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Business & Finance

Investors have driven up bank shares this year, putting the stocks on track for what could be their best year on record compared with the S&P 500. **A1**

◆ **JPMorgan is putting** Marianne Lake and Jennifer Piepszak, two of the contenders to succeed CEO Dimon, in charge of its sprawling consumer-banking operation. **B1**

◆ **Walmart's sales** continued to rise during the retail giant's spring quarter, although at a slower pace than earlier in the coronavirus outbreak. **B1**

◆ **Home Depot** extended a streak of robust sales growth in its latest quarter as an increase in demand that began with the pandemic continued into 2021. **B3**

◆ **Biden and Yellen** promoted the administration's infrastructure and tax plans as vital for the U.S. to compete globally. **A4**

◆ **Small investors** who bet on Hertz in its distress stand to be rewarded as the rental-car company emerges from bankruptcy protection. **A1**

◆ **U.S. stocks fell**, with the S&P 500, Dow and Nasdaq retreating 0.9%, 0.8% and 0.6%, respectively. **B13**

◆ **BoFA said** it plans to raise its hourly minimum wage to \$25 by 2025, putting it on track to surpass its big-bank peers. **B12**

◆ **The Colonial Pipeline's** ordering system suffered intermittent disruptions, but the pipeline's operator said it was still moving fuel through the conduit. **B3**

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◆ **Israel said** it was focusing on targeted killings of Hamas leaders in the Gaza Strip as it tries to quell the militant group's operations there, defying growing calls for a cease-fire amid a rising civilian toll. **A1, A7**

◆ **AbbVie's pricing** practices for some of its top-selling medicines faced fresh scrutiny from lawmakers, the latest effort by members of Congress probing the cost of prescription drugs. **A3**

◆ **The New York attorney** general's office's investigation of Trump's business now has a criminal component, a spokesman for the office said. **A3**

◆ **A North Carolina** district attorney said the fatal shooting of Andrew Brown Jr. by sheriff deputies in April was justified, according to his review of the state's Bureau of Investigation's probe. **A3**

◆ **House Minority Leader** McCarthy said he opposed plans for a bipartisan commission to investigate the Jan. 6 assault on the Capitol. **A4**

◆ **The House passed**, in a 364-62 vote, legislation aimed at bolstering the country's response to hate crimes in the wake of violence against Asian-Americans. **A2**

◆ **Public-health experts** and scientists say a highly infectious coronavirus variant first identified in India appears to be fueling a precipitous rise in cases in Nepal. **A6**

◆ **Russell Moore**, one of the top-ranking officials in the Southern Baptist Convention, is resigning his post. **A3**

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Biden Takes Infrastructure Campaign for a Test Drive



BEHIND THE WHEEL: President Biden takes Ford's new F-150 Lightning electric truck, covered in a black and white pattern used to camouflage new car models, for a drive in Dearborn, Mich., on Tuesday. Mr. Biden visited the company's Rouge Electric Vehicle Center and promoted his infrastructure plan, which includes funding for electric vehicles. **A4**

Israel Targets Hamas Leaders As Calls for Cease-Fire Grow

By RORY JONES

TEL AVIV—Israel said it was focusing on targeted killings of Hamas leaders in the Gaza Strip as it tries to quell the militant group's operations there, defying calls for a cease-fire amid a rising civilian toll.

The Israeli military has launched hundreds of airstrikes in Gaza aiming at what it said are Hamas's military infrastructure and per-

sonnel. It said it has killed senior members of the group's intelligence arm and on Sunday struck the home of Yahya Sinwar, the Hamas leader in Gaza.

"We will hit anyone who belongs to Hamas. From the first to the last," Israeli military spokesman Hidi Zilberman told Kan public radio.

Hamas, which rules Gaza, said Israel has killed a limited number of its operatives. On Tuesday, it released an image

on social media of a fighter manning a rocket launcher and a message that the group was only now beginning to seriously hunt down Israeli soldiers on the edge of Gaza.

Some observers said focusing on targeted killings might give Israel the ability to stop its campaign in Gaza by declaring victory to the Israeli public, but risks spiraling violence with Hamas attempting to avenge their slain leaders.

Gershon Baskin, a political analyst who has worked as an interlocutor between Israel and the militants, said Israeli statements on the targeting of Hamas leaders typically surface before the fighting stops. "It's always a familiar cry before a cease-fire."

President Biden voiced support Monday for a cease-fire in a call with Prime Minister

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◆ **Casualties and Covid-19 tax** hospitals in Gaza. **A7**

Bank Stocks On Path For Their Best Year

Even with Tuesday's selloff, key index is up about 35% in '21, while the S&P 500 is up 10%

By DAVID BENNETT

Investors have driven up bank shares this year, putting the stocks on track for what could be their best year on record compared with the S&P 500.

About \$32 billion has been poured into broad financial stocks this year, according to Bank of America strategists, already setting a full-year record in less than five months.

The enthusiasm has helped Bank of America Corp. and JPMorgan Chase & Co. recently issue gigantic bonds that rank as the two largest single bank deals in history, turbocharging a big year for financial debt issuance.

After years of underperformance since the 2007-08 financial crisis, and a particularly brutal 2020, longtime bank investors are feeling some long-awaited validation. Analysts said the stocks remain cheap, and many shareholders view them as a relatively safe investment that grows along with the economy.

U.S. stocks fell broadly on Tuesday, including bank stocks, as investors grappled with a number of unknowns, including whether consumer prices will continue to rise.

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◆ **JPMorgan elevates** contenders for top job. **B1**

Hertz Set To Reward Its True Believers

By ALEXANDER GLADSTONE AND BECKY YERAK

When shares of Hertz Global Holdings Inc. soared after the company filed for bankruptcy a year ago, finance professionals reacted with a mix of confusion and scorn. Stockholders routinely get wiped out in bankruptcies, so who would put money into a stock like that?

Zack Konovitch would. The 33-year-old real-estate broker from Brooklyn, N.Y., said he invested in Hertz near its low point in 2020.

A year later, small investors who bet on the company in its distress are getting the last laugh. The century-old rental-car giant is poised to mint big gains for loyalists on its way out of bankruptcy. It's a result that seemed unfathomable when its business unraveled early in the Covid-19 pandemic and another marker of an upside-down year in markets.

Mr. Konovitch said he is up about \$15,000 on his Hertz bet. "I always thought someone was going to come in and buy them out" because the company is one of the biggest rental-car providers, he said.

On Friday, a bankruptcy court approved a winning auction bid that will hand control of Hertz to institutional investors who won a heated competition to buy the company out of bankruptcy as its prospects brightened. Hertz expects stockholders to receive more than \$7 a share of value out of the deal, and perhaps as much as \$8 a share, as the company emerges from chapter 11.

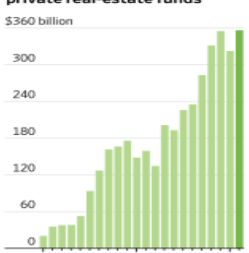
Hertz closed at \$5.76 on Tuesday in the over-the-counter market. The New York Stock Exchange delisted the shares in October after deter-

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Commercial Property Revives

The U.S. commercial real-estate market has proved resilient in the pandemic, with prices falling far less than after the 2008 financial crisis and already showing signs of rebounding. **B1**

Unspent capital held by private real-estate funds*



*2021 figure is as of April 21. 1100=August 2007

U.S. commercial-property price index*



Sources: Preqin (Capital); Green Street (Index)

Who Is That Unmasked Man? Oh, It's Bob From Accounting

Face coverings come off, creating surprise, confusion; 'not what I expected'

By JENNIFER LEVITZ

Katana Scannell arrived at work at a Sam's Club in Athens, Ga., early Friday before opening hours and headed to the back of the store. She was greeted by a young woman walking the other way: "Good morning, Katana!"

Ms. Scannell, who is 21, felt baffled and unsure who the person was: "I was like, 'Hi?'"

Minutes later, it registered: it was Jaenise Jones, her co-worker. Previously, both of them always wore masks. But on that Friday morning, Ms. Jones didn't—and Ms. Scannell hadn't recognized her peer's bare face.

"Oh my God," says Ms. Scannell. "It really tripped me up."

Early in the pandemic, it took some adjustment to get used to seeing fellow citizens walking around town looking like train robbers. Then we grew accustomed to meeting people from the eyes up, or maybe the top of the nose.

Now, Americans are increasingly ditching their masks, creating a new conundrum: unfamiliar naked faces.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said in guidance Thursday that fully vaccinated people may skip masks in most settings, while those who aren't vaccinated should continue to wear masks. Some states had already relaxed mask mandates. More states and major retailers are follow-

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Covid Rewinds Years Of Gains on Poverty

Economies in U.S., U.K. and China roar ahead, while lower-income nations fall back

By JOE PARKINSON

Covid-19 is reopening a rift between economies in the world's richest and poorest nations, driven by growth rates that are moving firmly in opposite directions.

In the U.S., economists are forecasting a return to boom-time growth levels of the "roaring 20s"; China's economy expanded at a record 18.3% in the first quarter; and the U.K. is growing faster than at any time since the end of World War II.

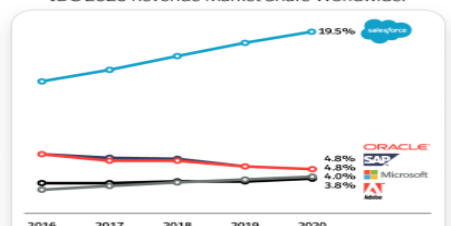
Yet across the developing world, where people are largely unvaccinated and governments are unable to afford sustained stimulus measures, economies are falling further behind, struggling to rebound from last year's record contraction.

The middle class in developing countries, a key engine of economic, educational and political development, is contracting rapidly, but has barely been dented in the U.S. and China, according to

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Ranked #1 for CRM Applications based on IDC 2020 Revenue Market Share Worldwide.



Source: IDC, Worldwide Semiannual Software Tracker, April 2021.

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Summers accuses Fed of misreading US economy

- Rebuke over persistently low rates
- Fear of complacency in markets

JAMES POLITI — WASHINGTON

Lawrence Summers, the former US Treasury secretary, has sharply rebuked the Federal Reserve for its loose monetary policies, accusing the central bank of creating a "dangerous complacency" in financial markets and misreading the economy.

The comments at a conference hosted by the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta marked a significant escalation of Summers' attacks on the central bank. The Harvard University economist and former top Democratic presidential adviser had already criticised Joe Biden's fiscal stimulus as excessive.

Summers said monetary and fiscal policymakers had "underestimated the risks, very substantially, both to financial stability as well as to conventional inflation of protracted... low interest rates".

The Fed has vowed to keep US interest rates on hold close to zero until the recovery hits certain milestones, including full employment, while predicting that spikes in inflation will be transitory. The latest median forecast from its officials shows rock-bottom rates remaining until at least 2024.

"Policy projections suggesting that rates may not be raised for... close to three years are creating a dangerous complacency," Summers said, adding that the Fed could be forced into a knee-jerk tightening of monetary policy that would spook markets.

"When, as I think is quite likely, there is a strong need to adjust policy, those

adjustments will come as a surprise." That "jolt" would do "real damage to financial stability, and may do real damage to the economy," Summers warned.

The Fed has argued that strong monetary support for the economy is still needed because of the risk of a slowdown in the recovery and the shortfall in employment when compared with pre-pandemic levels. It does not expect the current spike in consumer prices to last, arguing that increases are being fuelled by supply chain bottlenecks and the economic reopening.

Summers warned that the notion of an equal balance between inflationary and deflationary risks, and between financial bubbles and credit problems, was "very far off of an accurate reading of the economy right now".

"The primary risks today involve overheating, asset price inflation and subsequent financial excessive leverage and subsequent financial instability." "It is not tenable to assert today in the contemporary American economy that labour market slack is a dominant problem," he added. "Walk outside: labour shortage is the pervasive phenomenon."

Summers' attacks on policymakers this year have sparked criticism from within his own party. Liberal activists say he represents the market-friendly, deficit-fighting wing of the Democratic establishment that backed excessively tight fiscal policies during the administrations of Bill Clinton and Barack Obama, leading to middle-class stagnation and a revolt against globalisation.

Martin Wolf page 17

Human wave Moroccans brave the sea in dash for Spanish enclave of Ceuta



Reuters/SPA-EFE/Reuters

A Spanish soldier helps a migrant yesterday after about 6,000 Moroccan nationals crossed the border by sea into Ceuta, Spain's north African enclave, overnight.

An estimated 1,500 children

were among those who took advantage of scaled-back policing of the frontier in Morocco following a diplomatic dispute with Spain. It was the biggest number of migrants recorded arriving in a single day in

modern Spanish history. Many swam or used makeshift boats to reach the coastal territory, which borders Morocco and is guarded by a six-metre fence. At least one person drowned.

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The Serum Institute of India, the biggest vaccine manufacturer, has said its ban on exports would last until the year's end in a blow to countries relying on its shipments to start their jab campaigns. — PAGE 4

► **Israel to step up Gaza bombing runs**
Prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu has said the offensive "will continue", despite pressure to end it. The Gaza health ministry said 213 Palestinians had been killed so far. — PAGE 2; EDITORIAL COMMENT, PAGE 16

► **Grant Thornton faces conflict questions**
The UK audit firm that is the administrator to the collapsed Greensill capital had previously been hired to investigate the supply chain finance group's relationship with Swiss asset manager GAM. — PAGE 6

► **Giuliani's son enters NY governor race**
Andrew Giuliani, son of former New York mayor Rudy Giuliani and political descendant of Donald Trump, has declared his candidacy to become state governor. — PAGE 4



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Italian banker Andrea Orcel has halved his claim for compensation from the Spanish bank over its withdrawal of an offer for him to take the helm. His case heads to a Madrid court this week. — PAGE 6

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European policymakers have called on Vilnius to strengthen oversight after the FT revealed that prosecutors suspect a fintech in the country was used to steal €100m from Wirecard. — PAGE 3

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The Italian family has been accused of "sabotaging" potential bids for the preppy US menswear chain they controlled to avoid paying tens of millions of dollars to sole outside investor Tal Apparel. — PAGE 8

Datawatch

Push for change

% who say their country's political system requires change

Complete reform Minor changes Major changes No change needed

France 0 20 40 60 80 100

US 0 20 40 60 80 100

UK 0 20 40 60 80 100

Germany 0 20 40 60 80 100

Source: Pew Research

About two-thirds of adults in France and the US believe their political systems require big changes or complete reform, as public health crises and economic challenges shake confidence with their governments



Xi's green city dream runs into market reality

The industrial city of Xiong'an, a branch of Chinese central planning, was intended to host state-owned companies and relieve Beijing of their pollution. But it has, says one observer, run into the obstacle of market forces. Although the project was championed by Xi Jinping, who had hoped it would burnish his legacy as Shenzhen's transformation did for Deng Xiaoping, it is still a dirt-road backwater, beset by debt and the effects of speculation.

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Investors back Shell's clean energy shift as IEA warns that fossil fuels must end

ANJLI RAVAL — LONDON

Royal Dutch Shell's shareholders have overwhelmingly backed the energy group's plan to shift to cleaner fuels, as a report from the International Energy Agency said all new oil, gas and coal projects would have to stop for the world to reach net zero by 2050.

Nearly 89 per cent of investors at Shell's annual meeting yesterday voted in favour of its strategy for the energy transition. The meeting coincided with the IEA report calling for the end of new fossil fuel exploration. It also said oil demand would need to shrink 75 per cent and gas consumption would have to halve by 2050.

Dave Jones, an analyst at climate think-tank Ember, said the "huge turnaround" by the usually "very pro-fossil" organisation was unexpected by the

industry. "This is truly a knife in the fossil fuel industry," he added.

Shell has said it would continue to explore in new regions for oil and gas until 2025. It also plans to invest the bulk of its cash in hydrocarbons, while shifting spending towards cleaner fuels "over time", expand its low-carbon businesses and offset emissions.

Oil and gas companies face a backlash from environmentalists and investors who believe they are not taking enough action to combat climate change. But executives are in a conundrum: how to move away from lucrative oil and gas production that pays investor dividends while lower-carbon businesses still do not generate as much cash.

Ben van Beurden, Shell's chief executive, said that while the company wanted to "accelerate the transition" of the business towards cleaner fuel, it had

to do so not just "with purpose" but also "with profit".

"If we had to reduce the [fossil fuel] footprint of the business... would this help society? No," van Beurden told shareholders. "If we didn't supply [this oil and gas], someone else would."

Shell also faced a resolution by Dutch shareholder activist group Follow This, which called for the group to set more "inspirational" targets and attracted the support of 30 per cent of shareholders.

While the proposal failed to attract the 75 per cent threshold required to pass, the group doubled its support base from a similar vote last year.

"Shareholders are sending a strong signal that Shell will have to set new targets," said Mark van Baal of Follow This. **End to oil exploration** page 3 **Editorial Comment** page 16

World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				INTEREST RATES			
	May 18	prev	%chg		May 18	prev	%chg		price	yield	chg
S&P 500	4156.90	4163.29	-0.15	\$ per £	1.222	1.215	0.704	US Gov 10 yr	149.03	1.85	0.01
Nasdaq Composite	13422.80	13370.05	0.36	\$ per €	1.421	1.412	0.636	UK Gov 10 yr		0.87	0.00
Dow Jones Ind	34249.96	34227.79	-0.23	£ per €	0.880	0.880	0.000	Ger Gov 10 yr		-0.10	0.01
FTSE Euro Stoxx 50	1709.98	1704.70	0.13	¥ per \$	108.895	109.185	-0.266	Japan Gov 10 yr	116.57	0.08	0.00
Euro Stoxx 50	4013.12	4006.84	0.16	SFr per €	154.744	154.104	0.415	US Gov 30 yr	107.81	2.37	0.02
FTSE 100	7034.24	7032.85	0.02					Ger Gov 2 yr	106.07	-0.66	0.00
FTSE All-Share	4007.57	4002.80	0.12								
CAC 40	6353.67	6367.35	-0.21								
Xetra Dax	15286.58	15296.62	-0.07								
Nikkei	28439.54	27824.30	2.26								
Hang Seng	25933.81	26194.09	-1.42								
MSCI World \$	25314.18	25386.03	-0.15	Oil WTI \$	66.27	66.29	-1.52	Fed Funds Eff	0.02	0.01	-
MSCI EM \$	1311.45	1307.53	0.30	Oil Brent \$	68.52	68.48	-1.35	Euro Libor 3m	-0.55	-0.55	0.00
MSCI ACWI \$	686.47	686.13	-0.10	Gold \$	1853.70	1838.10	0.85	UK 3m	0.09	0.08	0.01

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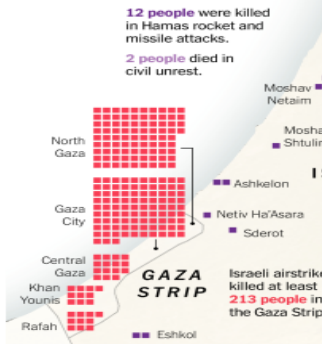
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Toll After Nine Days of Fighting

More than 240 people have died as of Tuesday, the vast majority of them Palestinians killed by Israeli airstrikes in the Gaza Strip.

■ Deaths in the occupied territories
■ Deaths in Israel



Note: Three deaths in the West Bank could not be located. One person was killed by Israeli forces on Israel's border with Lebanon, according to Lebanese authorities. Sources: Palestinian Center for Human Rights; United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs; Palestinian Ministry of Health; Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Biden and Netanyahu: Four Decades of Ups, Downs and Zigzags

By MICHAEL CROWLEY
and ANNIE KARNI

WASHINGTON — President Biden has maintained his public support toward Israel even as he adopted a somewhat sharper private tone with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, a calculus shaped by Mr. Biden's long relationship with the Israeli leader as well as by growing hopes that Israel's military operations against Hamas are nearing an end.

In a phone call on Monday, Mr. Biden warned Mr. Netanyahu that he could fend off criticism of the Gaza strikes for only so long, according to two people familiar

with the call. That conversation was said to be significantly stronger than an official summary released by the White House. It affirmed Israel's right to self-defense and did not repeat calls by many congressional Democrats for an immediate cease-fire.

That phone call and others since the fighting started last week reflect Mr. Biden and Mr. Netanyahu's complicated 40-year relationship. It began when Mr. Netanyahu was the deputy chief of mission at the Israeli Embassy in Washington and Mr. Biden was a young senator with a passion for foreign affairs. Since then, they have rarely seen eye to eye, but have forged an occasionally

President Is Said to Use Sharper Private Tone With Israeli Leader

chummy working relationship through seven American presidencies — Mr. Netanyahu has been prime minister for four of them — and raging political battles over the Iran nuclear deal and Israeli settlement policy.

Today, that relationship is as complicated as ever. Mr. Biden's juggling act on Israel, always a challenge for an American president, is especially difficult given

that Democrats are no longer solidly in Israel's corner.

Middle East experts and former United States officials say that many of Mr. Biden's calculations are rooted in a different era of American-Israeli relations — when Israel's security concerns commanded far more attention than Palestinian grievances — and that his approach has less to do with the military situation on the ground than with domestic politics and his broader foreign policy agenda, including nuclear talks with Iran.

For his part, Mr. Netanyahu is fighting for his political life at home while trying to sustain sup-

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Baseless or Not, Fears of Crime On Subway Rise

This article is by Winnie Hu, Nate Schweber and Sean Piccoli.

No one has to tell Raoul Rivas that the subway is more dangerous these days.

He has the scars to prove it: nine shiny silver staples running down his side following a stranger's unprovoked attack.

Mr. Rivas, 37, a construction worker, and his girlfriend were riding a train home from Lower Manhattan last month when he said a man screamed at them for no reason. As they got off the train in the Bronx, the man rushed forward with a knife, stabbing Mr. Rivas five times.

"People don't get it, this is real," he said. "I never thought I was going to be a victim, but things happen. Thank God I'm here."

Though crime is always a possibility on the New York City subway, a recent rash of particularly vicious attacks on riders and transit workers has fueled fears that the sprawling underground system — a mainstay of urban life — is more dangerous than it has been in years and threatens to undermine the city's recovery.

City officials and transit leaders have clashed over whether subway crime has actually gotten worse — the available data shows a mixed picture — or whether it is mostly a perception fed by a relentless beat of headlines and news alerts about subway violence that have scared many riders.

Overall crime is down, but so is ridership, which has pushed the

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Maya Wiley, once a prominent analyst on MSNBC, has gained key union and political endorsements.

She Pitches '50 Ideas' to New York's Progressives

By EMMA G. FITZSIMMONS

If there was a single moment that captured the essence of Maya Wiley's campaign for New York City mayor, the Women for Maya launch was it.

She sat on a folding chair in Central Park at the event this month, at the foot of a statue depicting three historical figures of women's suffrage. To her immediate right was Representative Nydia M. Velázquez, the first Puerto Rican woman elected to Congress; to her left was Gloria Stein-

Mayoral Hopeful Aims to Make History for Black Women

em, the feminist icon.

Since entering the mayor's race last year, Ms. Wiley has underscored how it is time for a woman — a Black woman — to finally lead New York, someone who understood the concerns of those who struggled the even before the pan-

dem and who are worried that the recovery is leaving them behind.

"You will no longer tell us we are not qualified," Ms. Wiley said, before starting to chant "We lead!" with a crowd of supporters who gathered at the event.

Ms. Wiley, 57, offers a mix of experience — she was a former counsel to Mayor Bill de Blasio and led the Civilian Complaint Review Board — and a dose of celebrity: As a prominent analyst for MSNBC, she won the attention of

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Gaza Reels From Strikes That Underscore Scope Of Deep-Rooted Misery

No Progress Reported Toward Cease-Fire

This article is by Iyad Abuhehella, Adam Rasgon, Isabel Kershner and Marc Santora.

GAZA CITY — The nine-day battle between Hamas militants and the Israeli military has damaged 17 hospitals and clinics in Gaza, wrecked its only coronavirus test laboratory, sent fetid wastewater into its streets and broke water pipes serving at least 800,000 people, setting off a humanitarian crisis that is touching nearly every civilian in the crowded enclave of about two million people.

Sewage systems inside Gaza have been destroyed. A desalination plant that helped provide fresh water to 250,000 people in the territory is offline. Dozens of schools have been damaged or closed, forcing some 600,000 students to miss classes. Some 72,000 Gazans have been forced to flee their homes. And at least 213 Palestinians have been killed, including dozens of children.

The level of destruction and loss of life in Gaza has undermined the humanitarian challenge in the enclave, already suffering under the weight of an indefinite blockade by Israel and Egypt even before the latest conflict.

As the crisis deepened there were increasing international demands for a cease-fire on Tuesday.

President Biden, who had publicly supported Israel's right to defend itself, privately warned Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel that he could not deter growing pressure from the international community and American politicians for much longer, according to two people familiar with the call. The private message hinted at a time limit on Mr. Biden's ability to provide diplomatic cover for Israel's actions.

And all but one member of the

European Union, Hungary, called for an immediate cease-fire in an emergency meeting on Tuesday. They backed a statement that condemned rocket attacks by Hamas and supported Israel's right to self-defense but also cautioned that it had "to be done in a proportional manner and respecting international humanitarian law," according to the bloc's foreign policy chief, Josep Borrell Fontelles.

Israel and Hamas were locked in cease-fire negotiations mediated by Egypt, Qatar and the United Nations, but no progress was reported Tuesday as Israeli airplanes continued to pound Gaza with missiles, and Hamas and its Islamist affiliates fired rockets into Israel.

At least 12 Israeli residents have been killed in the conflict; the latest were two Thai citizens who were hit by a rocket strike Tuesday afternoon at a food-packing site, the Israeli police said.

Inside Israel and the occupied territories, Palestinians held one of the largest collective protests in memory. Hundreds of thousands

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SHUTTERED STORES were closed in Israel on Tuesday after hundreds of thousands of Palestinians went on strike. Page A11.

County Sought To Be Inclusive. Not All Agreed.

By REID J. EPSTEIN

WAUSAU, Wis. — A standing-room-only crowd packed a drab courthouse meeting room one recent night and tried to resolve a thorny, yearlong debate over whether Marathon County should declare itself "a community for all."

The lone Black member of the county board, Supervisor William Harris, stood up and begged his colleagues who opposed the resolution to change their minds.

"I want to feel like I'm a part of this community," he said. "That's what a lot of our residents are saying. We want to contribute to our community. We want to feel like a part of this community."

But a fellow board member was just as passionate at the meeting on Thursday in arguing that acknowledging racial disparities is itself a form of racism.

"When we choose to isolate and elevate one group of people over another, that's discrimination," said Supervisor Craig McEwen, a retired police officer who is white.

When George Floyd was killed in Minneapolis last May, communities and businesses all over the world engaged in a reckoning over social justice, diversity and inclusion. But while scores of other communities adopted new policies and issued proclamations vowing to make progress, the residents of Marathon County, with a population of 135,000 that is 91 percent white, couldn't agree on what to say.

A year later, they still can't.

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Sites Sheltering Young Migrants Come Up Short

By EILEEN SULLIVAN

WASHINGTON — In a federal shelter in Dallas, migrant children sleep in a windowless convention center room with fluorescent lights that never go dark.

At a military base in El Paso, teenagers pile onto bunk beds, and some say they have gone days without bathing.

And in Erie, Pa., problems began emerging within days of the shelter's creation: "Fire safety system a big concern," an internal report noted. Some of the hot water heaters were not working, and lice was "a big issue and seems to be increasing."

Early this year, children crossing the southwestern border in record numbers were crammed into Customs and Border Protection's cold-floored, jail-like detention facilities. They slept side by side on mats with foil blankets, almost always far longer than the legal limit of 72 hours. Republicans declared it a crisis. Democrats and immigration groups denounced the conditions, which erupted into an international embarrassment for President Biden, who had campaigned on a return to compassion in the immigration system.

The administration responded by rapidly setting up temporary, emergency shelters, including some that could house thousands of children. But the next potential crisis is coming into view.

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ASYLUM SEEKERS lack shelter after the U.S. sent them to Reynosa, Mexico, in March. Expulsions due to the CDC's Title 42, which indefinitely closed borders to "nonessential" travel, have eased but not ended.

Pandemic border closure could crack under pressure

U.S. is slow to end a Trump-era policy it sees as a 'source of pain'

By MOLLY O'TOOLE

WASHINGTON — When Maria stepped off the bus in late March, her 3-year-old daughter in her arms, her stomach dropped: The men waiting wore Mexican uniforms. U.S. officials had sent the Honduran mother and toddler to Tijuana.

Days earlier, Maria had crossed the border some 1,500 miles away, near Hidalgo, Texas, to seek out the Border Patrol and ask for asylum. The agents told her she was being sent to another state to make her claim, she told the Los Angeles Times. Instead, they put her on a plane to

California and expelled her and her daughter to Mexico under a Trump-era pandemic policy known as Title 42, issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which indefinitely closed U.S. borders to "nonessential" travel.

President Biden has criticized his predecessor's immigration policies as cruel. Yet amid a record-topping increase in migration, his administration has kept Title 42 in place.

Since Biden took office in January, U.S. border officials have carried out roughly 350,000 expulsions, with nearly 50,000 families among those expelled, according to a Times analysis of the latest government data.

Many were flown hundreds of miles laterally from where they crossed the border, sent in the dark with little warning to some of the most dangerous cities in northern Mexico.

Now, after months of pressure from advocates and a lawsuit brought by the American Civil Liberties Union challenging the use of Title 42 against families, as well as an easing pandemic and indications of a leveling-off in border crossings, Biden administration officials have quietly agreed to changes that are narrow yet substantial. They include an end to the lateral expulsion flights and late-night migrant expulsions, which both exacer-

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Biden's child tax credit has high hurdles

The simple concept won't be so simple to execute, and political foes are circling.

By DAVID LAUTER

WASHINGTON — In two months, nearly 40 million American families with children will start seeing deposits from the federal government show up in their bank accounts. It's part of the Biden administration's plan to create a near-universal child benefit that promises to cut poverty for kids nearly in half — if all goes well.

A lot might not. As the IRS scrambles to get the new program up and running, the tax agency has deployed hundreds of people to reprogram computers, write new rules and prepare to answer an expected deluge of questions from taxpayers.

President Biden said Monday that the vast majority of families with children will see the first deposits on July 15.

But that's just the start. Still on the revenue side, but part of the administration's poverty-fighting goal requires locating millions of low-income parents who don't file tax returns and getting them to start so they can obtain the new benefit. And the vast IRS bureaucracy will need to convert from a focus on collecting money to an equal commitment to distributing it.

"The IRS' core mission is on the revenue side, but they're being asked to do de-

livery of these important benefits," said Chye-Ching Huang, executive director of the Tax Law Center at New York University. "That will be a challenge."

The task is a huge logistical hurdle and a major cultural shift, both for families and the tax agency, and one of Biden's most ambitious domestic initiatives depends on executing it. Hovering in the background — keenly remembered by many administration officials — is the failed launch of the Obamacare website in 2013, which severely damaged the last Democratic administration's signature program.

Officials at the White House and the Treasury Department have been working intensively with the IRS to avoid a reprise.

"We consider this as important as any implementation [See Tax credit, A11]

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War is deja vu for Gaza and Israel

Last conflict, in 2014, like one before, ended with cease-fire. But much has changed.

By HANA SALAH AND LAURA KING

GAZA CITY — The Gaza Strip is once again a blood-soaked battleground, with Israel and the militant group Hamas engaging in their fourth round of warfare since 2008. Now the talk has turned to the conflict's possible endgame.

On Tuesday, turning aside growing international calls for a cease-fire, Israel's military declared it would press ahead with bombardment of the Palestinian enclave, and Hamas fired more rockets into Israel, killing two Thai agricultural workers.

Amid deepening suffering in Gaza, the United Nations said that more than 50,000 Palestinians had fled bombardment and that nearly 450 buildings in the territory had been destroyed or damaged. By day's end, Gaza's Health Ministry put the number of dead in nine days of fighting at 217, 63 of them children.

At the same time, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu appeared to be trying to set the stage for a possible halt to hostilities, saying that Israel's enemies had learned a painful lesson after enduring more than a week of punishing airstrikes on the impoverished coastal enclave.

"We are hitting Hamas very hard — with enormous scope and intensity — and we will continue as needed," Netanyahu's Twitter account said after the prime minister met with military commanders and officials in Israel's rocket-hammered south.

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COLUMN ONE

In deep mourning, this school district is staying closed

COVID-19 and other losses devastate Pico Rivera campuses

By MELISSA GOMEZ

Supt. Frances Esparza knew of too many parents who had called seeking an excused absence so their child could attend a funeral. She had read too many emails saying students missed classes because a family member was hospitalized.

At the middle school alone, at least 10 students had lost an immediate family member. And those students were just the ones who had come forward.

So at a time when Los Angeles County and California are experiencing a newfound sense of optimism that the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic has passed, Esparza made a difficult decision. Hers is a school community where the losses among children, families and staff are still too raw, too recent.

Last month she announced, with the support of the school board, that the El Rancho Unified School District serving Pico Rivera would stay closed for the remainder of the school year.

"The families of Pico Rivera suffered many losses throughout the COVID-19 pan-

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EL RANCHO coach Larry Patino died last year. Above, his widow, Maril Patino, and kids, clockwise from top left, Lailani, Mina, Gianna and Angelo.

Orange County reopens further

The move to the yellow tier of restrictions allows businesses to expand operations. CALIFORNIA, B3



BLACK LIVES Matter activist Nathan Pinkney speaks out against the effort to recall three Shasta County supervisors who supported pandemic restrictions.

As militia tightens its grip, tensions rise in a red county

Shasta County group favoring a recall has threatened foes

By ANITA CHABRIA AND HAILEY BRANSON-POTTS

REDDING — It was a slow night in the trendy Market Street Blade and Barrel restaurant when line cook Nathan Pinkney, a budding comic and Black Lives Matter activist, spotted Carlos Zapata at the bar. He knew it meant trouble.

For weeks, he had been making political parody videos of Zapata, a high-profile militia member and a leader

in a movement to recall a trio of Republican Shasta County supervisors who supported Gov. Gavin Newsom's pandemic health orders.

Soon after the two saw each other, Zapata threw a drink at Pinkney, according to police. It escalated from there. That night, Pinkney ended up with a black eye after two associates of Zapata allegedly assaulted him at the rear entrance of the restaurant while Zapata was present, according to police

and interviews with people involved.

While the events of May 4 are disputed, the altercation involving Pinkney and Zapata has intensified tensions in this Northern California town.

Known as the "second sunniest city in the U.S.," Redding now feels to some like a tinderbox, with Shasta County residents divided over the health risks posed by the pandemic, government's power and the degree

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House OKs bill on hate crimes

Measure to curb anti-Asian attacks aims to aid reporting of such offenses. NATION, A6

A deposed hero finds support

Anger over the Cheetos saga is not just about one man, Gustavo Arellano writes. CALIFORNIA, B1

He was a 'cranky comedic genius'

Actor, author and activist Charles Grodin ("Midnight Run") has died. CALENDAR, E1

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Immune conditions lower shots' efficacy

Vaccine data: 15 to 80% of those with issues produce few antibodies

BY ARIANA EUNJUNG CHA

Maria Hoffman feels as though she has been left behind. Her adopted hometown of Charleston, S.C., is hopping — with restaurants and bars fully open, park concerts in full swing and maskless friends reuniting with hugs on streets.

Hoffman, 39, is fully vaccinated and eager to rejoin the world. But as a kidney transplant patient, she is hesitant to participate for fear of becoming infected. "Risk is very different for people in my situation," she said. "I am 100 percent acting like I am not immunized."

The state worker is among millions of immunocompromised Americans, about 3 to 4 percent of the U.S. population, for whom the shots may not work fully, or at all, and who are unsure of their place in a country that is increasingly opening up. Emerging research shows that 15 to 80 percent of those with certain conditions, such as specific blood cancers or who have had organ transplants, are generating few antibodies.

Federal health officials' decision last week to rescind almost all masking and distancing recommendations for those who are fully vaccinated only added to the sense of fear, isolation and confusion for those with immune issues. On Twitter and other social media platforms, many such patients expressed frustration that the change might leave them with less — not more — freedom as their risk of infection

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President Biden talks with Democratic Reps. Rashida Tlaib, left, and Debbie Dingell after arriving in the Detroit area for a tour of a Ford plant in Dearborn. Tlaib, a Palestinian American, and Dingell, from heavily Arab American Dearborn, have spoken out on the Gaza strikes.

Biden hits resistance in party on Israel

DEMOCRATS REACT TO GAZA STRIKES

Some want U.S. to take tougher approach to ally

BY SEAN SULLIVAN AND ANNE GEARAN

DEARBORN, MICH. — President Biden is increasingly coming into conflict with fellow Democrats as he resists a shift in his party toward a tougher stand on Israel and stronger support for the Palestinians, a disconnect highlighted Tuesday by Biden's visit to a region that is a center of Arab American life in the United States.

Biden traveled to the Detroit area to tour an electric vehicle plant and promote his infrastructure plan, an effort to bolster his domestic agenda at a moment of deadly conflict in the Middle East. Arab American protesters gathered at a mosque in Dearborn in advance of the visit, eager to demonstrate their anger at Biden's approach to the conflict.

The president faced calls from at least one member of Congress to devote time during Tuesday's trip to meeting with Arab Americans because the plant Biden visited is in an area that is 90 percent Arab American. But the White House announced no such meetings.

Many Democrats remain staunchly supportive of Israel and the actions it says it must take in self-defense. But as a growing number of Democrats urged a cease-fire after the past week, Biden for days refused to

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Expansion: Israel pledges to step up attacks on Hamas tunnels. A14

Faces of White House sometimes remain masked

BY ANNIE LINSKEY

A maskless President Biden delivered triumphant remarks Thursday, heralding the news that federal health guidelines had changed to say fully vaccinated Americans need not wear masks indoors or outside in most situations.

Then he went home to Wilmington, Del., where a state mask mandate remained in place. Biden was seen walking out of church with his black mask still

In observing patchwork of local rules, Bidens add to muddled messaging

firmly fixed to his face. He had it on again Tuesday morning as he emerged from his presidential limousine. Vice President Harris also appeared maskless for the Thursday announcement but wore one over the week-

end when she dropped by Washington's Eastern Market.

First lady Jill Biden was on a day trip to West Virginia as the guidance came out Thursday. She marked it by removing her face covering and declaring, "We feel naked!" But on Friday, as she toured a Washington museum, the mask was back in place.

After the Bidens wore masks everywhere they went for the past year to model behavior, the White House lauded the new guidance as a tremendous victo-

ry. Within days, its most visible figures became avatars of the country's patchwork of local and state rules and norms about face coverings, reflecting the confusion many Americans feel.

The White House declined to provide an on-the-record comment about when exactly the president and other top officials will wear masks. A White House press aide noted that Delaware and Washington still had mask mandates over the weekend, ex-

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Cryptocurrency's wild ride fuels fear of a breaking point

Potential for misconduct, risk to ordinary investors put regulators on edge

BY HAMZA SHARAN

For a brief moment, Brian Cardarella was a Dogecoin millionaire. The 41-year-old said he invested tens of thousands of dollars earlier this year in the cryptocurrency. As the digital token — created in 2013 based off a humorous online meme — surged, he watched the value of his investment cross \$1 million.

Despite a recent reversal, it is still worth hundreds of thousands of dollars, according to a screenshot he provided of his trading account. "It is an emotional roller coaster," said Cardarella, who lives near Boston and founded a software consulting firm.

The rise of bitcoin — a type of cryptocurrency that exists on computers all over the Internet

and does not rely on any government to oversee it — has often been dismissed as a financial fad for techie speculators.

But this year has seen the number of cryptocurrencies explode, minting hordes of newly successful investors drawn by the potential of huge profits, a culture soaked in humor and the encouragement of celebrity billionaires including Elon Musk, Dogecoin, named after the Shiba Inu "doge" meme, is up roughly 10,000 percent this year, according to CoinDesk, a media outlet that tracks cryptocurrency.

But the wild turns of the crypto market are colliding with intensifying concern from regulators about the risks taken on by ordinary investors and the potential for these largely anonymous digital payment systems to facilitate misconduct.

Last week, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission

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In 'Football City, USA,' violence leads to a reckoning

A mass shooting by an ex-NFL player, one of its own, forces Rock Hill, S.C., to face the sport's dark side

BY KENT BABB



TRAVIS DOVE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Longtime youth coach Perry Sutton, "the godfather" of Rock Hill football, said many in the city are still in denial that Phillip Adams killed six people, then himself, in his hometown last month.

ROCK HILL, S.C. — At precisely 4 p.m. on March 9, 2016, Phillip Adams stopped being a football player. It wasn't just something he'd called himself for 21 years. It was something he'd been.

"That's all he was," says Adams' longtime NFL agent, Scott Casterline. "All he knew himself to be."

There was nothing remarkable about the end. After one season with the Atlanta Falcons, the team didn't renew his contract. At 3:59 p.m. that day, he was an NFL cornerback who'd made his life about being a Green Dragon and a Bearcat and a Bulldog and a 40er, along with the privileges that entailed. A minute later, the NFL began a new league year and he was set adrift.

"When you lose your identity like that," Casterline says, "you can get really lost."

Almost immediately, Adams made what would become a fateful decision. He would make a lot

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IN THE NEWS



RON FREEMAN/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Charles Grodin dies at 86 The versatile actor appeared on Broadway and starred in "The Heartbreak Kid" and "Midnight Run." B6

Constituents benefit from aid House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy has denied President Biden's spending, but his district has gotten a boost from the program. A16

THE NATION The New York attorney general's office said it is now exploring possible criminal conduct as it investigates the Trump Organization. A2

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A district attorney in North Carolina said the sheriff's deputies who killed a man were justified because he was a "violent felon" who used his vehicle as a "deadly weapon." A4

The Republican presi-

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Congressional Republicans are divided over whether to support the creation of an independent commission to probe the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol. A5

As the Supreme Court takes up major cases on abortion and guns, the political left is pressing for an enlarged court. A6

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Biden pushed his \$2.3 trillion infrastructure package as he test-drove an electric pickup truck at a Michigan Ford plant. A18

THE REGION The president of George Washington University will retire at

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The D.C. Council backed down on a plan to resume eviction filings as the pandemic emergency continues. B1

Students in the D.C. region are increasingly free to shed masks, but for outdoor activities only. B1

D.C.-area law enforcement will halt use of a facial recognition system July 1, when a new Virginia law restricting such technology takes effect. B1

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España vuelve a vivir una crisis de inmigrantes

La llegada súbita de miles de personas desde Marruecos obligó al gobierno de Sánchez a desplegar el Ejército, ante la pasividad de las fuerzas de Rabat. **Página 9**



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En medio de fuertes cruces, el kirchnerismo avanzó con la reforma de la Procuración

DIPUTADOS. A pesar del dictamen, el oficialismo aún no tiene los votos para aprobarla en el recinto

Con amplia mayoría en las comisiones de Justicia y Asuntos Constitucionales, el oficialismo avanzó anoche en Diputados con el dictamen para la reforma del Ministerio Público Fiscal, que reduce el número de votos necesarios para elegir al jefe de los fiscales. De ese modo, buscará designar a un funcionario afín en reemplazar

al procurador interino, Eduardo Casal. La reforma, que aumentará el control político sobre los magistrados y condicionará las investigaciones a funcionarios y exfuncionarios, fue duramente resistida por la oposición, que la definió como un reaseguro para la "impunidad".

Con el dictamen en mano, el oficialismo podría llevar el proyecto al recinto en el momento menos esperado. De todos modos, aún necesita sumar media docena de apoyos para conseguir el quórum y aprobar la iniciativa impulsada por la vicepresidenta Cristina Kirchner, que estuvo congelada durante seis meses desde su aprobación en el Senado. **Página 10**

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Con los casos en un récord, definen más restricciones

COVID. Ayer se superaron las marcas: hubo 35.543 contagios y 745 muertos

Con una preocupación compartida y una tregua obligada por la pronunciada suba de casos de coronavirus (ayer se reportaron 35.543 positivos y 745 muertos), el jefe de Gabinete, Santiago Cafiero, se reunió con sus pares bonaerenses, Carlos Blanco, y de la Ciudad, Felipe Miguel, para comenzar a coordinar medidas adicionales a partir del viernes, cuando vence el DNU vigente.

De la reunión no surgieron definiciones, pero hubo inquietud por el comportamiento de la curva de contagios. Se acordó observar la evolución de las próximas 48 horas para definir si se imponen más límites a la circulación y a las reuniones sociales. **Página 2**

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Un barrio aterrorizado por la violencia narco

Luego de una noche de terror, con disparos a comercios y casas, los habitantes del barrio Padre Mugica, en Villa Lugano, exigieron en las calles más seguridad ante la violencia de un grupo narco que expone su poder de fuego en la zona. Los vecinos cortaron la General Paz y se enfrentaron con la policía. **Página 21**

El campo va al paro por el freno a la exportación de carne

PROTESTA. Será de 9 días, desde mañana; críticas de empresarios al Gobierno

La Mesa de Enlace decidió ayer un cese de comercialización de hacienda desde mañana a las cero horas hasta el viernes 28 inclusive, en rechazo del cierre de las exportaciones de carne vacuna.

La agrupación, integrada por la Sociedad Rural Argentina (SRA), Coninagro, Federación Agraria Argentina (FAA) y Confederaciones Rurales Argentinas (CRA), definió la medida de fuerza en medio de un fuerte clima de malestar contra el Gobierno. El freno causó un repudio general más allá del sector. La Asociación Empresaria Argentina (AEA) dijo que "el futuro argentino depende vitalmente de las exportaciones". En la Unión Industrial Argentina (UIA) se abordó la preocupación por el cepo a la carne en su reunión semanal de junta directiva. **Página 15**

Fernández minimizó la violación de los DD.HH. en Venezuela

FRASE. En una nueva polémica sobre la relación del gobierno argentino con el régimen de Nicolás Maduro, el presidente Alberto Fernández minimizó ayer la violación de los derechos humanos en Venezuela, denunciada por organismos internacionales, entre ellos, la ONU. "Poco a poco, el problema de derechos humanos en Venezuela fue desapareciendo", dijo Fernández sobre los informes de la ONU en ese país. La afirmación generó críticas en la Argentina y en Venezuela. **Página 7**

El Grupo de Puebla busca rehabilitar a Maduro

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Com eleição, clima de fim de governo mina reformas

A chance de aprovação de reformas econômicas até 2022 passou a ser vista como remota pelo mercado financeiro e por analistas políticos, revertendo o otimismo do início do ano após a mudança no comando do Congresso.

Pesam contra as propostas a continuidade da pandemia, a CPI em curso e o clima de disputa eleitoral antecipada. Mercado A18

Ernesto dissimula sobre China e admite ação por cloroquina

Ex-chanceler afirma à CPI que Bolsonaro integrou esforço para obter remédio ineficaz contra Covid

Ernesto Araújo, ex-chanceler de Jair Bolsonaro, admitiu que mobilizou a estrutura do Ministério das Relações Exteriores para comprar hidroxicloroquina, remédio ineficaz contra a Covid-19, e afirmou que o próprio presidente atuou no processo.

À CPI da Covid no Senado Ernesto tentou se distanciar do efeito de suas declarações críticas à China sobre a falta de vacinas no país, alegando que não as vê como "antichinesas". Ouviu do presidente da comissão, Omar Aziz, que faltava com a verdade.

Reportagem da Folha no último dia 9 mostrou que o Itamaraty enviou telegramas à Índia de março a junho de 2020 para assegurar a importação do medicamento e da matéria-prima para produzi-lo. O mesmo esforço não foi empenhado com vacinas.

Para parte dos senadores, as tentativas do país de obter mais imunizantes foram sobrecarregadas pelas críticas do presidente e de seu ministro à China, produtora de vacinas e de seus ingredientes. Atualmente, as entregas ao Brasil estão atrasadas. Poder A4

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Fala à CPI teve dados falsos sobre China, consórcio de imunizantes e OMS, aponta checagem A6



Em um dos depoimentos mais aguardados, o ex-chanceler Ernesto Araújo fala à CPI da Covid no Senado. Pedro Ladeira/Folhapress

“Coronavírus nos faz despertar para o pesadelo comunista”
Ernesto Araújo
Em artigo de abril de 2020

“Não vejo nenhuma declaração (...) como antichinesa”
Ernesto Araújo
Na CPI da Covid, ontem

ENTREVISTA
Kátia Abreu
Jamais pautarei Ernesto para qualquer lugar

Presidente da Comissão de Relações Exteriores do Senado diz à Folha que ex-chanceler, pelo “componente destruidor”, não tem condição de ir para nenhuma embaixada. Poder A7

Grupo usa táticas bolsonaristas para conteúdopositor

Dispostos a “revidar” apoiadores do governo que “jogaram desmarcados por muito tempo”, um coletivo anônimo tem se valido de táticas também usadas pelos bolsonaristas para difusão nas redes sociais de conteúdo contrário ao presidente. Poder A10

‘Rogério ficou com o fígado velho’, conta Gero Fasano

Com um transplante de fígado, Gero Fasano, 59, descartou o prenúncio Rogério e fez do apelido seu nome oficial, relata Naief Hadad. Nesta semana, após 18 meses, ele volta a capturar seus 24 restaurantes e 7 hotéis. Cotidiano B6



Fasano diante do restaurante Gero. Eduardo Knapp/Folhapress

70% consideram vacinação no Brasil lenta, diz Datafolha

Sete em cada dez brasileiros consideram lento demais o ritmo com que o Brasil tem vacinado seus habitantes contra a Covid, mostra pesquisa Datafolha. Em quatro meses de campanha, 12,2% da população adulta recebeu as duas doses previstas.

Os mais descontentes são aqueles entre 25 a 34 anos, principais afetados pelo atraso. O levantamento, feito em 11 e 12 de maio, tem margem de erro de dois pontos e indica que 91% das pessoas pretendem se vacinar ou já o fizeram. Saúde B1

Doria isenta de ICMS alguns setores da saúde

O governador João Doria (PSDB) anunciou que São Paulo vai zerar o ICMS para medicamentos usados nos tratamentos de diálise, Aids e câncer. Também ficam isentos equipamentos e insumos para entidades beneficentes. Cotidiano B7

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Vacinação no Brasil

% da população vacinada*

Brasil	2ª dose	1ª dose
	12,2	24,8
MS	14,1	32,2
RS	13,0	30,7
ES	10,1	27,6

Cobertura da primeira dose*



Total de doses aplicadas	19,7 mi	39,9 mi
1ª SP	5,1 mi	9,9 mi
2ª MG	2,1 mi	4,2 mi
3ª BA	1,4 mi	3 mi

Números da pandemia

Total	Casos	Óbitos
18.mai**	64,3 mil	1.953
Variação***	8,7%	-17,3%
Em 24 h	74,4 mil	2.517



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

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Avacina salva vidas —houve queda desproporcional das mortes acima de 80 anos—, mas nossa gestão pró-contágio coloca essa conquista em risco. A CPI da Covid já demonstrou que dispensamos 240 milhões de doses. Saúde B3

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O estado de São Paulo deveria dar alerta de tsunami na epidemia de Covid. O número de mortes voltou a subir desde sábado. Pode ser que nada ainda pior aconteça, mas há sinais preocupantes nos últimos dez dias. Mercado A20

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Réponses à la question de mardi :
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NON 17% OUI 83%
TOTAL DE VOTANTS : 68 675

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Un avant-goût de liberté



Avec la réouverture des terrasses, des musées, des cinémas, les Français retrouvent un semblant de vie normale. Un soulagement après plus de six mois de privation.

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Les policiers en colère manifestent devant l'Assemblée nationale

Souvent en ordre dispersé, les syndicats de police offrent cette fois un front uni : ce mercredi, ensemble, les policiers manifestent devant l'Assemblée pour exprimer leur colère face à

la spirale de violences dont ils sont victimes et dans laquelle s'enfoncé la France. Gérard Darmanin a annoncé sa présence, malgré leur refus de toute récupération politique. **PAGE 14**



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La fusion entre les deux groupes vise à créer un champion français susceptible de résister aux plateformes américaines, qui cannibalisent peu à peu le paysage

audiovisuel. Mais ils doivent encore démontrer que cette fusion, qui inquiète les producteurs et les annonceurs, n'entrave pas les règles de la concurrence. **PAGES 24 ET 25**

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Après la pluie...

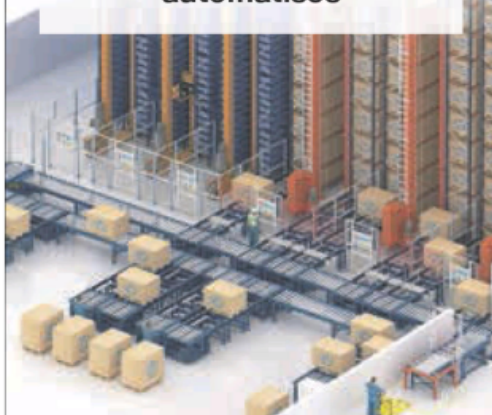
Chanterons-nous sous la pluie? Un café en terrasse ne suffira pas à transformer tous les Français en Gene Kelly, mais les retrouvailles avec ce plaisir minuscule donnent à cette journée un goût particulier. Après quatorze mois d'enfermement entrecoupés de trop rares moments de liberté, nous allons profiter timidement de quelques fragments de sociabilité. Nous n'échapperons pas, malheureusement, à la délectation des tenants de l'épidémie éternelle qui, de relâchements en variants et de variants en quatrième vague, promettent un été terrible, un automne épouvantable. Les mêmes, modélisations trompeuses à la main, critiquent depuis le mois de janvier les choix et le calendrier d'Emmanuel Macron. « Trop tard, trop vite; et puis son confinement est trop léger; et pourquoi les écoles, ces "clusters géants", ouvrent encore? Pour leur santé, laissons les enfants grandir devant un écran! Le président se prend pour un scientifique, mais il ne pourra pas tenir son agenda... », concluaient-ils. Une fois encore, la vérité des chiffres est venue contredire ces prophètes de malheur. Après cette longue nuit de surveillance, la lu-

mière de la liberté va-t-elle nous éblouir? C'est le risque. Les interdictions multiples ont transformé, en un an, notre rapport au monde et contredit, un à un, les principes élémentaires de nos démocraties. Circulation à heure fixe, dans le périmètre légal et sur attestation, couvre-feu, fermetures administratives sur des critères souvent arbitraires, port du masque, sous peine d'amende, sur les plages, dans les forêts, et jusque sur les sommets... Ne nous y trompons pas : ces servitudes n'illustrent pas l'hubris d'un pouvoir devenu tyrannique. Elles découlent d'une atmosphère diffuse où une sage prudence d'abord puis une peur irrationnelle ont semblé guider l'opinion. Notre État, faible, craintif et technocratique, a suivi, au risque d'y prendre goût. Une tentation inévitable, celle de pérenniser ce que l'urgence imposait, va surgir. Déjà, Jean Castex évoque le port du masque lors des épidémies de grippe. Quand les libertés de détail deviennent contingentes, c'est toute la société qui tombe malade. ■

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Virus exposed government weakness, finds watchdog

NAO highlights neglect of social care and local government funding

Peter Walker and Jessica Elgot

Coronavirus has exposed decades-long weaknesses in government and divisions in wider society, an official parliamentary watchdog has said, including neglect of social care

and chronic underfunding in local government.

Amid renewed questions over the reopening timetable and continuing criticism of Boris Johnson's handling of the pandemic, the National Audit Office (NAO) said a lack of planning from outset had left ministers without a "playbook" on how to respond.

In the report released today, pulling together lessons from more than a dozen more sector-specific reports into the handling of Covid, the NAO said the virus "laid bare existing fault lines within society, such as

the risk of widening inequalities, and within public service delivery and government itself".

Coronavirus had "stress-tested the government's ability to deal with unforeseen events", said Gareth Davies, the NAO's head, noting it had shown the need for government to be "systematic" in planning for emergencies and to learn lessons at speed.

The findings come as the PM told his cabinet that he intended to proceed with the roadmap for lifting England's lockdown despite concerns over a new coronavirus variant, but

said the government would monitor the data over the coming days.

Johnson told reporters yesterday he saw no conclusive evidence to delay the full reopening of the economy on 21 June, though sources have suggested it may not be as comprehensive a lifting of restrictions as billed. "I don't see anything conclusive at the moment to say we need to deviate from the roadmap," Johnson said, adding that more would be known "in a few days' time".

Some ministers are understood to be reticent

Child visits to GPs soar after surge in pollution

Exclusive
Damian Carrington
Environment editor

A huge increase in the number of visits to doctors by children with asthma problems occurs after just a week of raised air pollution, according to a study. The number of inhaler prescriptions also increases significantly.

Dirty air is known to increase hospital treatment for severe asthma attacks and other respiratory problems. But the new research is the first using clinical data to show increased illness among the much bigger number of people who seek GP treatment.

Researchers said children were the most severely affected by the raised pollution, but there were increases in GP consultations and inhaler prescriptions for people of all ages. They said the study shows air pollution, particularly from diesel vehicles, affects whole communities. The research team called for action to cut pollution and said warnings could be used to help those at risk to prepare for episodes of increased dirty air.

The research was conducted in south London over five years and analysed more than 750,000 respiratory consultations at GPs and inhaler prescriptions. The average level of particle pollution in Lambeth during the study period was 21 micrograms per cubic metre of air. When this pollution was raised by 9mcg/m³ for a week, the number of child consultations for asthma and respiratory infections went up by 7.5%. For nitrogen dioxide pollution, the average level was 51mcg/m³. A rise of 22mcg/m³ was linked with consultations rising by 6%.

"These are huge increases," said Mark Ashworth at King's College London, who led the research. "We'd expected much smaller associations. This is a very large shift of the dial and has never been shown before."

Children are already among the most frequent visitors to GPs and respiratory problems are one of the most common reasons for consultations, he said, so these percentage rises mean a large number of extra visits. Furthermore, Ashworth said: "We think

I quit: blast at PM from nurse who helped save his life

Ben Quinn

A nurse who cared for Boris Johnson when he was gravely ill with Covid-19 says she has handed in her resignation, such is her disillusionment with the "lack of respect" shown by the government for the NHS and healthcare workers.

Jenny McGee, who kept vigil by the prime minister's bedside for two days when he was in intensive care, also revealed that his staff attempted to co-opt her into a "clap for the NHS" photo opportunity with him during what she thought would be a discreet thank you visit to Downing Street.

"We're not getting the respect and now pay that we deserve. I'm just sick of it. So I've handed in my resignation," said McGee, referring to the government's proposed 1% pay rise for NHS staff, which unions have described as a "kick in the teeth".

She was also critical of the government's handling of the Covid crisis, adding: "Lots of nurses felt that the government hadn't led very effectively - the



▲ Jenny McGee said No 10 staff wanted to use her in a 'clap for the NHS' photo opportunity PHOTOGRAPH: 72 FILMS/CHANNEL 4

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