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## Kabul Mourns Victims of Attack That Struck at Schoolgirls



**GRIEF:** Mourners on Sunday attend a funeral for one of 53 people killed Saturday in a bombing that targeted schoolgirls in a predominantly Shiite neighborhood in Kabul. The Afghan president blamed the Taliban. The Taliban denied responsibility. **A8**

## Shoppers Feel Bite As Prices Begin To Climb

Companies are passing on the pain of supply shortages and rising costs of ingredients

By JAEWON KANG

Americans accustomed to years of low inflation are beginning to pay sharply higher prices for goods and services as the economy strains to rev up and the pandemic wanes.

Price tags on consumer goods from processed meat to dishwashing products have risen by double-digit percentages from a year ago, according to NielsenIQ. Whirlpool Corp. freezers and dishwashers and Scott's Miracle-Gro Co. lawn and garden products are also getting costlier, the companies say.

Some consumers are feeling stretched. Kaitlyn Vinson, a program manager in Denver, said her recent \$275 bill at a Costco Wholesale Corp. store, which included razors and cotton pads on top of her typical groceries, was more expensive than usual. Ms. Vinson said she switched from buying fresh to frozen fruit and vegetables because they are less expensive and last longer.

"We're sacrificing the food that I really like to cook just to Please turn to page A6

◆ **Policy makers** debate roots of worker shortage. **A2**

## Pipeline's Shutdown Exposes Cyber Threat to Power Sector

The ransomware attack that forced the closure of the largest U.S. fuel pipeline this weekend showed how cybercriminals pose a far-reaching

By Collin Eaton,  
James Rundle  
and David Uberti

threat to the aging, vulnerable infrastructure that keeps the nation's energy moving.

Colonial Pipeline Co. closed

its entire 5,500-mile conduit carrying gasoline and other fuels from the Gulf Coast to the New York metro area on Friday as it moved to contain an assault that involved ransomware, code that holds computer systems hostage. So far, no evidence has emerged that the attackers penetrated the vital control systems that run the pipeline, people familiar with the matter said.

But the consequences of an

infection spreading to that deeper layer are dire for any energy company. Many machines that control pipelines, refineries and power plants are well past their prime, have few protections against sophisticated attacks and could be manipulated to muck with equipment or cause damage, cybersecurity experts say.

Last year, a ransomware attack moved from a natural-gas company's networks into the

control systems at a compression facility, halting operations for two days, according to a Department of Homeland Security alert. The company, which Homeland Security didn't name, didn't have a plan to respond to a cyberattack, the agency said.

The Colonial ransomware attack is a high-profile example of the online assaults that U.S. companies, schools, hospi-

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## Investors Flock Into Market For Munis

By Sebastian Pellejero

Investors in search of higher returns and lower taxes are scooping up debt sold by state and local governments, pushing borrowing costs to near-record lows and boosting coffers from California to Connecticut.

A net \$39 billion has poured into municipal-bond mutual funds this year through Thursday, according to data compiled by Municipal Market Analytics, the most over the same period since 2008. Returns on the debt, which local governments use to fund public works such as sewers or bridges, have beaten those of corporate bonds and Treasuries.

Demand is so intense that Illinois, the only state to tap the Federal Reserve's pandemic emergency-lending program, recently sold three-year bonds at a yield near 1%. The Biden administration's proposed tax changes also could potentially make municipal debt more attractive to investors.

Considered almost as safe as Treasuries because they are backed by taxes or payments on essential services like water, municipal bonds typically offer interest payments that are tax-free.

The furor marks a reversal from the pandemic's lows. In the spring of 2020, cash-hungry investors dumped even safe munis at steep discounts. Many predicted tax collections

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## Demand Cools For Mortgages

As rates increase, demand for mortgages drops. **B1**

Mortgage originations, quarterly



Note: Q2 2021 through Q4 2022 are estimates. Source: Mortgage Bankers Association

## Breakout Cities Energize U.S. Economic Recovery

Rising stars were vibrant; now draw new workers and businesses

By Justin Baer

GREENVILLE, S.C.—The pandemic is accelerating growth in midsize cities, positioning them to lead the charge in the nation's economic rebound.

Even before Covid-19, these rising stars—such as Greenville, Des Moines, Iowa, and Provo, Utah—had been quietly building out vibrant economies in the shadow of bigger metropolises. During the pandemic, they have drawn workers and businesses with large and affordable homes, ample access to outdoor space and less congestion.

They also have a mix of high-tech jobs and old-line industries, including manufacturing and finance, that turned out to be more resistant to the downturn. They came through the

year with fewer job losses and service cuts, and made quicker recoveries.

"They offer a lot of things you can't really get in the big city," said Mark Vitner, senior economist with Wells Fargo & Co. "They're more affordable, and it's so much easier to live there. And all of these industries are poised to do very well."

The pandemic-fueled flow of jobs and residents out of New York, San Francisco and other large coastal cities will subside and likely eventually reverse, economists say. But the economies in some of these smaller metro areas have staying power.

In Greenville, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.3% in March, well below the national rate of 6.0% that month, according

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## Tiny Pools Make Big Splash In Cramped New York

Brownstones, penthouses want water features; 'We craned a pool on a roof'

By Charles Passy

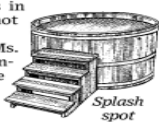
When Jersey City, N.J., resident Niki Turkington wondered how she and her family were going to make the best of Covid-era living, she remembered the good times she had spent with friends in their backyard hot tubs.

The problem: Ms. Turkington's townhouse doesn't have much of a backyard. She and her husband still man-

aged to squeeze in a cedar hot tub and sauna.

The country is reopening, but not everyone is so sure about public pools. Heading into summer, residents of the New York metro area are finding ways to wedge water features into the tiniest spaces.

Local pool and spa companies say demand has soared during the past year or so. They are doing projects everywhere from the



Splash spot

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## Melinda Gates Sought Divorce Lawyers in '19

By Emily Glazer  
and Khadeeja Safdar

The split between Bill and Melinda Gates, announced last week, has been in the works for a long time.

Ms. Gates consulted with divorce lawyers roughly two years before she filed for divorce from Mr. Gates, saying their marriage was "irretrievably broken," according to people familiar with the matter and documents reviewed by The Wall Street Journal.

The 56-year-old philanthropist has been working with lawyers at several firms since at least 2019 to unwind the mar-

riage of more than 25 years, according to these people and the documents.

Last Monday, the billionaire couple announced they were ending their marriage. In a joint statement posted on Twitter, they said, "we no longer believe we can grow together as a couple in this next phase of our lives."

The couple hasn't said what prompted the split. One source of concern for Ms. Gates was her husband's dealings with convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein, according to the people and a former employee of their charity, the Bill & Melinda

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A father, center, at the funeral Sunday for his 17-year-old daughter, who was killed in a strike on a high school in Kabul, Afghanistan.

## 'Why Do We Deserve to Die?' Burying Hazara Girls in Kabul

By ADAM NOSSITER

KABUL, Afghanistan — One by one they brought the girls up the steep hill, shrouded bodies covered in ceremonial prayer cloths, the pallbearers staring into the distance. Shouted prayers for the dead broke the silence.

The bodies kept coming and the gravediggers stayed busy, straining in the hot sun. The ceaseless rhythm was grim proof of the preceding day's news: Saturday afternoon's triple bombing at a local school had been an absolute massacre, targeting girls. There was barely room atop the steeply pitched hill for all the new graves. The scale of the killing and the innocence of the victims seemed

further unnerving proof of the country's violent unraveling, as the Taliban make daily gains and the government seems unable to halt their advances or protect its people from mass killings. On Sunday there were mourners everywhere in the neighborhood of the bombing, home to the besieged Hazara ethnic minority, but hardly any security to protect them.

The death toll exceeded even previous massacres in this bustling neighborhood of a minority long singled out for persecution by the Taliban and, in recent years, the Islamic State. Afghanistan's second vice president, Sarwar Danesh, himself a Hazara, said more than 80 people had been killed in the attack.

### Fury, Heartbreak and Cries to Take Up Arms in Defense

After the 2001 American invasion, the Hazaras were a minority that made the most of the country's new educational and business opportunities, and they make up a large part of the country's young technocrat generation. But through it all, the predominantly Shiite Muslim group became a target of choice for Sunni militants like the new Taliban insurgency and ISIS. They have grown increasingly

angry at the government, accusing the security forces of standing by while they suffer horrific casualties. Now, on the edge of what many fear will become a return of Taliban rule in many areas with the planned American troop withdrawal, and a civil war some see as inevitable, the Hazaras are increasingly determined to take their security into their own hands.

On Sunday, a wheelbarrow stacked with the bloodied clothing of the girls, packed tight in plastic bags, was parked outside one mosque where bodies had been brought. At another mosque, a basement room, crowded with black-robed women, echoed with muffled sobs. At a third mosque

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## Details of Claim That Shook Up A Mayor's Race

By KATIE GLUECK

He was an ambitious state assemblyman and a rising star in the liberal hothouse of Upper West Side politics. She was a New York newcomer, born in South Korea, raised in Ohio and eager to break into the city's thriving Democratic scene.

The two — Scott M. Stringer and Jean Kim — would eventually play central roles in this year's New York City mayor's race. But their paths first intersected more than 20 years ago, initially at political events, and then more intensely as Mr. Stringer ran an unsuccessful campaign for public advocate in 2001.

That summer and fall, Ms. Kim, working unpaid on his campaign, regularly attended Mr. Stringer's events. They socialized as well, gathering over drinks with other activists at Upper West Side bars like Merchants. On at least one occasion, there was a kiss.

On this much, Mr. Stringer and Ms. Kim largely agree. But their accounts of the nature of their relationship diverge sharply from there, as do their views of the power dynamics at play. The clashing narratives have thrown Mr. Stringer's mayoral campaign into crisis after Ms. Kim accused him of sexual misconduct, sapping his momentum and driving many of his allies away.

To Mr. Stringer, Ms. Kim was a peer with whom he had an "on-and-off" consensual relationship that spanned four to five months.

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A dose of psilocybin, at the Center for Psychedelic and Consciousness Research at Johns Hopkins.

## Psychedelics Are Poised to Reshape Psychiatry

By ANDREW JACOBS

It's been a long, strange trip in the four decades since Rick Doblin, a pioneering psychedelics researcher, dropped his first hit of acid in college and decided to dedicate his life to the healing powers of mind-altering compounds. Even as antidrug campaigns led to the criminalization of Ecstasy, LSD and magic mushrooms, and drove most researchers from the field, Dr. Doblin continued his quixotic crusade with financial help from his parents.

Dr. Doblin's quest to win main-

### Colleges and Investors Rush to Get Involved

stream acceptance of psychedelics will take a significant leap forward on Monday when the journal Nature Medicine is expected to publish the results of his lab's study on MDMA, the club drug popularly known as Ecstasy and Molly. The study, the first Phase 3 clinical trial conducted with psychedelic-assisted therapy, found that MDMA paired with counsel-

ing brought marked relief to patients with severe post-traumatic stress disorder.

The results, coming weeks after a New England Journal of Medicine study that highlighted the benefits of treating depression with psilocybin, the psychoactive ingredient in magic mushrooms, has excited scientists, psychotherapists and entrepreneurs in the rapidly expanding field of psychedelic medicine. They say it is only a matter of time before the Food and Drug Administration grants approval for psychoactive compounds to be used therapeutically.

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## Many Families Turning Away From Schools

### Education Crisis Born Not Only of Fear

By DANA GOLDSTEIN

Pauline Rojas's high school in San Antonio is open. But like many of her classmates, she has not returned, and has little interest in doing so.

During the coronavirus pandemic, she started working 20 to 40 hours per week at Raising Cane's, a fast-food restaurant, and has used the money to help pay her family's internet bill, buy clothes and save for a car.

Ms. Rojas, 18, has no doubt that a year of online school, squeezed between work shifts that end at midnight, has affected her learning. Still, she has embraced her new role as a breadwinner, sharing responsibilities with her mother who works at a hardware store.

"I wanted to take the stress off my mom," she said. "I'm no longer a kid. I'm capable of having a job, holding a job and making my own money."

Only a small slice of American schools remain fully closed: 12 percent of elementary and middle schools, according to a federal survey, as well as a minority of high schools. But the percentage of students learning fully remotely is much greater: more than a third of fourth and eighth graders, and an even larger group of high school students. A majority of Black, Hispanic and Asian-American students remain out of school.

These disparities have put district leaders and policymakers in a tough position as they end this school year and plan for the next one. Even though the pandemic appears to be coming under control in the United States as vaccinations continue, many superintendents say fear of the coronavirus itself is no longer the primary reason their students are opting out. Nor are many families expressing a strong preference for remote learning.

Rather, for every child and parent who has leapt at the opportunity to return to the classroom, others changed their lives over the past year in ways that make going back to school difficult. The consequences are likely to reverberate through the education system for years, especially if states and districts continue to give students the choice to attend school

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## Failed Drug Test Puts Derby Win At Risk and a Trainer Under Fire

By JOE DRAPE

The 2021 Kentucky Derby winner, Medina Spirit, failed a drug test after the race, putting a new stain on a sport troubled by doping problems and placing the overhauled horse racing's most recognizable personality, the Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert, under uncomfortable scrutiny.

If he is disqualified, Medina Spirit will be stripped of the Derby title and its winning purse, and become the third horse in the 147-year history of the race to receive such a penalty after finishing first. The colt cannot be disqualified until a second sample, collected at the same time as the first, confirms the result in a test expected in the coming weeks. Mr. Baffert will then have an opportunity to appeal.

The positive test comes as horse racing, acknowledging it has a drug problem, prepares to carry out the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act, which was passed last year in Congress. It will take effect on July 1, 2022, and calls for a board overseen by the Federal Trade Commission to

## BATTLE BREWING OVER REGULATING CRYPTOCURRENCY

### BID TO INFLUENCE POLICY

### Firm Plans Strategy With Lawyers, Lobbyists and Consultants

By ERIC LIPTON

WASHINGTON — When federal regulators late last year accused one of the world's most popular cryptocurrency platforms of illegally selling \$1.38 billion worth of digital assets to investors, it was a pivotal moment in efforts to crack down on a fast-growing market — and in the still-nascent industry's willingness to dive deeply into the Washington influence game.

The company, Ripple Labs, has enlisted lobbyists, lawyers and other well-connected advocates to make its case to the Securities and Exchange Commission and beyond in one of the first big legal battles over what limits and requirements the government should set for trading and using digital currency.

Ripple has hired two lobbying firms in the last three months. It has retained a consulting firm staffed with former aides to both Hillary Clinton and former President Donald J. Trump to help it develop strategy in Washington. And to defend itself against the S.E.C., it hired Mary Jo White, a former chairwoman of the commission during the Obama administration.

Ripple is just one of a long list of cryptocurrency companies scrambling for influence in Washington as the Biden administration begins setting policy that could shape the course of a potentially revolutionary industry that is rapidly moving into the mainstream and drawing intensifying attention from financial regulators, law enforcement officials and lawmakers.

There is a tectonic shift underway," Perianne Boring, the president of the Chamber of Digital Commerce, a cryptocurrency lobbying group, told other industry lobbyists at executives and two House lawmakers who serve as industry champions, during a virtual gathering last month. "If we don't start planning and taking action soon, we have everything to risk."

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Bob Baffert after a record seventh Kentucky Derby victory.

write rules and penalties to be enforced by the United States Anti-Doping Agency.

The agency, which regulates Olympic and other elite athletes in the United States, revealed the cyclist Lance Armstrong's cheating and issued him a lifetime suspension in 2012.

In a statement, officials at Churchill Downs, the racetrack in Louisville, Ky., said that if Medina Spirit's positive test was confirmed, the Derby's runner-up, *Continued on Page A17*

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## COVID worsens weight stigma

Pandemic sharpens focus on gulf between doctors and advocates for fat acceptance.

BY MARIA L. LA GANCA

Chrystal Bougon cried after the needle went into her arm. Not because her first dose of the Moderna vaccine hurt. But because, finally, being fat actually paid off.

The 53-year-old was inoculated in the parking lot of Kaiser Permanente in San Jose on a rainy Friday in March, four days after eligibility in California was broadened to include people with underlying conditions. Among them, a body mass index of 40 or more — 233 pounds for an adult who is 5 feet 4 inches tall.

Bougon's medical record at Kaiser shows she is morbidly obese; as an activist, she prefers the word "fat." Her experience with medical providers has been one incident of size stigma after another, she said, like the time she went in with a scratched cornea and was told to lose weight. She fears being hospitalized with COVID-19 and unable to advocate for herself.

"For that reason I decided, you know what, I'm not going to feel guilty about [being vaccinated]. I'm going to do it," she said. "And I'm not going to apologize for it. I've been in fear the whole flipping time, staying home, avoiding everybody. I couldn't do my job. I'm an electrologist. I remove facial hair. I couldn't come to work. I couldn't make money."

That, however, is changing, thanks to a vial of vaccine, a very sharp needle and a policy switch that allowed people like Bougon a chance to be inoculated before the public — in California, about a month early.

"It's not every day that we get something for free [See Weight, A10]



ARTIST Peter Passalacqua, 51, spins on a pole on the dance floor of his open studio in Slab City. "We don't wear masks," he says. "We share the same marijuana pipe. We don't wash the shot glasses at the local bar."

## A quirky outpost of isolation is no bulwark against pandemic

Even 'last free place in America' couldn't stand up to COVID

BY PRISCILLA VEGA

SLAB CITY, Calif. — The dusty compound is cluttered with rusted school buses and wooden shacks. Cacti stud the grounds and Christmas lights drape dried tree stumps. When the wind blows over the nearby Salton Sea, wind chimes serenade as Slab City slumbers.

This Shangri-La of desert weirdness has for years drawn tourists from around the world. Some would stay in one of the dilapidated RVs rented out by Rodney "Spyder" Wild. It cost only \$30, and guests got breakfast and running water.

But even the "last free place in America," as locals call it, didn't stand a chance against COVID-19.

"The people that come visit me — Iceland, Russia, Japan — stopped coming," [See Slab City, A14]



THE FIRST thing tourists see here is Salvation Mountain. It's not certain whether Slab City has seen a virus case, but the pandemic's effects are clear.

## Battle to flip those wary of shot

From TikTok ads to canvassers, California ups push to persuade vaccine skeptics to roll up their sleeves.

BY LAURA J. NELSON AND MAYA LAU

Your brother is dying. I want you to come visit, and I want you to be vaccinated.

Until she heard the urgent plea from her sister-in-law, Anne Block, 72, had been unmoved by appeals from friends and family to get the COVID-19 vaccine. She had always trusted her strong constitution and preferred getting sick to getting the shot — but the message from her family shook her.

"I had to respect her request," said Block, a tour operator in Los Angeles. Her decision to get the Johnson & Johnson shot made her one of millions of once-skeptical Americans who changed their minds about the COVID-19 vaccine.

Like swing voters in an election, those who have yet to be vaccinated will determine the outcome of the United States' vaccination campaign, including how quickly the spread of the virus will stall and to what extent the disease will calcify into a long-term threat.

President Biden is pushing to get a first dose to 70% of Americans by July 4. That ambitious goal may be out of reach in many parts of the country but could still be attainable in California, where nearly 50% of the population has received at least one dose, vaccine skepticism is lower and the effects of the pandemic have reached further into everyday life. [See Vaccines, A8]



IN MEXICO CITY, Bryan Osvado Hernández Tapia, 10, looks at the altar for his brother Brandon Giovanni Hernández Tapia, 12, who was killed in a Metro crash.

## A mother's heartbreak, rage

Her son took doomed train to buy a gift for her

BY PATRICK J. McDONNELL AND CECILIA SÁNCHEZ

MEXICO CITY — On May 3, Brandon Giovanni Tapia decided to accompany his stepfather to the Metro to his evening shift in a restaurant downtown. For the seventh-grader, it was a break from the cramped family flat in Colonia Zapotitlán, a sprawling neighborhood of unpaved roads and cinder-

block dwellings in this vast capital's gritty southeast borough of Tláhuac.

Though he didn't say so, Marisol Tapia knew that her son had another, secret motivation: He wanted to buy her a gift for Mother's Day.

"Mamá, we're headed to the Periférico station," an animated Brandon Giovanni replied when his mother called on his cell-phone about 10:15 p.m., as he and his stepfather were headed home on the Metro

Line 12. "I have a surprise for you!"

Periférico was only three stops from the Nopalera station, where the pair would exit.

"Dinner is ready," his mother told him. "I'm going to the store quickly to get something to drink."

Her son responded: "Mamá, buy me some cookies!"

It was the final time she would speak with her boy. [See Mexico, A4]

## Modern vintage now the height of teens' back-to-school fashion

BY SONJA SHARP

Like many L.A. teens, 17-year-old Shecid Vazquez spent the last year in pajamas.

"During quarantine, I would wake up and stay in my pajamas until the end of school," said the Ramona Convent Secondary School senior. "I wouldn't change because teachers gave us the option not to turn our cameras on."

But with high school campuses reopening across L.A. County — including late last month at the Los Angeles

Unified School District — teens are redefining back-to-school wardrobe, shedding their remote-learning loungewear and constricting before-times ensembles in favor of innovative and eye-catching new looks.

"I definitely had a lot of time on my hands, so I went deeper into fashion," Shecid said. "I wanted to have a whole aesthetic for what I wear. For the return, I want to make the best of it."

Experts have been predicting a post-pandemic style shift since at least April 2020. But this spring's back-to-school season has be-

come something of a test case for how that future might look. If quarantine was a cocoon, what would emerge? A butterfly or a moth?

The answer, if this spring's back-to-school season is any indication, may be a little bit of both.

"I'm seeing a splintering of what's considered performative fashion on social media and what is actually conducive to post-pandemic life," said Raissa Bretaña, a fashion historian and a professor at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York. [See School fashion, A8]

### Derby winner tests positive

Trainer Bob Baffert's Medina Spirit could be stripped of Kentucky title over anti-inflammatory drug. **SPORTS, D1**

### McCarthy backs demoting Cheney

Top House Republican publicly endorses Trump loyalist Elise Stefanik as the next No. 3 leader. **NATION, A6**

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Some sunshine.  
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GIVE THE ANGELS A HAND

The Angels' Raisel Iglesias, right, celebrates with catcher Drew Butera after the team's 2-1 victory over the Dodgers. **SPORTS, D1**

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## How a Texas businessman helped sell the myth of election fraud

Aided by security firm, hacking claims took root two years before vote

BY EMMA BROWN,  
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AND JOSH DAWSEY

ADDISON, TEX. — Key elements of the baseless claim that the 2020 election was stolen from Presi-

dent Donald Trump took shape in an airplane hangar here two years earlier, promoted by a Republican businessman who has sold everything from Tex-Mex food in London to a wellness technology that beams light into the human bloodstream.

At meetings beginning late in 2018, as Republicans were smarting from midterm losses in Texas and across the country, Russell J. Ramsland Jr. and his associates delivered alarming presentations on electronic voting to a procession of conservative lawmakers,



"We observed an error rate of 68.05%. This demonstrated a significant and fatal error in security and election integrity."

ASOC report, released Dec. 14



"68% error rate in Michigan Voting Machines. ... Did Michigan Secretary of State break the law? Stay tuned!"

President Donald Trump, Dec. 15 tweet

activists and donors. Briefings in the hangar had a clandestine air. Guests were asked to leave their cellphones outside before assembling in a windowless room. A member of Ramsland's team purporting to be a "white-hat hacker" identified himself only by a code name.

Ramsland, a failed congressional candidate with a Harvard MBA, pitched a claim that seemed rooted in evidence: Voting-machine audit logs — lines of codes and time stamps that document the machines' activities —

contained indications of vote manipulation. In the retrofitted hangar that served as his company's offices at the edge of a municipal airstrip outside Dallas, Ramsland attempted to persuade failed Republican candidates to challenge their election results and force the release of additional data that might prove manipulation.

"We had to find the right candidate," said Laura Pressley, a former Ramsland ally whose own claim that audit logs showed fraud had been rejected in court.

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## Cheney ouster gets key support

MCCARTHY BACKS RIVAL FOR GOP POST

Fealty to Trump appears to be the rule in party

BY AMY B. WANG  
AND KAROUN DEMIRJIAN

The top Republican in the House on Sunday publicly endorsed the ouster of Rep. Liz Cheney (R-Wyo.) from the party's leadership team, paving the way for Cheney's removal as early as this week and sending a clear message that allegiance to former president Donald Trump is a requirement to hold power in the GOP.

House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (Calif.) threw his support behind Rep. Elise Stefanik (N.Y.) to become the new Republican conference chair, the No. 3 job in GOP leadership, backing a one-time centrist who emerged over the past year as a staunch defender of Trump who helped spread his false claims of election fraud.

McCarthy avoided mentioning Cheney by name during his appearance on Fox News' "Sunday Morning Futures" when asked about the campaign to oust Cheney over her dogged efforts to denounce Trump's baseless claims that the 2020 election was stolen.

"Any member can take whatever position they believe in. ... What we're talking about is a position in leadership," McCarthy said.

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## Population stagnation: A novel U.S. challenge

Census data foreshadows political, social strife and altered American identity

BY DAN BALZ

For generations, Americans have thought of themselves as part of a dynamic, innovative and ever-expanding country, with an almost limitless horizon. In recent weeks, they have seen a portrait of a different nation, one that challenges assumptions about America as a land of continuing growth and unlimited opportunity.

On April 26, the Census Bureau reported that in the last decade the U.S. population grew at its slowest rate since the Great Depression, and the second-slowest rate for any 10-year period since the nation's founding. Last week, the government reported that the nation's birthrate had declined for the sixth straight year, including a precipitous drop in births in December, adding up to fertility rates too low to keep the country's population growing by birth alone.

To demographers and others who study these trends, the official figures were not a surprise, merely confirmation of patterns visible for some time. Nor are they unique to the United States. Other industrialized nations from Japan to those throughout Europe have been facing the same or worse for years. But

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## In D.C.'s Ivy City, no place to play

BY PAUL SCHWARTZMAN

The youngsters spilled into the street on a breezy spring afternoon, a few riding their scooters and rollerblading as others played touch football, their game stopping and starting for passing cars.

This strip of pavement is what passes for a public playground in Ivy City, a historically blue-collar neighborhood in Northeast Washington now featuring \$800,000 condominiums,

an organic grocery, and a tavern where patrons can sip cocktails and throw axes for fun.

"We have nowhere to go," said Diamonte Powell, 13, as he and his buddies, Joseph and Zo, tossed a football that sometimes careened off the hoods of parked sedans. A pocket park around the corner is known as a haunt for drug users and vagrants. Four people were shot there last month.

The racial and economic disparities have long hoped could be turned into a community center.

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## W.Va. plant's woes are the economy's

A broken supply chain hobbles auto parts maker — and a global recovery

BY DAVID J. LYNCH

PRICHARD, W.VA. — Whenever the Sogefi plant here runs out of resin or computer chips or cardboard boxes or wooden pallets or really anything at all, it's Randy Simpkins's problem. And whenever one of Sogefi's customers howls about a late shipment, that's Simpkins's

problem, too.

These days, Simpkins has plenty of problems.

The 42-year-old logistics manager is smack in the middle of a global supply chain crisis that reaches from factories in Europe to giant cargo ships anchored off the Atlantic coast, all the way to this rural hamlet of fewer than 300 residents.

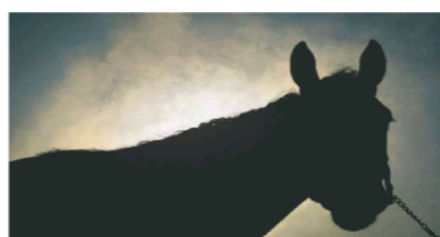
The waves of economic disruption unleashed by the pandemic — including an unexpected shortage of workers — have made supply issues a constant preoccupation for the entire management team at this auto parts plant. But Simpkins seems to get the worst of it.

"No issue is ever solved these days, just managed," he said. "It's an exercise in how flexible you can be in an inflexible world."

When Sogefi's production managers needed springs, it was Simpkins who scoured the warehouse in a fruitless 4 a.m. search. And when a lack of parts delayed a shipment of one of the 80 products manufactured here, he quickly heard about it.

"Randy is on calls every day getting yelled at: 'Where is my shipment?'" said Danny Samples, 60, a production manager. "The pressure is incredible."

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## El Gobierno analiza nuevos recortes a los fondos de la ciudad de Buenos Aires

**GIROS.** Profundiza el enfrentamiento con Larreta, pese a la convocatoria de la Casa Rosada

Pocos días después del fallo rotundo de la Corte Suprema que ratificó la autonomía porteña, el gobierno nacional evalúa realizar un nuevo recorte de fondos a la ciudad de Buenos Aires, que podría profundizar el enfrentamiento con el jefe de gobierno Horacio Rodríguez Larreta.

En el gabinete nacional afirmaron a LANACION que podrían avanzar con una quita retroactiva de fondos, y aludieron a los giros que recibió la Ciudad desde que, en 2016, Mauricio Macri llevó el porcentaje de coparticipación de 1,4% a 3,75%. En el gobierno porteño son precavidos frente a estas advertencias.

"No creo que nos corten más, no tienen de dónde, aunque nunca se sabe", le comentó Rodríguez Larreta a un funcionario de su confianza en las últimas horas. El jefe de gobierno fue convocado el 18 de mayo a una reunión con los ministros del Interior, Eduardo de Pedro, y de Economía, Martín Guzmán, para

negociar los giros de la Nación por el traspaso de la policía.

El año pasado, el gobierno de Alberto Fernández le quitó a la Ciudad recursos y se los transfirió al gobierno de Axel Kicillof; luego, impulsó la aprobación de una ley para achicar las partidas destinadas a la seguridad. **Página 16**

## Fernández respaldó a Guzmán y busca poner fin a la crisis

**TENSIÓN.** "Es un tema terminado", enfatizó, pero Basualdo sigue en el cargo

LISBOA (De un enviado especial).—El presidente Alberto Fernández ratificó ayer al ministro de Economía, Martín Guzmán, que enfrenta cuestionamientos del sector encabezado por Cristina Kirchner e intenta, por ahora sin éxito, desplazar al subsecretario de Energía Eléctrica, Federico Basualdo, que resiste en el cargo con apoyo de La Cámpora.

"Es un tema terminado", comentó Fernández, en la primera jornada de su gira por Europa. El Presidente se reunió ayer con su par portugués, Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa, para sumar apoyo en la renegociación de la deuda con el Fondo Monetario Internacional (FMI). **Página 14**

## Superclásico III: esta vez habrá un ganador

**deportes**—Si en 2020 no hubo superclásico en la Argentina, el próximo domingo Boca y River jugarán por tercera vez en menos de cinco meses. Y después de aquellos empates, esta vez sí habrá un ganador. Será por los cuartos de final de la Copa de la Liga, a partido único, en la Bombonera. Además, Colón-Talleres, Vélez-Racing y Estudiantes-Independiente.

Festeja River uno de los cuatro goles que le marcó a Aldosivi: la mejor propulsión para ir a la Bombonera el domingo

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## Hasta que la pandemia nos separe. Los divorcios llegan a las parejas de más años

"De repente, no teníamos nada en común. Solo éramos extraños que ya no se toleraban", cuenta Fernanda, que se separó de su marido, Juan Martín, tras 37 años de matrimonio, luego de que su hija menor dejó el hogar familiar y ellos

se vieron obligados a trabajar en la casa por la cuarentena.

Al igual que en otros países, abogados y mediadores afirman que hay cada vez más parejas que se disolvieron durante la pandemia luego de muchos años, e incluso

décadas, de convivencia. Conflictos preexistentes que se volvieron intolerables al compartir más tiempo juntos, falta de proyectos en común y hasta un sorpresivo desconocimiento del otro se cuentan entre los factores. **Página 6****EL PULSO DEL CONSUMO**

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## ENTREVISTA DA 2ª Anita Bhatia

### Mulher abandona mercado, apesar de retomada

Diretora-executiva-adjunta da ONU Mulheres, a indiana Anita Bhatia faz análise sombria das consequências que a crise sobre as trabalhadoras pode ter até para a recuperação econômica de países em desenvolvimento. "Mulheres têm abandonado o mercado de trabalho", declara, citando o acúmulo de encargos. **A14**



Bolsonaro em ato  
Cíudio Marques/Futura Press/Folhapress

## Ernesto usou o Itamaraty para garantir cloroquina

Telegramas e relatos mostram pedidos de ex-chanceler a embaixada na Índia

O ex-chanceler Ernesto Araújo mobilizou o Itamaraty para garantir ao país o fornecimento de insumos para a fabricação da cloroquina e entrega de hidroxícloquina, remédios promovidos por Jair Bolsonaro sem eficácia contra a Covid-19.

O diplomata, relata Patrícia Campos Mello, agiu já em 2020. Ernesto irá depor à CPI da Covid nesta semana. Segundo telegramas e relatos, Ernesto pediu à representação do Brasil em Nova Délhi gestões para garantir envio de matéria-prima.

Isso se repetiu mesmo após associações médicas brasileiras desaconselharem uso do remédio contra Covid. Já a busca por vacinas não recebeu atenção semelhante. Só no fim do ano passado houve algumas orientações sobre imunizantes.

Procurados, o Itamaraty e o seu ex-ministro não quiseram se pronunciar sobre as gestões feitas. **Mundo A12**

Em ato com motociclistas, presidente volta a ignorar regras sanitárias **Poder A6**

## Planalto corta verba de R\$ 6 mi destinada ao Coaf

O presidente Jair Bolsonaro (sem partido) cortou recurso que seria destinada pelo Conselho de Controle de Atividades Financeiras à modernização de seu principal instrumento de identificação de crimes como corrupção e lavagem de dinheiro. **Mercado A15**

## Maria Homem O valor da amizade

Querida dizer que amizade salva. Nos mantém na vida, ampara e consola quando por vezes não se tem tanta força. A vida só é digna, e mesmo possível, com elos de confiança. **Saúde B4**

## Ministro Ribeiro adiou investigação de fraude no Enade

O ministro da Educação, Milton Ribeiro, atuou em favor de um centro universitário denunciado por fraude no Enade, protelando a apuração. A instituição é presbiteriana, como o ministro, que é pastor. O MEC diz ter colaborado com a polícia. **Cotidiano B1**

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## Senadores querem novo depoimento de Queiroga na CPI

Os senadores da CPI da Covid dizem que o natural avanço dos trabalhos deverá levar a uma nova convocação do ministro Marcelo Queiroga (Saúde). Na quinta passada (6), ele prestou um depoimento considerado pouco esclarecedor e irritou integrantes do colegiado. **Poder A6**

## Fome e falta de auxílio atingem os yanomamis em RR

Fotografia obtida pelo missionário católico Carlo Zacchini mostra uma criança yanomami emaciada, vítima de malária e verminose, numa evidência do efeito da fome e da falta de condições registradas nas comunidades deste povo indígena em áreas de Roraima. **Cotidiano B5**

## Filipe Oliveira

Meus tratamentos sem eficácia contra a cegueira

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## Autora de ação contra Klein relata suposto abuso sexual

Uma doméstica que acusa com outras mulheres o fundador das Casas Bahia, Samuel Klein (morto em 2014), de abuso sexual detalha os supostos crimes. Aos 37 anos, ela diz ter sido estuprada aos 11. A ação foi rejeitada em duas instâncias. Filho de Klein, Michael não comenta, mas vê o caso como "perplexidade e tristeza". **Cotidiano B3**



Milena Titoneli, 22, que competirá em Tóquio **Bruno Santos/Folhapress**

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% da população vacinada\*

	2ª dose	1ª dose
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MS	11,1	29,3
RS	11,4	27,3
BA	11,3	24,3

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Números da pandemia					
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9.mai**	61,2 mil	2.092			
Variação***	7,7%	-16,3%			
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# « Génération sacrifiée » : la grande inquiétude des jeunes

Privés de vie sociale et d'horizon par la crise sanitaire, les 18-25 ans ont du mal à voir le bout du tunnel. Mal-être, décrochage, dépression... ils redoutent les conséquences sur leur avenir.

L'écran pour seule compagnie. Pas de vie associative, sportive ou festive. Des perspectives bouchées, des voyages empêchés, des stages impossibles, des examens dans leur chambre. Pour les étudiants, cette année en pointillé, au rythme des annonces contradictoires, des connexions erratiques, du soupçon de triche et des résultats incertains, a confiné tous les espoirs, l'alant et la motivation de leur âge, gelés dans ce trop long hiver solitaire. Six étudiants sur dix évoquent un décrochage lié à la pandémie... Dans dix jours, ils devraient pouvoir revenir davantage en cours, a dit la ministre de l'Enseignement supérieur, Frédérique Vidal. La jauge d'élèves autorisés devrait passer de 20 % à 50 %. Pas de quoi dissiper l'inquiétude pour les examens, le stage non effectué, l'orientation et la rentrée de septembre.

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Une foule de policiers et de riverains s'est recueillie dimanche, devant le commissariat d'Avignon, pour saluer la mémoire du brigadier, père de deux jeunes enfants, qui a été tué mercredi lors d'une opération sur un point de deal. PAGE 10

**Gérard Larcher:**  
« L'environnement ne doit pas faire l'objet de manœuvres »

La proposition de la Convention citoyenne pour le climat visant à inscrire dans la Constitution que la France « garantit la préservation de l'environnement » a du plomb dans l'aile. L'objectif du chef de l'État est d'essayer de remettre la faute sur la droite sénatoriale. Dans une interview qu'il a donnée au Figaro, Gérard Larcher, le président de la Chambre haute, estime qu'il faut « laisser faire le débat parlementaire ». PAGES 6 ET 7

**ÉDITORIAL** par Laurence de Charette ldecharette@lefigaro.fr

## Le temps perdu

« **D**is, au moins le sais-tu, / Que tout le temps qui passe / Ne se rattrape guère, / Que tout le temps perdu / Ne se rattrape plus... », chantait Barbara; et chacun, en l'écoulant, pouvait toucher du doigt la douleur destructrice de l'élan réprimé, cet effritement de la vie quand elle est empêchée. Ce que la poésie nous fait sentir, les études, aujourd'hui, nous le prouvent : médecins et enseignants décrivent avec précision les ravages d'un quotidien atrophié sur la construction d'une jeunesse dépossédée d'elle-même, comme retenue en otage devant des écrans depuis plus d'une année. On n'est pas jeune et vibrant par caprice, mais par nature... et conquérir l'avenir depuis son canapé n'est pas chose aisée. Et si l'on peut - sans doute - vivre sans fêtes ni cafés, peut-on vraiment grandir sans goûter et refaire le monde avec ceux qui vont l'habiter ? La sociologie des entrées dans la vie, elle aussi, montre que le temps perdu ne se rattrape pas et laisse présager pour la « génération Covid » encore bien des difficultés. Les premiers stages ne sont pas faciles à trouver ? Ce sont, en réalité, l'ensemble des perspectives économiques qu'il, pour elle, s'annoncent incertaines.

Un temps, le confinement et ses déclinaisons ont pu être envisagés comme un bouton « pause », une suspension que l'on feignait de croire sans conséquence. Folle rêverie que celle de ces adultes bercés d'illusions prométhéennes courant après ces 20 ans qu'ils refusent aujourd'hui à leurs enfants ! Prenons garde à ne pas laisser derrière nous un trop lourd héritage, chargé de nos dettes et de nos peurs additionnées. Non pas - surtout pas ! - qu'il faille faire de nos enfants une nouvelle catégorie

### Les ravages d'un quotidien atrophié

de victimes auxquelles les candidats aux élections distribueront toutes sortes d'aides ceci et de chèques cela. Ce n'est d'ailleurs sans doute pas dans l'épreuve elle-même - quelle génération n'en a pas connu ? - qu'il faut chercher la source profonde du malaise qui gagne la jeunesse, mais dans le grand jeu de bonneteau des valeurs auquel se livrent leurs aînés. Il n'y a pourtant pas d'autre avenir que la jeunesse, pas d'autre futur que celui qui grandit dans son cœur et qu'il ne faut pas gâcher. ■

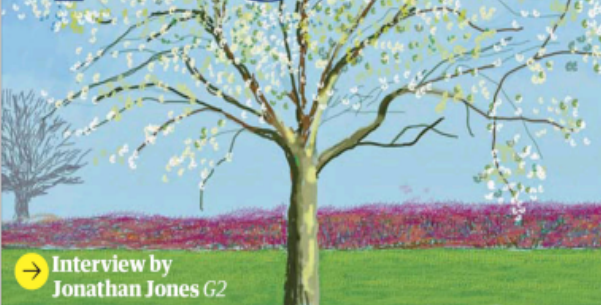


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## Rayner given more powers after reshuffle standoff with Starmer

Labour infighting after leaked move to punish deputy for election woes

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Keir Starmer handed his deputy, Angela Rayner, a major promotion last night after a day of fraught negotiations and power battles within the Labour party. He sacked his shadow

chancellor and promoted his close ally Rachel Reeves to the role in a move set to further inflame tensions with the party's left.

The shadow cabinet reshuffle was derailed by a prolonged standoff with Rayner, who was locked in talks with Starmer's team for hours. It came after leaked plans to sack her as party chair and national campaigns coordinator triggered an outcry.

The Guardian understands Starmer initially offered Rayner a frontbench role covering the social care brief, but she regarded that as a

significant demotion and was determined to maintain influence over internal Labour politics and policy.

Rayner emerged with a significantly beefed-up role, handed the shadow Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster role shadowing Michael Gove as well as a newly created post as shadow secretary for the future of work. She will also retain joint control over party matters as deputy leader.

Rayner's move from party chair had been planned as the first in a wider reshuffle following a series of disappointing results in Thursday's

*'She's going to be more visible, taking the fight to the Tories'*

Ally of Angela Rayner

elections. But news of further changes was delayed as Starmer's team tried to placate his livid deputy, who is widely seen as a potential future leadership challenger.

As ballots from Thursday's elections across the UK continued to be counted yesterday:

● Nicola Sturgeon told Boris Johnson a second independence referendum was "a matter of when, not if" after her SNP won a historic fourth term.

● Labour MP Tracy Brabin was elected as the first mayor of West Yorkshire, setting up another byelection in a marginal seat targeted by the Conservatives, expected in July.

● The Greens gained 70 new councillors across England, including taking a string of 2 →



## Blue Sunday: Chelsea are champions again

Chelsea thrashed Reading 5-0 to retain the Women's Super League. With the League Cup won, they are still in the FA Cup and have a Champions League final to come. **Sport Back page** →

## Hugging and indoor mixing to go ahead

Sarah Boseley  
Health editor

Friends and family will be able to hug and mix indoors in England from next week, while cinemas and museums can reopen, Boris Johnson is to confirm today despite growing concerns over the spread of the India coronavirus variant.

Scientists warned this weekend that cases were doubling in some areas where the variant, B.1.167.2, had been detected. More deprived areas and those with large minority ethnic communities where vaccination rates may be lower were most affected, they said.

But at a press conference today the prime minister will hail the Covid vaccination programme, with more than two-thirds of UK adults having had a first dose and a third now fully vaccinated. Just two deaths within 28 days of a positive test were reported yesterday.

Johnson will confirm that the next stage in the easing of Covid restrictions for England will 2 →