

What's News

Business & Finance


- ◆ **More stocks** have been propelling the U.S. market higher lately, a signal that further gains could be ahead, but how smooth the climb might be remains up for debate. **A1**
- ◆ **WeWork's plan** to list stock by merging with a blank-check company has echoes of its approach in 2019, when the shared-office provider's IPO imploded. **A1**
- ◆ **Citigroup** plans to scale up its services to wealthy entrepreneurs and their businesses in Asia as the bank refocuses its operations in the region. **B1**
- ◆ **A Maryland hotel** magnate behind an 11th-hour bid to acquire Tribune Publishing is working to find new financing and partnership options after his partner withdrew from the deal. **B1**
- ◆ **BP plans** to spend about \$1.3 billion to collect and capture byproduct natural gas from Permian Basin oil wells with an announcement expected on ending routine flaring there. **B1**
- ◆ **Penske Media** agreed to acquire a 50% stake in South by Southwest, the tech, music and movie festival in Texas that has been hurt by the pandemic. **B1**
- ◆ **Two men died** after a Tesla vehicle that authorities believe was operating without anyone in the driver's seat crashed in Texas. **B2**
- ◆ **The Consumer Product Safety Commission** told people with young children or pets to stop using Peloton treadmills after an inquiry found dozens of instances of injuries. **B3**

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- ◆ **Growing concerns** over Alexei Navalny's health have sparked calls for mass protests this week across Russia to demand the opposition leader's release, with the U.S. warning there will be consequences if he dies. **A1**
- ◆ **U.S. health authorities** came close to simply warning about a blood-clotting risk from J&J's Covid-19 vaccine, but decided to recommend pausing use out of concern doctors would improperly treat the condition. **A1**
- ◆ **Scientists in the U.K.** plan to reinfect dozens of adult volunteers who have recovered from the virus to better understand protection from previous illness. **A6**
- ◆ **The president's decision** to pull U.S. troops from Afghanistan overrode recommendations of top military commanders, who feared it could undermine security there. **A7**
- ◆ **Sen. John Cornyn** of Texas said he and his Republican colleagues could support an infrastructure bill of around \$800 billion, a sum well short of Biden's \$2.3 trillion proposal. **A4**
- ◆ **The gunman** in the shooting at a FedEx facility in Indianapolis legally purchased two semiautomatic rifles after being detained by authorities and having one other gun confiscated. **A3**
- ◆ **The U.S. and China** said they would work together to set more ambitious goals to tackle climate change. **A7**
- ◆ **Mexico increased** deportations and deportations of migrants in March, and said efforts against irregular migration continue. **A8**

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said the U.S. hit a milestone as almost 130 million people 18 or older, or 50.4% of the total adult population, have received at least one vaccine dose, while Johnson & Johnson's shot remains under review. **A2**

Worry Over Mistreating Clots Drove Push to Pause J&J Shot

By THOMAS M. BURTON
AND BETSY MCKAY

U.S. health authorities came close to simply warning about a blood-clotting risk from Johnson & Johnson's Covid-19 vaccine, but they decided to recommend pausing use out of concern doctors would improperly treat the condition, people familiar with the matter said.

Over the previous four weeks, U.S. health officials had become alarmed about similar blood-clotting conditions in Europe involving a Covid-19 vaccine from AstraZeneca PLC, the

people said. The officials dug into a U.S. vaccine safety database and identified the cases of great concern, but they debated what action to take.

By the night of April 12, the officials resolved that urgent action was needed, the people said. Four of six women in the U.S. who developed the clots days after vaccination had initially been given blood thinner heparin, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Its use could have worsened the patients' condition, the people said.

That night, top U.S. health officials agreed during a Zoom

meeting to take the strongest step: publicly recommend pausing the vaccine's use while probing the adverse-event cases, the people said.

Since the announcement, the Food and Drug Administration has been studying other reports of additional blood clotting among J&J vaccine recipients, but it hasn't confirmed whether any reflect the same phenomenon, the people said. Yet officials are growing more persuaded, the people added, that the six cases reported so far are related to the shot.

Health officials are now

looking at limiting the J&J vaccine to older people and could make public a decision as early as this week. Another option is allowing a return to widespread use but with an added warning about the benefits and risks. FDA officials are waiting to see what a vaccine advisory panel to the CDC recommends, the people said.

The CDC panel, called the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, is expected to meet on Tuesday.

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Oil-and-Gas Landmen Now Hunt for Wind and Sun

Job to secure drilling rights shifts to deals to place turbines, solar panels

By REBECCA ELLIOTT

Carter Collum used to spend mornings shoulder to shoulder with competitors in the record rooms of East Texas courthouses, hunting for the owners of underground natural-gas deposits. At night, he made house calls, offering payments and royalties for permission to drill.

Mr. Collum worked as a landman, tracking the owners of oil and gas trapped in rock layers thousands of feet beneath the earth's surface and getting their signatures, a job about as old as the American petroleum industry.

He started around 2006, a couple of years before the shale boom took off and pushed prices for drilling rights in East Texas to more than \$15,000 an acre from around \$250. Successful landmen, racing to knock on doors ahead of rivals, earned six-figure incomes.

"It was kind of like the Wild, Wild West," said Mr. Collum, 39 years old. His predecessors in the field included former President George W. Bush and Aubrey McClendon, the late fracking pioneer who co-founded Chesapeake Energy.

◆ BP slots \$1.3 billion for Permian flaring..... **B1**

U.S. Warns Russia Over Navalny's Care

By ANN M. SIMMONS

MOSCOW—Growing concerns over the health of jailed opposition politician Alexei Navalny have sparked calls for mass protests this week in cities across Russia to demand his release as well as a warning on Sunday from the U.S. that there will be consequences if he dies.

Supporters of Mr. Navalny called for large-scale demonstrations to demand his release amid fears about his deteriorating medical condition, setting the stage for an escalation in the standoff between President Vladimir Putin of Russia and an opposition movement that has struggled to break his hold on power.

The activist has been on a hunger strike for almost three weeks and is in critical condi-

tion, his team said, adding, "His life hangs in the balance."

On Saturday, a medical trade union with ties to Mr. Navalny cited the results of medical tests they said they obtained from the activist's lawyer as showing he was at risk of imminent kidney failure, which could lead to cardiac arrest.

U.S. officials warned Russia on Sunday that there would be consequences if Mr. Navalny dies. "We have communicated to the Russian government that what happens to Mr. Navalny in their custody is their responsibility and they will be held accountable by the international community," national security adviser Jake Sullivan said on CNN.

The U.S. warning comes amid escalating tensions with Moscow. President Biden made

The New York Power Lunch Is Back

New days, no jacket; cocktails now on the menu

By CHARLES PASSY

The New York power lunch is back, with new rituals for the see-and-be-seen set: Make sure you're there on the right day, try out a new wardrobe and Midtown is no longer a must.

Business people say they are embracing the opportunity to meet with clients and colleagues over a meal once again.

"I'm sick of my own tuna sandwich," said Adam Schwartz, co-chief executive officer of Angelo Gordon, a New York-based investment firm.

Fatal Tesla Crash Investigated



Two men died after a Tesla vehicle that authorities believe was operating without anyone in the driver's seat crashed into a tree Saturday night near Houston. **B2**

WeWork Listing Plan Echoes Its Failed IPO

By JEAN EAGLESHAM
AND ELIOT BROWN

WeWork, which had one of the most spectacular IPO implosions in recent years, is trying to go public again—and some of the factors that worried regulators on the first deal are back again.

WeWork isn't doing an initial public offering this time, but merging with a special-purpose acquisition company, or SPAC. Rules around SPACs are looser than for IPOs, giving WeWork more leeway to tout its future.

The shared-office provider is expected to merge with a SPAC called BowX Acquisition Corp. later this year. As the two entities promoted the deal to investors, they painted an optimistic scenario for the company's growth and profitability.

BowX's chairman described WeWork in a call with investors as a \$5 billion revenue company, though that figure is a projection rather than a current number. When describing WeWork's size, the company counted units that WeWork doesn't own directly.

WeWork is predicting a rapid recovery from the pandemic downturn, which hit its business particularly hard because few people were using offices, much less shared space, and because it was still on the hook for long-term leases. The company is also using a new profit measure that shows higher margins than it claimed in late 2019.

In the run-up to the IPO, the Securities and Exchange Commission told WeWork to change certain profit and growth mea-

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Afghan schoolgirls in Herat. Girls and women make up about 40 percent of the country's pupils. Schools are often Taliban targets.

With Much to Lose, Afghan Women Fear Stifling Return to Past

This article is by **Thomas Gibbons-Neff, Fatima Faizi and Najim Rahim**.

KABUL, Afghanistan — Farzana Ahmadi watched as a neighbor in her village in northern Afghanistan was flogged by Taliban fighters last month. The crime: Her face was uncovered.

Every woman should cover their eyes, Ms. Ahmadi recalled one Taliban member saying. People silently watched as the beating dragged on.

Fear — even more potent than in years past — is gripping Afghans now that American and NATO forces will depart the country in the coming months. They

will leave behind a publicly triumphant Taliban, who many expect will seize more territory and reinstitute many of the same oppressive rules they enforced under their regime in the 1990s.

The New York Times spoke to many Afghan women — members of civil society, politicians, journalists and others — about what comes next in their country, and they all said the same thing: Whatever happens will not bode well for them.

Whether the Taliban take back power by force or through a political agreement with the Afghan government, their influence will almost inevitably grow. In a country in which an end to nearly 40 years of conflict is nowhere in

Rights Will Suffer as U.S. Leaves and Taliban Ascend

sight, many Afghans talk of an approaching civil war.

"All the time, women are the victims of men's wars," said Rahana Azad, a member of Afghanistan's Parliament. "But they will be the victims of their peace, too."

When the Taliban governed Afghanistan from 1996 to 2001, it barred women and girls from taking most jobs or going to school, and practically made them pris-

oners in their own homes.

After the U.S. invasion to topple the Taliban and defeat Al Qaeda in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the Western rallying cry for bringing women's rights to the already war-torn country seemed to many a noble undertaking. The cause helped sell the war to Americans who cringed at the sight of a B-52 carpet bombing insurgent positions.

Some schools reopened, giving young women and girls a chance at education and careers that many before them didn't have. But even before American troops touched Afghan soil, some women had already risked their lives by secretly pursuing an education

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Soccer's Rich Make a Move To Get Richer

By **TARIQ PANJA**

LONDON — A dozen of the world's richest, most storied soccer clubs on Sunday announced that they had formed a breakaway European team competition that would, if it comes to fruition, upend the structures, economics and relationships that have bound global soccer for nearly a century.

After months of secret talks, the breakaway teams — which include Real Madrid and Barcelona in Spain; Manchester United and Liverpool in England; and Juventus and A.C. Milan in Italy — confirmed their plans late on Sunday. They said they planned to add at least three more founding members, hold midweek matches that would put the league in direct competition with the existing Champions League, and begin play "as soon as practicable."

"We will help football at every level and take it to its rightful place in the world," said Real Madrid's president, Florentino Pérez, who was named the first chairman of what the clubs were calling the Super League.

The league they have agreed to form — an alliance of top teams closer in concept to closed leagues like the N.F.L. and the N.B.A. than soccer's current model — would bring about the most significant restructuring of elite European soccer since the 1950s, and could herald the largest transfer of wealth to a small set of teams in modern sports history.

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Representative Gregory Meeks of Queens, right, endorsed Raymond McGuire, center, on Sunday.

Wall Street Candidate Courts 5 Boroughs' Votes

By **JEFFERY C. MAYS**

In the intensifying race for mayor of New York City, numerous endorsements have trickled out, but few with the star power of the one jointly given to Raymond J. McGuire last week: Jay-Z, Diddy and Nas.

For Mr. McGuire, one of the highest-ranking and longest-serving Black executives on Wall Street, the endorsement from the three entrepreneurial giants of the hip-hop world was meant to

McGuire's Mayoral Bid Tries to Catch Fire

reinforce a message: He was not merely a candidate who emerged from, and was favored by, big business; he could be a mayor to heal New York from its financial crisis and its racial inequities.

Six months ago, Mr. McGuire entered the crowded race for mayor at the urging of several top

business leaders, who hoped that he could translate his success on Wall Street into a viable candidacy for mayor, and be a more business-friendly choice than most of the other major candidates.

He quickly raised more than \$7.4 million to fund his campaign, and a super PAC has raised another \$4 million. He has also spent far more on political advertising than any other candidate: \$1.2 million, with the super PAC

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New Police Reform Laws Seize on Calls for Change

As Activists Press for More, Over 140 Bills Are Passed in U.S. Cities and States

This article is by **Steve Eder, Michael H. Keller and Blachi Migliazzi**.

In February, Illinois enacted a law that rewrote many of the state's rules of policing, and mandated that officers wear body cameras. In March, New York City moved to make it easier for citizens to sue officers. This month, the Maryland legislature — which decades ago became the first to adopt a Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights — became the first to do away with it.

In recent months, state and city lawmakers across the country have seized on a push for reform prompted by outrage at the killing of George Floyd last May, passing legislation that has stripped the police of some hard-fought protections won over the past half-century.

Police unions in the United States are pretty much playing defense at the moment, said Brian Marvel, a San Diego officer and the president of the city's largest law enforcement labor organization. "You have groups of people that are looking for change — and some groups are looking for radical change."

Over 30 states have passed more than 140 new police oversight and reform laws, according to a New York Times anal-

ysis of data from the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Amber Widgery, a policy expert at the organization, said many of the laws — restricting the use of force, overhauling disciplinary systems, installing more civilian oversight and requiring transparency around misconduct cases — give states far more influence over policing practices that have typically been left to local jurisdictions.

"We're seeing the creation of really strong, centralized state guidance that sets a baseline for police accountability, behavior and standards" for all departments, she said.

It's a remarkable, nationwide and in some places bipartisan movement that flies directly counter to years of deference to the police and their powerful unions. But the laws, and new rules adopted by police departments across the country, are not enough to satisfy demands by Black Lives Matter and other activists who are pushing for wholesale reforms, cultural shifts and cutbacks at law enforcement agencies.

"The focus has been so heavily on what do we do after harm has already been committed — after

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A Scarred Minneapolis Braces For a Verdict in Chauvin's Trial

By **TIM ARANGO**

MINNEAPOLIS — Around midday last Monday, Samir Patel received a phone call from his friend, a dentist: Gunshots had rung out, his friend told him, and the contractor who was rebuilding the office he lost in last year's unrest had fled. He was boarding up, and he told Mr. Patel he should move quickly to protect his own business, a dry-cleaning shop.

And so Mr. Patel got in his car and drove to his shop, cleared out all of his customers' clothes and brought them home. Maybe he couldn't protect his building, he said, but at least he could save the clothing his customers had entrusted to him.

"We don't know what will happen," said Mr. Patel, an immigrant from India who said he suffered half a million dollars in damage in last year's civil unrest following the police killing of George Floyd. He had to deplete his savings and

retirement accounts just to get his business open again. "We can't predict now," he said. "It's beyond your imagination now."

Elite earners, Mr. Patel's shop, is on a side street, not far from the shell of the Minneapolis Police Department's Third Precinct station house, which burned last year in the aftermath of Mr. Floyd's death. The surrounding community of Lake Street, a corridor of immigrant-owned businesses — taquerias, furniture shops, liquor stores and cafes — was devastated by looting in the days of protests and the riots that followed. The city has said that the unrest led to \$350 million in losses, with more than a thousand buildings either destroyed or damaged.

Now, almost a year on, Minneapolis is a place consumed with grief and fear.

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Pandemic Buys Older Books, Leaving New Authors in Limbo

By **ALEXANDRA ALTER and ELIZABETH A. HARRIS**

When bookstores across the United States closed last spring, Tyrrell Mahoney, the president of Chronicle Books, braced for disaster as she watched revenue plummet. Then, months into the crisis, Chronicle found an unlikely savior: the rapper Snoop Dogg and his two-year-old cookbook.

"From Crook to Cook" sold 205,000 copies in 2020, nearly twice as many as it had sold in 2019. It was one of several older Chronicle titles with stronger-than-expected sales during the pandemic, and the company ended up making a profit last year.

"It really was our backlist that saved the day for us," Ms. Mahoney said.

Despite what seemed like insurmountable challenges last year — with bookstores closed, events



The pandemic shutdown battered physical bookstores.

canceled and publication dates postponed — people kept buying books. As pastimes like movies, theater and sports were put on hold, books turned out to be ideal entertainment for quarantine.

But the tide did not rise for all authors and sellers. The pan-

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When Raúl Castro, right, retires, Cuba will not have a Castro in charge for the first time in over 60 years. PAGE A9

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The Federal Reserve is proudly independent, making talk of climate and equity issues a balancing act. PAGE B1

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The Yankees fell to 5-10 on the season, the worst record in the American League, with problems that seem deeper than their continuing struggles against the Rays. PAGE D1

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Through social media and a lawsuit, Vanessa Bryant is working to hold Los Angeles law enforcement to account in ways that are especially uncommon for women of color. PAGE D2

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In the Fight Against Hate

Asian-American artists, now activists, are pushing back in a variety of ways. Above from left, Tomie Arai, Betty Yu and ManSee Kong. PAGE C1



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A MAN WRITES in chalk Sunday at a memorial site for George Floyd in Minneapolis. The intersection has been closed to traffic since Floyd was killed in May, and some nearby residents believe it's time to move on. JASON ARMBOND/LOS ANGELES TIMES

A split over Floyd memorial

Vigil has been disruptive to some; for others, that's the point

BY TANIA GANGULI

MINNEAPOLIS — From her front porch on Columbus Avenue, 72-year-old Lolita Etheridge can see the city-owned concrete barriers that mark the boundaries of what this community refers to as George Floyd Square.

Just inside the barriers, Etheridge's neighbor keeps watch. Marcia Howard, 47, sits at the entrance wearing a ballistic vest under her coat and greeting visitors with a smile. She took a leave from her job as a high school teacher after Floyd was killed less than a block from her home, and she is at the barricade every day, sometimes starting at 3 or 4 a.m.

It's a memorial and protest zone that hosts food drives and a pop-up art exhibit, and has been closed to street traffic and most government intervention for nearly 11 months.

In a shuttered Speedway convenience store and gas station, now dubbed "Peoplesway," what was the display for gas prices now marks the number of days that former Minneapolis Police Officer Derek Chauvin has been on trial on charges he murdered Floyd last May when he knelt on the neck of the handcuffed Black man for more than nine minutes. Jury deliberations are to begin after closing arguments, which are set for Monday.

Etheridge, who, like Howard, is Black, doesn't go to the site often. She remains thankful she was nowhere in sight on May 25, the day that Floyd was killed. She thinks she would have tried to [See Memorials, A6]



PROTESTERS MARCH through Chicago's Logan Square neighborhood on Friday after body-camera video of Adam Toledo's shooting was released the day before. KAMEL KHALAF/GETTY IMAGES

In grief, seeing 'both sides'

Police killing hits section of Chicago hard

BY MOLLY HENNESSY-FISKE AND JENNY JARVIE

CHICAGO — Adam Toledo's mother stood in front of a makeshift memorial in an alley where her 13-year-old son was fatally shot by a Chicago police officer.

Elizabeth Toledo, 44, wore dark glasses and didn't speak to the half-dozen onlookers. But Toledo, who lives a few blocks away in the neighborhood of La Villita,

Little Village, has said through her attorney that she feels judged by the community since her son's death last month.

So she surveyed the candles, bouquets and signs calling for justice on Saturday, cried quietly and left. A steady stream of mourners visited the memorial this weekend, some pausing to pray. Most were Latino, their roots Mexican, Puerto Rican and Central American. Many said the youth was a victim of police

brutality. But some also observed that he was out in the early hours of the morning with a member of the gangs who terrorize them.

"I see both sides: It's tragic for the officer and for the young man," said Elsie Franqui, 45, who brought her 12-year-old son and 14-year-old nephew to the memorial Saturday with "Viva Honduras" masks (she's Puerto Rican, her husband Honduran) and a homemade votive candle bearing [See Chicago, A6]

Garcetti plans to spend big on homelessness

Mayor's \$1-billion proposal comes at a time of heightened frustration and new sources of funding.

BY BENJAMIN ORESKES AND DAVID ZAHNISER

Mayor Eric Garcetti is planning to spend nearly \$1 billion to combat homelessness in the coming budget year, tapping huge new sources of state and federal aid and finally ramping up construction of homes for the unhoused.

Garcetti's spending proposal, which will be discussed during his State of the City address on Monday, reflects the growing pressure he and others at City Hall are under to make significant headway on a crisis that has left tens of thousands of people living in squalor in streets, parks and beaches.

Cities across the U.S. are relying on a similar playbook, using COVID-19 recovery funds to attack a problem that has confounded politicians for decades.

The mayor intends to propose \$791 million in the upcoming budget year for

initiatives to help homeless residents, increase cleanups around shelters and expand programs aimed at keeping housed Angelenos from slipping into homelessness themselves, mayoral aides said.

On top of that, Garcetti expects to roll over more than \$160 million that had been allocated for homelessness programs in the current year but has not yet been spent.

The spending plan represents a nearly sevenfold increase from the mayor's budget five years ago, when he and other city leaders began acknowledging that much more money would be needed to address the crisis. If approved by the City Council, it would be the most that any Los Angeles mayor has allocated for homelessness initiatives in a single year, said Matt Szabo, a deputy chief of staff in Garcetti's office.

For Garcetti, "homelessness is the most critical issue that the city faces outside [See Spending, A8]

'Dr. Drew' is eyed for homeless panel

His nomination prompts outcry from L.A. service advocates. CALIFORNIA, B1

Vaccine 'passports' are a tricky term, but embraced for venues

BY MAURA DOLAN

California health officials have repeatedly said they have no plans to institute COVID-19 vaccine "passports" — digital or paper passes that allow vaccinated residents or those who've tested negative into concerts, baseball games and other sports arenas.

But this month, the state announced reopening rules for indoor live events that give businesses an incentive to demand such proof from ticket holders. Businesses can hold larger events when they verify either of the safeguards.

"Of course, it is a form of a vaccine passport," said Dr. John Swartzberg, a UC Berkeley infectious-disease expert.

That California has not embraced the label is unsur-

Half of U.S. adults got at least 1 dose

CDC reports 32.5% of the population has been fully vaccinated. NATION, A4

prising, he said.

"What is happening to vaccine passports is the same thing that happened with masks," Swartzberg said. "It has become politicized, and that is really just unfortunate."

As the pandemic continues, vaccination requirements by California employers, colleges and others will probably grow, particularly once the vaccines can be easily obtained and win formal federal government approval. Private companies and medical and education institutions are already working [See Passports, A8]

Fears bubble as boba shortage looms



CHRISTOPHER KWOK, owner of the Echo Park cafe Hey Hey, finishes making a boba drink. Kwok said he has enough tapioca pearls to last about two months. BRIAN VAN DER BRUG/LOS ANGELES TIMES

Supply chain issues threaten stock of the tapioca balls, shipped mostly from Taiwan.

BY ANDREW J. CAMPA

Abby Boeh walked into an Echo Park cafe and ordered her usual: an iced coffee and tea blend with cream and boba.

She had politely declined a manager's suggestion to try seasonal specials like chai tea with fresh taro.

For Boeh, the boba — black tapioca balls sucked through a giant straw — are a must, delightfully chewy and so filling that they often serve as her lunch.

Yet she may soon have to do without them. A boba shortage is about to hit the nation, throwing aficiona- [See Boba, A12]



GREGORY BULL/Associated Press

DODGERS DROP FINALE

Fernando Tatis Jr., Jake Cronenworth and San Diego salvage a game in their series. SPORTS, D1

Quality-of-life survey reveals gap in education

In a "tale of two L.A.s," parents say their kids have been "substantially hurt" by closures of schools. CALIFORNIA, B1

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Manhunt for Austin shooter

Police are searching for a former sheriff's deputy wanted in the fatal shooting of three people in the Texas capital. NATION, A12

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Prices may vary in areas outside metropolitan Washington.

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Vaccine cards are target for scammers

BY DAN DIAMOND

One listing offered eBay customers an "Authentic CDC Vaccination Record Card" for \$10.99. Another promised the same but for \$9.49. A third was more oblique, offering a "Clear Pouch For CDC Vaccination Record Card" for \$8.99, but customers instead received a blank vaccination card (and no pouch).

All three listings were posted by the same eBay user, who goes by "asianjackson" — using an account registered to a man who works as a pharmacist in the Chicago area — and all were illegal, federal regulators say. The account sold more than 100 blank vaccination cards in the past two weeks, according to The Washington Post's review of purchases linked to it.

The listings are a "perfect example" of burgeoning scams involving coronavirus vaccination cards that could undermine people's safety, as well as the success of the nation's largest mass vaccination effort, said North Carolina Attorney General Josh Stein. Individuals might use them to misrepresent their vaccination status at school, work or in various living and travel situations, potentially exposing others to risk.

Stein, who led a recent effort with 47 colleagues demanding that eBay and other e-commerce platforms crack down on the scams, pointed to the FBI's warning that anyone who makes or

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Vaccine card do's and don'ts
Making copies is okay; lamination could be problematic. **A12.**



MATT MCCLAIN/THE WASHINGTON POST

In Fed's shadow, a painful reminder

BY RACHEL SIEGEL

As he drove past the intersection of 21st and E streets in Northwest Washington, a 68-year-old man peered through the window, struck by an encampment of homeless people here that grew from 10 tents to 20 in the past year. Then 30. Now 40.

The people living in those tents had no idea that their burgeoning village kept this man, Federal Reserve chair Jerome H. Powell, up at night, or that

Homeless camp along Powell's drive to work shows how his agency's policies to prop up the economy haven't lifted everyone

Malo and Isaiah, who use the last name of Lotus, cover their tent at 21st and E streets NW, close to Fed headquarters.

he kept thinking about them as he drove two blocks south to his office. Powell doesn't know their names or backstories, either. But what he saw was clear: a visceral reminder of the uneven economic recovery. Right there in the Fed's shadow.

It's in these brief interludes — when the most powerful person in the economy passes some of the most powerless — that Powell grapples with one of the most vexing economic conundrums

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Support for riot probe recedes

TRUMP GRIP ON GOP DULLS MOMENTUM

Accountability push gives way to political interests

BY KAROUN DEMIRJIAN

Congress's pursuit of an independent investigation into the Jan. 6 insurrection is facing long odds as bipartisan resolve to hold the perpetrators and instigators accountable erodes and Republicans face sustained pressure to disavow that it was supporters of former president Donald Trump who attacked the U.S. Capitol.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) announced late last week that she had drafted a fresh proposal for an outside commission to examine what caused the deadly riot. But in a sign of how delicate the political climate has become, she has yet to share her recommendations with Republican leaders, who shot down her initial approach, labeling it too narrow in scope and too heavily weighted toward Democrats in composition.

"Compromise has been necessary," Pelosi wrote in a letter to other Democrats, informing them she had begun to share her latest proposal with other Republicans in Congress. "It is my hope that we can reach agreement very soon."

A spokesman for House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) declined to comment on a

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Hunter Biden's struggle looms over father's work

President's son shares his story of addiction — and his fear of a relapse

BY MATT VISER

Every day, Hunter Biden calls his sponsor three times, trying to keep his drug and alcohol addiction at bay. Every night, by his own account, President Biden calls him before he goes to bed — and, if Hunter doesn't pick up, a string of texts follows. And almost every minute, he says, he realizes how tenuous his life still is.

"I'm concerned. I really am. In the sense of, I have a healthy fear," the president's only living son said at the end of a 90-minute discussion with Marc Maron on his "WTF" podcast. "I'm not living in that. But you know, I'm leaving here and I'm going straight home."

Over the past two weeks, after two years of being a largely silent character in an explosive narrative at the center of a presidential campaign, Hunter Biden is

increasingly emerging, with a new book and interviews. The story he tells is in a sense familiar to the Biden family — trauma, tragedy and a deep well of grief, followed by redemption and a return from improbable odds.

But Hunter's story fits uneasily into the Biden mold; so many of his problems were self-inflicted, as he moved through a haze of drugs and alcohol. He fathered a child and denied it until a paternity test proved otherwise. He jumped into business dealings that benefited from his father's name. He is embroiled in a tax investigation, though he maintains his innocence.

What becomes vividly clear is the sheer depth of the alcoholism and drug addiction Hunter is fighting and the ever-present danger of a relapse that could endanger not only his own health and life, but his father's well-being and even the trajectory of his presidency.

"I have a healthy fear of relapse," Hunter, 51, told NPR recently. "It's too much a part of my story. I'm only one choice away from being back exactly where I

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Minneapolis braces for unrest

As Chauvin trial enters final phase, division over how to keep city safe

BY TIM CRAIG AND HOLLY BAILEY

MINNEAPOLIS — Night after night, tear gas has hung like a cloud over the Sterling Square Apartments, just across the street from the Brooklyn Center Police Department, seeping through the walls and air vents like an invisible predator.

The two-story apartment complex has been ground zero for demonstrations over the April 11 fatal shooting of 20-year-old Daunte Wright by a Brooklyn Center police officer. Residents have looked outside their windows as protesters clash with law enforcement officers who have used the chemical irritant as well as

stun grenades and other less-lethal weapons to control the demonstrators.

The aggressive tactics have injured dozens of protesters

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The National Guard has deployed in Minneapolis as a deterrent to potential looting and violence after the verdict.

Union's loss at Amazon draws tough evaluations

BY ELI ROSENBERG AND JAY GREENE

J.C. Thompson works the night shift at Amazon's warehouse in Bessemer, Ala., a job he started after his work as a hospice chaplain dried up at the beginning of the pandemic.

He says he's not anti-union but was never a supporter of the effort at the facility. He appreciated the stability of the job and felt the pay and benefits that the company provided were as good as anything a union could negotiate.

His experiences with organizers gave him no reason to change his mind, Thompson said. He received some text messages and phone calls, including one where he says a union supporter suggested workers could make \$20 an hour, about \$5 more than the starting wage at the facility. But Thompson questioned how that would be possible, and the caller did not answer with specifics, he said. Organizers never tried to make the case for the union away

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Former president George W. Bush participates in an online discussion about his new book on immigration.

TUESDAY President Biden is scheduled to meet with leaders of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus. **Brad Raffensperger**, Georgia's secretary of state, discusses the assault on trust in elections in a forum.

WEDNESDAY Queen Elizabeth II of

Britain marks her 95th birthday. **Energy Secretary** Jennifer Granholm participates in a forum on the energy workforce.

THURSDAY Former vice president Al Gore participates in a Washington Post online interview about environmental issues. **Jobless claims** for the week ended April 17 are estimated at 615,000.

FRIDAY New-home sales for March are estimated at an annual rate of 887,000 units. **A runoff election** is held in Louisiana's 2nd Congressional District.

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Tras un fallo a favor, Larreta dijo que siguen las clases presenciales

PANDEMIA. La Cámara de Apelaciones porteña ordenó que hoy se abran las escuelas en la ciudad; fuerte crítica de la Casa Rosada, que recurrirá a la Justicia Federal; tres gremios convocaron a un paro en rechazo de la medida

En una decisión de alto impacto político, la Cámara de Apelaciones porteña hizo lugar ayer a una medida cautelar y determinó que las clases deben continuar de manera presencial en la ciudad de Buenos Aires, pese al decreto firmado por Alberto Fernández. "Es un orgullo poder anunciar que mañana (por hoy) las escuelas van a estar abiertas", destacó anoche, en una conferencia de prensa, el jefe de gobierno porteño, Horacio Rodríguez Larreta.

El mandatario porteño también anunció medidas de prevención, co-

mo la virtualidad de los centros de formación profesional para adultos y la presencia de concientizadores en las entradas de las escuelas.

"La educación no puede ser motivo para profundizar la grieta", dijo Rodríguez Larreta, aunque reconoció que no había hablado ayer con Fernández.

El fallo judicial porteño provocó el rechazo de la Casa Rosada. "Lo que hicieron es un estrago jurídico", dijo el presidente Alberto Fernández. El gobierno nacional se presentará esta semana en la Justicia Federal para bloquear los alcances del fallo.

Apenas se conoció la decisión, la Unión de Trabajadores de la Educación (UTE-Ctera), Sadop y Ademys convocaron a un paro en la ciudad de Buenos Aires por 24 horas. **Página 2**

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El jefe de gobierno porteño, Horacio Rodríguez Larreta, anoche, con la ministra Soledad Acuña

TOMÁS CUESTA

"Abrazos" en más de 50 colegios del conurbano

Padres, madres y alumnos pedirán que no se cierren; amenazas de sanciones

Más de 50 colegios de distintos municipios del conurbano bonaerense amanecerán hoy "abrazados" por padres, madres y alumnos disconformes con el cierre de las escuelas dispuesto por el Gobierno a partir de hoy. El gobernador Axel Kicillof, que se alineó con la medida del presidente Alberto Fernández, advirtió que aplicarán sanciones "a quienes incumplan la normativa". **Página 4**

Impacto millonario. El fútbol europeo, en pie de guerra: 12 clubes se declararon en rebeldía

Los más poderosos de la región crearon la Superliga y jaquean a la Champions

Asoma una batalla con intereses millonarios: 12 clubes, de los más poderosos de Europa, oficializaron ayer la creación de una competencia que desafía a la UEFA. Milan, Arsenal, Atlético de Madrid, Chelsea, Barcelona, Inter, Juventus, Liver-

pool, Manchester City, Manchester United, Real Madrid y Tottenham se presentaron como los fundadores de la Superliga, un torneo que pone en jaque a la Champions League. La UEFA, de inmediato, emitió un duro comunicado con fuertes

advertencias: "Los clubes concernidos se verían vetados para participar en toda otra competición a nivel nacional, europeo o mundial, y sus jugadores podrían ver negada la posibilidad de representar a sus selecciones nacionales". **Deportes**

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Casos novos de Covid-19 estabilizam país no topo

O volume de novos casos e de óbitos pelo coronavírus no Brasil parou de crescer nas últimas semanas, ainda que esteja num dos níveis mais altos do mundo.

Desde o dia 7, o estágio é estável no Monitor da Aceleração da Covid-19 da Folha, que analisa o volume de contaminações nos últimos 30 dias. Até o início do mês, o país estava no nível acelerado, o que significava aumento rápido de novos infectados. Cotidiano B1

Para especialistas, mudança de planos em SP é prematura

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Alunos premiados escrevem sobre a vida sem aulas

A Folha convidou vencedores na categoria crônica da Olimpíada de Língua Portuguesa para contar suas experiências em meio à pandemia. Eles relatam situações de insegurança e incertezas, dificuldades de conexão e até mesmo falta de um celular para assistir às aulas. Cotidiano B4

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Ludmilla

Nem com sucesso e poder me livre do racismo

A cantora, que bradou "Respeitem o nosso cabelo!" em show no BBB, diz que perder processo para Val Marchiori, que comparou o cabelo dela a Bombril, fortalece os racistas. "Isso causa dor, raiva e cansaço." Criticada por não se posicionar nas eleições, afirma que sua visão política evoluiu. A16

Pedro Bial

Grosseria é impor condições como 'só faço ao vivo'

O ex-presidente Lula disse que falaria para mim só ao vivo, pois não confiava na minha edição. Brinquei que "ao vivo, só com polígrafo". Entrevista pressupõe confiança. Grosseria é dizer "só faço ao vivo, não confio na edição". A3

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Vacinação no Brasil

% da população vacinada*

Brasil	2ª dose	1ª dose
6,0	16,3	
RS	6,0	21,5
MS	8,4	20,2
PB	6,4	19,3

Cobertura da primeira dose*



Números da pandemia

	Casos	Óbitos
Total	13,9 mil	373,4 mil
18.abr**	65,6 mil	2.878
Variação***	1,9%	4,8%
Em 24 h	41,7 mil	1.553

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Dados das 20h de 18.abr. *Acima de 18 anos **Média móvel de 7 dias ***Em relação a 14 dias

Lobby por socorro do governo soma R\$ 250 bi

Equipe econômica trabalha para barrar o que considera uma 'bomba fiscal'

A equipe econômica e o Palácio do Planalto tentam barrar projetos de lei que deverão funcionar como um alívio a setores prejudicados pela pandemia.

A "bomba fiscal" criada por planos de amparo a produtores de eventos, empresas de turismo, donos de bares e restaurantes e agricultores passa de R\$ 250 bilhões.

A maior parte dos gastos ocorre por isenção de impostos e refinanciamento de dívidas. Há votações previstas para esta semana.

O que já foi aprovado no Congresso é o programa que ajuda o setor de eventos, com impacto de R\$ 243,5 bilhões em cinco anos. Engloba a cadeia da produção cultural e do turismo.

Aguarda agora a sanção presidencial e a consequente regulamentação para o início da adesão de cerca de 60 mil empresas contempladas.

O programa prevê suspensão de pagamento de impostos, renegociação de dívidas tributárias e previdenciárias e define uma indenização para empresas que tiveram redução no faturamento.

Segundo assessores do Planalto, o lobby tem sido feito por donos de grandes empresas, que conseguem benefícios usando os pequenos como escudo.

Auxiliares de Paulo Guedes afirmam que o ministro tenta oferecer algum pacote aos setores ainda não contemplados como forma de evitar a "bomba". Mercado A17

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SÃO PAULO REABRE IGREJAS, E INGLATERRA ENSAIA VOLTA DO PÚBLICO AOS ESTÁDIOS

No alto, fiéis oram em igreja batista em Perdizes, na zona oeste de SP, que reabriu para culto com menos de 25% da ocupação total; acima, projeto-piloto reúne 4.000 torcedores no estádio de Wembley em jogo oficial no qual a torcida foi orientada a ter cuidado ao cantar, gritar e comemorar gol Cotidiano B3 e Esporte B7

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« Je me bats pour le droit à la vie paisible »



Dans un entretien exclusif au « Figaro », le chef de l'État défend son bilan sur la sécurité et, face à la progression des violences du quotidien, affiche sa volonté de combattre « toute forme d'impunité ». **PAGES 2 ET 3**

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Les responsables des différents camps de la gauche se sont réunis, samedi à Paris, pour élaborer une stratégie commune en vue de 2022. Si l'idée d'un contrat de gouvernement pro-

gresse, la perspective d'une candidature commune reste lointaine: les Insoumis ne veulent pas renoncer et les écologistes tiennent à leur primaire. **PAGE 6**



À Cuba, les dernières heures du castrisme

Le VIII^e congrès du Parti communiste cubain, qui se tient depuis vendredi et jusqu'à lundi, doit consacrer le départ à la retraite de Raul Castro, à l'aube de ses 90 ans. Après soixante-huit ans au service du castrisme, le premier secrétaire du

PCC doit laisser sa place au président Miguel Diaz-Canel. Un événement qui marquera la fin de l'ère Castro puisque, pour la première fois depuis 1959, ni Fidel, mort en 2016, ni son frère ne présideront aux destinées de l'île. **PAGES 8 ET 9**

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La geste d'une reine

Les images des funérailles s'enchaînent dans un alignement tiré au cordeau. Nulle place pour l'amatisme ou l'inspiration de dernière minute dans ce ballet dicté par les siècles. Pour ses adieux au prince Philip, la monarchie britannique a sorti le grand jeu. Parade militaire dans les allées du château de Windsor. La famille, réduite aux plus proches - 30 personnes - avance d'un pas égal derrière le Land Rover, dessiné par le duc d'Édimbourg, sur lequel repose son cercueil; une casquette et un sabre d'officier trônent sur ce dernier.

Sur son passage, les gardes inclinent respectueusement la tête. Émotion et humilité. Les larmes du prince Charles, le collier de la reine, que porta un jour Diana, resplendissant autour du cou de Kate Middleton. Il n'y a pas de hasard. Le soleil se reflète sur la carrosserie de la Bentley bordeaux à bord de laquelle a pris place Elizabeth II; il fait scintiller les décorations épinglées sur les habits noirs des Royals. Le ciel est d'un bleu roi, l'air limpide. La musique d'un requiem sur mesure: trompettes de la Royal Navy, sifflement des pipes de marins, notes de cornemuse du ré-

giment royal d'Écosse. Le son du canon et celui des cloches, l'hymne britannique - *God Save the Queen* - et les chants religieux. Une minute de silence réunit le royaume. À l'entrée de la chapelle Saint-Georges, l'archevêque de Canterbury accueille sa souveraine. Le moindre geste est millimétré. La procession funéraire n'a pas excédé huit minutes.

Le lien sacré de la monarchie

Seule au monde, une vieille dame pénètre dans l'église et s'assoit dans la stalle qui lui est réservée. Au-dessus de son masque noir, son regard perdu fixe le vide qu'a laissé en elle le départ de son époux.

À la fin de la cérémonie, les caméras suivent un bref échange entre William et Harry. Tout cela ne formerait qu'un tableau magnifique, mais éphémère, si ces images n'étaient reliées entre elles par le lien sacré de la monarchie. C'est ce régime, à l'aura mystérieuse, qui confère à ces gestes leur grandeur et à une nonagénaire sans vrai pouvoir, celui, irritant pour certains, de sublimer le monde. ■

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Cut poverty to reduce crime, says police leader

Vikram Dodd
Police and crime correspondent

Slashing poverty and inequality is the best way to cut crime, a senior policing leader has said, calling for more money for deprived areas to thwart crime lords' efforts to recruit people left desperate by deprivation.

In an unusually frank interview for a police chief, given to mark his retirement as the chief constable of Merseyside police, Andy Cooke said that if he were given £5bn to cut crime, he would put £1bn into law enforcement and £4bn into tackling poverty.

Cooke, who has started a new role as head of the inspectorate of constabulary, said in his experience most criminals, including those committing serious violence, were not inherently bad.

"The best crime prevention is increased opportunity and reduced poverty - that's the best way to reduce crime. So there needs to be substantial funding into the infrastructure of our inner cities and our more deprived areas.

"Why do people get involved in

crime and serious crime? It's because the opportunities to make money elsewhere aren't there for them. And never more so than in our inner cities and in our more difficult-to-police areas. We need to reduce that deprivation and the scale of deprivation that we see in some of our communities, because if you give people a viable alternative - not all - but a lot will take it."

He said children being educated at "some of our tough schools" needed something to look forward to other than a life of crime, and that opportunities for apprenticeships needed to be increased. "If we don't do that, then policing will always be on the back foot," he said.

Cooke said reducing inequality and deprivation should be made the priority: "Plenty of entrepreneurial skills get lost in our inner-city communities or get directed into the wrong things.

"If you give [someone] a legal opportunity to actually earn money, a legal opportunity to actually have a good standard of living, a number of people would take that - because they know they can sleep in their beds at night, they



Fans return ... but football splits on plans for European super league
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Raab backs Czech hunt for novichok suspects

Luke Harding and Dan Sabbagh

The foreign secretary, Dominic Raab, said Britain stood in "full support" of the Czech Republic after the country's police announced they were hunting the two Russians suspected

of carrying out the Salisbury poisonings, in relation to an explosion at an arms depot.

Czech officials said on Saturday they were seeking Alexander Petrov, 41, and Ruslan Boshirov, 43, in connection with a previously unexplained 2014 blast at a munitions dump in Vrbětice that killed two men.

The duo are believed to be officers in Russia's GRU military intelligence service, whose real names are Alexander Mishkin and Anatoliy Chepiga. They entered the UK under the names of Petrov and Boshirov in the run-up to the poisoning of the former GRU officer Sergei Skripal and his daughter, Yulia, and were also present on Czech territory in October 2014, when the explosion occurred.

Raab praised the Czechs, who had "exposed the lengths that the Russian intelligence services will go to in their attempts to conduct dangerous and malign operations in Europe" - and

hinted that he believed the same GRU cell was behind both plots.

"This shows a pattern of behaviour by Moscow, following the novichok attack in Salisbury," Raab added. "We are as determined and committed as

ever to bring those responsible for the attack in Salisbury to justice, and commend the actions of the Czech authorities to do the same."

Western intelligence sources are confident the Czech investigation is well founded, and argue it demonstrates growing evidence of the activities of the 29155 GRU unit, specialising in deadly undercover operations across Europe.

Since the election of Joe Biden as US president, the west has become increasingly vocal in calling out Russian spy plots. Last week, the US announced the

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