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Investors around the globe are pouring money into U.S. financial assets, a sign of confidence that the world's largest economy remains poised to pull through the Covid-19 pandemic better than many others. **A1**

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Fires Rage in California as Blazes Ease in Oregon



STILL BURNING: California's largest fire, the Dixie Fire in Plumas and Butte counties, was only 21% contained as of Sunday morning after burning more than 190,000 acres. The Dixie continues to edge closer to more residential communities. **A3**

American Airstrikes Intensify Against Taliban in Afghanistan

The U.S. has stepped up airstrikes in southern Afghanistan amid growing apprehension over a Taliban offensive threatening Kandahar, the

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country's second-largest city and spiritual capital of the Taliban movement.

The fall of Kandahar would deal a heavy blow to the U.S.-backed government in Kabul, which is trying to impart calm to its citizens as the Taliban

has seized swaths of the countryside, but so far failed to take a major city.

The airstrikes, about a dozen in recent days, point to a continuing role for the U.S. military in Afghanistan, despite confidence expressed by President Biden and the Pentagon that the Afghan armed forces are well-equipped and ready to fight the Taliban on their own. U.S. forces are due to leave Afghanistan by the end of August.

Kandahar, with a population of 600,000, was home to deceased Taliban leader Mullah Omar and host to key military

bases once maintained by the U.S. It is also a major economic prize.

The Taliban have advanced dozens of miles toward the city in recent weeks, squeezing it from three directions, capturing swaths of territory in the Panjwai and Arghandab valleys, places where foreign troops fought for decades to keep the Taliban at bay.

From the west, Taliban fighters now are within 2 miles of a base once used by the Central Intelligence Agency to train Afghan special forces, who now occupy the facility, according to residents reached

by telephone in Kandahar.

Residents said the Taliban push from the south threatens to cut off the main road between the city and Kandahar Air Field, a one-time bastion of U.S. air power during the 20-year war. The U.S. turned the base over to the Afghan National Army last month.

In an impromptu visit to Kabul, the top U.S. military commander in charge of the Middle East and Afghanistan, Gen. Frank McKenzie, met

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FICO Sees Its Hold On Credit Slipping

By ANNA MARIA ANDRIOTIS

For decades, nearly every consumer credit decision revolved around a three-digit number—the FICO credit score. That is changing.

FICO has long dominated the market for consumer credit, providing scores for some 200 million U.S. consumers that are used by a whole host of lenders to evaluate credit-card, auto-loan and mortgage applicants. For borrowers, higher scores can mean bigger loans and lower interest rates.

But powerful forces are aligning to test its dominance.

Big lenders are moving away from FICO, according to people familiar with the matter. Capital One Financial Corp. and Synchrony Financial don't use its scores for most consumer-lending decisions. They are becoming a smaller factor in some underwriting decisions at JPMorgan Chase & Co. and Bank of America Corp.

A key financial regulator, meanwhile, is encouraging banks to de-emphasize credit scores in an effort to expand access to affordable credit. And housing-finance giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac are considering allowing lenders to use other scores when evaluating mortgage applicants.

There are a few reasons for the shift. Many lenders now review a wealth of new data and use it to refine their own proprietary scores that they say are better able to predict who will repay. Regulators are concerned that FICO leaves too many people behind, limiting them to payday loans and other costly forms of credit. Some 53

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Biles Stumbles in Qualifying



The U.S. women's gymnastics team's Simone Biles stood atop the individual standings after competition concluded late Sunday, but the star made several significant errors. **A12**

Russia, Banned at Olympics, Is Still Trying to Be Russia

Its athletes are competing as ROC, but can't use national anthem, bear symbol

By GREGORY KANTCHEV

TOKYO—For most athletes, getting ready for the Olympics involves training camps, trial competitions and mental preparation. For Russians, it also includes horse-trading over bears and music.

Caught in a doping scandal, Russia has been stripped of its key identifying markers like a flag or a national anthem. Russia, in fact, isn't officially competing in Tokyo as a country. Its athletes are competing as ROC, for the Russian Olympic Committee. In December, the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Switzerland banned Russia from interna-

tional sports until the end of 2022 after the World Anti-Doping Agency found it guilty of running a state-sponsored doping program. Clean Russian athletes were allowed to participate in Tokyo, under strict guidelines. The International Olympic Committee said that any deviation from the guidelines could lead to new court cases.

So ahead of the Tokyo Games, Russian officials and the IOC had to hammer out details including the kind of music to play for their winners instead of the national anthem, what the uniforms would look like and where Russian flags can

Nyet on flag

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Delta Variant Disrupts World's Covid-19 Response

The Delta variant is changing calculations of governments around the world, raising doubts about how quickly they can leave the coronavirus pan-

By Jason Douglas in London and Gabriele Steinhäuser in Johannesburg

demie behind, widening the gap between highly vaccinated places and the rest, and infiltrating countries that had previously kept the virus at bay.

The variant's ability to spread more easily than previous dominant versions of the virus has driven rapidly rising

Covid-19 caseloads, even in highly vaccinated countries such as the U.K. and Israel. There, the vaccines have suppressed serious illness and deaths. But, in many parts of the rest of the world, the pandemic that has already sickened at least 200 million people and killed more than four million is intensifying.

The good news that vaccines are highly effective against Delta at preventing severe illness and death in those fully inoculated is a vindication

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Population Stall Stirs Concern

Fertility slump, Covid-19 effect weigh on driver of national economy

By JANET ADAMY AND ANTHONY DEBARROS

America's weak population growth, already held back by a decade-long fertility slump, is dropping closer to zero because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

In half of all states last year, more people died than were born, up from five states in 2019. Early estimates show the total U.S. population grew 0.35% for the year ended July 1, 2020, the lowest ever documented, and growth is expected to remain near flat this year.

Some demographers cite an outside chance the population could shrink for the first time on record. Population growth is an important influence on the size of the labor market and a country's fiscal and economic strength.

One bad year doesn't automatically spell trouble for future U.S. demographic health. What concerns demographers is that in the past, when a weak economy drove down births, it was often a tempo-

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Taliban threat Afghanistan orders curfew

A soldier stops a vehicle at a check point in Herat, western Afghanistan.

The Kabul government introduced a night curfew across most of the country over the weekend, in an effort to slow the advance of the Taliban. The Islamist insurgents have made rapid gains since the US began its withdrawal from Afghanistan after 20 years of war. Most of those victories have come in unpopulated, rural territory, while the Afghan security forces have focused on protecting Kabul and provincial capitals.

Officials in neighbouring Pakistan fear that the new curfew could spur a mass exodus across the border. There are already an estimated 3m Afghan refugees in Pakistan, according to the UN. **Report page 4**



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UK drive to squeeze out Chinese from nuclear power programme

● Role of Beijing's CGN at risk ● Fraying ties force London rethink ● New partner sought

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The British government is exploring ways to remove China's state-owned nuclear energy company from all future power projects in the country, according to people close to the discussions.

The change in mood at the top of UK government will affect China General Nuclear's role in a consortium planning to build a £2.0bn plant in Suffolk, in eastern England, and its proposal for a plant in nearby Essex using its own reactor technology.

Ties between London and Beijing have frayed in recent years over issues ranging from China's clampdown on Hong Kong dissent and the treatment of the Uyghur minority, to its handling of the Covid-19 outbreak in Wuhan.

Dominic Raab, foreign secretary, said last year that the UK could no longer conduct "business as usual" with Beijing. The most high-profile action so far has been Britain's decision to force Chinese telecoms equipment maker Huawei out of its 5G network.

The US and its allies have increasingly looked for ways to stop China from obtaining sensitive technology, and reduced their reliance on China in their own supply chains and critical infrastructure. The US put CGN on an export blacklist in 2019, alleging it had stolen US technology for military purposes.

The UK-China collaboration on nuclear power dates back to an agreement in 2015 between David Cameron, the British prime minister at the time, and Xi Jinping, China's president.

That deal envisaged CGN becoming a 20 per cent partner in the development of the planned Sizewell C plant on the Suffolk coast along with an option to participate in its construction. It also sealed Chinese investment in the 3.2 gigawatt Hinkley Point C nuclear plant, which is under construction in Somerset, in south-west England.

Under the agreement, CGN became the lead developer of the proposed Bradwell B plant in Essex, in which it plans to install its own Hualong HPR1000 reactor technology. The design is on its way through the UK regulatory approval process.

But one person familiar with the matter said Chinese plans to build the plant, 50km from London, were now a non-starter. "There isn't a chance in hell that



China General Nuclear is involved in a consortium planning to build a £2.0bn nuclear plant in eastern England

CGN builds Bradwell," the person said.

Discussions were taking place with EDF, the lead developer of Sizewell C, on finding new partners for that project too, the person added.

Another person close to the discussions said London was hoping CGN would withdraw from both projects without any confrontation. Both CGN and EDF declined to comment.

The UK government refused to confirm or deny that it no longer wanted CGN taking part in the nuclear energy programme.

"All nuclear projects in the UK are conducted under robust and independent regulation to meet the UK's rigorous legal, regulatory and national security requirements," it said.

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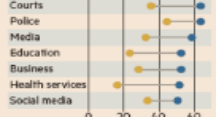
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Datawatch

Perception gap

Where black people are believed to be treated worse than white people (%)



Source: Ipsos Mori (UK)

Almost two-thirds of black people in the UK think their community is treated worse by police and the justice system than white people. A third of all Britons think black people are treated more poorly by the media and on social media



Critics see red as cheap loans to wealthy surge

US bank lending to rich customers has soared, setting off alarm bells among Wall Street watchers and advocacy groups. Advances from lenders' wealth management arms hit \$600bn in the second quarter as the well-off buy property, invest in stocks and even lighten tax bills. But one observer calls the allowances banks hold against their wealth portfolios 'meagre', while Americans for Tax Fairness says the rich are engaged in 'legal tax dodging'. **Report page 6**

Vision Fund's bet on Didi marked down by \$4bn as Beijing pressure takes toll

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Beijing's regulatory crackdown on Didi Chuxing has left SoftBank's Vision Fund nursing a \$4bn paper loss as its holding in the Chinese ride-hailing app.

The Vision Fund's 20.1 per cent stake in the New York-listed taxi app, for which it paid \$11.8bn in 2019, is now worth \$7.8bn after Chinese regulatory pressure within days of its initial public offering sent its share price tumbling.

The Japanese group's heavy investment in China's tech sector, which makes up more than one-quarter of the \$100bn Vision Fund's portfolio, has left it exposed to shifting regulatory winds.

China's ministry of state security and six other government departments said this month they would station investigators in Didi's offices to conduct a security

probe after the company went ahead with its New York IPO against the internet regulator's wishes.

Soon after launching an investigation into Didi's alleged data security lapses, the regulator turned to scrutinising Vision Fund-backed Full Truck Alliance, sending its US-listed shares down 43 per cent this month.

Other Vision Fund holdings in China are also under pressure. Keep, the country's most popular fitness app, recently withdrew plans for a US listing, while online education start-up Zuozebang could be hit by debilitating new restrictions on the home-tutoring sector.

SoftBank began investing in Didi in 2015 and sold its shares to the Saudi-backed Vision Fund in 2019.

The Japanese telecoms group has also backed a number of Didi's spin-off enterprises, such as its bike sharing

business and its autonomous driving unit.

The murders of two female passengers by Didi drivers in 2018 set off a storm of public outrage and regulatory action against the company, and delayed its IPO for several years.

The Vision Fund had hoped to sell down its Didi stake in the US public offering, which bankers had said could value the company at up to \$100bn. But it shelved those plans as the company's lofty valuation deflated, according to one person familiar with the matter. The fund declined to comment.

While the Vision Fund's holdings in China have been beset by problems, the value of many of its investments elsewhere has soared, such as South Korean e-commerce group Coupang.

Additional reporting by Nian Liu in Beijing

World Markets

STOCK MARKETS					CURRENCIES					INTEREST RATES				
	Jul 23	Jul 16	%Week		\$ per €	Jul 23	Jul 16	%Week		price	yield	chg		
S&P 500	4411.79	4327.16	1.96	\$ per £	1.176	1.181			US Gov 10 yr	148.26	1.29	0.05		
Nikkei Composite	14208.99	14427.24	-2.94	£ per €	1.375	1.376			US Gov 10 yr	0.58	0.58	0.02		
Dow Jones Ind	35901.55	34807.85	3.16	€ per £	0.855	0.856			Gov Gov 10 yr	0.42	0.42	0.01		
FTSE100	1778.70	1754.54	1.38	¥ per \$	110.570	110.105			Japan Gov 10 yr	117.45	0.01	0.00		
Dax	4108.10	4035.77	1.82	₹ per \$	152.091	151.862			US Gov 30 yr	115.52	1.93	0.04		
FTSE All-Share	7027.58	7008.09	0.28	SFr per €	1.083	1.086			Gov Gov 2 yr	105.76	-0.73	-0.01		
FTSE All-Share	4025.12	4002.80	0.56	€ per \$	0.856	0.847								
CAC 40	6569.02	6460.08	1.68											
Nikkei	15609.29	15440.31	0.83											
Nikkei	27548.03	28048.49	-3.71											
Hong Kong	27321.88	27196.27	-2.41											
USDX	94.66	-	-											
MSCI EM	1326.30	-	-											
MSCI ACWI	722.80	-	-											

	Jul 23	Jul 16	%Week		price	prev	chg
Oil WTI \$	72.11	71.51	0.84	Fed Funds Eff	0.08	0.06	0.02
Oil Brent \$	74.12	73.17	1.30	US 3m bill	0.05	0.05	0.00
Gold \$	1799.45	1823.75	-1.33	Gov 3m bill	0.05	0.05	0.00
				UK 3m	0.07	0.07	0.00

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The climate deserves better than 12%!

For several years the financial industry has been multiplying initiatives to measure companies' climate performance and engagement. Scarcely a day goes by without a new fund or index being launched on the basis of this climate data, with the primary declared objective of the investments' positive impact on the transition towards a low-carbon economy.

However, a study conducted as part of the EDHEC-Scientific Beta Advanced ESG and Climate Investing research chart shows that the reality of traditional climate investing strategies does not live up to the promises and the communication from their promoters. Speaking of climate investment when the companies' climate performance only accounts on average for 12% of the weight of their stocks in the portfolios is at best a misnomer and at worst misinformation with regard to responsible investors who are engaged for the climate.

This greenwashing also has negative consequences on the potential impact of investment strategies for combating climate change.

To shed light on this question, itemise the greenwashing risks of traditional climate investing strategies and promote new practices, EDHEC is organising virtual presentations of the portfolio greenwashing study on September 21 next.

You can register by contacting climate.webinar@edhec-bd.com

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Late Edition

Today, cloudy, then some sunshine, warm, less humid, high 89. **Tonight**, mainly clear, low 72. **Tomorrow**, mostly sunny, still warm, high 89. Weather map appears on Page D12.



Roberta Moses is among a network of canvassers going door-to-door in Shreveport, La., to try to sign up people for vaccinations.

Official Fights To Vaccinate In Louisiana Rumors and Mistrust Make Progress Slow

By NOAH WEILAND

SHREVEPORT, La. — Dr. Martha Whyte, the top public health official in the northwest corner of Louisiana, was sitting at the back of a City Council meeting here on a muggy day recently when she was called to the front of the room to respond to an attack on the coronavirus vaccine.

Candy Peavy, a resident, had warned that the Biden administration would send people door to door to "document unvaccinated Americans" — a false but widespread conspiracy theory. Not only that, Ms. Peavy had told the hundreds in attendance, but the vaccine was an "experimental gene therapy" that had killed thousands in the United States.

"We should refuse to be tracked, discriminated against, bribed, controlled, threatened, shamed or coerced into compliance," she had shouted to applause.

Dr. Whyte calmly began a practiced monologue on the vaccine. It does not integrate into one's DNA, she said. No one in Louisiana has died from the vaccine — one of the safest ever produced, she added. Several women yelled and swore at her before they were asked to leave.

"We're stuck," Dr. Whyte, 55, said in an interview days later in her fifth-floor government office, surrounded by awards she has received over almost 20 years as medical director of a public health region in Louisiana bordering Texas and Arkansas. Coronavirus variants are swarming the area and threatening a major uptick in cases and deaths.

Facing deep mistrust that has been stoked by conservative news outlets and lawmakers and by rampant misinformation online, local health officials like Dr. Whyte are fighting for influence when the only sure strategy for beating back the virus is getting more people vaccinated. Dr. Whyte considers herself a target at a time when many public health officials around the country have resigned or been fired during the pandemic, including the top vaccine official in Tennessee this month.

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Shot Refusal Gives Variant Room to Grow

More Vaccinations Key
to Halting New Surge

By APOORVA MANDAVILLI

After an all too brief respite, the United States is again at a crossroads in the pandemic. The number of infections has ticked up — slowly at first, then swiftly — to 51,000 cases per day, on average, more than four times the rate a month ago. The country may again see overflowing hospitals, exhausted health care workers and thousands of needless deaths.

The more contagious Delta variant may be getting the blame, but fueling its rise is an older, more familiar foe: vaccine hesitancy and refusal, long pervasive in the United States. Were a wider swath of the population vaccinated, there would be no resurgence — of the Delta variant, or Alpha variant, or any other version of the coronavirus.

While mild breakthrough infections may be more common than once thought, the vaccines effectively prevent severe illness and death. Yet nearly half of the population remains unvaccinated and unprotected. About 30 percent of adults have not received even a single dose, and the percentage is much higher in some parts of the country.

America is one of the few countries with enough vaccines at its disposal to protect every resident — and yet it has the highest rates of vaccine resistance or refusal of any nation except Russia.

Public health experts have fruitlessly warned for months that the virus — any version of it — would resurge if the country did not vaccinate enough of the population quickly enough. Bill Hargrett, an epidemiologist at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, predicted in January that Florida might have a rough summer. Now one in five new infections nationwide is in Florida.

True, the speed and ferocity with which the Delta variant is tearing through Asia, Europe, Africa and now North America has taken many experts by surprise. It now accounts for about 83 percent of the infections in the Continued on Page A15

Maker of Prius Now Resisting Emissions Push

By HIROKO TABUCHI

The Toyota Prius hybrid was a milestone in the history of clean cars, attracting millions of buyers worldwide who could do their part for the environment while saving money on gasoline.

But in recent months, Toyota, one of the world's largest automakers, has quietly become the industry's strongest voice opposing an all-out transition to electric vehicles — which proponents say is critical to fighting climate change.

Last month, Chris Reynolds, a senior executive who oversees government affairs for the company, traveled to Washington for closed-door meetings with congressional staff members and outlined Toyota's opposition to an aggressive transition to all-electric cars. He argued that gas-electric hybrids like the Prius and hydrogen-powered cars should play a bigger role, according to four people familiar with the talks.

Behind that position is a business quandary: Even as other automakers have embraced electric cars, Toyota has bet its future on the development of hydrogen fuel cells — a costlier technology that has fallen far behind electric batteries — with greater use of hybrids in the near term. That means a rapid shift from gasoline to electric on the roads could be devastating for the company's market share and bottom line.

The recent push in Washington follows Toyota's worldwide efforts — in markets including the United States, the United Kingdom, the European Union and Australia — to oppose stricter car emissions standards or fight electric vehicle mandates. For example, executives at Toyota's Indian subsidiary Continued on Page A9

Nearing Fourth Grade, and Racing to Catch Up

By SARAH MERVOSH

GREENSBORO, N.C. — In second grade, Zion Graham bounded to school. He loved math. His favorite book was about a slow turtle who took all day to get dressed. Then came the pandemic, and months of joyless remote learning. Zion lost confidence in reading. His performance in third grade plummeted.

Zion, now 8, is spending his summer racing to catch up, back at Hunter Elementary School in Greensboro, N.C. When Zion and his schoolmates arrive by 7:45 a.m. each morning, they face a challenge — and a deadline. How much can they learn before fourth grade starts, to avoid falling even further behind?

Summer Schools Try to Close Pandemic Learning Gap

Around the country, children are attending summer school like never before, as the United States pushes billions of dollars into education to help children recover from the pandemic. The Biden administration has identified summer learning as one key strategy, allocating at least \$1.2 billion in federal stimulus money for it. From San Diego to New York City to Miami, hundreds of thousands of children are attending programs this year, some for the first time. In Guilford County, N.C., the school district that includes Greensboro, summer school enrollment has skyrocketed to 12,000, from 1,200 two years ago.

Yet summer school, by its very nature, is short, and the pandemic's impact on students is expected to stretch months, even years. "You have kids who have the potential to catch up relatively easily — I mean, before Christmas," said Tonette McQueen, Zion's summer teacher. "Then you have some kids who will experience some growth, but will be behind for years to come."

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Mastering Olympic Waves

Caroline Marks, a surfer on the U.S. team, finding her footing on Sunday. Another American, Kurt Korte, has the job of predicting when the best waves will arrive during the Tokyo Games. Page D5.

Top Democrats Turn to Likely Mayor Over His Stance on Crime

By KATIE GLUECK

When Eric Adams won New York City's Democratic mayoral primary, his supporters in Congress were bombarded with questions about him from colleagues representing districts in Michigan and Florida, Chicago and Los Angeles.

When a national group of Irish American Democrats gathered in Manhattan recently to toast President Biden's victory, Mr. Adams was there too, touting his admiration for Irish American former co-workers in the Police Department.

And in the span of a week, Mr. Adams met with Mr. Biden at the White House and with the House speaker, Nancy Pelosi, on Capitol Hill. He appeared with Gov. An-

Ex-Captain in New York Commands a Pulpit

drew M. Cuomo to discuss combating gun violence. And he stood with Senator Kirsten Gillibrand outside Brooklyn Borough Hall, endorsing her proposal for federal

gun trafficking legislation.

Mr. Adams, the Brooklyn borough president, has been his party's mayoral nominee for less than three weeks. But already, many national Democrats appear eager to elevate the former New York police captain, as gun violence shatters parts of major American cities and Republicans seek to caricature their opponents as naive

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Quiet and Relentless Crusader For Civil Rights and Education

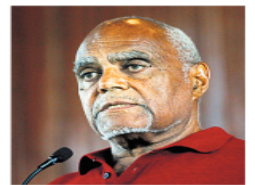
This article is by Michael Levenson,
Clay Risen and Eduardo Medina.

Bob Moses, a soft-spoken pioneer of the civil rights movement who faced relentless intimidation and brutal violence to register Black voters in Mississippi in the 1960s, and who later started a national organization devoted to teaching math as a means to a more equal society, died on Sunday at his home in Hollywood, Fla. He was 86.

His daughter Maisha Moses confirmed his death. She did not specify a cause.

Mr. Moses cut a decidedly different image from other prominent Black figures in the 1960s, especially those who sought change by working with the country's white political establishment.

Typically dressed in denim bib overalls and seemingly more comfortable around sharecroppers than senators, he insisted that he was an organizer, not a leader. He said he drew inspiration from an older generation of civil rights organizers, like Ella Baker, a leader of the Southern Christian Leader-



BOB MOSES, 1935-2021
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ship Conference, and her "quiet work in out-of-the-way places and the commitment of organizers digging into local communities."

"He exemplified putting community interests above ego and personal interest," Derrick Johnson, the president of the N.A.A.C.P., said in a phone interview. "If you look at his work, he was always pushing local leadership first."

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Life in Nagorno-Karabakh

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State's summer school struggle

Despite \$4.6-billion funding surge, districts face staffing shortages, spotty attendance.

By Laura Newberry

The message to schools from top brass, including Gov. Gavin Newsom and U.S. Education Secretary Miguel Cardona, was clear: Summer programs in 2021 should be robust. They should reach as many students as possible. And above all else, they should be fun.

To make it all happen, California school districts received a collective \$4.6 billion from the state in early March to address learning gaps widened by the pandemic and to prepare students mentally and emotionally for their return to campuses in the fall.

But despite the funding surge that has allowed a vast majority of California school districts to open this summer, the size and scope of many programs have been limited by teacher and staffing shortages, the inability of districts to ramp up programs fast enough, and a familiar desire for a break amid ongoing safety concerns.

And several of the region's largest districts, including Los Angeles Unified, have had less attendance than hoped for, even with unprecedented resources.

"So many districts hadn't done this before and were really scrambling to figure out how to spend the money, where to hire the staff," said Jennifer Beck, president of Partnership for Children and Youth, an Oakland-based organization that advocates for extended learning programs for students from underserved communities.

Because of the past dearth of funding, public summer school has long been offered mainly as specialized instruction for students with disabilities, credit recovery for high schoolers, and math and language arts remediation. Relatively few California school districts had the bandwidth or money to offer free enrichment opportunities such as outdoor recreation, visual and performing arts and second-language classes.

But this year, 73% of California school districts planned to provide enrichment classes as of early June, state data show. State [See Summer School, A5]

Transit funding holds up deal on infrastructure

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MISSTEPS FOR AMERICANS

Simone Biles performs in the women's team gymnastics qualifying competition at the Tokyo Olympics. The U.S. placed second and must improve in the final, columnist Helene Elliott writes. **SPORTS, D1**

Relishing wrestlers in the flesh

As world's biggest sporting event is held before empty seats, fans buy up every ticket to Grand Slam in Tokyo

By Victoria Kim and Hanako Lowry

TOKYO — Thousands of masked Japanese fans filtered into the Tokyo Dome on Sunday night, abuzz with excitement. Those who couldn't get a coveted ticket milled about outside, soaking in the atmosphere. Deafening pyrotechnics erupted, filling the stadium with smoke.

"More, more, more! Give me a bigger round of applause!" a voice thundered — and the crowd obliged.

The hottest-ticket event in town was off to a raucous start. But it wasn't the



New Japan Pro Wrestling
"EL PHANTASMO," above, and Rysuke Taguchi compete in the New Japan Pro Wrestling event.

Tokyo Olympics.

The New Japan Pro Wrestling Grand Slam — held before 5,000 enthralled fans at the 55,000-seat arena, the maximum level allowed under the city's COVID-19 state of emergency — is one example of the strange duality of life in Tokyo during the 2½ weeks the city plays host to the world's highest-profile sporting event.

With infections on the rise in a fifth wave of coronavirus cases, Olympic organizers decided two weeks before Friday's opening ceremony that the long-delayed Summer Games would go on but without any spectators. [See Tokyo, A3]

Trump forces '24 GOP field to walk tightrope

By Melanie Mason

DES MOINES — No notable Republican has declared outright a challenge to President Biden in 2024. But plenty of them are flocking to Iowa — courting activists, establishing political action committees and trotting out their best digs against Democrats — signaling that the GOP presidential primary is already underway.

This cycle, however, has a Trump-induced twist. As the former president keeps Republicans guessing whether he will run again, politicians are being especially circumspect about their own White House aspirations.

"Usually, when the race is over and [Republicans] don't win ... the very next

day, the race is on," said Bob Vander Plaats, president of the Family Leader, an influential network of Christian activists in the state. "That hasn't been the case so much. A lot of people are still asking, 'What is Trump going to do?'"

The looming question has added an extra degree of coyness as possible contenders cozy up to voters in Iowa, which traditionally

has held the first contest of the nominating season. Despite some prominent conservatives in the state sensing desire for a new Republican standard-bearer, politicians are assiduously working not to alienate Trump, who still enjoys broad popularity with the party's base.

The bad-faced GOP names who have visited Iowa, which traditionally

Antioch apologizes for mistreating Chinese

City seeks to turn the page 145 years after white residents burned Chinatown

By Anh Do

In the basement of Reign Salon in Antioch, a brick wall is a reminder of a dark past.

More than a century ago, Chinese people built tunnels under the city because they were forbidden by law from going outside after sundown.

Then, white residents burned Chinatown to the ground.

Today, few traces of the old Chinatown remain — some tunnel entrances such as the one in Reign, wood pilings in the San Joaquin River that were the foundations of houses.

Many people strolling in the Bay Area city's quiet downtown, or getting their hair cut at Reign, are unaware that a Chinatown once stood there.

Antioch officials aim to change that, starting with a dramatic gesture.

First, the City Council apolo-



MAYOR Lamar Thorpe of Antioch surveys Reign Salon's basement, which provided Chinese Americans access to tunnels in the late 1870s.

gized to all early Chinese immigrants and their descendants.

"An apology for dehumanization and injustices cannot erase the past, but admission of the wrongs committed can speed racial healing and reconciliation and help confront the ghosts of the past," the council said in a resolution passed unanimously in May.

The council will also create a Chinatown Historic District and fund murals and museum exhibits commemorating the city's Asian history.

Antioch is one of many California cities, including Los Angeles and Santa Ana, where white residents lynched Chinese people or burned down their neighborhoods in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

Amid the racial reckoning after the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis and a rise in anti-Asian hate crimes during the COVID-19 pandemic, Antioch is [See Antioch, A6]

LAFD deputy said to be drunk on duty

A top commander appeared intoxicated during Palisades fire, complaint says. Some say it was covered up.

By Paul Pringle

In May, as the Los Angeles Fire Department was battling the Palisades blaze, Chief Ralph Terrazas received a report that his top administrative commander appeared to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs while on duty at the agency's headquarters, where he was overseeing its operations center. The Times has learned.

LAFD rules require agency officials to drop promptly with employees suspected of being under the influence, but records and interviews show that the complaint about Chief Deputy Fred Mathis' condition was not filed for three days, a delay the department has not explained.

The complaint says that Mathis admitted he had been drinking. Terrazas did not respond to a Times question asking whether Mathis was ordered to submit a urine sample for testing, as required under LAFD rules.

In the meantime, a retroactive entry was logged into the city's timekeeping system days later to show that Mathis was out sick the same day, a colleague reported that the chief deputy was intoxicated on the job at the department's downtown office at City Hall East, interviewed, and a record obtained by The Times show.

The incident — and the secrecy shrouding how it was handled — has provoked sharp criticism within the agency and revived longstanding accusations of racial bias.

Two department officers who represent a group of Black and Latino firefighters said Terrazas' handling of the Mathis matter violated LAFD policy. They said Terrazas gave Mathis, who is white and one of two chief deputies in the department, special treatment that is not granted to non-white employees accused of similar misconduct.

"It's a total cover-up and a double standard, and the chief protects his own," said Assistant Chief Patrick Butler, who wrote a letter to [See Deputy, A5]

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Capitol riot inquiry to start amid controversy

GOP leaders threaten countermeasures as Democrats finalize plans

BY KAROUN DEMIRJIAN

The House select committee envisioned to be the ultimate arbiter of what led President Donald Trump's supporters to invade the U.S. Capitol in January is scheduled to begin its work this week under a cloud of controversy that threatens to compromise the investigation from the outset.

Republican leaders, who declared a boycott after House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) last week rejected two of their picks for the panel, have signaled to the GOP's rank and file that there could be consequences for anyone who participates. As of Sunday, two have agreed to do so anyway, and Pelosi has hinted that there could be others.

It's unclear when a roster may be finalized, and Democrats running the committee have yet to articulate specific plans or timelines for their investigation.

Nevertheless, on Tuesday, four police officers — two from the Capitol's protection squad and two from the D.C. police — are set to provide the first public testimony before the select committee. They are expected to testify about their experiences of both physical and verbal abuse on Jan. 6, as they tried to protect the Capitol from a swelling horde of demonstrators determined to stop Congress's efforts to certify the 2020 electoral college results, and declare Joe Biden the next president.

Their stories will be familiar to those who have followed the riot's fallout via related congressional investigations, ongoing court and political maneuvering, and second impeachment trial. A7

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Second to one

Katie Ledecky's dominance in the 400-meter freestyle came to an expected but still surprising end Monday at the Tokyo Olympics, where Australian Ariarne Titmus, left, grabbed the gold. Ledecky ended up with the silver medal but has more races ahead of her. D1

Hoop nightmares: U.S. men suffer first Olympic loss since 2004. D1 | **So close:** Arlington's Huske falls just shy of the 100 butterfly podium. D1

After ransomware attacks, lawsuits are mounting

BY GERRIT DE VYNCK

Eddie Darwich and his wife, Abeer, had been running the EZ Mart fuel station on Castle Hayne Road in Wilmington, N.C., for 11 years the day the gas dried up.

At first, Darwich was skeptical of the other gas station owners who were calling him with news of a strange computer hack on Colonial Pipeline, the company that ran the network of fuel pipes serving much of the East Coast. The pipeline had been shut down,

Consumers, small firms say companies' security lapses cost them

and panicked drivers were buying extra fuel, leading to a run on gas supplies.

"I didn't believe it," he said in a recent phone interview. "There's no way in hell something like this would happen in the United

States."

But it was true. On May 12, five days after an employee in Colonial's control room discovered the hack, Darwich's pumps ran dry. He desperately called his supplier, who told him the only thing he could do was wait. Darwich wasn't the only one who needed gas: Thousands of stations in a dozen states were in the same bind.

"For more than a month, I did not see my customers," he said. "It hurt a lot."

Now he's suing Colonial Pipeline over those lost sales, accusing it of lax security. He and his lawyers are hoping to also represent the hundreds of other small gas stations that were hurt by the hack. It's just one of several class-action lawsuits that are popping up in the wake of high-profile ransomware attacks.

Another lawsuit filed against Colonial in Georgia in May seeks damages for consumers who had to pay higher gas prices. A third is

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Frustration and fear mark 'messy' fight in Kunduz

In a city besieged by the Taliban, Afghan military advances disappear with forces stretched thin

BY SUSANNAH GEORGE
IN KUNDUZ, AFGHANISTAN

The argument between Afghan security forces erupted two miles inside Taliban-controlled territory, piercing the near-complete silence and threatening to unravel a night of modest gains in a city under siege.

Around 3 a.m., a small team of elite special forces was halfway through an operation to retake a sliver of territory along the city's northern edge when a police unit that was ordered to establish checkpoints along the way refused to advance.

"Who are you from Kabul to give us orders?" a police commander said to a special forces officer. "This is your territory, your city. If you don't protect it, who will?" the officer replied. A compromise was eventually brokered: The operation would go no further, but the police unit would establish an outpost at the stopping point to hold the gains.

Hours later, the police fled, abandoning their checkpoint and ceding the territory back

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Security forces regroup after a friendly fire incident in Kunduz, Afghanistan, on July 15. An elite special forces unit conducts many of the clearing operations in Kunduz.

BOB MOSES 1935-2021

Civil rights leader fought for equality through math

BY PAUL W. VALENTINE

Bob Moses, a towering but self-effacing leader of the civil rights movement who, after enduring beatings and jailings to register Black voters in Mississippi in the 1960s, picked up the civil rights torch 20 years later by founding the Algebra Project, a math education initiative aimed at rural and inner-city students, died July 25 at his home in Hollywood, Fla. He was 86.

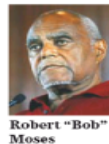
Ben Moynihan, the director of operations for the Algebra Project, confirmed the death to the Associated Press.

Bespectacled, owlish and bearing a master's degree in philoso-

phy from Harvard, Mr. Moses was an unlikely front-line activist — much less an obvious candidate to quit his comfortable prep-school teaching job in the Bronx in 1960 and immerse himself in the most violently segregated precincts of Mississippi.

A janitor's son raised in New York public housing, he showed precocious talent for academic fields involving logic, especially mathematics and philosophy. He found kinship with Quaker friends in college, and he submerged himself in the writings of Albert Camus, the French-Algerian Nobel laureate whose books explored univer-

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Robert "Bob" Moses

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New Jersey lawmakers, who say their state was targeted by the Trump administration as an affluent Democratic stronghold, want payback, which is conflicting with Democrats' broader agenda. A3

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Europe's hotels and restaurants are eager to welcome tourists, but a

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Iraqi Prime Minister Mustafa al-Kadhimi meets with President Biden in Washington. **New-home sales** for June are estimated at an 800,000 annual rate.

TUESDAY

Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin discusses international partnerships in Singapore. **Durable-goods orders** for June are expected to increase by 2.1 percent.

WEDNESDAY

Federal Reserve Chair Jerome H. Powell holds an online news conference. **Secretary of State** An-

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tony Blinken meets with Indian government officials in New Delhi.

Secretary of Defense Austin meets with officials in Vietnam.

THURSDAY

Second-quarter GDP is expected to rise 8 percent.

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Personal income for June is expected to show a gain of 0.7 percent. **NASA launches** an uncrewed flight test of its Starliner system to dock at the International Space Station and return to Earth.

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A fraught return

Mary Black women felt relieved to work from home, free from microaggressions. Now they're told to come back. C1

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New coronavirus cases are fueling concerns that music festivals could develop into superspreaders. C1

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ELECCIONES. Arroyo y Rossi se van para ser candidatos; el kirchnerismo pide más reemplazos

A pesar de que en el Gobierno interpretaban ayer, tras el cierre de listas, que la permanencia de Santiago Cafiero como jefe de Gabinete permitiría "blindar" a los ministros, todo parece indicar que se intensificarán los pedidos de más reemplazos en el gabinete por parte del sector encabezado por Cristina Kirchner.

En principio, dos ministros, Daniel Arroyo (Desarrollo Social) y Agustín Rossi (Defensa), dejarán el gabinete para ser candidatos.

Además, desde el kirchnerismo insinúan que habrá presión para encarar más cambios en el gabinete en los próximos meses. En la primera fila de los apuntados aparecen

Matías Kulfas (Desarrollo Productivo), Sabina Frederic (Seguridad) y Claudio Moroni (Trabajo).

En cambio, pronostican que Martín Guzmán (Economía), a pesar de las críticas internas, seguirá en su puesto mientras se extiendan las negociaciones con el Fondo Monetario. Página 10

Nuevo desafío de Berni en la provincia

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Boudou, en libertad: ahora va por la función pública

política. El exvicepresidente Amado Boudou ya goza de libertad condicional, que le fue concedida el jueves pasado tras una reducción de la pena; ahora buscará que la Justicia lo rehabilite para ejercer cargos públicos, según confirmó su defensa. Página 18



Boudou, ayer, después de las 18, al regresar a su casa en Avellaneda

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Empieza a funcionar en la provincia el "pase sanitario" en los locales cerrados

COVID-19. Permitirá ampliar el aforo un 20% con clientes que estén vacunados

A partir de hoy, en la provincia de Buenos Aires empezará a funcionar el "pase sanitario", que permitirá ampliar en un 20% el aforo establecido para locales cerrados.

La medida será aplicada en bares, restaurantes, shoppings, cines y otros espacios cerrados en los que rige un aforo que, en los distritos del AMBA, es del 50% de la capacidad.

El 20% adicional solo podrá ser cubierto por clientes que acrediten estar vacunados, al menos con una dosis. Se aceptarán vacunas recibidas en otros países. Página 2

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Corazón de clase media, bolsillo de clase baja

Guillermo Oliveto

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En todos los ámbitos, la pandemia, más que crear tendencias, aceleró y profundizó las que ya estaban delineadas. Ahora que podemos apreciar dimensionar los acontecimientos con mayor precisión, esta conclusión resulta evidente. Del mismo modo que no es una sorpresa la velocidad exponencial con la que se integraron el mundo físico y el digital en una única fuente de sentido y realidad, tampoco debería serlo que la nueva configuración social de la Argentina ahora esté a la vista de todos. Su carácter bífrente se viene gestando desde hace años. Continúa en la página 20

Creció el uso de la tarjeta, pero a plazos más cortos

CONSUMO. El volumen de transacciones con tarjetas de crédito creció un 33,93% en el segundo trimestre frente al mismo período de 2020, el peor momento de la cuarentena. Según el informe Prisma, crecieron fuerte las compras a plazos más cortos, por los planes Ahora 3 y 6. Página 19

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Kelvin Hoefler faz manobra no circuito de skate street; ele ganhou a prata e Nyjah Huston, estrela do esporte, ficou em sétimo lugar **Jornal Roriz/Divulgação/COB**



Indicações expõem desgaste e aparelhamento do governo

Bolsonaro articula por escolhidos em órgãos de controle e agências e no exterior

O desgaste político vivido por Jair Bolsonaro levou o presidente a negociar com o Senado para destruir as sabinas de indicados a agências reguladoras, a órgãos de controle da magistratura e do Ministério Público e a postos no exterior. As escolhas expõem o aparelhamento do governo federal.

Os nomes apontados encontram resistência na oposição. Nos bastidores, senadores afirmam que as articulações feitas por Bolsonaro com sua base de apoio nas duas Casas tornaram as sabinas dos indicados um processo pró-forma, e o Senado, em uma "agência de reserva de emprego".

Dentre os indicados do momento, alguns já aprovados na sabatina, há militares, juizes envolvidos com pessoas investigadas pela PF, advogados sem experiência na área em que atuarão e até servidores ligados a políticos do centrão citados em irregularidades na compra de vacinas contra a Covid.

Nas agências, uma vez aprovado no Congresso, o nomeado tem mandato e não pode ser destituído. Há pendências para várias delas, como Anatel, ANS, Anvisa e ANP. **Mercado A13**

Catarina Rochamonte
Bolsonaro acha que manda, mas não governa **Opinião A2**



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GOSTINHO POR QUATRO HORAS

Prefeitura de São Paulo abriu o Vale do Anhangabaú à população pela primeira vez após reforma com horário restrito em manhã de sol; às 12h, os gradis voltaram a fechar o espaço **Cotidiano B4**

Operações contra festas em SP têm infiltrados e xerife

Deputado federal e ator Alexandre Frota (PSDB) comanda força-tarefa paulista que caça eventos que desrespeitam medidas sanitárias da pandemia em operações midiáticas. As ações já flagraram jogadores de futebol e famosos e reuniões secretas de abastados. **Cotidiano B2**

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Estudo abrangente no Reino Unido sobre Covid-19 apontou que os níveis de anticorpos com AstraZeneca e Pfizer começam a cair três semanas após a aplicação da segunda dose. A queda é mais severa entre vulneráveis — transplantados ou com doença respiratória. **Saúde B1**

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'Metralhadora tá cheia de balas', avisa Queiroz

Tido como operador da rachadinha no gabinete de Flávio Bolsonaro no Rio, o policial aposentado Fabrício Queiroz lamentou, em redes sociais, o afastamento de aliados do presidente, como o deputado Hélio Lopes (PSL-RJ). "Minha metralhadora tá cheia de balas", escreveu. **Poder A8**

La inmunización corta todas las cadenas de transmisión del coronavirus

Nueva donación de los EEUU apuntala plan de vacunación

"En los próximos días" vendrá otro millón de vacunas de Pfizer. Esto servirá para la aplicación de la segunda dosis a una importante franja de la población.

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67% NON
33%

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Le passe sanitaire s'impose
malgré les réticencesAprès une semaine de débats d'une grande intensité, députés et sénateurs réunis
en commission mixte paritaire ont adopté un projet de loi amendé par Les Républicains.Le suspens jusqu'au bout. Au
Sénat hier au sein de la com-
mission mixte paritaire, les
échanges ont été très vifs entre
les sept sénateurs et sept dépu-tés. Finalement, le passe sani-
taire est adopté en terrasses. Les
mineurs ne seront pas exemp-
tés de vaccination. L'échéance
de l'état d'urgence sanitaire estfixée au 15 novembre ; l'obliga-
tion vaccinale des soignants
confirmée. Les préfets pour-
ront, de manière très encadrée,
imposer le passe sanitaire àl'entrée de certains centres
commerciaux. Les employés
non vaccinés des lieux où le
passe est requis ne pourront
être licenciés. Dans la soirée,hier soir, le texte a été définiti-
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et par le Sénat. Au Conseil
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« Je réfute
l'idée d'un
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l'étape majeure franchie par
l'Europe, depuis la création
de l'euro, avec le lancement
il y a un an du plan de re-
lance de 750 milliards
d'euros. La France doit re-
cevoir une première tranche
de 5 milliards dans les pro-
chains jours. Reste que les
discussions s'avèrent diffi-
ciles entre États membres
pour assurer son rembour-
sement. PAGE 22

ÉDITORIAL par Laurence de Charette ldecharette@lefigaro.fr

La « vie normale »

Est-il encore possible, aujourd'hui,
de craindre autre chose que le co-
ronavirus ? Ce week-end, des di-
zaines de milliers de manifestants
ont défilé à Paris et en province
contre le passe sanitaire et pour la défense
de « la liberté ».Le gouvernement a beau jeu de renvoyer les
protestataires dans le camp des « comploti-
stes » et des simples d'esprit. Il a tôt fait de je-
ter les réticences des anti-passe dans la gran-
de soupe des antivax. Il joue désormais de
toutes les cordes sensibles : réprimande de
cette « frange capricieuse et défaitiste qui se sa-
tisferait bien de rester dans le chaos » (Gabriel
Attali), culpabilisation des « égoïstes » et des
« irresponsables » (Emmanuel Macron) qui
refusent de se faire vacciner... Pour la « liber-
té », et le retour à la « vie normale », défend-
il, il faut passer par la case passe sanitaire. Soit.
Inutile cependant d'habiller le passe, pis-aller
de combat, de vertus qu'il ne possède pas. Si
beaucoup envisagent, bon gré mal gré, la né-
cessité d'actions collectives et ne boudent pas
les armes de la science, nul ne voit venir ce
nouvel avatar du coronavirus de gaieté de
cœur. Le passe sanitaire n'est évidemmentpas la « vie normale » ; mais plutôt, à nouveau,
cet impensable d'hier devenu « raison »
d'aujourd'hui...Pour qu'il soit crédible, qu'il apparaisse com-
me un outil et non comme un basculement,
encore faudrait-il qu'il ne soit pas l'étendard
des prophètes de malheur et des « enfer-
mistes » qui, loin de faire la promotion du vac-
cin, légitiment le défaitisme.Pourvu aussi qu'au nom du grand ordre sani-
taire ne soient pas à nouveau érigées dans
l'urgence des normes omnipotentes et tatillon-
nes, dont tout le monde sait déjà
qu'elles seront en partie inapplicables... Car cet État
incertain, inefficace et pourtant toujours avide de technocrati-
ser l'existence, quitte à broyer ce qu'il nous
reste de fraternité, cet État-là, prêt à compter
les assiettes à Noël ou à interdire les visites aux
malades, ne parviendrait pas plus à convain-
cre des bienfaits de la vaccination qu'à nous
conduire, ensemble, vers l'autre rive. ■Le passe
sanitaire,
cet impensable
d'hier,
devenu raisonAdoptez
des gestes
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Young people urged to get jab as doctors warn over ICU admissions

Exclusive 'Majority of those requiring intensive care are unvaccinated' - but cases fall for fifth day in a row

Haroon Siddique
Heather Stewart

Increasing numbers of young people with coronavirus are being admitted to hospital - including to intensive care wards - doctors have warned,

begging them not to "suffer unnecessarily" and to get vaccinated.

The first weekend after most Covid restrictions were lifted in England produced images of nightclubs filled with revellers not wearing masks or social distancing, and medics raised the alarm that unvaccinated young people urgently needed to protect themselves to avoid serious illness.

The warning came as scientists gave a cautious welcome to the fifth day in a row of falling Covid case rates, the first time that cases have

shown a sustained fall without a national lockdown. These figures, however, do not include the impact of 19 July's easing of restrictions.

The UK recorded 29,173 new cases yesterday, down from 48,161 the week before. But NHS England said one third of 18 to 29-year-olds had still not had at least one dose of the vaccine - a figure that falls to one in 10 for the whole adult population.

While young people are generally at a much lower risk of dying from Covid, doctors say they are

increasingly seeing them become severely unwell. Dr Samantha Batt-Rawden, a senior intensive care registrar, said the patients they were seeing were "getting younger and younger".

"The vast majority of those requiring intensive care are unvaccinated - some of them will die. It is heart-breaking for us as NHS staff to watch people suffer unnecessarily knowing that this almost certainly could have been prevented by the vaccine."

"We are seeing patients in their

30s, or even in their 20s, who are fit and have no other medical problems on ICU [intensive care units]. As an ICU doctor I am begging you, please don't let not having the jab become the biggest mistake of your life."

Prof Adam Finn, a member of the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation and from the University of Bristol, said there have been close to 200 admissions, with a mean age of 40, in the city during the Delta variant wave. On LBC yesterday, he said: "We have



Giles kicks off GB's Tokyo medal charge

Chelsie Giles celebrates after winning GB's first medal of the Games with bronze in women's judo -52kg. Bradley Sinden took silver after a narrow loss in the men's -68kg taekwondo final. *Page 4 and Sport*

Macron confronts Israel over spyware



Bethan McKernan
Middle East correspondent

Emmanuel Macron has reportedly spoken to the Israeli prime minister, Naftali Bennett, to ensure that the Israeli government is "properly investigating" allegations that the French president could have been targeted with Israeli-made spyware by Morocco's security services.

In a phone call, Macron expressed concern that his phone and those of most of his cabinet could have been infected with Pegasus, hacking software developed by the Israeli surveillance firm NSO Group, which enables operators of the tool to extract messages, photos and emails, record calls and secretly activate microphones from infected devices.

The leaked database at the heart of the Pegasus project includes Macron's mobile phone number. NSO Group has