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NASDAQ 14138.78 ▲ 0.9%

STOXX 600 440.20 ▲ 0.3%

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### What's News

#### Business & Finance

Tesla posted a record quarterly profit, fueled by rising deliveries despite sup-ply disruptions, and said sales for the period jumped around 74% from a year earlier. A1

- ◆ Top shareholders said they would vote against re-electing key Credit Suisse board members fol-lowing the bank's \$5.5 bil-lion loss from Archegos. B1
- ◆ Apple said it would build a new campus and a new campus and engineer-ing hub in North Carolina as part of a series of invest-ments planned in the U.S. over the next five years. B1
- ◆ The Nasdaq rose 0.9% to close at its first record since February. The S&P 500 added 0.2%, also setting a record. The Dow slipped 0.2%. B9
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   China is investigating
  Meituan over suspected antitrust practices, the latest move
  by Beijing to tighten its grip on
  the country's tech industry. B3
- Durable-goods orders re-sumed growth in March as the U.S. recovery stoked manufac-turing demand that has been building since last fall. A2
- \*Lyft is selling its self-driving division to a Toy-ota unit for \$550 million, saying the sale will help it turn a profit sooner than previously expected. B4
- ◆ Google secured a cloudcomputing contract with Spanish-language broad-caster Univision that could be valued at more than \$1 billion over eight years. **B4**
- ABC's broadcast of the Academy Awards ceremony drew 9.85 million viewers, making it the least-watched Oscars show on record. B3

#### World-Wide

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  West as the country's
  overall population growth
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  the Census Bureau said. AI
- The Supreme Court
  agreed to review state curbs
  on concealed-weapons permits, opening a possible path
  to the first major expansion of
  gun rights in over a decade. A3
- ◆ The Justice Department will open a broad civil-rights will open a broad civil-rights probe into practices of Lou-isville, Ky., police, a move that comes after last year's fatal shooting of Breonna Taylor during a botched raid. A3
- California Gov. Newsom is almost certain to face a recall election after officials deter-mined that a recall petition had enough signatures. A3
- ♦ The White House isn't expected to include a measure aimed at lowering the price of prescription drugs in its com-ing antipoverty package. A4
- A group of boats from Iran's elite Islamic Revolu-tionary Guard harassed two U.S. Coast Guard ships ear-lier this month in the Persian Gulf, Navy officials said. A8



#### Sailors in Indonesia Honor Submariners Lost at Sea



SALUTE: Navy personnel at the Indonesian port of Semarang on Monday throw a wreath in tribute to the 53 crew members of the submarine KRI Nanggala-402. All aboard the vessel are believed to have died when it was lost off Bali last week.

# South, West Gain House Seats As Population Growth Slows

By Paul Overberg And Kristina Peterson

Political power in the U.S. Political power in the U.S. will shift further to states in the South and Mountain West—with Texas picking up two House seats and California losing one—as the country's overall population growth slowed to the lowest rate since the Great Depression, the Census Bureau said Monday.

Thirteen states will gain or lose seats in the House of Representatives in next year's elections through the once-a-

decade reapportionment re-quired by the Constitution. They will also lose or gain votes in the Electoral College beginning in 2024. Besides the double gain for

Besides the double gain for Texas, five states will gain one seat each: Colorado, Florida, Montana, North Carolina and Oregon. Seven states will lose one each: California, Illinois, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The allocation is based on a formula set in a 1941 law. The changes are expected to favor Republicans because

red-leaning states are gaining more seats on net, and because the GOP has more control in redrawing the new congressional maps.

Overall, the U.S. population grew 7.4% in the past decade, according to the Gensus Bureau. The population reached 331,449,281 on April 1, 2020.

The electoral shifts reflect the decade's broad population shifts: slow growth in the Northeast and Midwest, and gains in the South and some Western states. The South grew 10.2%, more than twice

the rate of the Northeast or the Midwest, U.S. growth fell from 9.7% in the previous decade and was the slowest since a gain of 7.3% in the 1930s.

The decade saw Florida top New York in population, and Nevada grow larger than Arkansas, Mississippi and Kansas. The fastest-growing states were Utah (18.4%), Idaho (17.3%) and Texas (15.9%).

Three states lost population, the most since the 1980s, led by West Virginia, which lost 3.2%. Mississippi dropped Please turn to page A4

# U.S. Set To Share Millions Of Shots **Overseas**

Biden administration earmarks AstraZeneca doses to go abroad as India pleads for help

By Sabrina Siddiqui AND JESSICA DONATI

WASHINGTON—The Biden administration is making plans to share millions of doses of the AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine and preparing a major effort to help India fight a resurgence of the virus, as calls mount on the U.S. to do more to assist developing countries in confronting the pandemic.

The White House said Monday it would share as many as 60 million doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine with the rest of the world.

U.S. officials also said they were exploring options to urgently dispatch oxygen and related supplies to India.

President Biden spoke to Prime Minister Narendra Modi om Monday as India reported 352,991 new coronavirus cases, marking the fifth consecutive day the country set a global record for a single-day rise in infections.

The Biden administration has faced growing pressure to share vaccine doses with India and other developing countries that have been hard-hit by the coronavirus pandemic and are far behind wealthier Please turn to page A6 WASHINGTON—The Biden

Sanofi will help make

# Tesla Posts Best Profit As Sales Surge 74%

By Rebecca Elliott

Tesla Inc. posted a record quarterly profit despite supply disruptions, fueled by rising deliveries and increasingly broad-based demand for electric vehicles.

The Silicon Valley car maker has enjoyed booming sales, driven by both its popular Model Y compact sport-utility vehicle and sustained demand in China. The company also has benefited from the wider embrace of plug-in cars as governments across the world push to phase out gasoline-powered vehicles, in some cases through subsidies.

"We've seen a real shift in customer perception of electric vehicles, and our demand is the best we've ever seen," Chief Executive Elon Musk said Monday on an investor call.

Tesla said revenue in the first quarter jumped around 74% from the year-earlier period to \$10.4 billion. The company generated a \$438 million ropofit, up from \$46 million a year ago.

profit, up from \$16 million a year ago.

Wall Street on average expected the company to report sales of about \$10.5 billion and net income of around \$509 million for the January through March period, according to analysts surveyed by FactSet.

Tesla said it delivered

FactSet.
Tesla said it delivered 184,877 vehicles in the first three months of the year, more than double the number during the same period a year earlier. The company, which delivered nearly half a million vehicles in 2020, reaffirmed it expects that figure to rise more than 50% this year.

50% this year. The strong financial start to Please turn to page A2

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# Vets See Echoes of Vietnam in Afghanistan Withdrawal Plan

Troops who fought decades apart lament leaving wars unfinished

By Michael M. Phillips and Nancy A. Youssef

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In the darkness, Don Nicholas's memories
of fighting in Vietnam and Afghanistan blur
into a single dream. The shapeless green of
the Southeast Asian jungle morphs into the
brown ridges of the Hindu Kush, finally settling into black until his yells wake his wife.
Mr. Nicholas is a rarity in the U.S. military. He served as a Marine guard at the U.S.
Embassy in Saigon when the South Vietnamese capital fell in 1975 and, decades later, as
an Army foot soldier patrolling the mountains of Afghanistan.
President Biden decided this month to
withdraw all U.S. troops from Afghanistan,
much as President Richard Nixon in 1973
pulled American combat forces out of Viet-

nam. That leaves several generations of veterans wrestling with the ambiguous aftermath of wars unwon.

Many Afghanistan vets are glad to see U.S. troops return home and the flow of casualties come to a stop. At the same time, they wonder if the blood and treasure were well spent in a war that, if not a loss, certainly wasn't a victory.

Mr. Nicholas has confronted for years the ambivalence of such unsatisfying conclusions and allies left behind to face the consequences. "The same thing that happened in Vietnam is happening here," said Mr. Nicholas, now 68 and living in Green, Ohio.

"They'll say we accomplished great things," he said. "I say we accomplished

#### What's in a Nam? Fwr Es For a Rbrandd Fund Managr

#### Standard Life Aberdeen PLC plans to change its name to Abrdn: like Irn-Bru

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By Juli Stinbrg

Crtain vowls just arn't arning thir kp anymor. On Monday, a Scottish asst managr said it would nix a fw of th troublmakrs.

Specifically, and perhaps more comprehensibly, it was Standard Life Aberdeen PLC that said it would eliminate the Es, and change its name to "Abrdn."

The company, with roots that stretch back to 1825, said the move is meant to standardize branding among its multiple businesses and form part of its efforts to be modern and agile. Pronunciation will remain the same—Aberdeen

main the same—Aberdeen.

Among the problems it was trying to solve stem from trademark law, which put

off limits the generic Aberdeen, the Scottish city where one arm of the company was founded in 1983. Another was a more modern conundrum, which was how to get the firm to appear more prominently in search results.

The firm's website ranks in 35th position for the keyword "Aberdeen" in the U.K., which might scarcely exist as far as Google is concerned. It competes with the port city in Scotland, known as the oil capital of Europe, the University of Aberdeen, the soccer club, the local government website, the Visit Scotland website and the airport.

Abrdn follows Scotland's iconic, highly caffeinated Please turn to page 48



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# US joins global efforts to help India fight coronavirus surge

EU sends aid supplies → Biden stands 'shoulder to shoulder' → Modi criticised for jab prices

The US and the EU are preparing to send aid to help India fight its calamitous coronavirus surge, as Narendra Modi's government faces criticism for forcing states and private buyers to pay more

government faces criticism for forcing states and private buyers to pay more for scarce vaccines.

The US is providing oxygen-related supplies, vaccine materials and other relief. After a call between Modi and US President Joe Biden the White House said the two leaders stood "shoulder to shoulder" in the effort to protect people. Separately, the US said that it would share 60m doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine with other countries as the jabs become available, although it is unclear how many of these will be sent to India. India reported more than 554,000 new infections yesterday alone, along with 2,800 deaths. Experts believe the true toll is being vastly undercounted. France and Germany are part of a broader EU effort to provide assistance to India. Teland confirmed that it would give 700 oxygen concentrators, the European Commission said, after India requested urgent supplies of the vital gas and also antiviral drugs. Nine airline container-loads of supplies will be sent from the UK.

Brussels has activated the EU's emer-

Brussels has activated the EU's emergency Civil Protection Mechanism at India's request. "We are in close contact with both Paris and Berlin to see how with both Paris and Berlin to see how this aid can go through the mechanism," it said. Cases have overwhelmed health services and sparked shortages of hospt-tal beds and life-saving supplies, partic-ularly oxygen. New variants, including the B. 1.617 strain discovered in India, are suspected of stoking the surge. While the international offers to pro-vide emergency supplies have been wel-comed, Modi's government has been criticised for ordering the removal of social media posts critical of its handling of the crisis.

Demand for jabs has surged as the cri-sis has spiralled and India now faces a



Covid-19 at in New Delhi shortage. The pace of vaccination has slowed from as many as 4m jabs a day earlier this month to fewer than 3m. Biden's administration has been

Biden's administration has been under pressure to release some of its stockpile of Oxford/AstraZeneca, which have not yet been approved for release. Such a move could be legally tricky, since the US has reportedly signed contracts with all vaccine makers that forbid the export of any US-made doses. Business leaders were set to speak to Antony Blinken, the US secretary of state, last night to discuss what more they could provide to help India fight the virus. Before that meeting, Punit Renjen, Deloitte chief executive, posted on Linkedin: "A coalition of multinationals has agreed to focus on the immeon LinkedIn: "A coalition of multina-tionals has agreed to focus on the imme tionals has agreed to focus on the imme-diate delivery of oxygen concentrators,

oxygen cylinders and generators, tele-health applications, home monitoring kits and critical medicines." While India said it planned to expand

its inoculation programme to anyone aged over 18 from Saturday, the coun-

aged over 18 from Saturday, the country's vaccine manufacturers have been given permission to raise their prices significantly. From May 1, the government will continue to buy half of India's monthly vaccine production of about 65m jabs to supply to the over-45s. But states and private entities will have to procure shots for younger adults at higher prices set by the manufacturers, the Serum Institute of India and Bharat Biotech. Experts warm that Dreaking with the

Experts warn that breaking with the centralised Covid-19 vaccine campaigns used elsewhere will give the companies

too much power and risks setting off inequities as many citizens are unable to

'In a pandemic vaccines are a public "In a pandemic vaccines are a public good . . . Public good should be paid through pooled resources by the government. That is what's happening around the world," said Chandrakant Lahariya, a public health policy expert in New Delh. "By giving a free hand to manufacturers to determine the price . . . it's a situation which puts everybody at a disadvantage." Reporting by Benjamin Furkin, Amy Kazmin and Stephanie Findlay in New Delhi, Michael Feel in Brussels and Kiram Stacey in Washington

and Kiran Stacey in Washington FT View page 16

Carolyn Everson, one of the top advertising chiefs at Pacebook, said the group had to "prepare for the worst" over claims that it overstated the reach of its ads, say new court filings.—PAGE 8



Total declares force majeure in Africa The French group has declared force majeure on its multibillion-dollar LNG plant in Mozambique after Islamist attacks forced the mothballing of Africa's biggest private investment.— PAGE 9; LEX, PAGE 18

White House defends targeted tax rises The White House has hit back at criticism of its platoraise capital gains taxes for high-earning citizen arguing that it would affect the income of only a "sliver" of the US population.— PAGE 4; LEX. PAGE 19

Draghi talks up €248bn Italian deal Italy's prime minister has warned that the "destiny of the country" depends on the success of a £248bn package of investments to relaunch the pandemic-ravaged, third-largest eurozone economy.—PAGE 2

Facebook warned over 'ad reach' spat

Brussels and Washington talk tourism Brussels confirmed that it was in technical discussions with the Biden administration in a bid to agree a system of travel for vaccinated Americans as part of the EU's plan to encourage tourism.— PAGE 2

Chinese groups raise \$11bn in US Funds raised by Chinese groups on US stock market surged 440 per cent to a record \$11bn in the openin months of 2021 as the allure of sky-high valuations outweighed the threat of forced delistings.— PAGE 10

# Lockdown workouts

#### Kviv urges bigger US role

Ukraine's president has urged western countries to back changes to the 2015 Mirsk II truce signed between kylv and Moscow that was intended to bring peace to the breakaway Donbas region of his country, saying that the accord has become deadlocked. Volodymyr Zelensky welcomed the recent partial withdrawal of Russian military from the border excise set of silled for a the border region and called for a bigger role for the US, the UK and Canada in ending the conflict.

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# Brussels sues AstraZeneca for alleged breach of EU vaccine supply promises

MICHAEL PEEL — BRUSSELS

ssels is suing AstraZeneca for allegedly breaching its deal to supply vac-cines to the EU, setting up a bruising legal battle after months of bitter dis-putes over delivery shortfalls.

putes over delivery shortfalls.
The drugmaker said that it would "strongly defend" itself against litigation that was "without merit".
The European Commission yesterday announced the legal action on behalf of itself and the 27 EU member states.
"Some terms of the contract have not been respected and the company has not been in a position to come up with a reliable strategy to ensure timely delivery of doses," it said. "We want to make sure there is a speedy delivery of a stifficient doses that European citizens are entitled to and which have been promised on the basis of the contract."

AstraZeneca is likely to deliver no re than a third of the 30

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least, to construct an arguable defence. Some observers are concerned that the case will use up time and resources

without achieving the aim of accelerat-

without achieving the aim of accelerating the supply of AstraZeneca vaccines. Such fears caused some EUstates to hesitate last week before eventually backing the litigation move, diplomats said. The EU and AstraZeneca have been locked in actimony since the company revealed in late January that it would deliver only a quarter of the up to 120m doses it was scheduled to deliver by the end of March. Brussels called on the company to fulfil its "contractual, societal and moral obligations", as the EU's inoculation drive lagged behind those in the US and UL Gowingraded its second-quarter supply estimates from 180m

quarter supply estimates from 180m shots to 70m. It said yesterday that it was on track to deliver almost 50m doses to European countries by the end of April, in line with its revised forecast. Market debut aims for \$117m page 9

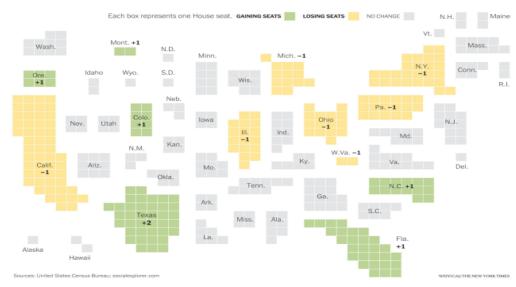
#### World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CUMMEN	CIES					INTERESTRATES			
	Apr 26	prev	%chg		Apr 26	prev		Apr 26	prev		price	yield	chg
S&P 500	4189.16	4180.17	0.22	\$ per €	1.208	1.205	£ per\$	0.720	0.723	US Gov 10 yr	147.17	1.57	0.01
Nasdaq Composite	14092.96	14016.81	0.54	\$ per £	1.389	1.384	€ per £	1.150	1.149	UK Gov 10 yr		0.76	0.02
Dow Jones Ind	34065.80	34043.49	0.07	£ per €	0.870	0.871	¥ per €	130.594	130.237	Ger Gov 10 yr		-0.25	0.01
FTSEurofirst 300	1693.39	1690.34	0.18	¥ per \$	108.085	108.085	£ index	81.057	81.167	Jpn Gov 10 yr	116.71	0.07	0.01
Euro Stoox 50	4022.36	4013.34	0.22	¥ per £	150.158	149.578	SFr per £	1.270	1.269	US Gov 30 yr	107.08	2.24	0.00
FTSE 100	6963.12	6938.56	0.35	SFr per €	1.104	1.105				Ger Gov 2 yr	106.33	-0.70	0.00
FTSE All-Share	3983.59	3965.16	0.46	€ per \$	0.828	0.830							
CAC 40	6275.52	6257.94	0.28										
Xetra Dax	15296.34	15279.62	0.11	COMMODITIES						price	prev	chg	
Nikkei	29126.23	29020.63	0.36							Fed Funds Eff	0.07	0.08	-0.01
Hang Seng	28952.83	29078.75	-0.43			A	pr 26	prev	%chg	US 3m Bills	0.03	0.03	0.00
MSCI World \$	2946.11	2923.91	0.76	Oil WTI \$			32.06	62.14	-0.13	Euro Libor 3m	-0.54	-0.55	0.01
MSCI EM \$	1353.02	1341.43	0.86	Oil Brent 5	1		95.86	66.11	-0.38	UK 3m	0.09	0.09	0.00
MSCI ACWI \$	703.72	698.32	0.77	Gold \$		170	31.80	1787.75	-0.33	Prices are latest for edition	Deta pro	wided by Mo	mingstor



#### States That Will Gain or Lose Seats in the Next Congress

The 2020 census will move seven seats in the House of Representatives to states in the West and South, and the industrial belt is again losing slots. California will lose a seat for the first time. Page A18.



#### Court to Hear Case on Limit To Gun Rights

#### By ADAM LIPTAK

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WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court said on Monday that
it would review a longstanding
New York law that imposes strict
limits on carrying guns outside
the home, setting the stage for its
first major Second Amendment
decision in more than a decade —
and the first to be decided by the
court's newly expanded conservative majority.

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The move came after a recent spate of mass shootings, which were followed by calls from President Biden and other Democrats for stricter restrictions on fire-arms. Scholars who study gun rights said a ruling striking down the New York law could undermine those efforts and have broad national implications.

"The ruling will profoundly impact the number of guns legally carried on the streets of New York, Los Angeles and Boston," said Adam Winkler, a law professor at the University of California, Los Angeles, and the author of "Gunfight: The Battle Over the Right to Bear Arms in America."

"In these cities, only a handful of residents have permits to carry firearms," he said.

The Supreme Court has turned down countless Second Amendment appeals since it established an individual right to keep guns in the home for self-defense in 2008 in District of Columbia v. Hellen Since then, lower courts have generally sustained gun courts have glenerally sustained gun courts have generally sustained gun court

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#### U.S. to Send 60 Million Vaccine Doses Abroad

#### By SHERYL GAY STOLBERG

WASHINGTON — President den, under intense pressure to more to address the surging indemic abroad, including a hudo more to address the surging pandemic abroad, including a hu-manitarian crisis in India, intends to make up to 60 million doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine avail-able to other countries, so long as federal regulators deem the doses safe, officials said Monday.

safe, officials said Monday.
The announcement came after
Mr. Biden spoke with Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India and
the two pledged to "work closely
together in the fight against
Covid-19." It is a significant, albeit
limited, shift for the White House,
which has until now been reluctant to make excess doses of co-

#### Biden Under Pressure - Critics Say Move Is Not Enough

avirus vaccine available in

ronavirus vaccine available in large amounts.
Global health groups said the commitment was not nearly big enough. And it comes with a catch: The AstraZeneca doses were made at a Baltimore plant, owned by Emergent BioSolutions, where production has been halted amid fears of contamination. As part of a continuing safety review of the plant, the Food and Drug Administration will have to certify

that the doses meet the United States' states' safety and quality.

Mr. Biden took office vowing to restore the United States as a leader in global public health, and he has taken certain steps to do so: rejoining the World Health Organization, pledging \$4 billion to an international vaccine effort and providing financial support to help Biological E, a vaccine manufacturer in India, produce at least one billion doses of coronavirus vaccine by the end of 2022.

But on the matter of sending vaccines abroad that were manufactured for the United States and funded by American taxpayers, the president has been consistent: He will help other countries, Continued on Page A6



Covid-19 patients waiting on the street to receive oxygen treatment in Delhi on Sunday.

# U.S. Population Growth 2nd Slowest on Record; Political Map Will Shift

#### Immigration Lags as Birthrate Declines

#### By SABRINA TAVERNISE and ROBERT GEBELOFF

the past decade, the tates population grew at nd slowest rate since the tent started counting in government started counting in 1790, the Census Bureau reported on Monday, a remarkable slacken-ing that was driven by a slowdown in immigration and a declining birthrate.

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ing that was driven by a slowdown in immigration and a declining birthrate.

The bureau also reported changes to the nation's political map: The long-running trend of the South and the West gaining population — and the congressional representation that comes with it — at the expense of the Northeast and the Midwest continued, with Texas gaining two York and Ohio each losing one-California, long a leader in population growth, lost a seat for the first time in history.

The data will be used to reapportion seats in Congress and, in turn, the Electoral College, based on new state population counts. The count is critical for billions of dollars in federal funding as well as state and local planning around everything from schools to housing to hospitals.

The numbers are the product of the most embattled census process in decades. The Trump administration tried — and failed — to have a citizenship question added to the census form and to have unauthorized immigrants removed from the count.

The Census Bureau also faced a daunting task of conducting the census during a pandemic. When

the Trump administration pushed it last summer to stop the count sooner than planned, a long court fight ensued.

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statehouses.
The population shift to the Sun
Belt has been happening for
years, but its political meaning is
changing. In decades past, Sun
Belt gains often translated to automatic pluses for Republicans in
the Electoral College. Now the calculus is mree complicated.
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culus is more complicated.

While Donald J. Trump won the
four fastest-growing states —
Utah, Idaho, Texas and North Dakota — President Biden won four
of the next five on the list: Nevada, Colorado, Washington and Ari-

Regardless of which party ulti-mately benefits, the findings ap-pear to solidify a gathering pat-tern in American life: The South and the West are increasingly the centers of population and power, surging ahead of the Northeast and the Midwest, whose numbers have been stagnating since a high

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#### For Apple and Facebook Chiefs, Privacy Dispute Is Public Feud

By MIKE ISAAC and JACK NICAS SAN FRANCISCO — At a con-fab for tech and media moguls in Sun Valley, Idaho, in July 2019, Timothy D. Cook of Apple and Mark Zuckerberg of Facebook sat down to repair their fraying rela-tionship.

down to repair their fraying rela-tionship.

For years, the chief executives-had met annually at the confer-ence, which was held by the in-vestment bank Allen & Company, to catch up. But this time, Face-book was grappling with a data properties scandal by lawnerbers, and the properties and company to the con-ceptators, and executives, and had been blasted by lawmakers, regulators and executives — in-cluding Mr. Cook — for letting the information of more than 50 mil-lion Facebook users be harvested by a voter-profiling firm, Cam-bridge Analytica, without their consent.

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At the meeting, Mr. Zuckerberg asked Mr. Cook how he would handle the fallout from the controversy, people with knowledge of the conversation said. Mr. Cook responded acidly that Facebook should delete any information that it had collected about people outside of its core apps.

outside of its core apps.

Mr. Zuckerberg was stunned,



Tim Cook, Apple C.E.O., above, and Mark Zuckerberg,

head of Facebook, top.

said the people, who were not au-thorized to speak publicly. Face-book depends on data about its us-ers to target them with online ads and to make money. By urging Facebook to stop gathering that information, Mr. Cook was in ef-fect telling Mr. Zuckerberg that his business was untenable. He ig-nored Mr. Cook's advice.

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#### By ASTEAD W. HERNDON

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JACKSON, Miss. — The right to
vote is what Frank Figgers fought
for in the 1960s as a student at a
racially segregated high school in
Jackson, Miss. It is what Medgar
Evers died for when he was shot to
death outside his home in the city
in 1963, after his work with the
state N.A.A.C.P.
Mr. Figgers, 71, remembers

#### Fear of Black Districts Being Split Up

learning about the assassination of Mr. Evers the day it occurred. He remembers the rage it in-spired. "When people say we're fight-ing the same stuff, we really are,"

said, sitting in a local Masonic Lodge where Mr. Evers once held an office. "We were fighting in 1865 and 1965. We were fighting it in 2015, and we're fighting it in 2021."

2021."

Now, as Republican state lawmakers across the country push
new restrictions on voting, Democrats are hitting back. In Congress, the party is pushing a colos-

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## Voting Bill Presents Democrats With Quandary New York's Electing a Mayor. New Yorkers Yawn.

By MICHAEL WILSON
In Brooklyn's Church of St.
Mark on a recent Sunday, Arlene
Punnett, 82, listened patiently as a
special guest spoke of his hardworking mother and his years as a
police officer. His name was Eric
Adams, the Brooklyn borough
president, and he had come to
seek the church's support in his
run for mayor.

#### Lingering Virus Impact Crowds Out Politics

But for Ms. Punnett, he might as well have been visiting from a dis-tant country. Asked later how much thought she's given the race to elect the city's next mayor, she held her thumb and finger in the

shape of a perfectly round zero.

shape of a perfectly round zero.
"What can I tell you?" she
shrugged. "Right now, that's not
the primary concern."
Days later at a park in the Bay
Ridge area of Brooklyn, a father
shooting hoops with his family noticed a woman at a pop-up lectern
nearby marked "Garcia for NYC
Mayor." He struggled to name
other candidates: "I'm guessing

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The department tasked with preventing domestic terrorism threats will assess the extent of extremist ideology within its own agencies.

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Two critics for The Times look at the anticlimactic night and debate what the Academy Awards ceremony really means to movies.

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# What's a Bunch of Black Holes?

There are pods of whales and gaggles o geese. Now astronomers wonder which plural term would best suit the most enigmatic entity in the cosmos. PAGE D3



# Newsom recall effort to go forward



GOV. GAVIN NEWSOM faces a vote of confidence after recall backers submitted nearly 1.5 million verified voter signatures. Barring court intervention, this will trigger the second such election in state history.

# California to lose House seat; chaotic redistricting lies ahead

California will lose one seat in Congress for the first time in state history, while Texas and Florida are among the states that will see their representation increase, according to population data released by the U.S. Census Bureau on Monday that give the first glimpse of the coming decade's congressional land-scape.

ade's congressional land-scape.

The new apportionment figures — which use the de-cennial head count to allo-cate representation in the U.S. House of Representa-tives across the states — are a crucial building block in mapping the country's polit-ical geography. The details arrived months later than in a typical census as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic scrambling the standard

#### Changing representation

Apportionment of U.S. House seats based on population change in the access

Change in U.S. House seats

timeline. The more granular data necessary to draw district boundaries are not expected until the fall, resulting in an uncommonly compressed and chaotic redistricting process.

The delays redistricting process.

The delays at littly into the 2022 midterms, as Democrats led by Speaker Nancy Pelosi of San Francisco try to fend off a House takeover by GOP leader Kevin McCarthy of Bakersfield. The unknown contours of the eventual districts are complicating nearly all aspects of congressional campaigns, including candidate recruitment, fundraising and early appeals to voters.

"It's like going into a war where you don't know where the battlefield is, who your opponent is or when the battle is going to begin," said former Rep. Steve Israel of New York, who led the

#### Governor defends his record as the GOP-driven campaign qualifies to be on the ballot

By Phil Willon and Taryn Luna

SACRAMENTO — Propelled by growing voter frustration ore California's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, a Republican-led drive to remove Gov. Gavin Newsom from office collected enough voter signatures to qualify for the ballot, state officials reported Monday, triggering for only the second time in state history a rapid-fire campaign to decide whether to oust a sitting governor.

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Recall backers submitted more than 1,495,709 verified voter signatures — equal to 12% of all ballots cast in the last gubernatorial control of the second of

sand and go with someone else."

Newsom's advisors expressed confidence that the governor will defeat the attempt to remove him from office and criticized the recall effort as the work of farright supporters of former President Trump.

The governor, who appeared prepared for Monday's announcement, quickly took to Twitter to defend his record.

"This Republican recall threatens our values and seeks to undo the important progress we've made — from struggling families, protecting our environment, and passing commonsense gun violence solutions," Newsom wrote. "Though recent opinion Though recent opinion recent poinion recent poinion recent poinion and the seeks."

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Though recent opinion
polls showed that only 40%
of California voters support
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## Latinos could wield swing vote

Governor's defenders need to take this recall seriously, writes Gustavo Arellano. CALIFORNIA, BI

## Send in the clowns for political circus

Recall effort looks less compelling than the one 18 years ago, says George Skelton. CALIFORNIA, BI

# Candidates vie to replace Newsom

How will the race for California's top job play out? And who's in it to win it? CALIFORNIA, BI

# EPA TO ALLOW STATE TO SET CAR **RULES**

The agency moves to reverse Trump and let California be a leader in reducing emissions.

By Anna M. Phillips

WASHINGTON — California's ambition to retake the lead on climate change policy in the United States received a major boost Monday as the Bilden administration moved toward allowing the state to once more set its own car pollution standards, a right revoked under former President Trump.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and

under former President Trump.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced that it is reviewing a major Trucco-era accidence of the control of the co

#### FIRST 100 DAYS

# Divisions threaten to derail Biden's COVID response

By Chris Megerian

WASHINGTON — Since President Biden took office, he has talked about two goals more than any others: ending the COVID-19 pandemic to ignite a jobs boom, and uniting a politically divided country.

As he approaches his lobth day as president on Thursday, it's clearer than ever that those two goals are interwoven, and success with the first may not be possible without the second.

As much progress as Biden has overseen in the nation's public health campaign, the mission is far from accomplished. It is a politicized was the pandennic response Biden inherited that polis consistently show Republicans are more resistant to getting vaccinated, and public health leaders say the daily number of shots delivered could begin to slow down, even as supplies have become more readily available. What began as a logistical [See Coronavirus, A5]

PRESIDENT BIDEN, shown with health executive had to confront the politicization of the pandemic.

DOSE-SHARING: U.S. will export entire stock of AstraZeneca vaccine after FDA reviews. NATION, A4



DAVID VALENTINE BOV Ja A DISCARDED barrel lies on the seafloor near Santa Catalina Island. Re-newed outery in recent months has focused on the dumping ground.

# Off L.A.'s coast, a DDT dump of staggering size

Field of waste barrels much larger than expected

When the research vessel Sally Ride set sail for Santa Catalina Island to map an underwater graveyard of DDT waste barrels, its crew had high hopes of documenting for the first time just how many corroded containers littered the seafloor off the coast of Los Angeles.

But as the scientists on deck began interpreting sonar images gathered by two deep-sea robots, they were quickly overwhelmed. It was like trying to count stars in the Milky Way.

The dumpsite, it turned out, was much, much bigger than expected. After spending two weeks surveying a swath of seafloor larger than the city of San Francisco, the scientists could find no end to the dumping ground. They could've kept going in any direction, they said, and uncovered even more.

"I was pretty shocked that it just kept extending as far as it did," said Eric Terrill of UC San Diego's Scripps Institution of Oceanography, who led the mission of 31 scientists and crew members. "We couldn't keep up with [See DDT, A12]

## Black man shot in back of head

Andrew Brown Jr.'s hands were on the steering wheel when he was shot, family lawyers say. **NATION, A5** 

#### Students' right to free speech

Justices are expected to decide whether vulgar, cruel or racist comments online are protected. NATION, A6

Weather Partly sunny and cool. L.A. Basin: 68/54. **B10** 



BUSINESS INSIDE: Facebook hackers are trying to scam people, but you can foil them. A8

# FOLHA DE S.PAULO

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O ex-ministro Eduardo Pazuello (Saúde), sem máscara, em

shopping de Manaus; advertido, ele reagiu com ironia

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#### Anvisa nega pedido para liberação de vacina Sputnik

A diretoria da Anvisa (Agência Nacional de Vi-gilância Sanitária) negou guancia Sanitária) negou ontem pedidos de aval à importação excepcional da vacina russa Sputnik V. As solicitações haviam si-do feitas por dez estados. Segundo a área técnica do órgão, a falta de dados mínimose a identificação.

mínimos e a identificação de "pontos críticos" sobre a segurança do fármaco le-varam à recomendação pe-la não aprovação. saúde B2

#### EUA enviarão até 60 mi de doses a outros países

Pressionados a ajudar me-nos desenvolvidos, os EUA anunciaram que liberarão até 60 milhões de doses de Oxford/AstraZeneca para outros países, assim que elas estiverem disponíveis. Não foi divulgado quem poderá receber. Mu

#### STF ordena criação de programa de renda básica

O Supremo decidiu que o governo federal terá que implementar a partir de 2022 um programa de ren-da básica. O benefício, cu-jo valor ainda será definido pela União, deverá abranger toda a população que esteja em situação de ex-trema pobreza. Mercado A16

#### Vacinação no Brasil

% da população vacinada\*

Brasil	8,2	18,4
RS	7,4	22,9
MS	10,0	22,5
ES	7.0	21,2



Total	Casos 14,4 mi	Óbitos 392,2 mil
26.abr**	56,1 mil	2.451
Variação*	** -21,2%	-21,6%
Fm 24 h	31.0 mil	1.279



Falta de fármaco e plano da Saúde põem em risco imunização, diz TCU BI

Queiroga afirma que alterar prioritários atrapalha vacinação въ

Técnico argentino Ariel Holan pede demissão do Santos após dois meses

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Na pior audiência da história, Oscar perde mais de 13 milhões de espectadores

#### **ATMOSFERA**



# Na véspera de CPI, governo tenta tirar Renan de relatoria

Liminar após ação bolsonarista o barrava da função, mas Pacheco diz que vai ignorar; comissão deve focar vacina

Acuado pela CPI da Covid, cuja instalação está previs-ta para hoje, o governo Ja-ir Bolsonaro tentou barrar a indicação do senador Re-nan Calheiros (MDB-AL), considerado de oposição, como relator do colegiado.

Liminar da Justica Federal do DF expedida ontem após ação da deputada bolsona-rista Carla Zambelli (PSL-SP) o impedia da função.

O argumento é que Renan, O argumento é que Renan, por ter um filho governador —Renan Filho (MDB), de Alagoas —, não poderia ficar com a relatoria, que conduz os trabalhos da comissão. O senador classificou a de-cisão de "descomunal" e "es-drúxula" e fruto de orques-

tração do governo. Ele in-formou que recorreria. Até a conclusão desta edição, a medida não fora suspensa.

O Planalto esperava conse-guir pelo menos adiar a ses-são inicial, mas o presidente do Senado, Rodrigo Pache-co (DEM-MG), afirmou que vai ignorar a liminar. O foco da CPI deve ser a atraso, nos contratos de

o atraso nos contratos de compra de vacinas, e parla-mentares veem o ex-minis-tro da Saúde Eduardo Pazuello como peça-chave da in-vestigação. Poder A4, A6 e A7



MORADIA SE APROXIMA DO TRANSPORTE, E ARRANHA-CÉUS MUDAM PAISAGEM DA PERIFERIA DE SP

Prédio em obras na Vila Guilhermina, na zona leste, perto do metrô; Plano Diretor, prestes a ser revisto, incentivou adensamento nos eixos modais Cotidiano BS



Comprovante da 1ª vacina e ampolas doados ao Smithsonian

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Instituições americanas coletam objetos para contar a história da Covid-19 no país

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#### Vale tem lucro de R\$ 30,5 bilhões no primeiro trimestre

Beneficiada por alta no preço do minério e pelo fim de restrições a opera-ções de minas interditadas ções de minas interditadas após Brumadinho, a Vale fechou o 1º trimestre com lucro de R\$ 30,5 bilhões, maior que o visto em todo o ano de 2020. Mercado A20

#### Hélio Schwartsman Um bom livro vale mais que seu autor

Alvo do espírito patrulhei-ro, nova biografia de Phi-lip Roth viu sua distribuinp kom viu sta distribur-ção suspensa pela editora após seu autor, Blake Bai-ley, ser acusado de assédio sexual e estupro. Se um li-vro é bom, não há por que deixar de lê-lo. opinião A2

#### **EDITORIAIS A2**

23 acusações Acerca de lista de temas a investigar na CPI da Covid.

#### Grupo do RJ firma acordo de compra da Cia Hering

O Grupo Soma, dono das grifes Farm e Animale, anunciou ontem que fechou acordo para incor-porar a Cia Hering. A mar-ca foi avaliada em cerca de R\$ 5.3 bilhões com a opera-ção, que ainda depende do aval do Cade. Mercado A22

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Errado por vias tortas Sobre texto na Alesp com censura e discriminação.

#### Cecilia Machado O novo normal do trabalho

È improvável a volta inte-gral ao trabalho presenci-al. No Brasil, nota-se que as vantagens do teletraba-lho se aplicaram aos com maior salário. Mercado A22



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Respuesta a cuarentena estricta aplicada desde hoy como medida sanitaria

# Cierran 300 restaurantes y cesan a sus 15.000 empleados

Asociación sostiene que encierro no es solución, sino mejorar la gestión y traer vacunas necesarias. Desplazamientos restringidos desde las 20:00. Habrá mayor regulada de buses.

PROPERTY.

Los recursos de Itaipú y Yacyretá serán utilizados para cubrir las necesidades ante el embate del coronavirus

Acorralado, Abdo firmó ley de fondos sociales

Fallecidos aumentan sin parar 102 muertos por Covid en una jornada, llegó el día más temido

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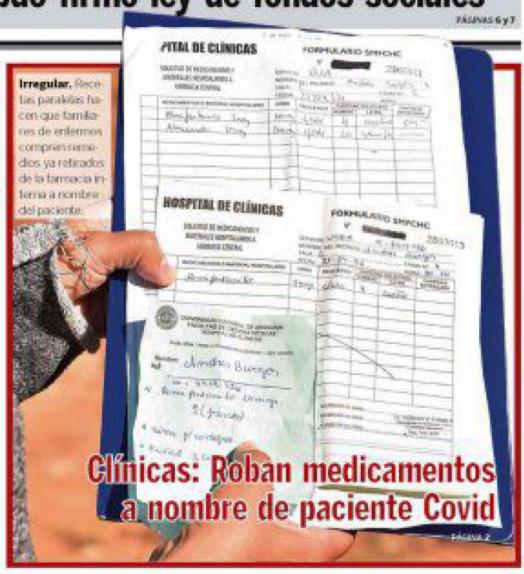
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Dará nuevo plazo de gracia BNF reestructura los préstamos otorgados por la pandemia

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Solo busca "endulzar" Criadores de cerdo dicen que arancel cero de Taiwán no les sirve

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Réponses à la question de lundi :

Faut-il mettre fin aux régularisations des étrangers entrés illégalement en France ?



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revoir la loi sur l'irresponsabilité pénale ?

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# Plan de relance : l'Europe passe enfin à l'action

La mise en œuvre effective du plan de 750 milliards d'euros franchit une étape clé, ce mardi, avec la remise par la France, l'Allemagne et l'Italie de leur feuille de route à Bruxelles.

Dernière ligne droite avant que les États membres commencent à toucher les preprobablement cet été - du plan de relance

européen de 750 milliards d'euros, acté en juillet der-nier. Ce mardi, les trois premières économies de la zone euro remettent formelle-

ment leur programme d'in-vestissement à la Commission de Bruxelles, qui va évaluer s'ils respectent les critères imposés, comme la

transition écologique ou l'économie numérique. Dans un entretien au Figaro, le ministre Bruno Le Maire, et son ho-

mologue allemand, Olaf Scholz, estiment que ce plan de relance constitue « une percée historique » dans la construction européenne.

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À Rambouillet, des centaines de personnes se sont rassemblées en mémoire de la fonctionnaire de police assassinée vendredi. Partout dans le pays, une minute de silence a également été observée dans les commissariats. PAGES 2 ET 3

#### Sarah Halimi : le réveil tardif de l'exécutif pour modifier la loi

En janvier 2020, la sénatrice centriste Nathalie Goulet avait proposé de changer la loi. Elle avait ensuite interpellé la garde des Sceaux, Nicole Belloubet, qui avait demandé un rapport : publié ce lundi, il recommande de ne pas toucher au code pénal. Dix-huit mois après le nat et maintenant que le dossier Halimi provoque un profond émoi dans toute la France, le gouvernement se montre déterminé à légiférer. Éric Dupond-Moretti vient de promettre une loi pour la fin

## ÉDITORIAL par Gaétan de Capèle gdecapele@lefigaro.fr

# Chaque mois compte

orsque l'on s'en remet à l'Europe, mieux vaut être armé d'une patience de fer. Neuf mois après la décision des Vingt-Sept d'emprunter en commun pour financer un plan de relance économique de 750 milliards, personne n'a encore vu la couleur d'un euro. Nulle surprise à cela quand on connaît la machinerie bruxelloise : la prise de décision politique n'est jamais qu'un point de départ. Commence ensuite un parcours du combattant, où franchir chaque obstacle exige des trésors de ténacité. En l'occurren-ce, pour avancer, le fameux plan de relance nécessite une ratification par tous les États membres. Chacun d'entre eux doit ensuite présenter à la Commission une feuille de route indiquant comment il compte investir cette manne. Nous y sommes enfin. À pré-sent, la pertinence de ces projets doit faire l'objet d'une évaluation, préalable au déblocage des fonds, sans doute cet été. Ouf!

À ceux qui s'impatientent, les plus fervents défenseurs de la cause européenne répondront que l'instant est historique. Ils n'auront pas tort : confrontée à une crise majeure, l'Europe est, contre toute attente, parvenue à un consensus pour emprunter et investir collectivement. Un délai de quel-ques mois importe peu au regard de ce pas de géant. Le temps venu, chacun sera bien heureux d'encaisser un chèque pour prépa-rer l'avenir.

Mais, à ceux qui s'enthousiasment, les scep-tiques feront valoir que l'Union européenne est décidément un paquebot conçu pour voguer par temps calme, incapable de manœuvrer

Complexité politique et lourdeur bureaucratique dans la tempê te. Depuis l te. Depuis le début de la crise sanitaire, l'agi-lité requise par la situation se

heurte immanquablement à mille procédures. Ils n'auront pas tort non plus : l'Europe. victime de sa complexité politique et de sa lourdeur bureaucratique, avance cahin-caha, pendant que ses rivaux chinois et américain galopent. Ce fut le cas avec les vaccins, ça l'est encore avec le plan de relance. Dans la compétition mondiale, cha-que mois compte et le temps perdu ne se rattrape jamais.





# Pressure on Johnson after claim of slur on Covid dead

# MPs demand inquiry into fines linked to pandemic

PM struggles to refute allegation that he said bodies could 'pile high'

#### Jessica Elgot and Robert Booth

Boris Johnson faced mounting pressure last night as Conservative insiders added weight to claims that he said he would rather see bodies pile up than order another lockdown.

Faced with fury from relatives of the bereaved, the prime minister and senior ministers emphatically denied that he had said "no more fucking lockdowns - let the bodies pile high in their thousands" after reluctantly approving a second England-wide lockdown late last year.

The claim followed a briefing war at the weekend between Johnson and his former chief aide Dominic Cummings, who resigned from Downing Street after what was believed to be a power struggle with the prime minister's fiancee, Carrie Symonds.

The government is also facing growing calls for a public inquiry into a pandemic that left the UK with one of the worst death tolls among major economies last year.

First reported in the Daily Mail yesterday, Johnson's alleged comments were supposedly made after he felt corralled into agreeing to a four-week lockdown in November, months after it was recommended by Sage scientists to curb coronavirus cases. He apparently warned that he would never again back another national lockdown. ITV reported sourced

claims that the "let the bodies pile high" comments were shouted from an office in Downing Street after a crunch meeting with ministers, rather than during the meeting.

Speaking to the Guardian, a source corroborated that account and hinted that the comments had been heard by a small number of people, outside Johnson's office. A second source, who did not hear the comments directly, said there had been "chatter" about them in Downing Street last year, though the phrase the source expressly recalled

#### Haroon Siddique

Legal affairs correspondent

All 85,000-plus Covid fines issued in England during the pandemic should be reviewed, MPs and peers have said, after more than a quarter of prosecutions in the first two months of the year for breaching the regulations were shown to have been wrongly brought.

The joint committee on human rights said coronavirus regulations, which have been changed at least 65 times since March last year, were muddled, discriminatory and unfair.

As well as a review of all fixed penalty notices (FPNs), its members suggested no criminal record should result from Covid FPNs, the income of those hit with big fines - the maximum is £10,000 - should be assessed and there should be a mechanism to challenge future fines.

Harriet Harman, the chair of the cross-party joint committee, said: "Swift action to make restrictions effective is essential in the face of this terrible virus. But the government needs to ensure that rules are clear, enforcement is fair and that mistakes in the system can be rectified. None of that is the case in respect of Covid-19 fixed penalty notices.

"This means we've got an unfair system with clear evidence that young people, those from certain eth-nic minority backgrounds, men and the most socially deprived are most at risk. Whether people feel the FPN is deserved or not, those who can afford it are likely to pay a penalty to avoid criminality. Those who can't afford to pay face a criminal record along with all the resulting consequences for their future development. The whole process disproportionately hits the less well-off and criminalises the poor over the better off."

She acknowledged that the police had a difficult job



# **New Iran** jail sentence for Zaghari-Ratcliffe

Patrick Wintour Diplomatic editor

An Iranian court has sentenced the British-Iranian dual national Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe to a one-year jail term and banned her from leaving the country for a year after.

She was found guilty of spreading propaganda against the regime after the court said she attended a demonstration outside the Iranian embassy in 2009 and speaking to a BBC Persian journalist at the gathering.

Her lawyer, Hojjat Kermani, said an appeal was being lodged on the basis that the charges had been laid out of time. Foreign secretary Dominic Raab

said the sentence was inhumane. Zaghari-Ratcliffe has spent five years in jail, including many months in solitary confinement, on separate spying charges. She was first arrested in April 2016 after she visited Tehran with her daughter Gabriella to visit her parents.

Her husband, Richard, said he believed the





