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Hong Kong Moves to Blunt Tiananmen Vigil



BAN: Hong Kong on Friday blocked off Victoria Park, top, where a vigil commemorating the 1989 Tiananmen Square massacre is traditionally held. Thousands in the city turned out in a bid to keep the observance alive, but the scene contrasted with events like the one in 2019. **A7**

Solar Power's Land Grab Hits Snag: Environmentalists

Mojave Desert residents say they support clean energy, but not giant projects, citing threat to tortoises and recreation

By Jim Carlton

MOAPA VALLEY, Nev.—This windswept desert community is full of clean energy supporters including Suzanne Rebich, an airline pilot who recently topped her house with 36 solar panels. About 200 homes generate their own solar energy and a quarter of the local electricity supply comes from hydroelectric power.

All the same, many here are dead set against a planned solar plant atop the Mormon Mesa, which overlooks this valley 50 miles northeast of Las Vegas. Slated to be the biggest solar plant in the U.S., the Battle Born Solar Project by California-based Areva Power would carpet 14 square miles—the equivalent of 7,000 football fields—with more than a million solar panels 10 to 20 feet tall. It would be capable of producing 850 megawatts of electricity, or roughly

one-tenth of Nevada's current capacity. "It will destroy this land forever," Ms. Rebich, 33, said after riding her bicycle on the 600-foot high mesa.

Across the U.S., more than 800 utility-scale solar projects are under contract to generate nearly 70,000 megawatts of new capacity, enough to power more than 11 million homes, equivalent to Texas and then some. More than half this capacity is being planned for the American Southwest, with its abundance of sunshine and open land.

These large projects are increasingly drawing opposition from environmental activists and local residents who say they are ardent supporters of clean energy. Their objections range from a desire to keep the land unspoiled to protection for endangered species to concerns that their views would no longer be as beautiful.

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Louisiana Crawfish Boil Lands Rookies in Hot Water

Boxes of live crawfish ship overnight, but handling them flummoxes many buyers

By Rachel Wolfe

BRANCH, La.—As a rule, crawfish from the Frugé family never went far in life. This season, though, more

of them are landing everywhere from San Francisco to New York City, including households with no clue how to handle the crustacean—which arrive still kicking—much less how to cook and eat them.



Overnight sensation

Courtney Frugé fields some of the calls. One Montana family dumped their 10-pound bag of mudbugs into a plastic kiddie pool without realizing their escape artistry.

"Crawfish are like walking Legos," Ms. Frugé said. "They link together, and they'll flip themselves up and out of anywhere. The family was running around chasing them."

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AMC Chief Aron Basks In Meme-Stock Light

By Alexander Gladstone and Erich Schwartzel

Adam Aron, AMC Entertainment Holdings Inc.'s chief executive, has decided to run with the meme-stock bulls who helped his company avoid bankruptcy during the pandemic.

More than any CEO swept up in the meme-stock trade, Mr. Aron has come to represent the surrealism and opportunities of modern-day trading. He is a Harvard Business School graduate now known for sharing social-media memes of Reddit jokes. With AMC no longer controlled by a Chinese real-estate firm, Dalian Wanda Group, Mr. Aron has three million indi-

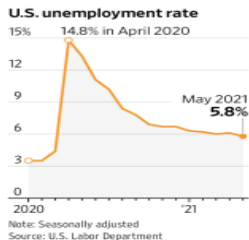
Hiring Rises, But It Trails Economy

By Amara Omeokwe

U.S. employers boosted hiring in May, but not enough for the labor market to keep pace with an overall economy that is heating up as the pandemic continues to ease.

Payrolls grew by 559,000 last month, the Labor Department reported Friday, up from a revised 278,000 in April, which marked a sharp drop from March's figure. The unemployment rate fell to 5.8% in May from 6.1% the prior month.

While the gains marked an uptick from April, they were lower than economists predicted and reflected businesses struggling to fill job openings as potential workers remained on the sidelines. The labor recovery has slowed from earlier in the year—in March, the economy added 785,000 jobs—a development economists say could delay a full labor recovery to well into next year.



That mixed picture cheered investors, who bet the numbers weren't strong enough to change the Federal Reserve's course on its easy-money policies. U.S. stocks rose, while the yield on the U.S. 10-year Treasury fell.

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Facebook Suspends Trump for 2 Years

By Paul Ziobro and Jeff Horwitz

Facebook Inc. said it is suspending Donald Trump's accounts for two years, formalizing a long-term penalty for the former U.S. president after its independent Oversight Board said the company was wrong to keep the ban open-ended.

The move immediately inflamed the long-running partisan debate over how much control tech companies should have over online speech. With

Mr. Trump also banned permanently from Twitter, Facebook's penalty closes one of its primary avenues for influencing the political discussion for an extended period.

Facebook said it would revisit the suspension two years from the date of its initial move to suspend him on Jan. 7, the day after a pro-Trump mob stormed the U.S. Capitol as

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Going back to the office? The dress code may have changed. **B1**

U.S. Covid Deaths Fall To Lowest In a Year

By Jon Kamp and Talal Ansari

The average number of daily Covid-19 deaths in the U.S. has fallen to the lowest point in more than a year, a fresh sign that vaccinations are lessening the worst effects of the pandemic.

The seven-day average for newly reported deaths fell to 432 on Thursday, according to a Wall Street Journal analysis of data from Johns Hopkins University. The figure hasn't been this low since late March 2020, in the early days of the pandemic, the data show.

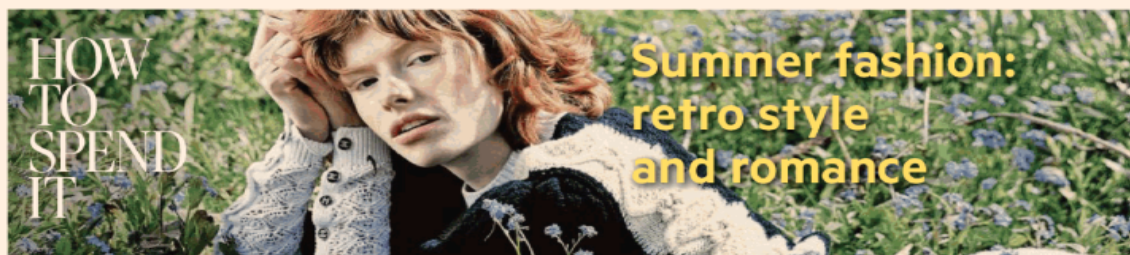
This marks the lowest point for average daily deaths after any surge during the pandemic, falling below a prior low of about 520 daily deaths early last summer, the data show. It follows a sharp drop in newly reported Covid-19 cases, with the seven-day average falling below 20,000 this week for the first time since March 2020. On Thursday, the average was 15,030.

"This milestone reinforces that the U.S. is in the home stretch of the epidemic, thanks to vaccinations," said Andrew Brouwer, an assistant research

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Big economies set to unveil deal on taxing multinational profits

◆ First reform for a century ◆ Hopes of ending 'race to the bottom' ◆ US drives hard bargain

CHRIS GILES — LONDON

The leading advanced economies are set to strike a common position on taxing multinational companies today in a bid to end a three-decade race to the bottom in corporate taxation and raise extra revenue for governments.

Finance ministers were still haggling over details of the deal late yesterday, at a G7 meeting in London hosted by UK chancellor Rishi Sunak.

Delegates said the G7 would agree in principle to change the basis of global corporate tax law for the first time in a century. The historic plan aims to force the biggest companies to pay more tax in countries where they do business, not only where they are headquartered.

One person closely involved with the negotiations said they expected "a very good communiqué" when the talks wrap up today.

Countries have been negotiating to seek an international tax accord since 2015 and talks have been conducted at the OECD for the past couple of years. The US and European countries are at loggerheads, especially over the taxation of the big US tech companies.

The prospects for a deal rose substantially this year after Joe Biden replaced Donald Trump as US president and tabled fresh proposals.

G7 finance ministers were expected to release a statement setting out a common position and backing the Biden administration's call for a world-wide regime for the largest companies and a global minimum rate. Bruno Le



UK chancellor Rishi Sunak welcomes Janet Yellen, the US Treasury secretary, to the G7 meeting in London yesterday. *Steve Delaney/GETTY via Getty*

Maire, the French finance minister, told the BBC that the group was "just 1 millimetre away from a historic agreement".

German finance minister Olaf Scholz said he was "absolutely confident" that ministers would reach a deal. "We will have an agreement which will really change the world," he also told the BBC.

Issues that remain to be settled include whether any global minimum tax would be at the 15 per cent rate the US has proposed or whether it should be defined as "at least 15 per cent".

Two people with knowledge of the talks said the US was pushing a "hard bargain" on the question of when the

UK, France and Italy should get rid of their taxes targeting US-based tech giants when a deal is struck. The US wants this to be immediate, but France and the UK think this would be a non-starter because it would leave digital giants paying less tax than they are now on the basis of a commitment that the US will implement an agreement, but without laws passed in Congress where a deal might come unstuck.

The UK Treasury said there had been "progress" but allies of Sunak said there were still sticking points on which companies would be liable and how much of their global profits would be allocated.

The US wants this to be done quickly, but the European countries want Washington to implement its side of the bargain first — which will include pushing it through Congress.

The US, meanwhile, is keen on a global minimum rate, which would stop its tech giants shifting profits to low-tax jurisdictions.

Much of the tax raised is likely to come from US companies, which was why Janet Yellen, the US Treasury secretary, was "driving a hard bargain", said the person with knowledge of the negotiations yesterday.

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Concrete show brings back hard cash to Las Vegas

The unlikely thrills of World of Concrete 2021 will mark the return of conventions to the US city renowned for hedonism. Las Vegas ended curbs on big gatherings on June 1, to the relief of events organisers who have spent 14 months struggling with online shows. Summer plans range from the Nightclub and Bar Show to the Water Quality Association convention. They all matter as Nevada estimates that the sector brings in \$11.5bn a year.

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Olympics sponsors call for delay until vaccine drive allows more spectators

LEO LEWIS AND KANA INAGAKI — TOKYO

Big Japanese sponsors are calling privately for the Tokyo Olympics to be postponed for months so more spectators can attend, as businesses fret over the value of their marketing.

The proposal was made to organisers by some sponsors in recent weeks amid frustration among 47 Japanese companies that collectively paid more than \$3bn to back the games, according to people with knowledge of the situation.

A senior executive at one corporate backer said the organisers seemed "completely determined" to start on the scheduled date of July 24, despite the continued pandemic. "But it just makes much, much more sense from our perspective to hold the games when there are more vaccinated people, the weather is cooler and maybe public

opposition is lower," the executive said.

The prevalence of Covid-19 and slow rollout of vaccines have frustrated the Japanese public. Opinion polls show that up to 80 per cent of Japanese people want the Olympics cancelled or postponed, shigeru Omi, the doctor leading Japan's Covid response, said this week it was "not normal" to hold the games in the current environment.

Sponsors were told by the Japan Olympic Committee at a meeting in April that the decision on whether to allow local spectators to watch events could be left until June 24. Overseas fans have already been excluded.

Many companies had based substantial marketing campaigns around ticket giveaways and promotions at the venues. Banks, brokerages, insurance groups and big industrial sponsors had planned corporate entertainment.

Two people who attended the meeting said some companies decided that the money spent on Olympic sponsorship was effectively "worthless" but that a postponement would allow them to recover some value.

A senior executive at one sponsor said a delay until late September or October meant the company would consider paying a supplementary sponsorship fee. "If the games started a few months later, a much bigger part of the country would be vaccinated, there would be less uncertainty and we would certainly consider putting more money in as sponsors," he said.

Tokyo 2020 organisers said all their partners, including the national government and the International Olympic Committee, were "fully focused on hosting the games this summer".

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World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				INTEREST RATES			
	Jun 4	prev	%chg		Jun 4	prev	%chg		price	yield	chg
S&P 500	4220.34	4192.85	0.66	\$ per £	1.216	1.214		US Gov 10 yr	147.55	1.55	-0.07
Nikkei Composite	13798.57	13814.51	1.35	£ per \$	1.417	1.411		UK Gov 10 yr	8.79	0.79	-0.05
Dow Jones Ind	34671.32	34577.54	0.27	€ per €	0.898	0.896		Ger Gov 10 yr	4.21	0.21	-0.03
FTSE100	1742.12	1726.44	0.33	¥ per \$	105.515	110.175		Japan Gov 10 yr	118.56	0.00	0.00
Euro Stoxx 50	4090.02	4079.24	0.26	₹ per \$	155.204	155.478		US Gov 30 yr	108.27	2.24	-0.06
FTSE 100	7069.04	7064.35	0.07	SFr per €	1.094	1.090		Ger Gov 2 yr	105.90	0.67	0.00
FTSE All-Share	4042.42	4039.19	0.08	€ per \$	0.822	0.824					
CAC 40	6515.06	6507.92	0.12								
Xetra Dax	15692.80	15632.87	0.39								
Nikkei	28941.52	29058.11	-0.40								
Hang Seng	28918.10	28966.03	-0.17								
MSCI World \$	2972.57	2965.97	-0.22								
MSCI EM \$	1380.57	1380.47	-0.35								
MSCI ACWI \$	711.38	714.42	-0.43								

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FACEBOOK KEEPS A BAN ON TRUMP UNTIL EARLY 2023

SIDELINED IN MIDTERMS

Posts by Politicians Are
No Longer Exempt
From the Rules

By MIKE ISAAC
and SHEERA FRENKEL

SAN FRANCISCO — Facebook said on Friday that Donald J. Trump's suspension from the service would last at least two years, keeping the former president off mainstream social media for the 2022 midterm elections, as the company also said it would end a policy of treating posts from politicians differently from those of other users.

The social network said Mr. Trump would be eligible for reinstatement in January 2023, before the next presidential election. It will then look to experts to decide "whether the risk to public safety has receded," Facebook said. The company barred Mr. Trump from the service after he made comments on social media that rallied his supporters, who stormed the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, but it had not given a firm timeline about when or if the suspension would end.

"Given the gravity of the circumstances that led to Mr. Trump's suspension, we believe



Donald J. Trump

his actions constituted a severe violation of our rules which merit the highest penalty available under the new enforcement protocols," Nick Clegg, the vice president for global affairs at Facebook, wrote in a company blog post.

If reinstated, Mr. Trump would be subject to a set of "rapidly escalating sanctions" if he committed further violations, up to and including the permanent suspension of his account, Facebook said.

Facebook also said it was ending a policy of keeping posts by politicians up by default even if their

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Tensions Rise As Movement Makes Strides

For Black Lives Matter,
Clout and Conflict

By JOHN ELIGON

In the year since George Floyd was murdered, racial justice organizations across the country have been inundated with millions of dollars in donations and thousands of eager new activists. They have earned a prominent platform that puts them on the front lines of political and social battles.

Their influence has been immediate: A local organization helped St. Louis elect a Black woman as mayor for the first time. A long-time activist group in Louisville, Ky., oversaw what became a hub for protests over the police killing of Breonna Taylor. And in Chicago, activists have lobbied the city to fund a program that would dispatch paramedics, instead of police officers, to people experiencing mental health crises.

But the surge in attention has also brought greater scrutiny and exposed tensions and challenges within a movement that saw tremendous growth over the past year, much like other progressive groups such as the Women's March, which saw three of its leaders step down amid controversy.

In a very public dispute, several chapters within the national organization known as the Black Lives Matter Global Network Foundation broke away, claiming that the group's national leaders had failed to provide financial transparency or include the chapters in decision-making. And family members of some victims of police killings have openly criticized racial justice organizations, accusing them of raising money in their children's names but not supporting the families and their work to make change.

"I just feel like all these organizations that were made after someone had lost their loved one," said Michael Brown Sr., who established his own foundation after his son, Michael, was fatally shot by a police officer in Ferguson, Mo., in 2014. "And they see that these parents are coming up with organizations already. They should be able to get on board and support these families that's struggling through this."

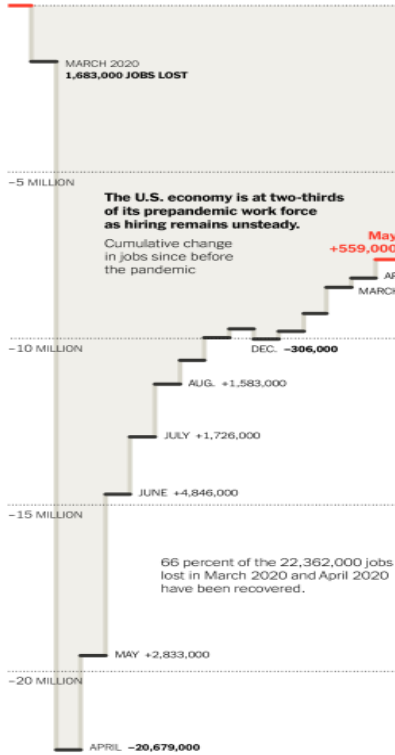
Since the police killing of Mr. Brown's son led to a new wave of civil rights activism seven years ago, organizers of protests and marches have openly embraced a grass-roots philosophy. They have avoided individual leaders, seeking instead to build a movement by the people, for the people.

But the tensions playing out

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Employment Gains Doubled in May, but a Rally Has a Ways to Go

Feb. 2020: Total of 152.5 million U.S. jobs



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics | Note: Data is seasonally adjusted.



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Hong Kong Finds Its Ways to Honor Tiananmen

By VIVIAN WANG

HONG KONG — They had been barred from holding their usual memorial, but that did not mean they would not remember.

They gathered online, to watch a reading of a play about the massacre of pro-democracy demonstrators in Beijing on June 4, 1989. They prowled bookstores, on a scavenger hunt for protest-themed postcards hidden in the stacks. They scribbled the numbers 6 and 4 on their light

Memorials Prohibited,
People Speak Out in
Everyday Actions

switches, so that everyday actions would become small acts of defiance.

Democracy advocates in Hong Kong are grasping for new ways to sustain the memory of the Chinese military's bloody crackdown

on the Tiananmen Square protests, under a government increasingly bent on repressing dissent and free expression. The city's authorities, for the second year running, banned a candlelight vigil in Victoria Park in Hong Kong, warning that attendance could lead to five years' imprisonment.

Though the police sealed off the park on Friday afternoon, small crowds tried to gather on its peripheries, some bearing candles and others simply shining the

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Taking Shifts to Care for Their Child, and Hoping a Nurse Arrives

By TED ALCONRN

It was 9 a.m. on a Sunday in May, and Chloe Mead was already worn out.

In her living room, she cradled her 7-year-old son, Henry, supporting his head with one hand and helping him toss a ball with the other, careful not to disturb the ventilator that was keeping him alive. A nearby monitor tracked his blood-oxygen levels and a pump was at the ready should his tracheotomy tube need cleaning. In the corner, her 4-year-old daughter was building a pillow fort.

"I need, like, five extra arms," she said.

Ordinarily, she wouldn't be by herself. Since infancy, Henry, who has spinal muscular atrophy, a rare muscle-wasting disorder, has had intensive, round-the-clock nursing at home, with Ms. Mead and her husband serving as fall-backs when a nurse unexpectedly cancels a shift.



Chloe Mead with her 7-year-old son Henry, who has a rare condition called spinal muscular atrophy.

But the recent shortage of home-care nurses has forced the couple, who live in Queens, to handle longer and longer periods on their own — as many as 36 hours at a stretch. That morning, her

husband, Andy Maskin, was catching up on sleep so he could take that night's shift, from 2 a.m. until 7 a.m., when he begins his own workweek.

About 4.5 million Americans

with illnesses and disabilities are cared for at home by aides, therapists or nurses. Most of these patients are older, but hundreds of thousands are children with com-

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Justice Dept. Waged Secret Fight To Get Emails of Times Reporters

By CHARLIE SAVAGE
and KATIE BENNER

WASHINGTON — In the last weeks of the Trump administration and continuing under President Biden, the Justice Department fought a secret legal battle to obtain email logs of four New York Times reporters in a hunt for their sources, a top lawyer for the newspaper said Friday night.

While the Trump administration never informed The Times about the effort, the Biden administration continued waging the fight this year, telling a handful of top Times executives about it but imposing a gag order to shield it from public view, said the lawyer, David McCraw, who called the move unprecedented.

The gag order prevented the executives from disclosing the government's efforts to seize the records even to the top editor, Dean Baquet, and other news-

Gag Order Obtained on
Newspaper's Leaders

room leaders. Mr. McCraw said Friday that a federal court had lifted the order, which had been in effect since March 3, freeing him to reveal what had happened. The battle was over an effort by the Justice Department to seize the email logs from Google, which operates the Times's email system, and which had resisted the effort to obtain the information.

The disclosure came two days after the Biden Justice Department notified the reporters that the Trump administration, hunting for their sources, had in 2020 secretly seized months of their phone records from early 2017. That notification followed similar

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Images From Big Sandy

Not only is the Belmont the oldest of the Triple Crown races, but it is also the anchor leg that makes or breaks a quest for glory. And it all happens against a backdrop of New York cool. PAGE B9

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TRIBUTE TO A SLAIN FIREFIGHTER

Cindee Erdman places flowers at a memorial outside Fire Station 81 in Agua Dulce, where firefighter Tory Carlon, 44, was killed this week. A fire captain was also injured in the shooting. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Facebook's ban on Trump may end in time for 2024 election

BY BRIAN CONTRERAS

Donald Trump is too dangerous to allow on Facebook right now, the social media company has decided. Instead, the former U.S. president will have to wait until at least Jan. 7, 2023, to make his triumphant return to the site — giving him just enough time to log back on for the next presidential race.

Responding to a mandate from a semi-independent oversight committee that reviews its content

moderation decisions, Facebook said Trump will be eligible to resume posting on Facebook and Instagram two years after the riots at the U.S. Capitol that he was initially suspended for encouraging.

That timing means he could regain his social media megaphone in time for the 2024 presidential campaign — provided the company determines he no longer poses a threat by then.

"At the end of this period, we will look to experts to assess whether the risk to public safety has receded," Nick

Clegg, Facebook's vice president of global affairs, wrote in a post announcing the decision. "We will evaluate external factors, including instances of violence, restrictions on peaceful assembly and other markers of civil unrest. If we determine that there is still a serious risk to public safety, we will extend the restriction for a set period of time and continue to re-evaluate until that risk has receded."

In the event the ban is lifted, Clegg added, "there will be a strict set of rapidly escalating sanctions that

will be triggered if Mr. Trump commits further violations... up to and including permanent removal."

The social media company also announced that it has implemented new moderation policies "to be applied in exceptional cases such as this," suggesting that the verdict in this case could serve as a template for future decisions.

As with the previous steps in the company's long, arduous process of deciding what to do about Trump's account, the decision has [See Facebook, A10]

Newsom draws winners, and a mixed reaction

GOP foes call vaccine lottery a gimmick that awards 'bribes.' Others see it as a smart move.

BY TARYN LUNA AND PHIL WILSON

SACRAMENTO — Gov. Gavin Newsom stood on a set designed to look like a game show on Friday and drew winners of the first cash prizes in California's COVID-19 vaccine lottery, part of an effort to boost immunizations that also gives the governor a chance to give away \$16.5 million to potential voters before the recall election.

"Over the course of the last few weeks, as we saw that decline in those first doses, we realized we need to do a little bit more than just our traditional outreach efforts," Newsom said, acknowledging that some may question the use of cash giveaways to incentivize what he described as doing the right thing. "But we are where we are, and incentives have long worked, and incentives are indeed what we are advancing here today."

Positioned before crimsided election night, Newsom plucked numbers from a lottery ball machine in the latest in a series of feel-good moments from a governor in the middle of a battle to save his political career as he faces a recall election.

His political opponents called Friday's production another example of the governor using taxpayer dollars in an attempt to win over

voters. Others viewed the display as smart political strategy from an incumbent looking to distance himself from the recall and deliver an upbeat message to Californians.

"He's leaving that in the dust and pushing forward with as much good news and progress as he can announce," said Gil Duran, a former press secretary for Gov. Jerry Brown and former opinion editor of the Sacramento Bee. "It can be frustrating for his critics, but when you're in charge of the rocket ship known as the state of California, you can hit the thrust at any time."

The governor's California Comeback Plan, the linchpin of his campaign against the recall, has been buoyed by record tax revenues and the ability to hand out \$8 billion in stimulus checks to struggling Californians. The state's flush coffers have also allowed Newsom to craft a proposed budget that caters to many of the requests from labor unions and interest groups.

Newsom built on his upbeat message Thursday when he announced that restaurants and bars could continue to sell to-go alcoholic drinks after the state's ban on reopening ended Friday by giving out 15 cash prizes of \$50,000 each to vaccinated Californians.

The governor has touted the mix of cash and gift cards as "the largest prizes of any state in America."

Orrin Heatlie, the main organizer of the campaign to recall Newsom, said the governor is wheeling and dealing in an attempt to survive

[See Newsom, A8]

STATE OF EMERGENCY: Governor, health officials to retain crisis power after reopening. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

ANALYSIS

How Supreme Court tilted election law to favor GOP

BY DAVID G. SAVAGE

WASHINGTON — This year's wave of new voting restrictions across the South may seem a response to the 2020 election, but its origins stem in no small part from the Supreme Court, which over the last decade has reshaped election law to elevate the power of state lawmakers over the rights of their voters.

The sum of the court's rulings on elections could give the Republican Party a significant edge as it seeks to recapture control of Con-

gress in 2022 and the White House in 2024.

Under Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr., the Supreme Court threw out the part of the Voting Rights Act that had required states with histories of discriminating against Black voters to clear election rule changes with the U.S. Justice Department. Writing for a 5-4 majority in 2013, Roberts called the section outdated for "current conditions."

The Constitution in the view of the Roberts court also allows lawmakers to draw gerrymandered districts to keep themselves in

power, forbids limits on how much wealthy donors and incorporated groups can spend on campaigns, and may even permit state lawmakers, rather than voters, to decide who will be president.

That view proved helpful to GOP-leaning states in skirmishes ahead of last year's election and cleared the way for the recent showdown over the Texas GOP's sweeping efforts to enact voting restrictions.

The court's redistricting decisions alone could be enough to shift control in the [See Election law, A7]



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STEVE FORTE, shown on Fremont Street in downtown Las Vegas, is recognized by casino experts and magicians as a master manipulator of a deck.

COLUMN ONE

Sleight-of-hand Vegas legend places his cards on the table

BY KEVIN PANG
REPORTING FROM LAS VEGAS

Fremont Street, once the world capital of swank, used to be Steve Forte's turf.

But on a spring day, he was just another face in a crowd, snaking through two relics of downtown Las Vegas, Binion's and the Four Queens casino. No one bothered the man many consider the greatest card handler who ever lived.

Within the world of casino experts and magicians, Forte handles a deck of playing cards the way Roger Federer wields a tennis racket. Not just among the best, but *the* best, full stop. In his hands, cards appear to shuffle but remain in perfect order. Cards apparently dealt from the top of the deck are taken invisibly from the bottom.

After years of being a reclusive figure, the 65-year-old Forte has published "Gambling Sleight of Hand," his life's

work of underground card moves in a two-volume book of nearly 1,100 pages. Among sleight-of-hand aficionados, the book was a once-in-a-lifetime sensation: Even at \$300, the first printing of 1,000 sold out in one week.

On this day, Forte agreed to visit places he doesn't have much use for now. But soon enough, he showed his skill, making jaw-dropping observations about the games unfolding around him.

His book is a fitting coda to a career that screams to be a biopic (in fact, a script of Forte's life is being shopped around). He went from dealing prodigy to one of the youngest casino managers ever in Las Vegas, until he ventured to the other side of the law and made millions — "ripping and tearing," as card cheats say. Then he became one of the most in-demand casino security consultants in the world.

Said Jany Ian Swiss, a noted writer on sleight-of-hand magic: "Anybody writing a movie about a professional cheater [See Forte, A12]

Biden rejects GOP's offer on infrastructure

With bipartisan talks set to resume Monday, president says latest overture doesn't meet his goals. **NATION, A6**

Clippers win, forcing Game 7

L.A. beats the Mavericks 104-97 in a deadlocked series in which the road team has yet to lose. **SPORTS, B12**

Adventures in the slot canyon

A hiking aficionado navigates the narrow labyrinth along the Utah-Arizona border. **SATURDAY, F1**

Weather: Partly sunny. L.A. Basin: 79/61. **B8**



In Jakarta gridlock, lives are on the line

BY DAVID PIERSON AND JOHANES HUTABARAT

JAKARTA, Indonesia — The ambulance wailed, but the cars, trucks and scooters did not budge. The old man inside needed an emergency CT scan. But in this city, home to some of the world's most miserable traffic, drivers are unforgiving and conditioned to hold their ground, even with someone's life on the line.

It seemed hopeless. But out of the gridlock and then came Sebastian Dwiantoro and his team of volunteers. The 23-year-old ambulance escort hopped off the back of a motorcycle and booted through the congestion, tapping on car windows and waving at scooters and

motorbikes to make way.

It worked. The traffic parted. Dwiantoro leaped onto the motorcycle and led the ambulance through an opening — like a running back finding a thread of daylight in a defensive line — only to repeat the tactic moments later.

"People don't want to get out of the way, because the roads are too narrow," said Dwiantoro, who works as a railway security guard when he's not volunteering. "A lot of people just ignore us when we ask them to move."

But sometimes this slight, soft-spoken man on a motorcycle saves a life, as he did in 2019, when he led an ambulance carrying a jaundiced baby 26 miles from a city south of Depok to a hos- [See Jakarta, A4]

BUSINESS INSIDE: Job growth was modest in May as firms struggled to fill openings. **A9**

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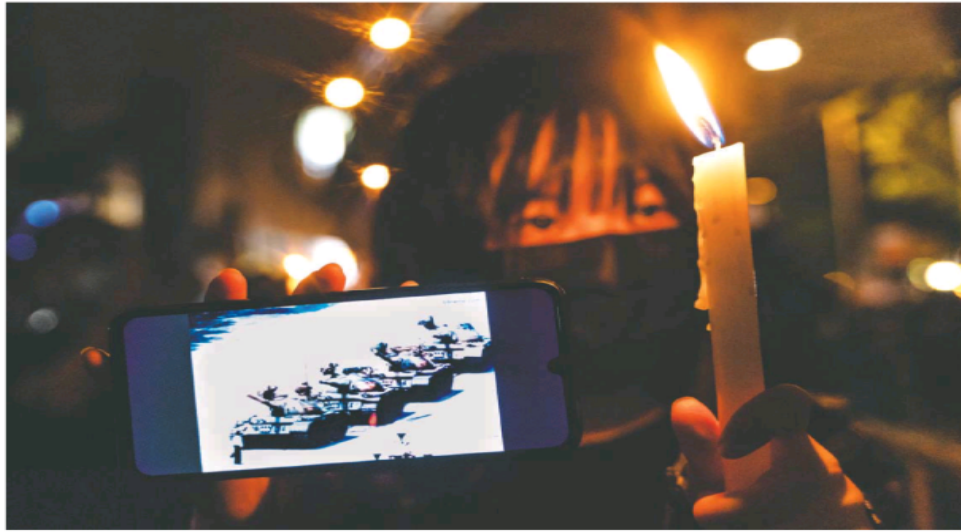


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Hong Kongers defiantly remember Tiananmen



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A girl holds a cellphone showing the famous scene of a lone man facing down tanks during pro-democracy protests 32 years ago in Beijing's Tiananmen Square. Hong Kong police on Friday sealed the park where residents have traditionally honored those killed on June 4, 1989. But hundreds still gathered on streets near the park. **Story, A8**

U.S. ramps up efforts against ransomware

BY ELLEN NAKASHIMA,
HAMZA SHARAN
AND RACHIEL LERMAN

For years, the federal government treated ransomware as a criminal menace — not as urgent as hacking by foreign spies. But after a spasm of high-profile attacks that jarred the nation, the U.S. government now has begun framing the issue as a matter of national — and global — security.

The FBI director this week compared it to the challenge posed by the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. On Thursday, a top White House cyber official urged corporate America to strengthen its computer security. And on Friday, the White House said that President

Long seen as an ordinary crime, it's now called a national security threat

Biden will raise the issue of Russia's harboring ransomware criminals when he meets with Russian President Vladimir Putin next week in Geneva.

"We know that the ransomware threat is urgent, it's complex, and it's been increasing over the last several years," White House press secretary Jen Psaki said. "It feels new to us over the last couple of weeks, but it has been increasing rapidly around the world over the

last several years."

She noted this week that many of the world leaders with whom Biden will gather at the annual Group of Seven meeting next week "have similar concerns."

Until about a year and a half ago, ransomware extortion — in which hackers lock up victims' machines with malware and then demand hefty fees to unlock the data — was seen primarily as cybercrime. It afflicted schools, hospitals and businesses, but the disruptions were considered isolated. No one was known to have died, and the effects were limited primarily to the entities that were hacked.

Then came the ransomware attack last month that led Colonial

Pipeline to shut down its pipeline, disrupting nearly half the East Coast's fuel supply. That was followed this week by another that threatened the nation's largest meat supplier, and quickly it became painfully apparent that malware devised by criminals could have effects that threaten national security.

"I don't think that attention is going to go away anytime soon," said Michael Phillips, co-chairman of the Ransomware Task Force, a group of industry, government and academic experts that in April produced a set of recommendations for the Biden administration on combating ransomware. "People want to know that the U.S.

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Facebook to keep Trump banned 2 years

EX-PRESIDENT IS 'RISK TO PUBLIC SAFETY'

Sweeping changes: No free passes for public figures

BY ELIZABETH DWSKIN

Facebook said Friday that it plans to suspend former president Donald Trump for two years following his comments inciting violence in the wake of the Capitol insurrection on Jan. 6.

The social media giant will reinstate him only if "the risk to public safety has receded," according to a blog post on the company's website.

Facebook's new policy refers specifically to the behavior of public figures during periods of heightened violence or unrest, according to the blog post. Facebook says it will now initiate a

series of time-bound suspensions for violators, starting with a one-month suspension, and look to experts to help reevaluate the situation at the end of each period.

The announcement, part of a set of responses to the Facebook Oversight Board's recommendations in May regarding its suspension of the former president, is likely to have major implications for how the platform treats controversial public figures going forward.

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What it means: Five takeaways from Facebook's decision. **A7**

U.S. economy adds jobs but misses expectations

BY ELI ROSENBERG

The U.S. economy added 559,000 jobs in May, staving off fears of a slowdown but falling short of the blockbuster recovery numbers that had once been expected to accompany growing vaccinations and an easing pandemic.

The unemployment rate dropped to 5.8 percent from 6.1 percent, but sidelined workers who stopped looking for work aren't flooding back into the labor market, as the labor force participation rate ticked the wrong direction — down slightly. The report, which missed expectations, is the latest indication of the continuing economic pressures facing the White House and policymakers as the Fed, following a lackluster April jobs report. The economy is still down 7.5 million jobs since the pandemic took hold.

President Biden hailed the report, calling the numbers "great news," while noting the first four

U.S. nonfarm payrolls, seasonally adjusted



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
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months of his presidency had seen more than 2 million jobs added back to the economy. Yet as Republicans blasted angry statements declaring the

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Partisan debate: Jobs report fuels fight over White House agenda. **A5**

Texas readies intervention into classrooms' curricula

Critics fear GOP push to quash critical race theory may deter honest inquiry

BY ARELIS R. HERNÁNDEZ
AND GRIFF WITTE

SAN ANTONIO — Not long after George Floyd was murdered on a Minneapolis street last Memorial Day, Meghan Dougherty felt an awakening in her suburban Texas school district.

Teachers received training in the role that race had played in creating the United States' vast inequalities. Students, parents and faculty members spent their summer studying and debating how to combat generations of systemic racism. Some crafted a plan

to enroll more Black and Latino students in Advanced Placement classes, where they had long been underrepresented.

"That's a small thing, but it's also a big thing," said Dougherty, an instructional coach in Round Rock, a fast-growing and increasingly diverse district just outside Austin. "The conversation has changed."

Now, Republican legislators have passed a bill that could change it back.

Under the culture war rallying cry of combating critical race theory — an academic framework centered on the idea that racism is systemic, not just a collection of individual prejudices — lawmakers have endorsed an extraordinary intervention into classrooms across Texas.

Their plans would restrict how

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For Hamas, a surge of popularity in West Bank



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Supporters of Hamas march in Hebron on May 21 to celebrate the cease-fire between the Islamist group and Israel. Such rallies in the West Bank last month had no precedent in recent years.

BY GRIFF WITTE
AND SUFIAN TAHA

AL-AMARI REFUGEE CAMP, WEST BANK — The tattered walls of this camp turned city for Palestinian refugees in the West Bank tell a story about the political loyalties of those who live here.

The smiling visage of a keffiyeh-clad Yasser Arafat. The yellow, rifle-bedecked flags of his movement. The names, etched in black, of those who died in its service.

For decades, al-Amari has been a stronghold of Fatah, the secular and nationalist party that emphasizes diplomacy as its answer to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. But in recent days, the tableau in the camp has shifted: Green flags mark the entrance and graffiti to match emblazon the walls with a single word: Hamas.

"They've given strength to the whole Palestinian cause," said Mohammed Khader, 16, as friends

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TIM OKAMURA

« Bravery in broad strokes

Portrait artist Tim Okamura set out to capture the remarkable spirit of nurses on the front lines, including Tamika Dennis, left, in Albany, Ga. **Magazine**

Molding of the Mid-Atlantic

Ancient forces shaped the area's mountains, valleys and coastal plain. Their impact is still in plain view. **Travel, E17**



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« A name for himself

Wolfgang Van Halen joined his famous father's band at 16, but his music is his own. Now he's going it alone, opening for Guns N' Roses this summer and launching a debut album. **Arts & Style**

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Área devastada na Terra Indígena Trincheira Bacajá, no Pará. Foto de Almeida - 12/ago/2019/Photopress

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BRASIL TEM MAIOR QUANTIDADE DE QUEIMADAS EM UMA DÉCADA; PARA ESPECIALISTAS, FALTA PUNIÇÃO A INFRATORES

Com 222 mil focos de incêndio, o Brasil registrou em 2020 a maior quantidade de queimadas em uma década. A Amazônia é historicamente o bioma mais atingido por queimadas, mas o fogo no Pantanal cresceu 120% no ano passado em relação a 2019.

Neste Dia Mundial do Meio Ambiente, especialistas alertam para a origem proposital desses incêndios e a falta de punição no país. Há também a percepção de que o afrouxamento nas leis e o desmonte da fiscalização agravaram a situação. **Págs. 6, 7 e 10**

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Erasmus Carlos, aos 80 e 'mais caseiro', se revolta com a CPI

Relatório vê risco de colapso em reservatórios

O Operador Nacional do Sistema Elétrico prevê que reservatórios responsáveis pela maior parte da capacidade de armazenamento de água do Brasil possam colapsar até novembro, fim do período de seca. Usinas hidrelétricas estão ameaçadas. **Mercado A29**

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Generais tentam conter dano após perdão a Pazuello

Falta de punição a ex-ministro por ir a ato político com Bolsonaro causou indignação entre alguns comandantes

A ausência de punição do Exército ao general Eduardo Pazuello, que participou de ato político com Jair Bolsonaro, disparou um movimento entre oficiais para tentar evitar manifestações semelhantes.

A decisão de livrar Pazuello, apesar de ele ter ferido as regras internas da Força, causou indignação em diversos generais que comandam efetivos militares na ponta.

Ouvidos sob reserva pela Folha, alguns deles afirmam que vão reforçar orientações internas para que fardados sob seu comando não participem de atos análogos.

Preocupam particularmente as concentrações de motociclistas promovidas pelo presidente, como aquela da qual o ex-ministro da Saúde Pazuello participou, falando depois em um palanque com Bolsonaro.

No Congresso, partidos começaram a discutir a tramitação de uma proposta de mudança da Constituição para que os militares da ativa sejam vetados de trabalhar no governo, como foi o caso de Pazuello e de outros ministros da gestão de Bolsonaro. **Poder e Política A4**

Cristina Serra
Caldo da insubordinação estava fervendo **Opinião A2**

Denúncia de assédio gera pressão sobre chefe da CBF

Após funcionária apresentar, ontem, denúncia formal de assédio sexual contra Rogério Caboclo, integrantes da diretoria da CBF e dirigentes regionais tentam convencê-lo a renunciar à presidência da entidade. Cartolas sabiam do caso e sugeriram que liderasse há mais de um mês, sem que ele cedesse, mas crise se aguçou com resistência da seleção à Copa América. **Esporte B4**

Vacinação no Brasil

% da população vacinada*	2ª dose	3ª dose
Brasil	14,2	30,0
MS	18,0	42,0
RS	12,3	36,4
ES	14,4	35,2

Cobertura da primeira dose*



Total de doses aplicadas 22,8 mil 48,2 mil

1ª SP	5,8 mil	12,5 mil
2ª RJ	2,4 mil	4,9 mil
3ª BA	1,6 mil	3,6 mil

Fonte: dados do Ministério da Saúde. *Dados de 14 dias.

Anvisa dá aval para importar vacinas russa e indiana

A Anvisa aprovou, com restrições, pedidos de aval à importação das vacinas contra a Covid Covaxin, da Índia, e Sputnik V, da Rússia. A medida, que abre espaço para utilização dos firmamentos, depende de condições como mais estudos de efetividade e entrega de novos dados. O uso pode ser suspenso em caso de novas avaliações da agência ou da Organização Mundial de Saúde. **Saúde B8**



FERIADO TEM AGLOMERAÇÕES

A região do Capivari, em Campos do Jordão (SP), ficou lotada no Corpus Christi, que abre temporada de inverno na cidade; festas clandestinas se espalharam pelo país. **Curiosidades B4**

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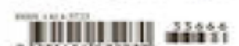
Novo vídeo reforça ideia de 'gabinete paralelo' na Saúde

Reunido com médicos em setembro de 2020, Jair Bolsonaro recebeu a sugestão de criar um "gabinete das sombras", fora do escrutínio público, para tratar da pandemia. A ideia foi do virologista Paulo Zanotto, em vídeo gravado pelo Planalto. **Poder A13**

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Des enquêteurs américains traquent les mensonges de Pékin et pointent la possibilité d'une « fuite de laboratoire » survenue à l'automne 2019 à l'Institut de virologie de Wuhan. PAGES 2 À 4 ET L'ÉDITORIAL

Régionales : les électeurs adhèrent de moins en moins au front republicain

Des Républicains à la gauche en passant par LREM, les divergences sur la stratégie à adopter divisent au sein même de chaque parti. Quant aux Français, sommés par le passé de

faire barrage au Front national, ils semblent, dans la dernière vague du baromètre de la « protestation électorale » de la Fondapol pour *Le Figaro*, lassés de la consigne. PAGES 6 À 9



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Mensonge d'État

La seule chose dont la Chine ne s'est jamais cachée depuis l'apparition du coronavirus, c'est son refus absolu de la transparence et de la vérité. « Vous ne devez révéler à personne cette nouvelle pneumonie ! », fut le premier ordre donné à la directrice des urgences de l'hôpital de Wuhan. Depuis, Pékin consacre tous ses efforts à se dédouaner, à effacer les traces, à rejeter le blâme sur d'autres et à redorer son image à coups de masques et de vaccins, en ignorant les questions légitimes d'une planète qui a perdu au bas mot 4 millions de vies. Une obsession de l'esquive illustrée par ce tweet l'an dernier de Zhao Lijian, porte-parole de la diplomatie chinoise: « L'armée américaine pourrait avoir apporté l'épidémie à Wuhan. Soyez transparents ! Les États-Unis nous doivent une explication ! »

Ils sont en passe d'en donner une, qui ne sera pas du goût de Xi Jinping. Les enquêteurs du Département d'État et des services de renseignement américains ont établi qu'au moins trois employés de l'Institut de virologie de Wuhan avaient été hospitalisés avec les symptômes du Sars-CoV-2 dès novembre 2019, plusieurs semaines avant l'alerte of-

ficielle. La thèse d'un « accident de laboratoire » s'en trouve relancée – et la crédibilité de Pékin encore affaiblie. Militarisation des programmes de recherche, mise à l'écart d'experts français, expériences risquées de « gain de fonction » par lesquelles on dope la puissance d'un virus: une à une, les pièces du puzzle se mettent en place. Joe Biden n'a pu que reprendre à son compte le défi lancé par Donald Trump à « l'empereur rouge ».

Les pièces du puzzle de Wuhan se mettent en place

La preuve irréfutable d'un mensonge d'État sera difficile à obtenir tant que le régime chinois ne fait pas sa « glasnost », si cela arrive un jour. Mais on peut d'ores et déjà en tirer une leçon: les laboratoires de virologie, même civils, où des Docteur Mabuse jonglent avec la mort devraient être surveillés d'aussi près par la communauté internationale que les arsenaux nucléaires ou chimiques. Quant aux Chinois pressés de supplanter le modèle occidental, leur montée en puissance réputée inexorable risque de trainer longtemps comme un boulet la dissimulation géante de Wuhan. ■

Orange sur la défensive après la panne des numéros d'urgence

Cinq décès sont potentiellement liés à la défaillance des numéros d'urgence. Plusieurs enquêtes sont ouvertes pour déterminer le rôle de la panne dans ces drames. Le gouver-

nement a annoncé un audit complet du réseau et des services de l'opérateur Orange, dont le PDG, Stéphane Richard (photo), a vécu une véritable semaine noire. PAGE 12



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School leaders are calling for pupils to be vaccinated as a matter of priority after UK regulators approved a jab for 12- to 15-year-olds and data showed outbreaks of the Delta variant in schools throughout England.

The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) gave its approval yesterday for the use of the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine in children aged 12 to 15, authorising

its use among all but the youngest secondary school pupils. But a decision on whether and when it will be rolled out to children will fall to the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) and, ultimately, ministers.

Teaching union and school leaders said that starting vaccinations for teenagers soon could mean most would have received two doses by the start of the new school year, minimising the risk of further disruption to their education.

The approval came on the day new

government-commissioned research showed that a decade's worth of progress in reducing the attainment gap for disadvantaged children may have been eradicated in the pandemic.

But some scientists warned it could be unethical to prioritise jabs for children, who are at extremely low risk of serious illness from Covid, given the small chance of side-effects and as vaccine rates remain low in many other countries. It came as:

● Daily reported Covid cases exceeded 6,000 across the UK for the first time since March, while infection

levels rose 75% in England in the last week of May, according to the Office for National Statistics.

● Prof Neil Ferguson of Imperial College London warned the Delta variant, first identified in India, was 30% to 100% more transmissible than the previously dominant Alpha variant.

● Almost 400,000 people in the UK reported symptoms of long Covid for at least a year after their initial infection.

After the approval of the Pfizer vaccine for children, Hamid Patel, chief executive of the

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