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Glass half full Oz vineyards turn to Britain

Pickers harvest Shiraz grapes at Henschke's Hill of Grace vineyard in Eden Valley, South Australia.

Australian winemakers hope that a trade deal with the UK could help them fill the void left by a collapse in exports to China. The UK has offered Australia a tariff-free, quota-free deal as it seeks to forge new trade relations in the wake of Brexit. Wine is already Australia's largest export to the UK, but producers believe the lifting of tariffs could help them compete against Latin American rivals.

They are also searching for sources of growth after China slapped tariffs of up to 218 per cent on Australian wine amid a downturn in diplomatic relations.

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Belarus arrests opposition activist after forcing flight to land in Minsk

◆ Lukashenko orders diversion ◆ Europe leaders outraged ◆ Dissident faces protest charges

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European leaders have called for an immediate international response after Belarus forced a Ryanair flight bound for Lithuania to land in Minsk yesterday and arrested one of its passengers, a top opposition activist.

State media said Roman Protasevich, resident in Lithuania, was detained in the Belarusian capital after a flight from Athens to Vilnius was unexpectedly diverted shortly before leaving Belarusian airspace.

Ursula von der Leyen, the European Commission president, said that the forced landing was "utterly unacceptable". She wrote on Twitter: "Any violation of international air trans-

port rules must bear consequences." Dominic Raab, Britain's foreign secretary, said the UK was "alarmed" at reports of the forced landing and Protasevich's arrest, adding: "We are co-ordinating with our allies. This outlandish action by [Belarusian president Alexander] Lukashenko will have serious implications."

President Gitanas Nausėda of Lithuania called on Nato and the EU to "immediately react", while Polish prime minister Mateusz Morawiecki said that he would demand sanctions against Belarus. "Hijacking of a civilian plane is an unprecedented act of state terrorism. It cannot go unpunished," Morawiecki wrote on Twitter.

Protasevich, 26, is the former editor of Nexta, the Warsaw-based media group

that played a prominent role in both covering and directing huge protests that erupted against Lukashenko last year after he claimed victory in a deeply flawed election.

"From now — no one flying over Belarus can be secure," Sviatlana Tskhanouskaya, Belarus's exiled opposition leader, wrote on Twitter.

Lukashenko personally gave an "irrevocable command to turn the plane around and land it" before it left the country's airspace, according to a post on a semi-official presidential channel on messaging app Telegram.

In November, Belarus placed Protasevich on a terrorist watchlist and charged him with three protest-related crimes, the most serious of which carries a sentence of up to 15 years in prison.



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Ryanair said the flight crew were "notified by Belarus [air traffic control] of a potential security threat on board" and instructed to divert to Minsk.

"Nothing untoward was found and authorities cleared the aircraft to depart together with passengers and crew after approximately five hours on the ground in Minsk," it said in a statement.

Hundreds of thousands of Belarusians took to the streets last year in an unprecedented show of discontent after Lukashenko, who has ruled Belarus with an iron fist for 27 years, claimed victory over Tskhanouskaya in the disputed presidential election.

Most of the opposition's main figures have since either been forced into exile, such as Tskhanouskaya, who is based in Lithuania, or imprisoned.

Briefing

Libor rigger takes corporate spy role

Former UBS and Citigroup trader Tom Hayes, who was convicted over rigging of the Libor benchmark in 2015, has joined a corporate intelligence agency. He is fighting to overturn his conviction. — PAGE 6

Tokyo and Canberra snub IEA carbon cut

Japan and Australia have disputed the findings of the global energy body's report on reaching net zero emissions by 2050, signalling they will continue fossil fuel investment despite its advice. — PAGE 2

Brazil set for \$50bn development boom

Infrastructure minister Tarciso Gomes de Freitas has told the FT that an injection of private sector cash will result in a bonanza that will include the building of 22 airports and five ports. — PAGE 4

EU fraud buster targets recovery fund

Laura Codruta Kovest, the bloc's first anti-fraud prosecutor, and formerly Romania's anti-graft chief, has told the FT that she expects a big caseload after the big EU spending spree. — PAGE 2



Executive pay protests hit all-time high

Anger over packages rewritten in the pandemic to make it easier for US company chiefs to hit targets has taken the number of pay votes winning less than 50 per cent shareholder support to 13. — PAGE 8

Deutsche Bank needs female hiring surge

FT analysis has shown that the German lender will have to appoint women to about half of its vacant senior management positions to meet its new 2025 gender target, unveiled last week. — PAGE 4

European states set for emissions clash

An EU official has warned of "very tricky to solve" trade-offs at a Brussels summit that will address the distributional issues at the heart of the bloc's green agenda and how they will hit voter pockets. — PAGE 2

Datawatch

High-speed line

% of Americans who say the federal government should provide:



* To an adequate level. Source: Pew Research Center

The proportion of Americans who believe the US government should be responsible for providing high-speed internet access has surged in the pandemic, as homeworking and school closures fuel demand



Coronavirus threatens India's outsourcing crown

India is the world's leading back office hub, with nearly 4.5m people doing everything from answering customer service calls to software development to mortgage processing. But the severity of the country's second wave of Covid-19 has left the industry badly shaken. Some companies have reported as many as 10 per cent of their staff laid up with the disease — excluding the workers who are caring for sick family members.

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Ma quits helm of elite business school as Beijing raises pressure on billionaire

SUN YU AND RYAN MCMORROW — BEIJING

Jack Ma will step down as president of the elite business academy he founded six years ago, according to people familiar with the matter, as Beijing cracks down on the billionaire's influence across Chinese society.

Hupan University, an executive training programme that is reputedly as hard to get into as Harvard University, will also restructure its curriculum and has changed its name, the people said.

Ma's retreat from the academy, located in his home city of Hangzhou, comes as Chinese regulators have piled pressure on the founder of e-commerce group Alibaba and his business empire.

Ma, one of the country's most high-profile entrepreneurs, has largely disappeared from public view since giving a speech in October that criticised

regulators and state-owned banks.

Antitrust regulators fined Alibaba a record \$2.8bn for monopolistic practices last month and Ant Group, Ma's fintech company, has been ordered to shrink its business and restructure since its \$37bn initial public offering was squashed last November.

The changes at Hupan suggest Beijing's effort to limit Ma's influence continues despite his making a public appearance at an Alibaba event this month. One person close to Hupan said Ma would not hold any high-level official title at the organisation. But several people cautioned that Ma was keen to remain connected to the institution.

Authorities worried that Ma was building a powerful network at Hupan that could be at odds with the Communist party's objectives, according to a person close to the school.

Some Chinese officials view Hupan as a modern-day version of the Donglin Academy, a 17th-century institution that served as a debating ground for thinkers who influenced politics and weakened the Ming Dynasty government.

Hupan was set up in 2015 to teach a select group entrepreneurship, business management and corporate culture. "We want Hupan to run for 500 years," Ma said at the time.

Hupan last week changed its name on its website to Hupan Innovation Center. Videos on Chinese social media also showed a worker using a blowtorch to remove Hupan University's name from a large stone sign in front of its campus.

Alibaba referred questions to Hupan, which did not respond to repeated requests for comment.

Additional reporting by Nian Liu

World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				INTEREST RATES			
	May 21	May 14	%Week		May 21	May 14			price	yield	chg
S&P 500	4155.99	4173.85	-0.43	\$ per £	1.2719	1.2713	£ per \$	0.7950	1.2478	1.82	-0.01
Nasdaq Composite	13479.99	13429.99	0.37	\$ per €	1.4136	1.4029	€ per \$	1.1622	1.161	0.83	-0.01
Dow Jones Ind	34207.94	34382.13	-0.51	£ per €	0.9801	0.981	¥ per €	132.811	132.794	-0.13	-0.02
FTSEurofirst 300	1713.00	1704.29	0.56	¥ per \$	108.995	109.435	€ index	82.085	82.351	116.47	0.09
Euro Stoxx 50	4025.78	4017.44	0.21	¥ per €	154.306	154.173	\$ per £	1.2722	1.2722	106.16	2.33
FTSE 100	7018.05	7043.61	-0.36	\$ per ¥	1.095	1.095	UK Gov 10 yr			106.02	-0.85
FTSE All Share	4002.61	4012.57	-0.24	€ per \$	0.821	0.824	Ger Gov 2 yr				
CAC 40	6385.41	6385.14	0.02								
Xetra Dax	15437.51	15416.54	0.14								
Nikkei	28317.83	27448.01	3.17								
Hang Seng	23458.64	27718.80	2.67								
ASX 200	2542.21	-	-								
MSD World \$	1329.31	-	-								
MSD EM \$	1329.31	-	-								
MSD ACWI \$	701.33	-	-								

COMMODITIES				FED FUNDS			
	May 21	May 14	%Week		price	prev	chg
Oil WTI \$	83.04	85.45	-2.48	Fed Funds EFF	0.07	0.07	-
Oil Brent \$	96.68	98.79	-3.07	US 3m Bill	0.01	0.01	0.00
Gold \$	1878.30	1821.60	3.10	Euro Libor 3m	-0.56	-0.54	-0.01
				UK 3m	0.08	0.08	0.00

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Crime Surging, Cities Reassess Policing Limits

Guns Fill Streets a Year After Floyd's Killing

By TIM ARANGO

LOS ANGELES — Helen Jones grew up in Watts in a time of gang wars and a crack epidemic, when the police used battering rams to knock down the walls of suspected drug houses and Black people were routinely profiled or beaten by street cops.

Then and now, her life has been shaped by violence: Last spring, after the city shut down to contain the coronavirus pandemic, her nephew was shot dead in his home; the year before, her brother was shot in the back on a South Los Angeles street and lived; and in 2009, her son died in a downtown jail in what the authorities called a suicide but she believes was a murder by sheriff's deputies.

Last year, Ms. Jones's demands for fewer police officers and more investment in communities like hers became the demands of a movement — after the police killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis shook the country, inspired the largest mass demonstrations for civil rights in generations and pushed police reform to the forefront of the national agenda.

Now, a year after Mr. Floyd's death, Los Angeles and other American cities face a surge in violent crime amid pandemic despair and a flood of new guns onto the streets. The surge is prompting cities whose leaders embraced the values of the movement last year to reassess how far they are willing to go to reimagine public safety and divert money away from the police and toward social services.

"I don't care how bad it gets — no one wants more cops," Ms. Jones, 56, said last week as she met with other activists outside a food hall in South Los Angeles. "We don't need tougher police, we need more alternatives to help people thrive."

But more cops is what Los Angeles is getting.

A year after streets echoed with calls to "defund" law enforcement

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G.O.P.'s Future Put to the Test In Arkansas

By JONATHAN MARTIN

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — For decades, Arkansas punched above its weight in politics and business.

In the 1990s, it was home to the president and the world's wealthiest family. In the 2000s, three one-time Arkansians ran for president. A decade later, the state claimed its sixth company on the Fortune 500 list.

But Arkansas may be entering its most consequential period yet, as a test case for the future of the Republican Party.

Having undergone a lightning-quick transformation in the last decade from Democratic dominance to Republican rule, how closely the state clings to former President Donald J. Trump and his style of politics will offer insights about the party he still dominates.

Arkansas represents the full spectrum of today's G.O.P.

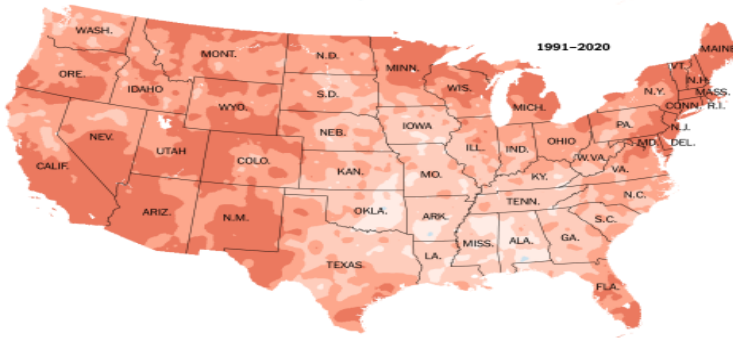
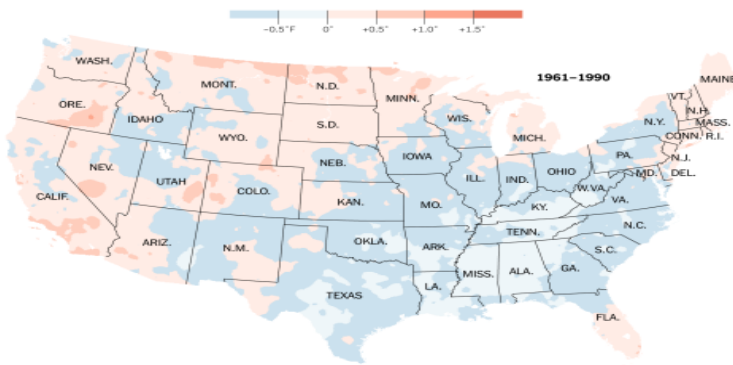
There are Trump devotees fully behind his false claims of a stolen election and his brand of grievance-oriented politics. That faction is now led by the former White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders, the daughter of Mike Huckabee, the state's onetime governor. More ideological, and less Trump-centric, conservatives include Senator Tom

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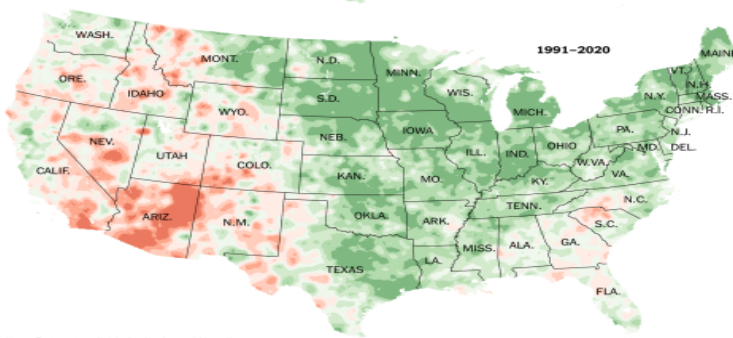
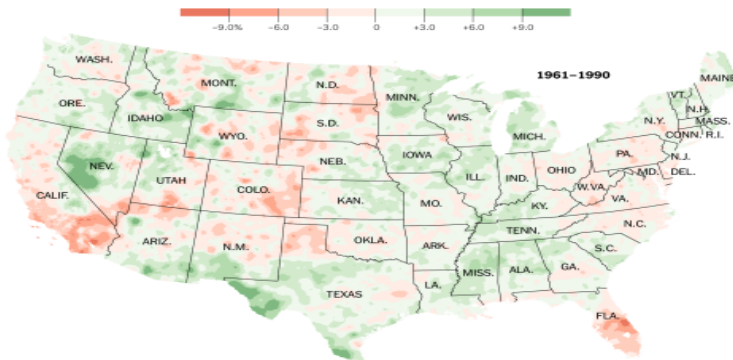
Climate Change Means a New Definition of 'Normal' for Weather

New baseline data for temperature, rain and other weather events reveal how emissions from human activities have changed the climate in the United States. Page A13.

30-Year Temperatures Compared With 20th Century Average



30-Year Precipitation Compared With 20th Century Average



Note: Data not available for Alaska and Hawaii.
Source: NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information

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Push in Israel To Tip Balance In Mixed Cities

Movement Seeks More Jews Among Arabs

By ISABEL KERSHNER

LOD, Israel — Years before the mixed Arab-Jewish city of Lod erupted in mob violence, a demographic shift had begun to take root: Hundreds of young Jews who support a religious, nationalist movement started to move into a mostly Arab neighborhood with the express aim of strengthening the Israeli city's Jewish identity.

A similar change was playing out in other mixed Arab-Jewish cities inside Israel, such as nearby Ramla and Acre in the north — part of a loosely organized nationwide project known as Torah Nucleus. They say that their intention is to lift up poor and neglected areas on the margins of society, particularly in mixed cities, and to enrich Jewish life there. Its supporters have moved into dozens of Israeli cities and towns.

"Perhaps ours is a complex message," said Avi Rokach, 43, chairman of the Torah Nucleus association in Lod. "Lod is a Jewish city. It is our agenda and our religious duty to look out for whoever lives here, be they Jewish, Muslim or Hindu."

But in reality, the newcomers' presence, at times, created tensions, which built up for years and erupted amid the latest outbreak of warfare between Israelis and Palestinians. Arab and Jewish mobs attacked each other in the worst violence within Israeli cities in decades, raising fears of a civil war. For many, the intensity of the animosity came as a shock.

For decades, hard-line Israeli nationalists have sought to shift the demographics of the occupied West Bank by building Jewish settlements, undermining the prospect of a two-state solution to the long-running Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

With far less attention and fanfare, the Torah Nucleus movement set out with an ideological mission to alter the balance of Israeli cities and promote its brand of Judaism inside the country.

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BELARUS FORCES PLANE TO LAND, SEIZING ACTIVIST

FIGHTER JET INTERCEPTS

European Officials Blast Minsk, Calling Event a 'State Hijacking'

By ANTON TROIANOVSKI
AND IVAN NECHEPURENKO

MOSCOW — The strongman president of Belarus sent a fighter jet to intercept a European airliner traveling through the country's airspace on Sunday and ordered the plane to land in the capital, Minsk, where a prominent opposition journalist aboard was seized, provoking international outrage.

The stunning gambit by Aleksandr G. Lukashenko, a brutal and erratic leader who has clung to power despite huge protests against his government last year, was condemned by European officials, who compared it to hijacking. It underscored that the support of President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia, Mr. Lukashenko is prepared to go to extraordinary lengths to repress dissent.

The Ryanair flight from Athens to Vilnius, Lithuania, carrying some 170 passengers — among them the journalist, Roman Protasevich — was flying over Belarus when Belarusian air traffic controllers notified its pilots of "a potential security threat on board" and directed the plane to divert to Minsk, the Ireland-based airline said in a statement.

Mr. Lukashenko, often referred to as "Europe's last dictator," personally ordered a MiG-29 fighter jet to escort the Ryanair plane to a bomb threat, his press service said. According to the statement, Mr. Lukashenko gave an "unequivocal order" to "make the plane do a U-turn and land."

After about seven hours on the ground, the Ryanair Boeing 737-800 took off for Vilnius from Minsk with its passengers and crew, and landed safely at its final destination 35 minutes later.

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Kyra, left, and Kami Crawford have both experienced strokes.

2 Sisters' Pain, and the Failure To Screen for Sickle Cell Cases

By GINA KOLATA

SAN ANTONIO — It was 4 a.m. on a Sunday when Dana Jones heard an ominous sound, barely audible over the whirring of box fans, like someone struggling to breathe. She ran down the hall and found her daughter Kyra, age 12, lying on her back, gasping for air. Terrified, she called 911.

A police officer, the first to arrive, dashed into Kyra's bedroom, threw the slender girl over his shoulder and laid her on a leather sofa in the living room. He asked her mother, an oral surgery technician, to give her CPR.

Kyra's lips were ice-cold. An

THE ERRANT GENE
Kyra and Kami's Story

ambulance whisked the girl to Methodist Children's Hospital, where staff members swarmed her and put her into a medically induced coma.

Kyra, who has sickle cell, had suffered a devastating stroke — her second — a common complication of this inherited disease, which afflicts 100,000 Americans, most of them Black. She most likely would never have had the strokes if she had been given an annual screening test and treatment.

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Panic as Lava Flows in Congo
After a night of tens of thousands fleeing their homes, officials in Goma cautiously declared the emergency over. PAGE A8

Iran Cheers From the Sideline
Tehran has supported Hamas for years, but Israel says Iran played no role in the latest conflict. PAGE A10

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Biden's Climate Gambit

The president wants power companies to replace fossil fuels with clean energy. It's a broadly popular idea but its path in Congress is perilous. PAGE A13

Gloves (and Masks) Come Off
Democratic rivals in New York's mayoral primary are trying to steal momentum from the top candidates. PAGE A15

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An Indian State Steps Up
Kerala uses a network of health care workers in "war rooms" to battle the virus. So far, it's working. PAGE A6



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At 50, Mickelson Wins a Major
Phil Mickelson prevailed at the PGA Championship, becoming the oldest golfer to capture a major title. PAGE D1

The Ultimate Star Role Player
For Chris Paul, leading the Phoenix Suns back to the N.B.A. playoffs is but the latest project. PAGE D1

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Daimler Bets on Fuel Cells

Deciding that battery power isn't ideal for long-haul trucks, Daimler, the world's largest heavy truck maker, sees hydrogen fuel-cell technology as its zero-emissions solution. PAGE B1

Finding Home in a Bookstore

Source of Knowledge, a Black-owned landmark in Newark, survived the last year thanks to its customers' generosity and an owner who provides more than just books. PAGE B1

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A Winning Sound
A dancing finger, chained demons and a win for the band Maneskin, above. But Eurovision, the world's largest music contest, is more than just weird. PAGE C2



ANALYSIS

Conflict may aid Israeli leader

Netanyahu looks more likely to stay in power as coalition against him crumbles.

BY DINA KRAFT AND LAURA KING

TEL AVIV — Few politicians have quite the knack for turning adversity to advantage as does Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Before fighting erupted May 10 between Israel and the Palestinian militant group Hamas, the country's longest-serving prime minister looked set for a spectacular fall from grace. His political opponents were putting the finishing touches on a coalition agreement that would probably have seen him finally ejected from office after 12 years, and left him even more vulnerable to the criminal corruption charges he is currently battling in court.

But the 71-year-old prime minister, famed for his Houdini-like ability to wriggle out of tight spots, now looks positioned to possibly remain in power — even though his hard-line base is angry that the government agreed to a cease-fire rather than pressing ahead with the military campaign in the Gaza Strip.

Before a truce took hold Friday, 11 days of intense cross-border aerial bombardment between the two sides left nearly 250 Palestinians dead, more than 60 of them children, and 12 deaths in Israel.

"The fire always breaks out just when it's most convenient for the prime minister," Netanyahu's exasperated chief rival, opposition leader Yair Lapid, wrote on Facebook last week.

Lapid had reason to be irate: The outbreak of conflict seemingly crippled his prospects for assembling a [See Netanyahu, A4]



KENT NISHIMURA Los Angeles Times

REMEMBERING GEORGE FLOYD

Alexis Rodgers, 21, holds Caden, 3, the child of a friend, on her shoulders during a rally and march in Minneapolis to mark Tuesday's anniversary of George Floyd's murder by a police officer. **NATION, A5**

Affordable IUDs keep storks away

Birth control method is one of many reasons California is seeing a COVID 'baby bust.'

BY SONJA SHARP

California is poised to drop its mask mandate for a vaccine-fueled summer of lust — but when it comes to protection, Angelinos like Jahkara Smith won't rely on antibodies alone.

"A lot of my friends have gotten IUDs recently," said the 24-year-old Air Force veteran, a YouTube icon-turned-TV star. "Even if you lose your healthcare, it's already in there. They're not going to come take it out."

The humble IUD, shorthand for intrauterine device, is just one of many reasons California is expected to see [See IUDs, A12]



CHRISTINA HOUSE Los Angeles Times

STEPH CHA plays with son Leo, 13 months. Cha, who had an IUD for seven years, said she and her husband wanted to focus on work before starting a family.

Mask resale: L.A. bought 24 million N95 masks early in the pandemic, but resales are lagging. **CALIFORNIA, B1**



PAUL KURODA For The Times
MONKS Bay Souvannalath, left, Pho Souphachanh and Wisatchana Phongadith pray at the Wat Lao Rattanaaram Buddhist temple in Richmond, Calif.

A phone tree of knowledge

Laotian elders use old tool to spread virus news

BY ANH DO

RICHMOND, Calif. — After people 65 and older became eligible for COVID-19 vaccinations, Torm Norm-praseut picked up the phone and called one Laotian immigrant after another — about a dozen in all.

Here's how to make an appointment, he told them in Lao. Someone will find you a ride, and volunteers fluent in both Lao and Eng-

lish will be by your side when you get your shot, he assured them.

Phones were also ringing in Laotian households across the Bay Area as an elaborate network lighted up, spreading the word about vaccinations to older immigrants, many of whom are not fluent in English and don't use the internet.

The phone tree is so efficient that information often whips through its many branches in less than an

hour.

It is almost as old as the Laotian immigrant community itself, which took root in the Bay Area and other California cities after the Vietnam War.

In sprawling California suburbs, it is an attempt to re-create village networks from back home.

It is especially important because there are not enough Lao speakers for government agencies to [See Tree, A8]

In Virginia, the governor's race emerges as key post-Trump test

BY JANET HOOK

CLIFTON, Va. — The Republican candidate is a wealthy businessman and political novice who questions the integrity of the electoral system.

The Democratic front-runner is an old-school career politician with deep roots in the party establishment.

Sound familiar?

Just months after Joe Biden won the presidency on a wave of anti-Trump

sentiment, a rematch by proxy is shaping up in Virginia, which is picking a new governor in 2021.

Republicans have nominated Glenn Youngkin, a little-known former private-equity executive, who was immediately endorsed by former President Trump.

The leading candidate in Democrats' June 8 primary is Terry McAuliffe, a former Virginia governor seeking a comeback by following the Biden playbook — emphasizing his experience, railing against Trumpism.

One of two states holding gubernatorial elections this year, Virginia provides the first big test of strength between the parties since Biden was elected, and it could set the tone for the 2022 midterm election.

For Republicans, the face-off will be a test of whether their candidate can succeed in holding the Trump base while courting swing voters. Youngkin is framing the election as a potential referendum on Biden's progressive policies, not [See Virginia, A7]

Birthday party leads to mayhem

Downtown businesses are vandalized and nearly 150 are arrested at Huntington Beach event that drew 2,500. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Suspect named in restaurant attack

A Banning man held in a suspected antisemitic attack in the Westside could face hate-crime charges. **CALIFORNIA, B3**

Weather

Sunny and warmer
L.A. Basin: 86/64. **B6**



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AGELESS WONDER

Phil Mickelson, 50, wins the PGA Championship, becoming the oldest player to win a major golf title and besting a record set in 1968. **SPORTS, D1**

BUSINESS INSIDE: After Diablo Canyon shuts down, will greenhouse emissions rise? **A9**

The Washington Post

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Democracy Dies in Darkness

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BLM alters U.S. debate over Israel, Palestinians

Activists shift Democrats' lens on many matters, including global issues

BY SEAN SULLIVAN AND CLEVE R. WOOTSON JR.

Black Lives Matter activists recently took to the streets of Indianapolis to protest for Palestinians. In Congress, a lawmaker who cut her teeth as a Black Lives Matter organizer and who has compared her clashes with police to those faced by Palestinians tweeted Friday, "A cease-fire ends the bombardment — not the violence."

And during the height of the recent Gaza hostilities, the official Black Lives Matter organization called for "Palestinian liberation," six years after the group's early leaders took a trip to the Middle East that planted the seeds for the current alliance.

Black Lives Matter, which has grown into a potent political force amid a national reckoning on race, has responded forcefully to the violence in the Middle East to extend its reach into foreign policy, pressing the Democratic Party to adopt a dramatically different approach to the long-standing Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Whatever the aftermath of the violence in the region, it has starkly changed the Israeli-Palestinian debate in the United States, shifting it for many liberals from a tangled dispute over ancient, often-confusing claims to the far more familiar turf of police brutality and racial conflict.

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Antisemitic attacks: More reports in U.S. since Middle East fighting. A7



A remembrance rally for George Floyd brings demonstrators to the Hennepin County Government Center in Minneapolis on Sunday. Residents and police remain tense and uncertain about what's ahead. Floyd's family paid tribute at the one-year mark. Story, A9

A year later, scars and division

BY HOLLY BAILEY

MINNEAPOLIS — A year after George Floyd's death sent millions across the country into the streets in some of the largest sustained protests in American history, the city at the center of that movement continues to struggle with its own reckoning over policing, equality and racial justice.

Colorful signs featuring Floyd's name and face still decorate front yards across this Upper Midwestern city in a collective demand for justice. Visible

Minneapolis prepares to mark anniversary of Floyd's killing

scars also remain from the unrest that erupted after his death, leaving scores of buildings damaged or destroyed.

While the city breathed a collective sigh of relief last month when a jury convicted former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin of murder and man-

slaughter in Floyd's death, the sensation was fleeting.

"I think we felt like we could breathe a little bit after Chauvin's conviction," said Brian Herron, pastor of Zion Baptist Church in North Minneapolis, the heart of the city's Black community.

Like many here, Herron, a former Minneapolis City Council member, had been skeptical that a jury would convict a police officer in the death of a Black man. "I don't know if there's a real sense of justice, but there's a sense of accountability," he said.

As Minneapolis prepares to mark the first anniversary of Floyd's death Tuesday, it remains a city in turmoil, with many of the racial inequities highlighted during last year's protests unresolved. The police department is in crisis — woefully understaffed, its officers demoralized and its practices and culture under investigation by the Justice Department. At the same time, there has been a pronounced increase in crime, while the relationship between the police and residents remains

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Security fears rise with Hill tensions

DEMOCRATS QUESTION SAFETY BACK HOME

Tenor of debate since Jan. 6 has been personal

BY MARIANNA SOTOMAYOR AND PAUL KANE

As House members head out of Washington for three weeks, anger at one another is turning into fear of what could await them back home.

Tensions among lawmakers have been running high since the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol by a pro-Trump mob and have only increased in recent weeks. The two parties are clashing over how to investigate what transpired that day and whether, or how, to ease precautions put in place to keep lawmakers and staff members safe during the coronavirus pandemic.

The tenor of the debate has been highly personal, with Democrats expressing a sense of distrust toward their Republican colleagues with regard to their personal safety and health, while many GOP members are accusing Democrats of using the tragedies of the attack and the pandemic to score political points.

Now, several Democrats said they are concerned that the toxic political culture on Capitol Hill could greet them back home as

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As roads rot, states put off fixes and expand

BY IAN DUNCAN, MICHAEL LARIS AND KATE RABINOWITZ

For all the ambition of President Biden's infrastructure proposal — massive spending boosts on trains and buses and a push to get Americans into electric cars — its priority for the nation's road network is more basic: Fix them.

The Federal Highway Administration estimates a \$435 billion backlog of rehabilitation needs, while an analysis of agency data by The Washington Post shows a fifth of the nation's major roads, stretching almost 164,000 miles, were rated in poor condition in 2019. That figure has stayed mostly unchanged for a decade.

Yet more than a third of states' capital spending on roads that year, \$19 billion, went toward expanding the road network rather than chipping away at the backlog.

The hunger for new roads reflects a desire to connect growing

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Once UFOs, now UAPs — and a hot topic in D.C.

Lawmakers, Pentagon say the truth is out there and are trying to find it

BY MICHAEL S. ROSENWALD

In 2007, Senate Majority Leader Harry M. Reid called his colleagues Ted Stevens and Daniel Inouye to a specially secured room in the Capitol where highly classified information was discussed.

Stevens, a Republican from Alaska, and Inouye, a Democrat from Hawaii, controlled funding for supersecret Pentagon operations. Reid wanted to put an idea on their radar, one that needed to be kept hush-hush not just for national security but because it was, as Reid's aides told him, kind of crazy.

He wanted the Pentagon to

investigate UFOs.

"Everyone told me this would cause me nothing but trouble," said Reid, a Democrat who represented Nevada, home of the military's top-secret Area 51 test site, a central attraction of sorts for UFO hunters. "But I wasn't afraid of it. And I guess time has proven me right."

That's because official Washington is swirling with chatter — among top senators, Pentagon insiders, and even former CIA directors — about UFOs. What was once a ticket to the political loony bin has leaped off Hollywood screens and out of science-fiction novels and into the national conversation. There are even government acronyms.

"This used to be a career-ending kind of thing," said John Podesta, who generally kept his interest in UFOs to himself when he was President Bill Clinton's chief of staff. "You didn't want to

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Back on top — at 50

Phil Mickelson, 50, won the PGA Championship on Kiawah Island, S.C., to become the oldest winner of a major men's golf tournament. He now has six major victories and two PGA titles. D1

IN THE NEWS



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Capitals bow out Captain Alex Ovechkin and Washington are eliminated from the Stanley Cup playoffs with a 3-1 loss to Boston. D1

Wizards fall Philadelphia wins Game 1 of the first-round NBA playoff series, 125-118, using a significant advantage at the foul line. D1

THE NATION

A new generation of Trumpist acolytes pose a threat to the Republican Party's efforts to reclaim moderate, largely college-educated voters who were turned off by Donald Trump, while muddying efforts to shift the national focus to less popular parts of Democratic policies. A3

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Belarusian officials forced a civilian jetliner to land in Minsk and arrested an opposition journalist who was on board, an act some European leaders com-

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The isolation of the coronavirus pandemic fueled a huge jump in fatal overdoses in the Washington region, with the biggest spikes in D.C. and Virginia. B1
Thousands of D.C. children attend a public charter school that is offering no in-person learning — even as city leaders have called on

charter schools to open their doors alongside the traditional public school system. B1

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY President Biden visits FEMA headquarters for a briefing on the Atlantic hurricane season beginning June 1.
The French Open tennis tournament begins.

TUESDAY April new-home sales are estimated at a 937,000 annual rate.

WEDNESDAY Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) speaks at a Heritage Foundation online forum.

THURSDAY

Soldiers place small U.S. flags in an Arlington National Cemetery "Flags-In" ceremony.
Jobless claims for the week ended May 22 are estimated at 450,000.
First-quarter GDP is expected to show a gain of 6.5 percent.

FRIDAY

Vice President Harris speaks at the 2021 Naval Academy commissioning ceremony.
Biden delivers his administration's budget proposal to Congress.
German Chancellor Angela Merkel is among speakers at the Group of 20's Global Solutions Summit in Berlin.

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Mess in Maricopa Votes are still being counted in Arizona. It won't change the winner. But it might change America. C1

Unveiled insults

Masks are coming off — which means men will start telling women to 'Smile!' again. C1

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El rey del golf: a los 50, Mickelson ganó un *major*

El norteamericano se transformó en el jugador de mayor edad en ganar el PGA championship; cumple 51 el mes que viene. Deportes



RÉCORD Y OVACIÓN EN EL ADIÓS DEL "KING KUN" DEL MANCHESTER CITY

—deportes

En su despedida del fútbol inglés, Agüero marcó dos goles, batió una marca para el City y fue aplaudido por miles de hinchas en el estadio. Página 7

LOS 80 DE BOB DYLAN, EL GENIO QUE LE PUSO POESÍA AL ROCK

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Su obra ha marcado la cultura contemporánea, con fuerte influencia en músicos y poetas de varias generaciones; una vida rodeada de misterio. Página 23

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Tras el confinamiento total, analizan alternar 9 días de cierre y 12 de apertura

COVID. El esquema fue propuesto dentro del Gobierno; Vizzotti, por las cuarentenas intermitentes

Una propuesta de cuarentenas intermitentes, que intercale cierres programados durante nueve días y aperturas durante 12 jornadas consecutivas, en lugar de largos períodos de aislamiento, avanza en la Unidad Covid del Ministerio de Ciencia y Tecnología de la Nación. Mientras sus autores esperan que en los próximos días la propuesta

llegue al presidente Alberto Fernández, la ministra de Salud, Carla Vizzotti, también hizo referencia a posibles cierres intermitentes que se podrían aplicar en el invierno.

La ventaja de este "aislamiento selectivo programado intermitente" o ASPI —como lo llaman los científicos que lo diseñaron— reside en que, por un lado, logra bajar la

circulación del virus y a la vez evita la incertidumbre al permitir una organización de la vida económica, social y familiar.

No se descarta que los ciclos de cierres y aperturas puedan ser más extensos: de 16 y 12, o 16 y 19, respectivamente. Crean que en el AMBA podrían ser necesarios varios meses con este esquema. Página 4

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El Gobierno advirtió ayer a quienes viajaron a la costa bonaerense por los feriados que no podrán regresar hasta el 31 de mayo. Página 2

Advierten los comercios sobre una mayor crisis

Denuncian incremento de persianas bajas en todo el país; piden más ayuda

Gabriela Origlia
PARA LA NACION

CÓRDOBA.— El regreso a fase 1 de la cuarentena en casi todo el país, la incertidumbre sobre si no se extenderá aún más y la crisis que se viene arrastrando provocaron protestas y reclamos entre comercios no esenciales, gastronómicos y hoteleros. Advierten que la crisis puede profundizarse y reclaman mayor ayuda del Estado. Continúa en la página 5



ANDREI VAITOVICH/TWITTER

Belarús desvió un avión para detener a un opositor

el mundo— MINSK (DPA).— La UE reaccionó con furia ayer ante un incidente inédito en la historia: el presidente de Belarús, Alexander Lukashenko, ordenó desviar a Minsk, con un avión caza, un vuelo de Ryanair en el que viajaba un opositor, luego detenido. Página 10

Inédito juicio a un policía por matar a una perra de un tiro

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Selección. Los planes de Scaloni para un equipo encerrado 45 días en una burbuja

Ante las eliminatorias y la Copa América, el DT habla de cómo será la vida en Ezeiza

Este miércoles llegará Lionel Messi a la Argentina porque se reactiva la agenda de la selección. En tiempos de pandemia, con el fútbol local suspendido, las eliminatorias retomarán el 3 y el 8 de junio su ruta

hacia el Mundial de Qatar y, enseguida, la Copa América de la polémica, sin sedes confirmadas por la Conmebol, extenderá la acción.

En la burbuja del predio de Ezeiza, donde el plantel convivirá sin

salir por 45 días, el técnico Lionel Scaloni les pone nombre y apellido a sus planes y enciende una alarma: "En el fútbol argentino hay un mensaje muy dañino: si ganás, se permite cualquier cosa". Deportes

El oficialismo aplaza la reforma de la Procuración

DIPUTADOS. Admite que no tiene los votos para avanzar en el recinto

El kirchnerismo debió resignarse a postergar la reforma del Ministerio Público, con la cual pretende desplazar al procurador Eduardo Casal. Con el dictamen en su poder, el oficialismo reconoce que no tiene los votos para avanzar en el recinto. Ahora buscará negociar más apoyos o apostará a ampliar su bancada en las elecciones. Página 14

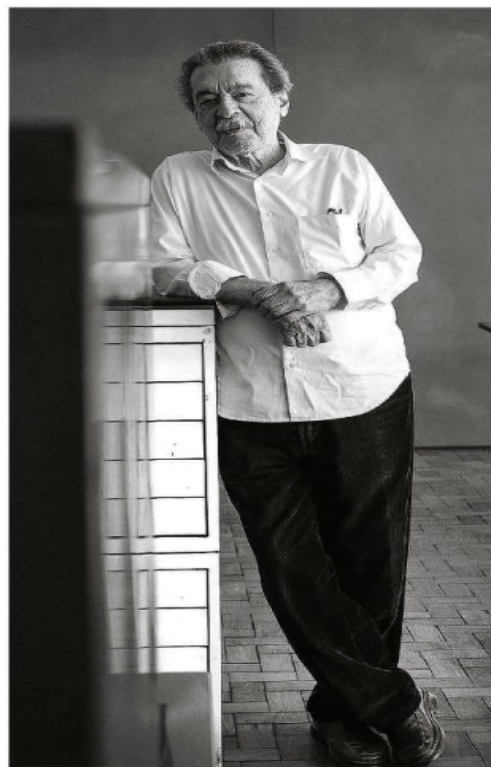
Una partida de ajedrez que exhibió los límites de Sergio Massa

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Paulo Mendes da Rocha, último gigante da arquitetura nacional, morre aos 92

A carreira construída quase toda no Brasil, com obras como o MuBE e a Pinacoteca do Estado, não o afastou do reconhecimento internacional. Obteve todos os maiores prêmios da área, inclusive o Pritzker, em 2006. Ele tinha câncer de pulmão e estava internado em São Paulo.

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Mais brasileiros adiam compras por perda de renda

Perda de renda e piora da pandemia fazem 70% dos consumidores adiarem compras de bens ou serviços, segundo sondagem do Instituto Brasileiro de Economia da Fundação Getúlio Vargas feita em abril. Em outubro último, eram 62%. Mercado A18

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A respeito de avanço da privatização da empresa.

Aborto revisitado

Sobre julgamento que pode limitar direito nos EUA.



‘Vem a eleição? Vamos para o ataque’, diz Guedes

Ministro quer ampliar ação social e vê ‘instinto político enorme’ em Bolsonaro

ENTREVISTA DA 2ª

O ministro da Economia, Paulo Guedes, disse à Folha que estão em gestação medidas que buscam melhorar, desde já, o ambiente eleitoral em 2022. “Nós jogamos na defesa nos primeiros três anos, controlando despesas. Agora vem a eleição? Nós vamos para o ataque.”

Ele ressalva que as iniciativas respeitarão o teto para os gastos federais inscrito na Constituição. Entre elas estará a ampliação do Bolsa Família —por meio de um programa “robusto e sustentável”— com a criação de um fundo social alimentado por privatizações e dividendos das estatais.

Guedes refuta a tese de que as reformas liberais tirariam votos do presidente Jair Bolsonaro. “A opinião pública brasileira está madura. Quer a reforma administrativa, como queria a reforma da Previdência, como quer a reforma tributária,” afirma. No seu entender, a agenda já mostra avanços expressivos.

Reconhece que caiu a aderência de Bolsonaro ao programa do ministério, aponta a inabilidade dos liberais e vê o presidente como “um animal político”, com “um instinto político enorme”. Argumenta que, nesse contexto, vale a pena permanecer no governo para viabilizar medidas importantes. A14 e A15

Bolsonaro leva Pazuello a ato político e desagrade Exército

Depois de dizer que voltou a ter sintomas da Covid-19, o presidente Jair Bolsonaro gerou aglomeração durante passeio de motocicleta no Rio de Janeiro. Sem máscara, o ex-ministro da Saúde Eduardo Pazuello, que é general da ativa, participou de manifestação política ao lado do presidente.

A presença de Pazuello no ato incomodou altos oficiais do Exército, que enxergaram uma transgressão a normas básicas na caserna. Integrantes do Alto Comando esperam punição, para que não se abra precedente. Cresce também a pressão para que o ex-ministro vá para a reserva. Poder A6

Saúde distribuiu máscara suspeita de falsificação

O Ministério da Saúde importou e distribuiu máscaras chinesas com suspeita de falsificação, sem garantir a segurança e eficácia dos produtos para uso por profissionais de saúde, segundo apontam documentos da Receita Federal sobre a compra. Saúde B1

Estudo vê ofensiva do bolsonarismo contra Coronavac

Mensagens de Jair Bolsonaro e seus seguidores nas redes sociais insuflaram ataques à Coronavac num período crítico para o desenvolvimento da vacina, em outubro do ano passado, segundo estudo de autores ligados à Rede de Pesquisa Solidária. Saúde B3



Ex-ministro Eduardo Pazuello participa de ato em apoio a Bolsonaro com motociclistas no Rio André Borges/AFIP

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SÃO PAULO DERROTA PALMEIRAS, CONQUISTA O ESTADUAL E ENCERRA JEJUM

Luan e Luciano comemoram com torcida no Morumbi, em SP; a dupla fez os gols que deram ao tricolor treinado por Hernán Crespo vitória por 2 a 0 e, com isso, o primeiro título desde a Sul-Americana de 2012 e o primeiro Paulista desde 2005. Esporte B7

Fux julga empresa já defendida pelo filho em processos

O presidente do Supremo Tribunal Federal, Luiz Fux, julga ações que envolvem empresas com as quais seu filho tem ou teve relações profissionais em outras instâncias, caso de litígios da Light. O ministro diz que não há relação entre as atuações. Poder A4

ANÁLISE

Bruno Gualano
Para viver mais, tome um coquetel de atividade física

Várias combinações de atividades físicas são possíveis a fim de evitar os malefícios do sedentarismo, mesmo quando a quantidade de exercícios é tida como insuficiente. Existe um “coquetel” para todos os gostos. Saúde B3

Vacinação no Brasil

% da população vacinada*

	2ª dose	1ª dose
Brasil	12,8	26,1
MS	16,1	34,4
RS	14,5	31,9
ES	12,3	29,3

Dados das 20h de 23.mai *Acima de 18 anos **Média móvel de 7 dias ***Em relação a 14 dias

Cobertura da primeira dose*



Total de doses aplicadas	20,7 mi	42,0 mi
1º SP	5,3 mi	10,5 mi
2º MG	2,2 mi	4,5 mi
3º BA	1,4 mi	3,1 mi

Números da pandemia

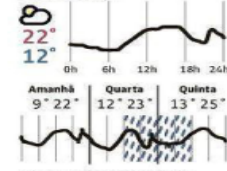
	Casos	Óbitos
Total	16,1 mi	449,2 mil
23.mai**	65,5 mil	1.909
Variação***	7%	-8,7%
Em 24 h	37,1 mil	894

Brasil



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Hoy llegan más vacunas, pero cantidad sigue siendo ínfima

● Salud dijo anoche que arribarán a las 09:00. Hoy atienden pocos vacunatorios

● Brigadas visitarán a los encamados. En la víspera fallecieron por Covid 125 personas

En espera. Los vacunatorios estaban cerrados ayer y hoy solo se habilitan en 5 departamentos.

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

Un sous-marin russe émerge des profondeurs en brisant la banquise.



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Malgré une loi sévère et de nombreuses opérations policières, ce fléau laisse les forces de l'ordre démunies en raison de consignes ambiguës et d'une réponse pénale insuffisante. **PAGES 2, 3 ET L'ÉDITORIAL**

La gauche à la recherche d'une union introuvable

Les partis de gauche se rencontrent à nouveau ce lundi pour tenter de trouver une forme d'union en vue de la présidentielle. Une tâche difficile, tant les objectifs politiques diffèrent. Et personne ne veut laisser l'autre dominer

une éventuelle alliance de la gauche. La date, elle-même, semble prématurée. Pour les écologistes, notamment, les affaires sérieuses ne pourront pas commencer avant début juillet, une fois connu le résultat des régionales. **PAGE 4**



Le Hamas célèbre son triomphe sur les ruines de Gaza

Au milieu des immeubles effondrés et des cratères laissés par les explosions, le Hamas glorifie ses « martyrs » à Gaza, où les hôpitaux sont saturés par les blessés et les

malades du Covid. Alors qu'Israël reste sur ses gardes, l'aide internationale s'annonce essentielle pour que le fragile cessez-le-feu tienne durablement. **PAGES 6 ET 7**

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La fureur de nuire

Il n'étaient pas nés quand James Dean crevait l'écran dans *La Fureur de vivre*. Eux, leur ivresse, ils ne la trouvent pas au volant d'une voiture, mais au guidon d'une moto. Et leur film, ce n'est pas de jouer avec la mort, mais d'imposer leur loi à la société, de défier les forces de l'ordre, de faire vivre un enfer aux autres. Avec le trafic de drogue, les rodéos sauvages sont le nouveau fléau qui saccage la vie des villes et des campagnes, en Seine-Saint-Denis comme en Lozère. Leur nombre explose, provoquant l'exaspération des habitants. Face à ces délinquants du bitume qui pétaradent, souvent très jeunes, sans casque et sur des engins volés, gendarmes et policiers sont toutefois démunis. Certes, une loi a été adoptée en 2018 - elle prévoit des peines pouvant aller jusqu'à cinq ans de prison -, mais son application relève d'un exercice périlleux. Fin avril, deux policiers ont été blessés alors qu'ils tentaient de mettre fin à un infernal manège motorisé à Bourgoign-Jallieu. Prendre en chasse les voyous, c'est prendre le risque de graves accidents, d'entraîner des émeutes et des attaques de commissariat. Avec, en bout de course, une inversion des responsabilités et des accusations. Dans le

brouhaha médiatique entretenu par quelques beaux esprits, les fauteurs de troubles deviennent vite les victimes et les gardiens de l'ordre, d'affreux tortionnaires. La loi n'est donc pas exécutée comme il le faudrait. En 2020, l'État a d'ailleurs été condamné par une résidente des quartiers nord de Marseille pour son inaction. La sentence est tombée, pourtant les nuisances continuent. La lutte contre les rodéos sauvages est au cœur du débat sur les moyens accordés aux forces de l'ordre dans leurs missions. L'usage de drones leur serait précieux pour détecter les at- troupements, mais il vient de leur être interdit par le Conseil constitutionnel. La répression passe aussi par une justice plus ferme. Des sanctions ne sont prononcées que dans les cas les plus graves et, quand elles le sont, elles se soldent le plus souvent par des amendes. Comprenez qui pourra. Les petites frappes, elles, ont compris que la voie était libre pour semer l'anarchie. ■

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Just 1.6% of rape cases lead to a charge, figures reveal

Exclusive Pressure to overhaul justice system as prosecutions drop

Caelainn Barr
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Less than 2% of rape cases recorded by the police last year resulted in a suspect being charged, analysis of Home Office figures seen by the Guardian reveals.

While there were 52,210 rapes recorded by police in England and Wales in 2020, only 843 resulted in a charge or a summons - a rate of 1.6%, or one in 62 cases.

The figures will increase pressure on the government to deliver radical proposals to overhaul the treatment of rape by the criminal justice system in a long-awaited end-to-end review into how rape is investigated and prosecuted in England and Wales.

Commissioned two years ago, it was planned to be completed in spring 2020, but was pushed back as

more research was carried out and a legal case against the Crown Prosecution Service was heard.

The justice secretary, Robert Buckland, told MPs last week it would be published "before the end of spring". The Guardian understands it was due this week, but will now be published in June as wrangling continues over how far the proposed actions to tackle record low rape charges and convictions should go.

According to Guardian analysis, more than 100,000 rapes have been reported to police since the review

was announced in March 2019, following concerns about a precipitous drop in the volume of rape cases being prosecuted. Separate independent judge-led reviews in Northern Ireland and Scotland have already published their findings and made hundreds of recommendations.

The England and Wales review, overseen by the Criminal Justice Board, includes input from, among others, the Home Office, the Ministry of Justice, the attorney general's and the Cabinet Office, 2 ➔

Join forces to survive, Charles tells small farms

Exclusive

Fiona Harvey

Environment correspondent

The Prince of Wales last night called for the plight of small farmers to be at the centre of environmental action as they face the biggest upheavals in more than a generation.

With the looming loss of farm subsidies and new post-Brexit trade deals causing a double whammy in the UK, alongside the sweeping reforms to the EU's common agricultural policy to be announced this week in Brussels, Prince Charles has urged small farmers to band together to cope with the coming shocks and shift to a low-carbon economy.

Writing in today's Guardian, he calls for an urgent rethink. "There are small farms the world over which could come together in a global cooperative committed to producing food based on high environmental standards ... With the skills of ethical entrepreneurs and a determination from the farmers to make it work, I would like to think it could provide a very real and hopeful future."

Farming is undergoing a "massive transition", and the needs of family farmers must be taken into account, the prince said.

"To me, it is essential the contribution of the small-scale family farmer is properly recognised - they must be a key part in any fair, inclusive, equitable and just transition to a sustainable future. To do this, we must ensure that Britain's family farmers have the tools and the confidence to meet the rapid transition to regenerative farming systems that our planet demands," he said.

Analysis of farming data for the Guardian has shown that small farmers were already facing an increasingly difficult future, before the shocks of Brexit and the Covid-19 pandemic. The EU has lost vast numbers of livestock 14 ➔

Hijack claim as Belarus diverts jet to make arrest

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Belarus was accused last night of hijacking a European jetliner and engaging in an act of state terrorism when it forced a Ryanair flight to perform an emergency landing in Minsk after a bomb threat and arrested an opposition blogger critical of the authoritarian president, Alexander Lukashenko.

Roman Protasevich, a former editor of the influential Telegram channels Nexta and Nexta Live, was detained by police after his flight was diverted to Minsk national airport. Minsk confirmed that Lukashenko had ordered his military to scramble a Mig-29 fighter to escort the plane.

The Polish prime minister, Mateusz Morawiecki, said the plane had been "hijacked" and accused Lukashenko of a "reprehensible act of state terrorism". He said he would demand new sanctions against Belarus at a European council meeting scheduled for today. Charles Michel, the council president, called on Belarus to release Protasevich 4 ➔



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