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Business & Finance

West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice is personally on the hook for nearly \$700 million in loans his coal companies took out from now-defunct Greensill Capital. **A1**

◆ Investors are amassing hefty gains by loading up on economically sensitive stocks that have flourished during this year's explosion of business activity. **B1**

◆ KKR and Clayton Dubilier are nearing a deal to buy Cloudera, a software company with a market value of nearly \$4 billion, and take it private. **B1**

◆ Banks' consumer overdraft revenue fell in 2020 for the first time in six years as people curbed spending and stimulus money helped pad their bank accounts. **B1**

◆ North American movie box-office revenues, led by "A Quiet Place Part II," soared over the Memorial Day holiday weekend, in a stark rebound from last year. **B1**

◆ The Fed told Deutsche Bank in recent weeks that the lender is failing to address persistent shortcomings in its anti-money-laundering controls. **B3**

◆ Job losses and soaring medical expenses related to the coronavirus pandemic in India will weigh on spending and the country's economic recovery. **A9**

◆ Chinese factory activity slipped in May on weaker export demand and higher commodity prices, while the country's nonmanufacturing sector was bolstered by stronger construction and holiday spending. **A9**

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◆ China said it would allow all married couples to have as many as three children and provide government support for education and child rearing, a move that comes as Beijing struggles to reverse a worsening demographic situation that presents a host of social and economic challenges. **A1**

◆ A growing fight is unfolding across the U.S. as cities consider phasing out natural gas for home cooking and heating, citing concerns about climate change, and states push back against bans. **A1**

◆ Texas Democrats killed a bill that would have set some of the nation's broadest restrictions on voting, walking off the state House floor to deny Republicans a quorum necessary to vote. **A3**

◆ The Biden administration said talks over a \$1.7 trillion infrastructure package would need to show a "clear direction" toward agreement by the time Congress returns from recess this month. **A4**

◆ The federal government's Paycheck-Protection Program, a Covid-19 relief measure, closed to new applications on Friday as funding was on track to be exhausted. **A4**

◆ Israeli politician Naftali Bennett was in talks with peers across the country's ideological spectrum with the aim of dislodging Prime Minister Netanyahu from power. **A8**

◆ Iran's production of nuclear fuel fell sharply over the past three months, following alleged sabotage of its main nuclear facility in April, an event Tehran has blamed on Israel. **A8**

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Americans Remember Sacrifices of Those Who Served



IN HONOR: A U.S. soldier stands among headstones of those killed during the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan in a section of Arlington National Cemetery on Monday. Memorial Day parades and events were held across the country. **A3**

Cities, States Wage Battle Over Banning Gas in Homes

By KATHERINE BLUNT

A growing fight is unfolding across the U.S. as cities consider phasing out natural gas for home cooking and heating, citing concerns about climate change, and states push back against these bans.

Major cities including San Francisco, Seattle, Denver and New York have either enacted or proposed measures to ban or discourage the use of the

fossil fuel in new homes and buildings, two years after Berkeley, Calif., passed the first such prohibition in the U.S. in 2019.

The bans in turn have led Arizona, Texas, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Kansas and Louisiana to enact laws outlawing such municipal prohibitions in their states before they can spread, arguing that they are overly restrictive and costly. Ohio is considering a similar measure.

The outcome of the battle, largely among Democratic-led cities and Republican-run states, has the potential to reshape the future of the utility industry and demand for natural gas, which the U.S. produces more of than any other country.

Proponents of phasing out natural gas said they aim to reduce planet-warming emissions over time by fully electrifying new homes and buildings as wind and solar farms proliferate throughout the country, making the power grid cleaner.

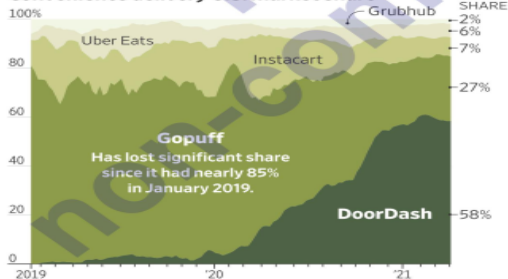
Homes and businesses account for about 13% of the nation's annual greenhouse-gas emissions, according to the Environmental Protection Agency, mostly because natural gas is used in cooking, heating, and washers and dryers. Climate activists said reducing that percentage is critical for states with goals to slash carbon

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Delivery Apps Add New Goods

To hang on to customers they won over during the pandemic lockdowns, food-delivery services are offering a wider range of items available on demand. **B1**

Convenience delivery U.S. market share



*Four-week moving average; data are as of April 18.

Source: YipitData

Today's Taliban Are Savvier, And Just as Brutal

Group is poised to expand influence as U.S. prepares to withdraw

By SUNE ENGEL RASMUSSEN

KANDAHAR—During a recent trip, Kamaluddin visited a barbershop to obtain the illicit pleasures of clean-shaven cheeks and a fashionable mustache. But the shopkeeper, 25 years old, planned to let it regrow before heading home, wary of incurring the Taliban's wrath.

His father and brother were caught recently using smartphones in their home district of Argistan, an area effectively ruled by the movement. The insurgents confiscated the devices, which could be used for supposedly un-Islamic behavior such as playing music and videos, and forced the men to swallow their SIM cards.

Kamaluddin recounted the incident as he

waited to return from Kandahar, the government-controlled provincial capital. "They will put me in prison if they see me like this," he said. "If the Taliban come back, they will bring darkness."

The Taliban, ousted from power by a U.S.-led invasion 20 years ago, are poised to expand their influence as American forces, following a pact signed in Feb. 2020, plan to leave the country later this year. The group has sought in recent months to present themselves as a responsible state actor to regional powers and the West. Indeed, some of their most-violent punishments, such as amputations for accused thieves, are used less frequently than in the 1990s as they seek to avoid alienating Afghans.

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Blessed Brew Returns After Two Centuries

Carlsberg builds 'cathedral of beer' at Belgian abbey

By JAMES MARSON

GRIMBERGEN, Belgium—The boss of beer giant Carlsberg A/S had a question before he picked the site for a new microbrewery at the 900-year-old abbey here: Where did the last one stand before French revolutionaries torched it?

Those are the kind of questions that matter these days to executives at big brewers like Carlsberg CEO Cees 't Hart, who are responding to beer drinkers' thirst for exclusivity. Grimbergen Abbey on Thursday relaunched a brewery inside its walls for the first time in more than 200 years. The resurrection has furnished

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Governor Is Liable For \$700 Million In Greensill Loans

By JULIE STEINBERG AND DUNCAN MAXIN

West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice is personally on the hook for nearly \$700 million in loans his coal companies took out from now-defunct Greensill Capital, according to people familiar with the loans and documents described to The Wall Street Journal.

Mr. Justice's personal guarantee of the loans, which hasn't been reported, puts financial pressure on the popular Republican governor. He is also dealing with unrelated lawsuits alleging parts of his sprawling network of coal companies breached payment contracts or failed to deliver coal.

Greensill packaged the loans and sold them to investment funds managed by Credit Suisse Group AG. Credit Suisse and Greensill ran \$10 billion in

supply-chain-finance funds that extended financing to a range of borrowers.

The Swiss bank froze the investment funds in March and is in talks with Mr. Justice's Bluestone Resources Inc. and other borrowers to recoup money to make investors whole, according to the people familiar with the discussions. Credit Suisse is under pressure to recover money quickly and has named Bluestone as one of three large borrowers from the Greensill funds that it has identified in its recovery efforts.

Bluestone hadn't expected to begin repaying the Greensill loans until 2023 at the earliest, it said in a lawsuit brought in March in federal court in New York alleging Greensill committed fraud in its lending practices.

Bluestone's general counsel

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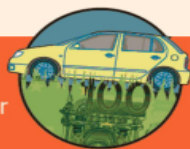
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Cost of clean living

Europe's carbon push will harm poor and middle classes — BIG READ, PAGE 13



Biting back

Beijing's 'wolf-warriors' bare teeth over Covid — GIDEON RACHMAN, PAGE 15

Three cheers China seeks baby boom

Children play at a nursery school in Yantai in China's eastern Shandong province. The country's most recent census recorded the slowest birth rate since records began with growth of 5.4 per cent from 2010 to 2020, prompting Beijing to loosen the one-child policy and allow couples up to three children.

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EY Europe revamp sparks fears over sharing of Wirecard damage

Resources pooled • Break from federated model • French 'ballistic' over contagion risk

MICHAEL O'DWYER — LONDON
OLAF STORBECK — FRANKFURT

Accountancy group EY is to centralise power in a new European executive team, pooling resources across the region in a move that has raised concerns among some partners that any financial hit from the Wirecard scandal might also be shared.

The overhaul breaks from the federated business model of the Big Four in an attempt to cut management costs by half and will authorise the central team to decide on partners' pay, according to people briefed on the plan.

However, some partners fear that the new structure might lead to any penalties related to Wirecard, the payments group that EY audited for a decade until it collapsed in a fraud scandal last year,

being shared beyond the German team that handled the work.

"French partners are going ballistic about it because they say, 'Why should we pay now for the Wirecard mess?'" said one person close to the firm.

Another person close to the matter said there was "not a lot of transparency" on whether any financial hit from Wirecard-related lawsuits or regulatory action would end up being shared by partners in other countries. A person at EY involved in the plans said such concerns were "unfounded", adding that separate legal entities would be retained in each country. The Big Four have traditionally protected against liability spreading across borders by using separate partnerships in each country.

EY announced in February it was

creating a new "Europe West" region, without providing detail on the plans. The regional grouping, which includes 27,000 staff and \$4.7bn in annual revenues, will include Germany, France, the Netherlands, Italy, Spain and 20 other western European and north African countries. It is scheduled for launching on July 1.

It does not include the UK, Ireland or Scandinavia. EY and its three main rivals, Deloitte, KPMG and PwC, have been hampered by their traditional business model where profits and resources are largely ringfenced within national member firms or small subregions, industry executives said.

Under the EY plan, business lines such as consulting and M&A advice will



Wirecard, the German group that collapsed in a fraud scandal last year, was audited by EY for a decade

be run to a single income statement. The extent to which audit and tax can be merged is limited by regulations.

European management will decide pay in each country, though there will be consultation with local management, according to the people familiar with the plans. Partners in more profitable countries are likely to continue to retain a higher share of profits.

One person close to wary partners said it was a "strange time" to align the German operations with those in other countries. The Big Four firm is facing an avalanche of lawsuits in Germany and has lost a number of prestigious audit clients in Europe's largest economy, including Deutsche Telekom and Commerzbank.

EY declined to comment.

Briefing

Enthusiasm cools for US listings

The US IPO market has cooled after a hot first quarter. Data showed that the average first-day share price pop was 40 per cent in January and February, but less than 20 per cent in April and May. — PAGE 5

German inflation at highest since 2018

A debate over whether Europe's ultra-loose monetary policy could cause the region's biggest economy to overheat is likely to intensify after Germany's inflation hit 2.4 per cent in May. — PAGE 2

Rebel AI group raises record funding

Breakaway researchers have raised a record first round of financing for a start-up involved in general-purpose AI, the latest move to form an organisation to guarantee the safety of the era's key tech. — PAGE 6

Ocado considers expansion beyond UK

UK-based Ocado, which acts as a technology provider to supermarkets, is considering a growth of its retail operations outside Britain for the first time, its chief has said. — PAGE 8

Tehran fires central bank governor

Iran's central bank governor has been sacked after the government said that his candidacy for the presidential election on June 18 interfered with his official duties. He had refused to step down. — PAGE 4

Top bankers avoid strict HK quarantine

Hong Kong has exempted top financial directors of some listed companies from its harsh border quarantine rules, prompting calls by business groups to widen the measures to other sectors. — PAGE 5

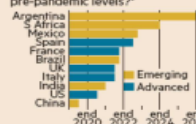
European stocks rise for fourth month

European stocks posted their fourth straight month of gains as confidence grows in the region's recovery and its job drive accelerates. Frankfurt, Madrid, Paris, Milan and London have all risen. — PAGE 8

Datawatch

Uneven global recovery

When will GDP per capita return to pre-pandemic levels?



* A sustained increase above Q4 2019 figure
Source: OECD

Prospects for the world economy are likely to remain uneven. The US will reach pre-pandemic per capita income levels in about 18 months. Much of Europe is expected to take nearly three years and Argentina six years to do the same.



Bitcoin tracker product hits UK regulatory distrust

ET Group's stalling efforts to gain a high-profile launch in the British market show how securities that track digital currencies face tougher hurdles in the UK than elsewhere, critics say. ETC has traded \$5.4bn since launching its bitcoin-backed exchange traded product in Germany and is set to expand to the main Amsterdam and Paris markets this week. But it hit a regulatory brick wall when it explored going to the London Stock Exchange.

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Nestlé plans new diet after internal report makes for unhealthy reading

JUDITH EVANS — LONDON

Nestlé has acknowledged in an internal document that more than 60 per cent of its mainstream food and drinks products do not meet a "recognised definition of health" and that some "will never be 'healthy'".

A presentation circulated at the world's largest food company this year, and seen by the Financial Times, said only 37 per cent of Nestlé's food and beverages by revenue, excluding products such as pet food and specialised medical nutrition, achieve a rating above 3.5 under Australia's health star rating system.

The system scores foods out of five stars and is used as benchmark by international groups such as the Access to Nutrition Foundation. Nestlé, the maker of KitKat, Maggi noodles and Nescafé, describes the 3.5 star threshold

as a "recognised definition of health".

Some 70 per cent of Nestlé's food products failed to reach that threshold, the presentation said, with 96 per cent of beverages, excluding pure coffee, and 99 per cent of confectionery and ice cream products falling short.

Water and dairy scored better, with 82 per cent of water products and 60 per cent of dairy meeting the threshold.

The presentation highlights products such as a DiGiorno three-meat croissant-crust pizza, which includes about 40 per cent of an individual's recommended daily allowance of sodium.

"We have made significant improvements to our products [but] our portfolio still underperforms against external definitions of health in a landscape where regulatory pressure and consumer demands are skyrocketing," the presentation said.

The data excludes baby formula, pet food, coffee and the division that makes foods for people with medical conditions, meaning that the data account for about half of Nestlé's \$592.6bn (\$103bn) annual revenues.

The findings come as foodmakers face mounting pressure to combat obesity and promote healthier eating. Executives at Nestlé are considering what new commitments to make on nutrition, with plans due later this year.

Nestlé said it was working "to update its pioneering nutrition and health strategy", adding: "We believe that a healthy diet means finding a balance between wellbeing and enjoyment."

Nestlé was ranked highest among the world's big food and beverage manufacturers in an index of efforts to encourage better diets compiled by the Access to Nutrition Foundation in 2018.

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World Markets

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	May 30	prev	%chg		May 31	prev	%chg		price	yield	chg
S&P 500	4204.11	4200.88	0.08	\$ per £	1.223	1.218	0.004	US Gov 10 yr	147.87	1.58	-0.01
Nasdaq Composite	13748.74	13736.28	0.09	£ per \$	1.422	1.418	0.004	US Gov 5 yr	0.79	0.00	0.00
Dow Jones Ind	34529.45	34464.64	0.19	€ per \$	0.890	0.889	0.001	Ger Gov 10 yr	-0.17	0.02	0.00
FTSE100	1719.05	1728.23	-0.53	¥ per \$	109.395	109.975	-0.005	Japan Gov 10 yr	116.46	0.07	-0.01
Euro Stoxx 50	4037.25	4070.56	-0.82	SFR per \$	155.506	155.929	-0.003	US Gov 30 yr	108.35	2.26	-0.01
FTSE 100	7022.61	7019.67	0.04	SFR per €	1.100	1.096	0.004	Ger Gov 2 yr	106.02	-0.66	0.00
FTSE All-Share	4018.13	4013.56	0.07	€ per \$	0.818	0.821	-0.003				
CAC 40	6447.17	6484.11	-0.57								
Xetra Dax	15421.13	15519.98	-0.64								
Nikkei	28990.09	29149.41	-0.59								
Hang Seng	29151.80	29124.41	0.09								
MSCI World \$	2919.30	2910.64	0.29								
MSCI EM \$	1390.78	1384.31	0.48								
MSCI ACWI \$	711.15	708.92	0.32								

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China Will Let Families Have Three Children

Experts Call Party Shift 'Far From Enough'

By SUI-LEE WEE

China said on Monday that it would allow all married couples to have three children, ending a two-child policy that has failed to raise the country's declining birthrates and avert a demographic crisis.

The announcement by the ruling Communist Party represents an acknowledgment that its limits on reproduction, the world's toughest, have jeopardized the country's future. The labor pool is shrinking and the population is graying, threatening the industrial strategy that China has used for decades to emerge from poverty to become an economic powerhouse.

But it is far from clear that relaxing the policy further will pay off. People in China have responded coolly to the party's earlier move, in 2016, to allow couples to have two children. To them, such measures do little to assuage their anxiety over the rising cost of education and of supporting aging parents, made worse by the lack of day care and the pervasive culture of long work hours.

In a nod to those concerns, the party also indicated Monday that it would improve maternity leave and workplace protections, pledging to make it easier for couples to have more children. But those protections are all but absent for single mothers in China, who despite the push for more children still lack access to benefits.

Births in China have fallen for four consecutive years, including in 2020, when the number of babies born dropped to the lowest since the Mao era. The country's total fertility rate — an estimate of the number of children born over a woman's lifetime — now stands at 1.3, well below the replacement rate of 2.1, raising the possibility of a shrinking population over time. The announcement on Monday still splits the difference between individual reproductive rights and government limits over women's bodies. Prominent voices within China have urged the party to scrap its restrictions on birth altogether. But Beijing, under Xi

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Afghan soldiers unloading supplies, including live sheep, from a helicopter after it landed to replenish Camp Nowruz in Marja.

Return Mission Finds Ruins of Failed U.S. Policy

By THOMAS GIBBONS-NEFF

MARJA, Afghanistan — The Afghan pilots discussed the approach into the small cluster of forward operating bases in Afghanistan's south over tea and a lunch of rice pulao, much like surgeons discussing their next procedure. It would be quick, no more than 40 seconds on the ground, both helicopters landing at the same time, unloading the supplies before yanking up fast to get away from the easily targeted landing zones.

"Do you have body armor?" one pilot asked another Times journalist and me. A flight of small gunships formed up alongside as we approached the first base, once called Camp Nowruz after a U.S. Marine who was killed there in early 2010. It's now known as Kem bazaar, but a decade later,

Where Comrades Died, Troops and Ideals Are Long Gone

the Taliban are still close.

Dropping altitude rapidly, we banked hard before flaring and touching down. The helicopter's crew threw the supplies out the open doors, the rotors pushing up dust as the land.

Just as the last goods were being disgorged, a barefoot man jumped aboard, probably a police officer stationed at the base. He carried nothing with him, darkly tanned in a brown T-shirt, disheveled and looking half-mad and panicked. It seemed as if he had been marooned on an island and we were his rescue. We weren't.

A soldier unloading the supplies grabbed the man as he

screamed, though his cries were inaudible over the blast of the rotors. The soldier wrestled with the man before the helicopter crew member sent them rolling out the door. The aircraft pulled off the ground in a rush of air and speed, skimming the roofs of nearby houses before catapulting upward. The whole thing took about 60 seconds.

I first arrived here in Marja as a 22-year-old Marine corporal during one of the American war's earlier chapters, when the U.S. military still thought it could beat the Taliban into submission enough for the Afghan security forces to take over the fight. There are no Americans at these bases anymore, and barely any in southern Afghanistan, as the United States military prepares to leave by September (though it could be earlier).

Marja today is nothing like what American military officials envisioned so many years ago.

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A Tennis Star With Anxiety Quits a Major

By MATTHEW FUTTERMAN

PARIS — The weeklong confrontation between Naomi Osaka, the second-ranked woman in tennis, and leaders of the sport's four Grand Slam tournaments turned bitter on Monday when Ms. Osaka withdrew from the French Open, citing concerns for her mental health.

The move was a dramatic turn in the high-stakes standoff between the most powerful officials in tennis and Ms. Osaka. The player, 23, is not only the world's highest-paid female athlete but also a generational star who has quickly become the most magnetic figure in tennis.

"I think now the best thing for the tournament, the other players and my well-being is that I withdraw so that everyone can get back to focusing on the tennis going on in Paris," Ms. Osaka said in an Instagram post, in which she said she struggled with depression and anxiety.

She had never before spoken in public about her depression, which she said began after her 2018 victory over Serena Williams at the United States Open before a

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A Lonely Grief for Some as the U.S. Cheers a Fading Pandemic

By SARAH MERVOSH

After more than a year of pandemic restrictions, many Americans are leaving their masks behind, making summer travel plans and joyously reuniting with family and friends. As more are vaccinated and new infections plummet, there is a sense that the worst of the pandemic is over in the United States.

But for people like Michele Preissler, the worst has just begun.

Ms. Preissler, 60, lost her husband to Covid-19 in late May, just as many restrictions were being lifted and life, for many, was starting to look more like normal. Customers were going without masks last week at the Walmart near her home in Pasadena, Md., where she was shopping for items for her husband's funeral.

"Everybody is saying, 'Oh, it's fine,'" said Ms. Preissler, who said her husband, Darryl Preissler, 63, loved to hunt, camp and go crabbing with his grandson, and not vaccinated when he caught the virus at a wedding in early April. "I'm just thinking to myself, 'If you only knew what I just went through.'"

With half of Americans protected with at least one dose of a vaccine, the virus outlook in this country is the best it has been at any point in the pandemic. New cases, hospitalizations and deaths



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Michele Preissler at a viewing for her husband, Darryl Preissler, who died of Covid-19 last month.

are lower than they have been in many months, and even the most cautious health officials are celebrating the country's progress. Fully vaccinated people, who are at low risk of catching and spreading the virus, have been told they can take off their masks and return to many regular activities,

with the support of top scientists. Even now, though, about 450 deaths are being reported each day, and that has left hundreds of families dealing with a new kind of pandemic grief.

Unlike earlier periods when most Americans were seeing their lives affected by Covid, relatives

of people dying of the virus now describe a lonely sorrow: They are mourning even as so many others are celebrating newfound freedom. In one sign of the dissonance, the pandemic has improved enough that funerals — once forced to take place over

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The Best Rapid Covid-19 Test Adores Treats and Belly Rubs

By HANNAH BEECH

BANGKOK — Bobby was a good boy. So was Bravo. Angel was a good girl, and when she sat, furry hindquarters sliding a little on the tile floor, she raised a paw for emphasis, as if to say, "It's this cotton ball that my keen nose has identified, the one that smells like Covid-19."

The three Labradors, operating out of a university clinic in Bangkok, are part of a global corps of dogs being trained to sniff out Covid-19 in people. Preliminary studies, conducted in multiple countries, suggest that their detection rate may surpass that of the rapid antigen testing often used in airports and other public places.

"For dogs, the smell is obvious, just like grilled meat for us," said Dr. Kaywalee Chatdarong, deputy dean of research and innovation



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Bobby the Labrador can sniff out the infected cotton balls.

for the faculty of veterinary science at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok.

The hope is that dogs can be deployed in crowded public spaces, like stadiums or transportation hubs, to identify people carrying

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A police chief and a sergeant, above, were fired after investigating meth sales in rural Wyoming. PAGE A12

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National Democrats are campaigning hard in New Mexico to preserve what should be a safe House seat. PAGE A13

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To Our Readers

With the nation opening back up and the pandemic becoming more of a regional issue, coverage of Covid-19 and other coronavirus-related news will return to the regular sections of the newspaper beginning today. The curated Tracking an Outbreak section will no longer appear.

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Paul Krugman

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Queen Mary is in urgent need of repairs

After years of neglect by its operators, ship docked in Long Beach is in dire condition.

By Hayley Smith

In the 85 years since its maiden voyage, the RMS Queen Mary has survived rogue waves, transatlantic crossings and even a world war.

For the last five decades, it's enjoyed a second life docked in Long Beach, riding waves of popularity and tough times as a tourist attraction.

But the historic ship is now facing its most challenging voyage yet.

After years of neglect by a string of operators, the Queen Mary is so creaky and leaky that it needs \$23 million in immediate repairs, according to a trove of court documents and inspection reports released last month. There is growing concern that if something is not done soon, the ship could fall into critical disrepair and be in danger of sinking.

The Queen Mary has long struggled as a tourist attraction, in part because of the inherent costs that come with maintaining such a large vessel. Its struggles led to a variety of failed proposals that would have sent it to Canada, New Zealand and even back to England.

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COLUMN ONE

A prickly topic, but no jabs or needling

She's a supporter of COVID vaccines, her sister a skeptic. They kept it civil in their back-and-forth debate.

SANDY BANKS

My younger sister and I have a lot in common.

We are both long-winded and gesture dramatically when we speak. We're patient listeners and inveterate advice-givers. We tilt toward skepticism, and cling stubbornly to our beliefs.

And that has brought us to a rare impasse, on the issue of COVID-19 vaccines.

I have been celebrating since February, when I got my first shot of the Moderna vaccine at a San Fernando Valley park. My sister Anita in Cleveland has spent the months since then worrying about me.

Ever since COVID-19 vaccines became a reality, she's been poring over articles and social media posts about hypothetical harms that most scientists debunk. That left her determined to shun the vaccine — and afraid for me to get my next shot.

"I love my sister the way she is," she emailed me three months ago. "And I shudder to think of you having some long-term reaction to this vaccine that could have been avoided. While you are well, I say."

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AS LAS VEGAS eases back into some semblance of pre-pandemic life after more than a year of shutdowns and reopenings due to COVID-19, familiar scenes are playing out again along the city's world-famous Strip.



Photographs by JASON ARMOUR, Los Angeles Times

LAS VEGAS THE ROAD BACK

When tourists return, will jobs follow?

As the casinos fully reopen, hospitality workers wonder if they'll ever recover.

By Kurtis Lee

LAS VEGAS — He wore a silk shirt and kept a slight scent of cologne about him. He liked to talk. There was always someone to talk to, like the production assistant from Los Angeles who blew \$1,200 on video poker. They all brought their stories to the 40-foot marble bar at the Rio hotel, and later to a less glamorous joint a few miles from the Strip.

It was a good life, and through the years, Bernard Sykes met Hollywood actresses and local characters, professional athletes including Mike Tyson, and first-time visitors to the United States. Sometimes, as customers swigged beers and sipped martinis, sharing the kind of intimacies told only to strangers, they'd slide a \$100 bill across the counter as a tip.

Then, last spring, like a dust devil of bad luck, Sykes' life shattered.

"They let me go immediately," Sykes said, recalling the start of pandemic shutdowns that cost him his \$14-an-hour job. "I've been out of work ever since."

A year and two months after the coronavirus paralyzed the nation and drove record unemployment — including staggeringly high percentages among service industry employees, who make up more than a quarter of this city's workforce — the U.S. is emerging from the aftershock of a pandemic crisis that dimmed black-jack tables and led to long lines at food banks.

In Las Vegas, where gambling revenue plummeted by nearly 45% last year and tens of thousands of the city's service industry employees remain out of work, casinos and restaurants are set to return to full capacity Tuesday.

[See Las Vegas, A12]

As lockdowns ease, holiday entices crowds, with caution

Memorial Day brings relief to Californians, who resume barbecues and trips to the beach in step toward normality

By Sarah Parvini, Harriet Ryan and Michael Finnegan

Karen Warech and her husband, Evan, savored the holiday atmosphere Monday at the Santa Monica Pier — a hopeful sign that life as they knew it before the COVID-19 pandemic was finally coming back.

On any other Memorial Day, the scene would have been ordinary: Crowds flocking to the beach with umbrellas and towels as morning clouds gave way to blazing sunshine, children playing at the amusement park arcade, families posing for photos by the Ferris wheel and roller coaster as waves crashed on the shore.

But after more than 14 months of life torn asunder by the pandemic, this holiday weekend brought no small measure of relief, as Californians cautiously resumed doing the things they normally do, starting with barbecues and trips to the beach.

The Warechs of Santa Monica dressed for the occasion.

[See Memorial Day, A7]



NICK AGRO For The Times

WILL FOLEY of Brentwood Glen places a yellow rose on the headstone of a veteran Monday at the Los Angeles National Cemetery in Westwood.

Osaka pulls out of French Open

After saying she would skip press events at the tournament, the tennis star withdraws, citing her mental health. **SPORTS, B10**

Hackers target police in Azusa

A syndicate known as DoppelPaymer posted sensitive data from a ransomware attack, city officials say. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Mexico's lovable losers end curse

Pro soccer club Cruz Azul, whose name came to symbolize failure, wins the championship. **WORLD, A3**

Weather

Partly sunny. L.A. Basin: 80/62. **B6**

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His shop, and his soul, was crushed

Samir Mansour's bookstore in Gaza was a cultural magnet, his pride and joy — until an Israeli airstrike leveled it. Can he make a sequel?

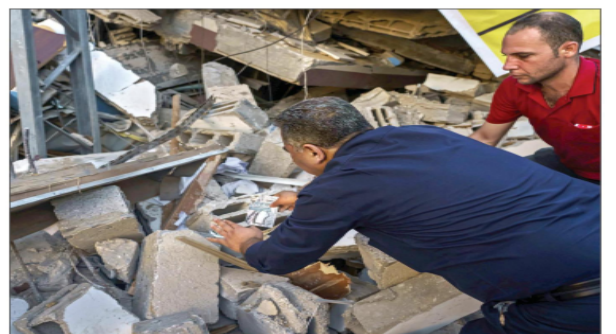
By Nabih Bulos

GAZA CITY — The call sealing Samir Mansour's bookstore for destruction came in the early morning.

For days, the Gaza Strip had been subject to Israeli bombardment, a relentless aerial assault that turned towers, boulevards and commercial districts in an instant into rubble-filled craters. Now, according to the Israeli soldier's voice coming through Mansour's cellphone in accented Arabic, it was the turn of the six-story Kuheil building, which had housed Mansour's bookshop and publishing house since 2008. He had 10 minutes to get out.

Mansour, 53, wasn't there. He was at home, a little more than a mile away, and watched, as if in a trance, a live broadcast of the first missile smacking into the building. He got dressed and headed to the bookshop, thinking he might still have time to save some of the more than 100,000 books inside, or at least salvage from his computer hard drive the designs for manuscripts he was soon to publish.

[See Gaza, A4]



MARCUS YAM, Los Angeles Times

SAMIR Mansour gathers books from the rubble of his Gaza store.

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Pipeline hack shows oversight problems

TSA reversing hands-off approach in wake of Colonial cyberattack

BY ELLEN NAKASHIMA, LORI ARATANI AND DOUGLAS MACMILLAN

Three times over the past year, Colonial Pipeline and the Transportation Security Administration discussed scheduling a voluntary, in-depth cybersecurity review — an assessment the federal agency began doing in late 2018 to strengthen the digital defenses of oil and natural gas pipeline companies, according to a company official and an industry official familiar with the matter.

But no such review of Colonial's systems has occurred, according to a Colonial spokesman. And the pipeline company previously told federal officials that it wants to first complete a headquarters move to a new building — probably in November — though the spokesman, Kevin Feeney, said Friday that it may allow a review sooner.

It's unknown whether the government-run cybersecurity assessment would have helped Colonial avert the ransomware attack that locked up some of Colonial's computer systems last month — and led the company to shut down its entire pipeline, leaving large swaths of the East Coast with fuel shortages.

But a variety of current and former officials and cybersecurity experts say the company's ability to avoid a government review underscores how a voluntary, arms-length approach by federal officials over nearly two decades has left key elements of the nation's critical infrastructure at risk.

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A movement is splintered, the police are adrift, and violent crime is rising

Portland at a crossroads

BY SCOTT WILSON

PORTLAND, ORE. — The church, on the edge of this city, was built to hold thousands, and on this drizzly day the pews of Manna House were filled with hundreds of mourners, scattered throughout the broad, high-ceilinged chamber to comply with pandemic rules.

Nearly all of them were Black. They had gathered to memorialize Jalon Yoakum, 33, whose body lay in a clear casket at the front of the stage. The wounds on his face had been brushed over; a blue suit and white open-collared shirt hid the rest of the scars from the daylight gunshots that killed him in a pizza restaurant parking lot last month.

Portland is a White city, overwhelmingly so — African Ameri-

cans account for just 6 percent of the population. But it is Black people such as Yoakum, an aspiring union electrician, who are dying at near-historic rates and filling churches with grief.

On May 12, Yoakum, a father of two young boys, became the city's 30th homicide victim this year. That is five times the number recorded during the same period in 2020, a frightening pace that could see more slayings here by the end of the year than in the past four decades.

This was not how the year following George Floyd's murder was supposed to end, not with Bishop Garry Tyson, of the General Baptist Convention of the Northwest, telling mourners that "Jalon didn't die. He was killed. His life was taken."

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For many, a return to in-person traditions



KATHERINE FREY/THE WASHINGTON POST

Relatives of Army Spec. Jordan Schumann visit his grave at Arlington National Cemetery on Memorial Day. After curtailing travels last year, people gathered on Monday mask-free to place mementos and flowers. **Story, B1**

Alzheimer's drug sparks fight over FDA approval

BY LAURIE MCGINLEY

When Phil Gutis was diagnosed with early-stage Alzheimer's disease at 54, he immediately enrolled in a clinical trial for an experimental drug but had little hope of being helped. Over time, though, he started feeling better, his brain less cloudy.

"There was just a foggy I remember having a couple of years ago that I don't really feel I have now," said Gutis, who has received monthly infusions of a

Agency advisers clash with passionate backers after mixed trial results

medication called aducanumab for five years, except for a short interruption.

Now, he is hoping others with the disease will have a chance to try the drug. But he is worried that the Food and Drug Administra-

tion, which is weighing whether to approve the drug, will reject it, derailing the medication and jeopardizing his ability to get the treatment.

"Would my world become fuzzy again?" said Gutis, who lives in New Hope, Pa., with his husband and is a former reporter. "I don't want to go backward."

By June 7, the FDA is expected to make one of its most important decisions in years: whether to approve the drug for mild cognitive impairment or early-stage de-

mentia caused by Alzheimer's. It would be the first treatment ever sold to slow the deterioration in brain function caused by the disease, not just to ease symptoms. And it would be the first new Alzheimer's treatment since 2003.

The medication is a monoclonal antibody, a protein made in the laboratory that can bind to substances — in this case, clumps of amyloid beta, a sticky plaque compound that many scientists

SEE ALZHEIMER'S ON A4

After walkout, calls for action

TEXAS DEMOCRATS PROD CONGRESS

Move, as we did, to save voting rights, they urge

BY AMY GARDNER

Texas Democrats who defeated a Republican effort to pass a suite of new voting restrictions with a dramatic late-night walkout from the state House chamber on Sunday have a message for President Biden and his allies in Congress: If we can protect voting rights, you can, too.

The surprise move by roughly 60 Democratic lawmakers headed off the expected passage of S.B. 7, a voting measure that would have been one of the most stringent in the nation, by denying Republicans a required quorum and forcing them to abruptly adjourn without taking a vote.

The coordinated walkout just after 10:30 p.m. Central time jolted the national debate on voting rights, putting the spotlight on Democratic-backed federal legislation that has been stalled in the Senate all spring, even as state Republicans move to enact new voting rules.

"We knew today, with the eyes of the nation watching action in Austin, that we needed to send a message," state Rep. Trey Martinez-Martinez said.

SEE TEXAS ON A7

CLIMATE SOLUTIONS

In Colorado coal country, carving a path on methane

BY ANNIE GOWEN

SOMERSET, COLO. — The ski company hipsters sat on one side of the table, the flinty oil and gas veterans on the other.

They were trying to hammer out an unusual deal to turn a coal mine spewing methane — a potent and harmful greenhouse gas — into a working power plant. Similar technology had been used in Europe and China, but a methane-fired power plant would be a rarity in the United States.

The meeting wasn't going well. The oil and gas men were skeptical. They were working power plants owned by one of the Koch brothers, the conservative billionaires who had long fought environmental regulations. One of the men wore a hat that said "Fire Obama." Another said he didn't believe climate change was real. Matt Jones, the chief financial officer for Aspen Skiing Co., said he and the other representatives of the resort firm quickly realized they had to stop basing their pitch on the environmental merits and

SEE METHANE ON A6



JOSHUA LOTT/THE WASHINGTON POST

A century later, Tulsa remembers

Survivor Viola Fletcher adds soil to a jar during a collection ceremony to mark the Tulsa race massacre of 1921. People gathered over the weekend to memorialize victims of the White mobs that targeted Black residents and businesses in Tulsa's thriving Greenwood area. **Story, A3**

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CHRISTOPHE ENA/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Osaka steps aside The tennis star withdrew from the French Open amid a dispute about attending post-match news conferences. **D8**

Recognizing Buffalo Soldiers West Point will soon erect a towering bronze statue in honor of the all-Black mounted unit. **A10**

THE NATION As criminal justice changes empty Louisiana prisons, one reentry agency has tried to ensure that every formerly incarcerated person in its care remains free. **A2**

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The president of France declared that wiretapping "is not acceptable between allies" and sought information from the United States about spying claims. **A12**

Doctors in Malaysia prepared to ration care for covid-19 patients as the nation's prime minister announced a "total lockdown." **A12**

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Tattoo businesses are in the midst of a revival after the coronavirus recession and closures. **A14**

Officials from Group of Seven nations meeting this week are expected to back President Biden's call for a global minimum tax on corporate profits. **A16**

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Movimentação em um dos pontos de acolhimento da capital paranaense; fluxo de atendimento em abrigos da prefeitura aumenta cerca de 30% nas noites mais geladas Cotidiano B10

Flávio se filia ao Patriota e abre rota para o pai

Após deixar o Republicanos na quarta (26), o senador participou ontem de convenção da nova legenda, abrindo caminho para que o pai, o presidente Jair Bolsonaro, faça o mesmo. A entrada de Flávio Bolsonaro expôs racha interno no Patriota. Poder A8

Faltou maconha em protestos, diz presidente
Jair Bolsonaro minimizou os protestos contra o governo e afirmou que faltaram maconha e dinheiro aos manifestantes. AS

Esquerda calcula riscos de novos atos e busca união

Setores que chamaram protestos contra Jair Bolsonaro no sábado (29), em 210 cidades do Brasil e 14 países, querem consenso sobre novas ações. Bolsonaristas planejam ato e dizem não ser resposta aos da esquerda. Poder A4 e A6

PGR pede abertura de inquérito para investigar Salles

A Procuradoria-Geral da República pediu abertura de inquérito contra Ricardo Salles, sob suspeita de advocacia administrativa e de dificultar fiscalização ambiental. A assessoria do ministro não se manifestou. Ambiente B10

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Com UTIs cheias, Bolsonaro negocia receber Copa América

Conmebol diz que trará torneio para o país ante pico de Covid na Argentina; governo cita condições

A Conmebol (Confederação Sul-Americana de Futebol) desistiu de realizar a Copa América na Argentina a pedido do país, que vive piora da pandemia de Covid, e anunciou que o torneio ocorreria no Brasil, onde quase 463 mil pessoas morreram com a doença, a vacinação está lenta e as UTIs, lotadas.

Diante da repercussão negativa, o governo Jair Bolsonaro, a quem a entidade agradecera horas antes por receber a competição, declarou ontem que ainda estava negociando as condições para abrigar as partidas. O início do evento, que se estende por quatro semanas, foi previsto para 13 de junho.

"Não vamos nos furtar à demanda, caso seja possível atender", disse o ministro Luiz Eduardo Ramos (Casa Civil). Conmebol e CBF passaram o dia em busca de cidades que recebam os jogos. Em São Paulo, o governador João Dória acenou à possibilidade, embora auxiliares o aconselhem a desistir.

O Brasil, que lida ainda com uma iminente crise de energia, era a quarta opção. Antes da Argentina, a Colômbia fora descartada por causa dos protestos que tomam o país. A entidade queria então levar a copa aos EUA, onde 41% da população já foi vacinada (ante 10% no Brasil), mas foi rechaçada. Esporte B1

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Laerte



Serrana (SP) reduz óbitos em 95% após vacinar em massa

Oito semanas após iniciar a vacinação em massa de sua população contra a Covid e depois de alcançar a imunização de 95,7% dos 28.380 adultos da cidade, Serrana reduziu em 95% as mortes, em 80% as infecções e em 86% as hospitalizações.

Agora o município do interior paulista quer protocolo para reabrir as atividades econômicas e replicar as medidas no país. Saúde B4

Fiocruz supera Butantan como maior fornecedora de doses contra Covid B6

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Desenvolvida nas universidades de Duke e da Carolina do Norte, nos EUA, a vacina chamada "pancoronavirus", em testes com macacos publicado na revista Nature, mostrou-se eficaz contra diferentes espécies da família viral. Saúde B6

Faxineira e pedreiro são principais vítimas na capital

Entre as atividades com mais mortes por Covid em São Paulo entre março de 2020 e março passado estão faxineiras, pedreiros e motoristas de táxi e aplicativo, segundo pesquisa do Instituto Pólis com dados municipais. Mercado A16



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FAMÍLIAS OCUPAM VIADUTO QUE TEVE PEDRAS RETIRADAS

Considerada higienista por críticos, colocação de pedras sob estrutura no Tatuapé, zona leste de SP, foi revertida pela prefeitura; custo de instalação e remoção foi de R\$ 48 mil Cotidiano B8

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Vacinação no Brasil

% da população vacinada*	2ª dose	1ª dose
Brasil	13,8	28,4
MS	17,3	39,6
RS	16,7	34,8
ES	13,9	32,7
Total de doses aplicadas	22,2 mi	45,7 mi
1º SP	5,7 mi	11,5 mi
2º MG	2,3 mi	4,8 mi
3º BA	1,5 mi	3,4 mi

Números da pandemia

Casos	Óbitos
Total	16,5 mi
31.mai**	60,9 mil
Variação***	-4,6%
Em 24 h	35,0 mil
Dados das 20h de 31.mai	463,0 mil
Acima de 18 anos	1.849
Média móvel de 7 dias***	-3,6%
Em relação a 14 dias	874

*Dados das 20h de 31.mai **Acima de 18 anos ***Média móvel de 7 dias

Educação anuncia Enem em 21 e 28 de novembro

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Sem insumos, VW paralisa produção em duas fábricas

A suspensão dos trabalhos nas fábricas de São José dos Pinhais (PR) e Taubaté (SP) devido à falta de semicondutores deve durar dez dias, diz a Volkswagen. A empresa tem contato com a matriz para atenuar a escassez global. Mercado A26