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El programa permitirá acceder a 140.000 millones en fondos europeos

CLAUDI PÉREZ / CARLOS E. CUÉ
MANUEL V. GÓMEZ, **Madrid**

España ha pactado ya con las instituciones europeas el grueso del Plan de Recuperación, que permitirá disponer de 140.000 millones de euros en fondos de la UE a cambio de un compromiso con las reformas. La Moncloa ha incluido en el documento muchas de las exigencias de la Comisión Europea, pero se ha plantado en las que son sus reformas clave: la laboral, la del sistema de pensiones y la fiscal. El Ejecutivo ha alegado que estos cambios tienen una enorme repercusión política y económica, y deben ser consensuados con los agentes sociales, el Pacto de Toledo y la comisión de expertos en política fiscal, respectivamente.

El presidente del Gobierno, Pedro Sánchez, presentará mañana el documento central del Plan de Recuperación, Transformación y Resiliencia de España, que se aprobará en el Consejo de Ministros de la semana próxima. Pero España no enviará todos los detalles del programa a la UE hasta la semana del 20 al 27 de abril, un mes más tarde de lo previsto. El Ejecutivo remitió un esbozo a Bruselas a principios de año y desde entonces ha tenido alrededor de 70 reuniones para afinar el esquema, clave para el esperado rebote del PIB a corto plazo y para el prometido cambio de modelo de la economía española. **PÁGINA 39**



Niños de la comunidad de Ayahualtempa, armados con fusiles y palos, el sábado. / MÓNICA GONZÁLEZ

La justicia desbarata el fichaje de Cantó para las listas de Ayuso

JUAN JOSÉ MATEO, **Madrid**

Un juzgado de Madrid anuló ayer la inclusión del exdirigente de Ciudadanos Toni Cantó y del exalcalde de Toledo Agustín Conde en las listas del PP para las autonómicas del 4 de mayo. La justicia certifica que ni Cantó, que era diputado en la Comunidad Valenciana hasta su ruptura con Cs, ni Conde estaban empadronados en Madrid antes del 1 de enero, como obliga la ley. La sentencia es firme, pero el PP acudirá al Constitucional. **PÁGINA 12**

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Madrid no ha cobrado ni una multa por violar el actual estado de alarma

JAVIER CASQUEIRO, **Madrid**

La Comunidad y el Ayuntamiento de Madrid no han cobrado ni una de las 50.000 multas impuestas por violar el actual estado de alarma, vigente desde el 25 de octubre. Durante el anterior estado de alarma, de marzo a junio de 2020, solo se abonaron 2.000 de un número similar de sanciones. La Comunidad ha privatizado la gestión de las infracciones. **PÁGINA 14**

Jordania escenifica el fin de la tensión golpista

JUAN CARLOS SANZ, **Amán**

El rey Abdalá II y su hermanastro y anterior heredero, el príncipe Hamzah Bin Hussein, escenificaron juntos ayer el aparente fin de la crisis que ha amenazado con desestabilizar Jordania la última semana entre acusaciones de intentos de golpe de Estado. Ambos asistieron en Amán a la ceremonia de conmemoración del centenario de la fundación del reino hachemí. **PÁGINA 3**

Una comunidad indígena mexicana, pobre y aislada, hace desfilar a los pequeños

Un batallón de niños contra el narco

CARMEN MORÁN BREÑA

José Joaquín de Herrera (México)
Bajo un sol cenital, los niños armados desfilan uno tras otro lanzando vivas a los huérfanos, a las viudas, a los pueblos originarios, al general Zapata. “¡Viva! ¡viva! ¡viva!”. Por tercer año consecutivo, los menores se han sumado a los adultos de la policía comunitaria en una suerte de parada militar

que es una llamada de auxilio al Gobierno de México y también una demostración de fuerza ante los grupos de delincuencia organizada que los asedian en la Montaña Baja del Estado de Guerrero. Son ya apenas una irreductible aldea de 600 habitantes en una zona donde el cultivo de la amapola ha ido ganando terreno a tiros.

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Mauro Viale

Un adiós antes de tiempo

El periodista, de 73 años, estaba internado por Covid. Polémico y multifacético, trabajó en radio, gráfica y TV. P. 38



River le cortó el invicto a Colón y se acomoda

Para Boca fue un mal domingo: cayó por 1-0 ante Unión. DEPORTIVO

Gao Fu, director de los Centros de Control de Enfermedades

China ahora admite que sus vacunas tienen una baja efectividad

El funcionario es uno de los principales responsables del sistema de salud chino. Hizo estas declaraciones días antes de que tanto la OMS como la revista The Lancet publiquen los resultados de los estudios. Una investigación de la Universidad de Chile sobre la

Corona-Vac, una de las vacunas de origen chino, con virus inactivados, determinó que con una sola dosis logra una efectividad del 3%. Con la segunda sube al 56,5 %. Argentina compró cuatro millones de dosis de la Sinopharm, de la que restan llegar dos millones. La se-

gunda dosis de esta vacuna debería aplicarse a los 21 días. Ante la falta de stock, y para llegar a inmunizar a más gente, el Gobierno decidió aplazar a tres meses su aplicación. Pero no hay evidencia de la eficiencia de esta vacuna si se la aplica con ese esquema. P. 11

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Lasso derrotó al candidato de Correa y es el nuevo presidente de Ecuador

El banquero de 65 años se impuso en el balotaje a Andrés Arauz, el delfín del ex mandatario condenado por corrupción, Rafael Correa, y aliado continental del kirchnerismo. En su tercer intento por llegar al poder, ganaba por 52,5% a 47,4% con el 97% de los votos escrutados. Anoche Arauz reconoció la victoria de su oponente. TEMA DEL DÍA P. 3

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Piden liberar al hombre que mató a dos motochorros

La Justicia ordenó la prisión preventiva por sesenta días a Diego Claudiano, el hombre de 25 años que el jueves pasado atropelló y mató a dos motochorros. Los ladrones lo habían asaltado y simu-

laron ejecutarlo de un disparo en la cabeza para robarle una mochila con dinero. Él los persiguió con su camioneta y los arrolló cuando subieron a una vereda. La fiscalía investiga si hubo un in-

tento de asesinato, y la defensa aduce que fue en legítima defensa y que lo que buscaba era evitar que escaparan. Ayer hubo nuevas protestas de vecinos frente a la sede judicial. P. 31

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Opening time England all set for unbottling

Alex Tipping, landlord of the Fountain in Ashurst, West Sussex, is looking forward to seeing customers again. Non-essential businesses can reopen in England from today, signalling the end of one of the world's toughest lockdowns.

The vaccine rollout has been key to the loosening of restrictions. The UK, which was the first country to approve both the BioNTech/Pfizer and Oxford/AstraZeneca jabs, has given 57.6 doses per 100 residents, according to the Financial Times vaccine tracker, compared with an EU average of 20.5.

Economists are expecting a surge in spending, with Britons having amassed an extra £180bn in their bank accounts.

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Charlie Bibby/FT

China to mix and match jabs after worries over homegrown vaccines

◆ Efficacy doubts spur doses rethink ◆ Impact on global deals ◆ Phase 3 data unpublished

YUAN YANG — BEIJING
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China's Center for Disease Control and Prevention has raised the prospect of mixing vaccines and varying doses to boost efficacy, the first time a government body has acknowledged concerns over the effectiveness of domestic jabs.

Gao Fu, the CDC's head, told a conference at the weekend that the agency was "considering how to solve the problem that the efficacy of existing vaccines is not high". Gao proposed mixing different vaccines as well as changing the number of doses and amending the interval between them.

Any new strategy will have ramifications for the more than 20 countries that China said it was supplying in bilateral "vaccine diplomacy" deals.

As of March, China had supplied 40m doses to countries across the globe, including Brazil, Serbia and the United Arab Emirates, prompting the US and its allies to launch their drive to supply 1bn doses of Johnson & Johnson's Covid-19 vaccine to south-east Asian nations.

Chile, which has relied on China's Sinovac jab for its vaccine drive, is in the middle of another Covid-19 wave arising from new variants. It has administered 62 doses per 100 residents, according to the Financial Times vaccine tracker, the third-highest rate in the world.

A recent study of the effectiveness of Chile's vaccination programme found the efficacy of a single dose of the Sinovac jab was only 3 per cent, compared with 56 per cent with two shots. However, local health experts have not

linked the latest wave to the vaccine's efficacy rate.

Social-media posts on Gao's remarks were swiftly censored, according to Yanzhong Huang, a senior fellow for global health at the Council on Foreign Relations. "It is the first time . . . a government official publicly admitted that the protection rate is a concern in the vaccination drive," Huang added. China had administered 65m doses across the country by the middle of March.

Unlike other vaccine producers, China's manufacturers have not published their phase 3 trial data, leading to accusations of a lack of transparency on the vaccine's effectiveness on different groups.

Sinopharm claims a 79 per cent efficacy rate, similar to those achieved by



A study in Chile, which is reliant on Sinovac, found the efficacy of a single jab was just 3 per cent, against 56 per cent after two shots

AstraZeneca in its US trials. Sinovac's vaccine has an overall efficacy rate of 51 per cent among people aged 18 to 60, according to documents published by a Hong Kong panel of experts.

Peter English, a retired communicable disease control consultant at Public Health England, said it was "astonishing" that phase 3 trial data for the Chinese vaccines had not yet been published.

"We have little information on how effective these vaccines are," he said.

Still, English said, it was "interesting" that China was considering mixing and matching vaccines after moves from France and Germany following safety concerns over the AstraZeneca jab.

Additional reporting by Donato Mancini

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Datawatch

Vaccine passports

% of UK adults who believe vaccine passports will (be)...



Sources: King's College London, University of Bristol (March 24-26 2021)

Close to four in 10 UK adults believe vaccine passports could result in discrimination against those who have yet to be immunised. A quarter of Britons think passports would reduce their own civil liberties, according to a study last month.



Bavaria premier rocks CDU with bid to be Merkel's heir

Markus Söder, prime minister of Bavaria, has declared his intention to succeed Angela Merkel as German chancellor, in a move that sets the stage for a showdown with Armin Laschet, the CDU leader and presumed heir to the top job. Söder said he and Laschet had had a "friendly and open" conversation on who should run as the CDU/CSU's joint candidate. "We came to the conclusion that both of us are suitable and both are ready."

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Cameron admits mistakes in lobbying Sunak as he breaks silence on Greensill

GEORGE PARKER — POLITICAL EDITOR

David Cameron has admitted he made mistakes over his government lobbying for Greensill Capital, as he tried to distance himself from the controversy over the financial group's collapse.

In his first public comments on the affair, the former prime minister insisted yesterday that he was right to lobby for Greensill to gain access to a Bank of England Covid-19 loans scheme but admitted it was wrong to do so by sending text messages to Rishi Sunak, the chancellor.

"There are important lessons to be learnt," he said in a written statement. "As a former prime minister, I accept that communications with government need to be done through only the most formal of channels, so there can be no room for misinterpretation."

Cameron also tried to distance himself from the collapse of the business created by the Australian financier Lex Greensill, and the loans made by the group to the GFG metals business run by Sanjeev Gupta.

"It's important to understand that I was not on the board of Greensill Capital, nor was I a member of the risk or credit committees," Cameron said.

"I played no role in the decisions to extend credit, or the terms on which such credit was extended, to GFG or any other customer."

Cameron said the decision to give the Greensill founder a job in the heart of government while he was prime minister was made by the civil service as part of a drive to improve efficiency.

"The truth is, I had very little to do with Lex Greensill at this stage — as I recall, I met him twice at most in the

entirety of my time as prime minister," Cameron said.

The Conservative former prime minister became an adviser to the company in 2018 and went on to lobby a number of Tory ministers using texts to private mobile numbers.

Cameron's critics, including Labour MPs, claim he abused his position as a former prime minister to try to win preferential treatment for Greensill.

Cameron had previously refused to comment on his role at Greensill Capital, which collapsed on March 8.

Some have suggested that his lobbying was motivated by the prospect of a huge payout of perhaps £60m.

"My remuneration was partly in the form of a grant of shares," Cameron said. "Their value was nowhere near the amount speculated in the press."

Those options are now worthless.

World Markets

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S&P 500	4128.80	4019.87	2.71	\$ per €	1.189 1.176	£ per \$	0.728 0.724	US Gov 10 yr	146.40	1.65	0.00
Nasdaq Composite	13900.19	13480.11	3.12	\$ per £	1.373 1.382	€ per €	1.155 1.175	UK Gov 10 yr		0.77	0.02
Dow Jones Ind	33800.60	33153.21	1.95	¥ per ¥	0.866 0.851	¥ per £	130.297 130.072	Ger Gov 10 yr		-0.30	0.03
FTSEurofirst 300	1683.04	1664.02	1.14	¥ per \$	109.590 110.600	£ index	81.063 82.108	Jpn Gov 10 yr	116.28	0.10	0.00
Euro Stoxx 50	3978.84	3945.96	0.83	¥ per £	150.468 152.860	SFr per £	1.270 1.304	US Gov 30 yr	104.11	2.31	-0.02
FTSE 100	6915.75	6737.30	2.65	SFr per €	1.100 1.109			Ger Gov 2 yr	106.52	-0.70	0.02
FTSE All-Share	3949.51	3849.24	2.60	€ per \$	0.841 0.850						
CAC 40	6169.41	6102.96	1.09								
Xetra Dax	15234.16	15107.17	0.84								
Nikkei	29768.06	29388.87	1.29								
Hang Seng	28698.80	28938.74	-0.83								
MSCI World \$	2895.61	-									
MSCI EM \$	1343.36	-									
MSCI ACWI \$	692.56	-									

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Frenzied Push
To Put Projects
In Building Bill

Congress Weighs Ideas
for Infrastructure

This article is by *Emily Cochrane, Pranshu Verma and Luke Broadwater.*

WASHINGTON — Members of Congress have begun a frenzy of lobbying to ensure that their pet projects and policy priorities are included in President Biden’s \$2 trillion infrastructure and jobs plan, eager to shape what could be one of the most substantial public works investments in a generation.

Officials across the country are dusting off lists of construction projects and social programs, hoping to secure their piece of a plan aimed at addressing what the administration estimates is at least \$1 trillion worth of backlogged infrastructure improvements, as well as economic and racial inequities that have existed for decades.

Senior lawmakers have started collecting lists of requests from their colleagues for what should be included in the bill, while top White House officials are fielding a torrent of calls from rank-and-file lawmakers, all of whom have their own ideas.

“My phone is blowing up,” Pete Buttigieg, the transportation secretary, said in an interview. Nearly every lawmaker “can point to a road or a bridge or an airport” in his or her district that is in dire need of repair.

“There’s a ton of interest from Congress,” he said.

On Monday, Mr. Biden is set to meet at the White House with a group of Republicans and Democrats to discuss the plan, part of a push to forge a bipartisan compromise that may ultimately prove futile given G.O.P. resistance to the scope of the package. The five cabinet officials tapped to navigate the infrastructure package through Congress, including Mr. Buttigieg, are continuing to discuss the plan with both Republicans and Democrats.

“The door is open,” Speaker Nancy Pelosi of California said on Sunday on CBS’s “Face the Nation.” “Our hand is extended. Let’s find out where we can find our common ground. We always have a responsibility to strive for bipartisanship.”

The process is crucial to Mr. Biden’s strategy for maneuvering the far-reaching plan through a Congress where his party has minuscule majorities, at a time when the space for a bipartisan compromise is narrow and even Democrats differ on how to structure and pay for such a huge package. Mr. Buttigieg said Sunday on Fox News that Mr. Biden wanted to see “major progress in Congress” by Memorial Day, and lawmakers are eager to weigh in.

Representative Mikie Sherrill, Continued on Page A14



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Race for Mayor
Is Gearing Up
As City Is, Too

By KATIE GLUECK

It was opening day for Coney Island’s famed amusement parks, long shuttered during the pandemic, and Andrew Yang — the 2020 presidential candidate who has shifted his personality-driven campaign to the New York City mayoral race — was in his element.

“Coney Island is open for business!” he declared on Friday, pumping his fists as he made his way down a windswept boardwalk. “New York City! Can you feel it?”

What it felt like was a campaign event, and Mr. Yang was not the only mayoral candidate to take advantage. Scott M. Stringer, the city comptroller, mingled along the midway, playing games with his family; Kathryn Garcia, the former sanitation commissioner, rode bumper cars and visited small businesses.

New York faces immense challenges on the road to recovery from the pandemic. Thousands of deaths, economic devastation, rising violent crime and deep racial and socioeconomic inequality complicate the city’s path forward at every turn, making the upcoming

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Behind Gaetz Case, a Problematic Tax Collector

This article is by *Patricia Mazzei, Michael S. Schmidt and Katie Benner.*

LAKE MARY, Fla. — Long before the F.B.I. began to scrutinize a tax collector in Florida named Joel Greenberg — and long before his trail led them to Representative Matt Gaetz — he amassed an outlandish record in the mundane local public office he had turned into a personal fief of power.

Records and interviews detailed a litany of accusations: Mr. Greenberg strutted into work with a pistol on his hip in a state that does not allow guns to be openly carried. He spent hundreds of

Former Florida Official
Seemed to Hold Law
in Little Regard

thousands of taxpayer dollars to create no-show jobs for a relative and some of his groomsmen. He tried to talk his way out of a traffic ticket, asking a police officer for “professional courtesy.” He played police officer himself, putting a flashing light on his car to pull over a woman and accuse her of speeding. He published an anti-Muslim Facebook post. He

solicited help to hack critics on the county commission.

Stalking a rival candidate got him arrested. Federal agents looking into the matter found at least five fake IDs in his wallet and backpack, and kept digging.

Their inquiry culminated in 33 federal charges against Mr. Greenberg, 36, including sex trafficking of a minor, bribery, fraud and stalking — and led to a mushrooming political scandal that burst into national news in recent days and ensnared Mr. Gaetz, who is a close ally of President Donald J. Trump, and other influential Florida Republicans, with the investigation continuing.

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A Blast of History at Augusta

Hideki Matsuyama of Japan became the first Asian-born player to win the Masters. Page D1.

After Covid, Some Students Will Still Learn Online, by Demand

By NATASHA SINGER

Rory Levin, a sixth grader in Bloomington, Minn., used to hate going to school. He has a health condition that often makes him feel apprehensive around other students. Taking special-education classes did little to ease his anxiety.

So when his district created a stand-alone digital-only program, Bloomington Online School, last year for the pandemic, Rory opted to try it. Now the 11-year-old is enjoying school for the first time, said his mother, Lisa Levin. He loves the live video classes and has made friends with other on-line students, she said.

In December, Bloomington

Public Schools decided to keep running the online school even after the pandemic subsidies. Ms. Levin plans to re-enroll Rory for this fall.

“It is such a good fit for him,” she said. “We’re really hoping they can continue it for the rest of his school career.”

A year after the coronavirus set off a seismic disruption in public

education, some of the remote programs that districts intended to be temporary are poised to outlast the pandemic. Even as students flock back to classrooms, a subset of families who have come to prefer online learning are pushing to keep it going — and school systems are rushing to accommodate them.

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Local officials across the country are stepping back from elected office. Many offer the same explanation: Covid fatigue has sapped them of their reservoirs of energy. PAGE A11

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Wayne LaPierre has led the National Rifle Association for 30 years, but his implacable image looked threadbare during a round of testimony in bankruptcy court in Dallas. PAGE A15

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◆ **Google** for years operated a secret program that used past bid data in the company's ad exchange to allegedly give its own ad-buying system an advantage over competitors, according to a court filing. **A1**

◆ **Fed chief Powell** said the U.S. economy appears to be at an inflection point, with output and job growth poised to accelerate as long as the pandemic retreats. **A2**

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◆ **Alibaba said** it would invest in measures to support merchants on its platform, after China's antitrust regulator imposed a \$2.8 billion fine. **B1**

◆ **Senior business** leaders met virtually to plan what several said big businesses should do next about new voting laws under way in Texas and other states. **B1**

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◆ **A crucial period** of negotiations expected to determine the size and scope of Biden's infrastructure package will start this week when lawmakers return to Capitol Hill from a two-week recess. **A4**

◆ **Getting a Biden** pro-union proposal through Congress could be a high hurdle for Democrats, even as a unionization vote at Amazon put a new spotlight on the issue. **A4**

◆ **The "no" vote** at an Alabama warehouse dealt a blow to organized labor's push to reverse falling private-sector membership. **A4**

◆ **Iran said** saboteurs caused a blackout at the country's main nuclear-enrichment plant, an attempt, Tehran said, to derail talks on reviving the 2015 nuclear deal. **A8**

◆ **Regeneron said** its antibody drug reduced the risk of developing symptomatic Covid-19 infection in people living with someone infected by the new coronavirus. **A3**

◆ **Ecuador elected** conservative ex-banker Guillermo Lasso as president over his populist opponent. **A6**

◆ **The Supreme Court** in a 5-4 decision exempted prayer meetings from California's Covid-19 restrictions on in-home gatherings. **A3**

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Matsuyama Wins Masters, in a First for a Japanese Man



FITTING: Hideki Matsuyama dons the green jacket after winning the 85th Masters tournament at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga., on Sunday. Mr. Matsuyama is the first Japanese man to win one of golf's major championships. A14

Secret Google Project Accused Of Using Ad Data to Lift Sales

By **JEFF HORWITZ**
AND **KEACH HAGEY**

Google for years operated a secret program that used data from past bids in the company's digital advertising exchange to allegedly give its own ad-buying system an advantage over competitors, according to court documents filed in a Texas antitrust lawsuit.

The program, known as "Project Bernanke," wasn't disclosed to publishers who sold ads through Google's ad-buying systems. It generated

hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue for the company annually, the documents show. In its lawsuit, Texas alleges that the project gave Google, a unit of Alphabet Inc., an unfair competitive advantage over rivals.

The documents filed this week were part of Google's initial response to the Texas-led antitrust lawsuit, which was filed in December and accused the search company of running a digital-ad monopoly that harmed both ad-industry competitors and publishers.

This week's filing, viewed by The Wall Street Journal, wasn't properly redacted when uploaded to the court's public docket. A federal judge let Google refile it under seal.

Some of the unredacted contents of the document were earlier disclosed by MLex, an antitrust-focused news outlet.

The document sheds further light on the state's case against Google, along with the search company's defense.

Much of the lawsuit involves the interplay of

Google's roles as both the operator of a major ad exchange—which Google likens to the New York Stock Exchange in marketing documents—and a representative of buyers and sellers on the exchange. Google also acts as an ad buyer in its own right, selling ads on its own properties such as search and YouTube through these same systems.

Texas alleges that Google used its access to data from publishers' ad servers—where more than 90% of large pub-

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Fear of Covid-19 Shrinks Labor Force

Around 4 million adults aren't looking for jobs due to virus; taming pandemic key to recovery

By **GWYNN GUILFORD**

A little over a year ago, Chanee McLaurin was a few weeks into a new job selling insurance when she began to hear coughing in her office.

Co-workers, one after another, stopped showing up. Then she overheard a colleague whispering into her phone that she had been diagnosed with flu-like symptoms.

"I was like, 'You know what? I'm go-

ing to go home. And I'm probably not going to come back,' " said Ms. McLaurin, who is 29 and lives in a suburb of Dallas.

When her employer, after letting staff work from home, called them back to the office in early May, Ms. McLaurin didn't go. Although she wasn't aware of any outbreak at her office, her job involved going door to door at businesses, and she feared what would happen if she caught Covid-19 and grew

too ill to take care of her two-year-old daughter or infected her wife, an essential worker with a warehousing job.

A year after the pandemic burst onto the U.S. economy, 8.4 million fewer Americans hold jobs. There are many reasons, but one of the most important and least appreciated is the one that

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Grateful Dead's 'Wall of Sound' Lives On in Fan's Basement

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Anthony Coscia spent two months building a miniature replica; 'he's nuts'

By **ALEX LEARY**

SOUTHBURY, Conn.—In 1974 the Grateful Dead revolutionized concert audio with a three-story, 28,800-watt system called the Wall of Sound. Fans were blown away, but the wall only lasted a year.

Nearly 50 years later, Anthony Coscia has built a one-sixth scale model in his basement—and fans are going wild once again.

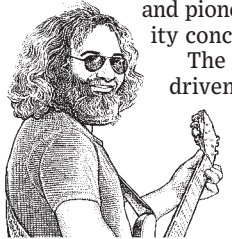
"He's nuts," says Richard Pechner, a former roadie who had the grueling job of assembling the real wall each show. "I mean, look, I absolutely

love what he's doing. He's not faking it. He's trying to replicate it. It's a mind blower."

Stuck home during Covid-19, Mr. Coscia has labored four hours a day over two months, creating a social-media phenomenon among Deadheads, few of whom experienced the Wall of Sound—he didn't either—but who hold it in mythical status for its size and pioneering of high fidelity concert audio.

The pandemic has driven people to bread baking, binge watching and dog ownership. For music lovers, the lack of concerts

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Jerry Garcia

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Native American communities have been among the fastest to vaccinate. **A3**

Hospital Fight Typifies Plight in Rural Areas

By **BRIAN SPEGELE**

When the only hospital in a small central Wyoming city stopped delivering babies and cut back on surgeries, local residents sought to start their own. The fight that ensued now stretches to Washington and is shining an uncomfortable light on one of the country's biggest hospital chains and its private-equity owner.

LifePoint Health Inc., backed by Apollo Global Management Inc., controls the only hospital in working-class Riverton, Wyo. After LifePoint merged Riverton's hospital with another facility it owns in Lander, 30 miles away, it began consolidating services.

With many in Riverton worried that cutbacks would hurt the city's future and some concerned over Lander's care, local

business and community leaders launched an effort to build a new hospital instead. They said they have secured several million dollars in donations, including land for the proposed hospital from the Eastern Shoshone Native American tribe.

Today, the group is one step away from achieving its goal of securing \$40 million of low-interest loans from the Agriculture Department. LifePoint is trying to scupper the efforts by lobbying the Biden administration and Wyoming senators to oppose the project.

The CEO of LifePoint's Wyoming hospitals, John Ferrelli, said in a statement the company opposed the new hospital because it "will not fill gaps in care." He said the two hospitals' merger sought to use scale to better serve patients and co-

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CEO Pay Climbs In Year Of Vast Upheaval

Median compensation reaches \$13.7 million for leaders at 300 of the biggest companies

By **THEO FRANCIS**
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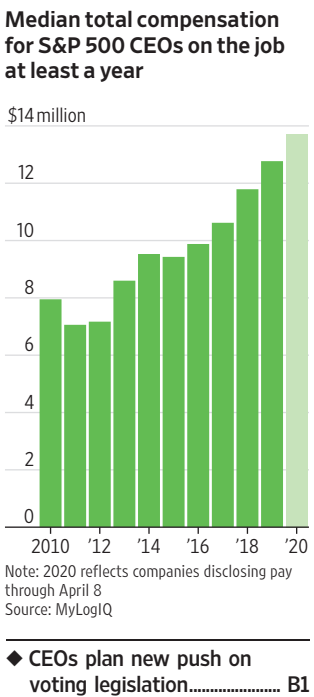
CEO pay surged in 2020, a year of historic business upheaval, a wrenching labor market for many workers and challenges for many leaders.

Median pay for the chief executives of more than 300 of the biggest U.S. public companies reached \$13.7 million last year, up from \$12.8 million for the same companies a year earlier and on track for a record, according to a Wall Street Journal analysis.

Pay kept climbing in 2020 as some companies moved performance targets or modified pay structures in response to the Covid-19 pandemic and accompanying economic pain. Salary cuts CEOs took at the depths of the crisis had little effect. The stock market's rebound boosted what top executives took home because much of their compensation comes in the form of equity.

In some cases, investors have responded by withholding support for company pay practices in annual advisory votes,

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Chauvin case puts policing on trial

Department leaders deliver unprecedented courtroom condemnation

BY MARK BERMAN

One by one, Minneapolis police leadership and veterans took the stand in former officer Derek Chauvin's murder trial to view the video footage of him pushing his knee into George Floyd's neck.

"Pulling him down to the ground, face down and putting your knee on the neck for that amount of time is just uncalled for," the department's longest-serving officer testified.

"That's not what we train," said an inspector who used to lead the department's training.

"Not part of our training and is certainly not part of our ethics or values," the Minneapolis police chief said.

The testimonies offered by these and other high-ranking police officials, punctuated by a chief appearing in uniform, marked an unprecedented courtroom condemnation of an officer by so many of his own department's leadership, according to law enforcement veterans and legal experts.

They also underscored how policing remains at the heart of a crucial debate that could decide the trial's outcome. Prosecutors say Chauvin "betrayed this badge," describing his actions as beyond the pale for police, while the de-

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Kids at home can feel lost as in-person classes return

BY HANNAH NATANSON AND DONNA ST. GEORGE

Prescott Noll, 15, almost never asks questions in class anymore.

Ever since masked children began filing into classrooms in Loudoun County in February — while Prescott kept learning from home — catching teachers' attention has become a hassle. Messages sent in a class chat go unanswered. If he unmutes himself to speak, teachers do not hear his query because they're busy talking to students actually sitting nearby.

He is not blaming his teachers, the 15-year-old said. He sees they have their hands full trying to manage his in-person classmates, ensuring that everyone follows a complex plethora of safety regulations. Plus, the "little ding sound" that heralds a new message in the chat is easy to miss in the hubbub of a full classroom.

To make it through the school day nowadays, Prescott said, he has to look at the bigger picture — tell himself, "Oh, this affects my GPA. I have to pay attention." He

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Mexico says it lacks space to take in migrant families the U.S. expected to expel



MICHAEL ROBINSON CHAVEZ/THE WASHINGTON POST

A crimp in Biden's border plan

BY MARY BETH SHERIDAN

CIUDAD JUÁREZ, MEXICO — The message popped up on Pastor Juan Fierro's phone one recent afternoon. U.S. border agents had expelled another group of Central American families to this Mexican city. Could someone take them in?

Fierro, an evangelical minister, was startled by the request. During most of the pandemic, officials in Juárez had

sent newly arrived migrants to a quarantine center for 14 days. Suddenly it was full. "There was no place to take care of these people," Fierro said. So his staff at the Good Samaritan shelter hauled bunk beds into an empty room and penned it in with battered wooden benches. Within days, the rudimentary "quarantine" center held 23 women and children.

President Biden hoped to put the brakes on a surge of U.S.-bound Cen-

tral American families by relying on a Trump-era policy to return them to Mexico. But increasingly, this country is straining to cope with the influx. Mexico is now limiting the number of families it will allow back. That's forced the U.S. government to accept most of them, as their numbers soar: About 53,000 members of family units were taken into custody in March, compared with 7,300 in January.

SEE BORDER ON A8

Migrants, mostly from Central America, stay at the Good Samaritan shelter in Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, last month. The country is limiting the number of families it will allow back, forcing the United States to accept most of them.

Over decades, an outcry against toxic inequities



RICKY STILLLEY

Police detain a protestor during a 1982 demonstration against PCB dumping in Warren County, N.C.

BY DARRYL FEARS AND BRADY DENNIS
IN WARREN COUNTY, N.C.

Ben Chavis was driving on a lonely road through rolling tobacco fields when he looked in his rearview mirror and saw the state trooper.

Chavis knew he was a marked man. Protests had erupted over North Carolina's decision to dump 40,000 cubic yards of soil contaminated with cancer-causing chemicals in a poor Black farming community in Warren County, and Chavis was a leader of the revolt. The trooper pulled him over.

"What did I do, officer?" Chavis asked that day in 1982. The answer shocked him.

"He told me that I was driving too slow."

Chavis was arrested and thrown in jail. When the cell door slammed shut, he gripped the metal bars and declared: "This is racism. This is environmental racism."

The term stuck, and now — SEE PROTESTS ON A10

CEOs prioritize voting rights

FIRMS WEIGH ACTION AGAINST STATE BILLS

Over 100 discuss halting donations, investment

BY TODD C. FRANKEL

More than 100 chief executives and corporate leaders gathered online this past weekend to discuss taking new action to combat the controversial state voting bills being considered across the country, including the one recently signed into law in Georgia.

Executives from major airlines, retailers and manufacturers — plus at least one NFL owner — talked about potential ways to show their opposition, including by halting donations to politicians who support the bills and even delaying investments in states that pass the restrictive measures, according to four people who were on the Saturday call, including one of the organizers, Jeffrey Sonnenfeld, a Yale management professor.

While no final steps were agreed upon, the meeting represents an aggressive dialing up of corporate America's stand against controversial voting measures nationwide, a sign that executives' opposition to the laws didn't end with the fight against the Georgia legislation passed in March.

It also came just days after SEE VOTING ON A15

Facing defiant GOP, Biden redefines bipartisanship

BY ASHLEY PARKER

To hear President Biden and his team tell it, a successful bipartisan bill need not attract a single Republican vote.

Biden pushed his \$1.9 trillion covid relief bill through the Senate with the support of all 50 Democrats and nary a Republican, yet later declared it a resounding bipartisan triumph.

The president and his advisers have also signaled that, while they are planning robust outreach to Republican lawmakers, they are prepared to pass his infrastructure plan on the votes of Democrats alone — and call it a bipartisan victory.

"If you looked up 'bipartisan' in the dictionary, I think it would say support from Republicans and Democrats," said Anita Dunn, a senior Biden adviser. "It doesn't say the Republicans have to be in Congress."

As the Biden administration prepares to pursue a broad agenda ranging from infrastructure to immigration to guns, the president

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IN THE NEWS



JARED C. TILTON/GETTY IMAGES

The Masters Hideki Matsuyama, 29, became the first Japanese man to win a major golf title, beating Will Zalatoris by one stroke. **D1**

On alert As surveillance for coronavirus variants rises, experts say there's much further to go to stay ahead of the danger. **B1**

THE NATION
Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis (R) is promoting legislation that would make it easier for someone to be sent to prison for participating in a protest that turns unruly. **A2**
Former president Donald Trump in a speech attacked Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) for not helping overturn the 2020 election and reiterated false claims that he won. **A5**

THE WORLD
Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, making the first visit to Israel by

a senior Biden administration official, said the U.S.-Israel relationship was "enduring and iron-clad," amid growing Israeli concern at efforts to revive the Iranian nuclear deal. **A14**

THE REGION
Maryland's legislature convenes for the final day of its 90-day session with work yet to do on bills that would outlaw federal immigration detention centers, establish a sports betting industry and set the state on a more aggressive course to combat climate change. **B1**

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY
A bipartisan group of senators meets with President Biden to discuss his jobs plan.

TUESDAY
Biden attends a congressional tribute to Capitol Police Officer William Evans, who was killed in an April 2 attack on the Capitol.
Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer (D) participates in a Washington Post online interview.

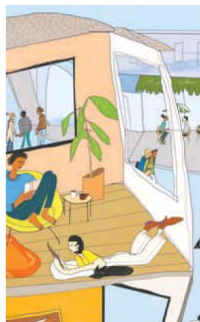
WEDNESDAY
CIA Director William J. Burns and FBI Director Christopher A. Wray discuss global threats in a Senate hearing.

Fed Chair Jerome H. Powell speaks on the state of the U.S. economy in an online event.
Supreme Court Justices Sonia Sotomayor and Neil M. Gorsuch discuss civic education in an online forum.

THURSDAY
Jobless claims for the week ended April 9 are expected to total 695,000.
Biden meets with members of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus.

FRIDAY
Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga of Japan meets with Biden at the White House.

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From inside to out Introverts savored the break from the crowds, obligations and small talk of our pre-pandemic world. How will they fare now — and what can they teach the rest of us? **C1**
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