plutôt en favorisant le rap-
prochement entre ces deux difficiles alliés
que la Maison-Blanche peut espérer faire
bouger les lignes. Quitte à emprunter ses re-
cettes à Donald Trump : instiller le doute sur
l'engagement du protecteur américain et en
finir avec les leçons de morale. ■ARMOIRES LITS
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Leadership battle leaves eight Tory rivals scrapping for votes

● Sunak the frontrunner
with support of more
than 40 colleagues as MPs
prepare to cut back field

● Javid drops out without
endorsing rival while
Dorries and Rees-Mogg
declare support for Truss

Heather Stewart
Jessica Elgot
Aubrey Allegretti

Conservative divisions were laid bare yesterday as a wide-open field of eight MPs made it through to the first round of the contest to succeed Boris Johnson as prime minister.

Despite the 1922 Committee setting a threshold of 20 MPs to secure a place on the ballot paper, just

three of the 11 declared candidates were eliminated on a frenetic day in Westminster. Rishi Sunak is the frontrunner among MPs by some margin, with the publicly declared support of more than 40 colleagues, but it remains unclear who will join him in the final two.

Tory MPs will vote today, with any contender with fewer than 30 votes eliminated. Further rounds will then follow, until the field is narrowed to just two, with Conservative members

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making the final decision on who will become the new Tory leader - and prime minister.

Sajid Javid, whose resignation helped precipitate Johnson's demise, dropped out of the race shortly before the announcement by 1922 Committee chair, Graham Brady. The former health secretary did not immediately endorse any of his rivals.

Brady said eight candidates had met the threshold to proceed: Sunak, Jeremy



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Astronomers have hailed the beginning of a new era after the first images captured by the James Webb space telescope were revealed yesterday, including this picture of the Carina nebula showing jets bursting out of newborn stars. **News** Pages 22-23 →