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Investors Size Up Biden Tax Proposals

BY RICHARD RUBIN

WASHINGTON—President Biden's capital-gains tax proposals would alter wealthy Americans' investment strategies and reignite the long-running political debates over the link between tax rates and economic growth.

Next week, in his speech to a joint session of Congress, Mr. Biden is likely to detail the plans he outlined during last year's campaign, when he argued that sharply higher taxes on a sliver of the population can pay for programs that help most households without damaging the economy. As a candidate, he called for raising top capital-gains rates on households making more than \$1 million to mirror the taxes on other income and for altering a tax provision that lets investors avoid capital-gains taxes on appreciated assets if they hold them until they die.

Those taxes would help pay for Mr. Biden's planned anti-poverty and education proposal to be announced next week. While details of the package are still being worked out, people familiar with it said the plan could cost more than \$1 trillion, with funding for child care, paid leave, universal pre-kindergarten education and tuition-free community college.

As is the case on many issues with a 50-50 Senate and a closely divided House, centrist Democrats will have significant say. Moderates such as Sen. Joe Manchin (D., W.Va.) have pushed for a smaller corporate-tax increase than Mr. Biden prefers to pay for his infrastructure plan, and they could make similar requests to scale back the president's next set of proposed tax increases.

"This is an opening salvo which is likely to be revised and adjusted over time and watered down in its final form,"

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A First for SpaceX, NASA



RECYCLED: SpaceX on Friday launched for the first time a mission with a previously used capsule and rocket. It is the company's third crewed flight for NASA. **A3**

Halt Lifted On Use of J&J Vaccine

BY PETER LOFTUS

Vaccinations with Johnson & Johnson's Covid-19 shot should resume, U.S. health regulators said after investigating rare blood-clotting cases, restoring a key tool for filling gaps in the mass vaccination campaign.

To alert doctors and recipients to the condition that led to a pause in the vaccine's use last week, J&J and regulators plan to add language to the shot's label and fact sheets warning of the clotting condition risk.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration and U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Friday lifted their recommendation to pause use of the shots, saying the benefits outweigh the risks. Their decision followed a vote by a

federal vaccine advisory committee recommending restarting use of Johnson & Johnson's Covid-19 vaccine in the U.S.

J&J's vaccine could be back in circulation as soon as this weekend because millions of doses have already been distributed, ending a pause that began last week.

Its availability could fulfill demand among people who prefer to get a single shot, rather than two doses spaced weeks apart required for protection from the Pfizer Inc. and Moderna Inc. vaccines.

Yet the back-and-forth over the J&J vaccine's use could also prompt some people concerned about safety to seek the other shots or even avoid them. **Please turn to page A7**

◆ Officials push to encourage shots... **A6**

Hitting Climate Goals Would Require Big Changes to Economy

BY RUSSELL GOLD AND COLLIN EATON

Meeting President Biden's goal of sharply reducing U.S. greenhouse-gas emissions by 2030 would require dramatically reshaping key sectors of the economy, from energy to transportation to agriculture.

While U.S. industries are already transitioning to a lower-carbon future, Mr. Biden's target would prod industries to greatly speed the pace of change. Some appear to be ready. Others would face extraordinary challenges.

All would face significant new costs—exactly how much is unknown—and it is unclear how much would be sub-

dized by government tax policies or incentives, since the Biden administration has yet to detail how it would seek to reach its aggressive new goal.

Sectors that appear most directly affected by Mr. Biden's emissions pledge—including agriculture, transportation, oil and gas extraction, utilities, and chemical and plastics manufacturing—collectively make up more than 10% of the nation's \$21 trillion gross domestic product, according to Bureau of Economic Analysis data. The costs of the related energy and raw materials they produce affect nearly every corner of the economy. Transportation gen-

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BATTLE ROYALE

Fortnite's maker prepares to go to war with Apple. **B1**

A Dad Fights to Revive School Sports, but His Son Moves On

Pandemic-canceled seasons gave a top high-school athlete in California the chance to get a first job and see a future career

BY JENNIFER LEVITZ

VISALIA, Calif.—Over the years, the three Walker boys gathered a trove of medals and trophies in football, basketball, track and swimming. Their father, Phil Walker, poured his heart into their pursuits and thousands of dollars into equipment, private leagues and training camps.

"We're all passionate about this!" Mr. Walker bellowed through a bullhorn at a

rally last month of similarly minded families. They had gathered to demand school officials restart sports benched in the pandemic. "A lot of us are hurt about what's going on," the 56-year-old financial executive said, standing on the bed of a pickup pinned with a banner saying "Let Them Play."

Youth sports are returning in California and other parts of the U.S., but not as swiftly as some parents want, and not for

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Putin Foe Ends Hunger Strike



Jailed Russian opposition activist Alexei Navalny, shown in a February photo, on Friday said he would end a hunger strike. Mass protests were held in Russia this week on his behalf. **A8**

The Oscars Roll Out the Red Carpet—At a Transit Hub

L.A.'s Union Station gets ready for its close-up, keeps trains, buses running

BY ERICH SCHWARTZEL AND RAY A. SMITH

LOS ANGELES—On Sunday afternoon, members of the Hollywood elite will gather for the 93rd Academy Awards right down the hall from a 4:40 p.m. outbound train to Anaheim. Best picture will likely be announced before a scheduled 9:38 p.m. departure

for Baldwin Park.

This year's Academy Awards will be held at Union Station, an 82-year-old mass transit hub in downtown Los Angeles, 8 miles (or 11 stops on the Metro B Line) from the Dolby Theatre in Hollywood, where the Oscars are usually held.

The goal, organizers say, is to keep the pandemic from

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SPAC-Led Cash Wave Boosts Junk Debt

BY MATT WIRZ

The wave of cash raised by special-purpose acquisition companies is rolling into the junk debt market, aiding distressed companies and rewarding investors who own their bonds and loans.

SPACs, also known as blank-check companies, have issued roughly \$100 billion of stock this year, a record, to buy private companies and take them public. Some SPACs are targeting investment-grade credit ratings, hoping to use their cash piles to pay down debt and grow the businesses.

Not since the dot-com boom two decades ago has stock-market enthusiasm been hot enough to fuel such activity in debt markets, bond investors and analysts say.

Mutual-funds managers that owned WeWork bonds booked paper gains of 25% after the ailing shared-office provider started merger talks in January with a SPAC, according to MarketAxess. Companies with junk credit ratings are typically required to buy back their debt.

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Players from Spanish club Getafe protest against the Super League with T-shirts declaring 'Football is for the fans' as they greet Barcelona's Lionel Messi at a match on Thursday

Biden tax rise fans investor fury

► Plan to double capital gains rate ► Battle looms in Congress ► 'Carried interest' in line of fire

FT REPORTERS

Joe Biden's proposal to almost double capital gains tax rates for the richest Americans has triggered a chorus of disapproval from top investors, underscoring the intense opposition the US president is set to face as he attempts to push his plans through Congress.

Howls of protest echoed from Wall Street to Silicon Valley, as financial lobbyists geared up to influence legislation.

"It is insanity," said Scott Miner, who oversees \$310bn in assets for Guggenheim Partners, a leading investment firm. The proposals "might kill the golden goose that is America," tweeted Tim Draper, one of Silicon Valley's best-known venture capitalists.

The tax rises are to pay for a big

increase in funding for childcare and education included in a more than \$1tn economic package set to be announced as early as next week.

The American Families Plan includes raising the top income tax rate from 37 per cent to 39.6 per cent and applying ordinary income tax rates to capital gains for Americans earning more than \$1m a year. Coupled with a surtax on investment income introduced at the time of Barack Obama's health reform, this would bring the total capital gains tax rate for the richest Americans to 43.4 per cent.

"The proposed rates would probably reduce tax revenues over time and would discourage people from allocating money towards long-term investments," Miner said.

Among potential financial losers are private equity executives and technology investors whose earnings include a share of the profits on funds they manage for outside investors.

These "carried interest" payments are typically taxed at the lower capital gains rate, rather than as income – and if Biden's plans succeed, that difference could disappear.

Another prominent tech investor agreed that "it shifts the model more towards consumption than investment. In my opinion [that] is bad for the economy [in the] long run, as rich people become more focused on consuming now [rather] than investing or saving for the future."

A doubling of the capital gains tax would represent "a slap in the face of



Joe Biden wants higher taxes to fund childcare and education

entrepreneurs" who take the risk in starting businesses, said Michael Sonnenfeldt, chair of Tiger 21, a network for high net worth individuals.

Biden and many Democrats believe that successive rounds of tax cuts have left the US tax code excessively tilted towards the wealthy, leading to underfunding of critical public services.

The American Families Plan would be the third big economic package floated by Biden since he took office. In March, he enacted a \$1.9tn fiscal stimulus plan and later proposed a \$2tn infrastructure bill that faces an uncertain fate on Capitol Hill.

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Will Scotland go?

The disunited kingdom

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George Floyd

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OPINION



Too good to be true

The woes of Airbnb holiday lets

HOUSE & HOME



Chinese film industry falls out of love with Hollywood

Beijing's squeeze on coverage of Chloé Zhao's *Nomadland*, tipped for glory at Sunday's Oscars, shows how China and Hollywood are nearing the end of the affair. The Beijing-born director has drawn fire in China for saying in 2015 that the country was full of 'lies'. But it made Hollywood \$9bn a year before Covid. As Chinese confidence grows, Timetown cannot take it as read that China's audience will prefer its films.

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Oxford success in malaria vaccine trial raises hopes of final victory over killer

HANNAH KUCHLER — LONDON

A malaria vaccine trial from Oxford university indicated it was 77 per cent effective – dramatically better than existing shots for preventing one of the world's most deadly diseases.

The jab, known as R21, is the first that could surpass the World Health Organization goal of an available vaccine with at least 75 per cent efficacy by 2030. Mosquirix, the first malaria vaccine, which was initially deployed in 2015, took GSK more than 30 years to develop and was about 39 per cent effective over four years.

Malaria causes more than 400,000 deaths a year, mostly among children in Africa. Some 229m clinical cases of the disease were reported in 2019. But it has been a struggle to find a vaccine to

tackle the disease, with more than 100 candidates examined in clinical trials.

In the phase 2b, or mid-stage, trial of R21, participants in a higher-dose group were 77 per cent less likely to develop malaria over 12 months of follow-up than those who received a rabies shot as a control. Those receiving a lower dose of the vaccine's adjuvant were 71 per cent less likely to develop the illness. There were no serious side effects.

The study inoculated 450 children aged five to 17 months in Burkina Faso.

The Oxford researchers, who are working with India's Serum Institute and US vaccine maker Novavax, have already launched a phase 3 trial to test the vaccine in a larger population. The existing participants have also been given a booster shot.

Adrian Hill, director of Oxford's Jenner Institute, which helped develop the

Oxford/AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine, co-authored the draft paper outlining the R21 trial data. He said the results supported its "high expectations" for the vaccine.

"With the commitment by our commercial partner, the Serum Institute of India, to manufacture at least 200m doses annually in the coming years, the vaccine has the potential to have major public health impact if licensure is achieved," Hill said.

Halidou Tinto, regional director of the Institut de Recherche en Sciences de la Santé in the Burkina Faso department of Nanoro and the trial's principal investigator, hopes to demonstrate large-scale efficacy in the phase 3 trial.

"These are very exciting results showing unprecedented efficacy levels from a vaccine that has been well tolerated in our trial programme," he said.

World Markets

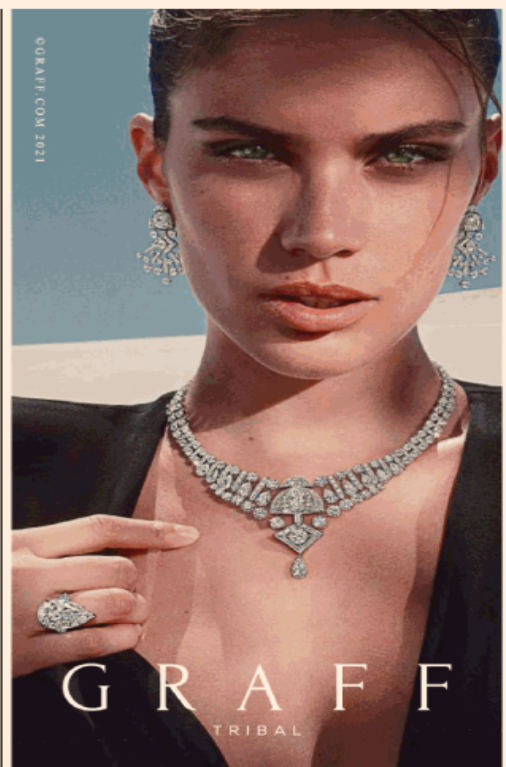
STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				INTEREST RATES			
	Apr 23	prev	%chg	Apr 23	prev	Apr 23	prev		price	yield	chg
S&P 500	4174.84	4134.98	0.96	\$ per £	1.205	1.202	£ per \$	0.723	0.722		
Nasdaq Composite	14002.26	13818.41	1.33	\$ per €	1.384	1.385	€ per \$	1.148	1.152		
Dow Jones Ind	33575.66	33815.90	0.47	€ per €	0.871	0.868	¥ per €	130.237	129.844		
FTSE 100	6960.34	6953.13	-0.16	¥ per \$	100.085	100.000	€ index	81.167	81.823		
Euro Stoxx 50	4012.32	4014.92	-0.06	\$ per £	1.48578	1.48531	\$ per €	1.289	1.270		
FTSE 250	6930.56	6938.24	0.00	£ per \$	1.105	1.103					
FTSE All-Share	3965.16	3965.04	0.00	€ per \$	0.830	0.832					
CAC 40	6257.94	6267.28	-0.15								
Xetra Dax	15279.82	15320.52	-0.27								
Nikkei	29003.63	29188.17	-0.57								
Hang Seng	29070.75	28795.34	1.12								
MSCI World \$	2923.91	2932.98	-0.31								
MSCI EM \$	1341.43	1336.86	0.34								
MSCI ACWI \$	686.32	689.91	-0.23								

COMMODITIES			
	Apr 23	prev	%chg
Oil WTI \$	61.78	61.43	0.57
Oil Brent \$	66.78	65.40	0.58
Gold \$	1787.75	1790.20	-0.56

FED FUNDS EFF			
	price	prev	chg
US Gov 10 yr	147.34	1.56	-0.02
UK Gov 10 yr	0.74	0.00	
Ger Gov 10 yr	-0.26	-0.01	
Japan Gov 10 yr	118.34	0.06	0.00
US Gov 30 yr	107.15	2.24	-0.03
Ger Gov 2 yr	106.34	-0.70	-0.01

FED FUNDS EFF			
	price	prev	chg
US 3m Bills	0.03	0.03	0.00
Euro Libor 3m	-0.56	-0.54	-0.01
UK 3m	0.09	0.09	0.00

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Chip Shortage Creates Chaos For Carmakers

Auto Production Cuts Hamper Recovery

By JACK EWING
and NEAL E. BOUDETTE

Around the world, auto assembly lines are going quiet, workers are idle, and dealership parking lots are looking bare.

A shortage of semiconductors, the tiny but critical chips used to calibrate cars' fuel injection, run infotainment systems or provide the brains for cruise control, has upended automaking.

A General Motors plant in Kansas City, Kan., closed in February for lack of chips, and still has not reopened. Mercedes-Benz has begun to hoard its chips for expensive models and is temporarily shutting down factories that produce lower-priced C-Class sedans. Porsche warned dealers in the United States this month that customers might have to wait an extra 12 weeks to get their cars, because they lack a chip used to monitor tire pressure.

The French automaker Peugeot, part of the newly formed Stellantis automaking empire, has gone so far as to substitute old-fashioned analog speedometers for digital units in some models.

The disruption could not come at a worse time. Demand for cars has bounced back strongly from the pandemic slump, with consumers ready to spend money they saved over the past year, eager to avoid airplanes by taking



VEHICLES at a General Motors plant in Wentzville, Mo.

road trips. The supply of semiconductors is depriving carmakers of a chance to make up sales they lost.

"We have already a robust demand situation being more held back by the semiconductor issue than anything else," Ola Källenius, the chief executive of Daimler, said in an interview.

Some automakers, like Renault, have begun to triage their chips, reserving them for more costly models that bring more profit. "We're trying to find an intelligent way to prioritize cars with the higher margins," Clotilde Delbos, Renault's deputy chief executive, told analysts on Thursday.

Some buyers may be lucky. Continued on Page A16



Brazilians lined up for soup and sandwiches in downtown São Paulo. About 117 million people nationwide are facing food insecurity.

As Talks End, U.S. Must Sell Climate Goals

By SOMINI SENGUPTA

Now comes the hard part. President Biden's summit meeting on climate change ended on Friday with the United States promising to reduce its dependence on fossil fuels and help other countries do the same. But the real test will be Washington's ability to steer the rest of the world toward cleaner energy fast enough to avert catastrophe.

The limits of America's influence were clear. Australia, India, Indonesia, Mexico and Russia made no new pledges to cut down on oil, gas or coal. Some countries said that they were being asked for sacrifices even though they had contributed little to the problem, and that they needed money to cope.

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Millions Go Hungry as Virus Rips Through Brazil

By ERNESTO LONDOÑO
and FLÁVIA MILHORANCE

RIO DE JANEIRO — Rail-thin teenagers hold placards at traffic stops with the word for hunger — *fome* — in large print. Children, many of whom have been out of school for over a year, beg for food outside supermarkets and restaurants. Entire families huddle in flimsy encampments on sidewalks, asking for baby formula, crackers, anything.

A year into the pandemic, millions of Brazilians are going hungry.

The scenes, which have proliferated in the last months on Brazil's streets, are stark evidence that President Jair Bol-

Bet by Bolsonaro Fails, Hurting an Economy and a Populace

sonaro's bet that he could protect the country's economy by resisting public health policies intended to curb the virus has failed.

From the start of the outbreak, Brazil's president has been skeptical of the disease's impact, and scorned the guidance of health experts, arguing that the economic damage wrought by the lockdowns, business closings and mobility restrictions they recommended would be a bigger threat

than the pandemic to the country's weak economy.

That trade-off led to one of the world's highest death tolls, but also foundered in its goal — to keep the country afloat.

The virus is ripping through the social fabric, setting wrenching records, while the worsening health crisis pushes businesses into bankruptcy, killing jobs and further hampering an economy that has grown little or not at all for more than six years.

Last year, emergency government cash payments helped put food on the table for millions of Brazilians — but when the money was scaled back sharply this year, with a debt crisis looming, many

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New York City Jail Records Show Guards' Brutality and Cover-Ups

By JAN RANSOM

One New York City Correction officer struck a jailed person in the face for no legitimate reason. Another put a detainee in a banned chokehold several times. A third failed to stop subordinates from using unnecessary force, according to newly released discipline records.

But what was equally notable was what happened after the encounters: In each case, the guards lied or provided inaccurate information about what had occurred. In fact, more than half of the officers in New York City's jail system who were disciplined over a 20-month period gave false, misleading or incomplete accounts on

official forms or in statements to investigators, according to a New York Times analysis of records recently made public after a long court battle.

The data suggests pervasive attempts by guards to cover up uses of force or other infractions at a time when the city has tried to rein in violence in the jails.

Councilman Keith Powers, a Manhattan Democrat who heads the criminal justice committee, said the data "highlights how broken this process is and a need to make real efforts to reform it."

"It's a turning point to providing more visibility to an often in-

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Leaving Gravity Behind

A SpaceX craft carrying four astronauts to the International Space Station took off Friday in Florida.

Trump Out of Office, a U.K. Agitator Shifts His Focus to Russia

By JANE BRADLEY
and MICHAEL SCHWIRTZ

LONDON — Two days after supporters of former President Donald J. Trump stormed the U.S. Capitol, but failed to reverse his election defeat, a defiant shout sounded from across the ocean. Tommy Robinson, Britain's loudest amplifier of anti-Islam, far-right anger, insisted the fight was

not over.

"You need to pick yourselves back up," Mr. Robinson said in an online video viewed tens of thousands of times. "As Donald Trump says, it's only just beginning."

A former soccer hooligan and founder of the English Defence League, one of Britain's most notorious nationalist groups, Mr. Robinson has largely been a pariah in his home country but Trump loyalists embraced him

Pariah Who Inspired Far Right in U.S.

much the way they embraced many of the American extremist groups whose members would join the Capitol riot, including the Proud Boys and the Oath Keepers. Mr. Robinson appeared on Fox

News and Infowars. A right-wing U.S. research institute even bankrolled a 2018 rally in London that foreshadowed the violence at the Capitol: Mr. Robinson's supporters attacked police officers in a street fight near Parliament. A month later, Representative Paul Gosar, Republican of Arizona, flew to London to speak at a second rally for Mr. Robinson.

His message? Keep fighting. Continued on Page A10



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How one Minnesota family responded as protesters and the police clashed just on the other side of the glass. PAGE A14

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Drugs killed more people in the city last year than the coronavirus did. Some blame a culture of tolerance. PAGE A21

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Simone Biles left Nike and joined Athleta, which agreed to back an exhibition tour that she would organize in a challenge to U.S.A. Gymnastics. PAGE B8

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THIS WEEKEND



Jet was set for a show of force on civilians

F-15C was on alert to quell potential unrest in California, Guard members, records say.

By PAUL PRINGLE AND
ALENE TCHEKMEDEYAN

In March of last year, California National Guard members awaited orders from Sacramento headquarters to make preparations for any civil unrest that might arise from the outbreak of the coronavirus.

The members expected directives to ready ground troops to help state and local authorities respond to disturbances triggered by resistance to stay-at-home rules or panic over empty store shelves.

But then came an unusual order: The air branch of the Guard was told to place an F-15C fighter jet on an alert status for a possible domestic mission, according to four Guard sources with direct knowledge of the matter.

Those sources said the order didn't spell out the mission but, given the aircraft's limitations, they understood it to mean the plane could be deployed to terrify and disperse protesters by flying low over them at window-rattling speeds, with its afterburners streaming columns of flames.

Fighter jets have occasionally been used that way in combat zones in Iraq and Afghanistan, they said.

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PHIL KREBS

RACE IS ON TO SAVE WHALE CALF

A whale watcher captured footage of a baby gray whale with a rope around its mouth as it swims alongside its mother off Orange County. The plight has sparked a multi-agency rescue effort. **CALIFORNIA, B2**

U.S. allows J&J vaccines to resume after safety review

L.A. will restart use after panel says benefits far outweigh risks

By MELISSA HEALY

Johnson & Johnson's COVID-19 vaccine will be back in circulation this weekend after the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention accepted an advisory panel's decision that the disease-fighting benefits of the shots outweighed the risks.

The CDC's action lifted a 10-day pause that went into effect April 13 after federal safety monitors received re-

ports of a rare but potentially deadly blood clotting disorder in people who received the J&J vaccine.

The restart means the single-dose shots will return to mass vaccination drives, pharmacies and doctors' offices immediately. They will come with newly drafted fact sheets that detail the disorder that has been detected in 15 patients since the J&J vaccine rolled out on March 2.

In Los Angeles County, health officials said they ex-

pect to resume distribution of the J&J vaccine on Saturday.

"We are prepared to resume very quickly," said Dr. Paul Simon, chief science officer for the L.A. County Department of Public Health. "We are in the process of developing or finalizing education materials for clients and also providers so we can move forward in the safest way."

The pause does not appear to have limited vaccine access in L.A. County, since

supplies of the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines remained high and demand for the shots has slowed, he added.

Dr. Rochelle Walensky, the CDC director, said the country would benefit by having the Johnson & Johnson offering available alongside the two-dose vaccines made by Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna.

"The Johnson & Johnson is an important vaccine offering key advantages," [See **Vaccine**, A6]

COLUMN ONE

How L.A. Chicano came to set up shop in a Scottish castle

Business guru Dan Peña's clients pay handsomely for tough talk

By LOUIS SAHAGÚN

In a 16th century Scottish castle, the overbearing Los Angeles Chicano who rarely says his name without attaching the appellation "the trillion-dollar man" is berating 24 students, each of whom paid \$30,000 for the privilege.

Dan Peña, who turns 76 this year but remains a commanding presence at 6-foot-1, erupts into an expletive-infested lecture that careens between withering insults and strategies to become like him — successful in business and in life. Quoting him requires lots of bleeping. "You, you in this room," he begins in a videotaped lesson, "you're taking your [bleeping] foot off the accelerator instead of pushing the gas pedal through the [bleeping] floorboard!"

"And we all know why; it's easier," Peña adds, shaking his head in exasperation, "and it's hard to admit you have no [bleeping] self-esteem."

With supreme confidence and politically incorrect bluster, Peña prods and pokes his students to transform [See **Peña**, A7]



Guthrie Castle

DAN PEÑA, known for his supreme confidence and politically incorrect bluster, holds a bald eagle on the grounds of Guthrie Castle in Scotland.

For Armenians, recognition of genocide could bring healing

California's diaspora community would see Biden announcement as a win — and a relief.

By LILA SEIDMAN

After 43 years of feeling a "certain way" — defined by the fight to have the massacre of her Armenian ancestors recognized as genocide — Lori Mesrobian isn't sure what emotions will spring up if that actually happens.

For Mesrobian and other Armenians, what they consider a simple act of acknowledging history has faced decades of geopolitical barriers. U.S. politicians have made promises, only to pull back over the country's strategic relationship with Turkey. There was great disappointment when President Obama, after pledging to recognize the genocide, ended up not taking that step.

Now, it appears the United States is on the verge of acting.

Across Washington this week, there have been reports that President Biden on Saturday will declare the Ottoman Empire's killing of an estimated 1.5 million Ar-

menians during World War I a genocide — making him the first sitting U.S. president to do so. It would be a groundbreaking act, delivering on decades of hard-fought activism by Armenians around the world. Much of that movement has been centered in Southern California, home to America's largest Armenian diaspora community and where genocide remembrance has long been a galvanizing force.

"It's kind of like the Charlie Brown cartoon, with Lucy pulling the football away from Charlie Brown when he's trying to kick it. That's [See **Armenians**, A6]

NEWSOM ACTS TO BAN NEW FRACKING PERMITS

Governor also asks regulators to look at phasing out all oil production by 2045.

By PHIL WILLON
AND TARYN LUNA

SACRAMENTO — Gov. Gavin Newsom on Friday took action to ban new permits for hydraulic fracturing starting in 2024, halting the controversial oil extraction method reviled by environmental activists and called on regulators to evaluate phasing out all oil production in the state by 2045.

Newsom's announcement comes as a recall campaign against him appears close to qualifying for the ballot and is a reversal from the governor's previous statements that he lacked the executive authority to ban hydraulic fracturing, commonly known as fracking.

Newsom recently decided to use the state's environmental regulatory authority after efforts to pass the ban legislatively failed, an administration spokesperson said.

The statewide ban on new fracking permits is to be imposed administratively in 2024 by the state Department of Conservation, which regulates California's oil and gas industry, giving the agency time to draft the new mandate.

Newsom is asking the California Air Resources Board to analyze how to end all oil extraction in the state by 2045. The governor's office said that plan would dovetail with California's effort to achieve economy-wide carbon neutrality by 2045, including Newsom's call to ban the sale of new gas-powered vehicles in the state by 2035.

"The climate crisis is real, and we continue to see the signs every day," Newsom said in a statement released Friday. "As we move to swiftly decarbonize our transportation sector and create a healthier future for our children, I've made it clear I don't see a role for fracking in that future and, similarly, believe that California needs to move beyond oil."

Under Newsom's plan, the air resources agency will evaluate the economic, environmental and health benefits and effects of eliminating oil extraction, and his administration will also determine how to address the loss of jobs and the effects on local economies due to the policy.

Leaders of trade unions [See **Fracking**, A10]

Jenner plans governor bid in California

Former Olympian and reality TV star announces a campaign to replace Gavin Newsom in a recall election. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Navalny to end hunger strike

Russia's jailed opposition leader relents as he gets medical care and a warning his life is at risk. **WORLD, A3**

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Cruz keeps faith with right-wing Tex. group

Ties endure as many in GOP shun organization for rhetoric seen as racist

BY BETH REINHARD
AND NEENA SATIJA

On Aug. 4, 2019, the day after a gunman who had posted a hateful diatribe against Hispanics fatally shot 23 people at an El Paso Walmart, a leader of a tea party group in Texas said on Facebook: "You're not going to demographically replace a once proud, strong people without getting blow-back."

His wife, the founder of the group, in the Fort Worth suburbs of Tarrant County, added in a comment: "I don't condone the actions, but I certainly understand where they came from."

Ten days later, amid a brewing backlash over the comments by Fred and Julie McCarty, the Northeast Tarrant Tea Party posted an undated testimonial from Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Tex.) wishing the group a happy 10th anniversary as it rebranded itself as True Texas Project (TTP).

"Thank you for the incredible work you do," Cruz said, in the only on-camera endorsement from an elected official posted on the group's Facebook and YouTube pages to mark the occasion. "Julie, Fred, thank you for your passion."

A Washington Post review of True Texas Project's activities and social media shows that Cruz has continued to embrace the group,

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FDA weighs a ban on menthol cigarettes

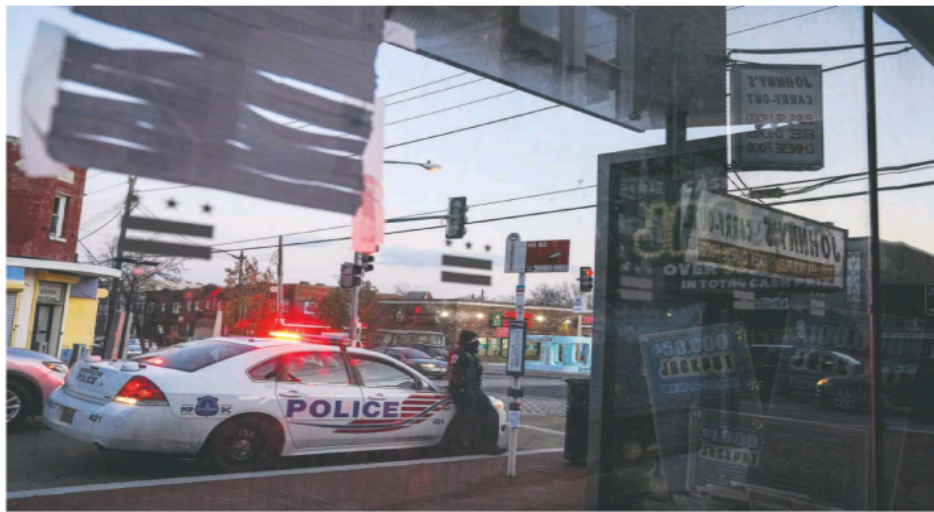
Black smokers bear disproportionate share of harms, advocates say

BY LAURA REILEY

Theo Wilson avoided smoking most of his adult life. He remembered the smell of menthol from his childhood, the smell of his father's cigarettes, his aunt's and his grandmother's. The minty smell of the cigarettes whose secondhand smoke gave him childhood asthma, the smell of the cigarettes that cut his grandmother's life short.

But in 2018, when he portrayed an Iraq War veteran in a play in Denver, his character was expected to smoke a marijuana cigarette onstage. The prop master got him an e-cigarette with a blinking blue light at the end, wrapping it in rolling paper to make it look convincing. After everything he knew, after railing against smoking, Wilson got hooked. Over the counter minty e-cigarettes became fat vape pens; vaping turned into menthol and clove tobacco cigarettes. He bummed Kools and Newport — two of the

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D.C.'s Kennedy Street agonizes over policing

Death of Karon Hylton underlines conundrum of reform and protection in violence-prone area

BY JUSTIN JOUVENAL,
PETER HERMANN
AND EMILY DAVIES

Karon Hylton zipped through streets and alleys of his old D.C. neighborhood on a rented moped. A police car, lights flashing, tailed him.

As Hylton steered out of an alley onto Kennedy Street, a busy strip in Brightwood Park, a passing van plowed into the scooter. The 20-year-old lay crumpled on the ground.

Video of the encounter, captured by police body-worn cameras, also showed the cruiser stop and D.C. police officer Terence Sutton get out.

"Karon!" Sutton yelled as he walked toward the dying man.

Police said the four officers in the car tried to stop Hylton because he was riding on the sidewalk and without a helmet. Hylton's family and many young Black men in the neighborhood saw something else — police harassment and racial profiling that they say is commonplace. This time, though, an incident had turned deadly.

The October crash, which had followed months of demonstrations across the country over social justice and policing, ignited a new round of volatile protests in



KHALI BROWN

Karon Hylton, 20, was killed when his moped collided with a car as he was being tailed by D.C. police along Kennedy Street NW, at top. His October death ignited demonstrations in the city, after months of protests across the country over policing.

the nation's capital.

But even as some decried police tactics as overly aggressive and biased, others demanded more officers in a neighborhood that had been plagued by open-air drug dealing and chronic gunfire. The shootings had killed rival gang members, injured bystanders and sent bullets flying near day-care centers and busy corners.

As the nation gropes toward a reset of policing after the killing of George Floyd, life around Kennedy Street demonstrates the challenge of answering demands for reform in areas where persistent crime has left many residents fearful. On Tuesday, hours after a jury found a former Minneapolis police officer guilty of murdering Floyd, D.C. residents fed up with crime along the Kennedy Street corridor met virtually with police and lawmakers.

In an interview, Sarah Savoy, 35, who lives near the spot where Hylton crashed, crystallized the conundrum. She is frustrated by the dealers who sell drugs near

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60 percent

By a wide margin, most Americans say the United States should do more to hold police accountable for mistreating Black people. A3

Post-vaccination party has started in Israel

Masks are off and the bars and beaches are busy again — in a sign of hope for other nations

BY STEVE HENDRIX
AND SHIRA RUBIN

JERUSALEM — Israel is partying like it's 2019. With most adults now vaccinated against the coronavirus and restrictions falling away — including the lifting this week of outdoor mask requirements — Israelis are joyously resuming routines that were disrupted more than a year ago and providing a glimpse of what the future could hold for other countries.

Restaurants are booming outside in. Concerts, bars and hotels are open to those who can flash their vaccine certificates. Classrooms are back to pre-covid capacity.

The rate of new infections has plummeted — from a peak of almost 10,000 a day to about 140 — and the number of serious coronavirus cases in many hospitals is down to single digits. The emergency covid-19 ward at Sheba Medical Center near Tel Aviv resumed duty as a parking garage, and waiting rooms are suddenly flooded with non-covid patients coming for long-deferred treatments.

"It feels like it is going away for good this time," said Sarah Goldstein, 24, who was standing with her bare face turned skyward at Jerusalem's outdoor Mamilla Mall. "I can breathe. I have the sun on my face."

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People hang out near a juice shop this week in Tel Aviv. Between the vaccinated and those who have recovered from the virus, more than 60 percent of Israelis have some level of antibodies.

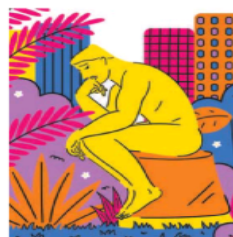
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This year, the Oscars underscore an existential question: What do movies mean? Film as an art form is healthy and will survive. But film as a cultural practice is at a crossroads. Arts & Style

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Vetos atingem saúde, obras e educação no Orçamento

Os vetos de Jair Bolsonaro ao Orçamento retiraram dinheiro das áreas de saúde, educação e também para obras. O governo teve de abrir espaço nas contas a fim de garantir despesas como aposentadorias.

O Ministério da Economia descarta prejuízo à máquina pública, mas analistas veem eventual risco de paralisa de serviços essenciais. Mercado A21 e A22

Com redução de recursos, Censo 2021 é cancelado

O Censo do IBGE não será feito neste ano, anunciou ontem o secretário especial de Fazenda do Ministério da Economia, Waldery Rodrigues. O anúncio veio após redução no orçamento da pesquisa, que era de R\$ 2 bilhões, para cerca de R\$ 50 milhões. Mercado A25

Sobe rejeição à Oxford, e secretaria fala em benefícios

A ocorrência de efeitos colaterais — ainda que extremamente raros — e o intervalo maior entre doses da vacina de Oxford/AstraZeneca têm aumentado a recusa dessa vacina pelos brasileiros. Órgãos ligados à Secretaria Estadual de Saúde de São Paulo emitiram uma nota técnica endossando os benefícios da vacina na proteção contra a Covid-19. Saúde B1

SP vê 1ª queda de óbitos, internações e casos em 2 meses

Pela primeira vez em dois meses, o estado teve queda simultânea dos indicadores de casos, internações e mortes por Covid-19 na última semana, anunciou a gestão João Dória (PSDB). A diminuição nos óbitos, de mais de 23%, foi inédita neste período. Saúde B2

Opositor de Putin, Navalni encerra greve de fome após 24 dias

Startup Cabify aponta crise social e sanitária e deixará o Brasil

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Bolsonaro acena ao lado de Pazuello em evento em Manaus, ontem. Alan Santos/Divulgação Presidência

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Ida do presidente a Manaus vira ato em defesa de Pazuello

A visita de Jair Bolsonaro a Manaus, ontem, tornou-se um ato de desagravo ao ex-ministro da Saúde Eduardo Pazuello, que é da cidade. Ovationado cinco vezes por simpatizantes bolsonaristas que estavam aglomerados, o general foi elogiado pelo presidente.

Bolsonaro foi à capital do Amazonas para inaugurar um centro de convenções inacabado com capacidade para 10 mil pessoas. Pazuello é um dos principais alvos da CPI da Covid, que será instalada na terça e vai apurar ações do governo na pandemia. Poder A6



O decatleta Felipe dos Santos, que competirá no Japão após lesão séria. Bruno Santos/Folhapress

Após cúpula, Bolsonaro corta verba do ambiente

Retirada de R\$ 240 milhões ocorre depois de presidente prometer mais dinheiro; Salles pede suplementação

Um dia após prometer mais verba para fiscalização ambiental, em fala na Cúpula de Líderes sobre o Clima, Jair Bolsonaro oficializou um corte orçamentário para a área relacionada a mudanças do clima, controle de incêndios florestais e fomento a projetos de conservação.

No evento convocado pelo presidente dos EUA, Joe Biden, Bolsonaro afirmou ter determinado a duplicação de recursos destinados a ações para combater crimes ambientais. Estimava-se que o incremento ficasse em torno de R\$ 115 milhões.

No mesmo dia, porém, ele sancionou o Orçamento de 2021 sem essa alocação extra. Além disso, cortou quase R\$ 240 milhões do ministério do Meio Ambiente.

Ainda ontem, a pasta enviou um ofício à Economia em que solicita ampliação orçamentária para a pasta. O documento, encaminhado à Folha pelo ministro Ricardo Salles, requer uma suplementação de R\$ 270 milhões para o Ibama (R\$ 198 milhões) e o ICMBio (R\$ 72 milhões), ambos órgãos federais de fiscalização.

Para atender a Salles, porém, o governo teria de retirar recursos de outros ministérios, uma vez que a previsão para este ano já se encontra no limite do teto de gastos — norma que impede o crescimento de despesas públicas. Mundo A16

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Jair Bolsonaro, em entrevista ontem à noite em Manaus. Poder A6

Pedidos de impeachment aumentam na gestão de Lira

Na chefia da Câmara há menos de três meses, Arthur Lira (PP-AL) recebeu 50 pedidos de impeachment contra o presidente, que se somam aos 66 da gestão Rodrigo Maia (DEM-RJ). Lira já sinalizou que não devem avançar. Poder A4

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Stéphanie, fonctionnaire de police âgée de 49 ans, a été assassinée vendredi dans le commissariat de Rambouillet. Le terroriste aurait crié « Allah akbar ! » avant d'être abattu. **PAGES 2, 3 ET L'ÉDITORIAL**

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de travailler. Une fois la page du Covid tournée, ces nouvelles relations entre les entreprises et les salariés perdureront en grande partie.

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Au Tchad, Macron pousse la junte au compromis

Seul chef d'État européen présent vendredi aux funérailles d'Idriss Déby à N'Djamena, Emmanuel Macron a proclamé son soutien à la « stabilité » du Tchad, malgré les critiques qui l'accusent d'entériner un coup d'État. Avec les autres

membres du G5 Sahel, le président français a cependant encouragé le chef de la junte, Mahamat Déby, fils de l'ancien président, à ouvrir le processus de transition aux différents courants politiques et ethniques du pays. **PAGES 5**

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Flagrant déni de réalité

Et si le temps perdu à glosier sur les faits et méfaits supposés de la police était consacré à mieux l'armer contre tous ceux qui veulent sa mort ? Peut-on encore la laisser se faire offenser, humilier, piétiner par ces voix de gauche qui la traitent de fasciste, par ces bandes de délinquants qui la considèrent comme un clan ennemi, par ces terroristes qui en font le symbole d'un État à abattre ? Le doute n'est pas permis, mais rien ne change. À chaque fois, ce sont les mêmes débats, les mêmes indignations, les mêmes promesses.

L'assassinat, vendredi, d'une fonctionnaire du commissariat de Rambouillet par un islamiste tunisien est l'énième épisode de la guerre qui est livrée à notre pays. En première ligne pour nous défendre, les forces de l'ordre en paient un lourd tribut. Et les cités de banlieue ne sont pas le seul théâtre d'action de leurs bourreaux. Avant Stéphanie, hier, dans cette coquette ville des Yvelines, il y eut Clarissa Jean-Philippe à Montrouge ainsi que Franck Brinsolaro et Ahmed Merabet en plein cœur de Paris, en 2015 ; Jean-Baptiste Salvaing et Jessica Sch-

neider à Magnanville, en 2016 ; Xavier Jugelé sur les Champs-Élysées, en 2017 ; Arnaud Beltrame à Trèbes, en 2018 ; les quatre victimes de la préfecture de police de la capitale, en 2019.

La France est attaquée, mais ce ne sont pas quelques lois écrites à l'encre du « en même temps » qui la protégeront. Ni les discours de fermeté mille fois entendus qui peuvent faire illusion. Non plus que ces sempiternels appels à ne surtout pas faire d'amalgame entre islamisme, immigration incontrôlée, intégration ratée et délinquance. Le terrorisme sur notre

Les signaux de la haine islamiste sont manifestes

sol, aujourd'hui, qu'il soit endogène ou exogène, trouve pourtant sa source dans ce mélange explosif. Les signaux de la haine ne sont pas faibles, ils sont manifestes, mais la France reste en flagrant déni de réalité. « Nous ne céderons rien », a averti, hier, Emmanuel Macron. Certes, mais le ver est dans le fruit depuis des années. Une campagne ne suffira pas à l'en extirper... ■

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Cummings hits back with astonishing attack on PM

Ex-adviser denies leaks and accuses Johnson of 'possibly illegal' plans

Peter Walker
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Dominic Cummings has launched an unprecedented and extraordinary attack on Boris Johnson, alleging that the prime minister tried to quash a leak inquiry as it implicated an ally, and hatched a "possibly illegal" plan for donors to pay to renovate his flat.

The outburst by Cummings, a day after anonymous No 10 sources claimed he had leaked private text messages between Johnson and the billionaire James Dyson, prompted Labour to accuse the government of "fighting each other like rats in a sack".

Cummings used a lengthy post on his personal blog to deny any leaking. Instead, he accused Johnson and his team of a series of wrongdoings.

He said the prime minister had considered behaving in a way he thought "mad and totally unethical" and that he had proof and would happily give evidence under oath to an inquiry.

"It is sad to see the PM and his office fall so far below the standards of competence



▲ Dominic Cummings, left, leaves Downing Street with Boris Johnson in 2019 PHOTOGRAPH: DANIEL LEAL-OLIVAS/AFP

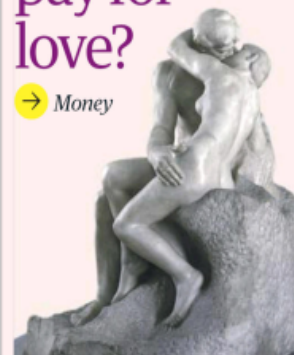
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