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El juez de la Audiencia Nacional Manuel García-Castellón acordó ayer citar como imputados a Antonio Brufau, presidente de Repsol, y a Isidre Fainé, expresidente de Caixa-Bank y presidente de la Fundación La Caixa, por contratar al comisario José Manuel Villarejo para un supuesto encargo destinado a espiar a Luis del Rivero, ya expresidente de Sacyr, en 2011 y 2012. **PÁGINA 39**

Biden impone sanciones a Moscú por los ciberataques

M. A. SÁNCHEZ-VALLEJO
Nueva York
La Administración estadounidense que preside el demócrata Joe Biden anunció ayer una amplia batería de sanciones contra Rusia en represalia por su intromisión en intereses norteamericanos a través de ciberataques, incluida la injerencia de Moscú en las elecciones presidenciales del pasado noviembre. **PÁGINA 2**

ayer el paso por el pleno del Congreso de los Diputados. Es un texto pionero que sitúa a España a la vanguardia de la protección de los derechos de los niños y que reunió un amplio acuerdo. La norma obtuvo 268 votos a favor, 57 en contra (Vox y PNV, este último por cuestiones competenciales) y 16 abstenciones (EH Bildu, Junts, PDeCAT y Navarra Suma). Queda su paso por el Senado, pero, como el trámite es de urgencia, la ley puede estar cerrada en junio.

El texto pretende garantizar los derechos de los niños y adolescentes frente a cualquier forma de violencia, que se aborda de forma exhaustiva (desde el castigo físico a la violencia sexual y el ciberacoso), y recoge medidas para la sensibilización, detección, protección y reparación de las víctimas. Tiene el objetivo de acabar con la impunidad de los delitos contra menores, entre ellos la pederastia, al ampliar los plazos de prescripción. **PÁGINAS 20 Y 21**

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El grupo que dirige el español Izpisua produce en un laboratorio chino 132 embriones con 10.000 células de ambas especies

Un equipo científico crea quimeras de mono y humano

MANUEL ANSEDE, **Madrid**
Un equipo científico dirigido por el español Juan Carlos Izpisua ha creado en un laboratorio chino 132 embriones que combinan células de mono y de humano. Es el resultado, anunciado ayer en la revista especializada *Cell*, de un controvertido experimento del que informó EL PAÍS en 2019. Tres de esos embriones, de ape-

nas 10.000 células, llegaron a crecer durante 19 días fuera del útero, hasta que se dio por terminado el experimento. Los embriones, que la comunidad científica llama quimeras, tienen un 7% de células humanas. Izpisua recalca que su verdadero objetivo son las quimeras de cerdo y persona, con la meta final de generar órganos humanos—destinados a trasplan-

tes— en el ganado porcino. El equipo de Izpisua en el Instituto Salk, de EE UU, intentó sin éxito en 2017 crear rudimentarias quimeras de cerdos y humanos, por lo que ahora ha decidido combinar dos especies más próximas, monos y humanos. Este ensayo abre un intenso debate en la comunidad científica por sus connotaciones éticas. **PÁGINA 28**



ANTONIO EL BAILARÍN VUELVE A ESCENA EN SU CENTENARIO. El Ballet Nacional de España rinde homenaje a Antonio Ruiz Soler (1921-1996) con un montaje estrenado ayer en Sevilla. Un congreso y una exposición reivindican también a una de las figuras universales de la danza. / ALEJANDRO RUESGA **PÁGINA 31**

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Exmandatarios y premios Nobel llaman a liberar las patentes de la vacuna

El desarrollo del fármaco de Astra Zeneca fue financiado al 97% con fondos públicos

ORIOL GÜELL, **Barcelona**
Un total de 170 personalidades mundiales, entre ellos premios Nobel, ex jefes de Estado y ex primeros ministros, enviaron una carta a Joe Biden, presidente de EE UU, para pedirle la suspensión temporal de las patentes de las vacunas de la

covid. "Han sido la inversión pública y la colaboración internacional las que han traído las vacunas", dicen. Lo confirma un estudio que revela que el fármaco de Astra Zeneca se financió en un 97% con fondos del Reino Unido, la UE y otros organismos públicos. **PÁGINA 24**

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La inflación de marzo tocó un pico de 4,8% y refuerzan los controles

El Indec anunció para el mes de marzo el dato de inflación más alto desde septiembre de 2019. Los aumentos más fuertes se dieron en educación, vestimenta y alimentos. Guzmán había adelantado el miércoles que iba a ser el pico

inflacionario del año, apostando a que baje desde abril. Como única respuesta, el Gobierno anunció nuevos controles para la exportación de carne, inspecciones, ley de góndolas y congelar precios de electrónicos hasta las elecciones. P.3

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Disputa entre el Gobierno y la oposición por la educación en pandemia

Larreta criticó fuerte el cierre de escuelas y forzó una reunión con Fernández

El jefe de Gobierno porteño salió a criticar duramente la decisión oficial de suspender las clases presenciales en el AMBA. "El aula más peligrosa es el aula vacía", dijo Larreta. Planteó su intención de ir a la Justicia para que las escuelas

no cierren, y reclamó una reunión urgente al Presidente. Tras algunos rodeos, el Gobierno anunció que se encontrarán hoy a las 10 en Olivos. Hubo protestas frente a la Quinta presidencial y en distritos del Gran Buenos Aires. P.12

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Cool relations
US sanctions
anger Russia

Joe Biden's move to impose tough sanctions on Russia yesterday undid much of the goodwill established in a call with his Russian counterpart, Vladimir Putin, early in the week.

The measures, levied in response to allegations of Kremlin involvement in the SolarWinds hack and attempts to interfere in US elections, banned trading in new Russian sovereign debt.

The move sparked ructions in Russian markets and a frosty response from Moscow's foreign ministry, which said it had endangered hopes for the summit discussed in the leaders' call. "Washington must realise that it will pay for the degradation of bilateral relations."

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Alexei Cruzhinin, Sputnik, Kremlin Pool Photo via AP

Elliott's multibillion-pound GSK stake sets up battle over direction

◆ US activist fund builds 'significant' position ◆ British drugmaker underperforms rivals

FT REPORTERS

Elliott Management has built a multi-billion-pound stake in GSK, laying the ground for a battle over the future of the drugmaker, which has underperformed peers in the race to develop a Covid-19 vaccine.

The move by Elliott, a \$42bn US activist hedge fund known for campaigns at BHP, SoftBank and Whitbread, was confirmed by people with knowledge of the investment and described by one of them as a "significant" position.

Elliott's investment comes amid disillusionment among some GSK shareholders with Dame Emma Walmsley, the group's chief executive, who is breaking up the company next year by separating the consumer health opera-

tion from its pharmaceuticals and vaccine division.

Shares in GSK, which has a portfolio ranging from toothpaste to cancer medicines, are down 14 per cent since Walmsley took up her post in April 2017.

Shares in Anglo-Swedish rival AstraZeneca are up 49 per cent over the same period and US-based Pfizer is up 16 per cent, with both groups now producing Covid-19 jabs. GSK, which had been trading down on the day, rose 5.7 per cent to £13.63 on the Elliott news.

Elliott and GSK declined to comment.

GSK shareholder concern has focused on disappointments in its drugs pipeline, raising questions about its R&D spending and drawing unflattering comparisons with Pascal Soriot's leadership of AstraZeneca. Despite stumbles

over its Covid vaccine, Soriot is seen to have revived the company, in part because of his understanding of the potential of its drugs pipeline.

One person familiar with the mood of some GSK shareholders suggested that Walmsley was unlikely to be pushed out, given the planned business split, but said they would prefer her to head the consumer health business — taking advantage of her background in that field — rather than her stated intention of running the pharma business.

Others backed Walmsley. A top 30 shareholder said the strategy to split the divisions "broadly makes sense", as did addressing the "unsustainable dividend", which would free up "capital for inorganic investment in the pipeline".

"The CEO is understandably impa-



Shares in GSK are 14 per cent lower since Dame Emma Walmsley took up her post as the group's chief in April 2017

tient for success but the nature of pharma R&D means it takes a long time to turn such a business round, particularly given the paucity of the legacy she inherited," the person said, adding that the next 12-18 months would be critical.

In a February earnings call with analysts, Walmsley said that 2020 had been "another year of strong progress for GSK, and we're very confident in building on it in 2021. . . . We remain firmly on track with all our strategic goals."

Billionaire Paul Singer founded Elliott in 1977. It has launched dozens of activist campaigns. Its London-based European unit is run by Singer's son, Gordon. Reporting by Arash Massoudi, Harriet Agnew, Hannah Kuchler, Sarah Neville and Attracta Mooney
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Regulator criticised over
related vaccine guidance

The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency has come under fire over its guidance on the possible side effects of AstraZeneca's vaccine. By March 15 eight European countries had halted their AstraZeneca inoculation programmes. Several scientists have told the FT that the UK regulator was too slow to pick up on the reports of the adverse reaction and communicate its findings to the public.

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Cars and whisky to the fore as Johnson
chases 'challenging' India trade deal

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Boris Johnson will urge Narendra Modi, his Indian counterpart, to cut import tariffs on British whisky and cars as part of plans to agree an interim trade deal in under a year.

The prime minister will announce a target to "more than double trade with India to £50bn by 2030" on a visit this month to New Delhi, according to a government document seen by the Financial Times, although the note admits that securing a full trade deal will be "challenging".

The "No 10 note on India Trade Policy" confirms that "mobility will likely be India's priority offensive ask and will be a sensitive issue" — a reference to New Delhi's perennial demand for

greater access to UK visas. The document also warns that India does "not have a strong track record of delivery", observing that talks with the EU, Australia and New Zealand had all stalled.

The Number 10 note observes that over the past two decades the UK's "share of India's imported goods and services fell from 6 per cent and 11 per cent in 2000 to 1.3 per cent and 2.1 per cent respectively". The UK does more trade with Belgium than with India.

A person familiar with New Delhi's position was sceptical of a breakthrough: "We haven't seen flexibility from [the UK] on issues important to India — a full FTA seems far-fetched at this stage."

Even as Johnson seeks a new trade relationship with India, some companies argue that New Delhi is failing to honour existing agreements.

Vodafone is embroiled in a row with

Indian tax authorities, which demanded €3bn in back payments. New Delhi is appealing against an international arbitration ruling in Vodafone's favour.

Devas, a satellite company based in India and the US, has also been dragged into a crippling legal dispute in India. It was last year awarded a \$1.2bn settlement but its Indian unit was later issued with a winding up order by regulators.

David Davis, the former cabinet minister, said Johnson should stress the need for India to play by the rules. "The Indian government's willingness to ignore court rulings will only damage its own national interest," he said.

Under the Downing Street plan, Johnson would announce an intent to negotiate a full FTA, with an interim deal in place by March 2022. The government said it did not "comment on leaks".

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	Apr 15	prev	%chg
S&P 500	4160.77	4124.66	0.88
Nasdaq Composite	13994.44	13857.84	0.99
Dow Jones Ind	34006.63	33730.89	0.82
FTSEurofirst 300	1688.15	1680.08	0.48
Euro Stoxx 50	3994.00	3976.28	0.45
FTSE 100	6983.50	6939.58	0.63
FTSE All-Share	3988.72	3964.67	0.61
CAC 40	6234.14	6208.58	0.41
Xetra Dax	15255.33	15209.15	0.30
Nikkei	29642.69	29620.99	0.07
Hang Seng	28793.14	28900.83	-0.37
MSCI World \$	2913.53	2918.19	-0.16
MSCI EM \$	1336.59	1323.95	0.95
MSCI ACWI \$	695.84	695.97	-0.02

CURRENCIES

	Apr 15	prev		Apr 15	prev
\$ per €	1.197	1.197	£ per \$	0.725	0.726
\$ per £	1.379	1.378	€ per £	1.152	1.151
¥ per €	0.868	0.869	¥ per \$	130.150	130.463
¥ per \$	108.730	109.015	£ index	81.047	80.984
¥ per £	149.970	150.216	Sfr per £	1.272	1.272
Sfr per €	1.104	1.105			
€ per \$	0.835	0.836			

COMMODITIES

	Apr 15	prev	%chg
Oil WTI \$	63.27	63.15	0.19
Oil Brent \$	66.78	66.58	0.30
Gold \$	1735.55	1747.95	-0.71

INTEREST RATES

	price	yield	chg
US Gov 10 yr	146.45	1.56	-0.08
UK Gov 10 yr		0.74	-0.07
Ger Gov 10 yr		-0.29	-0.03
Jpn Gov 10 yr	116.49	0.09	0.00
US Gov 30 yr	103.92	2.22	-0.10
Ger Gov 2 yr	106.42	-0.70	-0.01

Fed Funds Eff

	price	prev	chg
Fed Funds Eff	0.07	0.08	-0.01
US 3m Bills	0.02	0.03	-0.01
Euro Libor 3m	-0.54	-0.55	0.01
UK 3m	0.08	0.09	-0.01

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Gambling group Entain, Naked Wines and retailers THG and AO are among an ever-longer list of British beneficiaries of a rise in pandemic-led online trade from customers stuck at home. — PAGE 12

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BlackRock's shares have risen 2 per cent after reporting its assets under management ballooned to a record \$9tn in the first quarter, spurred by record fund inflows led by fixed income. — PAGE 9

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Citigroup plans to sell its consumer operations in 13 Asian and eastern European markets to appease investors who have pressed the bank to close a profitability gap with peers. — PAGE 9; LEX, PAGE 24

► **Caterpillar cakes spark legal battle**

Marks and Spencer is taking legal action against Aldi over its "Cuthbert the Caterpillar" cake, which bears a strong similarity to M&S's "Colin the Caterpillar" offering, pictured. — PAGE 9



► **Deliveroo chief: a 'lot of work ahead'**

In the food-delivery group's first trading update since its IPO, Deliveroo said orders had more than doubled, as boss Will Shu admitted that he had a "lot of work ahead" to win over investors. — PAGE 12

► **Gupta split empire to tap Covid loans**

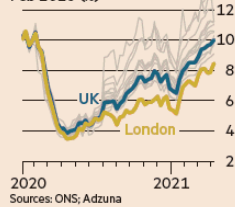
Metals magnate Sanjeev Gupta last year rejigged his businesses to try to maximise the amount of UK taxpayer-backed loans he could draw on via the country's Covid lending scheme. — PAGE 10

► **US retailers rebound as lockdowns ease**
Easing virus lockdowns tied to the rollout of Covid jabs in the US has helped to spark a sharp increase in consumer spending and the lowest new jobless claims since the onset of the pandemic. — PAGE 8

Datawatch

London left lagging

Job postings by region relative to Feb 2020 (%)



Sources: ONS; Adzuna

Job adverts across the UK are back to their pre-virus levels, although not in some areas, particularly London, where the volume is lagging. The capital still has 15 per cent fewer roles advertised than it did back in February 2020.

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DES LIVRES

Relance : l'effet Biden sur les débats en France

- Le président américain est devenu un modèle pour une partie des politiques et des économistes français, inspirés par l'ampleur de son plan de relance
- Les États-Unis ont débloqué 3 000 milliards de dollars pour soutenir l'économie et envisagent 2 000 milliards de dollars pour les infrastructures
- En France, alors que le coût de la crise pour les finances publiques atteindra 425 milliards d'euros sur trois ans, l'exécutif se refuse à tout nouvel impôt
- A Bruxelles, la Commission a présenté sa stratégie pour abonder la relance européenne de 806 milliards d'euros, mais des blocages persistent
- La question se pose d'annuler une partie de la dette des entreprises françaises, confrontées à un risque de solvabilité

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La suspension des vols du Brésil jugée tardive et insuffisante

La crainte de voir le variant brésilien du virus se propager en France a conduit à l'arrêt des vols, mais sans mesures strictes de quarantaine à ce stade

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Test antigénique exigé à l'entrée des magasins

Pour garder ouverts les commerces non essentiels malgré l'épidémie, plusieurs Länder, dont celui de Berlin, demandent aux clients un test négatif

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LA GUERRE SECRÈTE DE PHILIP MORRIS CONTRE LES POLITIQUES ANTITABAC

► Le plus grand cigarettier de la planète a créé une fondation, dont le but officiel est de mettre fin au tabagisme en finançant des recherches indépendantes

► Notre enquête montre que l'objectif réel de cette structure est de fragiliser les politiques antitabac et de promouvoir de lucratives alternatives à la cigarette

► En France, le cigarettier a recruté comme conseiller le médiatique cancérologue David Khayat, fondateur de l'Institut national du cancer

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Taiwan

Vives tensions entre la Chine et les États-Unis

ALORS QUE PÉKIN multiplie les messages belliqueux et les incursions dans l'espace aérien de Taiwan, Washington envoie à l'île des signaux de soutien répétés. Une délégation américaine non officielle a rencontré la présidente taiwanaise jeudi, une « provocation » aux yeux de la Chine. Alors que le scénario d'une prise de contrôle de l'île par les forces chinoises n'est pas exclu, le débat est vif à Washington sur une révision de la stratégie américaine sur ce dossier.

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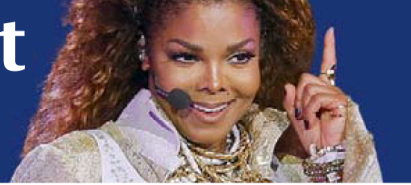
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Urgent concerns over rapid tests as false positives soar

Exclusive
Josh Halliday

Senior government officials have raised "urgent" concerns about the mass expansion of rapid coronavirus testing, estimating that as few as 2-10% of positive results may be accurate in places with low Covid rates, such as London.

Last week Boris Johnson urged everyone in England to take two rapid-turnaround tests a week in the biggest expansion of the multibillion-pound testing programme to date.

However, leaked emails seen by the Guardian show senior officials are now considering scaling back the widespread testing of people without symptoms, after a growing number of false positives.

In one email, Ben Dyson, an executive director of strategy at the health department and one of the health secretary Matt Hancock's advisers, stressed the "fairly urgent need for decisions" on "the point at which we stop offering asymptomatic testing".

On 9 April, the day everyone in England was able to order twice-weekly lateral flow device (LFD) tests, Dyson wrote: "As of today, someone

who gets a positive LFD result in (say) London has at best a 25% chance of it being a true positive, but if it is a self-reported test potentially as low as 10% (on an optimistic assumption about specificity) or as low as 2% (on a more pessimistic assumption)."

He said the department's executive committee, which includes Hancock and the NHS Test and Trace chief, Dido Harding, would soon need

to decide whether requiring people who tested positive to self-isolate before a follow-up PCR test "ceases to be reasonable" in areas where there is a high likelihood of a positive result being wrong. The requirement means thousands of people could needlessly miss out on work or education.

The proportion of rapid tests producing false positives increases when Covid prevalence falls. This happens because although the number of true positives is falling, the tests produce roughly the same number of false positives - increasing the proportion of incorrect results.

Figures produced by government officials estimate only one in 10 positive results are likely to be accurate in London and south-east and south-west England, where there are fewer Covid-19 cases. In England as a whole, they estimate **17** →

Second Whitehall aide also worked for Greensill

Kalyeena Makortoff
Jessica Elgot

A second Cabinet Office adviser was hired by Greensill Capital while working for the civil service, raising further questions over revolving doors between the government and the scandal-hit firm.

A former Morgan Stanley banker, David Brierwood, was brought into the heart of government during David Cameron's administration in 2014, the same year Greensill's founder Lex Greensill apparently took on a similar role. Two months later, Brierwood was recruited to join Greensill Capital's board as a director.

He remained a Greensill director throughout his Whitehall appointment, which lasted more than three and a half years, according to his LinkedIn profile, which also showed he resigned from the supply chain finance firm in February this year.

On Tuesday it emerged that the government's chief commercial officer, Bill Crothers, joined Greensill while still a civil servant **4** →
 - a move sanctioned by the



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Family hit out at Pacino film casting
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'I will not testify,' says Floyd officer

Derek Chauvin, the police officer charged with murdering George Floyd, has invoked his fifth amendment right to avoid self-incrimination **World Page 28** →

'This is a tax-funded culture war'

Aditya Chakraborty reveals how research was distorted and misquoted to bolster the government's line in its landmark race report **Journal Page 1** →





STILL IMAGE, VIA REUTERS

Eric J. Nelson, left, and his client Derek Chauvin discussing Mr. Chauvin's decision not to testify at his murder trial on Thursday.

Economic Pace Signals a Boom On the Horizon

This article is by **Sydney Ember**,
Michael Corkery and **Niraj Chokshi**.

The American economic recovery is gathering steam, renewing confidence that a vibrant revival awaits as the pandemic recedes.

After months of false starts, evidence is mounting that the economy has definitively turned a corner, with more growth on the horizon. Job gains last month were the strongest since August. There are signs that the snarled global supply chain may be untangling.

And in dual reports on Thursday, the government reported more good news: Retail sales in March blew past expectations, rising nearly 10 percent, and jobless claims last week fell to their lowest level of the pandemic.

Even as the country is still straining to contain the virus, as millions of people remain unemployed and as a large portion of the population remains unvaccinated, the data suggests that the long-heralded economic rebound is within reach.

“I’m feeling quite optimistic,” said Gregory Daco, chief U.S. economist at Oxford Economics. “I think what we’re seeing is evidence of this booming economy that we’re going to be seeing over the coming months.”

In the year since the coronavirus smothered the economy, economists have held out hope for a significant turnaround defined by plentiful job opportunities, higher wages and supercharged spending after months of pent-up demand. But the tantalizing promise at times appeared unlikely at best: After a period of growth over the summer, job gains largely stalled heading into the new year. New state unemployment claims spiked to over a million in one week in January. Retail sales, bolstered by stimulus payments,

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Chauvin Passes Up His Chance to Address Jury

This article is by **Shaila Dewan**,
John Eligon and **Tim Arango**.

MINNEAPOLIS — He settled into a swiveling chair, sitting upright and a bit stiff, in a mostly empty courtroom.

Holding a microphone in front of his chest, Derek Chauvin removed a blue mask to reveal a clean-shaven face.

As his lawyer, Eric J. Nelson, asked a series of questions, Mr. Chauvin dipped his body toward the microphone and uttered the first words the public has heard from him in the more than 10 months since the death of George Floyd on May 25.

“Have you made a decision to-

Closing Set for Monday After Defense Rests

day whether you intend to testify or whether you intend to invoke your Fifth Amendment privilege?” Mr. Nelson asked.

“I will invoke my Fifth Amendment privilege today,” Mr. Chauvin said.

With that, the defense rested its case in the murder trial of Mr. Chauvin, a former police officer. After 13 days of testimony, the jury was offered no glimpse behind the impassive expression maintained by Mr. Chauvin, hands in his pock-

ets and sunglasses on his head, as he knelt on the neck of Mr. Floyd on a South Minneapolis street for more than nine minutes.

The jury is expected to hear closing arguments on Monday and could deliver a verdict next week. The city is bracing for reaction from residents, including the potential for widespread unrest in the event that Mr. Chauvin is acquitted. The court plans to begin evacuating government buildings before the verdict is read.

Convictions of police officers for on-duty killings are exceedingly rare. But Mr. Nelson faced a daunting task given the harrowing video that showed Mr. Floyd, Continued on Page A19

How Virus Tore Through U.S. Prisons

Since March 2020, The New York Times has tracked every known coronavirus infection in every correctional facility in the nation. More than 2,700 inmates have died. Page A6.

Worldwide, about **2 in 100 people** are known to have been infected.

In the **United States**, which has among the worst infection rates, the number is **9 in 100**.

Inside **state and federal prisons**, the rate is **34 in 100**, more than three times as high.



With Nemesis Sidelined, de Blasio Adopts a New Policy: Smiling

By **EMMA G. FITZSIMMONS**

He braved the 85-foot plunge on the Cyclone roller coaster to celebrate the reopening of Coney Island. He stood with the actor Lin-Manuel Miranda in the middle of Times Square to announce that Broadway was coming back. He savored a Krispy Kreme doughnut — free for people who get vaccinated — on camera as if it were a

fresh croissant from Paris, or at least his favored patisserie in Brooklyn.

It took only seven years and change, but it appears that Bill de Blasio is finally having fun as mayor.

His spirits have been buoyed by a confluence of events: a feeling of hope as millions of New Yorkers get vaccinated after a devastating year; an influx of federal funding to shore up the city's finances.

But the biggest factor may well be the diminution of influence and interference from the mayor's longtime nemesis, Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo, who has largely been sidelined by a series of scandals.

“This is New York City coming back before your very eyes,” Mr. de Blasio said in Times Square this week after bopping his head to a performance of “New York, New York” and touring a new vaccination site for Broadway work-

ers with Mr. Miranda.

During his two terms as mayor, Mr. de Blasio has often appeared dour at public events, as though the job was more of a responsibility than a joy, and he has been indignant at times over harsh media coverage, especially after his failed presidential bid two years ago.

He is still not particularly popular: His approval rating in the city Continued on Page A21

NEWS ANALYSIS

As U.S. Exits, Pakistan Sees A Door Open

A Chance to Rebuild Clout in Afghanistan

This article is by **Mujib Mashal**,
Salman Masood and **Zia ur-Rehman**.

Near the peak of the American war in Afghanistan, in 2014, a former chief of neighboring Pakistan's military intelligence — an institution allied both to the U.S. military and to its Taliban adversaries — came on a talk show called “Joke Night.” He put a bold prediction on the record.

“When history is written,” declared the former chief, Gen. Hamid Gul, who led the feared spy service known as the I.S.I. during the last stretch of the Cold War in the 1980s, “it will be stated that the I.S.I. defeated the Soviet Union in Afghanistan with the help of America.”

“Then there will be another sentence,” General Gul added after a brief pause, delivering his punch line to loud applause. “The I.S.I., with the help of America, defeated America.”

In President Biden's decision to withdraw all American forces from Afghanistan by September, Pakistan's powerful military establishment finally gets its wish after decades of bloody intrigue: the exit of a disruptive superpower from a place where the I.S.I. had established strong influence through a friendly Taliban regime before the U.S. invaded in 2001.

A return of the Taliban to some form of power would dial the clock back to a time when Pakistan's military played gatekeeper to Afghanistan, perpetually working to block the influence of its archenemy, India.

But the Pakistani military's sheltering of the Taliban insurgency over the past two decades — obsessively pursuing a narrowly defined geopolitical victory next door — risks another wave of disruption at home. Pakistan is a fragile, nuclear-armed state already reeling from a crashed economy, waves of social unrest, agitation by oppressed minorities and a percolating Islamic militancy of its own that it is struggling to contain.

If Afghanistan descends into chaos, Pakistanis are bound to feel the burden again just as they did after Afghanistan disintegrated in the 1990s following the Soviet withdrawal. Millions of Continued on Page A10

BIDEN TIGHTENS FISCAL SQUEEZE ON THE KREMLIN

10 DIPLOMATS EXPELLED

President Formally Lays Blame on Russia for Hacking Breach

By **DAVID E. SANGER**
and **ANDREW E. KRAMER**

WASHINGTON — President Biden on Thursday imposed extensive new sanctions on Russia and formally blamed the country's premier intelligence agency for the sophisticated hacking operation that breached American government agencies and the nation's largest companies.

The sanctions included measures intended to make it harder for Russia to take part in the global economy if it continued its campaign of disruptive actions, including in cyberspace and on the border of Ukraine.

While the sanctions might not bite hard immediately, White House officials said they left themselves room to squeeze Moscow's ability to borrow money on global markets if tensions escalate.

“I chose to be proportionate,” Mr. Biden said in comments at the White House, describing how he had warned President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia of what was coming in a phone conversation on Tuesday. “The United States is not looking to kick off a cycle of escalation and conflict with Russia. We want a stable, predictable relationship,” he said, offering again to meet Mr. Putin in person this summer in Europe.

So far, the Russians have not responded to that offer.

The measures Mr. Biden announced included sanctions on 32 entities and individuals for disinformation efforts and for carrying Continued on Page A14



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President Biden announcing the sanctions on Thursday.

POLITICAL MEMO

A Splintered G.O.P. Struggles To Find Unity on Foreign Policy

By **LISA LERER**

For decades, Senator Lindsey Graham traveled the world with his friend John McCain, visiting war zones and meeting with foreign allies and adversaries, before returning home to promote the Republican gospel of an internationalist, hawkish foreign policy.

But this week, after President Biden announced that troops would leave Afghanistan no later than Sept. 11, Mr. Graham took the podium in the Senate press gallery and hinted that spreading the party's message had become a bit lonely.

“I miss John McCain a lot but probably no more than today,” Mr. Graham said. “If John were with us, I'd be speaking second.”

Mr. McCain, the onetime prisoner of war in Vietnam, in many ways embodied a distinctive Republican worldview: a commitment to internationalism —

A Less Hawkish Party Seeks New Footing

and confrontation when necessary — that stemmed from the Cold War and endured through the presidencies of Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush before evolving after the Sept. 11 attacks to account for the threat of global terrorism.

Then came Donald J. Trump, who campaigned on a promise to put America first, an isolationist mantra that resonated with a nation weary of endless wars. Now, out of power in Washington, Republicans have splintered into disparate factions, with few figures to take the lead.

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◆ **China's economy surged** 18.3% in the first quarter from a year earlier, a record rate that reflected the recovery from a coronavirus-induced trough at the start of 2020 as well as continued momentum. **A1**

◆ **Citigroup said** it is shutting down most of its consumer-banking operations in Asia, Europe and the Mideast, as it posted first-quarter profit that topped forecasts. **A1**

◆ **BofA reported** that its profit doubled in the first quarter after the lender released money it had set aside for bad loans. **B10**

◆ **The Dow rose 0.9%** to close above 34000 for the first time. The S&P 500 added 1.1%, also notching a record. The Nasdaq climbed 1.3%. **B11**

◆ **The U.S. housing market** is 3.8 million single-family homes short of what is needed to meet demand, a Freddie Mac analysis found. **A3**

◆ **BlackRock's quarterly** profit rose 49% as it benefitted from surging markets and investors' willingness to bet on an economic recovery. **B1**

◆ **Delta signaled** that the worst of the pandemic is likely behind it, as the airline posted a \$1.2 billion loss for the latest quarter. **B1**

◆ **Chip maker TSMC said** it would raise its capital-spending budget and revenue-growth forecast for 2021. **B1**

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◆ **Blinken, in a visit** to Kabul, assured Afghan leaders and citizens that U.S. support for their country would continue during and after a planned U.S. troop withdrawal. **A8**

◆ **Testimony concluded** in the trial of Derek Chauvin for the death of George Floyd. The ex-police officer invoked his Fifth Amendment right and didn't take the stand. **A3**

◆ **Chicago leaders urged** calm when officials released video of a police officer fatally shooting 13-year-old Adam Toledo as the boy turned to surrender after a foot chase. **A3**

◆ **The Capitol Police** inspector general told lawmakers a police leader's decision not to have more powerful weapons available to the force could have hampered its response during the Jan. 6 riot. **A4**

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In Kabul, Blinken Seeks to Soothe Fears Over Troop Pullout



UPFRONT: Afghan President Ashraf Ghani, center, meets with U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, fourth from left, in Kabul on Thursday. Mr. Blinken made an unannounced visit to discuss the Biden plan to begin withdrawing troops. **A8**

China Grows at Record 18.3%, As Recovery Gains Momentum

By JONATHAN CHENG

BEIJING—China's economy surged 18.3% in the first quarter from a year earlier, a record rate of growth that reflected the recovery from a deep coronavirus-induced trough at the start of 2020 and the continued momentum of the world's second-largest economy.

The rate of gross domestic product growth in the first three months of the year was sharply higher than the 6.5% year-on-year growth recorded in the final quarter of 2020, though it fell short of the 19.2%

growth expected by the economists polled by The Wall Street Journal.

Analysts had long anticipated GDP growth in the first three months of the year to jump sharply when compared with the year-ago period, when the Chinese economy suffered a historic 6.8% year-over-year contraction as the coronavirus's initial emergence forced Beijing to shut down swaths of the country.

In recent weeks, China has reported economic indicators showing growth of 30% or more from the previous year.

The year-on-year GDP growth rate will almost certainly trend lower in coming quarters as the Chinese economy is measured against higher levels from the previous year. China began its recovery in the second quarter of 2020, and recorded higher year-on-year growth figures through the remaining quarters of the year.

The 18.3% year-on-year growth rate for the first quarter is the highest since China began reporting quarterly GDP in 1992, surpassing the 15.3% growth rate in the first quarter of 1993.

But stripping out the statistical distortion from last year's low base of comparison, economists at HSBC Holdings PLC in Hong Kong estimate that underlying year-on-year GDP growth in the first three months of 2021 to be about 5.4%, lower than the precoronavirus trend of roughly 6% growth and forecast the economy to continue "running below full speed" in

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Citigroup Will Retrench Overseas

By ORLA McCaffrey

Citigroup Inc. is shutting down most of its consumer-banking operations in Asia, Europe and the Middle East, the latest sign that the original financial supermarket is rethinking how to do business.

The New York bank also reported on Thursday a sharply higher first-quarter profit, though that was largely because its year-ago results were

hammered by pandemic preparations. Citigroup posted a profit of \$7.9 billion, or \$3.62 a share, well above the \$2.60 a share forecast by analysts polled by FactSet. A year earlier, Citigroup had reported a quarterly profit of about \$2.5 billion, or \$1.05 a share.

The bank said it would exit its consumer operations in 13 countries, mostly across Asia, to focus on wealth management and other businesses.

For Jane Fraser, who took over as chief executive officer last month, the change marks one of her first big moves at the bank's helm. Ms. Fraser said those consumer banks were excellent businesses, but "we don't have the scale we need to compete." She said Citigroup would continue to invest in wealth management and in businesses that work with corporate clients in Asia.

The Citigroup of today was

created in 1998, a merger of the consumer-focused Citicorp and the highflying Wall Street bankers at Travelers Group. The company became the world's largest financial-services firm, and executives envisioned a one-stop shop

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Economy Picks Up As Jobs, Spending Improve

Stimulus, vaccinations provide boost while layoffs fall; retail sales jumped 9.8% in March

By AMARA OMEOKWE

The U.S. economic recovery is accelerating as stimulus money, Covid-19 vaccinations and business reopenings spur a spring surge in consumer spending, a sharp pullback in layoffs and a bounce-back in factory output.

Retail sales—a measure of purchases at stores, at restaurants and online—jumped 9.8% in March from a month earlier, the Commerce Department reported Thursday. The gain in consumer spending—the biggest driver of economic activity—came as the government began distributing hundreds of billions of dollars of stimulus funds to households. It was the largest monthly gain since last May, during the initial recovery from lockdowns early in the Covid-19 pandemic.

Stocks rose on the economic news and strong earnings from blue-chip companies with the Dow Jones Industrial Average closing above 34000 for the first time.

Separately, nearly 200,000 fewer workers filed for initial unemployment benefits last week. Jobless claims, a proxy for layoffs, fell to 576,000 last week from 769,000 a week earlier.

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Dow Jones Industrial Average



Source: FactSet

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Global Variants Fuel Surge In Cases

Covid-19 cases are surging across the world, fueled by highly contagious variants of the coronavirus that are popping up far from where they were first detected.

By Jason Douglas in London, Gabriele Steinhäuser in Johannesburg and Samantha Pearson in São Paulo

The spread of these variants, scientists said, highlights how tiny, random changes in the virus's genetic code threaten to undo progress in beating back a global pandemic that has killed at least three million people. Concerning variants are spreading in the U.S. and Canada, Europe and Latin America.

Scientists said variants can be brought under control with public-health measures such as mask wearing and social distancing.

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Fans in tears over ArcLight closure

By ERICH SCHWARTZEL

LOS ANGELES—Nicole DeGraaf was several episodes into the TV show "Felicity" this week when friends grew concerned about her. "Are you OK?" several texted.

News was spreading in the nation's filmmaking capital that Hollywood's unofficial theater chain, the ArcLight, wouldn't be reopening its auditoriums when the pandemic

ended. Ms. DeGraaf, a hardcore movie lover in a city full of them, was still processing the revelation.

"It's like someone was saying your second home is closing forever," said Ms. DeGraaf, a 42-year-old Los Angeles native who lost her job as a salon manager when Covid-19 forced the shop to close.

Similar scenes are playing out across America. As the nation's theaters close, fans are mourning the loss of a place to see movies.

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Islamic State Seeks Revival In Central Africa

Christian-dominated countries Congo and Mozambique are targets; dozens massacred

KAMPALA, Uganda—Islamic State was collapsing in Iraq and Syria, but from the jungles of Eastern Congo a jihadist appeared on YouTube to declare that the so-called caliphate was regrouping in Central Africa.

By Benoit Faucon, Nicholas Bariyo and Joe Parkinson

"I call on all Muslims in the world to join us in Congo," said the man, who identified himself as an Arab and sported an oversize machine gun and bandoleer, flanked by a small group of ragtag fighters under a dense forest canopy. "I swear by God this is the abode of Islamic State."

The video was largely dismissed by analysts as an attempt by the crumbling terror group to gain headlines.

But three years after it aired, Islamic State's little-known Central African Province has expanded so rapidly that the U.S. State Department last month imposed sanctions on the group and its leadership for the first time.

In late March, hundreds of the group's fighters in Mozambique occupied a key port town after a dayslong siege in which they massacred dozens of people and sent thousands running for their lives through forests and mangrove swamps. The attack forced French oil major Total SE to evacuate all its staff from the \$16 billion project along with 2,000 refugees.

Known as Iscap, the swelling band of Congo- and Mozambique-based militants once fighting for autonomy from the central government.

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Chicago releases video of boy's death

13-year-old seen raising hands on officer's orders before fatal shot to chest

BY MARK GUARINO, MERYL KORNFIELD AND KIM BELLWARE

CHICAGO — More than two weeks after a Chicago police officer shot and killed 13-year-old Adam Toledo, a police oversight agency on Thursday released a video of the March shooting that had set the city on edge.

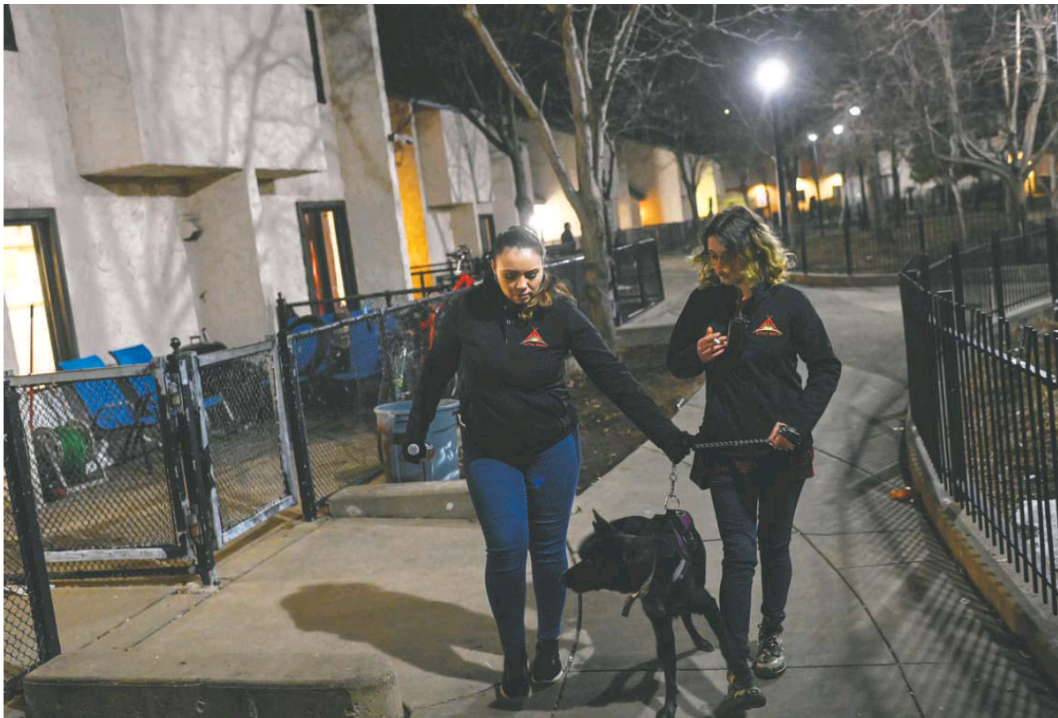
The graphic video, which the city's Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA) posted to its website, shows the police officer chasing Adam through an alley, ordering him to stop and show his hands. Adam appears to stop at the opening in a fence, turn and raise his hands as the officer fires once, striking him in the chest.

The 13-year-old crumples to the ground and the officer immediately calls for an ambulance as he rushes to Adam, turns him over while asking him if he is okay and where he has been shot, and begins chest compressions.

The officer was identified as 34-year-old Eric Stillman in a police report included in the documents released by the oversight panel.

At the point in the video where Adam stops at the fence, he appears to be holding something in his right hand. Police say it was a gun that was later recovered behind the fence. But a lawyer representing the Toledo family said it's "not relevant" if Adam dropped a gun because he followed police orders.

"That child complied," Adeena J. Weiss-Ortiz said. "Adam complied with the officer's request, SEE CHICAGO ON A4



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Margarita Ortega, left, and Molly Longtine, with her dog Blu, patrol the Minneapolis neighborhood of Little Earth as members of the Little Earth Protectors, a group formed when a police precinct was abandoned during rioting after George Floyd's killing in May.

What do communities do when the police retreat?

BY ROBERT KLEMKO

MINNEAPOLIS — The alert flashed across every cellphone in the city when the first curfew began after George Floyd's killing. A text, in all caps, was accompanied by a deep, repeating buzz.

When the phones rumbled, Margarita Ortega was helping neighbors in the South Minneapolis community of Little Earth move roadblocks they'd borrowed from construction sites, positioning them in the intersections surrounding the neighborhood. She shuddered, reminded of a 2013 movie depicting an American dystopia in which all violence, including murder, was made legal for one night each year.

"It was just like 'The Purge' sound," Ortega, 31, said. "I remember saying, 'I hope people don't take that sound as a reason to start purging.' Why would they play that sound today, of all days?"

That night last year, as protests broke out across the city, there were no police in Ortega's neighborhood, and so, the Little Earth Protectors group was born. The community protection force of more than 80 members was shot at by looters, but no one was hurt, and every building in the government-subsidized, predominantly SEE PATROL ON A5

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Chauvin declines to testify; defense rests

BY HOLLY BAILEY

MINNEAPOLIS — Derek Chauvin spoke publicly for the first time since his arrest in May, telling a judge Thursday that he would invoke his constitutional right against self-incrimination and not testify in his own defense in his murder trial in the death of George Floyd.

The defense rested its case minutes later, after just two days of testimony, paving the way for closing arguments and jury deliberations in the landmark trial to begin Monday.

In a dramatic moment outside the view of the jury, the former police officer removed his face mask inside the downtown Minneapolis courtroom where he has sat silently and stoically day after day SEE CHAUVIN ON A6

How the investigation into Gaetz came to be

Stalking case facing local official grew into probe of Fla. congressman

BY MATT ZAPOTOSKY AND MICHAEL SCHERER

The missive arrived at an Orlando-area preparatory school in October 2019, outlining a damaging allegation against a music teacher there.

The teacher, in the letter's telling, had had an inappropriate sexual relationship with the purported student who had written it. And the writer claimed to offer proof: private Facebook messages in which the teacher, Brian Beute, told his alleged victim: "Please remember to keep this a secret. I could go to jail."

Beute, who had recently announced his candidacy in the local tax collector's race, knew the

allegation was a lie, as investigators quickly determined. But what he could not foresee is how the ploy to sabotage his run for local office would drag the seedy politics in Seminole County, Fla., into the national spotlight and put a U.S. congressman with close ties to former president Donald Trump in the crosshairs of a Justice Department investigation.

The allegations against Beute, federal investigators concluded, had been fabricated by his incumbent opponent, Joel Greenberg, in a bid to smear him. But when authorities arrested Greenberg and sifted through his electronic records and devices — according to documents and people involved in the case — they discovered a medley of other alleged wrongdoing, leading them to open an investigation of possible sex trafficking involving a far more high-profile Florida Republican: Rep. Matt Gaetz.

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In Myanmar, fear is emptying the cities

Military's attacks on civilians have many heading to the countryside — and bleak economic prospects



EPA-EFE/SHUTTERSTOCK

Mourners in the city of Mandalay carry the coffin of a man shot during a protest against Myanmar's Feb. 1 military coup. Monitors say security forces have killed over 700 people since the takeover.

BY SHIBANI MAHTANI AND ANDREW NACHEMSON

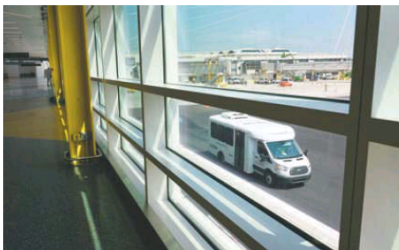
Before dawn one day late last month, Win stuffed his belongings into his car trunk, checked on his 14-year-old daughter in the back seat and, with his wife next to him, drove 10 hours back to the farming village of his birth.

He knew it was time to flee. He had watched soldiers shoot civilians outside his apartment in Yangon, the city where he had spent 22 years building up a successful printing business.

"It happened right in front of my eyes," said the 42-year-old, who gave only part of his name for fear of reprisal.

Many have made the same decision. Myanmar's main cities are emptying out, racked by the violence and fear the military has unleashed against civilians resisting its Feb. 1 coup. More than 700 people have been killed by security forces, including dozens of children, according to a SEE MYANMAR ON A11

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