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El fin de la alarma aviva el choque político por la pandemia

Casado culpa a Sánchez de las aglomeraciones y dice que “costarán vidas”. El presidente sostiene que las autonomías tienen instrumentos suficientes

E. G. DE BLAS / R. RINCÓN, **Madrid**

El choque entre el Gobierno y la oposición se agudizó ayer en torno a la responsabilidad por las aglomeraciones callejeras que se han producido el fin de semana tras el fin del estado de alarma, y que amenazan con provocar un repunte de contagios.

El PP, que había rechazado la extensión de esa medida desde mayo del año pasado, exigió ayer al Gobierno una reforma legislativa para dar cobertura a las restricciones que decidan las comunidades, y sobre las que los tribunales han fallado de forma contradictoria en cada territorio. “La absoluta irresponsabilidad del Gobierno de España cuesta vidas”, dijo el presidente del PP, Pablo Casado. El partido conservador defiende que en 15 días es posible dar cobertura legal a las restricciones, salvo el toque de queda, que no contempla. El presidente, Pedro Sánchez, le replicó que las autonomías ya disponen de “instrumentos jurídicos suficientes” para hacer frente a la pandemia.

El Ejecutivo anima a las comunidades autónomas a solicitar el estado de alarma específico para su ámbito si lo creen necesario, pero ninguno de sus dirigentes está, por el momento, dispuesto a dar ese paso. Las autoridades de Andalucía, Cataluña, el País Vasco, Madrid y la Comunidad Valenciana descartaron ayer realizar esa petición al Gobierno central. **PÁGINAS 14 Y 15**



MOHAMMED ABED (AFP)

Al menos 20 muertos en el bombardeo israelí de Gaza

La escalada de violencia entre israelíes y palestinos derivó ayer en un cruento bombardeo de la franja de Gaza por la aviación del Estado judío, que causó al menos 20 muertos, entre ellos nueve niños, en localidades como Beit Hanun. En la ima-

gen, la madre de una de las víctimas ante su cadáver. El ataque se produjo como represalia por el lanzamiento de cohetes desde la franja hasta el centro de Israel, y sigue a varios días de violencia callejera en la ciudad vieja de Jerusalén. **PÁGINA 2**

El coliseo madrileño es reconocido como el mejor del mundo en 2019

El Real asciende al olimpo de la ópera

RAQUEL VIDALES, **Madrid**
El sueño se ha cumplido. Veinticuatro años después de su inauguración, la compañía del Teatro Real de Madrid ocupa ya un puesto de honor en el olimpo de la lírica tras ser distinguida ayer en los International Opera Awards como la mejor del mundo por su programación en

2019. El galardón obtenido por el teatro madrileño es el premio gordo de los considerados Oscar de la lírica, que coloca a la institución en el mapa mundial de grandes casas de la ópera, en el que destacan compañías como el Metropolitan de Nueva York, la Scala de Milán o la Royal Opera House de Londres. **PÁGINA 28**

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EL PAÍS

La economía española inicia ya el rebote tras la crisis del coronavirus

Distintos indicadores anticipan la recuperación

CLAUDI PÉREZ, **Madrid**

La economía española empieza a rebotar. Tras un 2020 para olvidar, con la peor caída del producto interior bruto desde la Guerra Civil, una decena de indicadores recopilados por EL PAÍS apuntan que el motor de la economía vuelve a arrancar. A la recaída económica del invierno le sigue una primavera más despejada: el Ejecutivo ve un rebote desde mediados de abril, sujeto a todo tipo de riesgos, y una aceleración en los meses venideros. Pero la economía se la jugará en verano, con la temporada turística. **PÁGINAS 38 Y 39**

España logrará la inmunidad de grupo hacia la mitad de agosto

JESSICA MOUZO, **Barcelona**

Más de seis millones de personas ya han completado la pauta vacunal contra la covid en España. Tras los tropiezos iniciales, el ritmo de la vacunación se acelera cada semana y el presidente del Gobierno, Pedro Sánchez, ya se ha atrevido a poner fecha al final del túnel pandémico: 18 de agosto. “Estamos a solo 100 días de lograr la inmunidad de grupo, es decir, de lograr el 70% de la población española vacunada y, por tanto, inmunizada”, declaró ayer en una visita oficial a Grecia. **PÁGINAS 22 Y 23**

ERC descarta la coalición con Junts pero le pide que permita la investidura

C. S. BAQUERO / À. PIÑOL, **Barcelona**
Esquerra Republicana cerró ayer la puerta a gobernar en coalición con Junts per Catalunya y advirtió de que solo prevé dialogar sobre la investidura de Pere Aragonès en los 16 días que quedan para evitar una repetición electoral. Marta Villalta, portavoz de ERC, dijo que se sienten “estafados” por la forma de negociar de su socio. **PÁGINA 16**

Rubén Blades Entre el jazz y la salsa

El multifacético panameño habla de su nuevo álbum, de sus planes con Bad Bunny y de mixtura musical. **P.42**



Aparecieron ardillas en la Ciudad y podrían ser plaga

Roen cables y generan cortes de luz. Transmitten leptospirosis. **P.33**

Juntos por el Cambio rechazó la polémica iniciativa

Después del fallo de la Corte, el Gobierno pide poderes por ley para cerrar escuelas

Envío al Senado el proyecto que le permite avanzar sobre facultades de las provincias. Fija cuatro categorías sanitarias. Bajo, Medio, Alto Riesgo y Alarma Epidemiológica, en función de tres factores: aumento de contagios en los

últimos 14 días, cantidad de casos según población y ocupación de camas de terapia intensiva. Con Alarma Epidemiológica, se suspenden las clases presenciales. El cierre de escuelas en Ciudad, a partir del DNU presidencial,

dio pie al fallo de la Corte que reconoció la autonomía porteña para decidir en la materia. Junto con Ciudad otras tres provincias mantienen las escuelas abiertas. En Diputados la votación está ajustada para el oficialismo. **P.6**

CARRERA POR LA INMUNIDAD

Pfizer y un acuerdo para producir mil millones de vacunas en China

Lo anunció la farmacéutica china Fosun Pharma. Invertirá US\$ 100 millones y la producción irá a China continental, Hong Kong, Macao y Taiwan. Se trata de la vacuna que se testó en la Argentina pero que el Gobierno nunca compró, a diferencia de Chile, Brasil y Uruguay. **TEMA DEL DÍA P.3**

Franja de Gaza. Un conflicto que escaló después del ataque de Hamas.



Terror y muerte en Israel

La escalada ocurrió después de que siete de un centenar de cohetes del grupo fundamentalista Hamas alcanzara las cercanías de Jerusalén. En respuesta Israel bombardeó la Franja de Gaza. Hubo al menos 20 muertos. Anoche seguan los disturbios. **P.22**

DESDE AYER HASTA MAÑANA

Con récord de marcas arrancó el Hot Sale

Este año participan 954 firmas, de las cuales 234 se sumaron por primera vez. Los productos más buscados son una bicicleta mountain bike rodado 29, dos celulares de gama media y un termo importado. El promedio de rebaja de

los artículos es de 32%, el más alto de los últimos años. Las ofertas son hasta mañana a última hora. Pero creen que podrían extenderlas hasta el viernes. En 2020, en pandemia se sumaron 1,2 millones de compradores. **P.28**

Dos cepas nuevas

Hallan en Ezeiza dos casos con la de India y uno con la de Sudáfrica

ESTEBAN ECHEVERRÍA

Moyano bloquea a una pyme para conseguir más afiliados

Arrancó ayer en Química Oeste. Reclama que tres de los sesenta empleados pasen a su sindicato para alcanzar así la representación gremial. **P.17**

MURIERON DOS AMIGOS

No tenía registro el chico que provocó la tragedia de Tigre

Se lo habían incautado hacía siete meses por no tener al día la VTV. Iba alcoholizado y a alta velocidad. Enfrenta una pena de 8 a 25 años. **P.31**

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Pablo Vaca

Llame ya: 0800-faltá tranquilo

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Fairer working week

America may have the answer for job instability — SARAH O'CONNOR, PAGE 23

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The food fight between world's two biggest retailers — FT SERIES, PAGE11



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The real cost of Brexit for the UK's largest sector — BIG READ, PAGE 21

Israel injuries Clashes rock Jerusalem

Palestinians flee from tear gas during clashes with Israeli security forces at the Al Aqsa Mosque compound in Jerusalem's Old City yesterday.

More than 300 Palestinians were injured and 20 police officers needed medical attention. Several Israeli civilians were also injured.

Israel yesterday sought to temper tensions by changing the route of a right-wing settlers' parade through East Jerusalem, and delaying evictions of Palestinians in an Arab neighbourhood.

Militant group Hamas fired rockets into Israel after issuing a deadline to the country to withdraw its forces from the holy site. The Israeli military responded with air strikes in the Gaza Strip.

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Mahmoud Illean/AP

Record iron ore price signals raw material boom as economies surge

◆ Chinese steelmakers fuel demand ◆ Copper, oil, timber and foodstuffs follow trend

NEIL HUME, EMIKO TERAZONO
AND ANJLI RAVAL

The price of iron ore hit a record high yesterday in the latest sign of booming commodity markets, which have gone into overdrive in recent weeks as large economies recover from the pandemic.

The steelmaking ingredient, an important source of income for the mining industry, rose 8.5 per cent to a record high of almost \$230 a tonne, fuelled by strong demand from China.

Other commodities also rose sharply, including copper, which hit a record \$10,747 a tonne before paring gains. The increases are part of a broad surge in the cost of raw materials that has lasted more than a year and is fanning talk of another supercycle — a prolonged period where prices remain signifi-

cantly above their long-term trend. The price of timber has also hit a record high as US sawmills struggle to keep pace with demand in the run-up to peak homebuilding season in the summer.

“Commodity demand signals are firing on all cylinders amid a synchronised recovery across the world's economic powerhouses,” said Bart Melek, head of commodity strategy at TD Securities.

Strong demand from China, the world's biggest consumer of commodities, international spending on post-pandemic recovery programmes, supply disruptions and big bets on the green energy transition explain the surge.

Commodities have also been boosted by a weaker US dollar and moves by investors to stock up on assets that can act as a hedge against inflation.

The S&P GSCI spot index, which tracks price movements for 24 raw materials, is up 26 per cent this year.

Strong investor demand pushed commodity assets held by fund managers to a record of \$64.8bn in April, according to Citigroup. All sectors saw monthly gains, with agriculture and precious metals leading the way, the bank said.

Agricultural commodities have had an especially strong run because of rising Chinese demand and concern of a drought in Brazil. Dryness in the US is also adding to the price rise. Corn, trading at \$7.60 a bushel and soyabeans at \$16.22, are at levels not seen since 2013.

“From a macro economic environment, to strong demand and production concerns, the ingredients are all there for the supercycle,” said Dave



In demand: the price of iron ore rose 8.5 per cent yesterday to nearly \$230 a tonne

Whitcomb of commodity specialist Peak Trading Research.

Rising copper and iron ore prices are a boon for big miners, which are on course to record earnings that will surpass records set during the China-driven commodity boom of the early 2000s.

JPMorgan reckons Rio Tinto and BHP will be the largest corporate dividend payers in Europe this year, paying out almost \$40bn to shareholders.

Brent crude, the international oil benchmark, has crept back towards \$70 a barrel, which it passed in March for the first time in more than a year, recovering ground lost during the pandemic. Supply cuts by producers have helped to bolster the market as consumption has begun to recover around the world.

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Starmer snubs Labour left with Reeves promotion

Labour leader Sir Keir Starmer has signalled his resolve to move the opposition party further towards the centre ground with the promotion of Rachel Reeves to shadow chancellor. Reeves, who is unpopular with many on the left, refused to serve under former leader Jeremy Corbyn, while as shadow work and pensions secretary in 2013, she promised that she would be ‘tougher’ than the Tories on benefit costs.

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Johnson’s Mustique holiday added to inquiries into potential rule breaches

GEORGE PARKER — POLITICAL EDITOR

Boris Johnson is under investigation by the parliamentary standards watchdog over claims he may have broken rules in the way he declared a new-year holiday in the Caribbean.

Kathryn Stone, the parliamentary standards commissioner, is looking at the prime minister's declaration of a luxury break on the island of Mustique in early 2020, which he took with his partner Carrie Symonds.

Downing Street has insisted that Johnson complied with “all relevant transparency requirements” for the holiday in the register of MPs' interests.

In the entry Johnson said he accepted “accommodation for a private holiday for my partner and me, value £15,000”, and said it had been provided by Conservative party donor David Ross.

In February 2020, a spokesman for Ross, co-founder of Carphone Warehouse, told the Daily Mail: “Boris wanted some help to find somewhere in Mustique. David called the company who run all the villas and somebody had dropped out. So Boris got the use of a villa that was worth £15,000, but David Ross did not pay any monies whatsoever for this.”

A spokesman for Ross said yesterday: “Mr Ross facilitated accommodation for Mr Johnson on Mustique valued at £15,000. Therefore, this is a benefit in kind from Mr Ross to Mr Johnson, and Mr Johnson's declaration to the House of Commons is correct.”

Johnson's spokesman said the prime minister had “transparently declared a benefit in kind in the Commons register of interests”.

But Angela Rayner, Labour's deputy

leader, said the inquiry into the holiday was more evidence of “sleaze and dodgy dealings” following the dispute over who initially paid for the refurbishment of Johnson's Downing Street flat.

“The public have a right to know who paid for Boris Johnson's luxury Caribbean holiday and the renovation of his flat,” she said. “Most importantly, we need to know what these donors were promised or expected in return for their generosity.”

Stone confirmed she was looking into the Mustique trip as one of a number of probes into the conduct of nine MPs.

Stone has also been asked by Labour MP Margaret Hodge to look into Johnson's financial arrangements regarding the Downing Street flat refurbishment. The prime minister said he paid for the work, but has refused to say who initially met the bill.

World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES						INTEREST RATES				
	May 10	prev	%chg		May 10	prev		May 10	prev		price	yield	chg	
S&P 500	4233.69	4232.60	0.03	\$ per €	1.216	1.214	£ per \$	0.707	0.715	US Gov 10 yr	149.16	1.57	0.01	
Nasdaq Composite	13573.13	13752.24	-1.30	\$ per £	1.414	1.398	€ per £	1.163	1.151	UK Gov 10 yr		0.79	0.02	
Dow Jones Ind	35062.14	34777.76	0.82	£ per €	0.860	0.869	¥ per £	132.222	131.819	Ger Gov 10 yr		-0.21	0.00	
FTSEurofirst 300	1713.44	1712.40	0.06	¥ per \$	108.735	108.565	£ index	81.302	81.193	Jpn Gov 10 yr	116.49	0.08	0.00	
Euro Stoxx 50	4025.46	4034.25	-0.22	¥ per £	153.756	151.763	SFr per £	1.272	1.262	US Gov 30 yr	108.41	2.29	0.02	
FTSE 100	7123.68	7129.71	-0.08	SFr per €	1.094	1.096				Ger Gov 2 yr	106.22	-0.70	-0.01	
FTSE All-Share	4060.80	4066.18	-0.13	€ per \$	0.822	0.824								
CAC 40	6385.99	6385.51	0.01	COMMODITIES										
Xetra Dax	15400.41	15399.65	0.00		May 10	prev	%chg				price	prev	chg	
Nikkei	29518.34	29357.82	0.55	Oil WTI \$	64.89	64.90	-0.02			Fed Funds Eff	0.07	0.07	-	
Hang Seng	28595.66	28610.65	-0.05	Oil Brent \$	68.31	68.28	0.04			US 3m Bills	0.02	0.02	0.00	
MSCI World \$	2979.41	2952.03	0.93	Gold \$	1836.55	1813.15	1.29			Euro Libor 3m	-0.54	-0.54	0.00	
MSCI EM \$	1348.57	1340.80	0.58							UK 3m	0.08	0.08	0.00	
MSCI ACWI \$	710.36	704.14	0.88							Prices are latest for edition Data provided by Morningstar				

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« Dédiabolisée », Marine Le Pen bute sur la crédibilité

► Quatre ans après son échec à la présidentielle, le Rassemblement national (RN) a récupéré son capital politique et reprend sa conquête de l'opinion

► Si l'entreprise de « dédialisation » menée par M^{me} Le Pen porte ses fruits, le parti et sa candidature sont toujours jugés peu capables de gouverner

► Tels sont aujourd'hui les principaux enseignements du baromètre annuel Kantar Public, réalisé pour « Le Monde » et Franceinfo

► 42% des personnes interrogées estiment que le RN ne représente plus un risque pour la démocratie, un pourcentage supérieur de 6 points à celui de 2017

► Pour autant, seules 24% d'entre elles jugent que Marine Le Pen ferait « une bonne présidente de la République »

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La majorité indépendantiste victorieuse défie Londres

La première ministre, Nicola Sturgeon, entend organiser un deuxième référendum sur le statut de la « nation » après avoir remporté les législatives

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► Des centaines de Palestiniens ont été blessés lundi, après les heurts du week-end



Heurts entre Palestiniens et forces de sécurité israéliennes, à la mosquée Al-Aqsa, lundi 10 mai au matin. HANNOU ELLEMAN

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Des dizaines de milliers de doses sont rendues faute de volontaires

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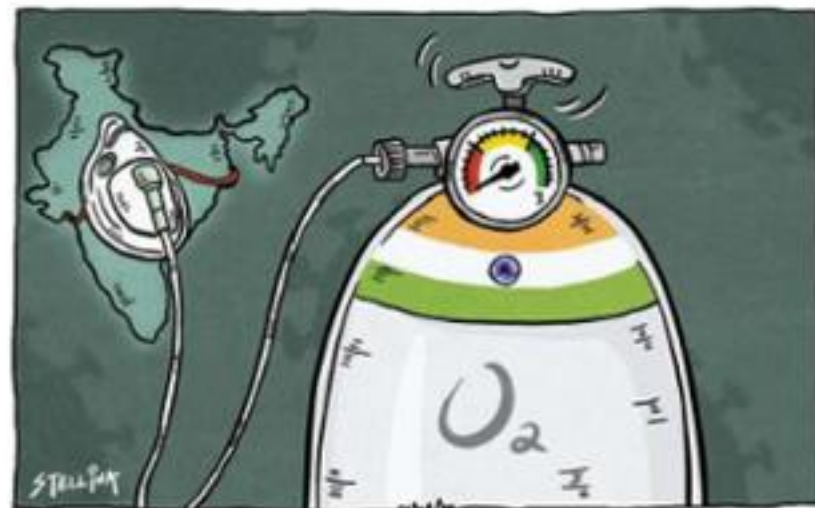
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Dans l'Aisne et la Somme, des groupes qui bénéficient des mesures de soutien suppriment des postes, suscitant la colère et l'incompréhension

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MIDEAST ESCALATION

Palestinians wait at a hospital in the Gaza Strip on a day of violence that saw Israeli airstrikes and Hamas rocket fire after hundreds of Palestinians were hurt in confrontations in Jerusalem. **WORLD, A3**

NBC won't air '22 Golden Globes

It's another big blow to foreign press group after Times' report

By JOSH ROTTENBERG AND STACY PERMAN

For years, NBC has billed the Golden Globe Awards as "Hollywood's Party of the Year." On Monday, the network announced that, for now at least, the party is over.

Capping months of intensifying controversy sparked by a Times investigation into

the Hollywood Foreign Press Assn., the tiny but powerful group that hands out the Golden Globe Awards, NBC said Monday that it will not air the show, a key precursor to the Oscars, in 2022.

The HFPA had been struggling to contain a mounting crisis since publication of the Times investigation that shed light on a range of alleged ethical and

financial improprieties and revealed that the organization has no Black members. The Feb. 21 report set off a growing chorus of criticism from Time's Up and powerful industry figures, including director Ava DuVernay and TV producer Shonda Rhimes.

Fighting to safeguard the Globes and their very existence, the HFPA announced a series of sweeping reforms

last week, including increasing its historically insular membership ranks by 50% over the next 18 months, with a focus on recruiting Black members.

But the much-anticipated proposals did little to quell the controversy, with a number of Hollywood's biggest power players — including Netflix, Amazon Studios, Warner Bros. and HBO — [See Golden Globes, A12]

Newsom wants to give checks to most in state

As tax revenue swells, governor proposes \$600 payments and increased rent help as part of pandemic aid.

By PATRICK MCGREEVY AND JOHN MYERS

SACRAMENTO — Gov. Gavin Newsom proposed a second round of \$600 state stimulus checks on Monday to hasten California's recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, hoping to expand the payments from low-income residents to also include middle-class families, and noting that doing so would ensure benefits for 2 out of 3 state residents.

The proposal to deliver \$8 billion in new cash payments to millions of Californians is part of a \$100-billion economic stimulus plan made possible in part by a budget that has swelled with a significant windfall of tax revenues, a surplus the governor put at \$75.7 billion.

Newsom also proposed \$5 billion to double rental assistance to get 100% of back rent paid for those who have fallen behind, along with as much as \$2 billion in direct payments to pay down utility bills, proposals that were

supported by legislative leaders on Monday.

"Direct stimulus checks going into people's pockets and direct relief — that's meaningful," Newsom said during a visit to the Unity Council, a nonprofit social equity development corporation in the Fruitvale neighborhood of Oakland.

Under the governor's proposal, which still requires approval from the Legislature during state budget negotiations, households earning up to \$75,000 in adjusted gross income will be able to receive \$600 direct payments if they did not receive a payment in the first round this year. State officials said the expanded program, when combined with the first round of state stimulus checks, would provide financial assistance to two-thirds of Californians.

Newsom said the state stimulus proposal represents the largest state tax rebate in U.S. history.

In addition to the \$600 stimulus checks for eligible Californians, the governor is proposing that families with children get an additional \$500, along with \$500 in direct payments to immigrant families without legal status.

"We recognize the acuity of stress associated with back rent and we recognize [See Newsom, A7]

California to get \$27 billion in aid

State will receive largest share of U.S. pandemic relief, including \$1.3 billion for L.A. **NATION, A5**

Are masks still needed outdoors?

As more people become vaccinated, some health experts make a case for leniency. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Low return rate for L.A. students raises alarms

Only 7% of city's high schoolers are back on campus. What could that portend for fall?

By HOWARD BLUME

Only 7% of high school students and 12% of middle school students have returned to reopened campuses in the Los Angeles school district, sounding alarms about what these figures portend for next fall and highlighting the need for intense intervention when more traditional in-person schooling resumes.

As the school year winds down with the vast majority of students at home online, an uncertain summer and fall back-to-school future is emerging: How soon will families be ready to return



MEL MELCON Los Angeles Times

ALAINA Ortiz, 17, a senior at Ramón C. Cortines School of Visual and Performing Arts, attends her video editing class on campus for the first time in over a year.

children to campus? Will many demand an online option? Will students attend summer school to stem learning loss?

For state Assemblyman Patrick O'Donnell (D-Long Beach), the return data denote a crisis.

"It's tragic for the future of those students and tragic for the future of California," said O'Donnell, who chairs the Assembly Education Committee. "It means students are not receiving in-classroom instruction — where they learn best. What does this mean for the fall?"

Although officials insist they will act aggressively to help students, the low return rate could intensify pressure on the school district.

Even after L.A. Unified instituted some of the most extensive safety measures in the nation, it was not enough [See Campus, A12]

Recall effort is failing to pick up support

More voters favor keeping Newsom, poll says, as Jenner, GOP draw anemic backing.

By PHIL WILSON

SACRAMENTO — The campaign to recall Gov. Gavin Newsom has failed to gain momentum in recent months as significantly more California voters favor keeping him in office, and only anemic support has surfaced for reality TV star Caitlyn Jenner while other Republican candidates hoping to take the governor's place have little backing, according to a new UC Berkeley Institute of Governmental Studies poll that was co-sponsored by the L.A. Times.

The survey's results were especially bleak for retired Olympic gold medalist Jenner, as just 6% of Californians who took part in the survey said they would vote to have her replace Newsom — a vast majority of Democrats, Republicans and unaffiliated or independent voters said they would not be inclined to support her candidacy.

Democratic voters polled also overwhelmingly favored having a prominent Democratic replacement candidate on the recall ballot in case Newsom is ousted from office, putting them at odds with efforts by their state party and Newsom's campaign to prevent that from happening. [See Recall, A7]

Cyberattack on U.S. oil pipeline highlights threat

The ransomware that forced a Georgia firm to halt operations has exposed vulnerabilities in U.S. infrastructure. **PERSPECTIVES, A2**

Trans people regain health protections

Biden administration says it will protect gay and transgender people from sex discrimination. **NATION, A6**

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Mostly sunny.
L.A. Basin: 76/61. **B6**

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In Texas, a rift deepens within GOP

Moderates worry about Trump's influence, conspiracy theorists

By MOLLY HENNESSY-FISKE

McKINNEY, Texas — Mayor George Fuller is troubled by what he sees and hears in this conservative Dallas suburb.

Battles with liberals are enduring and predictable, but what worries Fuller is the deepening rancor between Republican moderates and far-right conservatives over what America should look, sound and feel like.

Inspired by nativist fervor and fed by Donald Trump's rage, the Republican Party here encompasses anti-vaccination protesters,



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TEXANS Lee Jenkins, left, and Diane Andrews see themselves as part of the "middle right," not far right.

QAnon conspiracy theorists and those whose mistrust of President Biden only hardens as he reverses his predecessor's policies.

"It's just not the party I recognize anymore," said Fuller, 58, a moderate Republican whose Trump-supporter siblings no longer speak to him. "We are at a place where families are torn apart by political ideologies that are so skewed and out of whack."

What is evident across this county — where in the 1970s the oilmen-rancher TV drama "Dallas" was filmed — is that extremism has gone mainstream in certain pockets of America. [See Texas, A6]

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A KEY STEP IN RECOVERY

Widespread Inoculations
May Speed a Return
to Classrooms

By APOORVA MANDAVILLI

The Food and Drug Administration on Monday authorized use of the Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine for 12- to 15-year-olds in the United States, a crucial step in the nation’s steady recovery from the pandemic and a boon to millions of American families eager for a return to normalcy.

The authorization caps weeks of anticipation among parents, who have been grappling with how to conduct their lives when only the adults in a household are immunized. It removes an obstacle to school reopenings by reducing the threat of transmission in classrooms, and affords more of the nearly 17 million children in this age group opportunities to attend summer camps, sleepovers



KEVIN MOHATT FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES

Vaccinating children is crucial to reaching “herd immunity.”

and Little League games.

“This is great news,” said Dr. Kristin Oliver, a pediatrician and vaccine expert at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York. “It feels like we’ve been waiting a long time to start protecting children in this age group.” The Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is already available to anyone over 16.

The F.D.A.’s go-ahead is not the final hurdle. An advisory committee of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is expected to meet shortly to review the data and make recommendations for the vaccine’s use in 12- to 15-year-olds.

If the committee endorses the vaccine for that age group, as expected, immunizations in theory can begin immediately. Clinical trials have shown that these chil-

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F.B.I. Identifies
Group That Hit
Pipeline Firm

Biden Vows Action as
Officials Issue Alerts

**By DAVID E. SANGER
and NICOLE PERLROTH**

President Biden said on Monday that the United States would “disrupt and prosecute” a criminal gang of hackers called Dark-Side, which the F.B.I. formally blamed for a huge ransomware attack that has disrupted the flow of nearly half of the gasoline and jet fuel supplies to the East Coast.

The F.B.I., clearly concerned that the ransomware effort could spread, issued an emergency alert to electric utilities, gas suppliers and other pipeline operators to be on the lookout for code like the kind that locked up Colonial Pipelines, a private firm that controls the major pipeline carrying gasoline, diesel and jet fuel from the Texas Gulf Coast to New York Harbor.

The pipeline remained offline for a fourth day on Monday as a pre-emptive measure to keep the malware that infected the company’s computer networks from spreading to the control systems that run the pipeline. So far, the effects on gasoline and other energy supplies seem minimal, and Colonial said it hoped to have the pipeline running again by the end of this week.

The attack prompted emergency meetings at the White House all through the weekend, as officials tried to understand whether the episode was purely a criminal act — intended to lock up Colonial’s computer networks unless it paid a large ransom — or the work of Russia or another state that was using the criminal group covertly.

So far, intelligence officials said, all of the indications are that it was simply an act of extortion by the group, which first began to deploy such ransomware last August and is believed to operate from Eastern Europe, possibly Russia. There was some evidence, even in the group’s own statements on Monday, that suggested the group had intended simply to extort money from the company, and was surprised that it ended up cutting off the main gasoline and jet fuel supplies for the Eastern Seaboard.

The attack exposed the remarkable vulnerability of a key conduit for energy in the United States as hackers become more brazen in taking on critical infrastructure, like electric grids, pipelines, hospitals and water treatment facilities. The city governments of Atlanta and New Orleans, and, in recent weeks, the Washington, D.C.,

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Palestinians, top, running from tear gas during clashes with Israeli security forces at the Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem on Monday; above, Hamas firing rockets from Gaza City in retaliation.

Beach Town Lures Labor With Bonuses and Beer

**By JEANNA SMIALEK
and JIM TANKERSLEY**

REHOBOTH BEACH, Del. — Dogfish Head Craft Brewery is struggling to hire manufacturing workers for its beer factory and staff members for its restaurants in this coastal area, a shortage that has grown so acute that the company has cut dining room hours and is now offering vintage cases of its 120 Minute India Pale Ale as a signing bonus to new hires.

The company is using its hefty social media presence “to get the bat signal out” and “entice beverage-loving adults” to join the team, Sam Calagione, the company’s founder, said on a steamy afternoon this month at Dogfish’s brewpub, which was already doing brisk business ahead of vacation season.

Economic activity is expected to surge in Delaware and across the country as people who missed 2020 getaways head for vacations and the newly vaccinated spend savings amassed during months

at home.

Yet as they race to hire before an expected summertime economic boom, employers are voicing a complaint that is echoing all the way to the White House: They cannot find enough workers to fill their open positions and meet the rising customer demand.

An April labor market report underscored those concerns. Economists expected companies to hire one million people, but data released on Friday showed that they had added only 266,000, even as vaccines became widely available and state and local economies began springing back to life. Many analysts thought labor

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Rebound Beckons, but
Employers Complain
of Few Workers

Shooting in Times Square Makes
Crime Focus of the Mayor’s Race

By KATIE GLUECK and JEFFERY C. MAYS

A shooting in Times Square, a spike in gun violence and a spate of high-profile attacks on subway riders have pushed concerns over crime and public safety to the forefront of the New York City mayor’s race, altering the trajectory of the contest as the June 22 primary approaches.

A year after the rise of the “defund the police” movement amid an outcry over racial injustice, the primary will offer one of the first tests of where Democratic voters stand as the country emerges from the pandemic but confronts a rise in gun violence in major cities like New York.

The shooting on Saturday in Times Square, the heart of tourism and transit in New York City, injured three bystanders, including a 4-year-old girl, a woman from New Jersey and a Rhode Island tourist who had been hoping to visit the Statue of Liberty.

Two of the leading mayoral candidates rushed to the scene.

Andrew Yang, a former presidential candidate, held a Sunday morning news conference where he declared that “nothing works in our city without public safety, and for public safety, we need the police.” Eric Adams, the Brooklyn

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Moving Past Apartheid

A new generation of South African directors and producers is making hits about modern life for global audiences.

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China Is Forcing Birth Control
On Muslim Women in Xinjiang

By AMY QIN

When China’s government ordered women in her mostly Muslim community in the region of Xinjiang to be fitted with contraceptive devices, Qelbinur Sedik pleaded for an exemption. She was nearly 50 years old, she told officials. She had obeyed the government’s birth limits and had only one child.

It was no use. The workers threatened to take her to the police if she continued resisting, she said. She gave in and went to a government clinic where a doctor, using metal forceps, inserted an intrauterine device to prevent pregnancy. She wept through the

procedure.

“I felt like I was no longer a normal woman,” Ms. Sedik said, choking up as she described the ordeal. “Like I was missing something.”

Across much of China, the authorities are encouraging women to have more children, as they try to stave off a demographic crisis from a declining birthrate. But in the Xinjiang region, China is forcing them to have fewer, tightening its grip on Muslim ethnic minorities and trying to orchestrate a demographic shift that will diminish their population over generations.

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The cyberattack that forced the closure of the top U.S. fuel pipeline threatens to disrupt gasoline supplies for millions, as the conduit's owner estimated it would take at least through week's end to restore service. **A1, A6**

◆ **European governments** are acting to limit hedge funds' participation in the market for new sovereign-bond issuance after a surge in demand from the firms. **A1**

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◆ **The NTSB raised** doubts that a fatal April crash of a Tesla car in Texas involved the vehicle's advanced driver-assistance system. **B1**

◆ **Elliott has** a stake in Duke Energy and is pushing the utility to add directors and possibly take other actions to boost its stock price. **B1**

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◆ **The S&P 500, Nasdaq** and Dow retreated 1%, 2.5% and 0.1%, respectively, as technology and other growth stocks tumbled. **B9**

◆ **Vice Media's plans** to go public through a nearly \$3 billion SPAC deal would leave existing investors with control of the firm. **B3**

◆ **NBC said** it wouldn't broadcast the Golden Globes next year, a move that comes as the organization that oversees the event has drawn fire. **B3**

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◆ **The WHO classified** a coronavirus variant first seen in India as a global "variant of concern," saying preliminary studies showed it may be more transmissible than some other variants. **A9**

◆ **Pentagon officials** are considering pulling the plug on the JEDI cloud-computing project, which has been mired in litigation from Amazon and faces continuing criticism from lawmakers. **A1**

◆ **China said** its population hit 1.41178 billion in 2020, eking out a tiny rise from the 1.4005 billion official data showed in 2019, a sign of demographic challenges. **A8**

◆ **Attorneys general** from 44 states and territories urged Facebook to drop plans to launch a version of Instagram for children. **A3**

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ON EDGE: Palestinians run for cover from tear gas fired by Israeli security forces in protests at Jerusalem's Al Aqsa Mosque compound. Israel carried out airstrikes in Palestinian territory after militants in Gaza fired a barrage of rockets. **A8**

Children 12 to 15 Are Cleared By FDA to Get Pfizer Vaccine

U.S. health regulators have for the first time cleared a Covid-19 vaccine's use in children, paving the way for many to be immunized before summer camps and the start of the next school year.

Millions of people ages 16 years and older have taken the shot from Pfizer Inc. and partner BioNTech SE. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration's decision Monday widens

By *Jared S. Hopkins, Thomas M. Burton and Jennifer Calfas*

the vaccine's use to children as young as 12.

The move comes after a study of 2,260 adolescents found the two-dose shot worked safely in that age group.

Its expanded use is expected to boost a vaccination campaign seeking to immunize as many people as possible before dangerous variants able to elude shots emerge. Wider use of the vaccines also could permit easing of pandemic measures.

"The light at the end of the tunnel is growing, and today it

got a little brighter," President Biden said.

The expansion "is a significant step in the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic," Acting FDA Commissioner Janet Woodcock said. "Today's action allows for a younger population to be protected from Covid-19, bringing us closer to returning to a sense of normalcy and to ending the pandemic."

Dr. Woodcock said the agency made its decision after a rigorous and thorough review of data on the vaccine's safety and effectiveness in the adolescents.

The authorization could also bolster schools' efforts to open classrooms full-time to middle- and high-school students for five days a week, superintendents and education leaders said. Many districts have already made public full-time reopening plans for this fall, though uncertainty

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The average price paid for a used vehicle hit a record of \$25,463 in April, about \$2,800 higher than the same month a year earlier and the first time it has exceeded \$25,000. Tight supplies are limiting options for buyers. **B1**

Pentagon Weighs Scrapping Big Cloud-Computing Project

WASHINGTON—Pentagon officials are considering pulling the plug on the star-crossed JEDI cloud-computing project, which has been mired in litigation from Amazon.com Inc. and faces continuing criticism from lawmakers.

The Joint Enterprise Defense Infrastructure contract was awarded to Microsoft Corp. in 2019 over Amazon, which has contested the award in court ever since. A federal

judge in April refused the Pentagon's motion to dismiss much of Amazon's case.

A few days later, Deputy Defense Secretary Kathleen Hicks said the department would review the project.

"We're going to have to assess where we are with regard to the ongoing litigation around JEDI and determine what the best path forward is for the department," Ms. Hicks said at an April 30 security conference organized by the nonprofit Aspen Institute.

Her comments followed a Pentagon report to Congress, released before the latest court ruling, that said another Amazon win in court could significantly draw out the timeline for the program's implementation.

"The prospect of such a lengthy litigation process might bring the future of the JEDI Cloud procurement into question," the Jan. 28 report said.

Ms. Hicks and other Pentagon officials said there is a pressing need to implement a

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M'Lady Is Doing the Yard Work

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Tourist shutdown at British castles means staff is away

BY ALISTAIR MACDONALD

After Covid-19 first sent Britain into lockdown in the spring of 2020, the owners of Highclere Castle, where "Downton Abbey" was set, had to banish visitors and send staff away. They closed shutters and shrouded furniture with dust covers in its 250 plus rooms.

Fiona Herbert—Lady Carnarvon—whose family owns the grand home, poured herself a coconut water and settled into a house that had never been so empty in its 350-year history.

"The house and I got to know each other," she said. "I thought I did know it, but it felt different."

Her alone time is coming to

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Europe Seeks to Curb Hedge Funds on Bonds

BY ANNA HIRTENSTEIN

European governments are acting to limit hedge funds' participation in the market for new sovereign-bond issuance, following a surge in demand from the firms.

The pushback was prompted by unusually large orders placed by hedge funds for new bonds, which can then potentially be sold—sometimes within hours—to the European Central Bank for a profit, bankers, investors and a government official said. Order books, which track demand for new bonds and help determine the prices, have ballooned since hedge funds began to pile into this trade.

The debt-management offices of Spain and Italy have placed caps ranging from €500 million to €1 billion, equivalent to \$608 million to \$1.2 billion, on orders from hedge funds for bonds directly issued by countries in the primary

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Danger to aging grid laid bare by breach

Cyberattack on pipeline shows need for 'systemic' security fixes, experts say

BY WILL ENGLUND,
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AND TAYLOR TELFORD

A major fuel pipeline that was shut down after a brazen cyber-attack will probably come back online by week's end, officials said Monday, as security experts warned that the nation must take more seriously persistent vulnerabilities in America's aging energy infrastructure.

The Colonial Pipeline running from Houston to New Jersey, supplying the East Coast with 45 percent of its fuel, was taken offline Friday after a hacker group known as DarkSide infiltrated the Georgia-based company's servers and encrypted its data, demanding a fee to restore access in what is known as a "ransomware" attack. It also stole a copy of the data, possibly to later release it publicly unless Colonial paid an additional fee.

Several cybersecurity experts said the incident represents the biggest known cyberattack on U.S. energy infrastructure. On Monday, Biden administration officials sought to assuage fears that the attack could lead to price spikes, fuel shortages or panicked buying up and down the East Coast, and Colonial announced that it had restarted some service.

New details emerged Monday that Colonial had staved off one potential effort at extortion, though it still grappled with the ransomware issue. Over the week-end, a hosting provider in New York essentially shut down a server containing the stolen data after being contacted by a cyber firm helping Colonial investigate the

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Left-leaning voters flood Tex., but GOP gets the lift

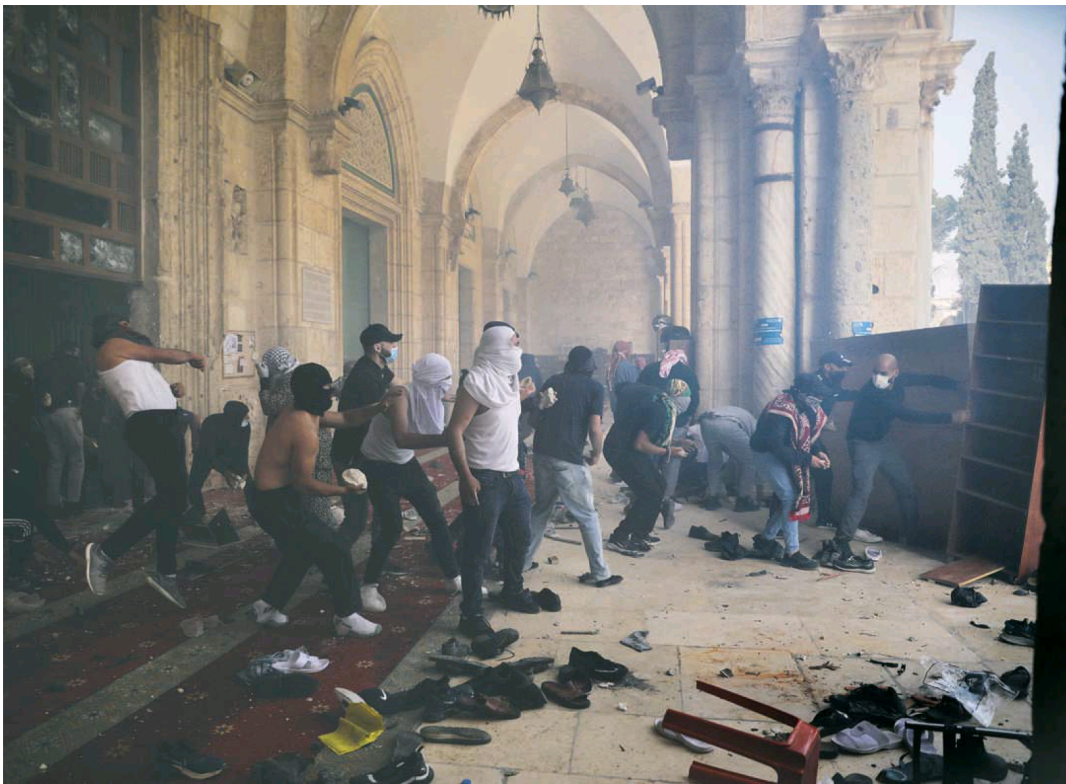
BY ARELIS R. HERNÁNDEZ
AND GRIFF WITTE

SAN MARCOS, TEX. — In a fast-growing city in a fast-growing state, Yvonne Flores-Cale is typical of the population surge that is transforming Texas.

The native Midwesterner is relatively young, Hispanic and politically left of center. She has lived in Kyle — a booming suburb just south of Austin, on the edge of Texas's famed Hill Country — only for a decade but has watched as the surrounding county has morphed from red to purple to a pale shade of blue.

Last year, she won a seat on the city council, and she sees herself as part of a broader wave that will ultimately crest in the state legislature and Congress, washing

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Palestinians skirmish with Israeli security forces at the al-Aqsa Mosque compound in Jerusalem's Old City. Tensions in the area have been intensifying as a Jewish settler group tries to evict several Palestinian families from a nearby neighborhood.

Violent clashes, rocket fire shake Jerusalem

After Hamas attacks, Israeli airstrikes kill 20 in Gaza Strip

BY STEVE HENDRIX
AND SHIRA RUBIN

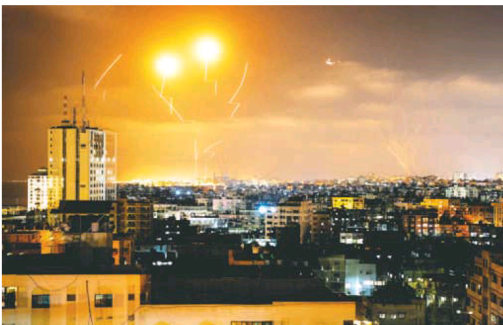
JERUSALEM — Israeli airstrikes killed nine children and 11 others in Gaza on Monday, Palestinian officials said, after some of the worst clashes in Jerusalem in recent years rapidly escalated into an exchange of rockets and bombs between

the militant group Hamas and the Israeli military.

The Israeli airstrikes came after Hamas fired seven rockets at Jerusalem — the first time the city had been targeted since 2014 — and dozens more at southern Israel. Earlier in the day, violent clashes near al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem's Old City between Israeli police and Arab protesters left more than 300 Palestinians injured.

Hamas, which controls the Gaza Strip, warned that it was prepared to escalate further by targeting Tel Aviv in addition to Jerusalem, and by the end of

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Israeli defenses intercept rockets fired from Gaza City. Hamas launched dozens of rockets into Israel on Monday.

As masks come off, D.C. is starting to smile

Vaccinated but wary, people return to favorite haunts and experience an approximation of normal

BY PAUL SCHWARTZMAN

The liberation of Richard McWalters was in full bloom as he strolled 14th Street NW the other day, his nose and jaw newly freed of the mask and constant worry that had shrouded him for more than a year.

McWalters, 64, a project manager who was recently vaccinated, said he felt a measure of guilt as he imagined passersby "looking at me, thinking I'm an idiot for not wearing a mask."

But the pleasure — oh the pleasure! — of the spring sun warming his chin.

"It sure feels good," he said. "It's hard to believe we lived that way for so long."

Step by tentative step, as vaccination rates rise, coronavirus cases fall and officials slowly ease

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Annie Brown, left; her mother, Beulah Brown, center; and family member Vanessa Williams-Drew celebrate getting vaccinated at Victura Park outside the Kennedy Center. D.C. will lift capacity and other restrictions on most businesses and public venues by May 21. Story, B1

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