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Federal Health Officials Relax Outdoor Mask Guidelines



FRESH AIR: Ken and Ana Seastrom on the beach in San Diego. Mr. Seastrom is fully vaccinated against Covid-19 and Ms. Seastrom has had one shot. The CDC on Tuesday issued new mask guidelines for people who are fully vaccinated. **A7**

Archegos Hit Tops \$10 Billion After Losses at UBS, Nomura

BY MARGOT PATRICK
AND QUENTIN WEBB

The battering to Wall Street banks from Archegos Capital Management topped \$10 billion after UBS Group AG and Nomura Holdings Inc. reported fresh hits caused by the fund's collapse.

Archegos, the family office of Bill Hwang, wreaked havoc across Wall Street when heavily leveraged bets it made on a

small collection of stocks unwound, triggering huge losses at a half a dozen banks that had lent heavily to the investor.

UBS, Switzerland's biggest bank by assets, said Tuesday it lost \$861 million following Archegos's implosion, a bigger hit than analysts expected.

Meantime, Japan's Nomura, which flagged losses of around \$2 billion last month, raised its total damage tally to \$2.85 billion, leading to its worst

quarterly performance since the end of 2008, during the global financial crisis.

Nomura said it had taken swift action to shore up its risk-management systems, and had found no similar dealings with other clients. The bank had exited more than 97% of the positions by April 23.

UBS Chief Executive Ralph Hamers, in the job since November, said the bank was reviewing its risk management

systems to avoid such situations, but didn't envision a broader pullback. He said the loss hadn't stopped UBS from improving its capital position in the quarter and that the investment bank was able to bear the loss. UBS shares fell 1% Tuesday.

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President Seeks IRS Funding Increase

BY RICHARD RUBIN

WASHINGTON—President Biden plans to propose an \$80 billion funding boost for the Internal Revenue Service over the next decade, a major expansion of the tax agency that would double its enforcement staffing and give it new tools to combat tax dodging by the nation's wealthiest people.

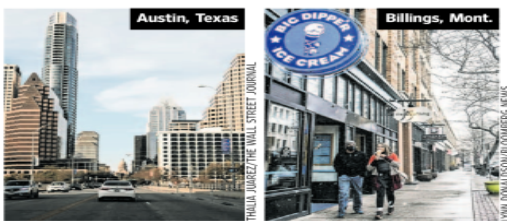
The administration projects that its plan would generate about \$700 billion over 10 years in net revenue, according to people familiar with the plan who described it ahead of the official announcement. They said that increase, which would yield money for Mr. Biden's proposed expansion of social-spending programs, would still represent about 10% of the taxes that are estimated to be owed by the uncollections.

The proposal would provide a steady funding source to the IRS, after years of flat or declining budgets forced steep cuts in the number of employees conducting audits and collecting money. Agency officials have said they need a multi-year commitment from Congress so they can hire and train enforcement staff and ramp up audits with less risk of lawmakers stopping such an initiative midway through. The money would let the IRS increase its enforcement staff by about 15% a year.

The Treasury Department's Please turn to page A2

Ranking the Hot Home Markets

The new Wall Street Journal/Realtor.com Emerging Housing Market Index identifies the top metro areas for buyers seeking an appreciating market and appealing amenities. **A6**



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3. Springfield, Ohio
4. Billings, Mont.
5. Spokane-Spokane Valley, Wash.
6. Lafayette-West Lafayette, Ind.
7. Reno, Nev.
8. Concord, N.H.
9. Manchester-Nashua, N.H.
10. Santa Cruz-Watsonville, Calif.

Chess Grandmasters Obsess Over Gambits, Endgames—and Chairs

Players return to tournament after hiatus with new moves and seating demands

BY ANDREW BEATON
AND JOSHUA ROBINSON

When Dutch chess champion Anish Giri sat down to resume the most bizarre tournament of his career this month in a biosecure hotel on the edge of Siberia, he didn't see just a deeply impressive grandmaster across the board from him. He also saw a deeply impressive chair—an enormous, green-leather-upholstered affair that held a

Russian with a man bun. "Maybe if I were the king, I'd be there," Mr. Giri, the No. 7 player in the world, said in a news conference last week. "But...I'm more modest."

Mr. Giri and a handful of the world's elite players had returned to Yekaterinburg, Russia, to resume the Candidates Tournament—the event that determines who will challenge current World Chess Champion Magnus Carlsen.



Sitting pretty

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In a Lockdown Year, Americans Moved

Big cities lost residents, suburbs gained, retirees went south as priorities shifted

The pandemic has spurred a burst of mobility that is accelerating changes in where and how Americans live. Some young people are

moving out aren't being replaced by fresh residents. Suburbs are emerging as the winners from these changes, marking the end of a decade-long growth trend for big cities. Companies intent on lowering overhead and retaining talent are opening offices there, and developers are adding amenities to keep entertainment dollars local.

In the largest cities, the changes are helping erase billions of dollars of annual property tax revenue and fueling a loss of jobs. Please turn to page A10

Beijing Probes Ant's Speedy IPO Approval

BY LINGLING WEI

Beijing is investigating how Jack Ma won speedy approvals for his Ant Group Co.'s stock listing last year, people with knowledge of the matter said, signaling that state actors are getting embroiled in the crackdown on the tech billionaire.

The investigation, which started early this year, focuses on regulators who green-lighted the initial public offering, local officials who advocated it and big state firms that stood to gain from it. Mr. Ma's relationships with these state stalwarts are being examined as part of the scrutiny, the people said.

The probe means uncertainty continues to loom over the future of Ant and controlling shareholder Mr. Ma. The usually flamboyant entrepreneur has kept a low profile since the IPO was stopped last-minute in November. He won't be allowed to leave China until Ant completes a business overhaul ordered by regulators and the government's investigation is over, the people said. In the eyes of China's top leadership, Ant's business model, in which lending is Please turn to page A6

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Under the counter

Dirty money and illicit goods from ivory to illegal TV — SPECIAL REPORT

China braced for population fall

◆ Census shows first drop in 60 years ◆ Beijing delays data release ◆ Big impact on economy

SUN YU — BEIJING

China is set to report its first population decline since the famine that accompanied the Great Leap Forward, Mao Zedong's disastrous economic policy in the late 1950s that caused the deaths of tens of millions of people.

The latest fall in population comes despite the relaxation of strict family planning policies that was meant to reverse the falling birth rate of the world's most populous country.

The latest Chinese census, completed in December but yet to be made public, is expected to report the total population at less than 1.4bn, according to people familiar with the research. In 2019, China's population was reported to have exceeded the 1.4bn mark.

Those people cautioned, however, that the figure was considered very sensitive and would not be released until several government departments had reached a consensus on the data.

"The census results will have a huge impact on how the Chinese people see their country and how various government departments work," said Huang Wenzheng, a fellow at the Center for China and Globalization, a Beijing-based think-tank. "They need to be handled very carefully."

The government was scheduled to release the census in early April. Liu Aihua, a spokesperson at the National Bureau of Statistics, said on April 16 that the delay was partly because of the need for "more preparation work" before the official announcement. The delay has been widely criticised on social media.

Local officials are also braced for the data's release. Chen Longgan, deputy director of Anhui province's statistics bureau, said in a meeting this month that officials should "set the agenda" for census interpretation and "pay close attention to public reaction".

Analysts said a decline would suggest that China's population could soon be exceeded by India's, estimated at 1.38bn. A fall in population could exact a heavy toll on the world's second-largest economy, affecting everything from consumption to care for the elderly.



An elderly woman piggybacks a boy along a street in Beijing — Reuters/APF



Official data showed that the number of newborns in China increased in 2016 but then fell for three consecutive years. Officials blamed the decline on a shrinking number of young women and the surging costs of child rearing.

China's birth rates have weakened even though Beijing relaxed its family planning policy in 2015, allowing all couples to have two children. The population expanded under the one-child policy introduced in the late 1970s, thanks to a bulging population of young people after the Communist revolution, as well as increased life expectancy.

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The Asia-focused bank has reported a first-quarter surge driven by an improving global outlook a year after coronavirus struck, allowing it to cut millions of dollars in loan loss reserves. — PAGE 4; LEX, PAGE 18

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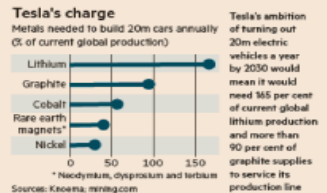


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Biden eases past 100 days but tax battle lies in wait

US president Joe Biden approaches tonight's joint address to Congress emboldened by passage of his \$1.9tn stimulus bill and a growing recovery on the back of a successful vaccination drive. But the political road will become a lot tougher in the next phase of his plan, in which he wants to pay for even more spending by sharply raising taxes on corporations and the wealthy. Today the FT begins a series on the first 100 days of the administration.

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Nomura and UBS losses from Archegos crash push lenders' total hit past \$10bn

LEO LEWIS — TOKYO
OWEN WALKER — LONDON

Bank losses from Archegos Capital's implosion have surpassed \$10bn, with Nomura yesterday reported a \$2.9bn hit and UBS revealed a \$861m loss from the debacle. The Japanese bank also suspended the head of its prime brokerage unit that serviced the hedge fund.

The collapse last month of the family office run by former hedge fund manager Bill Hwang is one of the most spectacular on Wall Street and has already resulted in losses of \$5.4bn for Credit Suisse and \$911m for Morgan Stanley. Japanese banks MUFG and Mizuho are set to report up to \$590m of losses, while Goldman Sachs and Wells Fargo, two other lenders to Archegos, escaped from the fallout relatively unscathed.

The incident has led to reexaminations

at the eight banks known to have offered tens of billions of dollars of leverage to Archegos and prompted investigations of their risk controls from regulators in the US, UK and Switzerland.

Executives at the banks have questioned whether Archegos was transparent enough in its dealings with the various counterparties, which increased their combined exposure.

Nomura's total hit of \$2.9bn from the implosion of Archegos was considerably greater than the approximately \$2bn loss that Japan's biggest brokerage initially flagged when the failure was first exposed last month. That sum drove the bank to its biggest quarterly loss since the 2008 global financial crisis.

Two people close to Nomura said that as a result of the Archegos incident, the company had indefinitely suspended Douglas Brech, its UK-based global head

of prime brokerage, the division that had nurtured Hwang as a client.

Meanwhile, Swiss bank UBS said yesterday it had lost \$774m from trades linked to Hwang's fund in the first three months of the year, and warned there would be a further \$87m of Archegos-related losses in the second quarter, adding up to \$861m. That marred an otherwise robust set of first-quarter earnings, with the bank's net profits rising 14 per cent from a year earlier to \$1.8bn.

Archegos's collapse has revived questions over whether Nomura's efforts to pursue overseas growth have prompted it to embrace more risk than it can handle. But the Japanese bank said yesterday it had conducted a full review of existing prime brokerage transactions and had confirmed there were "no other similar transactions".

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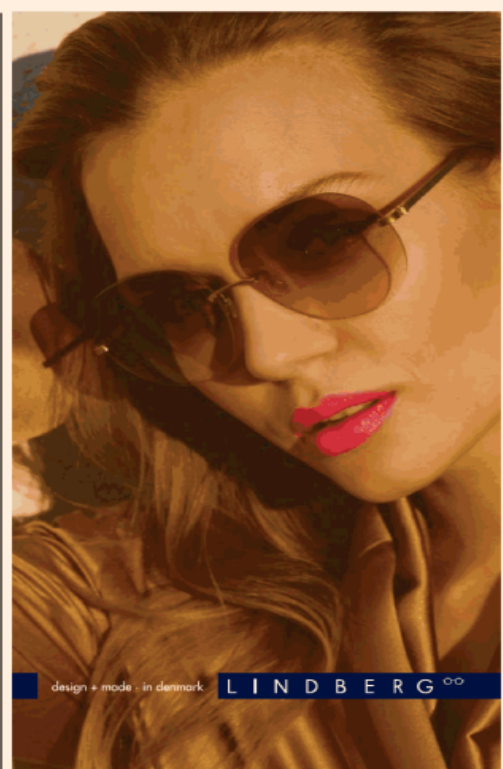
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S&P 500	4197.62	4197.62	0.00	\$ per £	1.208	1.208	0.00	US Gov 10 yr	147.35	1.59	0.02
Nasdaq Composite	14114.47	14138.26	-0.17	£ per \$	1.392	1.398	-0.43	UK Gov 10 yr	9.77	0.02	0.00
Dow Jones Ind	33920.51	33981.57	-0.03	¥ per €	0.888	0.870	2.00	Ger Gov 10 yr	-	-0.25	0.00
FTSEurofirst 300	1692.80	1693.28	-0.03	¥ per \$	108.460	108.085	0.34	Japan Gov 10 yr	116.71	0.08	0.01
Euro Stoxx 50	4006.24	4020.83	-0.36	¥ per £	150.922	150.158	0.51	US Gov 30 yr	107.67	2.27	0.03
FTSE 100	6944.97	6963.12	-0.26	SFr per €	1.163	1.104	5.33	Ger Gov 30 yr	106.32	-0.10	0.00
FTSE All-Share	3970.50	3983.59	-0.33	€ per \$	0.828	0.828	0.00				
CAC 40	6273.76	6275.52	-0.03								
Xetra Dax	15249.27	15298.34	-0.31								
Nikkei	28991.89	29178.23	-0.66								
Hang Seng	26941.54	26962.03	-0.04								
MSCI World \$	2996.13	2998.11	-0.34	Q1 WTI \$	62.43	61.91	0.84	Feed Futures E8	0.07	0.00	-0.01
MSCI EM \$	1360.64	1363.02	-0.56	Q1 Brent \$	65.95	65.65	0.46	US 3m bills	0.03	0.03	0.00
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Biden Seeking Stronger I.R.S. To Fund Goals

Aiming to Stop Evasion by Highest Earners

By JIM TANKERSLEY and ALAN RAPPEPORT

WASHINGTON — President Biden, looking to pay for his ambitious economic agenda and shift more of the nation's tax burden to the wealthy, will propose giving the Internal Revenue Service an extra \$80 billion and more authority over the next 10 years to help crack down on tax evasion by high-earners and large corporations.

The additional money and enforcement power will accompany new disclosure requirements for people who own businesses that are not organized as corporations — like many law firms and real estate partnerships — and for other high-earners who could be hiding income from the government. Mr. Biden's goal is to raise hundreds of billions of dollars to pay for child care, education and other programs while making it harder for high-earning Americans to evade or avoid taxes.

If the president is successful, individuals who earn more than \$400,000 a year would face a tax audit, regardless of how much income they report on their tax forms, a person familiar with the plan said.

Empowering the I.R.S. is one of several proposals that Mr. Biden will unveil when he addresses a joint session of Congress on Wednesday. His administration will portray that effort — coupled with new taxes it is proposing on corporations and the rich — as a way to level the tax playing field between typical American workers and very high-earners who employ sophisticated efforts to minimize or avoid taxation.

The \$80 billion, parceled out over 10 years, would be a nearly 70 percent increase over the agency's entire funding levels for the past decade. The administration estimates that that financial lift could net an additional \$700 billion in tax revenue over the next decade. Mr. Biden plans to use money raised by the effort to help pay for the cost of his "American Families Plan," which he will detail on Page A17.

Overhaul Nears In Military Law On Sex Assault

By JENNIFER STEINHAEUER

WASHINGTON — After decades of failing to curb sexual assault in the armed forces, lawmakers and Pentagon leaders are poised to make major changes in military laws that many experts have long argued stand in the way of justice.

A bill championed by Senator Kristen Gillibrand, Democrat of New York, would remove military commanders from a role in prosecuting service members for sexual assault and has gained support from scores of key members of Congress. Among them is Senator Joni Ernst, Republican of Iowa and a retired National Guard lieutenant colonel, who said her own experience with assault and her daughter's stories from West Point helped shift her views on the issue.

"I have been torn," Ms. Ernst said in an interview. "On the one hand, I was a commander in the National Guard and know how important that role is. But also, as a sexual assault survivor, I know we have to do more. I never really wanted to take this out of chain of command, but we are not seeing a difference."

Ms. Ernst's nod on a new bipartisan bill is a sign of progress.

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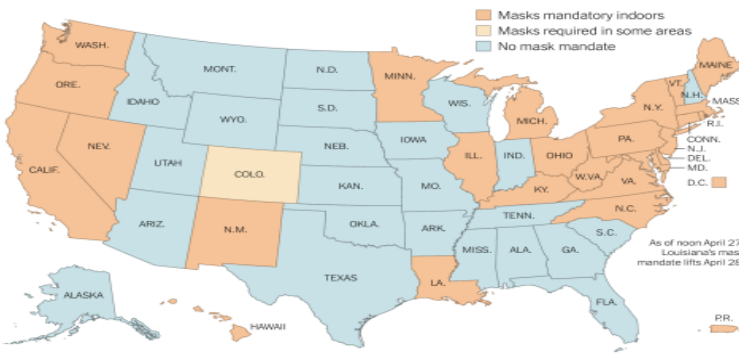
Hotels Plan Imperils Recovery
New York City leaders want to restrict hotel development, which experts fear could cost billions in tax dollars. PAGE A8

In India, Illness Is Everywhere
The Times's South Asia bureau chief describes living amid a virus spreading at a frightful scale and speed. PAGE A6



After Much Trial and Error, Still No Consensus on Mask Rules

Here is where states stood on mask mandates before the C.D.C. issued its guidance on Tuesday.



Source: New York Times survey of state governments

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With U.S. Exit, Afghan Forces Face a Reckoning

This article is by Thomas Gibbons-Neff, Najim Rahim and C. J. Chivers.

MAZAR-I-SHARIF, Afghanistan — The Taliban attack on a police outpost at the edge of the city began at dusk, with the muted chatter of machine-gun fire and the thud of explosions. The men under attack radioed Capt. Mohammed Fawad Saleh at his headquarters, several miles away, desperate for help.

The police captain replied that he would send more men, along with one can of machine-gun ammunition — 200 rounds, not enough for even a minute of intense fire.

"One can?" the voice on the other end of the radio responded, incredulously.

Ammunition shortages are just one of the serious and systemic issues plaguing soldiers and police officers who will soon have to defend Afghanistan — and themselves — without U.S. aircraft overhead or American troops on the ground.

"We're holding the weight of the war," Captain Saleh said as the attack unfolded in January. Yet one ammunition can was all he could spare.

President Biden's decision to withdraw from Afghanistan by Sept. 11, the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attacks that first propelled the United States into conflict, has prompted deep fears

After 20-Year Buildup, Outlook Is Grim

about the Afghan security forces' ability to defend what territory remains under government control. The attack on Captain Saleh's forces foretells a potential reckoning for the entire nation.

For nearly two decades, the United States and NATO have engaged in the nation-building pursuit of training, expanding and equipping Afghanistan's police,

army and air forces, spending tens of billions of dollars in an attempt to build government security forces that can safeguard their own country.

But interviews with two dozen security and government officials, military and police officers and militia commanders across the country describe a bleak result: Despite this enormous effort, the undertaking has only produced a troubled set of forces that are woefully unprepared for facing the Taliban, or any other threat, on their own.

What comes next is anything but certain.

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A policeman in Mazar-i-Sharif. The U.S. has been training and aiding Afghanistan's police and military for nearly two decades.

C.D.C. Relaxes Its Rules On Mask Use Outdoors For the Fully Inoculated

Some States Move to Loosen Mandates

SHERYL GAY STOLBERG and RONI CARYN RABIN

WASHINGTON — The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention took a major step on Tuesday toward coaxing Americans into a post-pandemic world, relaxing the rules on mask wearing outdoors as coronavirus cases recede and people increasingly chafe against restrictions.

The mask guidance is modest and carefully written: Americans who are fully vaccinated against the coronavirus no longer need to wear a mask outdoors while walking, running, hiking or biking alone, or when in small gatherings, including with members of their own households. Masks are still necessary in crowded outdoor venues like sports stadiums, the C.D.C. said.

But President Biden hailed it as a landmark moment in the pandemic, wearing a mask as he approached the lectern on a warm spring day on the White House grounds — and pointedly keeping it off as he walked back into the White House when he was done.

"Go get the shot. It's never been easier," Mr. Biden said. "And once you're fully vaccinated, you can go without a mask when you're outside and away from big crowds."

The C.D.C. stopped short of telling even fully vaccinated people that they could shed their masks outdoors altogether — citing the worrying risk that remains for transmitting the coronavirus, unknown vaccination levels among people in crowds and the still-high caseloads in some regions of the country. The guidance also cautioned even vaccinated people against going without masks in medium-size outdoor gatherings.

But even the C.D.C.'s director, Dr. Rochelle Walensky, emphasized a more expansive interpretation, telling reporters at a White House briefing, "We no longer feel that the vaccinated people require masks outdoors." The guidance also cautioned against large public venues, such as concerts, stadiums and things like that."

The order had immediate ripple effects in the states. Governors in

California, New York, Louisiana, Maine and Massachusetts all relaxed outdoor mask mandates after the C.D.C.'s announcement. In Tennessee, Gov. Bill Lee, a Republican, went much further, ignoring the federal government's advice as he declared it was "time for celebrations and weddings and conventions and parades and proms" to take place "without limits on gathering sizes."

On Capitol Hill, a group of Republican lawmakers who are also medical professionals released an advertisement on Tuesday encouraging vaccination, in which they appeared wearing white coats with stethoscopes draped around their necks. Senator Roger Marshall, a freshman Republican from Kansas and a medical doctor, told viewers that the reason to get vaccinated was simple: "So we can throw away our masks, and live life as free as before."

Mr. Marshall, who organized the effort, said it was based on research conducted by Frank Luntz, a Republican pollster working to reduce vaccine hesitancy among conservatives. In an interview, Mr. Luntz said Mr. Biden's announcement was a positive step, and could give people who are re-

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The president hailed the move.

How Blunders By Newsom Led To a Recall Vote

By SHAWN HUBLER and JENNIFER MEDINA

SACRAMENTO — For all the controversies and Covid-19 crises that now have Gov. Gavin Newsom of California facing a recall election, it was a pair of prosaic events on Nov. 6 — a court hearing and a dinner — that led to the current political instability that will grip the state for months to come.

That Friday morning, a Sacramento Superior Court judge gave a small cadre of conservative Republicans four additional months to gather signatures for a petition to recall Mr. Newsom. The state felt the governor had such a compelling case that its lawyers did not even show up for oral arguments against the recall proponents, who said Mr. Newsom's pandemic restrictions had "severely inhibited" their ability to collect the nearly 1.5 million signatures required.

Then, that night, Mr. Newsom and his wife celebrated the birthday of Jason Kinney, a Sacramento lobbyist and longtime friend and adviser. The governor had recently urged residents to stay home and fears of a holiday-season virus outbreak — but there he was in Napa Valley, schmoozing maskless at the French Laundry.

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When the Right Writes, a Storm For Publishers

By ELIZABETH A. HARRIS and ALEXANDRA ALTER

Things were already strained at Simon & Schuster.

After backing out of a deal with Senator Josh Hawley, a prominent supporter of former President Donald J. Trump, the company announced this month that it would publish two books by former Vice President Mike Pence. Dan Canedy, who joined Simon & Schuster as publisher last year, called Mr. Pence's memoir "the definitive book on one of the most consequential presidencies in American history." That's when much of the staff erupted in protest.

On Monday, editors and other employees at Simon & Schuster delivered a petition to management demanding an end to the deal, with signatures from more than 200 employees and 3,500 outside supporters, including Simon & Schuster authors such as Jesmyn Ward and Scott Westerfeld.

Most were probably not aware that the company has also signed the former Trump adviser Kellyanne Conway, according to people familiar with the matter — a move that is sure to throw gas on the fire.

In another era, book deals with

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Extremists Move to Twitch
Far-right influencers, many barred from other social media, get thousands of dollars by broadcasting misinformation on the streaming site. PAGE B1

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The popular cooking website will not publish new beef recipes over concerns about climate change. PAGE B1

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Kendrick Carmouche, the rare Black jockey to ride in the Kentucky Derby, wants to win for his "Pops." PAGE B7

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Returning to Reality TV
In "The Big Shot With Bethenny," millennial strivers will compete to help Ms. Frankel run a business. PAGE C2



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Former employees of the Willows Inn say they experienced harassment from an abusive kitchen there. PAGE D1

A Giant Global Recipe Swap
Though it hasn't caught on in America, the recipe-sharing site Cookpad has been a hit elsewhere. PAGE D1

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AN UNMASKED group enjoys the sun on the boardwalk Tuesday at Redondo Beach. U.S. officials feel a sense of urgency to get the public vaccinated before more dangerous coronavirus variants take hold and spread. **GARY CORONADO** Los Angeles Times

ANALYSIS

CDC's take: Vaccination equals liberty

New mask guidelines say those who've had their shots can return to almost-normal life.

By **AMINA KHAN**
AND **KAREN KAPLAN**

In the eyes of U.S. health officials, there are two groups of people; those who are vaccinated against COVID-19 and those who are not. And they're stepping up their efforts to get unvaccinated Americans to switch sides.

New guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention regarding when people can safely shed their masks make the benefits of vaccination abundantly clear. Instead of focusing on the serious and potentially deadly risk of COVID-19 to those who aren't immunized, they emphasize the extent to which those who are can return to an almost-normal life.

"Over the past year we have spent a lot of time telling Americans what they cannot do, what they should not do," Dr. Rochelle Walensky, director of the CDC, said in a briefing Tuesday. "Today I'm going to tell you some of the things you can do — if you are fully vaccinated."

Walensky painted a detailed picture of the greater freedom vaccinated Americans can safely enjoy compared with their unvaccinated peers. She and other health officials hoped that doing so would incentivize those who haven't yet rolled

up their sleeves to change their minds and get their shots.

"If you are fully vaccinated, things are much safer for you than those who are not yet fully vaccinated," Walensky said, emphasizing the divide. "This guidance will help you, your family, and your neighbors make decisions based on the latest science and allow you to safely get back to things you love to do."

The upside of immunization includes outdoor reunions with extended family and al fresco dining with friends — all without wearing a mask.

With a mask, vaccinated people can safely attend crowded concerts and sporting events, watch a movie inside a real theater, and take a high-intensity exercise class. None of these activities are considered safe for people who aren't vaccinated.

President Biden, who got his first dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine in December, spelled out his [See Vaccine, A6]

Amid pandemic, companies gave big amounts to Newsom's causes

Behest payments totaling \$226 million raise questions of corporate influence.

By **MELODY GUTIERREZ**
AND **MALORY MOORE**

SACRAMENTO — Facebook, Google and Blue Shield of California are among the companies that contributed \$226 million to government causes on Gov. Gavin Newsom's behalf last year, an unprecedented level of spending that is raising alarms about the influence large corporations are amassing in Sacramento.

State records reviewed

by The Times show that so-called "behest payments" surged in 2020 compared with the year prior, when companies gifted \$121 million on Newsom's behalf. The governor's haul last year during the COVID-19 pandemic was six times as much as that reported by the preceding governor, Jerry Brown, during his final eight years in office combined.

With no limit on how much money can be donated by organizations or individuals at the behest of the governor, millions of dollars flowed in to prop up public services during the pandemic and fund Newsom's favored programs, including an effort to address homelessness and a public safety

campaign promoting the importance of wearing masks.

The corporations say they were simply trying to help the state in a time of need. But no matter how noble the cause, critics fear the donations could allow corporations to hold more sway in state government. They noted that many of the donors have other business before the governor, received no-bid government contracts over the last year or were seeking appointments on important state boards, circumstances they say create the appearance of a pay-to-play system.

"It calls into question whether companies are getting special access and spe-

cial decisions because they are giving tens of millions of dollars," said Jamie Court, president of the advocacy group Consumer Watchdog.

Under California law, a donation is considered a behest payment when an elected official or someone acting on the official's behalf asks an organization to donate money or services to a nonprofit or government agency for a legislative, governmental or charitable purpose, such as supplying free airtime to run public health ads or giving cash to the governor's program promoting volunteerism. General requests for charitable donations not directed at any particular organization are [See Donations, A12]

FAMILY KEY TO BIDEN'S NEXT PLANS

He'll roll out package to help children, boost education and more in a speech to Congress.

By **ELI STOKOLS**

WASHINGTON — President Biden is proposing an ambitious \$1.8-trillion, 10-year plan to subsidize American families' education, child care, health insurance and job leave costs — an investment in workers intended to complement his earlier call for infrastructure spending and much more, to rebuild an economy hobbled by pandemic and economic inequality.

The "American Families Plan," which Biden will describe in a prime-time address to a joint session of Congress on Wednesday, would subsidize two years of preschool and two years of community college for low- and middle-income families. It would also extend a number of tax credits and benefits to working families, while raising taxes on the wealthy to cover the costs.

Coming just weeks after his proposal to invest about \$2 trillion in the nation's deteriorating roads, bridges, airports and railways, it adds up to a \$4-trillion-plus program in the coming decade — a Rooseveltian domestic policy agenda aimed at accelerating economic recovery and leveling the playing field.

The latest package would be paid for in part by turning back some Trump-era tax cuts for wealthy individuals, much like Biden's call for higher corporate taxes to finance the infrastructure plans.

The two packages face GOP opposition, for both their costs and the proposed tax increases, but Republicans are especially likely to [See Families Plan, A7]

State ethnic studies program blasted as 'hate for America'

O.C. opponents say the coursework sows divisions; experts say it's necessary for overcoming them.

By **HAYLEY SMITH**

California's new ethnic studies curriculum is being put to an early test in Orange County, where organizers are riling up parents in the Los Alamitos Unified School District to oppose elective coursework and materials they say promote divisive, anti-white rhetoric.

"These courses are filled with hate for America and all America stands for," opponents wrote in a letter to the Los Alamitos community, adding that the curriculum

"teaches children that America is based on white supremacy and that white people are racists, even if they don't know it."

The ethnic studies model curriculum — which is intended to help educators develop classes that guide students through the histories, struggles and contributions of Asian, Black, Latino and Native American communities, among other groups — was unanimously approved in March by the state Board of Education after nearly two years of discussions, protests and rewrites.

But the lessons hailed by state Board of Education President Linda Darling-Hammond as a path to helping students "understand the forces that stand in the way of our shared humanity" are prompting some in Los [See Curriculum, A7]

Medical students worn out in India

The workers are the bulwark of the nation's COVID-19 response. They are underpaid and getting sick. **WORLD, A3**

Lawmakers work on police reform

Negotiators in Congress seek a compromise bill. Officer immunity is a key hurdle. **NATION, A5**

Episcopal bishop was a crusader

J. Jon Bruno, former leader of the Los Angeles Diocese, dies at 74. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Weather
Sunny and warmer, L.A. Basin: 79/61. **B10**



MSGR. Franco Coppola, center, of the Vatican visits Aguillilla, Mexico, this month. The town is a key hub for the production of U.S.-bound meth.

A TOWN TRAPPED IN CARTEL WAR

In Aguillilla, Mexico, gang turf battles have blocked access to food, medical care and other necessities

By **PATRICK J. McDONNELL**
AND **CECILIA SANCHEZ**

APATZINGÁN, Mexico — The town of Aguillilla, situated deep in one of Mexico's most lawless regions, made news this month when eight headless bodies were dumped there.

Three weeks later, it is at war. Hardly anybody enters or leaves — at least not without the permission of rival gangs that have blocked the roads.

In telephone interviews and in social media postings, trapped residents described a community living in terror of armed thugs who stroll the streets and

shoot at one another. Some shops remain open, residents said, but the food supply is dwindling and there is no access to hospitals.

"If the groups want to keep fighting among themselves, that's their problem," said Father Gilberto Vergara, the parish priest. "But this situation is suffocating us."

The priest has publicly called on the gangs to let townsfolk travel to the nearest city — Apatzingán, a two-hour drive northeast — for food, medical care and gasoline, and to be able to sell their produce and cattle.

At the root of the mayhem is a [See Mexico, A4]

POLITICS

The first 100 days: Biden's handling of the pandemic, the economy, racial strife, border crossings and more. **SPECIAL SECTION**



KIDSPOST

Young poets focus their thoughts on a year like no other. **SPECIAL SECTION**



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Pursuit of police accountability often stalled by law enforcement

Civilian oversight frequently starts out weak, hobbled by officer unions and politicians

BY NICOLE DUNGA
AND JENN ABELSON

When the Justice Department in 2012 began investigating Albuquerque police, it found a department unaccountable to the city it served.

Over four years, police had fatally shot 20 people, including a mentally ill Hispanic man struck three times in the back outside his home. Justice officials discovered a pattern of unconstitutional and excessive use of force and a civilian oversight office that had "simply been too forgiving of the department's use of deadly force."

Federal authorities demanded a wide range of reforms from the city — including a new civilian oversight agency with greater authority.

But many in Albuquerque fought change at every turn: The police union sued to block the new agency and later demanded the resignation of an agency board member who pushed

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Jerry Threat, a former oversight official in Sonoma County, Calif., campaigns in October for the independent agency's powers to be expanded.

to tighten the police department's use-of-force policy. The city council took four years to give the agency stronger subpoena power for its investigations. And veteran police officials pushed back against efforts to increase scrutiny of the department's use of force, creating a backlog of investigations that has prevented the agency and its board from completing their reviews of most fatal shootings.

"This was supposed to be the [board] that wasn't dysfunctional, and it ends up being just as dysfunctional, just as ineffective as the prior iteration," said Chelsea Van Deventer, the board member who was targeted by the union.

The struggle in New Mexico's largest city illustrates the challenge of asking civilians to check police powers. Police nationwide have frequently defied efforts to impose civilian oversight and, in turn, undermined the ability of communities to hold law enforcement accountable, according to a Washington Post

SEE POLICE ON A6

Fully vaccinated can go maskless outside, CDC says

COVERINGS NEEDED IN CROWDED SETTINGS

Guidance is also loosened for unvaccinated outdoors

BY LENA H. SUN

Federal health officials said Tuesday that fully vaccinated people can go without masks outdoors when walking, jogging or biking, or dining with friends at outdoor restaurants — a milestone development for tens of millions of pandemic-weary Americans after more than a year of masking up and locking down.

President Biden touted the relaxation of restrictions as another reason for people to get vaccinated, urging them to move forward not just to protect themselves and those around them but also so they can live more normally, by "getting together with friends, going to the park for a picnic without needing a mask."

Biden had set July 4 as a target for when people could get together for backyard picnics with a

sense of normalcy, and both the new mask guidance and his remarks were geared to encouraging people to continue getting the shots.

"I... want to thank everyone who has gotten the vaccine for doing your patriotic duty and helping us get on the path to Independence Day," Biden said in remarks on the North Lawn of the White House. He arrived at the lectern wearing a mask. He returned to the White House without one, saying he didn't have to put it on until he got back into the building.

The latest guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention comes as more than 52 percent of eligible people in the United States have gotten at least one shot, but the pace of inoculations appears to be slowing in the

SEE MASKS ON A4

In India, 'defeated by an incompetent system'

Covid patients dying as families face host of obstacles to finding care

BY JOANNA SLATER,
NIHA MASHI
AND SHAMS Irfan

NEW DELHI — When Rehmat Ahsan began to have trouble breathing last week, his family went from hospital to hospital in India's capital looking for a bed in a covid-19 ward. Everywhere they tried was full.

Then they started a new search — for the oxygen that might save his life.

Ahsan's older brother said he

found an oxygen cylinder from a private vendor for \$350, five times the normal price. It lasted eight hours. When he tried to refill the cylinder, he found hundreds of people waiting in line.

By the time he found more oxygen several hours later, Ahsan was struggling for every breath. Later that afternoon, he died at home.

"He was a strong man, a fighter who was defeated by an incompetent system," said Mohammed Rizwan Alam, his elder brother. He believes that his brother, a 49-year-old shopkeeper and father of two daughters, would still be alive had he received proper care.

In India's devastating second wave of coronavirus infections, patients and their families are on

SEE INDIA ON A12

Neurotech firms selling more than mind games

Start-ups see future for brain-computer interface in productivity, health

BY DALVIN BROWN

Ramsey Alcaide has spent over a decade thinking about thinking. As a PhD student at the University of Michigan in 2015, he developed a brain-computer interface that would allow people to control software and physical objects with their thoughts. Today, that interface is behind plans by a Boston-based start-up, Neuralink, to begin shipping a set of brain-sensing headphones to let you know when you're poised for peak productivity.

Using your thoughts to make things happen in the real world was once a thing of science fiction. Now, it's moving into reality, and Neuralink's interface is just one of the products companies are trying to develop that would usher in a consumer revolution in

electronics.

Already, brain tech allows players to manipulate avatars in video games by concentrating on parts of the screen. And Facebook last month revealed plans to interpret your intent to move a finger to trigger digital commands.

Researchers think these advances might lead to the next big tech revolution — giving human beings essentially a sixth sense: If you think it, a computer can capture it, display it and even say it aloud. Think of it as tech-booster telekinesis, enabling you to type with your mind, share your thoughts without speaking or navigate the Internet solely by focusing on where you want to go.

The potential ramifications of that reality concern some ethicists. They note that there are no laws regulating how brain tech can be applied to consumer products and that no one controls what tech companies do with the information they scoop up from your brain.

Some say that as things advance, it might even be possible

SEE BRAIN ON A15

Black women, empowered

For Pr. George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks, fostering leaders is part of the agenda



Prince George's County Executive Angela D. Alsobrooks (D), fourth from left, with members of her team. From left are Joy Russell, chief of staff; Tara Jackson, chief administrative officer; Rhonda Weaver, county attorney; Alsobrooks; Tiffany Green, fire chief; Gina Ford, communications director; Monica E. Goldson, schools chief; and Angie Rodgers, economic development chief.

BY RACHEL CHASON,
KATIE METTLER
AND AMBER FERGUSON

The hallway was lined with sharply dressed Black women, awaiting the new administration's first cabinet meeting.

Who are they, the deputy fire chief wondered that December day in 2018. She had attended such sessions for eight years but had never seen the foyer look like this. As the women took their seats at the table, she read their names and titles. These women, she realized, were in charge.

There was the county attorney, used to seeing the shock in her clients' eyes when they learned a Black woman was representing them. The head of community relations, who wanted to touch poor communities like the one in which she had grown up. The chief of staff, who built a high-profile career by pushing past doubts about whether she was ready to handle the work.

At the head of the table was County Executive Angela D.

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Boca solo suma victorias en la Copa Libertadores

Dos jugadores, dos ganados: la mejor cosecha xeneize en el comienzo del torneo, que anoche derrotó 2-0 a Santos con goles de Tevez y del colombiano Villa. **Deportes**



LA OTRA EPIDEMIA: YA HUBO 72 FEMICIDIOS EN LO QUE VA DEL AÑO

—seguridad

Las cifras muestran que la violencia de género no tiene freno; expertos advierten que el Estado no usa todas las herramientas para dar una respuesta eficaz. **Página 24**

ZULMA FAIAD: "ANTES FUI GEISHA; AHORA, UNA MUJER INDEPENDIENTE"

—espectáculos

La pandemia truncó su regreso al teatro, pero habló con LA NACION del abuso, la política, el amor, de *Floricienta* y de sus épocas de vedette.

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El Gobierno y la Ciudad intentan un acuerdo para fijar nuevas restricciones

CORONAVIRUS. Ayer se registró la cifra más alta de internados en terapia intensiva

El gobierno de Alberto Fernández, la provincia y la ciudad de Buenos Aires retomaron ayer el diálogo para consensuar nuevas medidas de restricción a partir del sábado próximo, cuando venza el DNU vigente.

Durante poco más de una hora, el jefe de Gabinete, Santiago Cafiero, repasó en la Casa Rosada la situa-

ción junto a sus pares porteño, Felipe Miguel, y bonaerense, Carlos Bianco. Más allá de las diferencias de criterio, las posiciones parecen acercarse mientras la ocupación de las camas de terapia intensiva y los contagios se reproducen de manera constante en el área metropolitana.

Ayer, se registró la cifra más alta de

infectados de Covid-19 internados en unidades de terapia intensiva (UTI) desde el inicio de la pandemia. El Ministerio de Salud de la Nación informó que ese número llegó a 5134 y superó la marca más alta, de 5119, registrada el 1° de noviembre de 2020. A la vez, se reportaron 25.495 nuevos casos y 516 muertos. **Página 2**

Vizotti retomó el contacto con Pfizer

Hugo Alconada Mon y José Costa **Página 3**

Obesidad: los riesgos de suspender cirugías

Fabiola Czuba **Página 8**

EL ANÁLISIS

La Argentina podría estar ya inmunizada

Joaquín Morales Solá

—LA NACION—

El laboratorio Pfizer le ofreció a la Argentina 13,3 millones de dosis de su vacuna a partir de diciembre pasado, según contó un funcionario del área de Salud que pidió el anonimato. Una disputa legal que el Gobierno no supo frenar en el Congreso alejó la posibilidad de que llegara al país la que es considerada una de las mejores vacunas contra el Covid-19 que se inventaron hasta ahora. El fondo Covax, de la Organización Mundial de la Salud, que almacena vacunas de primer nivel, ofreció hasta 25 millones de dosis, pero el gobierno argentino solo contrató 2,5 millones (es decir, el 10 por ciento), aseguró ese mismo funcionario. Continúa en la página 4

No se detiene la sucesión de piquetes en medio de la pandemia

—política

Una nueva protesta ocupó ayer el centro de la ciudad de Buenos Aires para exigir aumentos en los planes; desde fines de marzo, todas las semanas se repiten reclamos de agrupaciones sociales.

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TOMÁS CUESTA

El oficialismo no tiene aún los votos para apartar al procurador

JUSTICIA. La Casa Rosada busca modificar la ley de Ministerio Público

A pesar de la presión del ministro de Justicia, Martín Soria, y de los cambios prometidos, el kirchnerismo no tiene todavía los votos necesarios para aprobar la reforma de la ley de Ministerio Público que le permitiría desplazar al actual procurador interino, Eduardo Casal.

El oficialismo, según reconstruyó LA NACION, debería sumar el apoyo de otros seis diputados opositores para alcanzar el quórum que necesita para sesionar en la Cámara de Diputados y para aprobar el proyecto, que tiene media sanción del Senado. **Página 12**

Vaca Muerta: pactan con estatales y ceden los cortes

PARO. Continúa el rechazo de los autoconvocados

Tras 21 días de cortes de rutas, el gobierno de Neuquén llegó ayer a un nuevo acuerdo paritario con la Asociación Trabajadores del Estado (ATE) en el que se comprometió

a un aumento salarial del 53,09%, que se pagará durante este año. Varios cortes de rutas fueron levantados, pero el personal de salud autoconvocado se resiste. **Página 16**

El blanqueo, un factor que empuja la suba del dólar blue

ALZA. Aumentó \$3 ayer y casi \$20 desde el lunes 19

El blanqueo de capitales con el que el Gobierno pretende fomentar la construcción alienta el pase de pesos a dólares en el mercado negro y con eso da más impulso a la ca-

rrera alcista del blue, que continúa subiendo. Ayer, el paralelo avanzó \$3, a \$161, y sumó \$19 desde el lunes 19. La brecha con el dólar oficial está arriba del 70%. **Página 17**

Diretor de fundo da Sputnik diz que Anvisa é mentirosa

Diretor do fundo que financiou a russa Sputnik V, Kirill Dmitriev classificou a rejeição à importação da vacina pela Anvisa como resultado de possível pressão política orquestrada pelos EUA. Ele chamou a agência de antiprofissional e mentirosa por barrar o produto. Saúde B2

Saúde põe gestante e puérpera em grupo prioritário

Saúde B1

Vacinação no Brasil

% da população vacinada*

	2ª dose	1ª dose
Brasil	8,7	18,8
RS	9,3	24,3
MS	10,1	22,9
ES	7,3	21,4

Cobertura da primeira dose*



Números da pandemia

	Casos	Óbitos
Total	14,4 mi	395,3 mil
27.abr**	56,5 mil	2.399
Varição***	-20,2%	-21,4%
Em 24 h	76,1 mil	3.120

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Dados das 20h de 27.abr *Acima de 18 anos **Média móvel de 7 dias ***Em relação a 14 dias

João Batista Natali É lindo viver após deixar de existir

Eu deixei de existir por 21 dias, sobrevivendo como um enorme repolho inerte e intubado na UTL. De concreto existem só os delírios que chegam junto com o despertar. Se o vírus tivesse me levado, eu não estaria aqui para ouvir músicas e ler romances. Como é lindo viver. Saúde B4

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Especial conta a histórias de dez companhias que atravessam o século, equilibrando tradição e inovação. Ao sobreviverem a guerras e resistirem a crises, encaram o desafio de olhar adiante e preservar seu legado. p.1



Renan abre fogo contra o governo na CPI da Covid

Após Planalto falhar em tirá-lo do posto, relator fala em punir culpados e pede apuração sobre vacina



Renan Calheiros passa atrás de Flávio Bolsonaro, que criticava o emedebista em entrevista

Em derrota para o Palácio do Planalto, Renan Calheiros (MDB-AL) foi indicado relator da CPI da Covid, instalada ontem, após seguidas tentativas de aliados de Jair Bolsonaro de minar a comissão, cuja duração inicial será de 90 dias — prorrogável por igual período.

O senador fez discurso com recados à gestão federal e ataques ao negacionismo. Disse que os culpados devem ser punidos "emblematicamente". "O erro não é atenuante, é própria tradução da morte", afirmou.

Caberá a Renan elaborar o plano de trabalho, definir cronograma e preparar o documento final da CPI, no qual poderá pedir o indiciamento de membros e ex-membros do governo.

Renan propôs a solicitação de todos os processos de aquisições de vacinas pelo Ministério da Saúde.

Ele também quer que sejam convocados Marcelo Queiroga e os três ministros que o antecederam. Luiz Henrique Mandetta seria o primeiro, já na terça (4).

O senador Flávio Bolsonaro (Republicanos-RJ) chamou de "ingrato" o presidente da Casa, Rodrigo Pacheco (DEM-MG), eleito com apoio do Planalto, por ter instalado a comissão sem consultar colegas. Para ele, membros da CPI estão fazendo "política rasteira e barata". Poder A4, A6 e A8

Entenda as 23 acusações previstas pelo governo na comissão do Senado A8

Mercado A26

UOL faz 25 anos

O UOL, que nasceu Universo Online em 1996, completa hoje 25 anos apostando em produção de vídeo e em monetização de conteúdo. Com 109 milhões de usuários por mês, detém a terceira maior audiência da internet brasileira.

Delfim Netto

A traição do Congresso

No Orçamento acotovelaram-se R\$ 49 bi em emendas parlamentares, mais de R\$ 30 bi delas de caráter não obrigatório, em detrimento de maior espaço às urgências da população pelos efeitos da pandemia. Por interesses menores, não couberam as necessidades maiores. Opinião A2

“O chinês inventou o vírus, e a vacina dele é menos efetiva que a do americano”

Paulo Guedes ministro da Economia, em reunião do Conselho de Saúde Suplementar B3

Em áudio, general da Casa Civil afirma que tomou dose escondido A6

Sob pressão, Guedes altera postos-chave da Economia

O ministro Paulo Guedes decidiu alterar nomes centrais da Economia para melhorar tanto o desempenho de sua equipe como a relação com a classe política, após desgastes na formulação do Orçamento.

As mudanças incluem a troca no comando da Secretaria Especial da Fazenda.

Nesse que é o principal braço do ministério, sai Waldey Rodrigues e entra Bruno Funchal, atual secretário do Tesouro Nacional.

O ministro negou à imprensa ter cedido a pressões políticas. Ao lado de Waldey, elogiou seu trabalho. Ele deve ser convidado a continuar na pasta. Mercado A21



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ALTA DE VIOLÊNCIA DOMÉSTICA FAZ PM CRIAR PATRULHA MARIA DA PENHA

Cabos Davi e Roberta atendem vítima de agressão em Osasco; com explosão de denúncias durante a pandemia, agentes visitam e orientam mulheres em São Paulo como parte do programa que começou a ser implementado nesta semana Cotidiano B6

Ilustrada B10

Samuel Beckett e seus personagens em situações-limite sintetizam era Covid

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Para José Roberto Guimarães, não dá para fazer Jogos de qualquer maneira

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Acerca de reconhecimento do genocídio armênio.

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Uninove tem bens bloqueados por suposta corrupção

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Mulher morre após ser agredida a marretadas no Metrô de SP B6

Bruno Covas recebe alta após 12 dias, mas deve evitar agendas B7

Presidente assina MPs para corte de jornada e salário

Jair Bolsonaro assinou medidas provisórias para que regras trabalhistas sejam flexibilizadas novamente diante da piora da pandemia. Com isso, será recriado o programa que permite corte de jornada e salários de trabalhadores, além da suspensão temporária de contratos. Mercado A22

Em cem dias, Biden ousa e busca legado duradouro

Nos primeiros cem dias de seu governo, completados amanhã, Joe Biden sinalizou desejo de ser um dos presidentes mais transformadores da história dos EUA. Para isso, porém, ele precisa fazer com que propostas ousadas virem marcas permanentes, reformulando o país. Mundo A17

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Foco na política externa pode acabar diluído A17

Análise Patrícia C. Mello

Paquetes ressuscitam Estado provedor A18

EUA facilitam entrada de aluno e jornalista no país

Mundo A19



Al cierre de jornada se produjeron incidentes con familiares de ancianos

Masiva asistencia sorprende desorganizados a vacunatorios

Abuelitos formaron filas por horas y muchos se quedaron sin recibir sus dosis. Personas que no estaban agendadas lo mismo recibieron las vacunas contra el Covid.

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Hospital de Trinidad. Un viacrucis tuvieron que pasar adultos mayores al intentar recibir la dosis por la ineficiencia de Salud.

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URGEN LAS VACUNAS

2.212.000

Población
vulnerable a
inmunizar

4.224.000

Dosis
necesarias para
vulnerables

417.400

Dosis
recibidas

93.190

Personas
vacunadas

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« Sans la liberté de blâmer, il n'est point d'éloge flatteur » Beaumarchais



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ses 100 premiers jours
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Joe Biden, 100 jours de présidence hyperactive

Le 46^e président des États-Unis a débuté son mandat à bride abattue, avec un plan massif de vaccination et des mesures de relance plus radicales que ne s'y attendait le pays.

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Spéculations sur un remaniement après les élections régionales

Neuf ministres sont en campagne pour les régionales. Deux régions, le Centre-Val de Loire avec Marc Fesneau et la Nouvelle-Aquitaine avec Genevieve Darrieussecq, consti-

tuent les espoirs de conquête pour la majorité. Mais le défi sera de taille. Ailleurs, LREM ne peut espérer obtenir des fonctions exécutives qu'en cas d'alliance. **PAGES 4 ET 5**



Les destructions d'emplois restent limitées en France malgré la crise

Le nombre de chômeurs inscrits à Pôle emploi est resté quasiment stable au premier trimestre 2021. Alors qu'au début de la crise on prévoyait jusqu'à 1 million de personnes

supplémentaires au chômage, les destructions d'emploi sont restées contenues à 224 000 en un an, grâce au dispositif d'activité partielle déployé par le gouvernement. **PAGES 20 ET 21**

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La surprise Biden

Joe Biden devait n'être qu'un président de transition, autant dire de passage. Un vieux monsieur sans doute sympathique, mais gaffeur et déconnecté, dont on pouvait tout juste espérer qu'il ramène le calme – peut-être au prix de l'enlèvement – dans une Amérique laissée au bord de la guerre civile par l'ouragan Donald Trump. En aucun cas on ne devait s'attendre à un réformateur, encore moins à un visionnaire. Mais, surprise ! Bardé de quarante-quatre ans de vie publique (six mandats de sénateur et deux de vice-président), le cheval de retour a vu dans la crise du coronavirus à la fois une exigence et une occasion historiques : la nécessité de prendre les choses en main au plus haut niveau de l'État lui offre une chance de mettre en œuvre sa conception de la politique – régulatrice et réformatrice au nom de l'intérêt commun. Joe Biden a appris de longue date qu'en démocratie la condition du succès est de gouverner pour la classe moyenne. Ses 100 premiers jours à la Maison-Blanche ont ainsi donné lieu à un tourbillon inattendu d'initiatives. Bénéficiant des investissements de son prédécesseur dans la production de vaccins, il a déployé une logistique de guerre

pour administrer plus de 200 millions de doses en trois mois. Avec une majorité étroite au Congrès – et sans une voix républicaine –, il a imposé son « plan de sauvetage de l'Amérique » à 1900 milliards de dollars, lancé un « plan pour des emplois américains » de 2200 milliards sur huit ans, avant de dévoiler ce mercredi soir un « plan pour les familles américaines » chiffré à 1000 milliards de dotations et 500 milliards de crédits d'impôt pour l'éducation et la santé. « Au secours, la gauche revient ! », s'écrit la droite américaine devant les dépenses du président, ses engagements climatiques, son angélisme migratoire à la frontière mexicaine et les hausses fiscales annoncées pour les entreprises et les plus hauts revenus. L'activisme de Joe Biden surprend jusqu'aux élus républicains, qui cherchent encore la parade. Pour l'heure, il reste soutenu par une majorité d'Américains, mais attention aux pièges de l'euphorie ! Sa réussite se mesurera bien au-delà de 100 jours d'audace. ■

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PM urged to come clean about cash for No 10 revamp

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Boris Johnson is being urged by senior Tories to come clean about the funding of his flat refurbishment as it emerged that a former Labour chancellor refused to join a trust overseeing Downing Street upkeep out of concerns it could lead to a cash-for-access scandal.

The prime minister faced growing disquiet from within his own party yesterday over allegations that he was loaned £58,000 from Conservative party funds while being seen to personally foot the bill for renovations of his Downing Street residence.

Reports have alleged that the refurbishment was initially paid for by a donation from a Tory peer and donor, Lord Brownlow, to Conservative campaign headquarters (CCHQ), which then loaned the money to Johnson.

No 10 has insisted that "Conservative party funds are not being used to pay for the Downing Street flat" but have not denied the existence of a donation or loan arrangement. Labour has demanded a formal investigation into whether

the government was trying to orchestrate a "cover-up".

It comes as Johnson faced pressure on a number of fronts, including claims that he said he would rather see "bodies pile high" than order a third coronavirus lockdown last year.

Yesterday the Guardian confirmed that Alistair Darling turned down an offer to sit on a new trust to refurbish No 10 and No 11 Downing Street, citing concerns about the potential for donors to expect political favours.

The former Labour chancellor was told the trust - which was to be established on a cross-party basis - would maintain the buildings in Downing Street under a similar arrangement to the White House, where private donors can contribute to upkeep.

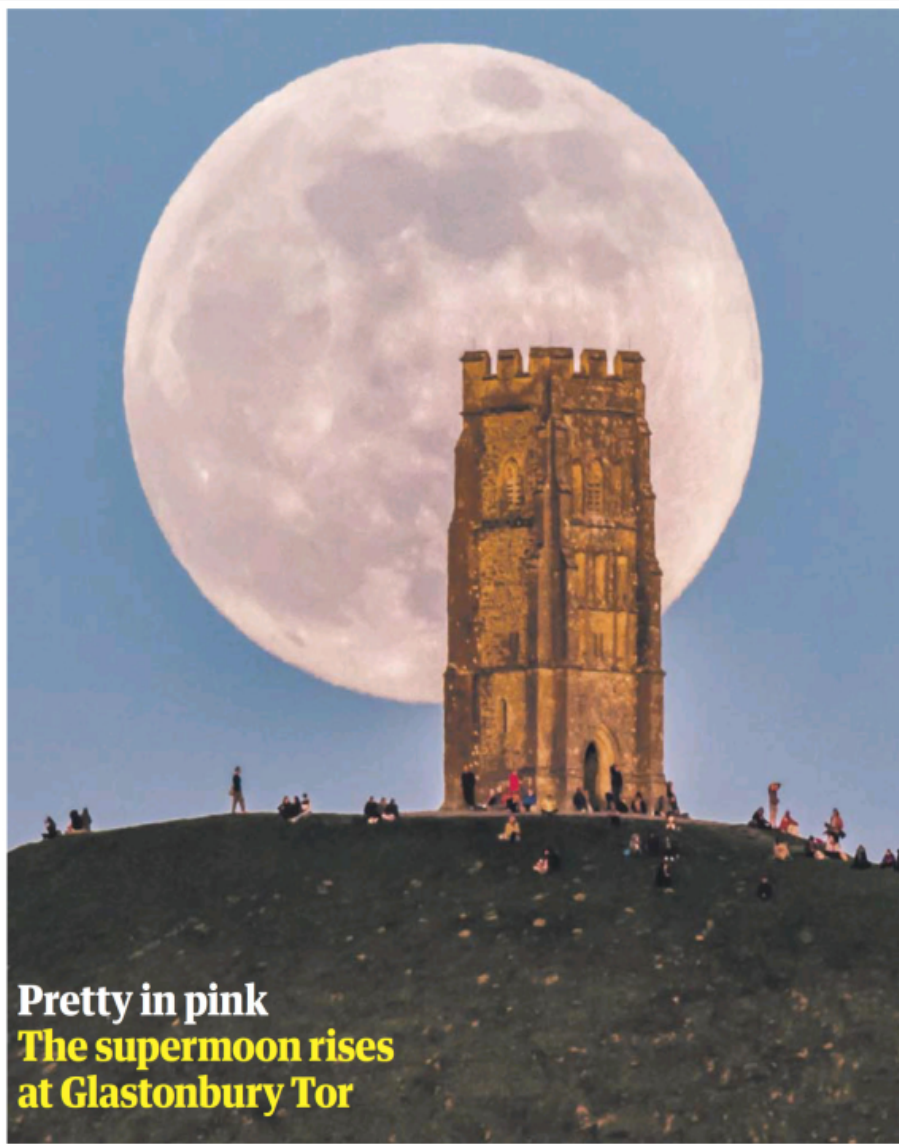
Darling believed the intent was to maintain state rooms and offices, and civil servants are said not to have raised the refurbishment of the prime minister's personal quarters.

After being approached through the office of the Labour leader, Keir Starmer, in July, Darling is said to have expressed concern about the plans - firstly due to a belief that the state had a duty to maintain the iconic buildings and

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Pretty in pink The supermoon rises at Glastonbury Tor

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Embattled Foster faces mass revolt from DUP

Rory Carroll

Arlene Foster was last night facing a revolt from Democratic Unionist party (DUP) members that threatens to topple her as party leader and first minister of Northern Ireland.

Multiple DUP assembly members signed a letter last night calling for an unprecedented leadership contest, according to party sources.

A leadership challenge will add turmoil to a region already rattled by street disturbances linked to the post-Brexit Irish Sea border, which unionists fear

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Global faith leaders: end the 'vaccine apartheid'

Harriet Sherwood

Faith leaders are calling on states and pharmaceutical companies to produce and distribute enough vaccines to immunise the entire global population against Covid-19,

saying there is a "moral obligation" to reach everyone.

Almost 150 religious leaders from around the world - including the former archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams, the Anglican archbishop of Cape Town, Thabo Makgoba, and Cardinal Peter Turkson of the Roman Catholic church - are urging an end to

vaccine nationalism. The Dalai Lama is also supporting the campaign.

They want leaders at next month's G7 meeting to commit to taking all necessary steps to ensure a global programme of vaccination as "a global common good".

The faith leaders say: "We cannot abdicate our responsibilities to our sisters and

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