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Price of Scotland breakaway rises

◆ Independence to create fiscal hole, says FT study ◆ Brexit and Covid take financial toll

An independent Scotland would inherit a large hole in its public finances because lower than expected tax reve-nues, Brexit and coronavirus have increased the country's budget deficit, according to Financial Times analysis. A significant deterioration in Scot-

A significant deterioration in Scotland's fiscal position since the country's independence referendum in 2014 suggests it would face a persistent deficit of almost 10 per cent of gross domestic product — well ahead of international norms — if the country was to leave the UK by the middle of this decade.

Based on the pro-independence Scotland of the second of the pro-independence Scotland of the second of the pro-independence Scotland of the pro-independence

tish National Party's assumptions, this would mean Scotland needed to raise taxes or cut public spending annually by the equivalent of £1,265 per person in the period after exting the UK so as to narrow the deficit to sustainable levels.

Nicola Sturgeon, Scotland's first minister and SNP leader, is atming for an outright majority in Scottish parliament elections on May 6, and then to demand that UK prime minister boris Johnson authorise a new referendum. Scots rejected independence by 55 per cent to 45 per cent in 2014 but polls suggest the public is now evenly divided.

The PT's estimate that Scotland's deficit would be almost 10 per cent of GDP

suggests that the tax increases or spending cuts needed to bring borrowing down to manageable levels have doubled compared with the tight expenditure limits proposed by an SNP economic commission in 2018.

Scotland's now much weaker fiscal position would present a newly independent nation with a difficult set of choices. It could impose many years of spending restraint or higher taxes—or bet that financial markets would be willing to lend at very low interest rates to a ing to lend at very low interest rates to a new sovereign borrower with a large and persistent deficit.

Thomas Sampson, associate professor at the London School of Economics, said



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Ireland showed that prosperity for an independent Scotland was possible in the long term "but in the short term, there would be a host of problems".

The SNP did not respond in detail to the FT's estimates but reiterated calculations from its 2018 commission. "Pre-Covid, Scotland's tax revenues were estimated to cover all devolved spending on day-to-day public services ... The whole point of independence is to give the Scotlish parliament all the economic levers it needs to grow our economy and make the spending choices best suited to Scotland's interests."



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Seven have died from blood clots after 18m AstraZeneca jabs, watchdog says

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The medicines regulator has disclosed that seven people who received the Oxford/AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine have died in the UK after registering the rare blood clotting events that have caused restrictions on the jab's use in several European countries. The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency told the Financial Times it had received 22 reports of cerebral venous sinus thrombosis and eight of other thrombosis events coupled with low platelet levels, leading to seven deaths out of the 18. Im people who had received the AstraZeneca vaccine. The unusual combination of blood clots and low platelet levels has alarmed some scientists in mainland Europe. Reports of similar incidents have led

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most recently, Germany to recommend that younger people, who are more likely to be affected by the condition, avoid the shot. In Norway and Denmark, the vaccine is uspended.

The MHRA, the European Medicines Agency and the World Health Organization have all said there is no evidence of a causal link between the vaccine and the condition and recommended that governments continue to use the shot. The MHRA initially reported the new cases on Thursday, as part of a weekly report on so-called post-vaccination yellow-card events, but it did not discuss the fatalities. Downing Street said it would continue to assess the evidence but that its advice and strategy remained unchanged, "We remain absolutely confident in the vaccine," it said.

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equates to about one case in every 600,000 people who have received the AstraZeneca vaccine. It was a sharp increase from the number of such incidents recorded in the previous MHRA-dents recorded in the previous MHRA-report on March 22, which showed four cases of CVST and no fatalities for the

cases of CVST and no fatalities for the period from January to March 14.

The report on March 28 listed 24 cases of CVST, including four fatalities, for the period to March 21. The MHRA did not discuss the fatalities in its statement but later told the FT that seven people had died of the 50 cases showing the rare combination of blood clots and low platelet counts.

Dr June Raine, chief executive of the MHRA, reiterated that the benefits of the Covid-19 vaccine continue to outwelgh any risks.

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Jobs surge boosts US revival hopes

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The US added more than 900,000 jobs in March, raising optimism about an accelerating recovery in the month that joe Biden's St. 9 st must was passed. Non-farm payrolis data released yesterday exceeded expectations with 916,000 new jobs, a sharp improvement on the upwardly revised 468,000 posts created in February and 253,000 generated in the programment of the programment

ated in January.

The unemployment rate edged down to 6 per cent, coinciding with renewed hope in the fight against the pandemic as a winter surge in infections ebbed

and the rate of vaccinations picked up.
Speaking before heading to Camp
David for the Easter holiday, Biden said
the US still had "a long way to go to get
our economy back on track" but the
improvement was evident. "My message to the American people is this help is
here. Opportunity is coming."
The job gains were broadly based.
Hiring in leisure and hospitality slowed
from 384,000 to 280,000, but goodsproducing sectors, including manufacturing and construction, bounced back,

turing and construction, bounced back, from losses of 44,000 in February to a gain of 183,000 positions last month. Government hiring surged to 136,000 after shedding 90,000 jobs in February.

The report weighed on short-term government bonds, with some traders positioning for the prospect that a quick rebound could prompt the Federal Reserve to tighten monetary policy faster. The yield on the two-year note rose 0.05 percentage points to 0.19 per cent, one of the largest one-day increases in the past year. Interest rate futures also climbed. "It seems to be the recovery [1s] happening much more quickly than people thought and could possibly move the Fed into a position where they may have to do something sooner rather than later," said Torn di Galoma, a managing director with Seaport Global Holdings.



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The recovery in the labour market has not erased the scarring caused by the pandemic and investors expect the Fed and the White House to continue to stimulate the economy.

"Today's report confirms that labour market conditions are decidedly improving but reaching broad-based and inclusive full employment will be a multiyear process. As such, we expect the Fed to keep rates steady until mid-2023," said Nancy Vanden Houten, lead US economist at Oxford Economics.

The leading global stock markets, including US exchanges, are closed for the Easter weekend.

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Battle over berth rights as Suez Canal backlog clears

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The reopening of the Suez Canal has
sparked a frenzy among shipping lines
to regotiate borthing stors in Europe's
ports to clear the backlog of vessels.
Traffic has been brisk since the Ever
Given was refloated on Monday, but
there are still more than 200 vessels
anchored at the canal's southern end.
As shipping lines seek fast turnrounds
to exploit high freight rates, Piraeus,
Rotterdam, Antwerp and Valencia are
braced for a deluge of arrivals.
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Washington role in Vienna talks buoys bid to resuscitate Tehran nuclear deal

The US will attend international talks on the tranian nuclear agreement next week in the biggest effort to rescue the deal since Donald Trump abandoned it almost three years ago.

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The negotiations in Vienna are an attempt to bring the agreement "back to life" after US president Joe Biden said Washington was prepared to rejoin if Tehran came back into compliance, a senior EU official said.

While no direct talks between Washington and Tehran are expected, the presence of both countries at the gathering would be an important step.

The negotiations are expected to focus on restoring the original deal, diplomats said. "There is a single exercise,

which is how to bring the [Joint Com which is now to bring the [Joint Com-prehensive Plan of Action] back to life," the EU official said. "The idea is to define the conditions in which the US

the EU official said. "The idea is to define the conditions in which the US will come back to the JCPOA and Iran will restart full compliance." The Vienna talks come after a meeting vesterday of the other signatories to the accord — the EU, Germany, France, the UK, Russia, China and Iran. The 2015 deal imposed curbs on Tehran's nuclear programme in exchange for the lifting of many international sanctions. Next week's discussions are not expected to cover wider issues, such as Iran's ballistic missile programme or its role in regional conflicts. However, negotiating re-engagement on the narrow deal is complicated by hardline domestic pressures on both Biden and Hassan Roubani, Iran's president, who faces elections in June.

Mohammad Javad Zarif, Iran's foreign minister, underscored the challenge as he suggested that the US should move first before Iran came back into

move first before Iran came back into compliance. The aim of the Vienna talks was to "rapidly finalise sanction-lifting and nuclear measures for choreographed removal of all sanctions, followed by Iran ceasing remedial measures", Zarif wrote on Twitter. "No Iran-US meeting, Unnecessary." Iran has told European officials that it wants to agree a plan to take both sides back to full mutual compliance, three people briefed on the matter said. "The US engaged in [the idea of] gesture-to-gesture at Iran's suggestion," a US official told the Financial Times. "They [Iran] now want to talk about full of the property of the state of the property of the p

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Patients face 'frightening' NHS backlog

Denis Campbell

Health policy editor

Patients could be waiting up to two years for vital operations by the time of the next election because of a "truly frightening" backlog of care caused by the pandemic, NHS England's former boss has said.

Lengthening delays in getting treatment in England will become a major political problem for Boris Johnson and pose a risk to patients' health, Sir David Nicholson told the Guardian.

"The backlog is truly frightening. We can very easily get to the next election with people waiting over two years. It's easy to do that," said Nicholson, citing an explosion in the number of people waiting at least a year since the start of the Covid-19 crisis.

"The whole issue of access [to care] is a greater threat to the NHS than privatisation because poor access

undermines confidence amongst those people who fund the service taxpayers," he added.

Nicholson was the chief executive of the health service in England from 2006 until 2014, when Sir Simon Stevens took over. He is the chair of the Worcestershire acute hospitals trust, is about to take up the same post at the Sandwell and West Birmingham hospital trust, and is the chair of the NHS integrated care system in Hereford-shire and Worcestershire, which brings together different providers of care.

The widespread suspension of normal NHS diagnostic tests and surgery during the pandemic as hospitals prioritised Covid has left the service in England with a record 4.59 million people waiting for hospital treatment.

That number is likely to rise to what the NHS Confederation believes could be as many as 6.9m cases by the end of the year as people on a "hidden waiting list" - who

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nale à l'aube de ce troisième confinement. Chargés de tra-duire concrètement les orienta-tions présidentielles annoncées mercredi soir, les ministres ont

multiplié les prises de parole, au risque d'alimenter une certaine cacophonie. Après avoir an-noncé jeudi que les assistantes maternelles ne pourraient pas

continuer à exercer pendant ces trois prochaines semaines, le gouvernement a ainsi rétropé-dalé ce vendredi. L'exercice de pédagogie sur les règles de déplacements interrégionaux et la «tolérance» accordée pour le week-end pascal s'est aussi révélé périlleux pour les ministres

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Alors qu'ils l'avaient vécue à distance l'an dernier, les fidèles pourront célébrer dans leur église la fête la plus importante de leur calendrier. Pour s'adapter aux contraintes sanitaires, des paroisses procéderont dès l'aube aux offices. PAGES 10, LIET L'EDITORIAL

L'exécutif cherche à débloquer l'épargne des Français

Depuis des mois, le gouvernement réfléchit aux solutions pour pousser les Français à réinvestir dans l'économie l'épargne accumulée au cours de la crise du Covid. L'enjeu est considérable, plus de 150 milliards d'euros d'épargne, soit un montant supérieur au plan de relance mis en place l'an dernier. Parmi les solutions envisagées, Bercy plan-che sur un coup de pouce fiscal visant à faciliter les donations entre générations. L'exécutif veut aussi croire que la levée des interdits poussera les Français à dépenser massivement. PAGES 20 ET 21

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Vertu pour les temps moroses

ouvre-feu prolongé, fermeture des écoles, télétravail généralisé, comme tous les Français, les chrétiens ont entendu le prési-dent annoncer mercredi le menu pascal. Et, comme tous les Français, ils ont pu connaître un moment d'abattement. Chacun vit depuis un an au rythme des annonces et des déceptions. À l'espoir succè-de régulièrement le découragement, et de

plus en plus souvent la lassitude. Parfois aussi, il y a le chagrin : oxygéna-tion, réanimation, décès, la litanie des malades et des défunts est en sourdine, mais elle ne faiblit pas.

Seule occasion de se réjouir pour les fidè-les, le troisième confinement n'a pas com-promis les célébrations de la semaine sainpromis les célébrations de la semaine sain-te comme l'an dernier. Entre sens civique et bon sens, l'Église s'adapte. Les offices du jeudi saint ont eu lieu aux heures ouvrables, les chemins de croix ont été statiques. La vigile pascale, longue veille interrompue par le magnifique surgisse-ment du feu dans la nuit de printemps, sera cette année célébrée aux premières

L'horaire a changé, mais la ferveur du Mystè-

La perspective des jours où toute distanciation sociale sera enfin abolie, où tout «geste barrière» deviendra superflu, peut paraître lointaine.

Le monde d'après semble inatteignable, sans cesse en recul, menacé par les insaisissables Crovants

ou non, nous voici dans l'esprit

variants et les lenteurs de la vaccination. Les annonces successives et contradictoires suscitent la grogne ou l'abattement. Tout le monde est dans l'expectative. À quand le

de Pâques bout du tunnel?
Croyants ou non, nous
voici plongés dans l'esprit de Pâques : « Veillez, car vous ne savez pas quand le maître viendra. » Chacun à sa manière exprime une angoisse, un désarroi, une impatience, une attente – qui peuvent se traduire par le silen-ce terrible du samedi saint; et enfin, enfin, la lumière : pour les chrétiens, le Christ ressur cité, comme il l'avait dit.

Plus que jamais, l'espérance demeure une vertu théologale pour les temps moroses. ■

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- **Biden spoke with Ukraine's president amid a push by the U.S. to show its support for Kyiv against heightened Russian military pressure along Ukraine's border. A8
- ◆ The derailment of a Tai-wan passenger train killed at least 50 people and injured nearly 150 others. A7

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- A Chinese authorities summoned Hennes & Mauritz over what they said was improper mapping on the H&M website, adding pressure on the clothing brand. B3
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Job Surge Signals Broad Rebound

Monthly hiring figure of 916,000 is best since August as virushit industries roar back

By Eric Morath

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sonally adjusted 916,000 jobs in March, the best gain since August, the Labor Department said Friday, and the unemployment rate, determined by a separate survey, fell to 6%, a pandemic low. Still, as of March, there are 8.4 million fewer jobs than in February 2020 before the pandemic hit. The jobs rebound is gaining renewed momentum as more people are vaccinated against Covid-19, states lift restrictions on business activity, and consumers grow more comfortable dining, shopping and

traveling outside their homes.

"There's a seismic shift going on in the U.S. economy," said Beth Ann Bovino, a Ph.D. economist at S&P Global. The confluence of additional federal stimulus, growing consumer confidence and the feeling that the pandemic is close to abating—despite rising infections in recent weeks—is propelling economic growth and hiring, she said.

Other recent data show restaurant, hotel and airlines bookings are up and consumers are spending more at

gyms, salons and spas in recent weeks than they have in more than a year. Consumer spending accounts for more than two-thirds of economic demand and is an important element of the recovery.

"Fear is subsiding, and American households are siting on a lot of cash" from stimulus checks and savings from reduced spending, said Dr. Bovino. "That's going to Please turn to page A2

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New Mayhem at U.S. Capitol Leaves Officer, Suspect Dead



ATTACK: Investigators assemble at the scene Friday after a man rat tol. A Capitol Police officer died from injuries in the incident and and

As Home Sales Soar, Mortgages Are Tight

By Orla McCaffrey

The mortgage market is humming, but getting ap-proved for a home loan is as difficult as it has been in

years.
Mortgage credit availability,
a measure of lenders' willingness to issue mortgages, is
near its lowest level since
2014, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association, or
MRA

The tight lending environ

MBA.

The tight lending environment illustrates a growing cleavage in the mortgage market: More home loans are being made than almost ever before, but they are going almost exclusively to borrowers with pristine credit histories and sizable down payments.

Borrowers with credit qualifications that fall just outside the stellar category are finding fewer lenders willing to approve their applications. A segment of borrowers who would have qualified for a home loan early last year are now out of luck, deemed too much of a credit risk.

"Because mortgage credit is more difficult to obtain, it is a more competitive environment overall," said Dr. Lawrence Yun, chief economist at the National Association of Realtors.

About 70% of mortgages is-

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U.S., Iran Agree to Resume Talks Over Nuclear Deal

The United States and Iran will take part in talks next week in Vienna aimed at reviving the 2015 Iran nuclear agreement, the most extensive

By Laurence Norman in Brussels and Michael R. Gordon in Washington

effort to shore up the accord since President Biden took of-fice in January, diplomats said Friday. Senior officials from all par-ticipants in the accord—Iran,

France, Germany, the U.K., Russia, China and the European Union, as well as top U.S. officials—will gather in the Austrian capital starting Tuesday. For now, Iran has ruled out direct talks on nuclear matters with the U.S. However both countries will attend the gathering, which is aimed at breaking a stalemate over Iranian compliance with the agreement and U.S. sanctions against Tehran.

A face-to-face meeting between officials from the two countries over the nuclear

agreement would be the first since late 2017, months before the Trump administration withdrew from the deal in May 2018.

ay 2018. President Biden has said he President Biden has said he wants the U.S. to return to the deal, which placed strict but temporary limits on Iran's nuclear activities in exchange for a suspension of international sanctions on Tehran.

The Vienna meeting will aim at drawing up two separate agreements, one with the U.S. and with Iran, on steps Please turn to page A8

Travel Is Safe After Vaccine, CDC Says

By Alison Sider

Note: Seasonally adjusted Sources: Labor Department

U.K. strain of virus draws focus in U.S.....

Custody Fight Plus

QAnon Turns Deadly How online conspiracies spilled into real life

Christopher Hallett spent years helping Neely Petrie-Blanchard fight for custody her daughters. Then on the evening of Nov. 15, she shot

By Georgia Wells in Ocala, Fla., and Justin Scheck in Youngstown, Ohio

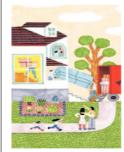
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him in the head in his Ocala,
Fla., home. While blood pooled
beneath Mr. Hallett's dying
body, Ms. Petrie-Blanchard declared her motive. She was
convinced Mr. Hallett had
joined a cabal of government
Satanists to steal her children.
Mr. Hallett was a self-appointed expert in child-custody law, with no formal legal

training, whose theories about corruption in the legal system attracted thousands of followers on YouTube and Facebook. He used what he called calculus equations to prove his legal arguments and said he was helping to advise President Donald Trump on a new Justice Department, according to his followers.

Some of Mr. Hallett's followers said in comments and on regular video calls that pedophiles in the Pentagon steal children. Some ascribed to QAnon, which claims a highranking whistleblower is exposing the activity, Some said the Earth is flat.

Ms. Petrie-Blanchard, who Please turn to page A10

EXCHANGE



REALLY MOVING

A user's guide to navigating the red-hot housing market—for both buyers and sellers. **B1**

Where's the Party? Your Vaccine Site

Cheerleaders, stand-ups lead celebrations

By JENNIFER LEVITZ

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CHULA VISTA, Calif.—Serena and Francisco Cortez, a married couple, recently went to get their first Covid-19 vaccine shots in the San Diego area, expecting a bureaucratic maze of long lines and red tape.

Instead, inside the old Sears store housing the South Bay Vaccination Super Station, cheerful greeters were on hand and peppy '80s dance tunes blared from loudspeakers. After the Cortezes received their doses and headed to the obser
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M.L.B. Moves All-Star Game From Georgia

Part of Growing Protest Against Voting Curbs

This article is by Kevin Draper, James Wagner, Reid J. Epstein and Nick Corasaniti.

Nick Corasaniti.

Major League Baseball sent a
warning shot on Friday to Republicans considering new laws to restrict voting, pulling its summer
All-Star game out of suburban Atlanta in a rebuke to Georgia's new
election rules that will make it
harder to vote in the state's urban
areas.

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The announcement by the base-ball commissioner, Rob Manfred, came after days of lobbying from civil rights groups and discussions with stakeholders like the Major League Baseball Players Association. The action is likely to put additional pressure on other consider pulling business out of Georgia, a move that both Republicans and Democrats in the state oppose despite fiercely disagreeing about the new voting law.

The league's decision comes as other states are moving closer to passing new laws that would further restrict voting. In Texas, the week that would limit early voting, hours, ban drive-through voting, and make it illegal for local election officials to mail absentee ballot applications to voters, even if they qualify. In Florida, the State Legislature has introduced a bill that would severely limit drop box Alght is now intensifying over the Texas bill: American Airlines.

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POWER PLAY A page-by-page analysis shows what the Georgia voting law really does. PAGE A12

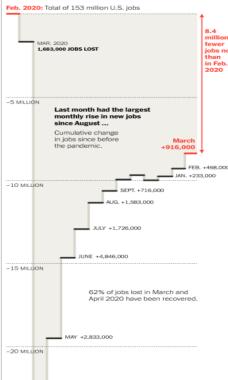
Young Migrants To U.S., Halted One Mile Short

By MARIA ABI-HABIB

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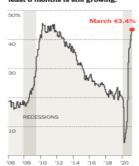
CIUDAD JUÁREZ, Mexico —
The children tumbled out of a
white van, dazed and tired, rubbing sleep from their eyes.
They had been on their way
north, traveling without their parents, hoping to cross the border
into the United States.
They never made it.
Detained by Mexican immigration officers, they were brought to
a shelter for unaccompanied minors in Ciudad Juárez, marched in
single file and lined up against a
wall for processing. For them, this
facility about one mile from the
border is the closest they will get
to the United States.
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"Bromethe States, and the shelter
Elizabeth, 13, from Honduras,
recalled telling her mother on the
phone. "Don't cry, but Mexican
immigration caught me."
The minors at the shelter are
part of a growing wave of migrants hoping to find a way into
the United States, partly because
they see President Biden as more
tolerant on immigration issues
than his predecessor, Onnald J.
Trump. Border officials encoun-

A Big Step Forward in Jobs. but a Full Recovery Could Take Time



لمحي but labor force Share of working-age population with jobs; jobless but seeking work;

and the share of unemployed



Largest Gains In Job Market Since August

Lowest Unemployment Rate Amid Pandemic

By BEN CASSELMAN

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The American job market roarred back to life in March—and with was to life in March—and with was respectively and the same serious properties of the same serious properties. The same serious consistence of the same serious properties of the same serious properties of the same serious properties. The same serious properties of the same serious propertis

warned could slow the recovery if it worsened. But on balance, forecasters are optimistic that hiring will remain strong in coming months.

"March's jobs report is the most optimistic report since the pandemic began," said Daniel Zhao, senior economist for the career site Glassdoor. The not the largest site Glassdoor. The not the largest site Glassdoor. The not the largest demic began, but it's the first where it seems like the panding at the White House on Friday, hailed the report as evidence that both his economic and public health initiatives are bearing fruit.

Mr. Biden said "Help is here, opportunity is coming, and at long last there is hope for so many families."

Mr. Biden said the report was also a reminder of the deep hole created by the pandemic. The United States still has 8.4 million fewer jobs than in February 2020. It was also a reminder of the deep hole created by the pandemic. The United States still has 8.4 million fewer jobs than in February 2020. And if the increase in coronavirus cases turns into a full-blown new wave of infections, it could force some states to reimpose restrictions, impeding the recovery. But few economists expect a report of U.S. adults have received at least one dose of a coronavirus vaccine, and more than a quarter of U.S. adults have received at least one dose of a coronavirus vaccine, and more than two million people a day are being inoculated.

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C.D.C. SAYS TRAVEL IS SAFE FOR THOSE **FULLY VACCINATED**

STRESSING USE OF MASKS

Officials Still Advise That Staying Home Is Best as Variants Spread

By RONI CARYN RABIN

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Americans who are fully vaccinated against Covid-19 can safely travel at home and abroad, as long as they take basic precautions like wearing masks, federal health officials announced on Friday, a long-awaited change from the dire government warnings that have kept many millions home for the past year.

In announcing the change at a White House news conference, officials from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention stressed that they preferred that people avoid travel. But they said growing evidence of the real-world effectiveness of the vaccines — which have been given to



Dr. Rochelle P. Walensky

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more than 100 million Americans
— suggested that inoculated people could do so "at low risk to
themselves."

The shift in the C.D.C.'s official
stance comes at a moment of both
hope and peril in the pandemic.
The pace of vaccinations has been
rapidly accelerating across the
country, and the number of deaths
has been declining.
Yet cases are increasing significantly in many states as new variants of the coronavirus spread
through the country. Just last
Monday, Dr. Rochelle P. Walensky,
the C.D.C. director, warned of a potential fourth wave if states and
cities continued to loosen public
health restrictions, telling reporthealth restrictions, telling reporthealth restrictions, telling reporthealth restrictions, telling reporthealth restrictions, telling reportseries unrived by Friday's announcement and expressed concern that government was sending confusing signals to the public.
"It's a mix of 'please don't travel,' at the same time this is easing
travel for a subset of people," said
Dr. Wafaa El-Sadr, professor of
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Chauvin's Knee on Floyd Was 'Just Uncalled-For

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics | Note: Data is se

NICHOLAS BOGEL-BURROUGHS

MINNEAPOLIS — The police
officer had seen hundreds of
crime scenes, interviewed scores
of witnesses and made his share of
arrests over more than 35 years
working cases in Minneapolis.
But when Lt. Richard Zimmerman watched a video of one of his
colleagues kneeling on George
Floyd's neck, he saw what he described in a courtroom on Friday
as a "totally unnecessary" violation of department policy.
"Pulling him down to the
ground facedown and putting
your knee on a neck for that
amount of time, it's just uncalled-

Veteran Faults Tactic in Rare Rebuke of a Fellow Officer

for," testified Lieutenant Zimmer-man, who is the longest-serving officer on the Minneapolis police force. His comments came at the end of the first week in the trial of Derek Chauvin, the former police officer charged with murdering Mr. Floyd along a Minneapolis street last May.

After driving into two Capitol Police officers Friday, a man brandished a knife and was fatally shot.

ing breaking a so-called blue wall of silence — so the sworn testimony against Mr. Chauvin by a high-ranking officer was all the Only a day earlier, another police official, who had directly supervised Mr. Chauvin, testified that Mr. Chauvin and two other officers should have stopped restraining Mr. Floyd sooner. And in the coming week the city's police chief, Medaria Arradondo, who "murder," is also expected to condemn Mr. Chauvin's actions from the witness stand.

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issertion that Mr. Chauvin's lawers have made a central point in
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Driver Rams Car Into 2 Officers At Capitol, Killing One of Them

This article is by Emily Cochrane, Nicholas Fandos and Ben Decker.

WASHINGTON — The band of razor wire-topped fencing around the Capitol had Nicerally Come presence had begun to thin.

But on Friday, not quite three months after the deadly Jan. 6 i oot at the Capitol, a car came careening midday onto the Capitol grounds, slamming into two Capitol Police officers and leaving one of them dead and the other injured.

ence was not an angry pro-Trump mob, but a lone driver, armed with a knife, who had recently told friends he had left his job and had "afflictions." After crashing his car and menacing officers, he was

shot and killed.

"It is with a very, very heavy heart that I announce one of our officers has succumbed to his injuries;" Yogananda D. Pittman, the acting Capitol Police chief, said during a news conference near tremely difficult time for U.S. Capitol Police, after the events of Jan. 6 and now the events that have occurred here today."

The attacker "exited the vehicle with a knife in hand" and began "lunging" at the officers, Ms. Pittman said at a news conference near the scene of the attack. The suspect was subsequently identified by a senior law enforcement officency as a subsequently identified by a senior law enforcement officency as a subsequently identified by a senior law enforcement officency as a subsequently identified by a senior law enforcement officency as a subsequently identified by a senior law enforcement officency as a subsequently identified by a senior law enforcement officency as a subsequently identified by a senior law enforcement officency as a subsequently identified by a senior law enforcement officency as a subsequently identified by a senior law enforcement officency as a subsequently identified by a senior law enforcement officency as a subsequently identified by a senior law enforcement officency as a subsequently identified by a subsequent

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U.S. and Iran Talking Again

Fabulous Friend for the Lonely Samantha Flores, a transgender icon in Mexico, created a center for L.G.B.T.Q. seniors. The Saturday Profile. PAGE AS



Giant Bet Against Car Culture President Biden's infrastructure plan shifts billions away from new roads and toward trains and buses. PAGE All

Spike in Detentions at Border The U.S. apprehended more than 170,000 migrants at the Mexico border in March, the most in 15 years. PAGE A15

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Education in Jeopardy

With enrollment down, community colleges serving low-income students are struggling, prompting fears of more educational inequality.

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The Cardinal women's basketball team advanced to its first national championship game since 2010, holding off South Carolina, 66-65. PAGE B7

Victory on the Field, Not Off

Lille is tied for the lead in the French soccer league, but even a title might not stave off a financial reckoning. PAGE B9

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Debating Adoption Secrecy

Adoptees, birth parents and other Times readers offer personal, often moving stories. PAGE AIS

The March of the Start-Ups

Times are flush for young tech compa-nies like Stripe and Coinbase, which are upending Wall Street. PAGE BI

A Job Well Done Isn't Over

Food banks stepped up in the pan-demic, but there is concern of worker and donor fatigue.



An Accidental Actress

The veteran Korean star Yuh-Jung Youn has had a thriving career for five decades, and just received an Oscar nomination. She says it all started by

Uneasy American Dreams

Sanjena Sathian has landed a TV deal for her debut novel, "Gold Diggers," but success is something both she and her characters grapple with. PAGE C1



Border crossings highest in 15 years

Unaccompanied minors up 99% from February, eclipsing record

BY NICK MIROFF

Preliminary enforcement data Preliminary enforcement data for March confirms what border officials have been saying for weeks: The number of migrants crossing into the United States has skyrocketed to the highest levels in at least 15 years, and record numbers of teenagers and children arriving without par-ents have overwhelmed the gov-ernment's ability to care for them.

Though President Biden and his top officials have refused to acknowledge it is a crisis, the latest data shows the new admin-istration under extraordinary strain.

under extraordinary strain.

U.S. agents took more than 171,000 migrants into custody last month, according to U.S. Customs and Border Protection figures that contradict Biden's claims that his administration is facing an influx no different from previous years. The rapid increase in border arrests and detentions — which has more than doubled since January — underscores the magnitude of the challenge facing an administration that has promised more-humane and more-welcoming immigration policies.

VP in spotlight: Harris faces tough task with focus on migration. A3

Boasts by Gaetz said to include nude photos

BY MICHAEL SCHERER AND MATT ZAPOTOSKY

Rep. Matt Gaetz repeatedly boasted to people involved in Florida politics about women he met through a county tax collec-tor who has since been charged by federal authorities with sex trafficking of a minor, according to the complexity of the county of the con-

by federal authorities with sex trafficking of a minor, according to two people who heard his comments directly.

They said the Republican congressman, first elected in 2016, also showed them videos on his phone of naked or topless women on multiple occasions, including at parties with Joel Greenberg, the former tax collector for Seminole County. The women appeared to be adults, and could be seen dancing, hanging out by a pool and, in one case, using a hula hoop without clothing, the people said.

"Matt was never shy about talking about his relationship to Joel and the access to women that Joel provided him," said one of these people who, like others, spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss the sensitive matter. "What these videos implied was that there was some-

Officer killed in Capitol attack



Police salute a procession for Officer William "Billy" Evans, who died after a man rammed a car into two officers at a Capitol barricade on Friday. President Biden and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi ordered flags at the White House and the Capitol to be flown at half-staff.

Hope, fear duel as shots and virus surge

When Laura Forman arrived at work a few weeks ago, some-thing was missing. The refriger-ated truck for bodies that had overflowed Kent Hospital's morgue during the covid-19

morgue during the covid-19 surge was gone.

"Coming up to the hospital and seeing that space where it had been, I cried," said Forman, the physician who heads the Warwick, R.I., hospital's emergency department. "It was the most powerful symbol of hope."

But this week, hope gave way, yet again, to concern. The num-

Latest wave finds U.S. split between vaccinated and unvaccinated

ber of coronavirus infections is rising again — in Rhode Island and across the nation. It is clouding the success of the U.S. vaccination program and the welcome announcement Friday that fully vaccinated people can travel with little risk to them-selves.

"We've been watching the numbers really carefully, and the difference over the last week has been palpable for us," Forman

said. "It's worry at this point. It's worry about our community. It's worry about our families, because most of us have unvaccinated kids and family at home."

The virus that has kept an entire planet toggling between hope and dread for the past 14 months is having one last go at the United States. The spread of highly contagious new variants of the virus, couled with premarks. the United States. The spread of highly contagious new variants of the virus, coupled with prematurely relaxed safety precautions in some places, has set off new alarms, all the way up to President Biden. "You look out the front window and it's raining," said Niraw Shah, director of Maine's Center for Disease Control and Prevention, "but from the back window,

it's sunny. And your house is literally on the cusp of the storm and you don't know which way it's going to go — stormy, or is it going to be sunny? That's sort of where we are in covid.

The virus that has cleaved us into categories of vulnerability has found one more division in society — the vaccinated vs. the unvaccinated. More than 100 million Americans are enjoy-

unvaccinated. More than 100 million Americans are enjoying the relative security that comes with at least one dose of a coronavirus vaccine. The rest are still waiting.

Three days after Texas Gov. Greg Abbott (R) lifted his state's mask mandate and mask mandate and restaurant occupancy limits in early March, SEE VIRUS ON A6

Assailant fatally shot: no tie to terrorism seen

BY PETER HERMANN, MATT ZAPOTOSKY, MICHELLE BOORSTEIN AND JESSICA CONTRERA

One Capitol Police officer was killed and another injured Friday when a man crashed his vehicle into them near the U.S. Capitol, an attack that once again put the city

into them near the U.S. Capitol, an attack that once again put the city on edge as threats stemming from the deadly insurrection in January had started to wane.

The slain officer was identified as William "Billy" Evans, an 18-year veteran who a neighbor said was the father of two children. It was not immediately clear how he was fatally injured.

Acting Capitol Police chief Yogananda Pittman said that after the officers were struck, a man exited the vehicle with a knife and started lunging. She said at least one police officer opened fire, killing the attacker.

Several people familiar with the investigation identified the driver as Noah Green, who shared an apartment with his brother in Virginia. The brother said that Green, who was in his 20s, struggled with drug use and paranoia and that his family worried about his mental state.

Green was not known to either.

Green was not known to either O.C. or Capitol police, according to authorities. "It does not appear to be terrorism-related," acting D.C. police chief Robert J. Contee III

police chief Robert J. Contee III told reporters.
The incident occurred shortly after I p.m. on Constitution Avenue near the Russell Senate Office Building, once again drawing hundreds of police officers to the Capitol and plunging the sprawling complex into lockdown, with people inside buildings told to stay away from windows and those outside told to "seek cover."
Parishioners at St. Joseph's, across the street from the Capitol, were told to stay put after the Rev.

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Bill Gurnee had bowed as the last
act of services on Good Friday.
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Concerned: Suspect in the Capitol

attack was already unraveling. A8

Senior officer assails Chauvin's tactics

Totally unnecessary, he says of neck restraint against handcuffed Floyd

BY HOLLY BAILEY AND ROBERT SAMUELS

MINNEAPOLIS — Derek Chauvin used force that was "totally un-necessary" when he knelt on George Floyd's neck for more than nine minutes while Floyd was handcuffed and no longer a threat, the longest-serving officer in the Minneapolis department testified Friday.

Capping a dramatic first week of testimony in Chauvin's murder

Capping a dramatic first week
of testimony in Chauvin's murder
trial, Lt. Richard Zimmerman, a
35-year veteran who leads the
department's homicide division,
questioned the reasoning and
SEE CHAUVIN ON A7



MLB is moving All-Star Game because of Georgia voting law

BY CHELSEA JANES

Major League Baseball an-ounced Friday that it will be oving this summer's All-Star

Major League Baseball announced Friday that it will be moving this summer's All-Star Game from Atlanta in response to the recent passage of Georgia's sweeping voting law, following the calls of other businesses to protect voting access there and in other states.

MLB's decision to pull the game, the biggest prize it can award its cities, represents a decisive departure for an organization that traditionally has been reluctant to involve itself in what it views as potentially polarizing political issues. The move follows a week in which executives from more than 170 companies joined the corporate push.

Supporters of the Georgia law say the changes it makes to the state's voting system are neces-

sary to bolster confidence in elections. Opponents, including many high-profile activist groups, say it will lead to longer lines, partisan control of elections and more difficult logistics for voters trying to cast their ballots by mail.

They say the bill's objective is making voting more difficult for people of color, something Democrats see as a direct response to the outcome of November's presidential and senatorial elections. Led by a large turnout of Black voters, who voted overwhelmingly for Joe Biden, the state voted for a Democrat in a SEE MLB ON A16

Barry Svrluga: With relevance and reach, MLB does the right thing. D1

IN SUNDAY'S POST



 New Age roots of QAnon A strange convergence of counterculture and hate, one of unlikely connections and strange bedfellows, of mixed martial arts fighters and poets, evangelical Christians and yoga teachers. Magazine Fly-fishers are booked This Belizean resort also offers prime snorkeling and wildlife viewing. Travel, E15



<< A soaring welcome

Washington is a city of great bridges and terrible bridges. The new Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge rising over the Anacostia, with its parallel arches, is setting a higher standard. Arts & Style

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Seizing the moment

Black developers are being offered more capital and opportunities in the wake of social justice protests.

THE REGION Vaccine requests on hold

Giant says its D.C. pharmacles have plenty in stock but rely on the city to schedule appointments. **B1**

THE ECONOMY 916,000 hires in March women reentered the workforce and the recovery gained steam. **A5**

A sit-down on Iran deal U.S. envoys will have "separate contacts" with the group but won't have a seat at the table. A7

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Firms feeling pressure on voter rights

Businesses in Georgia and beyond step up criticism of GOP bills that restrict access.

By Melanie Mason and Seema Mehta

After weeks of tepid engagement, corporate America has plunged fully into the battle over ballot access, with business leaders scrambling to take more forceful stances against a slew of voting restriction bits stances against a slew of voting restriction bits stances against a slew of voting restriction bits of the country came in response to an elections overhaul in Georgia that earned a belated rebuke from Delta Air Lines and Coca-Cola, two titans headquartered in the state.

The uproar culminated Friday with Major League Baseball moving its midsummer All-Star game out of Atlanta, and over 170 businesses multiple through the state of the state o

All-Star game is out of Atlanta

Move by Major League Baseball follows criticism of Georgia's new voting law. sports, D1



ANOTHER TRAGIC DAY AT THE CAPITOL

Acting Capitol Police Chief Yogananda Pittman attends a news briefing Friday after a man drove into a Capitol barricade, killing one officer and wounding another. The suspect was fatally shot. **NATION, A5**

It held the things they wanted

Boyle Heights laments its Sears store, closing after 94 years

By Andrew J. Campa

For generations of Boyle Heights residents, Sears was a place to buy the mundane necessities — khaki pants, refrigerators.

It was there for families as they grew, from baby clothes to prom dresses to business casual outfits for first jobs.

It was a window-shopping mecca, a place to gaze at pupples and kittens, to beg parents for candy and popcorn.

For new immigrants from Mexico, El Salvador and elsewhere, it contained all the things they hoped to one day afford.

It was a landmark, an Art Deco behemoth that bookended the neighborhood For generations of Boyle Heights residents, Sears

It was a later that book-ended the neighborhood with its architectural cousin, the original L.A. County USC Hospital. It was a place where peo-[See Sears, A8]



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IN A RECENT round of cuts affecting Sears stores nationwide, the Boyle Heights location was not on the chopping block. But now a closing sale is underway.

Travel rules eased. with caveats

Federal, state officials allow wider reopening as COVID-19 vaccinations rise, but urge extreme caution.

By Luke Money and Colleen Shalby

After a year defined by upheaval and interruption, this week brought tantalizing samples of what was once considered normal.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Friday updated its travel guidance to allow people who are fully vaccinated within the United States and abroad as long as they continue to take precautions such as wearing a mask. Those traveling domestically would no longer be required to self-quarantine upon arrival, or obtain a negative test before or after their departure.

Mere hours later, California retooled its reopening blueprint to outline the endown and the second of the control of the second of the s

es. And Los Angeles and Or-ge counties, two of Califorange counties, two of Califor-nia's largest, were cleared just days ago to further ease some of the pandemic-re-lated restrictions that have long shackled their econo-

mies. Taken together, Taken together, this week's developments point to a future that has long seemed far off and uncertain — one in which the coronavirus' path of destruction is dramatically lessened and, eventually, eliminated entirely.

and, eventually, eliminated entirely.

But these hopeful signs come at an uncertain time, when there is reason both for hope, as growing numbers of [See Guidelines, A7]

Store used as drug dealers' stash, officials say

By Michael Finnegan

When federal agents descended on a Beverly Hills strip mall last month, it took them five days to seize the contents of hundreds of safe deposit boxes inside a store called U.S. Private Vaults.

On Friday, the government revealed why it was so interested in the seemingly mundane business wedged

between a nail salon and a spa: It was laundering money: It was laundering money: It was laundering money: It was a spain and the state of the state

brazenly promoted itself as a place customers could store valuables with confidence valuables with confidence to the confidence of the con

cutors.

Prosecutors also allege that an owner and employees of the company were involved in drug sales that took place at the business and helped customers convert cash into gold in amounts that would avoid suspicior.

suspicion.
Even before charges were announced, the case set off a court fight over the legality

of the government's seizure of the contents of every safe deposit box in the store. This week, one customer went to court claiming that the government overreached by confiscating the belongings in every security box without showing why it suspected each person of committing crimes.

crimes.
Armed with a warrant,
FBI and Drug Enforcement
[See Store, A8]

COLUMN ONE

An all-purpose salve for pandemic ailments

To help her cope, therapist confronts psychological toll with a bag of flour

t was almost Shabbat, but
Ariel Friedman was too busy to
bake challah.
Anxiety among the Bay
Area therapist's clients was
spiking. It was mid-March 2020:
More than 1,500 Americans had
tested positive for the novel coronavirus. Forty-one had died.
Friedman's clients — some with
post-traumatic stress, others with

obsessive-compulsive disorder or depression — wanted reassurance. But there was some to be even. Her office staffwas on edge, too, as plans were made, then remade. They'd definitely stay open; they might stay open; no, they'd definitely close. Sentiments changed four times that day, sending Friedman chasing clients through the waiting area on their way out with updates. This new scary thing, this mercurial virus with the strange [See Baking, A6]



ARIEL FRIEDMAN knew she would need to make time to bake to help others and herself grapple with the ravages of COVID-19.

U.S., Iran to join nuclear talks

Nations will meet with other world powers in Vienna in a major step aimed at reviving the 2015 pact. world, A3

Tactic criticized

Police lieutenant says kneeling on George Floyd's neck was 'un-necessary.' **NATION, A5**

Orange shooting

destroys family
Business that was built
from the ground up
became scene for tragedy. CALIFORNIA, BI

Weather Foggy, then sunny. L.A. Basin: 75/52. **B6**



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EL VIAJERO Gipuzkoa, la leyenda ballenera aún por contar



El secesionismo mina la relación entre Bruselas y la Generalitat

Las reuniones Comisión-Govern casi han desaparecido por el 'procés'

CRISTIAN SEGURA, **Barcelona** Una década de proceso independentista en Cataluña ha acabado por minar las relaciones entre la

El PP maneja una lista de unos 100 cargos de Ciudadanos a los que fichar

ELSA GARCÍA DE BLAS, **Madrid**Gracias a la incorporación al
PP de Fran Hervías, exsecretario de Organización de Cs, los
populares manejan una lista
de más de 100 cuadros del partido de Inés Arrimadas a los
que fichar.

Orbán y Salvini impulsan una alianza ultra en Europa

B. DE MIGUEL, **Bruselas**El primer ministro húngaro,
Viktor Orbán; su homólogo polaco, Mateusz Morawiecki, y el líder de la Liga italiana, Matteo Salvini, impulsan una alianza ultra en Europa.

Un libro cuenta la vida del dueño de Sagitario Films

Un nazi financió cine republicano en el franquismo

IVÁN VILA, Madrid Cineastas republicanos como Antonio del Amo y Manuel Mur Oti rodaron durante el franquismo gracias a la financiación del general nazi Johannes Bernhardt. Pagina 23 Generalitat y la Comisión Europea. Hace diez años pocas regiones de la Unión Europea mantenían un vínculo institucional tan estrecho con la cúpula del poder en Bruselas. En marzo de 2011 se produjo la culminación de esta buena sintonía, el encuentro entre José Manuel Durão Barroso, presidente de la Comisión, y el president Artur Mas. Desde entonces, la conexión entre la Administración catalana y la UE se ha reducido al mínimo.

La separación de España, un Estado miembro, es la prioridad de los partidos del nacionalismo catalán y, en esta estrategia, en lo internacional quien lleva la voz cantante es Carles Puigdemont, el expresidente de la Generalitat que reside en Bélgica para evitar ser juzgado por el Tribu-nal Supremo por el procés. Puigdemont expresó en una declaración pública el pasado diciembre una toma de posición muy alejada de la que había caracterizado a la Generalitat. "No negociaremos con la UE la independencia de Cataluña porque la UE es un sindicato de los Estados; allí la voz cantante es España. La UE tampoco es la más rápida en reconocer independencias. Hay vida más allá".



EMBESTIDA MORTAL EN EL CAPITOLIO. Un hombre mató ayer a un policía e hirió a otro de gravedad al embestir con su vehículo contra una de las barreras de seguridad del Capitolio, en Washington, en un incidente que encendió todas las alarmas en la ciudad. El individuo fue abatido. / SCOTT APPLEWHITE (AP) PÁGINA 2

El 2% de la población mundial está inmunizada en una campaña global encabezada por Israel que avanza a ritmo muy desigual

Vacunación a la carrera: 600 millones de dosis en tres meses

DANIELE GRASSO, Madrid El mundo continúa con su frenética batalla contra el coronavirus. Si el desarrollo de las vacunas supuso todo un hito por su rapidez, también lo está siendo ahora la campaña global para administrarlas por su ambición a pesar de los contratiempos. En apenas tres meses se han pinchado en el mundo 596 millones de dosis, 7,7 por cada 100 personas, lo que supone

que al menos un 2% de la población ha sido ya inmunizada por completo. El ritmo de la vacunación es, en cualquier caso, muy

La UE incumple todos sus objetivos para el primer trimestre desigual. A la cabeza está Israel, con el 55% de sus ciudadanos protegidos. Chile ya tiene al 18% de su población vacunada, por delante de EE UU (16%) o el Reino Unido (7,8%), que optó por priorizar las primeras dosis. Estos países ya han administrado más de 40 por cada 100 personas. En España, el 6% de los ciudadanos están inmunizados.

EDITORIAL EN LA PÁGINA 8



Hacienda dejará pagar en seis plazos el IRPF a los afectados por ERTE

LAURA DELLE FEMMINE. Madrid La campaña de la renta que empieza la semana próxima estará marcada por los expedientes de regulación temporal de empleo (ERTE) de los que se han beneficiado unos 3,5 millones de trabajadores.

Las prestaciones recibidas obligarán a más contribuyentes a presentar la declaración del Impuesto sobre la Renta de las Personas Físicas (IRPF) por el hecho de tener dos pagadores: la empresa y la Administración.

Hacienda aprobará en los próximos días un cambio normativo que permitirá a los empleados afectados fraccionar sin intereses el pago del IRPF en seis mensualidades, entre julio y diciembre.

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ideas Efectos deseados ¿Qué avances en la ciencia traerá la lucha contra el Covid? Además del salto exponencial en las vacunas, la carrera global contra la pandemia está generando logros en nanotecnología, inteligencia artificial y digitalización de la salud

Espectáculos

Paramount, El último estudio con domicilio en Hollywood

Desde su fundación en 1912 hasta su reciente desembarco en el streaming, fue la casa de estrellas como Mary Pickford, Charlton Heston, Tom Cruise y Mel Gibson



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Larreta no prevé, por ahora, más medidas de restricción

PANDEMIA. Hov visitará a Fernández en Olivos para analizar la suba de contagios y coordinar futuras acciones

No había empezado 2021 cuando se reunieron la última vez para habíar de la pandemia. Fue a fin del año pasado cuando Alberto Fernández recibió a Horacio Rodríguez Larreta para evaluar medidas vinculadas conelcontrol de la nocturnida. Hoy volverá a repetirse el ritual, aunque en un contexto muy diferente, de mayor tensión entre el oficialismo y la oposición.

El Jefe de gobierno porteño va con una partitura ya desarrollada, que no contempla la adopción de nuevas restricciones en el corto plazo. Así lo clarificó el Jefe de Gabinete de la Ciudad. Felipe Miguel, cuando dijo que "existen algunas medidas que restringen algunas actividades y otras medidas que provocan algunas limitaciones, pero por encima de eso, no vemos que sea necesario tomar alguna medida adicional".

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Escándalo en Santa Fe

●●●Una nueva polémica se desaté en Santa Fe por el plan de vacunación luego de que empleados del Ministerio de Cultura que no son personal esencial ni pertenecen a ningún grupo de riesgo se inocularan por un "error" administrativo. Página 6

trabajo" que compartirán Fernán-dez y Rodríguez Larreta en Olivos tendrá como principal objetivoreto-mar el espíritu de coordinación que existió en el inicio de la pandemia y que se fue desintegrando con el paso que se fue destrica. del tiempo. Página 3

Dólar: aporte récord del campo en marzo

DIVISAS. El agro liquidó el mayor monto en 18 años y ayudó al BCRA a recomponer reservas

Los exportadores agrícolas liquida-ron en marzo pasado una cifra ré-cord para ese mese en l8 años. Según la Cámara de la Industría Aceitera de la República Argentina (Clara) y el Centro de Exportadores de Cereales (CEC), ingresaron en el país 2773-576-208 dólares. El mon-to supone también unalza de 53.22% país 2.773.576.208 dolares. El mon-to supone también un alza de 53.22% respecto de febrero y estuna de lasra-zones que explica –junto con la rigi-dez del cepo cambiario – que el Banco Central haya podido concretar, a su vez, la mayor compra de reservas en

16 meses alakarse con unos US\$1500

millones.
"Es un récord absoluto por los pre-cios internacionales y la activa de-manda. A eso se suma que, salvo un día de paro, no hubo problemas sin-dicales. Esclave que cumplan los gre-mios el compromiso de puz firmado endiciembre", dijo Gustavo Idigoras, presidente de Ciara-CEC. Página 17

Buscan evitar problemas con la divisa hasta las elecciones. Sofía Diamante. Página 17

Moyano reflota su negocio en el Puerto

GREMIO. Con apovo del Gobierno busca cobrar un seguro

El lider gremial Hugo Moyano activó gestiones con el Gobierno y empresarios de confianza para intentar reflotar un negocio en el Puerto de Buenos Aires. Se trata del seguro Transporte Argentino Protegido (TAP), que era exigido a todos los operadores de las terminales y únicamente lo ofrecia una empresa llamada Instituto Verificador de Transporte (Ivetra), a la que siempre sevinculó con el jefe camionero. Es-te mecanismo funcionó durante el anterior gobierno kirchnerista, en-tre 2011y 2015. Página 11 Más de 470 barcos extranjeros llenan sus bodegas con calamares en aguas internacionales, pero en muchos casos operan también en forma irregular dentro del área argentina

Pesca ilegal. Una ciudad flotante se mueve al límite de la zona exclusiva

oskilómetros de profunda os-curidad desaparecen frente La la enorme cadena de luces blancas de los barcos extranjeros que depredan los recursos natu-rales en un juego permanente con los límites de la zona económica argentina. Esa verdadera ciudad de pesqueros es lo único que pueargentina. Esa verdadera ciudad de pesqueros es lo único que puedeverse en la superficie del mar, tal como pudo advertir La NACONEN un vuelo organizado por el cineasta y piloto Enrique Piñeyro. Apenas fuera de esa zona, en un lugar conocido como milla 201, en

un eje perpendicular al golfo San

Jorge, la actividad de los pesque-ros extranjeros no está alcanzada por las reglamentaciones locales. Sin embargo, las oportunidades de llenar sus bodegas son mejores dentro del sector argentino. La pro-fundidad cambia y el negocio se vuelve más favorable en las millas 1980-197. Empieza entoncesel pro-blema de la pescaliegal, con perjui-cios para la Argentina estimados en 1000 milliones de dólares. El patrullaje de la Armada y la Prefectura solo puede ser efectivo si detectan no solo el movimiento de los pesqueros dentro delárea ar-

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gentina-ya que por las leyes inter-nacionales no puede impedirse la navegación de un buque-, sino que debe ser visualizado el trabajo de pesca de la tripulación. Unicamen-te de esa manera puede iniciarse un proceso judicia I de inspección o captura del barco infractor. Conociéndose esa limitación de la actividad de prevención, mis de 470 pesqueros se posicionan des-de enero pasado apenas fuera del limite, donde su actividad no tiene regulación oficial, vesperanel mo-mento de dar su golpe. Continúa en la página 20 la página 20





Desde un avión pudo observarse la concentración de pesqueros en el Atlántico Sur

FERNANDO GUTIÉRREZ/ENVIADO ESPECIAL

Satisfacción en Mendoza por el turismo, pero temor por el Covid

SEMANA SANTA. Se duplicaron los casos de coronavirus; la ocupación en destinos de montaña es del 100%

MENDOZA.— Sin restricciones para recibir turistas de cualquier lugar del país y con varias activi-dades previstas paratodo el finde semana largo, en esta provincia la ocupación hoteleraes del 100% en la alta montaña, mientras en ape-nes una semanas eduplicaron los contagios de coronavirus. Ayer se confirmaron 235 ca-sos positivos más, lo que lleva un total de 73.730 infectados en Mendoza desde que comenzo la

pandemia, con 1500 fallecidos. A panacemia, con ISOU fallectios, A nivelnacional, syerse informaron 9902 infectados más, lo que lleva el total a 2.373.153, y 82 muertos, con un total de 56.023. "Dentro del contexto que esta-mos viviendo, nos han visitado muchos turistas nacionales, Por

supuesto que nos preocupa la si-tuación sanitaria actual", dijo el vicepresidente del Ente de Turis-mo Mendoza (Emetur), Marcelo Montenegro. El funcionario ape-

lo "a la conciencia de cuda uno" de los visitantes y a los propios habitantes de la provincia "que hacen turismo interno" para cumplir con los protocolos sani-tarios para prevenir contagios de Covid-19.

Covid-19.

A la provincia, por vía terrestre, ingresaron más de 2000 vehículos procedentes de Córdoba y de Buenos Aires, así como muchos turistas por vuelos desde ambos distritos. Página 6

Además

Incidente en el Capitolio Un policía murió tras el ataque de un conductor, que fue abatido. Página 10

El último enigma de Le Carré Antes de morir, el escritor inglés se hizo ciudadano irlandés. Página 19

PROPIEDADES

Las manzanas más caras Aunque cada barrio tiene un valor de referencia, hay calles aspiracio-nales que tienen precios más altos.









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Un toque de atención para solución argentina de los problemas argentinos

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Se suspendió la reunión con Rodríguez Larreta

Alberto Fernández, contagiado de coronavirus pese a estar vacunado

El Presidente, quien ayer cumplió 62 años, informó a la medianoche (0.09) en sus redes sociales que dio positivo. Se había vacunado con la Sputnik el 21 de enero y tres semanas después recibió la segunda dosis. Fernández presentaba un cuadro de fiebre (37,3°) y quedó aislado. Se suspendió la reunión por la pandemia que iba a mantener hoy en Olivos con el jefe de Gobierno porteño. P.4

Uruguay, complicado

Récord de muertes en un día y alerta sanitario. EN MARZO

Los alimentos subieron más del 4% y le meten presión a la inflación

Los relevamientos sobre 8.000 productos en cinco cadenas de supermercados indican alzas superiores al 4% en alimentos en marzo. Las subas más fuertes son en panificados y cereales. Inciden sobre la inflación, que se difundirá a mediados de este mes. P. 24

EN PLENA PANDEMIA

Más interés en las carreras médicas de la UBA: récord de inscriptos en el CBC

Son las disciplinas que vienen creciendo en los últimos años y se confirma que cada vez más jóvenes aspiran a ser médicos. Ahora, superaron los 20 mil inscriptos. Dentro de la Facultad de Medicina hubo una fuerte suba de las inscripciones para Enfermería. P.43

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Ricardo Roa

La mesa judicial cristinista se lanza con todo

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Un accidente absurdo y dos chicas muertas

Un Audi con cinco jóvenes se estrelló contra una columna en Lanús. Antes, habían subido en las redes un video donde exhibían el consumo de alcohol. El conductor y dos de sus acompañantes están heridos. Las chicas muertas eran hermanas. P. 45

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CRIANCAS SÃO JOGADAS POR CIMA DE MURO DE 4 METROS

Câmeras registram duas irmás equatorianas, de 3 e 5 anos, sendo jogadas por contrabandistas na fronteira dos EUA com o México; elas foram resgatadas e passam bem Mundo A11

No Congresso dos EUA, homem mata policial e é morto

Um homem de 25 anos avançou com o carro so-bre uma barreira de segu-rança do Congresso ame-ricano, em Washington. O motorista atropelou dois guardas e foi morto. Um policial morreu no hospital. A motivação está sen-do investigada. Mundo A11

Ilustrada C1 Marçal Aquino volta à literatura violenta e sensual que o consagrou

EDITORIAIS A2

Estatísticas letais Sobre alta da mortalidade de pacientes de Covid. Ciência B8 Coruja amazônica é batizada em homenagem a Dorothy Stang

Mulheres para trás Acerca de queda do Brasil em ranking de igualdade.

STF avalia excluir trechos da Lei de Segurança Nacional

Revisão tiraria artigo usado por Bolsonaro para investigar manifestantes antigoverno, sem invalidar toda a norma

O Supremo Tribunal Federal pode excluir da Lei de Segu-rança Nacional trechos usados pelo governo para inves-tigar manifestantes que pro-testam contra Bolsonaro. A análise é que o governo federal tem dado uma in-

rederai tem dado uma in-terpretação muito expan-siva, principalmente ao ar-tigo 26, que fixa pena de 1 a 4 anos de prisão para quem caluniar o chefe de algum dos três Poderes.

O artigo 18, usado pelo Su-premo na prisão em flagran-te do deputado Daniel Silvei-ra (PSL-RI), por sua vez, de-ve ser mantido, afirmaram ministros reservadamen-te. O dispositivo prevé de-tenção de 2 a 6 anos a quem tentar impedir o livre exer-cicio de qualquer dos Pode-res da União ou dos estados. A Lei de Segurança Naci-

A Lei de Segurança Naci-onal é de 1983 e foi sancio-nada pela ditadura militar.

O uso recorrente da nor-ma neste ano levantou o as-sunto. Desde março, quatro ações contra a legislação fo-ram protocoladas no STF. Para ministros, o desafio é barrar trechos da lei que permitem medidas autori-

e barrar trechos da lei que permitem medidas autori-tárias, sem invalidar toda a norma, vista como impres-cindível para o prossegui-mento dos inquéritos das fake news e dos atos anti-democráticos. Poder A4

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A LSN deve ser

substituída?

Sim Marcelo Andrade Cattoni

DEBATES A3

Saúde de SP beira o colapso, indicam transferências de UTI

A rápida aceleração da de-manda de transferências para casos de Covid-19 re-gistrada pela central que regula o sistema de saúde paulista mostra a relação entre as vagas de UTI dis-poníveis diariamente e as requeridas se estreitando.

A busca incessante por leitos entre várias regiões do

tos entre varias regioes do estado evidencia o colapso iminente do sistema.
Em junho de 2020, pico anterior da pandemia, houve 690 pedidos de transferência. Esse número aumentou 117%. saúde BI

UPAs de São Paulo viram hospitais improvisados

Com falta de profissionais e lotadas, as UPAs (Unidaelotadas, as UPAs (Unida-des de Pronto Atendimen-to) da capital paulista aca-baram sendo transforma-das em hospitais improvi-sados para abrigar pacien-tes de Covid 19 que neces-sitam de internação. Alousitam de internação. Algumas viram sua quantidade de leitos triplicar. saúde вз

Turista com Covid fura bloqueio e é perseguida no litoral paulista вз

Testes de imunizantes avançam em crianças e adolescentes BS

Por foto sem máscara, jogador Marcelo terá de pagar R\$ 18 mil во

Desemprego frustra

ganhos com chocolate Na periferia, queda na ren-da eleva o número de fabricantes de chocolates caseiros em busca de uma ren-da extra na Páscoa —mas reduz o de clientes. Als

Mundo A12 Língua alemã ganha mais de mil palavras novas durante a pandemia

AUDIÊNCIA/MÊS PÁGINAS VISTAS 172.560.110 VISITANTES ÚNICOS 31.591.591

Vacinação no Brasil

	2ª dose	1ª dose
Brasil	3,3	11,7
MS	4,6	15,3
AM	4,6	15,2
ВА	2,9	15,1



Total de d	oses			
aplicadas	5,3 mi	18,9 m		
1º SP	1,6 mi	4,7 m		
2º BA	323,2 mil	1,7 mi		
3º MG	539 7 mil	1.6 m		

Números da pandemia

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Variação*	-0,7%	38%
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de Oliveira e Emilio Peluso Neder Meyer Não Ivan Sartori

Leilão dá força para Tarcísio na chapa de **Bolsonaro**

À frente de um conjunto de leilões que, na semana que vem, podem garantir R\$ 10 bilhões em investi-mentos, o ministro da Inmentos, o ministro da In-fraestrutura, Tarcísio de Freitas, se aproxima do lu-gar de vice de Bolsonaro na chapa para 2022. Ele teme, contudo, que um projeto eleitoral possa abrir cami-nho para o loteamento po-lítico da pasta. Mercado AIS

ENTREVISTA Raul Jungmann

Militares disseram não a presidente e sim à democracia

Para Jungmann, que foi ministro da Defesa (2016-18) sob Temer, Bolsonaro fracassou ao tentar alinhar as Forças Armadas a seu projeto de poder. Os novos comandantes, diz, "não se disporão a qualquer ideia autoritária". Poder AS

Folhinha C5 Leia entrevista com Coelhinho da Páscoa. que fala de entrega de ovos e pegadas



