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A booming U.S. economy that is driving inflation higher around the world and pushing up the U.S. dollar is pressing some central banks to increase interest rates, despite still-high levels of Covid-19 infections and incomplete economic recoveries in their own countries. **A1**

◆ **Gold dropped sharply** and the dollar rose Thursday after the Fed signaled it may raise interest rates sooner than expected. **B1**

◆ **The Dow and S&P 500** declined 0.6% and 0.04%, respectively, while advances in technology shares helped the Nasdaq gain 0.9%. **B15**

◆ **China's ByteDance**, the owner of popular short-video app TikTok, told employees that its revenue last year more than doubled to \$34.3 billion. **B1**

◆ **Chinese regulators** have intensified scrutiny of dozens of domestic internet companies for possible antitrust violations. **B4**

◆ **Lordstown said** in a filing that although it has struck vehicle-purchase agreements with fleet-management firms, the agreements don't represent binding purchase orders. **B3**

◆ **The SEC is investigating** whether the recently dismissed chairman of the PCAOB violated any rules in his handling of internal complaints at the regulator. **B14**

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◆ **The Supreme Court** rejected a challenge to the ACA from Republican-led states in a 7-2 decision on grounds they lacked standing to bring the case. It was the third time the court has preserved the law. **A1, A6**

◆ **The justices ruled** that a Catholic social-service agency was entitled to a Philadelphia contract even if its religious views prevented it from complying with local policies forbidding discrimination against same-sex couples. **A6**

◆ **The high court ruled** that Nestlé USA and Cargill can't be sued in U.S. courts for abuses allegedly committed in Ivory Coast. **A6**

◆ **The Boy Scouts** are nearing a settlement with lawyers for sex-abuse victims that marks a major step for the youth group's efforts to end the largest bankruptcy case ever filed over childhood abuse. **A1**

◆ **A growing bipartisan** group of lawmakers and the White House haggled over how to finance a roughly \$1 trillion infrastructure plan, as Democrats began talks on a separate economic package that could cost up to \$6 trillion. **A4**

◆ **The U.S. will invest** over \$3 billion on developing and manufacturing antiviral pills to treat the coronavirus. **A8**

◆ **Died: Kenneth Kaunda**, 97, Zambia's first president. **A9**

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Law Makes Juneteenth a Holiday to Celebrate Slavery's End

ON THE CALENDAR: President Biden signs the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act on Thursday in the East Room of the White House, establishing the first new federal holiday created by Congress in nearly four decades. **A4**

U.S. Stirs Global Inflation Fears

America's recovery ripples through prices, currencies, forcing rate hikes in some nations

A booming U.S. economy that is driving inflation higher around the world and pushing up the U.S. dollar is pressing some central banks to increase interest rates, despite still-high levels of Covid-19 infections and incomplete economic recovery in their own countries.

The world's central banks are hanging on how the U.S. Federal Reserve will respond to a rise in inflation, wary of being caught in the crosscurrents of an extraordinary U.S. economic expansion. Global stock markets fell Thursday after Fed officials signaled they expect to raise interest rates by late 2023, sooner than they anticipated in March, as the U.S. economy heats up.

By Tom Fairless in Frankfurt and Paul Hannon in London

higher interest rates, with the Fed at the center, risks stifling the economic recovery in some places, especially at a time when emerging-market debt has risen.

The size of the U.S. economy, accounting for almost a quarter of world gross domestic product, and the importance of its financial markets have long exerted an outsized pull on global policy making. But unusually brisk U.S. growth this year is critical to a world economy still recovering from last year's shocks. Fed officials expect the U.S. economy to grow 7% this year, according to projections.

Scouts Near Deal On Claims Of Abuse

By Kris Maher and Andrew Scurria

The Boy Scouts of America are nearing a settlement with lawyers for sex-abuse victims that marks a major step for the youth group's efforts to end the largest bankruptcy case ever filed over childhood abuse.

The Boy Scouts are close to agreeing on a victim-compensation framework with a coalition of victims' law firms that represent the bulk of the 84,000 men who stepped forward to file claims over sexual abuse in scouting programs, the people familiar with the matter said. Details are still being hammered out, and there is no guarantee a final settlement will materialize, they said.

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KEVIN MAZURSKI FOR WSJ

MANSION

A venture capitalist's Hamptons retreat reflects her passion for female success. **M1**

SBA Struggles to Get Aid Into the Hands of Businesses

Pandemic-driven demand overwhelmed government aid programs

By Amara Omeokwe and Ruth Simon

In the pandemic shutdown last year, three-quarters of the nation's small employers turned to the Small Business Administration for help. The portfolio that includes loans issued or guaranteed by the federal agency swelled more than five times to nearly \$900 billion.

Avocado Thieves Discover That Money Does Grow on Trees

Global popularity draws brazen heists, patrols by orchard security teams

By Alexandra Wexler

TZANEEN, South Africa—Avocado farmer Mark Alcock has motion-activated infrared cameras dotting 170 acres of groves that send intruder alerts to his phone. The beeps typically wake him at least once an hour, every night.

It's usually bush pigs, porcupines or baboons. "But there's always that chance it'll be someone coming to steal," he said. "It's just getting out of hand." The cameras are part of an elaborate antitheft system that includes a rapid-response team run by an ex-military man and expert in tracker dogs.

South Africa is the world's sixth-largest avocado exporter, and farmers like Mr. Al-

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'Fight to the death'

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Iran election Frontrunners are poles apart

Supporters of Iranian presidential candidate Ebrahim Raisi hold photos of him at a campaign rally in Tehran before today's presidential election.

The sole reformist candidate told the FT that, if he wins, his priority would be the revival of the 2015 nuclear accord and an agreement to lift US sanctions.

Polls suggest Hemmati is running a distant second to his main rival, hardliner Ebrahim Raisi. The odds appear stacked against his pulling off a shock victory, but his comments highlight what is at stake in the election.

Raisi has said that his focus would be on bolstering domestic industrial production and is not expected to prioritise relations with western states.

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Abdolkarim Taherian/ISA/REUTERS

CureVac jab trial showing efficacy below 50% triggers shares plunge

◆ Range of Covid variants blamed ◆ German state holds 23% stake ◆ EU drive not affected

NIKKUN ASGAR — NEW YORK
ERIKA SOLOMON — BERLIN

CureVac's late-stage trial of its coronavirus vaccine has shown the jab is just 47 per cent effective, dealing a big blow to a pharmaceutical group championed by the German government and sending its share price plummeting.

The EU had high hopes that CureVac's mRNA vaccine would be an early success story, with the bloc agreeing last November to buy up to 405m shots, its biggest single initial order of any jab. The German government also snapped up a 23 per cent stake in the company last year.

The results push CureVac further behind its main rivals, Moderna, BioNTech and Pfizer, whose mRNA vaccines were the first to reach the market.

Based in the south-west German city of Tübingen, CureVac had aimed to produce 500m doses of its vaccine this year and 1bn in 2022. Ursula von der Leyen, European Commission president, expressed hopes in March last year that CureVac might have a jab ready as early as autumn 2020.

Shares in the group, which investors have raced to back since it listed on Wall Street in August 2020, plunged as much as 50 per cent yesterday. CureVac attributed the underwhelming results to strains of the virus circulating in 10 countries in Latin America and Europe, where its trials were carried out. In its study of 40,000 people, CureVac said 13 variants were found, with more than half of the coronavirus cases caused by variants of concern.

"While we were hoping for a stronger interim outcome, we recognise that demonstrating high efficacy in this unprecedented broad diversity of variants is challenging," said Franz-Werner Haas, chief executive of CureVac.

However, real-world evidence and lab studies from other big vaccine makers show their shots are still more able to tackle variants than CureVac's jab.

Data from Public Health England showed that two doses of the Pfizer vaccine were 88 per cent effective against the Delta variant, and two shots of Oxford/AstraZeneca jab were 60 per cent effective.

The CureVac results should not hamper EU efforts to secure sufficient vaccine doses to immunise 70 per cent of adults by next month, as the bloc was



Unlike some of its rivals, the CureVac vaccine is stable at normal temperatures

not relying on CureVac shots to hit that number. The EU has made the Pfizer jab the backbone of its inoculation drive.

CureVac said it would continue analysing final data from its vaccine trial, in the hope it could find a population subset to use as a primary shot or booster. "There is a lot of vaccine out there, but it's not enough for the whole world," said Pierre Kemula, CureVac's finance chief, adding that it would analyse 200 cases from the trial to try to find a "sweet spot" for where the jab could be used.

Unlike Moderna and Pfizer vaccines, CureVac's mRNA is unmodified, has a lower cost of production and is stable at conventional temperatures.

Additional reporting by Michael Peel in Brussels and Hannah Kuchler in London
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Washington has sued to block Aon's takeover of Willis Towers Watson on antitrust grounds, thereby threatening a \$50bn deal intended to create the world's biggest insurance broker. — PAGE 6; LEX, PAGE 18

► Fraud head warns EU on rescue funds
The bloc faces a "big risk" of abuses in its €800bn post-pandemic recovery fund because some nations refuse to sign up to a common transactions database, Brussels' anti-fraud chief has warned. — PAGE 2

► Ebay to offload \$ Korean unit for \$5bn
Ebay is to sell its South Korea unit to a consortium for \$3.1bn as local rivals seek to challenge SoftBank-backed Coupang in the world's fourth-largest ecommerce sector. — PAGE 8



► JPMorgan to acquire UK's Nutmeg
The US bank has agreed to buy British digital wealth management platform Nutmeg in a deal that will net it billions of pounds in assets in Britain as it prepares to enter the country's retail banking market. — PAGE 8

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► OnlyFans' owner explores share sale
The UK owner of the online platform, where sex workers and celebrities sell subscription content, is exploring a share sale to new investors after its popularity soared during Covid lockdowns. — PAGE 8

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Knee support



Euro 2020 football players have been kneeling to back the Black Lives Matter cause. An opinion poll showed approval for the gesture outweighed opposition. Those professing an interest in football were likely to be more supportive.



British bitcoin buyers still unaware of crypto risks

The British public's understanding of cryptocurrencies, including people who have actually invested in the assets, has dropped even as the popularity of the digital coins has risen. Of the many UK adults to have taken a punt during lockdowns, 30 per cent failed to pick the correct definition of cryptos from a list. It underlines fears that warnings from the regulator that anyone buying cryptos should be prepared to lose all their money have failed to hit home.

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Warner Music splashes out \$100m for DJ's catalogue as rights values boom

ANNA NICOLAOU — NEW YORK

Superstar DJ David Guetta has agreed to sell his recorded music catalogue to Warner Music as part of a deal worth more than \$100m, the latest sign of the booming market for music rights.

The 55-year-old French DJ and producer behind hits such as "Titanium" and "Play Hard" is one of the younger musicians to cash in on soaring demand for music rights from private equity groups, record labels and speciality funds such as Hipgnosis.

Warner will acquire Guetta's two-decade back catalogue of recorded music as part of the deal, which includes an agreement for future recordings. The terms were not disclosed but the price was above \$100m, according to a person familiar with the matter.

"A lot of people approached us to

express interest in David's catalogue," said Jean-Charles Carre, Guetta's manager.

Guetta said the deal would help with "working my extensive catalogue and continuing to build my career".

Musicians including Bob Dylan, Blondie and Stevie Nicks have sold their songwriting catalogues in response to the rise in valuations and the lack of touring income during the pandemic. The dealmaking frenzy has doubled the value of songwriting copyrights over the past five years.

But Guetta, who has sold some 50m albums during his career, is unique in selling his own recordings, which are managed separately from a song's underlying composition. Most artists do not own their recorded music, which they typically cede to record labels.

In recent years some artists have

railed against this system, notably Taylor Swift, whose recordings were sold to investors. Swift has started releasing new versions of her old albums in an effort to devalue her back catalogue and scuttle the deal.

Thanks to the rise of streaming, revenue in the music sector has grown for six consecutive years, including a 7.4 per cent rise last year to \$21.6bn, according to the industry group IFPI. Paid-for streaming has increased the value of music rights and given older songs a new lease on life.

Warner Music, which is behind artists including Lizzo and Ed Sheeran, reported net income of \$117m on \$1.3bn in revenue in the quarter to the end of March. The group went public last year, reaping \$1.9bn for owner Leonard Blavatnik. Its shares have fallen 7 per cent this year, valuing it at \$17.6bn.

World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				INTEREST RATES			
	Jun 17	prev	%chg		Jun 17	prev	%chg		price	yield	chg
S&P 500	4215.24	4223.70	-0.20	\$ per £	1.134	1.212	-6.70%	US Gov 10 yr	146.36	1.48	0.00
Nasdaq Composite	14140.14	14009.68	0.72	\$ per €	1.395	1.410	-1.06%	UK Gov 10 yr		0.78	0.04
Dow Jones Ind	33759.54	34003.67	-0.81	€ per £	0.896	0.899	-0.34%	Gov 10 yr		-0.24	0.01
FTSE Eurofirst 300	1773.48	1774.33	-0.05	¥ per \$	110.225	109.945	0.25%	Japan Gov 10 yr	116.80	0.06	0.02
Euro Stoxx 50	4167.22	4151.76	0.13	¥ per €	153.776	155.082	-0.84%	US Gov 30 yr	110.18	2.99	-0.08
FTSE 100	7163.43	7184.95	-0.44	SFr per £	1.093	1.099	-0.55%	Gov 2 yr	105.92	-0.67	0.01
FTSE All-Share	4071.33	4088.47	-0.42	€ per \$	0.637	0.625	1.94%				
CAC 40	6966.29	6962.05	0.20								
Shanghai	15227.67	15218.57	0.11								
Nikkei	28018.33	28291.01	-0.93								
Hong Kong	29958.99	29436.94	0.43								
MSCI World \$	3008.48	3017.27	-0.29	Oil WTI \$	69.91	72.15	-3.10%	Fed Funds Eff	0.06	0.07	-0.01
MSCI EM \$	1370.00	1378.27	-0.60	Oil Brent \$	72.12	74.39	-3.05%	US 3m Bills	0.04	0.03	0.01
MSCI ACWI \$	717.84	720.23	-0.33	Gold \$	1800.75	1805.10	-0.23%	Euro Libor 3m	-0.55	-0.55	0.00
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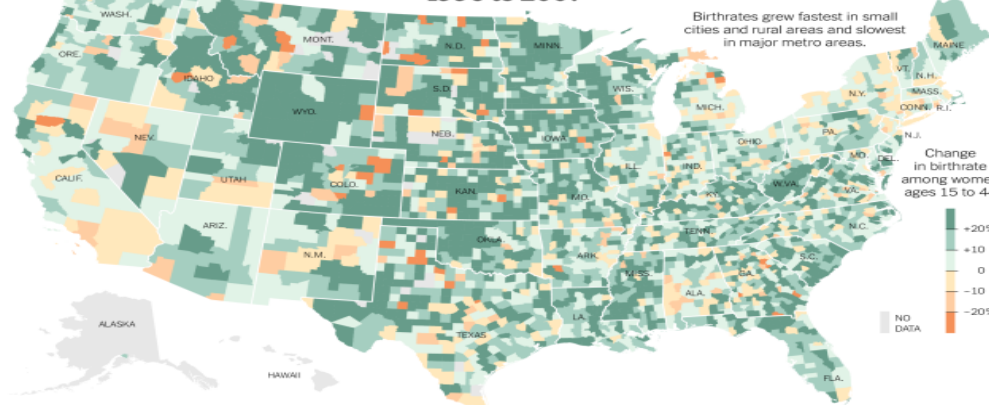


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Today, sunshine mixing with clouds, warmer, high 83. Tonight, cloudy, showers late, low 68. Tomorrow, clouds, sunshine, thunderstorms, high 88. Weather map, Page A18.

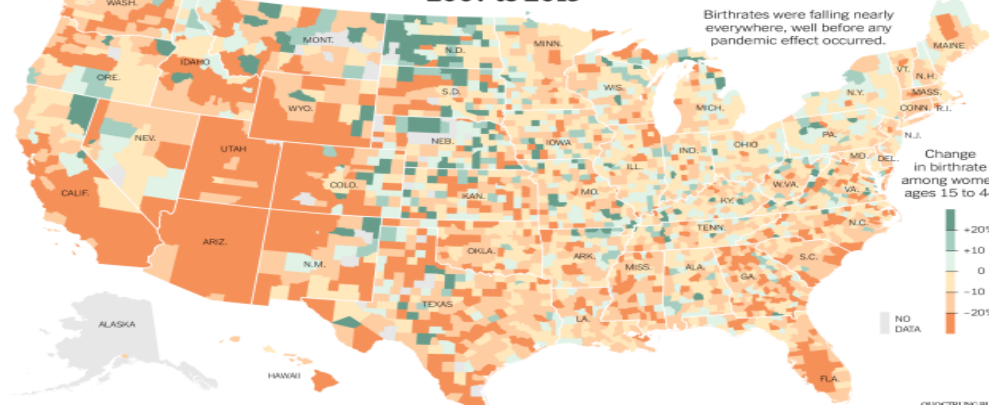
A Nation Increasingly Waits to Start a Family

Birthrates have dropped steeply in much of the country since the financial crisis of 2007 to 2009.

1996 to 2007



2007 to 2019



Source: Analysis of C.D.C. records by Caitlin Myers of Middlebury College

American Women Shuffle Their Priorities, Delaying Motherhood

This article is by **Sabrina Tavernise, Claire Cain Miller, Quoc Trung Bui and Robert Gebeloff.**

PHOENIX — Luz Portillo, the oldest daughter of Mexican immigrants, has many plans. She is studying to be a skin care expert. She has also applied to nursing school. She works full time, too — as a nurse's aide and doing eyelash extensions, a business she would like to grow.

But one thing she has no plans for anytime soon is a baby. Ms. Portillo's mother had her when she was 16. Her father has worked as a landscaper for as long as she can remember. She wants a career and more control over her life. "I can't get pregnant, I can't get pregnant," she said she tells herself. "I have to have a career and a job. If I don't, it's like everything my parents did goes in vain." For decades, delaying parent-

Births Fall as Schooling and Jobs Come First

hood was the domain of upper-middle-class Americans, especially in big, coastal cities. Highly educated women put off having a baby until their careers were on track, often until their early 30s. But over the past decade, as more

women of all social classes have prioritized education and career, delaying childbearing has become a broad pattern among American women almost everywhere. The result has been the slowest growth of the American population since the 1930s, and a profound change in American motherhood. Women under 30 have become much less likely to have children. Since 2007, the birthrate for women in their 20s has fallen by

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Iran Edges Toward 1-Party Rule As Clerics Sideline Moderates

By **VIVIAN YEE** and **FARNAZ FASSIHI**

TEHRAN — Come presidential election time, the streets of central Tehran are usually wallpapered with the candidates' names and faces, their banners swaying from buildings and streetlights. But this time around, the biggest banners bear no names, only a simple message: Vote on Friday. One common poster shows the bloody severed hand of Gen. Qasim Soleimani — the Iranian commander whose killing in an American drone strike in January 2020 brought throngs of Iranians into the streets in mourning — casting

Presidential Vote With Near-Certain Victor

a white ballot. "Do it for his sake," the poster implores. The message is unambiguous: Vote, and you support the Islamic Revolution for which General Soleimani gave his life. Don't, and you undermine the whole system. Since the revolution in 1979 toppled the monarchy, Iran has been run by parallel branches of gov-

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Critics Fault Mayoral Candidate Over Her Work on Police Board

By **DANA RUBINSTEIN** and **MIHIR ZAVERI**

Maya Wiley's bid to become mayor of New York City is based largely on her promise to overhaul the Police Department, and she often highlights her one-year stint as head of the city's police watchdog agency, the Civilian Complaint Review Board, as evidence of her commitment. In particular, she focuses on the agency's role in the 2019 firing of Daniel Pantaleo, the police officer whose chokehold led to Eric Garner's death in 2014 — a flash point that became the impetus for the Black Lives Matter movement.

Wiley Puts Focus on Her Role as a Watchdog

But a review of her time leading the agency paints a more complicated picture of her actions in that case and of her experience holding officers accountable. Her critics say that the board felt more beholden to City Hall during her tenure, and they charge that the agency's management and performance suffered. Ms. Wiley also faced criticism

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JUSTICES FEND OFF 3RD G.O.P. ATTEMPT TO SCRAP CARE ACT

7-to-2 Ruling Solidifies Law but Sidesteps Issue of Individual Mandate

By **ADAM LIPTAK**

WASHINGTON — The Affordable Care Act on Thursday survived a third major challenge as the Supreme Court, on a 7-to-2 vote, turned aside the latest effort by Republicans to kill the health care law. The legislation, President Barack Obama's defining domestic legacy, has been the subject of relentless Republican hostility. But attempts in Congress to repeal it failed, as did two earlier Supreme Court challenges, in 2012 and 2015. With the passing years, the law gained popularity and became woven into the fabric of the health care system.

On Thursday, in what Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr. called, in dissent, "the third installment in our epic Affordable Care Act trilogy," the Supreme Court again sustained the law. Its future now seems secure and its potency as a political issue for Republicans reduced.

The margin of victory was wider than in the earlier cases, with six members of the court joining Justice Stephen G. Breyer's modest and technical majority opinion, one that said only that the 18 Republican-led states and two individuals who brought the case had not suffered the sort of direct injury that gave them standing to sue.

Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr., who had cast the decisive vote to save the law in 2012, was in the majority. So was Justice Clarence Thomas, who had dissented in the earlier decisions.

"Whatever the act's dubious history in this court," Justice Thomas wrote in a concurring opinion, "we must assess the current suit on its own terms. And, here, there is a fundamental problem with the arguments advanced by the plaintiffs in attacking the act — they have not identified any unlawful action that has injured them."

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Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. voted with the majority.

NEXT BATTLES The debate over health care will go on. PAGE A17
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Court Supports Catholic Agency In Dispute on Gay Foster Parents

By **ADAM LIPTAK**

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court ruled unanimously on Thursday that a Catholic social services agency in Philadelphia could defy city rules and refuse to work with same-sex couples who apply to take in foster children.

The decision, in the latest clash between antidiscrimination principles and claims of conscience, was a setback for gay rights and further evidence that religious groups almost always prevail in the current court.

The court's surprising consensus on a case that pitted gay rights against religious rights masked deep divisions, with the three most conservative justices issuing caustic concurring opinions

Decision Is Unanimous in Philadelphia Case

criticizing the decision as excessively timid and so narrow as to be meaningless. Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr., writing for six members of the court, focused narrowly on the terms of the city's contract with foster care agencies, which forbids discrimination based on, among other things, sexual orientation. But the contract allows city officials to make exceptions, he wrote, and that doomed the requirement that the Catholic agency must screen same-sex couples.

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With Midterms in Sight, 'Crisis' Is Watchword for Republicans

By **JONATHAN WEISMAN**

WASHINGTON — House Republican leaders would like everyone to know that the nation is in crisis.

There is an economic crisis, they say, with rising prices and overblown unemployment benefits; a national security crisis; a border security crisis; and its attendant homeland security crisis, humanitarian crisis, and public health crisis; and a separate energy crisis.

Pressed this week on whether the nation was really so belea-

Trump Era's Big Lesson: Outrage Works

guered, the No. 2 Republican in the House, Representative Steve Scalise of Louisiana, thought of still more crises: anti-Semitism in the Democratic ranks, "yet another crisis," he asserted, and a labor shortage crisis. "Unfortunately they're all real," he said, capping a 25-minute news conference in which the word "crisis" was used once

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Kenneth Kaunda served as his country's president for 27 years after independence in 1964. He was 97. PAGE B12



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June 19 is now a U.S. holiday, commemorating slavery's end, and will be in effect for the first time Friday. PAGE A21

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Christopher Cerrone's recent works, including a new album, aim to take simple materials and turn them into — and build "dense, formally crystalline worlds out of them." PAGE C1

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Athletes Pass Up the Shot

As American sports strive to get fully back to normal, the biggest hurdle may be the vaccination hesitancy among some elite competitors. PAGE B7



Rush to inoculate children debated

Risks of COVID shots may outweigh benefits in healthy kids, some vaccine experts say.

BY MELISSA HEALY

From the earliest days of the pandemic, doctors and public health officials have seen widespread vaccination as the most effective way to stop COVID-19 in its tracks. But a growing contingent of medical experts is now questioning whether that conventional wisdom ought to apply to children.

Their doubts are not borne of conspiracy beliefs, but couched in the carefully calibrated language of risk and benefit. And they're expected to get a public airing Friday as advisors to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ponder a spate of post-vaccine heart problems in adolescents and young adults.

No one is arguing that COVID-19 immunizations for kids should stop altogether. Rather, a debate has erupted over the need to inoculate healthy children as soon as possible and according to the two-dose regimen authorized by the Food and Drug Administration.

The vaccines made by Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna have been administered safely to millions of adults and been vetted in several thousand adolescents. But neither has been subjected to exhaustive testing in diverse pediatric populations, as is typically required for a vaccine intended for universal use in kids.

The FDA authorized the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine for emergency use in adolescents as young as 12 on May 10. In the weeks that have followed, the safety

[See Kids, A6]

State surpasses 40 million doses
Officials announce the COVID-19 vaccine milestone in an already historic week. **CALIFORNIA, B1**



Photographs by EVAN VUCCI Associated Press

Juneteenth becomes a U.S. holiday

President Biden signs a bill making Juneteenth, or June 19, a federal holiday, marking the end of slavery in the U.S. "This is a day of profound weight and profound power," said Biden, joined in the White House East Room by Vice President Kamala Harris, lawmakers and Opal Lee, second from left in front, a 94-year-old Texas activist known as the "Grandmother of Juneteenth." **NATION, A4**



Job-search requirement returning

California will restore waived rule on unemployment benefits

BY PATRICK MCGREEVY

SACRAMENTO — With the pandemic waning, Californians who receive unemployment benefits will have to show next month that they are looking for work, a requirement that the state waived last year when COVID-19 led to economic upheaval.

Claimants for unemployment benefits must start job hunting July 12 so they can attest that they are doing so when certifying their eligibility a week later with the state Employment Development Department, the agency announced Thursday.

To show they are looking for work, unemployment benefit recipients can create an account at the state's CalJOBS website and

\$150 billion
Amount the EDD has paid in benefits since the pandemic began.

1.12 million
Backlog of claims that have seen approval delayed by more than 21 days.

post a profile on various job search sites, said Rita Saenz, director of the EDD. They can also apply for suitable jobs or let prior employers and community members know they are looking for work to satisfy the requirement.

"We want to make sure those on unemployment have enough lead time to start searching for work so they can remain eligible for benefits as they seek their next career opportunity," Saenz said Thursday.

Faced with an unprecedented 22.5 million unemployment claims, the state in March 2020 temporarily waived the requirement on searching for work to expedite payment of benefits and to recognize that there were potential health risks involved in returning to jobs while the pandemic [See Search, A8]

STATE AMENDS WORKER MASK RULES

Most fully vaccinated employees can shed coverings; distancing mandates are lifted.

BY LUKE MONEY

California's circuitous journey to relaxing coronavirus-related workplace safety rules finally reached its destination Thursday, when the state moved to end physical distancing requirements for all workers and allow most fully vaccinated employees in many workplaces to stop wearing masks.

The 5-1 decision from the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board followed more than two hours of public comment, during which a number of business groups urged board members to go even further and eliminate any additional pandemic-related restrictions on workplaces, while labor representatives said it's still too early to pull back on the protective measures that have long guided the state's COVID-19 response.

"While I understand the proposal in front of us today is extremely controversial and inconvenient, now I don't think it is the time to let our guard down," board member David Harrison said. "We need to do everything reasonable and I highlight reasonable ... within our power to protect employees in California."

Normally, it would take at least 10 days for any board-advanced standards to go into effect, as they are subject to review by the State Office of Administrative Law. But Gov. Gavin Newsom signed an executive order almost immediately after the decision to allow the revisions to take effect without the typical waiting period.

Workplaces still will be required to provide masks to workers who are not fully vaccinated and make sure [See Workers, A6]



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DEPUTY Public Defender Mercedes Cook speaks with Randall Gibson, 39, right, at the homeless court held in a Redondo Beach Police Department parking lot.

COLUMN ONE

Justice has a softer touch at a homeless court by the sea

BY DOUG SMITH

The defendants sat on folding chairs in a parking lot under a dappled sky. "Miss Scott, come on up here," Judge Rene Gilbertson said from behind an elevated desk. "Take your time."

Recovering meth addict

Michelle Scott limped on her cane to the folding table where the public defender sat.

"Miss Scott, you know what I'm getting ready to ask you," Gilbertson said. "How many days sober?"

"Six hundred," Scott said. The other defendants broke into applause. The outdoor court had

convened behind the Redondo Beach Police Department's Investigations Division, a pandemic adaptation that has proved so popular it will live on even after the all-clear to resume proceedings in the traditionally staid and, relatively speaking, distant courthouse in Torrance.

The informality of the [See Court, A12]

Justices reject new challenge to Obamacare

In a 7-2 vote, Supreme Court dismisses the latest attempt to void the Affordable Care Act, including protections for preexisting conditions. **NATION, A5**

Vote to rescind war resolution
With President Biden's backing, House moves to repeal the 2002 authorization for use of military force in Iraq. **NATION, A4**

China spaceship hits a milestone

Country's ambitious space program gets a boost as three-person crew connects with the new Tianhe space station. **WORLD, A3**

Measure J ruled unconstitutional

Judge strikes down the charter amendment L.A. County voters approved to set aside funds for social services. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

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Report on alleged sexual abuse rocks boarding school

Ojai's elite Thacher discloses accusations of faculty misconduct dating to the 1980s.

BY BRITTNEY MEDIA, MATT HAMILTON, MELISSA GOMEZ AND HARRIET RYAN

The Thacher School, among California's most elite private schools, acknowledged Wednesday decades of allegations of student sexual misconduct, harassment and "boundary crossing" by faculty members at the \$64.700-a-year Ojai boarding academy.

In an extraordinary public disclosure, the allegations at the exclusive high school were compiled in a report posted on its website. In it, attorneys hired by Thacher laid out allegations of rape, groping, unwanted touching and inappropriate comments dating back 40 years in a level of detail surprising for a private institution.

The 90-page document identified six alleged perpetrators by name and re-

counted in lengthy passages the accusations of misconduct — and alleged efforts by former school administrators to cover up complaints and blame teenage victims.

In the most serious episode described, an alumna from the 1980s accused her English teacher of repeatedly raping her, starting when she was 16. The school did not call police but dispatched a male assistant headmaster who reportedly asked the girl if she "enjoyed" the sex, the report said. The counselor later included her "unfortunate involvement with a faculty member" in a letter of recommendation for college.

The report was completed by the Los Angeles law firm Munger, Tolles & Olson, which the school's trustees hired in August to conduct an investigation spurred by an alumni social media campaign, including an Instagram account, @peculiarteacher.

The account described itself as "a safe space" for those victimized at the school and led to the law firm's inquiry, which included interviews with more [See Thacher, A5]

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Rep. James E. Clyburn (D-S.C.), Rep. Shelia Jackson Lee (D-Tex.), center, and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) celebrate the signing of the Juneteenth bill, championed by the Congressional Black Caucus and passed in an unexpected bipartisan agreement.

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Embracing history, seeking more

Biden uses Juneteenth holiday bill-signing to also push for action on voting, other equity measures

BY SEUNG MIN KIM

President Biden on Thursday signed into law a measure that establishes Juneteenth as a federal holiday, taking advantage of sudden and broad bipartisan agreement to commemorate the end of slavery in the United States after years of debate and inaction.

In signing the measure — which resulted in an unexpected day off Friday for federal workers — Biden also used the occasion to advocate for more aggressive action on voting access and other racial equity measures that have been at the heart of his administration's agenda.

"Great nations don't ignore their most painful moments. They embrace them," Biden said in a ceremony in the East Room of the White House. "Great nations embrace their history."

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The long road to freedom: Juneteenth, then and now

A history of the holiday and how it's been celebrated over the years. A14



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Martha Yates Jones, left, and Pinkie Yates ride in a buggy decorated with flowers for an annual Juneteenth celebration outside Antioch Baptist Church in Houston.

Chinese bitcoin miners are breaking ground in the U.S.

BY GERRY SHIH

Jiang Zhuoer became a multi-millionaire a few years ago by operating some of the most lucrative mines in China. His commodity? Bitcoin.

Jiang had about 300,000 computers humming around-the-clock in 10 specially ventilated warehouses across remote northern China, guzzling enough electricity to power a small city. The sophisticated machines cost hundreds of millions of dollars. The digital currency they minted was worth even more.

Today, Jiang, a fast-talking 36-year-old, is winding down in China. He and several Chinese investors — some who became billionaires off bitcoin mining — are considering shipping equipment to Texas and Tennessee.

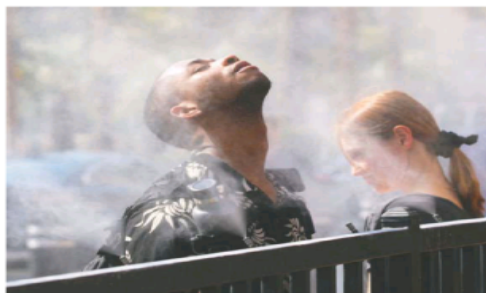
China's bitcoin moguls are coming to America.

For years, Chinese miners like Jiang were enabled by the glut of cheap — and often dirty — electricity in China, where a massive fleet of coal-fired plants and hydroelectric dams fueled the country's rise into an industrial behemoth. At their height in 2018, China's bitcoin prospectors accounted for 74 percent of the world's bitcoin production.

But this year, Chinese authorities are cracking down on cryptocurrency to dial back energy consumption and meet their climate goals, sending miners scattering. And increasingly, miners are decamping for places like Texas, South Dakota or Canada, launching a mass migration with implications for the evolving industry.

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Extreme heat blasts much of West



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Las Vegas Strip pedestrians stand in a water mister Wednesday amid a heat warning. Western states home to 40 million people are baking under record-breaking temperatures, exacerbated by climate change, that could top 110 degrees in some cities this weekend. Story, A3

Justices deliver strike three to ACA challengers

RULING SIGNALS END OF GOP LEGAL CRUSADE

Trump-backed suit imperiled health care for millions

BY ROBERT BARNES

The third attempt to derail the Affordable Care Act at the Supreme Court suffered the same unsuccessful fate of the first two on Thursday, and jubilant Democrats praised the decision preserving the law that now delivers health-care coverage to millions of Americans.

On a 7-to-2 vote, the court dismissed the latest challenge from Republican-led states and endorsed by the Trump administration. Justice Stephen G. Breyer's somewhat technical opinion said neither the states nor individual plaintiffs had legal standing to challenge the law, which also survived challenges in 2012 and 2015.

"This ruling reaffirms what we have long known to be true: the Affordable Care Act is here to stay," tweeted former president Barack Obama. The act is the landmark domestic achievement of his presidency and is now known by both supporters and detractors as Obamacare.

President Biden said he plans

to build on the program to offer more Americans health-care coverage.

"Today's U.S. Supreme Court decision is a major victory for all Americans benefiting from this groundbreaking and life-changing law," Biden said in a statement. "It is a victory for more than 130 million Americans with preexisting conditions and millions more who were in immediate danger of losing their health care in the midst of a once-in-a-century pandemic."

In a tweet, the president was more casual. "With millions of people relying on the Affordable Care Act for coverage, it remains, as ever, a BFD." That was a reference to his slightly profane description when Obama signed the law in 2010, and Biden was vice president.

The court's decision felt something like closure to a decade of attempts to overturn the law through the courts. Congress

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Aftermath: One side is downcast, the other fired with new hope. A10

Unanimous victory for Catholic foster service

Philadelphia had cut off agency over its exclusion of same-sex couples

BY ROBERT BARNES

The Supreme Court ruled unanimously Thursday that Philadelphia was wrong to end a Catholic group's contract to provide foster-care services because the organization refused to work with same-sex couples.

It was the latest victory for religious organizations at the increasingly conservative court, and the second time it has ruled against governments trying to enforce an anti-discrimination law protecting LGBT rights against those claiming religious liberty.

But the opinion, written by Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr., was narrow enough to draw the support of the court's three liberals — and the consternation of its three most conservative members for not going further.

Roberts reasoned that because Philadelphia theoretically allows some exceptions to its policy, the city had violated the Constitution's guarantee of free exercise of religion by not extending one to Catholic Social Services, which screens potential foster-care parents.

"CSS seeks only an accommodation that will allow it to continue serving the children of Philadelphia in a manner consistent with its religious beliefs; it does not seek to impose those beliefs on anyone else," Roberts wrote. "The refusal of Philadelphia to contract with CSS for the

SEE FOSTER CARE ON A11

Even as cases plummet, 'hygiene theater' persists

BY MARC FISHER

At an ice cream shop in Rockville, Md., gloved servers scoop the frozen treat into cups, but a sign taped to the front window says, "No cones: Covid." At McDonald's outlets along I-95 in Virginia, yellow police-style tape cordons off self-serve beverage stations. And at Nationals Park, baseball fans use a QR code and digital menu rather than ordering directly from the person who hands them their hot dog.

None of these precautions provide meaningful protection against the spread of the coronavirus, safety experts say. Instead, they are examples of what critics call "hygiene theater," the deployment of symbolic tactics that do little to prevent the spread of the

coronavirus but may make some anxious consumers feel safer. (The term is widely credited to Atlantic writer Derek Thompson, who catalogued ineffective but showy anti-covid tactics last summer.)

As the covid-19 death rate plummets in the United States and the number of vaccinations soars, the persistence of these practices is seriously frustrating folks who argue that their vaccinated status should free them from such annoying restrictions.

"We really should be scaling back on these precautions, especially on the steroidally boosted cleaning of surfaces," said Lindsey Leininger, a Dartmouth College

SEE VIRUS ON A6

Antiviral quest: U.S. to invest \$3.2 billion in drug research. A8

El clásico del Río de la Plata pone a prueba a la selección

Lionel Messi y Luis Suárez: los amigos, cara a cara; a las 21, Argentina-Uruguay se enfrentan por la segunda fecha de la Copa América. **Deportes**



NADAL NO ESTARÁ EN WIMBLEDON NI EN LOS JUEGOS OLÍMPICOS

—deportes

El español, número 3 del mundo, de 35 años, privilegió el descanso; la japonesa Naomi Osaka tampoco irá a Londres, pero sí a Tokio. **Página 7**

ROBAN PIEZAS DE UN MUSEO Y LOS VECINOS AYUDAN A BUSCARLAS

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Fue en el histórico museo regional de Malargüe, en el sur de la provincia de Mendoza; son objetos arqueológicos de hasta 2000 años de antigüedad. **Página 20**

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Tras el reclamo de EE.UU., el Gobierno respondió que tiene “un plan económico”

DEUDA. Washington había pedido un “marco sólido” para apoyar las negociaciones con el FMI

Luego de que Estados Unidos pidió un “marco sólido” para la economía argentina como condición para respaldar las negociaciones con el FMI, el Gobierno aseguró que existe un “plan”, que se sostiene en el “estímulo a las exportaciones” y la “sustitución de importaciones”.

La respuesta oficial fue planteada

por la vicejefa de Gabinete, Cecilia Todesca, quien afirmó que “cuando dicen que no hay un plan económico, es porque no es el plan que ellos quieren”. Si bien la funcionaria apuntó a la oposición, sus declaraciones se produjeron un día después de que el subsecretario del Tesoro de los Estados Unidos, Wally Adeyemo, informó

que le pidió al ministro de Economía, Martín Guzmán, “un marco de política económica sólido para la Argentina” para que Estados Unidos apoye las negociaciones con el FMI y el Club de París. El 31 de julio vence la prórroga vigente para pagar un vencimiento de deuda con el Club de París por US\$2400 millones. **Página 10**

CARNE

El Gobierno anunciará un “cepo light” para limitar la exportación de carne. El campo lo rechaza. **Página 16**

Cines y teatros porteños vuelven a levantar el telón

espectáculos— Después del cierre obligado en abril a causa de la pandemia, los cines y teatros de la ciudad reabrirán a partir de hoy con estrictos protocolos y medidas sanitarias. Con cartelera renovada, ayer se preparaban para una reapertura segura



Personal del Multitabaris-Comafi desinfectaba ayer la sala ante la inminente reapertura

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“La propiedad privada es un derecho secundario”

VATICANO. Lo dijo el Papa en la apertura de la cumbre de la OIT. **Página 8**

El cierre de escuelas es perjudicial para el aprendizaje también en el largo plazo

INFORME. Medio año perdido en 2° grado provoca retrasos en el secundario

El cierre de escuelas no solamente tiene un efecto inmediato de retraso en los aprendizajes, sino también en el largo plazo. Así surge de una investigación internacio-

nal difundida por el Observatorio Argentinos por la Educación, que arroja datos contundentes: los alumnos que han perdido medio año de clases presenciales en se-

gundo grado, por ejemplo, habrán perdido el equivalente a 1,8 años de aprendizaje cuando estén en tercero o cuarto año del nivel secundario. **Página 2**

Agravan una condena a Milagro Sala por un escrache

JUJUY. La agresión había sido contra Morales, actual gobernador

La dirigente social Milagro Sala fue condenada a la pena de tres años y seis meses de prisión de cumplimiento efectivo por el violento escrache que sufrió el actual gobernador de Jujuy, Gerardo Morales, en 2009, cuando era senador.

Sala, que cumple arresto domiciliario, había sido condenada por daños a la pena de tres años, pero la Cámara de Casación ordenó dictar un nuevo fallo; esta vez, agregó el delito de amenazas. Grupos kirchneristas están organizando un acampe para reclamar por Sala en la Plaza de Mayo para el mes próximo. **Página 15**

EL ESCENARIO

Todos buscan repavimentar los carriles del medio

Claudio Jacquelin

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Las elecciones presidenciales de 2019 no solo devolvieron al poder al kirchnerismo. Consolidaron la polarización extrema y dinamitaron la, por entonces, gastada avenida del medio. Dos años después, se advierte un acelerado intento de repavimentar y ocupar los carriles centrales de la autopista política. Continúa en la página 14

Con una baja de más del 8%, la soja deja atrás el boom

ECONOMÍA. La salida de fondos empujó el precio a US\$488,60. **Página 17**

PT vê rejeição de Bolsonaro menor até o ano que vem

Apesar de ainda considerar Lula favorito, a cúpula do PT avalia que uma melhora na economia e a vacinação mais ampla contra a Covid podem fazer com que o presidente recupere sua popularidade e deixe a disputa eleitoral mais acirrada do que indicam hoje as pesquisas. Imagem de almoço do petista com bispo da Assembleia de Deus animados e irritou setores evangélicos. Poder A10

CPI perde fôlego e agora aposta em sigilos de Pazuello

Ausências de testemunhas-chave e depoimentos mornos esfriaram a CPI da Covid, que agora aposta em quebra de sigilos do ex-ministro Eduardo Pazuello. Poder A4 e A5

Comissão pede condução coercitiva e retenção de passaporte de Wizard AS

Vacinação salvou 40 mil idosos no Brasil, diz estudo

Pesquisa comparou o aumento de mortes esperado com a variante gama com o que de fato ocorreu. A diferença, uma redução na proporção de óbitos entre idosos, se deve à vacina, dizem os autores. Ontem o Brasil aplicou 2,2 milhões de doses, recorde. Saúde B1

Sobras poderiam alimentar pobres, afirma Guedes

Paulo Guedes disse ontem que classes média e alta exageraram nas refeições, e sobras de restaurantes poderiam servir "pessoas fragilizadas, mendigos, desamparados". Em aceno a supermercados, o governo avalia flexibilizar validade de alimentos. Mercado A16

Cristina Padiglione Globo não engoliu saída de Faustão

A decisão de antecipar a saída do ar de Faustão, sem direito a se despedir de seu público na tela após 32 anos de liderança aos domingos, provou que a direção da Globo não vinha mesmo digerindo bem a ida dele para a Band em 2022. Ilustrada B13

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Vacinação no Brasil

% da população vacinada*	2ª dose	1ª dose
Brasil	15,0	37,5
MS	18,9	49,4
RS	18,3	44,9
ES	15,3	43,3
Total de doses aplicadas	24,1 mi	60,4 mi
1º SP	6 mi	14,8 mi
2º MG	2,6 mi	6 mi
3º BA	1,7 mi	4,3 mi
Números da pandemia		
Total	17,7 mi	496,2 mi
17 jun**	69,8 mil	2.005
Varição***	6,3%	7,7%
Em 24 h	74,3 mil	2.335



Senado aprova MP da Eletrobras que distribui privilégios

Texto alterado na véspera teve alguns 'jabutis' retirados, mas benesses mantidas elevam custo em R\$ 15 bilhões

O Senado aprovou a Medida Provisória que viabiliza a privatização da Eletrobras, modificando na véspera para incluir benesses a grupos do setor elétrico que elevam o custo da operação em R\$ 15 bilhões. O texto volta agora para a Câmara, que passara versão anterior às modificações, e precisa ser votado até dia 22 para sobreviver.

O deputado Arthur Lira (PP-AL), que preside a Casa, afirmou que a apreciação deve ocorrer na segunda (21). A aprovação, apertada, é uma vitória parcial do ministro Paulo Guedes (Economia), que fez avançar a venda só após ceder a demandas da base aliada por emendas desconectadas do propósito da MP, os "jabutis".

Durante a sessão de mais de dez horas, o relator, senador Marcos Rogério (DEM-RO), teve de recuar em pontos inseridos na véspera, como a prorrogação dos subsídios às usinas movidas a carvão mineral. Mercado A14

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Monitores da Redação do Apple Daily sem computadores, que foram levados pela polícia de Hong Kong; ação foi condenada internacionalmente Anthony Wallace/AFIP

O que não for usado no restaurante (...) dá para (...) mendigos, desamparados
Paulo Guedes
ministro da Economia

Este governo não sabe o que é a fome
Rodrigo Afonso
diretor da Ação da Cidadania

Homem branco é preso por furto de bicicleta no Leblon
Após um casal branco acusar falsamente um jovem negro de roubar uma bicicleta elétrica, a polícia prendeu preventivamente na quarta um suspeito. Igor Pinheiro, 22, possui 28 anotações criminais, 14 por furtos a bicicletas. Ele é branco. Cotidiano B6

MEC ignora área técnica e quer 'tribunal ideológico' no Enem

A Folha teve acesso a minuta de portaria do Inep que cria um grupo permanente para avaliar os exames, vetando neles "questões subjetivas" e dando atenção a "valores cívicos e morais". Área técnica do órgão já se pronunciou contra a criação do "tribunal ideológico".

O ministro Milton Ribeiro disse que desistiu de olhar pessoalmente as perguntas do Enem. O governo Jair Bolsonaro rejeita questões que, por exemplo, abordem discussão de gênero. O Inep não justificou o ato nem explicou o que embasaria a análise. Cotidiano B4

Polícia de Hong Kong invade jornal pró-democracia

Cerca de 500 policiais de Hong Kong invadiram o jornal pró-democracia Apple Daily e vasculharam computadores. Segundo autoridades, o objetivo era averiguar possível violação da lei de segurança nacional. Cinco executivos foram presos. Mundo A12

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Pensez-vous que la levée des restrictions sanitaires aura une influence sur le vote aux élections régionales?

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Covid: un été pour venir à bout de l'épidémie

Nouveaux cas, hospitalisations, mortalité... Tous les indicateurs épidémiques vont dans le bon sens et permettent d'alléger en partie les restrictions. Mais la vigilance reste indispensable.

Depuis avril, toutes les courbes de suivi de l'épidémie sont en baisse... mais pas celle du taux de vaccination, qui s'envole. De quoi aborder l'été avec op-

timisme et profiter de la levée partielle des restrictions qui pèsent depuis de longs mois sur les Français. Mais plusieurs questions demeurent: quel ef-

fet l'été aura-t-il sur la circulation du virus? Le variant Delta s'imposera-t-il? La campagne vaccinale atteindra-t-elle ses objectifs? L'Assurance-mala-

die se met en ordre de bataille pour suivre au plus près l'émergence de clusters et les autorités plaident pour que les soignants se fassent massive-

ment vacciner. Les Français, eux, n'entendent pas, ni dans leur vie privée ni en entreprise, abandonner totalement les gestes barrières et le masque.

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Le retour de Laurent Gbagbo dix ans après sa chute met la Côte d'Ivoire sous tension



C'est quasiment en « miraculé », après dix ans passés dans les filets de la justice internationale, que l'ancien président ivoirien, finalement innocenté à La Haye, a été accueilli jeudi par ses partisans à Abidjan, dans un climat électrique. **PAGE 10**

Compétitivité: l'inquiétant déclin de l'industrie française

Alors que sa situation s'améliorait lentement depuis quelques années, l'industrie française a recommencé à perdre du terrain face à ses concurrentes européennes durant la pandémie. Selon les données compilées par l'institut Rexecode, les parts de marché à l'exportation - indicateur phare de la compétitivité - se sont à nouveau contractées. Ce trou d'air brutal de l'industrie française rappelle celui des années 2000, mais il est encore trop tôt pour conclure à un nouveau décrochage structurel. **PAGES 20, 21 ET L'ÉDITORIAL**

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État d'urgence

Dix-huit mois après l'apparition du Covid, la vraie vie reprend enfin ses droits. Pour l'industrie française, même débarrassée de ce fléau, les choses restent bien compliquées: pandémie ou pas, elle perd inéluctablement du terrain dans la grande compétition mondiale. Quelques bienheureux nous assurent que tout cela n'est pas si grave, que notre économie se transforme, que les services et le tourisme feront aussi bien l'affaire. Ils se trompent. L'histoire enseigne que la désindustrialisation précède la dévitalisation et la dépendance. Avec 2 millions d'emplois industriels perdus en trois décennies et une part de marché européenne en constante diminution, la France paie très cher son déficit de compétitivité. Mille rapports ont décrit les raisons de cette hémorragie sans qu'il y soit sérieusement porté remède. Ainsi, le coût du travail excessif poursuit méthodiquement son œuvre destructrice. Malgré les allègements de ces dernières années - CICE, baisse des impôts de production... -, la France demeure une championne de la taxation. De même, la profusion de normes, que chaque gouverne-

ment jure de combattre, n'a en réalité jamais cessé de prospérer. Face à des concurrents moins naïfs et surtout plus pragmatiques, cette inflation affaiblit dangereusement des secteurs d'excellence, comme l'automobile, l'industrie alimentaire, la santé ou l'énergie. Tout aussi préoccupant, nous perdons du terrain dans la formation des cerveaux qui assureront l'innovation, clé des succès industriels de demain. À moins qu'ils préfèrent, comme notre dernière lauréate du prix Nobel de chimie, faire carrière à l'étranger, où on leur donne les moyens de travailler... sans subir la loi d'airain du principe de précaution, cette invention française à fabriquer de l'immobilisme.

La désindustrialisation précède la dévitalisation et la dépendance

Les candidats à l'élection présidentielle cherchent des idées pour redresser le pays? Cette simple liste - non exhaustive - des maux qui rongent notre industrie pourrait utilement servir de base de travail à un projet sérieux. ■

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Ministers admit 'shame' over rape conviction rates and pledge reform

Police will have to shift focus from credibility of victim to the perpetrator

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Ministers have apologised unreservedly to rape victims, saying they are "deeply ashamed" that thousands of survivors have been failed on the

government's watch. They pledged an overhaul of the criminal justice system to increase prosecutions and improve the way victims are treated.

A long-awaited government review into a precipitous decline in rape prosecutions promises sweeping reform of how cases are handled in England and Wales. Proposals include targets for the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) and the police to increase prosecutions, and shifting the focus of investigations from the victim's credibility to the perpetrator.

Charities and victim groups welcomed the apology, but said the measures lacked urgency and were underfunded. The victims' commissioner for England and Wales, Vera Baird, said it was right ministers had "voiced their shame" and resolved to reverse the downward trend in prosecutions, but there was "no hiding that this review presents some missed opportunities".

The justice secretary, Robert Buckland, said he was "deeply sorry" many victims had been denied justice

'We will not rest until real improvements are made - ensuring that cases are investigated fully and prosecuted robustly'

Robert Buckland
Justice secretary

"as a result of systemic failings" after years of austerity. "We will not rest until real improvements are made - from transforming the support given to victims, to ensuring cases are investigated fully and prosecuted robustly," he said.

The police and the CPS have been ordered to work together to significantly increase the number of rape cases making it to court and return prosecutions to 2016 levels before the end of this parliament.

A pilot named Operation **6** →



Scotland fans arrive in London for the big match

Scotland football supporters outside King's Cross station yesterday before the highly anticipated clash with England tonight at Wembley. After losing their first Euro 2020 group match to the

Czech Republic, a win over the Auld Enemy would reignite their hopes of qualifying for the last 16 of the tournament. Scotland last won a competitive fixture at Wembley in 1999. **Page 9 and Sport** →

PM will not issue order for return to offices

Aubrey Allegretti
Heather Stewart

Ministers will not tell workers they should return to offices if the final lockdown restrictions are lifted next month, government sources have told the Guardian.

In a significant change of approach from last summer, the government is minded to let companies make their own decisions - a strategy that could lead to conflict and confusion among staff.

Boris Johnson was accused of rushing too quickly to get quiet city centres back to pre-pandemic levels when restrictions were lifted last July. His former adviser, Dominic Cummings, said last month that the prime minister's "main concern" was prioritising helping the economy recover quickly **12** →

