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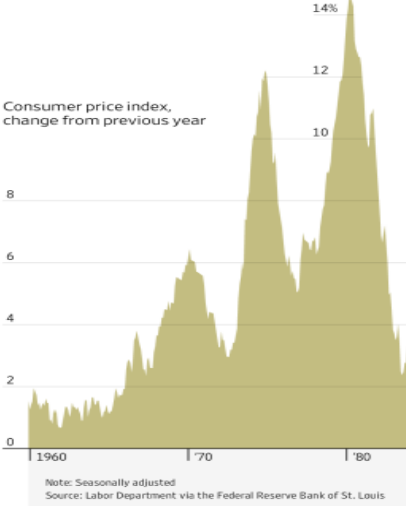
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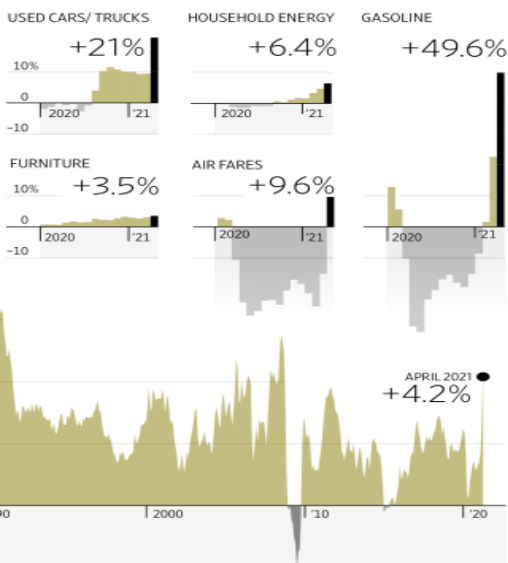
Inflation Surge Rattles Markets

April's increase in consumer prices was driven partly by sharp rises in prices for used cars, gasoline and airline fares.



Note: Seasonally adjusted. Source: Labor Department via the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.

Monthly CPI for select categories, change from previous year



Consumer-price rise of 4.2% for year is biggest since 2008, fueling worries of a rate hike

By GWYNETH GUILFORD

Consumer prices surged in April by the most in any 12-month period since 2008, shaking investors although the data partly reflect a recovery that is picking up steam as the Covid-19 pandemic eases.

The Labor Department reported its consumer-price index jumped 4.2% in April from a year earlier, up from 2.6% for the year ended in March. On a month-to-month basis, which strips out the effect of price declines in April 2020, the early days of the pandemic, prices rose a seasonally adjusted 0.8% last month.

The index measures what consumers pay for goods and services such as clothes, groceries, restaurant meals, recreational activities and vehicles.

Higher prices for used autos surged 10% in April compared with the prior month—the largest monthly increase on record. That accounted for more than one-third of the increase, the Labor Department said.

The data sent the Dow Jones Industrial Average and S&P 500 to their steepest three-day declines in nearly seven months on Wednesday, on concerns that the Federal Reserve could move earlier than expected to tighten interest rates. Bond yields jumped, with the yield on the benchmark 10-year posting its largest one-day gain since March.

Policy makers are watching April's reading to gauge the extent of what many expect to be a monthlong rise in prices, after a year of anemic overall inflation.

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Stocks Log Worst Streak in Months

By KAREN LANGLEY AND JOE WALLACE

U.S. stocks extended their losses on Wednesday, with the Dow Jones Industrial Average and S&P 500 posting their steepest three-day declines in nearly seven months, after a sharp increase in consumer prices heightened concerns about inflation.

The jump in prices was

steeper than expected and exacerbated fears that inflation could prompt the Federal Reserve to accelerate its timeline for scaling back its easy-money policies. Near-zero rates have buoyed demand for stocks, which have hit dozens of records since the coronavirus pandemic sent them falling early last year.

"Not only is just inflation and unexpected inflation a bad

story for any type of real returns in your portfolio, it's also increasing the uncertainty around what the Fed's next moves are going to be over the next couple of months," said Matt Forester, chief investment officer of Lockwood Advisors at BNY Mellon Pershing.

The S&P 500 fell 89.06 points, or 2.1%, to 4063.04. The Dow Jones Industrial Average retreated 681.50 points,

or 2%, to 33587.66. The broad U.S. stock index is down 4% this week, while the blue chips are down 3.4%, the largest three-day drop for both indexes since late October.

The tech-heavy Nasdaq Composite slumped 357.75 points, or 2.7%, to 13031.68. The Nasdaq is down 5.2% this week—its worst three trading days since early March.

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U.S. Tariffs Bring Drop In Chinese Imports

WASHINGTON—U.S. tariffs have led to a sharp decline in Chinese imports and significant changes in the types of goods Americans buy from China, new data show, with purchases of telecommunications gear, furniture, apparel and other goods shifting to other countries.

By JOSH ZUMBRUN

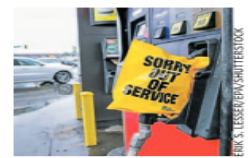
Nearly two-thirds of all imports from China—or about \$370 billion in annual goods—were covered by tariffs imposed by the U.S. in 2018 and 2019. Tariffs now cover just half of Chinese exports to the U.S., or about \$250 billion in goods annually, as U.S. companies buy more from other countries, according to a Wall Street Journal analysis of information from Trade Data Monitor.

The Trump administration imposed the levies in 2018-19, aiming to boost U.S. factory production by making Chinese imports more expensive for the U.S. companies that bring them in. That so-called reshoring of manufacturing hasn't happened in any appreciable way.

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Cheating at School Grows Rampant

Students isolated at home find academic dishonesty is easier than ever

By TAWNELL D. HOBBS

A year of remote learning has spurred an eruption of cheating among students, from grade school to college. With many students isolated at home over the past year and with a mass of online services at their disposal—academic dishonesty has never been so easy.

Websites that allow students to submit questions for expert answers have gained millions of new users

over the past year. A newer breed of site allows students to put up their own classwork for auction.

"Consider hiring me to do your assignment," reads a bid from one site. "I work fast, pay close attention to the instructions, and deliver a plagiarism-free paper."

Some educators fear the new generation of cheaters will be loath to stop even after the pandemic recedes.

"Students have found a way

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Clashes Rock Israel As Military Kills 14 Hamas Leaders

By FELICIA SCHWARTZ AND DOV LIEBER

TEL AVIV—Israel's military said it killed 14 senior Hamas commanders and officials as it intensified its airstrikes targeting the militant group in Gaza, as a wave of clashes between Jewish and Arab Israelis on the streets spread within the country's borders.

Palestinian health ministry officials said Israeli airstrikes have killed 65 people since Monday, including 16 children. Six Israelis, including one child, have died in intense

Hamas rocket barrages that began Monday evening, and one soldier died in an antitank-missile attack, Israeli officials said.

Meanwhile, chaos also spread inside Israel on Wednesday as the conflagration connected to the contested city of Jerusalem this week took on a new dimension, with clashes between Jews and Arab Israelis—the descendants of Palestinians who remained in Israel after the 1948 war that

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Deadly attacks More than 50 killed in Gaza and Israel

Fires rage yesterday both in the Gaza Strip's Khan Yunis and at a refinery in the southern Israeli city of Ashkelon.

Palestinian militants and Israel's military forces have exchanged a volley of deadly rockets for days, triggered after hundreds of Muslim protesters were injured last weekend by Israeli police at al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem.

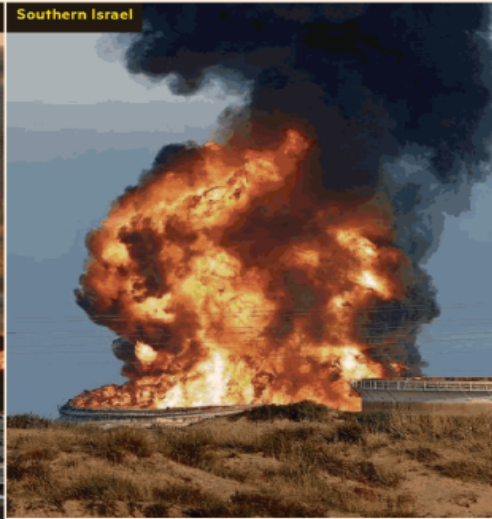
This week's furious attacks have left 49 people dead in Gaza and seven in Israel. Hundreds were injured in the Gaza Strip and dozens in Israel, according to medics on both sides.

Benjamin Netanyahu, Israel's prime minister, yesterday said that the operations in Gaza were "just the beginning" as Israel announced that it had killed several senior Hamas military figures and destroyed high-rise towers in the Gaza Strip in the most severe outbreak of violence since 2014.

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Gaza Strip



Southern Israel

Yusef massoud/AP (left), Jack Gaudin/AP via Getty Images

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Connection to Israel

% of Jewish respondents

● 18-29 ● 30-49 ● 50-64 ● 65+

A lot in common with Jews in Israel

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Source: Pew Research Center (Nov 2019 to Jan 2020)

Young American Jews are less emotionally attached to Israel than older ones. As of 2020, nearly half of Jewish adults under 30 said they were very, or somewhat, attached to Israel, compared with two-thirds of those aged 65 and older.

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US inflation rose 4.2 per cent in April over its level a year ago, a bigger jump than economists had expected, fuelling concerns that the world's largest economy is over heating.

The higher inflation reading reflects a combination of hefty fiscal support, supply bottlenecks and increased spending as economic activity picks up following the rollout of coronavirus vaccinations. US equities dropped after the inflation report, with the S&P 500 down 1.4 per cent in afternoon trading

in New York. The tech-heavy Nasdaq, whose companies are sensitive to higher inflation and interest rates, fell about 2 per cent.

A sell-off in US government bonds also accelerated, sending the yield on the benchmark 10-year bond 0.06 percentage points higher to 1.68 per cent.

The increase came as the European Commission sharply raised its economic forecasts for the coming two years, with the accelerating vaccination campaign helping the eurozone recover from the pandemic. The euro area will grow by 4.3 per cent this year and 4.4 per cent in 2022, Brussels said, com-

pared with previous forecasts for 3.8 per cent growth in both years.

In the US, the 4.2 per cent jump in inflation is the biggest rise since 2008 and a significant leap compared with the 2.6 per cent reading in March.

The surge reflects the relatively low levels of inflation at the start of the

'It is time for the Fed to revisit its accommodative policy stance'

Pat Toomey, Republican Senator

coronavirus outbreak. It poses a challenge to US economic policymakers, both at the Federal Reserve and the Biden administration, who continue to pursue hefty monetary and fiscal stimulus to help the US recover.

The White House council of economic advisers said that the US economy was experiencing a "normalisation" of prices as it recovers from the pandemic. "There will be months that come in below or above expectations as strong demand meets recovering supply. Recovery from the pandemic will not be linear," it said.

Richard Clarida, the Fed's vice-chair,

said he was "surprised" by the higher inflation reading, but he still expected inflation "to return to, or perhaps run somewhat above, our 2 per cent longer-run goal in 2022 and 2023".

Some Republicans said the Biden administration had underestimated the risk of higher inflation. "It is time for the Fed to revisit its accommodative policy stance," said Pat Toomey, the Republican senator from Pennsylvania.

Additional reporting by Sam Fleming in Brussels, and Matthew Rocco and Colby Smith in New York

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Mobile innovations unlock China's ecommerce success

Chinese tech giants are leading a revolution that is bringing online shopping out of the store age, with video presentations and social-media style interactivity delivered to millions of customers via mobile devices. US and European competitors, however, with a history steeped in the desktop era, have lagged behind and are only just beginning to wake up to a trend that combines commerce with entertainment.

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SoftBank breaks Japanese record with \$46bn net profit after turbulent year

KANA INAGAKI — TOKYO

SoftBank has reported \$46bn in annual net profits, the highest for a Japanese company, as Masayoshi Son said the blockbuster result was not a "one-off".

The record earnings mark an important milestone for the founder of the Japanese conglomerate after navigating a turbulent year when some of the Vision Fund's largest bets were hit by the global pandemic.

"We can't be too proud since a series of coincidences led to this result. There were many failed investments such as WeWork, Greensill and Katerra," Son said yesterday. "But once we have achieved it once, I'm not going to let this end as a one-off."

The profits for the year ending March 30 were driven by a vibrant US market for initial public offerings, which turned

the group's \$2.7bn investment in South Korea's Coupang into a \$28bn stake after the e-commerce company went public in March.

Since the end of March, however, the valuations of some of the Vision Fund's holdings have fallen because of a sell-off in US tech stocks.

Coupang's valuation, which at one point soared to \$118bn, has since halved to \$62bn, while shares in Uber and KFC Holdings, the owner of Chinese online property platform Beike Zhaofang, have both fallen 15 per cent in the past six weeks. "We believe [the market] volatility is here to stay and our view is that we need to have a very disciplined strategy for monetisation," a person close to the Vision Fund said.

Son said that the IPOs for Vision Fund companies would continue at a robust pace, with investors expecting Chinese

car-hailing group Didi Chuxing, Chinese start-up Full Truck Alliance and TikTok owner ByteDance to float soon.

For the full year, SoftBank reported a net profit of ¥4.98tn (\$46bn), compared with a loss of ¥961bn a year earlier. That was well above the previous record of a ¥2.5tn profit reported by Toyota during the 2017-18 fiscal year, according to SMBC Nikko Securities.

SoftBank's Saudi-backed \$100bn Vision Fund and its sequel fund, which has grown to \$50bn, reported a ¥6.4tn gain in the value of their investments. Kirk Bodory, an analyst at Redex Holdings, said investors had already priced in a record quarter, and their attention had turned to how the IPO market would hold up and whether SoftBank would carry out further share buybacks to support its stock price.

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World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				INTEREST RATES			
	May 12	prev	%chg		May 12	prev	%chg		price	yield	chg
S&P 500	4098.77	4132.10	-1.57	\$ per €	1.206	1.216	-0.707	US Gov 10 yr	149.04	1.88	0.06
Nasdaq Composite	13301.45	13389.43	-2.30	£ per €	1.439	1.414	1.763	UK Gov 10 yr		0.89	0.05
Dow Jones Ind	33621.40	34289.16	-1.91	¥ per €	0.957	0.980	-2.304	Ger Gov 10 yr		-0.13	0.04
FTSE Euro Stoxx 300	3961.27	3979.53	0.45	¥ per \$	109.375	108.485	0.810	Jpn Gov 10 yr	116.63	0.07	0.00
Euro Stoxx 50	3951.59	3946.06	0.14	¥ per £	154.186	153.446	0.482	US Gov 30 yr	107.35	2.39	0.05
FTSE 100	7004.83	6947.99	0.82	SFr per €	1.088	1.087	0.001	Ger Gov 2 yr	106.15	-0.66	0.01
FTSE All Share	3988.82	3962.98	0.63	€ per \$	0.828	0.822	0.729				
CAC 40	6278.35	6267.39	0.19								
Hong Kong	15166.22	15119.25	0.33								
Nikkei	28142.51	28058.58	0.30								
Hang Seng	26221.04	26013.91	0.79								
MSCI World \$	28232.33	28015.57	-1.12	Oil WTI \$	95.15	95.29	-1.33	Full Funds EM	0.87	0.07	-
MSCI EM \$	1329.09	1348.35	-1.29	Oil Brent \$	89.30	88.55	1.21	US 3m T-bill	0.01	0.02	-0.01
MSCI ACWI	699.42	708.50	-1.14	Gold \$	1829.10	1840.45	-0.62	Euro Libor 3m	-0.54	-0.54	0.00
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JEERED BY G.O.P., DEPOSED CHENEY ISSUES A WARNING

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She Calls Perpetuation of
Trump's Lies a Path
to 'Destruction'

By CATIE EDMONDSON
and NICHOLAS FANDOS

WASHINGTON — In a remarkable display of loyalty to Donald J. Trump, Republicans moved quickly to purge Representative Liz Cheney of Wyoming from House leadership on Wednesday, voting to oust her No. 3 for repudiating the former president's election lies and holding him responsible for the deadly Jan. 6 riot at the Capitol.

The action, orchestrated by



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PARTY SHIFT The G.O.P. adds to its issues by ousting Liz Cheney. Political Memo, Page A18.

party leaders, came by voice vote during a raucous closed-door meeting on Capitol Hill that lasted just 15 minutes. With the votes stacked against her, Ms. Cheney made a defiant final speech rather than fight the ouster, warning that Republicans would follow Mr. Trump to their "destruction" by silencing dissent and refusing to reject the myth of a stolen election.

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Prices Jump, Along With Worry For the Economy and Shoppers

By JEANNA SMIALEK

Consumer prices jumped at the fastest pace in more than a decade in April, surprising economists and intensifying a debate on Wall Street and in Washington over whether inflation might reach levels that would squeeze households and ultimately undermine the recovery.

Economists and central bank officials said the numbers reflected pandemic-driven trends that would most likely prove temporary. But investors and politicians are worried that prices will keep climbing — potentially pressuring the Federal Reserve to lift interest rates sharply. That could slow economic growth and send

stock prices plummeting.

On Wednesday, stocks slumped more than 2 percent, their biggest decline since late February, after the government reported in the morning that the closely monitored Consumer Price Index climbed 4.2 percent in April from a year earlier, its fastest pace since 2008.

Hanging over the debate is America's inflationary experience in the 1960s and 1970s, when big government spending, an oil crisis, a slow-moving Fed and the final end of the gold standard converged to send price gains to double-digit heights. The central bank got things under control only by lifting interest rates to punishing levels, at a grave cost to the housing market and ultimately the job market.

Few analysts expect a return to such huge price gains, in part because the Fed has pledged to act to keep inflation under control. But if officials are prodded to withdraw economic support quickly in order to prevent another "Great Inflation," it could spur a downturn, as sudden Fed changes have done in the past.

Yet many economists, including advisers to the White House and Fed officials themselves, played down the concern that the inflation gains will last past the end of the year.

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Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

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After decades of fighting rebel groups, officers are cracking down on protesters and being accused of treating them as battlefield enemies. PAGE A9

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Sign of Relief Amid a Frenzy Of Gas Buying

A Pipeline 'Restart,' but
It Will Take Time

By CLIFFORD KRAUSS
and DAVID E. SANGER

HOUSTON — Anxious drivers circled from one filling station to another, gasoline prices rose and thousands of stations were out of fuel in the Southeast on Wednesday as a ransomware attack continued to cripple a vital fuel pipeline.

There was a sign of relief late Wednesday when the operator of the pipeline, which transports gasoline, diesel and jet fuel from Texas to New Jersey, said it had "initiated the restart" of operations. But the company, Colonial Pipeline, said supplies would take several days to return to normal.

Since the pipeline was shut down on Friday, the uncertainty about supplies has prompted a growing frenzy among motorists determined to fill up.

Gasoline prices in Georgia and a few other states rose 8 to 10 cents a gallon on Wednesday alone, a jump not usually seen without a major hurricane shutting down refineries. At some stations, people were filling up gasoline cans, forcing others to wait longer and causing shouting matches.

On a chilly, rainy Wednesday morning in Chapel Hill, N.C., almost all the gas stations lacked fuel, with their pumps covered with yellow plastic bags, some saying simply "Out of gas."

Lines of 20 to 25 cars waited at the few stations operating, and even they did not have premium blends. The manager of one station said she had received a small truck shipment only the hour before but expected to run out of fuel in an hour because of the deluge of customers.

"I'm feeling quite desperate about the gas situation and dis-

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Mobs in Streets as Israel and Gaza Are Bombarded



ISRAEL A family in the southern city of Ashkelon after a house was hit on Wednesday by a rocket launched from the Gaza Strip.



GAZA An Israeli airstrike on Wednesday leveled a high-rise building that hosted offices for several media outlets and companies.

They're Unvaccinated, but They're Not Hesitant

By AMY HARMON
and JOSH HOLDER

It had been weeks since Acy Grayson III, owner of Let It Shine, a home improvement outfit he runs out of his own home in the suburbs of Cleveland, had vowed to get a Covid-19 vaccine.

Appointments were available.

But Mr. Grayson, who never knows how long a job will take or when a new one will come along, had found it hard to commit to a time and a place. The mass vaccination site where appointments were not required was off his beat-

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Many From Getting
Access to the Shot**

en path. He did not know that a nearby church, Lee Road Baptist, had been dispensing vaccines on Fridays — but the truth is, even if he had, it is unlikely he would have made the short trek to get one there, either.

"I know you're trying to find out the reason people aren't doing it,"

Mr. Grayson said on a recent afternoon. "I'm going to tell you. People are trying to take care of their household. You don't have much time in the day."

The slowdown in vaccinations across the country has often been attributed to a blend of misinformation and mistrust among Americans known as "vaccine hesitancy." But Mr. Grayson belongs to an overlooked but sizable group whose reasons for remaining unvaccinated are not about opposition to the shots or even skepticism about them.

According to a new U.S. census Continued on Page A6

Residential Areas Hit as Fears of War Grow

By PATRICK KINGSLEY

JERUSALEM — A new front opened in the military showdown between the Israeli Army and Palestinian militants in Gaza on Wednesday as a wave of mob violence between Jews and Arabs spread across several Israeli cities, leading to riots and attacks in the streets as rockets and missiles streaked across the sky.

Israel said it assassinated 10 senior militants and continued to pound both military and residential areas across the Gaza Strip with airstrikes, while Hamas, the Islamist group that rules Gaza, and its allies continued to fire rockets into civilian areas across central and southern Israel.

More than 1,000 rockets had been fired from Gaza by Wednesday night, most of them intercepted by an antimissile defense system, the Israeli military said.

Over 67 Palestinians, including 16 children, have died since the start of the conflict on Monday, Palestinian health officials said. The rockets fired by Hamas and its Islamist ally, Islamic Jihad, killed at least six Israeli civilians, including a 5-year-old boy, and one soldier.

The fighting showed no signs of letting up. An Israeli military official said Wednesday that three infantry brigades were "preparing for a worst-case scenario," confirming that a ground invasion could follow the bombardment from the air.

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Do They Still ♥ New York?

Ana Ivette Soto with visitors on the Brooklyn Bridge. Tourism is key to the city's revival. Page A17.

Climate Change Is Getting Worse, E.P.A. Says. Just Look Around.

By CHRISTOPHER FLAVELLE

WASHINGTON — Wildfires are bigger, and starting earlier in the year. Heat waves are more frequent. Seas are warmer, and flooding is more common. The air is getting hotter. Even ragweed pollen season is beginning sooner.

Climate change is already happening around the United States,

the Environmental Protection Agency said on Wednesday. And in many cases, that change is speeding up.

The freshly compiled data, the federal government's most comprehensive and up-to-date information yet, shows that a warming world is making life harder for Americans, in ways that threaten their health and safety, homes and

communities. And it comes as the Biden administration is trying to propel aggressive action at home and abroad to cut the pollution that is raising global temperatures.

"There is no small town, big city or rural community that is unaffected by the climate crisis," Michael S. Regan, the E.P.A. administrator, said on Wednesday.

"Americans are seeing and feeling the impacts up close, with increasing regularity."

The data released Wednesday came after a four-year gap. Until 2016, the E.P.A. regularly updated its climate indicators. But under President Donald J. Trump, who repeatedly questioned whether the planet was warming, the data Continued on Page A21

CHENEY AFFIRMS TRUMP'S HOLD ON GOP

Cheney demoted in House for criticizing postelection moves.

By JENNIFER HABERKORN

WASHINGTON — Three months ago, House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy helped quell a small protest against Rep. Liz Cheney, one of the Republican Party's most vocal critics of former President Trump, declaring the GOP "big tent" that was broad enough to include dissenting voices.

But that tent deflated Wednesday morning, when House Republicans led by McCarthy (R-Bakersfield) voted to remove the Wyoming lawmaker as the party's No. 3 leader in the House.

Shortly after Cheney opened the meeting of the House Republican Conference with a prayer, a motion was introduced to remove her from the job, as expected. The motion was approved by a voice vote so quickly that some Republicans missed it because they were running late.

There were voices in support of her, but reading the room, those supporters realized it wasn't worth demanding a vote by secret ballot, said Rep. Ken Buck (R-Colo.), a member of the conservative House Freedom Caucus who supported Cheney.

"Even the people who voted 'no' felt it was unnecessary," Buck said of a secret ballot. "It wasn't going to change the outcome."

Cheney was prepared for the outcome on Wednesday morning, defiantly standing by her message criticizing Trump's falsehoods about election fraud and his role in the Jan. 6 Capitol insurrection. [See Cheney, A5]



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AIRSTRIKE AFTERMATH

Rescuers search the rubble of a tower that was hit by an Israeli airstrike in Gaza City. Calls from the U.S., the United Nations and Europe for Israel and Gaza militants to scale down their fighting have gone unheeded.

IN GAZA STRIP: Palestinian civilians facing airstrikes have few places safe to go. **PERSPECTIVES, A2**

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Turning L.A. yards into green acres

Microfarms are one grower's way to bring veggies close to home.

By DONOVAN X. RAMSEY

Jamiah Hargins knows the modest frontyard at the corner of Angeles Vista Boulevard and Olympiad Drive like the back of his hand.

A military brat who grew up moving from one country to another, he has traversed the yard's 970 square feet countless times. He and a small team of volunteers spent a month cultivating the land, installing equipment and planting sloping rows of vegetables, including

bok choy, Tuscan kale, rainbow chard, red cherry tomatoes, basil and chives.

It's enough to cause people in this View Park neighborhood, including their regular mailman, to gawk at the lush green grass transformed into a minifarm.

"For a while, we thought it was just the typical landscaping job in View Park. And we were curious when we saw just how much work was going into it," said Ibere Seck, 40, who lives in the neighborhood and watched the farm come to life during walks with her children. "Every day we would just pass and see it evolve... There are many beautiful things to see in this neighborhood. But by far, this is the most fascinating." [See Microfarms, A9]



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JAMIAH HARGINS, right, explains the Asante Microfarm irrigation system to neighbor Ibere Seck.



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INDIGENOUS ACTIVISTS join an anti-government march in Cali, Colombia. For two weeks, protests have called for improved healthcare and other demands.

Slain activist becomes icon of resistance in Colombia

By PATRICK J. McDONNELL AND CESAR LEONARDO ROJAS

BOGOTA, Colombia — On the morning of May 5, Lucas Villa sent an audio message to a fellow student before heading off to another day of anti-government protests in Pereira, a coffee-growing hub in the Andean foothills of western Colombia.

"It is a difficult, ugly and tough moment, in which the worst can happen to anyone," Villa told his friend, according to El Espectador

newspaper. "Many of us may die, because in Colombia just to be young and be in the streets is to risk one's life. We can all die."

That evening, Villa, 37, was shot eight times as he and other demonstrators blocked a bridge. He was declared dead Tuesday after six days in a hospital. Authorities say they are looking for his killer, who apparently fired from a motor-cycle.

Protests by hundreds of thousands of students, teachers, trade union members, farmers, indigenous activists and others have

convulsed Colombia for two weeks. The mass mobilizations across the country have largely shut down cities and left dozens dead — most killed by police, according to human rights groups.

"We have demanded an end to the massacre, a stop to the official violence," Francisco Maltés, a protest leader, told reporters in Bogotá, the capital, after he and colleagues met Monday with President Iván Duque in a session that the opposition called futile. "No empathy was shown for the victims." [See Colombia, A4]

Inflation is back. How high and long will prices go up?

By DON LEE

WASHINGTON — Used car and truck prices jumped 10% between March and April, the largest increase in nearly 70 years. Airfares and hotel rates rose about as much. And consumers paid significantly more for computers, shoes, furniture, sporting equipment and a host of other goods and services.

Inflation is back, after decades during which consumer prices rose hardly at all and economists worried

about the dangers of deflation and the economic stagnation it can bring.

The big question now is whether the current price surges are temporary or are warning signs of serious problems ahead.

One possibility is that the economy and the U.S. workforce, after being deeply shaken up by the COVID-19 pandemic, are experiencing the ups and downs of getting back to normal.

The other possibility, that the economic shocks of the pandemic have set off

[See Inflation, A11]



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'ELLEN' ERA TO CLOSE

The announcement that Ellen DeGeneres' daytime talk show will halt next year is another sign of the end of TV as we know it. **CALENDAR, E3**

Newsom's ambitious proposal on early education

With extra revenue to spend, governor's plan seeks schooling for all 4-year-olds in state.

By JOHN MYERS, HOWARD BLUME AND SONJA SHARP

Gov. Gavin Newsom has proposed a far-reaching, multibillion-dollar education initiative — including a full year of schooling for all 4-year-olds and enrichment programs and tutoring for students in low-income communities — aimed at those he sees as most in need in the wake of the pandemic.

If approved by the Legislature, the governor's plan, which he pencils out at \$20 billion over several years, would represent an ambitious expansion of the mission for California's education system.

Funded by a massive influx of state income tax revenue, Newsom's proposal first and foremost targets universal transitional kindergarten, promising an additional year on the front end of the kindergarten-through-12th grade public school experience.

But it also includes \$1 billion annually for additional after-school and summer programs in low-income communities — building up to \$5 billion. The governor will formally reveal his full budget proposal on Friday.

The spending agenda expands the reach of the state's education system by the billions.

■ \$4 billion for youth mental health support that educators say is sorely needed for students after a year of isolation in distance learning.

■ More than \$3.3 billion for teacher and school employee training

■ \$3 billion for "community schools," where education is integrated with health-care and mental health services.

The state would also establish a \$500 college savings account for students from a low-income family with an additional \$500 for foster youth and those who are homeless. The \$2-billion program would be funded mostly by a portion of the state's share of money from the American Rescue Plan, signed into law by President Biden in March. It could provide a savings account for as many as 3.8 million schoolchildren.

The emphasis on early education, Newsom said, is appropriate given the experience of the state's youngest learners.

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Is Santa Newsom following the law?

Don't call his gifts a tax rebate, George Skelton writes. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Officials defend Jan. 6 response

Lawmakers question two Trump administration decision-makers on their handling of the Capitol riot. **NATION, A6**

More youths can get vaccine

L.A. County will allow anyone 12 and older to receive the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 shot. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

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For Israel, an unusual uproar on home front

Country's Arab citizens take to streets in support of the Palestinians

BY MIRIAM BERGER

RAMLE, ISRAEL — The escalating conflict between Israelis and Palestinians has sparked an outbreak of increasingly volatile protests by Israel's own Arab citizens, who have taken to the streets this week in numbers unseen in two decades.

While unrest in the occupied territories is not uncommon, the outpouring of support among

Arab citizens for Palestinians in Jerusalem and Gaza and the venting of anger in Israeli cities with large Arab populations pose a rare challenge on Israel's home front.

In predominantly Arab cities and those with mixed Arab and Jewish populations, demonstrations on Tuesday night quickly turned into violent confrontations with Israeli police and right-wing Israelis staging counter-demonstrations. Police fired tear gas and rubber-coated bullets, while looting and arson attacks spread.

"It was like a war here," said Yousef, 35, a resident of the mixed city of Ramle in central Israel, SEE ISRAEL ON A17



Israeli soldiers fire tear gas at Palestinian protesters Wednesday during a demonstration near the Jewish settlement of Beit El, outside Ramallah in the occupied West Bank.

Political rifts: Israel-Hamas fighting poses a test for President Biden. A16

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Netanyahu vows to widen response

DEATH TOLL CLIMBS IN GAZA AND ISRAEL

Premier says he rejected Hamas request for truce

BY SHIRA RUBIN AND STEVE HENDRIX

TEL AVIV — Civilians in Israel and the Gaza Strip endured a third day of deadly rocket attacks and airstrikes on Wednesday, with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu saying his government planned to further escalate its military campaign against the militant Hamas group. Amid the worst violence be-

tween Israel and Palestinian militants in years, the Israeli cabinet convened to discuss expanding the Gaza operation. Netanyahu said Israel had rejected requests from Hamas to negotiate a ceasefire and estimated that the Gaza operation would last at least another week.

The fighting has already killed 69 Gazans, including 16 children, according to Palestinian health SEE CONFLICT ON A15

U.S. youths 12 to 15 now eligible for Pfizer shot

CDC endorsement clears path for millions more coronavirus vaccinations

BY LENA H. SUN AND FENIT NIRAPPIL

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Wednesday endorsed the use of the Pfizer-BioNTech coronavirus vaccine in children as young as 12, paving the way for millions of adolescents to get the shots and making it easier for state and local officials to reopen schools and summer camps.

The decision was hailed by President Biden "as one more giant step in our fight against the pandemic," and he called on parents to get their children inoculated. "The bottom line is this: A vaccine for kids between the ages of 12 and 15... [is] safe, effective, easy, fast and free," he said. "So my hope is that parents will take advantage of the vaccine and get their kids vaccinated."

The CDC action followed a vote Wednesday afternoon by its Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, an independent group of medical and public health experts. The vote was 14 in favor, with one recusal. CDC Director Rochelle Walensky signed off by day's end, giving the green light for the two-dose vaccine to be used immediately for those ages 12 to 15.

"Getting adolescents vaccinated means their faster return to social activities and can provide parents and caregivers peace of mind knowing their family is protected," Walensky said.

The Food and Drug Administration cleared the vaccine for emergency use in that age group Monday, saying it was safe and effective at the same dose that is being given to those 16 and older.

The CDC action means the inoculation can be given immediately at any site authorized to SEE VIRUS ON A4

In Md.: This weekend, businesses can resume normal operations. B1



Motorists fill up in Benson, N.C. Officials said the nation had plenty of fuel, but at least 12,000 stations reported being empty. Colonial Pipeline, whose systems were hit by a ransomware attack, said Wednesday evening that it would restart operations.

Panic buying creates gas shortages

Pipeline announces restart after anxious drivers throughout Southeast find stations run dry

BY WILL ENGLUND AND ELLEN NAKASHIMA

A sudden fuel shortage worsened across the eastern half of the United States on Wednesday — days after a cyberattack crippled a major pipeline — as long lines, sharp words and pumps gone dry greeted unhappy drivers from the Alabama foothills to the Chesapeake Bay.

Although government and industry officials

said the nation had plenty of fuel and the pipeline was set to resume operations in the evening, nervous drivers clogged gas stations and created shortages in parts or all of 11 states. At least 12,000 gas stations reported being completely empty, and the squeeze pushed the price of a gallon past \$3, its highest in years.

The crisis was man-made — first by the ransomware attack on the systems of Colonial Pipeline that led the company to shut

down its pipeline connecting Texas to New Jersey, then by a panic that led drivers to fly out of fear the country could run out of gas.

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Fueling panic: Local drivers seeking to top off their tanks lined up at the pumps. B1

Economic tremors rattle Biden's ambitious agenda

BY JEFF STEIN, RACHEL SIEGEL AND ANDREW VAN DAM

A sharp rise in gas prices and inflation, combined with turbulence in the job market, is creating new economic pressures for President Biden just as he tries to secure a legacy-defining set of domestic spending proposals.

Over the past week, the Biden administration has been met with disappointing economic benchmarks, including lackluster hiring and a surge in consumer prices. Meanwhile, rising gas prices and fuel shortages have hammered the Southeast. These pressures have weighed on the financial markets,

as the Dow Jones industrial average and the S&P 500 fell sharply for the third day in a row.

So far, the White House has largely responded to these setbacks by either downplaying them or arguing that they amount to one-time aberrations related to the unusual circumstances tied to the rebound from the coronavirus

pandemic. In some cases, the White House has said indicators such as a rebound in prices in the travel or hospitality industry reflect an economy beginning to return to health.

However, the head winds have galvanized Republican complaints about the administration's SEE ECONOMY ON A19

House Republicans began Wednesday by quickly ousting Rep. Liz Cheney (Wyo.) from her leadership post because she continues to challenge former president Donald Trump over his false claim that the presidential election was stolen.

Soon after, several GOP members spoke up to minimize the actions of pro-Trump rioters who attacked the Capitol on Jan. 6, an event that led to deadly clashes with police and threatened the orderly certification of President Biden's electoral victory.

Taken together, the events Wednesday offered the clearest sign yet of how far Republicans are willing to go to support or tolerate Trump's lies about the election as well the degree to which many members are trying to rewrite the history of Jan. 6 to erase the former president's culpability.

"It's official — Liz Cheney has been fired from House Leadership and I was proud to vote against her," Rep. Lance Gooden (R-Tex.) wrote on Twitter.

Cheney, 54, has called her decision to publicly fight Trump a matter of principle, warning that allowing him to falsely claim that the election was stolen amounts to an attack on democracy and is destructive to the GOP and its values.

"If you want leaders who will enable and spread his destructive lies, I'm not your person; you have plenty of others to choose from. That will be their legacy," Cheney SEE CHENY ON A7

Cheney's fight: The Trump critic plans to step up her efforts. A6

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Shifting gears Maryland officials will stop studying how to widen the Capital Beltway with toll lanes and focus on other projects. B1

Defiant stance The Trump administration's Pentagon secretary, in a reversal, blamed an "organized conspiracy" for the Capitol riot. A3

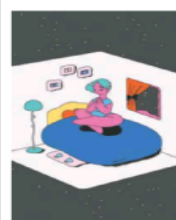
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MARINA ABRAMOVIC GANÓ EL PRINCESA DE ASTURIAS DE LAS ARTES

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La artista serbia, de 74 años, obtuvo el prestigioso premio por una obra que "explora los límites del cuerpo y la mente en la búsqueda de la libertad". Página 24

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Protagonizada por jóvenes de una revista de moda, la serie, ya disponible en Netflix, sigue los pasos de la exitosa ficción con Sarah Jessica Parker, que volverá por HBO Max.

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Francia prometió apoyo en el Club de París, pero pidió un acuerdo previo con el FMI

GIRA. Macron almorzó con Fernández y le dijo que respaldará a la Argentina por la deuda

PARÍS.— En una de las etapas más importantes de su gira europea, el presidente Alberto Fernández recibió ayer dos mensajes claros de su par francés, Emmanuel Macron: Francia está dispuesta a acompañar a la Argentina para renegociar su deuda con el Club de París, pero antes debe llegar a un acuerdo con

el Fondo Monetario Internacional. "Deseamos que la Argentina logre lo antes posible un acuerdo con el FMI", declaró Macron en el patio del Elíseo, antes de ingresar a los salones de la presidencia para almorzar con Fernández. En el gobierno francés precisaron que el mensaje de Macron "no fue para la institución internacional:

fue para el gobierno argentino".

En la delegación argentina mantienen la expectativa de poder evitar el pago de intereses al Club de París, lo que implica una tasa del 9% si hay un incumplimiento. A fin de mes vence el plazo para pagar unos 2400 millones de dólares a ese grupo acreedor. Página 14

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Ante el posible encuentro con Georgieva, Guzmán se reunió en Roma con funcionarios del FMI. Página 15

Indignación con Zannini por defender las vacunas de privilegio

COVID. No se arrepiente de haberse hecho pasar por personal de salud

Un fuerte rechazo generaron ayer las declaraciones del procurador del Tesoro de la Nación, Carlos Zannini, quien dijo que no se arrepiente de haberse beneficiado de la vacunación anticipada, a la que accedió haciéndose pasar por "personal de salud". Además, reveló una conversación con el periodista Horacio Verbitsky, cuya vacunación desató el escándalo del vacunatorio vip: "Le dije: 'No tenés que actuar con culpa porque sos una personalidad que necesita ser protegida por la sociedad'". Zannini fue repudiado por la oposición y personal médico. Página 2

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Martín Rodríguez Yebra

El impúdico regodeo del acomodo

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Se reaviva el debate por los plazos para la segunda dosis

Hay datos que avalan diferir la otra aplicación más de 90 días

"No pasa nada si se aplica la segunda dosis después de los tres meses", afirmó ayer el viceministro de Salud bonaerense, Nicolás Kreplak, al reavivar el debate sobre si la eficacia de las vacunas se mantiene aunque se demore el esquema de inmunización. Según datos de la OMS, la Anmat y sus fabricantes, no se pierde la respuesta inmunológica. Página 4

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Una casa de Yehud, en el centro de Israel, fue destruida ayer por un misil de Hamas lanzado desde Gaza

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La violencia entre civiles crece en las ciudades israelíes

DISTURBIOS. Aumentan los choques entre árabes y judíos

TEL AVIV (DPA).— La escalada del enfrentamiento entre las Fuerzas Armadas israelíes y el grupo palestino islamista Hamas, que controla la Franja de Gaza, creció ayer por tercer día consecutivo, con un

fuego cruzado de cohetes y bombardeos que ya dejó decenas de muertos y con violentos disturbios entre la población civil de árabes y judíos en varias ciudades de Israel. Página 10

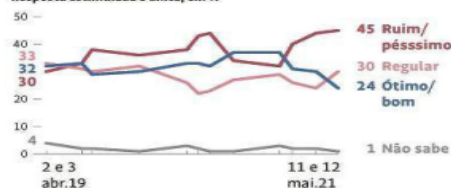
Fuertes cuestionamientos a la posición de la Cancillería

Israel y la oposición rechazaron el comunicado de Solá

La declaración de la Cancillería sobre el "uso desproporcionado de la fuerza" de Israel en el conflicto con Hamas fue rechazada ayer por la embajadora israelí, Galit Ronen, que expresó su "preocupación"

por la postura oficial. El jefe de gobierno porteño, Horacio Rodríguez Larreta, y la presidenta de Pro, Patricia Bullrich, se solidarizaron con Israel y condenaron el uso del terror. Página 12

Aprovação a Bolsonaro recua seis pontos e chega a 24%, a pior marca do mandato
Resposta estimulada e única, em %



Fonte: Pesquisa Datafolha presencial com 2.071 brasileiros com 16 anos ou mais nos dias 11 e 12 de maio. A margem de erro máxima é de dois pontos percentuais para mais ou para menos

Lula lidera corrida eleitoral de 2022



Lula marca 55% contra 32% de Bolsonaro no 2º turno
Resposta estimulada e única, em %



Cenários de 2º turno



Cai apoio a Bolsonaro, e Lula lidera corrida para 2022, indica Datafolha

Em primeira pesquisa após reaver direitos políticos, ex-presidente surge com 41% e margem de 18 pontos sobre o atual

O ex-presidente Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva aparece com 41% de intenções de voto no primeiro turno da eleição presidencial de 2022, contra 23% do ocupante do cargo, Jair Bolsonaro, e venceria a eventual segunda etapa, mostra pesquisa Datafolha.

Os ex-ministros Sergio Moro e Ciro Gomes (PDT) têm, respectivamente, 7% e 6%; Luciano Huck, 4%; o governador de São Paulo, João Dória (PSDB), 3%; o ex-ministro Luiz Henrique Mandetta (DEM) e o empresário João Amoêdo (Novo), ambos 2%.

Disseram votar em branco, nulo ou em nenhum desses 9%, e 4% não optaram. O levantamento, feito dias 11 e 12 presencialmente, tem margem de erro de dois pontos e é o primeiro desde que as condenações do petista na Lava Jato foram anuladas.

Dois meses após reaver os direitos políticos, o ex-presidente derrota todos em segundo turno: vence Bolsonaro por 55% a 32%; Moro, por 53% a 33%; e Dória, por 57% a 21%. Já o titular empata com o tucano (39% a 40%) e perde do pedetista (36% a 48%).

A mesma pesquisa registra ainda o menor nível de apoio a Bolsonaro desde que ele assumiu o cargo, em 2019. De 30% em março, o contingente daqueles que consideram seu governo bom ou ótimo caiu para 24%. Em um ano, a queda foi de nove pontos.

Há quase 30 meses no posto, ele tem menos apoio do que Dilma Rousseff, Lula, Fernando Henrique Cardoso e Itamar Franco em momento similar. São 30% os que o avaliam como regular, e 45% o consideram ruim ou péssimo. Poder A4 e A6

Carta da Pfizer ficou parada 2 meses, declara Wajngarten

Em depoimento tumultuado à CPI da Covid, o ex-secretário Fabio Wajngarten (Comunicação da Presidência) admitiu que a carta em que a Pfizer oferecia negociar doses ao Brasil ficou parada por ao menos dois meses no governo. Ele ainda foi acusado de ter mentido à comissão, o que levou Renan Calheiros (MDB-AL) a solicitar sua prisão. O pedido não foi acatado. Poder A5

Pandemia era evitável, conclui painel da OMS

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Leitos saltam 150% em 1 ano, e UTIs seguem lotadas

Em um ano, os estados ampliaram em 150% a oferta de leitos de UTI para Covid. Mesmo assim, o nível de ocupação dos hospitais que atuam no tratamento da doença é maior do que há 12 meses, de acordo com levantamento realizado pela Folha desde maio de 2020. Saúde B1

SP vai voltar a vacinar grávidas com comorbidades

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Insumo para Coronavac acaba sexta, diz Butantan
Segundo o diretor Dimas Covas, não há previsão de nova entrega, e os lotes da vacina para junho podem ficar comprometidos. B2



O ex-secretário Fabio Wajngarten ontem durante depoimento à CPI da Covid. Pedro Ladeira / Folhapress



SAÚDE LANÇA CAMPANHA DE PREVENÇÃO COM ZÉ GOTINHA
Ministro Marcelo Queiroga fala sobre ação contra a Covid estrelada pela mascote e sua família e anunciada após 14 meses de pandemia; foi criada ainda secretária contra a doença. Saúde B2

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Yanomamis estão marcados para viver, e não morrer, afirma Claudia Andujar

Na eleição, 54% não votariam no presidente de jeito nenhum

Para se reeleger em 2022, Jair Bolsonaro terá de enfrentar um índice de rejeição que ultrapassa a metade do eleitorado e poderá ser um complicador, sobretudo em um segundo turno. Dentre os entrevistados pelo Datafolha, 54% afirmam que jamais votariam nele.

Primeiro colocado na pesquisa, o ex-presidente Lula tem o nome rechaçado por 36% do eleitores. Ele é seguido pelas recusas a João Dória (30%), Luciano Huck (29%), Sergio Moro (26%) e Ciro Gomes (24%). A margem de erro é de dois pontos percentuais. Poder A6

Lúcia Guimarães Não existe um Biden brasileiro

Compreende-se o anseio de despertar o Brasil do transe Bolsonaro X Lula, mas a insistência por um Biden caboclo, além de melancólica falta de imaginação, parece continuar a tradição de importar ideias como socialites deslumbrados. Mundo A13

Bolsonaro e vice poderão estourar teto de salário

Portaria do Ministério da Economia autoriza parcela de servidores federais a receber mais que o teto constitucional. Entre eles estão Jair Bolsonaro e Hamilton Mourão, que deverão passar a ganhar respectivos R\$ 41,6 mil e R\$ 63,5 mil brutos. Mercado A15

Toffoli alterou voto e salvou prefeito em caso suspeito

O ministro do STF Dias Toffoli mudou seu voto em julgamento do TSE, em 2015, em processo no qual Sérgio Cabral o acusa de ter recebido pagamento ilegal. Antes a favor da cassação de Francisco Neto, de Volta Redonda (RJ), Toffoli o reabilitou. Ele nega irregularidade. Poder A10

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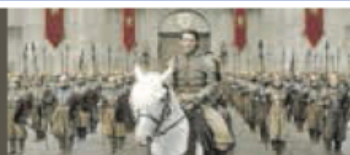
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Israël et le Hamas au bord de la guerre totale

Un millier de roquettes tirées depuis Gaza,
des centaines de frappes aériennes
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Avignon: le lourd passé judiciaire du tueur présumé

Ilias, 19 ans, dealer surnommé « l'Excellent » par ses comparses de la Cité des papes, est un voyou déjà condamné à plusieurs reprises pour des faits de stupéfiants et des violences volontaires. Il a été formellement reconnu

comme le tireur par le collègue d'Éric Masson, le policier tué par balle. Ayoub, 20 ans, présent lors de la scène et qui a accompagné Ilias dans sa fuite, l'a également désigné comme étant l'auteur du coup de feu. **PAGE 7**



La France étend les critères de vaccination pour maintenir le rythme

Avec 16 millions de doses livrées en mai et plus de 30 millions attendues en juin, la campagne vaccinale, qui s'est ouverte aux plus de 50 ans lundi, entre dans une nouvelle

phase. Pour éviter le gaspillage, tous les adultes sans distinction d'âge peuvent désormais bénéficier des créneaux laissés vacants la veille pour le lendemain. **PAGES 10 ET 11**

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Bombe à retardement

Les généraux israéliens ont une expression pour désigner leurs opérations militaires contre les Palestiniens : il faut aller « tondre le gazon » chez eux à intervalles réguliers, cela ramène un semblant d'ordre et de normalité. En sachant que les « mauvaises herbes » repoussent toujours. Sept ans après leur dernière incursion dans la bande de Gaza, le cœur battant du Proche-Orient est à nouveau à feu et à sang. Comme souvent, l'incendie est parti de quelques étincelles dans la partie arabe de Jérusalem, ville sainte aux trois religions monothéistes. Israël prétend l'avoir « réunifiée » il y a cinquante-cinq ans, mais il n'a su ni la pacifier, ni la « partager ».

Plus que les tirs de centaines de roquettes, la nouveauté, aujourd'hui, tient à la mobilisation des Palestiniens de l'intérieur, plus d'un million et demi de citoyens arabes de l'État juif, comptant pour 20 % de la population. Leur implication dans les violences pose un problème inédit de stabilité à Israël. Elle marque aussi le réveil de la cause palestinienne, cette bombe à retardement dont la mèche n'a jamais été éteinte. Les accords d'Abraham, promus par Donald Trump auprès de plu-

sieurs pays arabes, visaient à marginaliser le conflit israélo-palestinien. La question de Jérusalem, celle d'un État palestinien indépendant se trouvaient réglées unilatéralement, sans que les premiers concernés aient eu voix au chapitre. Le « processus de paix » n'était même plus un sujet dans les campagnes législatives israéliennes en série.

Oubliés du « nouveau Moyen-Orient », on

croyait les Palestiniens résignés. Il n'en est rien : n'en déplaît à M. Queuille, il existe des problèmes dont une absence de solution ne peut venir à bout. La vacuité du pouvoir observée de tous côtés - un premier ministre israélien sans majorité, un président palestinien sans légitimité qui veut de reporter sine die des élections, un Hamas incapable de gérer Gaza en paix - laisse planer le doute sur la capacité des dirigeants à maîtriser les événements. Ce vide complique aussi les efforts de médiation diplomatique : les Américains manquent de volonté et les Européens, de crédibilité. La « rue arabe » n'écoute plus. ■

Le réveil de la question palestinienne qu'on croyait réglée

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Anger as PM backs Covid inquiry but not until 2022

Bereaved families and health experts condemn start date as unjustifiable

Aubrey Allegretti

One of the widest-ranging public inquiries in UK history will be launched into the government's handling of the Covid pandemic – but Boris Johnson faced criticism last

night for delaying it until spring 2022. The independent statutory inquiry, with the power to compel witnesses, will "rigorously and candidly" explore mistakes made by the government in Westminster as well as the devolved administrations in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, the prime minister said.

It comes after the Guardian highlighted calls for an inquiry from the Covid-19 Bereaved Families for Justice group, frontline health workers and public figures including politicians, a former head of the

civil service and the archbishop of Canterbury. Ministers insisted an immediate inquiry would be wrong given the UK was still in lockdown at the time.

Work will begin to appoint a chair and other potential panellists, and draw up terms of reference, with some hopeful the inquiry will be led by a judge. It is likely to start in a year's time, Johnson told the Commons.

Experts said it could take three to six months to establish so could be up and running much sooner than spring 2022 if desired. Lord Falconer, who

passed the Inquiries Act as lord chancellor, said the government would be confident the pandemic inquiry will not conclude before the next general election, expected in 2023.

After the UK saw one of the world's worst Covid death tolls, surpassing 150,000 fatalities, experts and MPs have pushed for an inquiry to investigate whether ministers followed scientific advice on lockdowns and other decisions; the level of support provided to disadvantaged groups and frontline workers; 8 →

Greenhouse gases are eroding the stratosphere

Exclusive
Damian Carrington
Environment editor

Humanity's enormous emissions of greenhouse gases are shrinking the stratosphere, a study has revealed.

The thickness of the atmospheric layer has contracted by 400 metres since the 1980s, the researchers found, and will thin by about another kilometre by 2080 unless there are significant cuts in emissions. The changes have the potential to affect satellite operations, the GPS navigation system and radio communications.

The discovery is the latest to reveal the impact of humans on the planet. Last month, scientists showed the climate crisis had shifted the Earth's axis as the melting of glaciers redistributes weight around the globe.

The stratosphere extends from about 20km to 60km above the Earth's surface. Below is the troposphere, in which humans live, and here carbon dioxide heats and expands the air. This pushes up the lower boundary of the stratosphere. But, in addition, when CO₂ enters the stratosphere it actually cools the air, causing it to contract.

The shrinking stratosphere is a stark signal of the climate emergency and the planetary-scale influence that humanity now exerts, according to Juan Añel, at the University of Vigo, Ourense in Spain, 6 →

We attack until there is 'complete quiet' - Israel

Oliver Holmes Jerusalem
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Israel will not stop its military operation in Gaza until "complete quiet" has been achieved, the country's defence minister said yesterday, as airstrikes and rocket fire continued throughout the day.

With the death toll from the most serious conflict between Israel and the Palestinians for nine years mounting, international leaders called for restraint amid fears of a full-scale war.

At the same time as the exchange of bombs and rockets between Israel and Gaza, there has been an upsurge in ethnically motivated attacks in mixed neighbourhoods inside Israel by both Jewish and Arab mobs.

Joe Biden spoke to the Israeli prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, saying: "My expectation and hope is that this will be closing down sooner than later." But the US president added that Israel had the right to defend itself

against incoming rockets. 2 →



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