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The median price for existing homes in the U.S. topped \$350,000 for the first time in May, up nearly 24% from a year earlier, as a shortage of properties and low borrowing rates fuel demand. A1

◆ **Blackstone agreed to acquire Home Partners of America, a company that buys and rents single-family homes, in a \$6 billion deal. B1**

◆ **Nonbank mortgage lenders issued 68.1% of all mortgages originated in the U.S. in 2020, their highest market share on record. B1**

◆ **The EU opened a formal antitrust probe into allegations that Google abuses its leading role in the ad-technology sector, the most wide-ranging case yet to look at that pillar of the company's business. A1**

◆ **The FTC will review Amazon's proposed acquisition of MGM, just as the agency gets a new chairwoman who has been critical of the online giant's expansion. B1**

◆ **The Fed's Powell said it is highly unlikely that inflation will rise to levels seen in the 1970s but acknowledged significant uncertainty as the economy reopens. A2**

◆ **U.S. stocks rose, with the Nasdaq gaining 0.8% to a record and the S&P 500 and Dow advancing 0.5% and 0.2%, respectively. B13**

◆ **Vivendi shareholders approved the French media conglomerate's plan to spin off its Universal Music Group unit. B1**

◆ **U.S. airports are set to receive \$8 billion in government grants for pandemic recovery efforts. B3**

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◆ **Senate Republicans blocked Democrats from moving ahead with elections legislation, forcing the party to devise a new way forward after weeks of intraparty wrangling and fruitless calls from progressives to advance the bill without GOP support. A3**

◆ **Lawmakers and the White House searched for ways to finance a roughly \$1 trillion infrastructure proposal without raising the gas tax or placing fees on electric vehicles. A4**

◆ **The highly transmissible Delta variant of the Covid-19 virus is spreading so rapidly in the U.S. that it could become the dominant strain in the next two to three weeks, researchers said. A6**

◆ **China is planning to keep its pandemic border restrictions in place for at least another year as officials fret over the emergence of new variants and a calendar of sensitive events. A8**

◆ **The Biden administration said that it would give asylum-seeking migrants sent to Mexico by the Trump administration another chance to make their claims in the U.S. A4**

◆ **The FDA approved the first new Alzheimer's drug in decades over the objection of agency statisticians who said there was insufficient evidence to support approval. A3**

◆ **Members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff voiced concern about legislation that would make sweeping changes in the military justice system in letters to a leading Republican opponent of the bill. A4**

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Ranked-Choice Voting Leaves Some New Yorkers in a Daze



TURNOUT: Voters line up inside a polling station in Queens on Tuesday to cast their picks for mayor and other city races in the Democratic and Republican primaries. It was the biggest test yet of the city's new ranked-choice voting system. A3

EU Launches Antitrust Probe Into Google's Use of Ad Tech

By SAM SCHECHNER
AND PARMY OLSON

The European Union opened a formal antitrust investigation into allegations that Google abuses its leading role in the advertising-technology sector, the most wide-ranging case yet to look at that pillar of the technology company's business.

The European Commission, the EU's top antitrust enforcer, said Tuesday that its investi-

gation, which has been under way informally since at least 2019, will look at an array of allegedly anticompetitive business practices around the Alphabet Inc. unit's brokering of ads and sharing of user data with advertisers across websites and mobile apps—one of the newest areas of antitrust scrutiny for the company.

Some of the EU investigation will cover similar ground to a case filed last year against Google by a group of U.S.

states led by Texas. Similar areas include Google's allegedly favoring its ad-buying tools in the ad auctions it runs.

But the EU probe will cover complaints that haven't yet been the subject of formal inquiries, including Google's alleged exclusion of rivals from brokering ad buys on Google-owned video site YouTube.

The EU investigation is examining Google's plans to block certain kinds of user-tracking technologies on its

platforms, such as the Chrome browser and Android mobile operating system. Curtailing such tracking responds, at least in part, to pressure from privacy regulators and activists, but has led to antitrust complaints from competitors in the ad-technology industry.

"Online advertising services are at the heart of how Google

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◆ **FTC to review Amazon's proposed deal for MGM...** B1

Home Prices Soar to Record Heights

Midpoint purchase cost rises 24% to pass \$350,000 for first time, squeezing buyers

By NICOLE FRIEDMAN

U.S. home prices in May posted their biggest annual increase in more than two decades, as a shortage of properties and low borrowing rates fueled demand.

The median existing-home sales price in May topped \$350,000 for the first time, the National Association of Realtors said Tuesday. The figure was nearly 24% higher than a year ago, the biggest year-over-year price increase the NAR has recorded in data going back to 1999.

Sales prices have been climbing sharply since last summer, when lockdowns related to the Covid-19 pandemic eased across the country and many people rushed to find more space and bigger homes. Others working remotely seized on the chance to move to a less expensive city.

The price increase is contributing to a slowdown in the pace of home sales. Existing-home sales fell 0.9% in May from April, marking the fourth straight month of declining sales, the Realtors group said.

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◆ **Blackstone returns to housing rentals...** B1

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France's Macron Tightens Control Over Mosques

He demands they back country's secular values and seeks authority to close them

By NOEMIE BISSERRE
AND STACY MEICHTRY

PARIS—President Emmanuel Macron is redrawing the line that separates religion and state, in a battle to force Islamic organizations into the mold of French secularism.

In recent months, his administration has ousted the leadership of a mosque after temporarily closing it and poring over its finances. Another mosque gave up millions in subsidies after the government pressured local officials over the funding. A dozen other mosques have faced orders to close temporarily for safety or fire-code

violations.

The government has taken these actions as a precursor to a much broader push to rein in the independence of mosques and other religious organizations across France. Mr. Macron has submitted a bill to Parliament, called the Law Reinforcing Respect of the Principles of the Republic, that would empower the government to permanently close houses of worship and dissolve religious organizations, without court order, if it finds that any of their members are provoking violence or inciting hatred.

In addition, the bill would allow temporary closure of

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Factory Jobs Go Begging As Wages Fail to Keep Up

By AUSTEN HUFFORD
AND NORA NAUGHTON

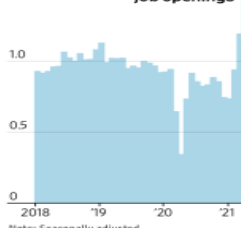
Pay for factory jobs has grown so slowly in the U.S. that manufacturers are having trouble competing with fast-food restaurants.

Take Western Michigan, home to many office-furniture and car-parts factories as well as a growing tourism industry. Restaurants and hotels along Lake Michigan have been hiring rapidly as people, kept fairly stationary during the pandemic, start traveling again. The shift is making it harder for factories to staff their production lines, and the added demand has increased both openings and the rate at which workers leave their jobs.

Ann Harten, head of human resources at furniture maker Haworth Inc., said her company is looking beyond the unemployment lines and needs to hire applicants away from

Leisure and hospitality

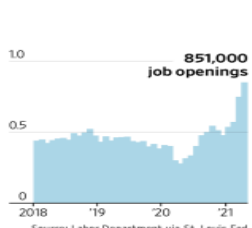
1.5 million 1.59 million job openings



Note: Seasonally adjusted

Manufacturing

1.5 million 851,000 job openings



Source: Labor Department via St. Louis Fed

their current jobs as the economy recovers and the labor market tightens. "We have competition for labor outside of our industry," she said.

For years, factory jobs paid significantly more than those in many other fields, especially

for less-educated workers. That is changing, according to economists, manufacturers and federal data.

Haworth has raised wages at factories near its Holland, Mich., headquarters to \$15 an

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Singles Try to Remember How to Play the Dating Game

Venturing out again, romantics find flirting tricky, new protocols murky

By ANNE MARIE CHAKER

After putting her love life on hold during the pandemic, Emma Maxwell recently started dating again. She discovered her small-talk skills were rusty. "I've had at least four different conversations about cicadas," says the 24-year-old in Washington, D.C. And ordering food was awkward: "I forgot how to talk to a waiter," she says.

Navigating romance amid changing mask etiquette has also been tricky. Would-be mates often arrive with masks, then take them off to eat. "It's kind of a big re-

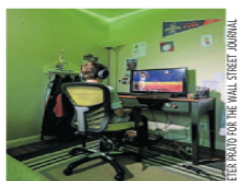
veal," Ms. Maxwell says. After dinner, she carried her mask around waiting to see whether the other person puts his back on. She fumbled recently trying to put hers on at the bus stop and say goodbye to her date. "It makes it a lot harder to figure out whether to kiss at the end of the date, put a mask on, and what order is

least weird to do that in," she says. As vaccination rates increase, bars and restaurants reopen, and Covid rules relax, many single people are eager to start dating in person again. But peo-

Need sanitizer?

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Afghans Who Helped U.S. Can't Get Visas

KABUL—Rahmat says he carried out secret missions spying on the Taliban for the Central Intelligence Agency in remote border areas of Afghanistan for almost a decade.

By Jessica Donati,
Ehsanullah Amiri
and Michelle Hackman

He has no contract to prove it, and his CIA supervisors never shared their real names. Now, as the U.S. prepares to withdraw all U.S. forces from Afghanistan by Sept. 11, thousands of Afghans who worked for the U.S. are at risk of Taliban retaliation.

"They didn't give us anything because our missions were secret," said Rahmat, who has wavy black hair and a

slight frame, recalling in low tones the CIA officers who cycled in and out of his life. "One was Santos. Mary, Jason, Stu, John."

Rahmat's story is emblematic of the hurdles that Afghans, particularly those in intelligence, face in joining a visa program aimed at relocating people who worked for the U.S. government to the U.S. Applications for the Special Immigrant Visa typically require details such as contract numbers, certificates and supervisors' names and addresses.

Rahmat said all he has to prove his identity and work history are yellowed photographs, a letter from a trucking company that served as his cover, and an old badge.

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G7 snubbed Tax resistance in Bermuda

Bermudian finance minister Curtis Dickinson has told the Financial Times the island's taxation regime is a matter of sovereignty, as he pushes back against the G7's bid to agree a global minimum levy on profits and close loopholes.

Sensitivity to the issue is clear in the capital Hamilton, pictured, a global hub for reinsurance that plays host to some of the industry's biggest names.

But the 19th-century system that leaves company profits untouched will itself remain largely unaltered if Dickinson gets his way. "We have a system in place for 200 years. It's not perfect. It does require some adjustment. But we would like to do that on our own. It's a sovereignty issue," he insists.

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More than 5m people become millionaires despite pandemic

◆ Global wealth rises by \$29tn ◆ Rich-poor gap widens ◆ Most adults have under \$10,000

ALISTAIR GRAY — LONDON

The coronavirus pandemic has wreaked misery and economic damage around the world but it has also been a boon for the rich, with an estimated 5.2m people becoming dollar millionaires last year, while the number of those worth at least \$50m increased by almost a quarter.

A Credit Suisse report has found that aggregate global wealth accumulated by households rose by about \$28.7tn in 2020 as central banks flooded financial markets with cheap money, inflating asset prices.

Higher equity and residential property valuations lifted aggregate household net worth — assets, including property, minus debts — to about \$418.5tn. The increase was equivalent to a

4.1 per cent rise on a constant currency basis — only slightly below the annual average of the past two decades despite global economies struggling with the health crisis and lockdown restrictions.

"The contrast between what has happened to household wealth and what is happening in the wider economy can never have been more stark," the Credit Suisse report said. It found that the wealthiest benefited the most from a policy response that inflated assets, with the gap between rich and poor widening in most countries.

The combined wealth among individuals with a net worth of at least \$1m had grown nearly fourfold since 2000 to \$41.5tn, while their share of global wealth rose from about 35 per cent to 46 per cent.

An estimated 2.9bn people — equivalent to 55 per cent of all adults — meanwhile had less than \$10,000 in net assets. "Wealth differences between adults widened in 2020 for the world as a whole and also in most countries," said the paper, co-authored by economists Anthony Shorrocks, James Davies and Rodrigo Lluberas.

The study estimated that there were 56.1m dollar millionaires globally at the end of 2020, up by 5.2m from a year earlier. About a third of the new millionaires came from the US.

While about 90 per cent of millionaires had net worth of less than \$5m, an estimated 7m had more than that sum. At the highest end, 215,030 had a net worth of more than \$50m, up from the 173,620 recorded a year earlier.



The Credit Suisse report found that combined wealth among people with a net worth of at least \$1m had grown to \$41.5tn

"That would be a very high rise in any year, but it is striking in a year experiencing social and economic turmoil," the authors wrote. "The nature of the policy response to the pandemic has, of course, been a major influence."

Millionaires remained uncommon in India, Indonesia and Russia, at about one in a thousand adults, and relatively rare in China, at one in 200. This compared with 8 per cent of the population in the US and 15 per cent in Switzerland. Credit Suisse's methodology included housing wealth and investable assets.

Countries badly affected by coronavirus were among those that recorded the biggest expansion in household net worth. Gains were greatest in North America and Europe, where total wealth rose about 10 per cent.

Datawatch

Emissions burden

Who should address climate change? (% of respondents)



*Business except energy Source: NatCan Social Research

More than 40 per cent of Britons believe government bodies bear most responsibility for addressing climate change, though almost two-thirds believe they are not doing enough. Personal action is seen as less important



Transatlantic house prices rise above Covid threat

The pandemic has failed to put the brakes on soaring residential property markets on both sides of the Atlantic. Median prices in the US have hit an all-time high of \$350,300, while Dutch prices have similarly broken records. Valuations have been rising across most of Europe for seven years and the issue continues to serve as a lightning rod for criticism of the European Central Bank's ultra-loose monetary policy.

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Taiwan tech groups lock up migrant workers to contain Covid outbreak

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Electronics groups including Japan's Canon and Innolux, an affiliate of Apple supplier Foxconn, have been accused of locking up migrant workers in Taiwan as an outbreak of Covid-19 hits the country's tech industry.

The accusations highlight the labour practices used to sustain Taiwan's position as a technology powerhouse. The country is a linchpin of the chip industry — a position even more crucial as the world faces a semiconductor crunch.

According to internal documents and staff communications seen by the Financial Times, the companies, which also include Siliconware Precision Industries (SPI) — a unit of the world's largest chip packaging and testing house ASE — have forbidden migrant workers

from leaving the dormitories where they live except to go to work.

While Taiwan's exports have boomed on the back of strong global demand for chips, servers, laptops and other gear needed to work from home, the country has in recent weeks been battling its first big flare-up of coronavirus infections.

"It has now become extremely common for employers to lock their migrant workers up," said Lennon Wong, an activist at the Serve the People Association.

As of April, 713,000 migrant workers mainly from the Philippines, Vietnam, Thailand and Indonesia were employed in Taiwan, accounting for 8 per cent of the workforce. More than 60 per cent work in factories.

"Discrimination of migrant workers in Taiwan is systemic, but the pandemic has made it a lot worse," Wong said.

Canon confined migrant workers in its Taichung factory to their dormitories and even warned them against chatting. "Except to and from work, do not leave the dormitory," Canon said in an internal blog, adding: "Group conversation is not allowed [sic] in the dormitory."

The company told the FT its edict was "excessive" and it had revised the rules.

Migrant workers of Innolux received a message on June 13 that read: "Please be informed that all of you has [sic] been locked down for 30 days starting yesterday. You're not allowed to go out."

Innolux said the message was sent by the broker that runs its dormitory due to "mistaken communication" between them.

ASE and SPI, in June demanded that migrant workers living off-premises return to dormitories, where they were banned from leaving except to go to work.

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World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				INTEREST RATES			
	Jun 22	prev	%chg		Jun 22	prev	%chg		price	yield	chg
S&P 500	4239.21	4234.79	0.27	\$ per €	1.190	1.191	-0.01	US Gov 10 yr	146.16	1.48	0.00
Nasdaq Composite	14109.56	14141.48	-0.22	\$ per £	1.382	1.390	-0.01	UK Gov 10 yr		0.78	0.01
Dow Jones Ind	33087.51	33076.97	0.03	¥ per €	0.055	0.057	-0.01	Ger Gov 10 yr		-0.17	0.01
FTSEurofirst 300	1761.16	1757.54	0.21	¥ per \$	110.730	110.105	0.56	Japan Gov 10 yr	116.99	0.05	0.01
Euro Stoxx 50	4127.44	4112.33	0.37	€ index	82.945	81.896	1.23	US Gov 30 yr	110.69	2.11	0.04
FTSE 100	7090.01	7062.29	0.39	Sfr per €	1.095	1.094	0.01	Ger Gov 2 yr	105.87	-0.85	0.01
FTSE All Share	4048.67	4026.06	0.48	£ per \$	0.640	0.640	0.00				
CAC 40	6911.50	6902.54	0.14								
Xetra Dax	15636.33	15603.24	0.21								
Nikkei	29034.13	28916.30	3.12								
Hang Seng	26309.76	26489.00	-0.63								
MSCI World \$	2962.11	2954.18	0.26	Oil WTI \$	72.81	73.12	-0.42	Food Futures Eff	0.08	0.07	-0.01
MSCI EM \$	1350.52	1361.25	-0.79	Oil Brent \$	74.76	74.90	-0.19	US 3m Bill	0.05	0.05	0.00
MSCI ACWI \$	711.04	709.97	0.72	Gold \$	1775.05	1773.10	0.11	Euro Libor 3m	-0.55	-0.55	0.00
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A voter casting his ballot in Manhattan on Tuesday. Primary elections for mayor and other top positions were held in New York City.

G.O.P. BLOCKS BILL ON VOTING RIGHTS

**Democrats Go to Plan B:
Attack on Filibuster**

By NICHOLAS FANDOS

WASHINGTON — Republicans on Tuesday blocked the most ambitious voting rights legislation to come before Congress in a generation, dealing a blow to Democrats' attempts to counter a wave of state-level ballot restrictions and supercharging a campaign to end the legislative filibuster.

President Biden and Democratic leaders said the defeat was only the beginning of their drive to steer federal voting rights legislation into law, and vowed to redouble their efforts.

"In the fight for voting rights, this vote was the starting gun, not the finish line," said Senator Chuck Schumer, Democrat of New York and the majority leader. "We will not let it go. We will not let it die. This voter suppression cannot stand."

But the Republican blockade in the Senate left Democrats without a clear path forward and without a means to beat back the restrictive voting laws racing through Republican-led states. For now, it will largely be left to the Justice Department to decide whether to challenge any of the state laws in court — a time-consuming process with limited chances of success — and to a coalition of outside groups to help voters navigate the shifting rules.

Democrats' best remaining hope to enact legal changes rests on a long-shot bid to eliminate the legislative filibuster, which Republicans used on Tuesday to block the measure, called the For the People Act. Seething progressive activists pointed to the Republicans' refusal to even allow debate on the issue as an example of why Senate Democrats must move to eliminate the rule and bypass the G.O.P. on a range of liberal priorities while they still control Congress and the presidency. They argued that with former President Donald J. Trump continuing to press the false claim that the election was stolen from him — a narrative that many Republicans still believe —

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SHOWDOWN How a bill became a larger battle over the nation's direction. News Analysis, PAGE A17

Khashoggi's Killers Said to Have Trained in U.S.

This article is by Mark Mazzetti, Julian E. Barnes and Michael LaForgia.

WASHINGTON — Four Saudis who participated in the 2018 killing of the Washington Post journalist Jamal Khashoggi received paramilitary training in the United States the previous year under a contract approved by the State Department, according to documents and people familiar with the arrangement.

The instruction occurred as the secret unit responsible for Mr. Khashoggi's killing was beginning an extensive campaign of kidnapping, detention and torture of Saudi citizens ordered by

**Contractor With State
Dept. License Taught
4 Saudi Guards**

Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, Saudi Arabia's de facto ruler, to crush dissent inside the kingdom.

The training was provided by the Arkansas-based security company Tier 1 Group, which is owned by the private equity firm Cerberus Capital Management. The company says the training — including "safe marksmanship" and "countering an attack" — was de-

fensive in nature and devised to better protect Saudi leaders. One person familiar with the training said it also included work in surveillance and close-quarters battle.

There is no evidence that the American officials who approved the training or Tier 1 Group executives knew that the Saudis were involved in the crackdown inside Saudi Arabia. But the fact that the government approved high-level military training for operatives who went on to carry out the grisly killing of a journalist shows how intensely intertwined the United States has become with an autocratic nation even as its

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Britney Spears with her father, Jamie, in 2008. She is set to address a court directly on Wednesday.

Spears Wanted Her Father Out. A Court Refused.

This article is by Liz Day, Samantha Stark and Joe Coscarelli.

In the years since a judge gave the father of Britney Spears broad control over her life and finances, concerned fans have questioned how the court could continue to deem her unable to protect and care for herself despite the fact that she was still a performing pop star.

Her father and others involved in the conservatorship maintained that it was a smooth-running machine that had rescued

**Records Reveal Push to
End Conservatorship**

her from a low point and benefited Ms. Spears, and that she could move to end it whenever she wanted.

All the while, she stayed largely silent on the subject in public.

But now, confidential court records obtained by The New York Times reveal that Ms. Spears, 39, expressed serious op-

position to the conservatorship earlier and more often than had previously been known, and said that it restricted everything from whom she dated to the color of her kitchen cabinets.

"She articulated she feels the conservatorship has become an oppressive and controlling tool against her," a court investigator wrote in a 2016 report. The system had "too much control," Ms. Spears said, according to the investigator's account of the conversation. "Too, too much!"

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ADAMS TAKES LEAD IN EARLY RETURNS OF NEW YORK RACE

**Yang Concedes in Bruising Campaign —
Mayoral Results May Take Weeks**

By KATIE GLUECK

Eric Adams, who ran for mayor of New York City on a message intensely focused on issues of public safety, emerged on Tuesday with a substantial lead in the Democratic primary, but fell well short of outright victory in a race that will now usher in a new period of uncertainty.

With 85 percent of the results in, Mr. Adams, the Brooklyn borough president, was the first choice of 30.7 percent of those who voted in person on Tuesday or during the early voting period, as New Yorkers chose a leader to steer the city's reopening and economic recovery.

The initial outcome capped an intensely acrimonious campaign defined by debates over public safety and the economy, political experience and personal ethics, as the candidates presented sharply divergent visions for how they would lead New York into its post-pandemic future.

Kathryn Garcia, a former sanitation commissioner, and Maya Wiley, a former counsel to Mayor Bill de Blasio, were competing for second place, roughly nine percentage points behind Mr. Adams. Andrew Yang, the former presidential candidate, was trailing in fourth, and was the first candidate to concede on Tuesday night.

"We still believe we can help, but not as mayor and first lady," Mr. Yang said, as he stood with his wife, Evelyn.

Because Mr. Adams seemed unlikely to earn more than 50 percent of the vote, the contest will likely be decided under New York's new ranked-choice voting system. New Yorkers could rank up to five candidates in order of preference, and absentee ballots must also be counted. It may take until mid-July before a Democratic primary victor — who would become an overwhelming favorite to win the general election in November — is officially declared.

New Yorkers on Tuesday also rendered judgments on other vital positions in primary races that will test the power of the left in the nation's largest city. The city comptroller's race, the Manhattan district attorney's race and a slew of City Council primaries, among other contests, will offer imperfect but important windows into Democratic attitudes and engagement levels as the nation emerges from the pandemic in the post-Trump era.

But no results will be more carefully watched than the contest to succeed Mayor Bill de Blasio, a race that began in a shuttered me-

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New Outbreaks Follow Vaccines Made by China

By SUI-LEE WEE

Mongolia promised its people a "Covid-free summer." Bahrain said there would be a "return to normal life." The tiny island nation of the Seychelles aimed to jumpstart its economy.

All three put their faith, at least in part, in easily accessible Chinese-made vaccines, which would allow them to roll out ambitious inoculation programs when much of the world was going without.

But instead of freedom from the coronavirus, all three countries are now battling a surge in infections.

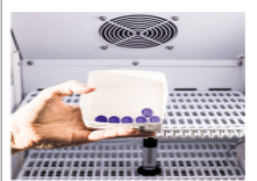
China kicked off its vaccine diplomacy campaign last year by pledging to provide a shot that would be safe and effective at preventing severe cases of Covid-19. Less certain at the time was how successful it and other vaccines would be at curbing transmission.

Now, examples from several countries suggest that the Chinese vaccines may not be very effective at preventing the spread of the virus, particularly the new variants. The experiences of those countries lay bare a harsh reality facing a postpandemic world: The degree of recovery may depend on which vaccines governments give to their people.

In the Seychelles, Chile, Bahrain and Mongolia, 50 to 68 percent of the populations have been fully inoculated, outpacing the United States, according to Our World in Data, a data tracking project. All four ranked among the top 10 countries with the worst Covid outbreaks as recently as last week, according to data from The New York Times. And all four are mostly using shots made by two Chinese vaccine makers, Sinopharm and Sinovac Biotech.

"If the vaccines are sufficiently good, we should not see this pattern," said Jin Dongyan, a virologist at the University of Hong Kong.

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A pharmacist with a few doses of the Pfizer vaccine in Newark.

As Vaccine Sites Empty, Officials Go Door to Door

By SHERYL GAY STOLBERG

NEWARK — There were only six vials of coronavirus vaccine in the refrigerator, one Air Force nurse on duty and a trickle of patients on Saturday morning at a federally run mass vaccination site here. A day before its doors shut for good, this once-frenzied operation was oddly quiet.

The post-vaccination waiting room, with 165 socially distanced chairs, was mostly empty. The nurse, Maj. Margaret Dodd, who ordinarily cares for premature babies at Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, had already booked her flight home. So had the pharmacist, Heather Struempff, who was headed back to nursing school in Wyoming.

Across the country, one by one, mass vaccination sites are shutting down. The White House acknowledged for the first time on Tuesday that it would not reach President Biden's goal of getting 70 percent of American adults at least partly vaccinated by July 4. The setback stems from hesitancy in certain groups, slow acceptance by young adults and a swirl of other complex factors.

The Newark site, which closed

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DEMONSTRATORS protest Houston Methodist Hospital's policy requiring workers to get vaccinated or be fired. A judge sided with the hospital: "It is a choice made to keep staff, patients and their families safer."

153 Houston hospital workers lose jobs after refusing vaccine

Healthcare employees go to court, saying an experimental drug was being forced on them.

BY MOLLY HENNESSY-FISKE AND EMILY BAUMGAERTNER

HOUSTON — At least 153 employees of a Houston hospital — including doctors and nurses — were fired or resigned Tuesday after refusing to get vaccinated against COVID-19, one of the first mass terminations since vaccinations started in the U.S. this year, reinvigorating a national anti-vaccine movement.



"SO MANY people are tired of their rights being taken away," nurse Jennifer Bridges said of the policy.

In April, Houston Methodist Hospital began requiring vaccination for its more than 25,000 employees across Texas, claiming to be the first hospital in the nation with a COVID vaccine mandate. Those who did not provide proof of vaccination by June 7 — or who had not applied for an exemption based on "medical condition (including pregnancy deferment) or sincerely held religious belief" — faced suspension without pay for two weeks. The hospital fired two managers for refusing the vaccine in April, and suspended 178 more staff members on June 7.

[See Vaccine, A9]

Garcetti aide on leave for online remarks

Ana Guerrero disparaged labor icon Dolores Huerta and others on Facebook.

BY DAKOTA SMITH AND RICHARD WINTON

Ana Guerrero, Mayor Eric Garcetti's top aide, disparaged labor icon Dolores Huerta in Facebook comments reviewed by The Times, saying "I hate her" and using a Spanish term that translates to "jealous old lady."

Huerta was one of several California leaders — including state Sen. Maria Elena Durazo (D-Los Angeles), former Assembly Speaker John Pérez and Los Angeles City Councilman Gil Cedillo — to be criticized in the private Facebook group.

In a statement Tuesday, Garcetti said he had asked Guerrero, his chief of staff, to "step away from her executive management responsibilities in the office so that she can make things right with the people addressed in these comments." Garcetti spokesman Alex Comisar said Guerrero will be on "administrative leave for the foreseeable future, unpaid for a month."

Guerrero, in a statement, said the comments were "offensive and wrong." She said she wanted to "apologize to my colleagues at City Hall [See Guerrero, A7]



THE THACHER SCHOOL in Ojai is the subject of a lengthy report detailing years of alleged sexual misconduct by staff, faculty and students.

A BETRAYAL OF TRUST

Report on alleged sexual misconduct reveals reality behind boarding school's stated values

BY MATT HAMILTON, BRITNEY MEJIA, COLLEEN SHALBY AND MELISSA GOMEZ

For more than a year, administrators at the Thacher School in Ojai received complaints from students about their "top horseman," a skilled and privileged upperclassman whom the boarding school had entrusted with teaching freshmen how to ride horses.

First, the student was accused of chasing freshmen girls and making sexual remarks. Then came allegations of sending abusive text messages and groping and kissing a fellow student. In another instance, when peers confronted him over homophobic remarks, the top horseman allegedly tried to hit two classmates with a belt and put one

in a chokehold.

After three freshmen girls came forward and recounted allegations of sexual harassment, prurient remarks and repeated, unwanted sexual touching, then-Head of School Michael Mulligan suspended the horseman for four days, prompting an uproar for the perceived leniency among many students and parents at the exclusive, \$64,700-a-year institution.

"I promise you, this sent a powerful message to the students that confirmed their belief that this individual was in a very special protected category," wrote a parent to Mulligan.

The account, which occurred in the last decade at the Thacher School, among the nation's most selective boarding schools, is one of many episodes of alleged misconduct in an extraordinary 91-

[See Thacher, A12]

Cash prizes credited for surge in shots

Newsom's lottery program coincides with an improvement in vaccination rates.

BY RONG-GONG LIN II, LUKE MONEY AND MATT STILES

SAN FRANCISCO — After a steep and sustained decline, California's COVID-19 vaccination rate rose markedly earlier this month, outpacing the inoculation trends in much of the country, a Los Angeles Times data analysis shows.

The recent boost in vaccinations in the Golden State is a bright spot that comes as officials confirmed Tuesday that the nation probably will fall short of President Biden's goal of administering at least one dose to 70% of U.S. adults by July 4. California is one of 16 states, along with the District of Columbia, that has reached that target, but it will take a few more weeks after the Fourth of July for the nation as a whole to meet the benchmark.

California has long been a leader in vaccination. But the uptick in recent weeks offers an early suggestion [See Lottery, A6]

400,000

Average number of daily vaccinations in California in early April.

121,000

Average number of daily vaccinations in California from May 27 to June 2.

161,000

Average number of daily vaccinations in California June 3 to 9, the second week of the state's \$116.5-million incentive program.

Source: Los Angeles Times

LAPD to consider vaccine mandate

Panel wants to explore the legality of requiring officers to get COVID-19 shots. CALIFORNIA, B1

Moratorium on evictions extended

County will protect tenants through September; state is expected to act this week. CALIFORNIA, B1

Voting rights bill's failure to advance energizes activists

GOP's Senate move is likely to renew debate on election processes and the filibuster rule.

BY SARAH D. WIRE

WASHINGTON — Republicans on Tuesday blocked Democrats' signature election legislation, the For the People Act, a sweeping voting-rights and government reform measure.

But with liberal activists priming for a fight, the debate over whether to overhaul the country's election processes probably isn't going to end this week.

The defeat is also likely to renew the debate among Democrats about whether to change the long-standing Senate filibuster rule, which

currently gives the GOP greater power to block legislation.

Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.) needed support from 60 senators to bring the bill up for discussion.

In the end the vote was 50

to 50. Even some Democrats who voted in favor of advancing the bill on Tuesday had remained uncertain about whether they would support a final version.

Sen. Joe Manchin III (D-W.Va.) had made it clear he didn't support the bill without revisions, and last week he circulated a list of changes he wanted to see.

Schumer lambasted Republicans, stressing that Tuesday's vote was just to begin debate on the bill, at which point it could be modified [See Senate, A7]



CLIPPERS DUNKED

Deandre Ayton, center, scored on an alley-oop dunk with less than a second left to give Phoenix a 2-0 series lead over L.A. SPORTS, B10

U.S. reopening asylum cases

Some migrants barred under "Remain in Mexico" may pursue claims again. WORLD, A3

Weather Early clouds, then sun. L.A. Basin: 80/63. B6





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Cities at a loss as murder rates soar

Reversal of decades-long decline stokes fears: 'It's going to get worse'

BY GRIFF WITTE
AND MARK BERMAN

The killings rolled over the country like a fast-moving storm. From Savannah to Austin, from Chicago to Cleveland. In six hours one night this month, four mass-shooting attacks. And in their wake, a sober recognition from city leaders that they don't have many options left for curbing a surge in homicides that is traumatizing communities nationwide.

"We have done almost all we can do," said Van Johnson, the Democratic mayor of Savannah, Ga.

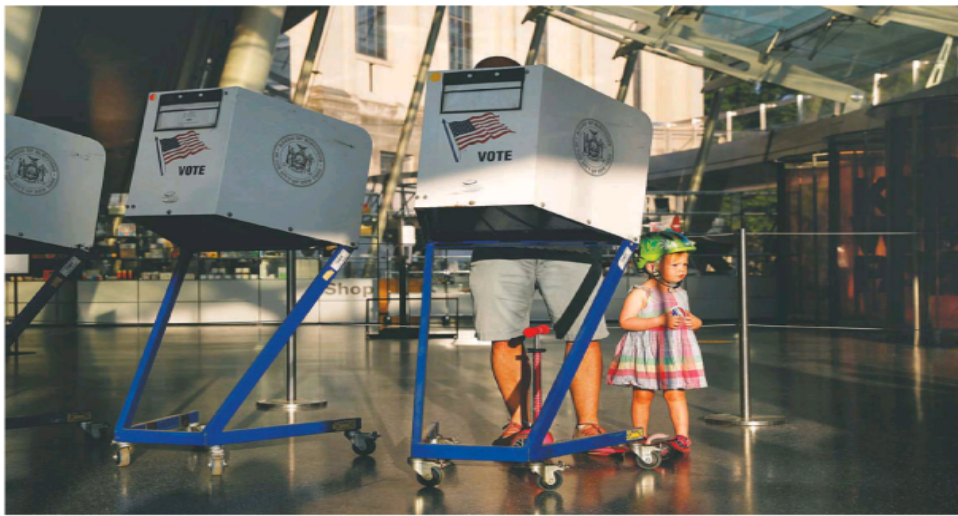
The tools for fighting back are "limited" without state and federal help, said Austin Mayor Steve Adler (D).

"It's going to get worse," Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson (D) said.

As the homicide rate climbed through a year of pandemic-imposed shutdowns and civil unrest, officials held firm to their belief that the rise was driven by that exceptional set of circumstances. As life returned to normal, the theory went, the killings would slow.

But even as coronavirus restrictions have been lifted and protests that the rise was driven by that exceptional set of circumstances. As life returned to normal, the theory went, the killings would slow.

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SHANNON STAPLETON/REUTERS

Noam Greenspan fills out his primary ballot as his daughter Mirlam, 2, waits at the Brooklyn Museum voting station.

In a mayoral state of mind

Eric Adams appears to have edge in NYC's Democratic primary, first to use ranked-choice voting

BY DAVID WEIGEL
AND JADA YUAN

NEW YORK — New York's Democratic primary for mayor was left unsettled on Tuesday night, with Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams, a former police captain, appearing to have the advantage in the city's first ranked-choice election.

Final results are not expected

until July 12, given both the city's rickety election system and new ballots that allow voters to rank up to five candidates, allotting their choices until one candidate reaches a majority.

While no winner can be declared until the end of a multi-part count, the Adams campaign had suggested that it would amount to voter suppression if the candidate who had the most first-choice votes did not become mayor.

Adams stopped short of declaring victory on Tuesday, telling a crowd in Brooklyn that the vote count would continue, "but

New York City said our first choice was Eric Adams."

Two other candidates trailed Adams in first-choice votes but hoped to prevail in the final allocation of ballots: civil rights attorney Maya Wiley and former city sanitation commissioner Kathryn Garcia. Garcia told supporters she was relying on the ranked-choice process.

"This is not just about the ones," she said. "It's going to be about the two and three."

In a distant fourth was 2020 presidential candidate Andrew Yang. He conceded the race on Tuesday night, saying he had no path to victory and thanking

the voters who thought "politics as usual wasn't working" and took a chance on him.

Republicans, with a two-way race, were not subject to ranked choice.

The Associated Press projected talk-show host Curtis Sliva, a fixture in New York politics, as the winner over businessman Fernando Mateo. Mateo advanced the false claim that President Donald Trump won the 2020 presidential election, while Sliva did not support Trump.

Adams was the dominant figure in a Democratic race to

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Voting rights bill is blocked

SENATE GOP DERAILS BID BY DEMOCRATS

Target was state laws seen as Trump-inspired

BY MIKE DEBONIS

Senate Republicans banded together Tuesday to block a sweeping Democratic bill that would revamp the architecture of American democracy, dealing a grave blow to efforts to federally override dozens of GOP-passed state voting laws.

The test vote, which would have cleared the way to start debate on voting legislation, failed 50-50 on straight party lines — 10 votes short of the supermajority needed to advance legislation in the Senate.

It came after a succession of Democratic delivered warnings about what they said was the dire state of American democracy, accusing former president Donald Trump of undermining the country's democratic system by challenging the results of the 2020 election in a campaign that prompted his supporters in numerous state legislatures to pass laws rolling back ballot access.

"Are we going to let reactionary state legislatures drag us back into the muck of voter suppression? Are we going to let that most dishonest president in history continue to poison our democracy from the inside?" Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer

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Voter ID laws: Key Democrats are softening their opposition. A4

Fears of an Afghan civil war as militias battle the Taliban

BY PAMELA CONSTABLE
AND EZZATULLAH MEHRDAD

KABUL — A sweeping Taliban offensive across northern Afghanistan, unchecked by overstretched government forces, has triggered a sudden resurgence of anti-Taliban militias in half a dozen provinces, raising concerns that the country could plunge into a prolonged civil war.

President Ashraf Ghani, scheduled to visit Washington on Friday to meet with President Biden amid growing concerns here about the withdrawal of U.S. forces, has endorsed the sudden call to arms by former rival ethnic groups and shaken up his top security team, in hopes of stemming the Taliban onslaught and calming public panic.

In a meeting Monday with influential former anti-Soviet and anti-Taliban militia leaders, Ghani called on them to create a "united front" and support the Afghan security forces to

"strengthen peace" and "safeguard the republic system." The Taliban rejects the current democratic governing system and seeks to install an Islamic one.

During a separate ceremony, the newly appointed acting defense minister, Bismillah Khan Mohammadi, called on "my patriots and people everywhere to stand alongside their security and defense forces." He said the government is "ready to provide them with all equipment and resources."

The Ghani government hopes the added support will shore up the beleaguered national defense forces, which have struggled to send reinforcements and supplies to troops facing repeated Taliban attacks.

But the prospect of unleashing a hodgepodge of rogue warriors to repel their old enemies also raises the specter of civil war, a state of violent anarchy that Afghans remember all too well from the 1990s. And although

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From Trump to Biden, military chief's biggest test

BY MISSY RYAN



2019 PHOTO BY JABIN BOTSFOORD/THE WASHINGTON POST

Gen. Mark A. Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, is the first in his position, as one expert put it, "who's had to answer serious questions about will there be a peaceful transition" of power.

Days after cameras captured him walking alongside President Donald Trump across a square near the White House that had been violently cleared of protesters, Army Gen. Mark A. Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, sat in his office across the Potomac assessing the fallout.

People whom Milley respected had issued scathing condemnations of his role in the president's June 2020 photo op, saying it represented a military endorsement of Trump's suppression of peaceful protests, and a chorus of commentators called for the general to resign. Friends urged Milley — a gruff, ebullient and sometimes impulsive career soldier — to stay on for the good of the country.

Milley tried to explain that the episode had caught him off guard, that he hadn't known Trump's intentions when they walked into an area where just minutes earlier authorities had used tear gas to disperse protesters. Milley also knew that to the

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IN THE NEWS



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New view An eyewitness contradicts police in Virginia Beach who said a Black man fatally shot by an officer had brandished a gun. B1

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Trump Organization CFO Allen Weisselberg is signaling he'll stick by his longtime boss as prosecutors appear to indict the ex-president. A6
The FDA released new details on its approval of a controversial treat-

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THE ECONOMY Seeking to counter inflation fears, Federal Reserve Chair Jerome H. Powell is pointing to the nation's timber forests and the rise and fall of lumber prices. A19

THE REGION D.C. statehood backers including Mayor Muriel E. Bowser urged a Senate panel to fulfill America's founding principle of no taxation without representation. B1
A Metro employee has been fired and accused of stealing \$155,000 in bus parts, which prosecutors said he resold over the Internet. B1

The Chesapeake Bay's health is inching in the right direction, scientists say, with improvements in key indexes. B1
A totem pole headed to D.C. this summer will serve as a reminder of land sacred to Native tribes and other issues important to Indigenous communities. B1
An NFL rookie with roots in D.C. was hit four times in a Northeast shooting that injured four. He is expected to recover fully. B3
A Maryland man created quite the buzz after trapping and killing a nearly 8-foot-long alligator he had discovered in a pond near his hometown of Lusby. B3

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El ciclo de Scaloni, frente a una hora decisiva

En plena Copa América, el proyecto del director técnico cumplió 30 partidos en la selección: qué está consolidado y cuántas deudas arrastra. **Deportes**



BRITNEY SPEARS LUCHA POR RECUPERAR EL CONTROL DE SU VIDA

—espectáculos

Hoy comparece ante la Justicia en Los Ángeles para solicitar el fin de la curaduría que su padre ejerce sobre ella, y así volver a cantar. **Página 3**

¿HAY CITA O PLAGIO EN EL ARTE CONTEMPORÁNEO?

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Tras las acusaciones a Fátima Pecci Carou, se reavivó un debate sin fin sobre el uso de imágenes para recontextualizarlas en nuevas obras. **Página 21**

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Acuerdan pagar US\$430 millones al Club de París para evitar un default

DEUDA. Se extendió el vencimiento a marzo de 2022, pero deberán pactar antes con el FMI

Francisco Jueguen
LA NACION

El Gobierno hará un pago parcial —a cuenta de capital y en dos cuotas— de US\$430 millones al Club de París para evitar un default el 31 de julio.

Por esa decisión, que privilegia “un tratamiento comparativo” con

otros acreedores, el país obtendrá un puente hasta el 31 de marzo de 2022 para un cierre de la deuda por US\$2400 millones, anunció el ministro de Economía, Martín Guzmán. Antes de esa fecha límite deberá tener un acuerdo con el Fondo Monetario Internacional (FMI).

Aunque falta cerrar detalles, el

primer pago se haría el 31 de julio y el segundo, en 2022. “Hemos llegado a un entendimiento con el Club de París para obtener un puente de tiempo que nos permita no tener que enfrentar una situación de incumplimiento o default el día 31 de julio de este año”, dijo el titular del Palacio de Hacienda. Continúa en la página 16

EL ESCENARIO

Algo de racionalidad e inexactitudes

Luis Cortina
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Esteban Bullrich. “Deseo que mis hijos algún día digan: ‘Papá nunca se rindió’”

—sociedad

A dos meses de haber sido diagnosticado con ELA (una enfermedad degenerativa), el senador habló en un encuentro internacional de emprendedores: “Hago planes como si fuera a vivir 100 años, y vivo como si fuera a morir mañana”.

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ANTIBAL GRECO

Otros 10 partidos bonaerenses podrán volver a tener clases presenciales

COVID-19. Así lo autorizó ayer el ejecutivo provincial; amparos y definiciones judiciales

Por haber mejorado la situación epidemiológica, ayer la provincia de Buenos Aires autorizó a otros 10 municipios a regresar a las aulas. Así, de 135 distritos, 86 vuelven a la presencialidad educativa, con

modalidad burbuja y protocolos sanitarios. Se trata de Bahía Blanca, General Alvear, General Guido, General Pueyrredón, Monte Ramallo, Saavedra, San Antonio de Areco, San Pedro y Tandil. En

tanto, la Justicia habilitó ayer la reapertura de una escuela en Mar del Plata, la primera en la provincia que logró el aval de un amparo; otras 32 esperan una respuesta similar. **Página 2**

El país superó la marca de los 90.000 muertos por coronavirus

Ayer se informaron 792 víctimas, el número más alto registrado en un día

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El Gobierno se negó otra vez a condenar a Nicaragua

DERECHOS HUMANOS. El gobierno nacional se negó a suscribir en la ONU una condena al régimen de Nicaragua por la violación de los derechos humanos y el arresto arbitrario de líderes opositores. Ya había tomado una decisión idéntica ante la OEA, por lo cual recibió fuertes críticas. En el medio hizo un gesto de distanciamiento de Ortega. **Página 10**

Reducen 50% las ventas de carne vacuna al exterior

PRECIOS. También se prohíbe la exportación de siete cortes populares

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Apuração vê possível crime em compra da Covaxin

O Ministério Público Federal desmembrou e transferiu a uma divisão específica a investigação sobre a compra da vacina indiana Covaxin ao identificar indícios de crime no contrato entre o Ministério da Saúde e a Precisa Medicamentos. O preço acima de qualquer outro imunizante adquirido pelo governo é um dos pontos que levaram a Procuradoria à apuração criminal. **Poder A4**

Terra admite à CPI erro ao projetar mortos por vírus

Poder A6

São Paulo volta a imunizar hoje quem tem 49 anos

Após falta de doses que suspendeu a campanha ontem e gerou atrito com o governo estadual, a Prefeitura de São Paulo divulgou novo calendário e prevê aplicar hoje doses a quem tem 49 anos. **Saúde B2**

Outras seis capitais suspenderam 1ª dose por falta de fármaco B1

Entenda como funciona a dose única da Janssen

Saúde B3

Em 3ª onda, Rússia impõe restrição a não vacinados

Após ver a média de contaminações quase dobrar em uma semana, governo russo amplia restrições, e Moscou proibirá não vacinados de frequentar cafés e restaurantes. **Mundo A11**

Governo Biden recua da meta de vacinar 70% dos adultos até 4 de julho A12

Denúncias de obras de milícias dispararam no Rio
Alertas de construções irregulares feitas pelas milícias quintuplicaram em quatro anos no Rio de Janeiro, segundo levantamento do Disque Denúncia a pedido da Folha. **B8**

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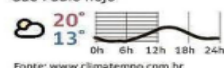
A desigualdade e o IR
Em defesa de maior progressividade do imposto.

França incerta

A respeito de eleição regional com alta abstenção.

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São Paulo hoje



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POLÍCIA DISPERSA ATO INDÍGENA, E CÂMARA ADIA DISCUSSÃO DE DEMARCAÇÃO DE TERRAS

Manifestante fica diante de coluna de policiais durante protesto próximo ao Congresso; segundo organizadores, agentes usaram bombas de gás **Poder A9**

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Retalhos de Brasil

SPFW começa hoje com diversidade na escolha das marcas que integram evento

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Ida de Steven Spielberg para a Netflix não é ameaça ao cinema

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Imunização não elimina temores do COB a um mês da Olimpíada

Lira fala em racionamento educativo de energia no país

Presidente da Câmara diz que medida evitará apagão, cita ministro e baixa tom

Para evitar que se evolua para um apagão, o Brasil terá de racionar energia, declarou o presidente da Câmara, Arthur Lira (PP-AL), atribuindo o diagnóstico ao ministro de Minas e Energia, Bento Albuquerque, com quem esteve na semana passada.

"Vamos ter que ter um período educativo de algum racionamento para não ter nenhum tipo de crise maior", disse o deputado. Mais tarde, ele modulou o tom e afirmou que se tratava de "incentivo ao uso eficiente da energia", de forma voluntária.

Segundo Lira, o governo articula a blindagem a ações judiciais no Supremo Tribunal Federal que contestem o racionamento. O alvo seria a medida provisória que o viabilizaria, ao dar a um comitê interministerial poder para intervir na gestão de usinas.

O Planalto voltou a negar a possibilidade de racionamento iminente e tem buscado medidas para evitá-lo, ante a pior seca em 91 anos, que baixou reservatórios de hidrelétricas, e as vulnerabilidades nos sistemas de transmissão. **Mercado A15**

Dólar fecha abaixo de R\$ 5 pela 1ª vez em um ano

Mercado A16

Reforma afrouxa regra para cargos de livre nomeação

Mercado A14

Verba com venda da Eletrobras pode cobrir reajustes

O governo avalia usar antecipadamente R\$ 30 bilhões previstos com a venda de ações da estatal para amortizar o reajuste tarifário de 2022, que deve superar projeções. **Mercado A15**

Ministros ofereceram cargo em troca de voto em MP, diz senador A4

Elio Gaspari É melhor ouvir Tasso Jereissati

Em janeiro, quando os mortos passavam de 200 mil, olhando para a eleição de 2022, o senador avisou: "As instituições precisam ser fortes, trincar os dentes". Todo mundo precisa trincá-los, pois manifestações políticas de militares e destemperos presidenciais vão se repetir. **Poder A5**

Vacinação no Brasil

% da população vacinada*	Brasil	2ª dose	1ª dose
		15,2	40,8
Dados das 20h de 22.jun	MS	20	52,0
*Acima de 18 anos	RS	19,1	47,3
**Média móvel de 7 dias	ES	16	46,7
***Em relação a 14 dias			

Números da pandemia

Total	Casos	Óbitos
22.jun***	18,1 mi	504,9 mil
Variação**	73,3 mil	1.962
Em 24 h	86,8 mil	14,5%
		2.080



Matheus Soares/O Estado do Maranhão

SÃO LUÍS JÁ OFERECE VACINA PARA PESSOAS A PARTIR DE 18 ANOS

Jovem recebe vacina contra a Covid-19 em drive-thru montado em estacionamento de um shopping de São Luís; cidade maranhense se torna a primeira entre as capitais brasileiras a imunizar pessoas a partir de 18 anos sem comorbidades

Desigualdade racial é alvo de medidas em 23 estados

A COR DA DESIGUALDADE
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Après les régionales, la droite au centre du jeu

En position de force après le premier tour, malgré un niveau record d'abstention, Les Républicains et leurs alliés reprennent espoir pour 2022.

La droite a-t-elle retrouvé toutes ses chances d'emporter la présidentielle de 2022 ? Si la route est encore longue, « un chemin existe désormais », veulent croire les élus Républicains. On la disait divisée et tiraillée, incapable de s'expri-

mer d'une voix claire. Or les succès électoraux enregistrés au soir du premier tour des régionales, avec plus de 29 % des suffrages et des présidents sortants quasiment tous en tête, montrent sa montée en puissance. En quelques heu-

res, elle est revenue au cœur du jeu. Au lendemain du second tour des régionales, c'est une autre compétition qui commencera entre François Baroin, Xavier Bertrand, Valérie Pécresse, Laurent Wauquiez, mais aussi Michel

Barnier ou Bruno Retailleau. Tous connaîtront un peu mieux les règles de sélection du candidat à la présidentielle le 6 juillet prochain, date du bureau politique qui fixera la méthode et le calendrier à venir. **PAGES 2, 3 ET L'ÉDITORIAL**



« Wagner », l'armée fantôme des guerres de Poutine

Du Donbass à la RCA, ces mercenaires permettent à la Russie d'étendre son influence. L'un de ces soldats de fortune a brisé la loi du silence avec un témoignage inédit pour *Le Figaro*. **PAGES 8 ET 9**

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La possibilité d'une victoire

La droite, combien de divisions ? N'en déplaît à ceux qui brodent depuis quatre ans sur la fin des vieux clivages, sa force est incontestable. Elle détient la majorité au Sénat et compte une centaine de députés. Elle dispose d'un solide maillage territorial que le second tour des élections régionales et départementales, dimanche prochain, devrait confirmer en dépit d'une abstention massive. Selon toutes les études d'opinion, ses idées sont majoritaires dans le pays. Enfin, et c'est un signe, elle est l'adversaire que redoutent le plus ses principaux concurrents en vue de la présidentielle. Pour l'éviter, Emmanuel Macron et Marine Le Pen veulent à tout prix l'étrangler.

Non seulement la droite tient bien le choc dans un paysage politique pour le moins instable, mais elle a toutes les raisons de croire en son avenir. Sa prin-

cipale faiblesse est connue : elle souffre de l'absence en son sein d'un chef incontesté. Pour le trouver, les régionales suffiront-elles à départager Valérie Pécresse, Laurent Wauquiez et Xavier Bertrand, qui sortiront probablement chacun gagnant de l'épreuve ? D'autres prétendants auraient aussi, semble-t-il, l'intention de se manifester. Dès lors, comment faire pour ne pas déclencher une guerre des ego, se tirer une balle dans le pied ni gâcher la possibilité d'une victoire en 2022 ?

Primaire ouverte ou fermée, pas de primaire du tout, le débat fait rage. À la tête du parti LR, il est même question d'organiser un vaste sondage, ce qui ne manque pas d'audace par les temps qui courent. Xavier Bertrand a déjà annoncé qu'il irait quoi qu'il arrive. Sa décision sera-t-elle réversible si les vents ne lui étaient pas favorables ? Le principal ennemi de la droite aujourd'hui, c'est d'abord elle-même. ■

Budget 2022 : les ministres renâclent à se serrer la ceinture

La préparation du budget est un exercice particulièrement complexe les années d'élection présidentielle. Plus encore en cette période de sortie de crise. Habités aux « quoi qu'il en coûte », les ministres réclament des hausses de crédits, alors que Bercy aimerait réussir à contenir les dépenses publiques. **PAGES 22 ET 23**



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Ministers will push to sell Channel 4 in TV shake-up

Jim Waterson
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Channel 4's four decades as a publicly owned broadcaster could be about to come to an end, as ministers push ahead with controversial plans to sell the channel as part of a shake-up that could transform the landscape of British television.

The culture secretary, Oliver Dowden, has confirmed he will hold a swift consultation on privatisation, in a move that would mark the end of an era in UK broadcasting and radically change how one of Britain's major public service TV networks operates.

The broadcaster - home to shows such as the Great British Bake Off, It's a Sin, and Channel 4 News - is editorially independent but has been owned by the state since it was created by Margaret Thatcher's government in 1982. It operates with a remit to commission distinctive programming and serve diverse audiences across the UK. Unlike other broadcasters it is required to reinvest its profits into new shows, funnelling cash to the independent production companies that make all of its programmes.

Dowden said privatisation would ensure Channel 4 "keeps its place at the heart of British broadcasting", allowing it to adapt as audiences drift away from traditional television channels in favour of streaming services.

However, Channel 4 has come under repeated attacks from Conservatives who complain some of its output is biased against the Tories, leading to suspicions that there is a political motivation to the move.

Tom Harrington of media analysts Enders Analysis said the proposal to privatise Channel 4 was "potentially spiteful" and ignored the role Channel 4 played in

Attenborough speaks out

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Don't delay applying to stay, EU citizens warned

Lisa O'Carroll
Brexit correspondent

Tens of thousands of EU citizens living in Britain will be issued with a formal 28-day notice if they have failed to apply for post-Brexit settled status within a week, the government

has said. The notices will tell them to submit an application or risk consequences, which include losing their rights to healthcare and employment.

With a week to go before the 30 June deadline for the EU settlement scheme, the Home Office is redoubling efforts to reach those who do not know about

Cummings told officials: ignore rules over £530k

**Exclusive
Felicity Lawrence**

Dominic Cummings demanded senior civil servants pay half a million pounds to an external data team, according to leaked emails that show the prime minister's former chief

adviser urging officials to bypass government procedures.

On 22 March 2020, the day before Boris Johnson ordered the UK into full lockdown, Cummings instructed civil servants at NHSX, the government unit responsible for digital transformation in health, to grant the money to Our World in Data, a research

project run by a not-for-profit organisation with Oxford academics.

"Someone please ensure that they have the 530k within 24 hours from now and report back to me it's been sent," Cummings wrote to the chief executive of NHSX. "No procurement, no lawyers, no meetings, no delay please



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