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Monday, April 26, 2021

Top News

Michigan's Covid Wards Are Filling Up With Younger Patients

By Mitch Smith and Sarah Mervosh

Even as vaccines roll out, more younger people in Michigan are being hospitalized than at any other point in the pandemic. And they're coming in sicker.

Split-Second Decisions: How a Supreme Court Case Shaped Modern Policing

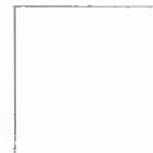
By David D. Kirkpatrick

Officers using deadly force rely on a legal doctrine set forth decades ago. Now, the movement launched by the death of George Floyd is trying to change that standard.

Armed Groups Step Into Venezuela as Lawlessness Grows

By Anatoly Kurmanaev and Adriana Loureiro Fernandez

With Venezuela in shambles, criminals and insurgents run large stretches of the nation's territory. We traveled through one of the regions under their control.



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Editors' Picks

WORLD | THAILAND DISPATCH

Phuket Was Poised for Tourism Comeback. A Covid Surge Dashed Those Hopes.

By Hannah Beech and Adam Dean

Phuket, one of Thailand's top tourist havens, had an ambitious plan to reopen to the world this summer. But with a spike in cases, the island's desperate situation is unlikely to end anytime soon.

Today's Videos

Video VIDEO: How ICE's Mishandling of Covid-19

Fueled Outbreaks Around the Country

By Isabelle Niu, Emily Rhyne and Aaron Byrd

To date, Immigration and Customs Enforcement has reported over 12,000 virus cases. Our investigation found that the impact of infection extended beyond U.S. detention centers.

4 Takeaways From Our Investigation Into ICE's Mishandling of Covid-19

By Isabelle Niu and Emily Rhyne

The Times found a pattern of neglect and secrecy that helped fuel outbreaks both inside and outside ICE detention facilities.

World

Fire at Baghdad Hospital Packed With Covid Patients Kills at Least 82

By Falih Hassan and Jane Arraf

A blaze set off by an exploding oxygen cylinder swept through a hospital that lacked smoke detectors or sprinklers. More are expected to die from severe burns.



Iran's Foreign Minister, in Leaked Tape, Says Revolutionary Guards Set Policies

By Farnaz Fassihi

Mohammad Javad Zarif, the Iranian foreign minister, described a rivalry with a powerful and widely revered military leader, Qassim Suleimani.

E.U. Set to Let Vaccinated U.S. Tourists Visit This Summer

By Matina Stevis-Gridneff

The head of the European Commission said the bloc would switch policy, under certain conditions, after more than a year of mostly banning nonessential travel.

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U.S.

Rural Ambulance Crews Have Run Out of Money and Volunteers

By Ali Watkins

Strained by pandemic-era budget cuts, stress and a lack of revenue, at least 10 ambulance companies in Wyoming are in danger of shuttering — some imminently.

\$1 Million in Toxic Bleach Sold as 'Miracle' Cure, Officials Say

By Christina Morales

A Florida grand jury indicted a man and his three sons, accusing them of marketing an “unproven and potentially harmful” solution as a remedy for Covid-19, cancer, autism and more.

Overdue VHS Tape From 1999 Leads to Warrant for Embezzlement

By Neil Vigdor

The charge was related to a “Sabrina the Teenage Witch” tape that had been rented from a video store in Norman, Okla. Prosecutors dismissed the case on Wednesday.

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Politics

Half a Year After Trump's Defeat, Arizona Republicans Are Recounting the Vote

By Michael Wines

An audit of the vote in Arizona's most populous county was meant to mollify angry Trump voters. But it is being criticized as a partisan exercise more than a fact-finding one.

Federal Aid to Renters Moves Slowly, Leaving Many at Risk

By Jason DeParle

Congress allocated \$25 billion in December and another \$21 billion in March to help people who fell behind on rent during the pandemic. Little has reached landlords or tenants.

Kevin McCarthy, Four Months After Jan. 6, Still on Defensive Over Trump

By Mark Leibovich

But Mr. McCarthy, the House Republican leader who could become speaker after 2022, says he needs to work with Donald Trump, who "goes up and down with his anger."

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Business

Millions Are Skipping Their Second Doses of Covid Vaccines

By Rebecca Robbins

Nearly 8 percent of those who got initial Pfizer or Moderna shots missed their second doses. State officials want to prevent the numbers from rising.



U.S. to Send Virus-Ravaged India Materials for Vaccines

By Katie Rogers and Sheryl Gay Stolberg

The Biden administration, under pressure to help with a surge raging out of control, will also supply therapeutics, test kits, ventilators and protective gear.

‘Chlorinated’ U.S. Chickens Convince British Consumers the Sky Is Falling

By David Segal

Denounced by politicians and reviled by food safety activists, American-bred “chlorinated chickens” have become a symbol of all the U.K. fears about a looming trade deal.

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Technology

As Outbreak Rages, India Orders Critical Social Media Posts to Be Taken Down

By Karan Deep Singh and Paul Mozur

Aimed at Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, the move sets up a clash over free speech amid a widening political and public health crisis.

Domestic Workers in Gulf Countries Vent Woes on TikTok

By Louise Donovan

Foreign employees in wealthy households — most of them women — have been using the video-sharing app to bring abuses to light.

‘Nothing Short of Amazing’: NASA Mars Helicopter Makes Longest Flight Yet

By Kenneth Chang

Ingenuity made a 328-foot round-trip journey, helping to demonstrate the capability of the vehicle’s navigation system.

Sports

SPORTS OF THE TIMES

A Minneapolis High School Football Team and Its Coach Move On

By Kurt Streeker

Charles Adams, a former police officer, and the Minneapolis North team are warily moving forward after the Derek Chauvin verdict offered a rebuke to one police killing in their community.

Urban Meyer's Renewal in Jacksonville

By Ken Belson and Ben Shpigel

After years of disarray, the Jaguars have what the team's owner called "a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity in football" — the No. 1 pick in the N.F.L. draft and a coach who knows what to do with him.

Rose Namajunas Retakes U.F.C. Title by Defeating Chinese Star Zhang Weili

By Amy Qin

The American took Zhang down in Jacksonville, Fla., in less than 90 seconds. Kamaru Usman retained his welterweight title against Jorge Masvidal.

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Arts

2021 Oscar Winners: Complete List

By Gabe Cohn

The complete list of winners for the 93rd Academy Awards.

What the Stars Wore on the Oscars Red Carpet

A socially distanced promenade: nominees posed without their usual entourages, and were interviewed at a remove of six feet.



Writing in Italian, Jhumpa Lahiri Found a New Voice

By Joumana Khatib

In an unusual literary and linguistic feat, the Pulitzer-winning author of “Interpreter of Maladies” and “The Namesake” wrote her latest novel, “Whereabouts,” in Italian and translated it to English.

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New York

N.Y.C. Bans Pesticides in Parks With Push From Unlikely Force: Children

By Anne Barnard

“A bunch of kindergartners,” now in seventh grade, worked years to urge the City Council to approve a ban on toxic pesticides in parks, playgrounds and other spaces.

Eric Adams Endorsed by Top Bronx Leader, Giving Him Lift With Latinos

By Emma G. Fitzsimmons

The endorsement from Ruben Diaz Jr., the Bronx borough president, could help Mr. Adams reach Latino and Bronx voters in the New York City mayor’s race.

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Fending Off the Package Pirates

By Tim McKeough

Are you tired of deliveries being stolen before you have the chance to retrieve them? Outdoor package bins offer a solution.

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Media & Advertising

The Covid-19 Oscars: Not Masked but Still Muffled

By Mike Hale

A stripped-down ceremony stripped out too much of what makes the show, for better or worse, worth watching.



THE MEDIA EQUATION

Is an Activist's Pricey House News? Facebook Alone Decides.

By Ben Smith

The New York Post has complained that Facebook is blocking and downplaying its stories. But the platform doesn't pay any special deference to journalists.

How a Multimedia Whiz Seized Digital Theater's Big Moment

By Elisabeth Vincentelli

The projection designer Jared Mezzocchi has become a go-to guy for ambitious virtual productions. Next up: Starring in his own haunted house play.

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Science

What Do Women Want? For Men to Get Covid Vaccines.

By Jennifer Steinhauer

As the Biden administration seeks to get most adults vaccinated by summer, men are holding back.

STUDIES SHOW

How Bad Is Our Pandemic Drinking Problem?

By Kim Tingley

The past year has changed alcohol use patterns, especially among women. The impacts probably won't be fully known for years.

The Nervous Person's Guide to Re-Entering Society

By Christina Caron

How to cope with a less cautious world as pandemic restrictions loosen.

Obituaries

THOSE WE'VE LOST

Alber Elbaz, Beloved Fashion Designer, Is Dead at 59

By Elian Pellier and Vanessa Friedman

A favorite of celebrities like Meryl Streep and Natalie Portman, he rejuvenated Lanvin and had recently started his own brand. He died of Covid-19.

Bob Fass, Pioneer of Underground Radio, Dies at 87

By Joseph Berger

His provocative "Radio Unnameable," long a staple of the New York station WBAI, offered a home on the FM dial to everyone from Abbie Hoffman to Tiny Tim.

Felix Silla, Cousin Itt on 'The Addams Family' Dies at 84

By The Associated Press

He made a strong impression in his best-known role, even though his face wasn't seen and his voice wasn't heard.

Overlooked No More: Bhanu Athaiya, Who Won India Its First Oscar

By Anita Gates

Athaiya, a costume designer on more than 100 films, won the award in 1983 for her work on "Gandhi."

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Top News

U.S. Population Over Last Decade Grew at Slowest Rate Since 1930s

By Sabrina Tavernise and Robert Gebeloff

With immigration leveling off and a declining birthrate, the United States may be entering an era of substantially lower population growth, demographers said.

As Virus Rages Abroad, Biden Promises to Ship Millions of Vaccine Doses

By Sheryl Gay Stolberg

President Biden will send up to 60 million doses of AstraZeneca's vaccine to countries pleading for help, but some see a medicine dropper for "a four-alarm fire."

Supreme Court to Hear Case on Carrying Guns in Public

By Adam Liptak

The justices, who have not issued a major Second Amendment ruling since 2010, will consider a challenge to a longstanding New York gun control law.



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Editors' Picks

TECHNOLOGY

Breaking Point: How Mark Zuckerberg and Tim Cook Became Foes

By Mike Isaac and Jack Nicas

The chief executives of Facebook and Apple have opposing visions for the future of the internet. Their differences are set to escalate this week.

OPINION | KATHLEEN KINGSBURY

Why The New York Times Is Retiring the Term 'Op-Ed'

By Kathleen Kingsbury

Our mission to stimulate thought and provoke discussion on public problems remains the same.

Today's Videos

Video VIDEO: Merrick Garland Opens Investigation Into Louisville Police

By The Associated Press

Attorney General Merrick B. Garland announced a Justice Department investigation into the police in Louisville, Ky., and the county government on Monday. The inquiries show the Biden administration seeking stricter oversight of local departments amid a national outcry over police abuse.

Video VIDEO: Lawyer Calls N. Carolina Police Killing an 'Execution'

By The Associated Press

Chantel Cherry-Lassiter, a lawyer for the family of Andrew Brown Jr., a Black man who was killed by sheriff's deputies in Elizabeth City, N.C., held an impassioned news conference after viewing a 20-second snippet of footage showing his final moments.

Video VIDEO: E.U. Sues AstraZeneca

The European Union has sued AstraZeneca over its failure to deliver hundreds of millions of Covid vaccination doses by the end of June as promised.

World

With Navalny in Prison, Russia Turns to Thwarting His Movement

By Andrew E. Kramer

Prosecutors have temporarily muzzled the opposition leader's political groups, banning them from protests and posting on social media. But a court ruling may well make that permanent.

Prince Philip's Death Adds New Urgency to U.K. Monarchy's Transition Plans

By Mark Landler

Queen Elizabeth II is increasingly withdrawing to Windsor Castle, royal watchers say, while Prince Charles is stepping forward.

After Covid Upended a Dying Woman's Rome Dream, Her Twin Stepped In

By Maria Cramer

When Lisa Maksym tested positive for the coronavirus, she was forced to stop cancer treatments, threatening a long-planned return to Rome. Her sister hatched a plan.

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U.S.

Family of North Carolina Man Killed by Deputies Is Shown 20-Second Video

By Richard Fausset

The family of Andrew Brown Jr. watched a snippet of his final moments, but that hasn't stopped the demands to publicly release body camera footage of the fatal shooting.

Homeland Security Will Assess How It Identifies Extremism in Its Ranks

By Zolan Kanno-Youngs

The department that works to prevent domestic terrorism threats will conduct an internal review as part of a larger effort to combat extremist ideology in the federal government.



Supreme Court to Rule on Whether C.I.A. Black Sites Are State Secrets

By Adam Liptak and Carol Rosenberg

A Guantánamo detainee is seeking information from two former government contractors in connection with a Polish criminal inquiry into a facility there.

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Politics

Why Some Black Democrats Haven't Embraced a Voting Rights Push

By Astead W. Herndon

In the South, Black Democrats describe a party too slow in combating Republican voting limits. And Black lawmakers are wary that a major elections bill could reduce their power in Congress.

Campaign to Recall Gov. Gavin Newsom Qualifies for California Ballot

By Shawn Hubler

The 1.6 million voters who signed a petition for the Republican-led recall effort have 30 business days to ask to have their names removed if they so choose.

In Setback for Trump, Doug Collins Will Not Run in Georgia in 2022

By Richard Fausset and Nick Corasaniti

Mr. Collins, a former Republican congressman and ardent defender of former President Trump, was seen as an experienced potential challenger to Senator Raphael Warnock or Gov. Brian Kemp.



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Business

A New Benefit Raises an Old Question: Which Mothers Should Work?

By Emily Badger and Claire Cain Miller

A groundbreaking child allowance stirs a debate among Republicans between promoting work and promoting traditional families.

Biden Forms Task Force to Explore Ways to Help Labor

By Noam Scheiber

The group will issue recommendations on how the government can use existing authority to help workers join labor unions and bargain collectively.

Airline Bars Alaska State Senator Over Mask Policy Violation

By Jesus Jimenez

Alaska Airlines said it had suspended State Senator Lora Reinbold from flying because she refused to comply with its mask rules.

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Technology

Jeff Bezos' Rocket Company Challenges NASA Over SpaceX Moon Lander Deal

By Kenneth Chang

The space agency picked Elon Musk's company over two other bidders to take its astronauts back to the lunar surface.



TECH FIX

To Be Tracked or Not? Apple Is Now Giving Us the Choice.

By Brian X. Chen

With Apple's latest mobile software update, we can decide whether apps monitor and share our activities with others. Here's what to know.

Still Getting Your Head Around Digital Currency? So Are Central Bankers.

By Jeanna Smialek

If you are trying to grasp Bitcoin and understand what China's digital yuan means, America's Federal Reserve is right there with you.

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Sports

A Double Amputee's Hopes for the Olympics Are in Jeopardy

By Matthew Futterman

Blake Leeper qualified for the world championships in track and field in 2019, but officials maintain his running blades make him too tall.

Less Is (Considerably) More for Vladimir Guerrero Jr.

By James Wagner

The Blue Jays star sought help from a trainer — and his grandmother — to reimagine his body. He's down 42 pounds and his O.P.S. is up 244 points.

2021 N.F.L. DRAFT

Kyle Pitts Is Set to Be the N.F.L.'s Next Revelation at Tight End

By Robert O'Connell

After he is drafted Thursday, Pitts is expected to join the N.F.L.'s top-shelf tight ends: Rob Gronkowski, George Kittle and Travis Kelce, big-bodied pass catchers who are coveted by contending teams.

Guard Watched as Man Hanged Himself in Jail, Prosecutors Say

By Jonah E. Bromwich and Jani Ransom

Capt. Rebecca Hillman was charged with criminally negligent homicide in the death, which has added to criticism of New York City's jail system.

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Media & Advertising

A Surprise Ending for the Oscars' Inclusive Night

By Nicole Sperling and Brooks Barnes

Six years after #OscarsSoWhite, a diverse roster of artists won awards, though Anthony Hopkins's win over Chadwick Boseman as best actor surprised many.

China Censors Chloé Zhao's Oscar Win, but Fans Find Ways to Rejoice

By Amy Qin and Amy Chang Chien

On social media, the director's fans blurred out her name and turned images on their sides to evade the censors. "People should be celebrating," one writer said.

Oscars Ratings Plummet, With Fewer Than 10 Million Tuning In

By Brooks Barnes and John Koblin

Sunday night's pandemic-restricted telecast drew 58 percent fewer viewers than last year's record low.

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Science

PROFILES IN SCIENCE

Reinventing the Uterus, One Organoid at a Time

By Rachel E. Gross

Bioengineer Linda Griffith once grew a human ear on the back of a mouse. Now she is reframing endometriosis — a "women's disease" — as a key to unlocking some of biology's greatest secrets.



How Many Moon Craters Are Named for Women? Fewer Than You'd Guess.

By Katherine Kornei

By drawing the small number of lunar craters named for women, an artist hopes to highlight women's contributions to the sciences.

A New Bird Flu Jumps to Humans. So Far, It's Not a Problem.

By James Gorman

Covid fuels the current virus pandemic, but the world is full of flu viruses waiting in the wings. And they keep changing unpredictably.

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Obituaries

Hester Ford, Oldest American, Dies

By Amisha Padnani

She was believed to be either 115 or 116. She experienced two pandemics and two world wars and lived under 21 presidents.

Nick Springer, Paralympic Gold Medalist, Dies at 35

By Richard Sandomir

A quadruple amputee, he was a relentless defender on the United States' wheelchair rugby team, which won a gold medal at the 2008 Paralympics in Beijing.

Christa Ludwig, Mezzo-Soprano of Velvety Hues, Is Dead at 93

By Daniel J. Wakin

She was a beloved interpreter of Strauss, Mozart and Wagner roles, but equally admired for her rendition of art songs.

Penelope Laingen, 89, Dies; Her Yellow Ribbon Rallied Americans

By Clay Risen

As the wife of the highest-ranking American detained in the Iran hostage crisis in 1979, she started a nationwide movement with a symbol of support.

Opinion

MICHELLE GOLDBERG

Marco Rubio's 'Woke Capital' Tantrum

By Michelle Goldberg

Republicans are mad at big business, but not mad enough to raise taxes.

PAUL KRUGMAN

Beer, Brussels Sprouts, Bernie Madoff and Today's G.O.P.

By Paul Krugman

Republican pundits and politicians are manufacturing red meat for their followers, regardless of truth.

BRET STEPHENS

Race and the Coming Liberal Crackup

By Bret Stephens

Our racialized politics will produce a conservative resurgence.

CHARLES M. BLOW

Learning Caution From a Late Columnist

By Charles M. Blow

Sometimes we misjudge the meaning of events unfolding around us.

THE EDITORIAL BOARD

Why Are Democrats Pushing a Tax Cut for the Wealthy?

By The Editorial Board

Restoring an unlimited federal tax deduction for state and local tax payments is bad politics and bad policy.

GUEST ESSAY

Women of Bears Ears Are Asking You to Help Save It

By Elouise Wilson, Mary R. Benally, Ahjani Yepa and Cynthia Wilson

Will sacred lands protected by President Obama be protected once again?

GUEST ESSAY

A 4-Year-Old Child Is Not a Problem. And Expulsion Is Not a Solution.

By David L. Kirp

There is an effective approach to breaking the preschool-to-prison pipeline.

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Top News

G.O.P. Seeks to Empower Poll Watchers, Raising Intimidation Worries

By Nick Corasaniti

Republicans in several states are pushing bills to give poll watchers more autonomy. Alarmed election officials and voting rights activists say it's a new attempt to target voters of color.

Biden's Expansive Infrastructure Plan Hits Close to Home for McConnell

By Campbell Robertson and Nicholas Fandos

President Biden's infrastructure plan could fund a long-overdue revamp of the Brent Spence Bridge between Ohio and Kentucky. But the Senate Republican leader opposes it.

India's Covid-19 Crisis Shakes Modi's Image of Strength

By Jeffrey Gettlerman, Hari Kumar, Karan Deep Singh and Sameer Yasir

Overconfidence and missteps contributed to the country's devastating second wave, his critics say, tarnishing the prime minister's aura of political invulnerability.

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Editors' Picks

NEW YORK

Andrew Yang Promised to Create 100,000 Jobs. He Ended Up With 150.

By Brian M. Rosenthal and Katie Glueck

Mr. Yang is running for mayor of New York City as a bold thinker and entrepreneur. But his results have been uneven.

OPINION | GUEST ESSAY

How to Make Your Small Talk Big

By Anna Sale

As we emerge from social isolation, there are ways to make our conversations richer and deeper.

Today's Videos

Video VIDEO: Fire at Indian Hospital Leaves at Least 18 People Dead

By The Associated Press

At least 16 patients and two health care workers were killed in a blaze that burned through a Covid-19 ward in western India early Saturday, adding grief as the country faces a staggering second coronavirus wave.

Video VIDEO: 100 Million People in the U.S. Are Fully Vaccinated, White House Says

By Reuters

Jeffrey D. Zients, the White House's Covid-19 response coordinator, said on Friday that 100 million people in the United States have been fully vaccinated for Covid-19, a number representing nearly 40 percent of adults.

Video VIDEO: Weinstein to Face Sexual Assault Charges in L.A. as Early as May 30

By Reuters

A judge said on Friday that Harvey Weinstein could be extradited to California to face charges there as soon as May 30, unless his lawyer filed a new challenge or the New York governor intervened. Mr. Weinstein was convicted of felony sex crimes in New York in 2020.

World

Global Virus Cases Reach New Peak, Driven by India and South America

By Lazaro Gamio and Alexandria Symonds

Led by surges in the two hotspots and Eastern Europe, the average number of new daily cases has exceeded 800,000 for more than a week.

Fierce Foes, Iran and Saudi Arabia Secretly Explore Defusing Tensions

By Ben Hubbard, Farnaz Fassihi and Jane Arraf

Talks between the two regional powers, if successful, could start to lower the temperature on several conflicts across the Middle East.

Decorating Scandal Engulfs Boris Johnson and Puts Fiancée in Spotlight

By Mark Landler and Stephen Castle

Critics see the hand of Carrie Symonds in the costly makeover of the couple's apartment and other political dust-ups. Supporters see "outdated sexist tropes."

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U.S.

Arnold Schwarzenegger Is No Longer the Governor of California. Right?

By Shawn Hubier

Amid a pandemic and a recall, Mr. Schwarzenegger has been in demand at his Los Angeles mansion, embracing his unlikely role as California's "elderly statesman."

Linfield University Fires Professor Who Spoke Out About Misconduct Cases

By Michael Levenson

Allegations of anti-Semitism, sexual misconduct and racial discrimination have led to turmoil on the small Oregon campus. Some have called for the university's president to resign.

A Search for Remembrance After the Sandy Hook Massacre

By Elizabeth Williamson

The residents of Newtown, Conn., have approved a memorial to the children and staff killed at Sandy Hook Elementary School, but the sadness has yet to abate.

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Politics

From the Past, a Chilling Warning About the Extremists of the Present

By Neil MacFarquhar

Almost four decades after officials dismantled the Order, a violent far-right group, experts see echoes in the far right of today.

Pandemic Inspector General Warns of Oversight Breakdown

By Alan Rappeport

An internal dispute at the Treasury Department shows the challenge of tracking trillions of dollars of economic relief money.

Trump's Secret Rules for Drone Strikes Outside War Zones Are Disclosed

By Charlie Savage

The release of the 2017 policy — with redactions — stemmed from open-records lawsuits by The Times and the A.C.L.U.



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Business

Why a \$10,000 Tax Deduction Could Hold Up Trillions in Stimulus Funds

By Conor Dougherty

The fight over SALT is a case study in the age-old conflict between constituent politics and national policy.

They Want You Back at the Office

By Rebecca R. Ruiz

How to coax corporate America to return to work? First, get rid of the dead plants.

Venezuela Releases 6 U.S. Oil Executives to House Arrest

By Clifford Krauss

The group, known as the “Citgo 6,” has been held on corruption charges. Their release may be a sign that Venezuela would like to improve relations with the Biden administration.

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Technology

Has Online Retail’s Biggest Bully Returned?

By David Segal

Outraged customers of Eyeglassesdepot.com sound like the victims of a man who’s already spent years in prison for terrorizing consumers.

Brie Larson Pivoted to Video

By Kate Dwyer

The Oscar-winning actress has found therapeutic refuge on YouTube.

Let’s Stigmatize the Internet

By Foster Kamer

It’s time to put our extremely online year (and selves) behind us.



Sports

Medina Spirit Wins the 147th Kentucky Derby

By Joe Drape

The trainer Bob Baffert collected his seventh Derby victory while the favorite, Essential Quality, faltered and finished fourth.

Jorge Velandia Brings Venezuela to the Front Office

By James Wagner

The Phillies' assistant general manager is the highest-ranked executive his country has produced. He doesn't plan to stop at assistant.

RORY SMITH ON SOCCER

When the Goals Come Out of Nowhere

By Rory Smith

A Greek striker is one of the top scorers in Europe, and his play has caught the eye of big clubs. But are his goals a product of his talent, or his environment?

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Live Your Gay Millennial Pandemic Fantasy in Stardew Valley

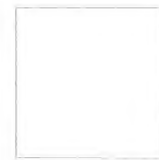
By Lena Wilson

In the farming RPG, I can enjoy a life of pastoral domesticity. IRL, I'm a lesbian urbanite struggling through the pandemic.

True Romance: Janet Mock on the Final Season of 'Pose'

By Alexis Soloski

As Mock says goodbye to the groundbreaking drama that changed her life, she is planning to make more television that shows people that they are not alone.



Frank Bowling's New Paintings Are Family Affairs

By Elizabeth Fullerton

With help from close relatives, the 87-year-old artist is still working, even if he doesn't apply the paint himself.

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New York

After Years of Protests, a New Jersey County Ends Its ICE Jail Contract

By Annie Correal and Michael Gold

The Essex County executive said the decision to stop holding undocumented immigrants for ICE in the county jail was based on money, not politics.

N.J. Teacher Suspended After Calling George Floyd a 'Criminal'

By Amanda Rosa

The New Jersey high school teacher, Howard Zlotkin, has been suspended with pay after appearing to target Black students in an online class.

He Fought for Decades to Make Marijuana Legal. Now What?

By Colin Moynihan

Dana Beal, a longtime Yippie, staged protests and fought the law and spent time in jail to make weed available for all. Is there a future in pot activism?

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Media & Advertising

Newsmax Apologizes for False Claims of Vote-Rigging by a Dominion Employee

By Michael Levenson

The right-wing news site said it had found "no evidence" for pro-Trump conspiracy theories about Eric Coomer, who was Dominion's director of product strategy and security.



Elizabeth Warren Grapples With Presidential Loss in New Book

By Lisa Lerer

In “Persist,” the Massachusetts senator delves into gender issues and her own shortcomings after her failed bid for the Democratic nomination.

Netflix Chronicles Byron Bay’s ‘Hot Instagrammers.’ Will Paradise Survive?

By Livia Albeck-Ripka and Matthew Abbott

Tensions between protecting and capitalizing on the image of the famous Australian beach town have exploded over a new reality show.

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Science

Bill Nye Is Still Having Fun With Science

By Alyson Krueger

The former host of “Bill Nye the Science Guy” has new fans on TikTok and a side gig as a celebrity pitchman.

INSIDE THE LIST

Michio Kaku Says the Universe Is Simpler Than We Think

By Lauren Christensen

The physicist’s latest book, “The God Equation,” explains the search for the theory of everything.

ASK WELL

Why You Shouldn’t Skip Your Second Covid Shot

By Tara Parker-Pope

Your second dose of vaccine gives you more protection than you might think. Here’s why you should still get it, even if it’s later than planned.

Magazine

THE HEALTH ISSUE

How Humanity Gave Itself an Extra Life

By Steven Johnson

Between 1920 and 2020, the average human life span doubled. How did we do it? Science mattered — but so did activism.

THE HEALTH ISSUE

Black Lives Are Shorter in Chicago. My Family's History Shows Why.

By Linda Villarosa

How did a Promised Land to generations of Black families become a community of lost lives?

THE HEALTH ISSUE

How Long Can We Live?

By Ferris Jabr

New research is intensifying the debate — with profound implications for the future of the planet.

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Travel

A Look at Covid-19 Vaccine 'Passports,' Passes and Apps Around the Globe

By Heather Murphy

A variety of digital and old-fashioned approaches are being used to confirm vaccination for entry to public places. But the world is still far from a universal standard of proof for crossing borders.

Thunderous Plunges and Mossy Trickles: A Spring Guide to Waterfalls

By Elaine Glusac

Across the United States, a glorious array of waterfalls awaits nature lovers. And what better time to admire them than now, when snowmelt and spring rains add to the drama?

E.U. Says Americans Can Come, but Europeans Wonder How

By Concepción de León

In tourist-dependent countries, the announcement was called good news, but with lockdowns in place and vaccination slow, many wonder how realistic it is.

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Real Estate

Want to Move to Our Town? Here's \$10,000 and a Free Bike.

By Alyson Krueger

With offers of cash, housing and a budding talent pool, smaller cities and states hope to get in on the ground floor of a new era for remote workers.

THE FIX

There's an Art to Making Your Bed

By Tim McKeough

You can start by disregarding thread count. Here's what else the pros know that you may not.

RIGHT AT HOME

Renovating Your Kitchen This Summer? Proceed With Caution.

By Ronda Kaysen

Supply chain problems and labor shortages have made home improvement projects even more complicated.

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Fashion & Style

From Best Friends to Platonic Spouses

By Danielle Braff

Some people are taking their friendships to the next level by saying "I do" to marriages without sex.

What Is 'Cheugy'? You Know It When You See It.

By Taylor Lorenz

Out of touch? Basic? A new term to describe a certain aesthetic is gaining popularity on TikTok.

After Thoughts

By The New York Times

18 plans and proposals for when we emerge from the pandemic.

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T Magazine

TWO BY DESIGN

On Majorca, a Wellness Retreat Whose Design Was a Family Affair

By Gisela Williams

How a pair of siblings, he an architect and she a fashion designer, worked together to help shape their father's latest study in soothing minimalism.

Looking for a Weekend Excursion? Try Craft Shop Hopping

By Deborah Needleman

A wealth of stores and studios in Connecticut and upstate New York offer lovely handmade wares that you'll have forever.

In Dorset, Jasper Conran's Garden Runs Wild

By Nancy Hass

Set against the lush English countryside, the designer's 17th-century home and its riotous plantings of magnificent blooms both defy and inspire his restrained elegance.

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Obituaries

Olympia Dukakis, Oscar Winner for 'Moonstruck,' Dies at 89

By Anita Gates

A veteran of the stage who also had a long list of film and TV credits, she was best known for playing characters who were worldly wise and world-weary.



Tomas Estes, Who Put Tequila on a Pedestal, Dies at 75

By Clay Risen

Starting with a popular Mexican restaurant in Amsterdam, he helped place the drink on the same shelf as fine cognac and single-malt Scotch.

Arlene Pieper Stine, 90, Dies; First Woman to Finish a Marathon

By Richard Sandomir

She ran the challenging Pikes Peak Marathon in Colorado in 1959. For the next 50 years she had no idea that she had made sports history.

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Richard Branson Wanted to Beat Elon Musk to Space. It's Been a Wild Ride.

By Nicholas Schmidle

Richard Branson thought he could win the commercial space race with a relentless pursuit of perfection. But his company's failure to launch exposed the limits of human ingenuity.

Should Young Americans Be Required to Give a Year of Service?

By The Editorial Board

A year of teamwork could help bridge our social divides.

GUEST ESSAY

Whale Mothers Need Their Moms. So Do I.

By Abigail Tucker

Scientists have found intergenerational care may be the key to thriving mothers, and children.

MAUREEN DOWD

The Jimmy Carter and Joe Biden Show

By Maureen Dowd

Two plain-spoken guys get together down in Plains.

ROSS DOUTHAT

When Wokeness Becomes Weakness

By Ross Douthat

It will take policy failure, not just off-putting rhetoric, for the new progressivism to doom Democrats.

NICHOLAS KRISTOF

Joe Biden Is Electrifying America Like F.D.R.

By Nicholas Kristof

My hometown in Oregon shows what the federal government can do — and also what happens when it stops trying.

FRANK BRUNI

The New Trump? Easy. It's Tucker.

By Frank Bruni

You don't just give your detractors agita. You give them material.

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New York Region to Accelerate Reopening, Raising Hopes and Anxiety

By Winnie Hu and Luis Ferré-Sadurni

New York, New Jersey and Connecticut are pushing ahead with May 19 reopening plans, and the subway will return to 24-hour service.

Widespread Commodity Shortages Raise Inflation Fears

By Alan Rappeport and Thomas Kaplan

For products as diverse as lumber and microchips, price increases are filtering through the economy.

Pressure Mounts to Lift Patent Protections on Coronavirus Vaccines

By Sheryl Gay Stolberg, Thomas Kaplan and Rebecca Robbins

President Biden and drugmakers are facing demands from liberal activists and global leaders to suspend intellectual property rights on the vaccines as the pandemic surges.



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WORLD

Criminal or Martyr? A Prisoner Poses a Political Dilemma For Spain

By Nicholas Casey

A Catalan separatist leader, Jordi Cuixart, is serving a nine-year prison sentence for supporting a failed independence bid in his Spanish region. His supporters say he should not be in prison at all.

OPINION

Do You Live in a Political Bubble?

By Gus Wezerek, Ryan D. Enos and Jacob Brown

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Today's Videos

Video VIDEO: Protests Prompt Colombia to Abandon Tax Overhaul

By The Associated Press

After days of deadly demonstrations, President Iván Duque of Colombia withdrew a tax proposal aimed at plugging a fiscal shortfall caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

Video VIDEO: Biden Outlines His Tax Plan During Community College Visit

By The Associated Press

During a visit to a community college in Norfolk, Va., President Biden outlined his tax plan, which emphasizes child care benefits as well as an increase in taxes on wealthy individuals and corporations in order to benefit community colleges.

Video VIDEO: Aid Shipments Arrive in India to Combat Coronavirus

By The Associated Press

On Sunday, the United States delivered the third of six aid shipments to New Delhi, including 1,000 oxygen cylinders. Britain donated more than 400 oxygen concentrators, and France sent eight oxygen generators, each of which can serve 250 hospitalized patients.

World

KANDAHAR DISPATCH

Day 1 of the End of the U.S. War in Afghanistan

By Thomas Gibbons-Neff

The scenes over the weekend were almost as if a multitrillion-dollar effort had morphed into a garage sale.

German Authorities Break Up International Child Sex Abuse Site

By Melissa Eddy

German prosecutors called the online platform they took down one of the largest on the dark web. Three men, accused of running the site, have been arrested.

Australia Tells Its Citizens in India Amid Covid Crisis: Don't Come Home

By Damien Cave and Livia Albeck-Ripka

Critics condemned the move to temporarily bar Australians, including children, as unnecessarily harsh, a violation of citizenship principles and a cultural double standard. Officials say the policy is necessary.

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U.S.

In Another Reversal, Biden Raises Limit on Number of Refugees Allowed Into the U.S.

By Michael D. Shear and Zolan Kanno-Youngs

The action comes about two weeks after President Biden announced that he was leaving the Trump administration's limit of 15,000 refugees in place, prompting a swift backlash.

Migrants Separated From Their Children Will Be Allowed Into U.S.

By Miriam Jordan

A handful of parents from Mexico and Central America who were deported under the Trump administration's family separation policy are the first of up to 1,000 who will eventually be reunited.

Florida Principal Under Investigation for Paddling 6-Year-Old Student, Authorities Say

By Johnny Diaz

A video taken by the girl's mother captured the principal striking the first-grader three times with a paddle at an elementary school in a district that doesn't allow corporal punishment.

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Politics

Swiss Billionaire Quietly Becomes Influential Force Among Democrats

By Kenneth P. Vogel

Hansjörg Wyss, who recently dropped his bid to buy Tribune Publishing, has been a leading source of difficult-to-trace money to groups associated with Democrats.

E.P.A. to Sharply Limit Powerful Greenhouse Gases

By Lisa Friedman

The Biden administration is moving quickly to limit hydrofluorocarbons, the Earth-warming chemicals used in air-conditioning and refrigeration.

SIDEBAR

Justice Clarence Thomas, Long Silent, Has Turned Talkative

By Adam Liptak

The Supreme Court's orderly telephone arguments, prompted by the pandemic, have given the public a revealing look at its longest-serving member.



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Business

Meet the Man Now at the Center of the Debate Over Student Debt

By Anemona Hartocollis and Stacy Cowley

Richard Cordray, the consumer financial protection chief under President Barack Obama, will now head the federal student aid office in the Education Department.

Pandemic Relief Fund for Restaurants Is Open, but Cash Will Go Fast

By Stacy Cowley

The Small Business Administration program is offering \$28.6 billion in grants to food businesses including bars and caterers.

Warren Buffett's Successor at Berkshire Hathaway Is Likely to Be Gregory Abel

By Michael J. de la Merced

"The directors are in agreement that if something were to happen to me tonight, it would be Greg who'd take over tomorrow morning," Mr. Buffett, 90, told CNBC.

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Technology

Bill and Melinda Gates Are Divorcing After 27 Years of Marriage

By David Geltes, Andrew Ross Sorkin and Nicholas Kulich

The announcement raises questions about the fate of their fortune. The couple helped create the Giving Pledge, but much of his Microsoft money has not yet been donated.

A Bet 20 Years Ago Made It the Exxon of Green Power

By Stanley Reed and Raphael Minder

Iberdrola is a leader in wind and solar power, thanks largely to a bet its C.E.O. made 20 years ago.



Yahoo and AOL, Early Internet Pioneers, Are Sold to Private Equity Firm

By Edmund Lee and Lauren Hirsch

Verizon offloaded its media business to Apollo Global Management in a deal valued at \$5 billion as the mobile phone giant focuses on building out its 5G network.

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Sports

KEEPING SCORE

Mike Trout Won't Hit .400, but It Will Be Fun to Watch Him Try

By Benjamin Hoffman

History suggests Trout may struggle to win the batting title, let alone hit .400, but baseball's best player has shifted into a higher gear.

SPORTS OF THE TIMES

Johnny Bench Misses His Hall of Fame Friends

By Kurt Streeter

Bench knew, played with or played against all of the 10 Hall of Famers who died in the past year. "You sit there and you are numb, and you remember and remember and remember," he said.

KEEPING SCORE

How Nikola Jokic Became the Favorite for the N.B.A. M.V.P. Award

By Victor Mather

Jokic, the Nuggets center, has increased his scoring, and he conducts Denver's offense with outlet passes that take advantage of his background in water polo.

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Arts

The Pandemic Gets the Michael Lewis Treatment, Heroic Technocrats and All

By Jennifer Szalai

In "The Premonition," Lewis recounts how some scientists and medical professionals helped overcome the initial bungled response to the coronavirus crisis.



A 140-Year-Old Hemlock Was Lost. Now It Has New Life as Art.

By Meredith Mendelsohn

The sculptor Jean Shin gravitates to castoff objects, including a threatened tree at Olana, the former estate of Frederic Church.

They Are Their Own Monuments

By Tess Thackara

In two North Philadelphia neighborhoods, many hands create homegrown art tributes to local heroes.

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New York

The New Menu at Eleven Madison Park Will Be Meatless

By Brett Anderson and Jenny Gross

The restaurant will no longer serve meat or seafood when it reopens, Daniel Humm, the chef, said. “The current food system is simply not sustainable, in so many ways,” he said.

Debate Erupts at N.J. Law School After White Student Quotes Racial Slur

By Tracey Tully

A Rutgers Law student repeated an epithet from a legal case, and now Black students at the New Jersey school are calling for a policy on slurs — and apologies.

N.R.A. Leadership and Bankruptcy Assailed by U.S. Trustee

By Danny Hakim

In a rare move, the trustee, part of the Justice Department, called for the dismissal of the N.R.A.’s bankruptcy filing or the appointment of an outside monitor.



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Media & Advertising

Los Angeles Times Hires Its Next Top Editor: Kevin Merida, of ESPN

By Katie Robertson

One of the biggest newspaper jobs goes to a groundbreaking journalist who spent two decades at The Washington Post.

A Teenager Mistakenly Moved Into a Senior Living Complex. TikTok Loves It.

By Jesus Jiménez

After living for a week in an apartment complex for older adults, Madison Kohout, 19, discovered why she was the youngest resident by decades.

Yamiche Alcindor Is Named Host of 'Washington Week' on PBS

By Michael M. Grynbaum

She succeeds Robert Costa at a program best known as the longtime home of the anchor Gwen Ifill.

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Science

To Solve 3 Cold Cases, This Small County Got a DNA Crash Course

By Virginia Hughes

Forensic genealogy helped nab the Golden State Killer in 2018. Now investigators across the country are using it to revisit hundreds of unsolved crimes.

Life and Death on the Lighthouse of the Mediterranean

By Gaia Squarci and Robin George Andrews

Stromboli's volcano is always active, always at the brink of devastating paroxysms. For those who visit the island as tourists or scientists, it is a spectacle like no other.

A Psychedelic Drug Passes a Big Test for PTSD Treatment

By Rachel Nuwer

A new study shows that MDMA, known as Ecstasy or Molly, can bring relief when paired with talk therapy to those with severe post-traumatic stress disorder.

Obituaries

Jacques d'Amboise, 86, Dies; Early, Charismatic Star of City Ballet

By Roslyn Sulcas

A product of Washington Heights, he embodied an all-American style, combining the nonchalance of Fred Astaire with the nobility of a classic male dancer. Hollywood came calling, too.

Bobby Unser, Racing Clan's Three-Time Indy 500 Winner, Dies at 87

By Richard Goldstein

Unser, who was afraid of heights, also captured the Pikes Peak climb race an unmatched 13 times.

Helen Murray Free Dies at 98; Chemist Developed Diabetes Test

By Denise Gellene

She and her husband invented a dip-and-read paper strip that greatly simplified the diagnosis of the disease and paved the way for home test kits.

Fred Jordan, Publisher of Taboo-Breaking Books, Dies at 95

By Sam Roberts

At Grove Press, he and Barney Rosset challenged censors as they popularized D.H. Lawrence, Henry Miller, William S. Burroughs, Allen Ginsberg and others.

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Opinion

THE CONVERSATION

Joe Biden Was No One's Idea of a Historic Figure

By Gail Collins and Bret Stephens

But here we are, talking about F.D.R. and L.B.J.

Can Pete Buttigieg Deliver Joe Manchin?

By 'Sway'

Biden's \$2 trillion infrastructure plan may depend on it.

MICHELLE GOLDBERG

Why the Right Loves Public School Culture Wars

By Michelle Goldberg

Biden doesn't rile up the grassroots. Critical race theory does.

GUEST ESSAY

Mother's Day Can Be Painful. It Can Also Reconnect Us to the World.

By Margaret Renkl

Mother's Day is a time for contemplating the ways we're connected, through joy and sorrow, across time and across species.

GUEST ESSAY

The West Has Been Hoarding More Than Vaccines

By Walden Bello

The West has hoarded vaccines and blocked developing nations from making their own. President Biden can put a stop to that.

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Top News

The Lithium Gold Rush: Inside the Race to Power Electric Vehicles

By Ivan Penn, Eric Lipton and Gabriella Angotti-Jones

A race is on to produce lithium in the United States, but competing projects are taking very different approaches to extracting the vital raw material. Some might not be very green.

Health Advocate or Big Brother? Companies Weigh Requiring Vaccines.

By Gillian Friedman and Lauren Hirsch

It is a delicate decision balancing employee health and personal privacy. Some companies are sidestepping the issue by offering incentives to those who get shots.

Baltimore Vaccine Plant's Troubles Ripple Across 3 Continents

By Chris Hamby, Sharon LaFraniere and Sheryl Gay Stolberg

Millions of doses of Johnson & Johnson's Covid-19 vaccine produced by Emergent BioSolutions have been held back in Europe, South Africa and Canada as a precaution.

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Editors' Picks

HEALTH

See Fewer People. Take Fewer Showers.

By Maria Cramer

Some people said they started bathing less during the pandemic. As long as no one complains, they say they plan to keep the new habit.

OPINION

'It's His Own Damn Fault,' Top G.O.P. Pollster Says of Trump and Facebook

By 'Sway'

Frank Luntz has never felt so gloomy.

Today's Videos

Video VIDEO: SpaceX Successfully Lands Starship Prototype

By Reuters

The SN15 Starship prototype touched down in one piece after a brief test flight over Texas on Wednesday. Several previous landings had ended in fiery explosions.

Video VIDEO: California Recall Candidate Criticized for Campaign Featuring Live Bear

By Storyful

John Cox, a Republican running to replace Gov. Gavin Newsom of California, has been criticized by animal welfare activists for including a bear in a campaign event in Sacramento.

Video VIDEO: Biden Pitches Infrastructure Plan in Louisiana

By The New York Times

President Biden outlined his \$2.3 trillion infrastructure proposal on Thursday in Lake Charles, La., a largely conservative, industrial area hard-hit by Hurricanes Laura and Delta last year. He then headed to a second stop in New Orleans.

World

Three Months After Coup, Myanmar Returns to the ‘Bad Old Days’

By Hannah Beech

Police are now stopping random people on the streets. A group of secret informers has reappeared. The killings continue, but so does the resistance.

Afghans Fleeing Home Are Filling the Lowliest Jobs in Istanbul

By Carlotta Gall

After years working on American bases in Afghanistan and fearful of the Taliban, Afghans are heading to Turkey and Europe.

Police Operation in Rio de Janeiro Leaves at Least 25 Dead

By Flávia Milhorance and Ernesto Londoño

Police officials and human rights activists called Thursday’s operation in a district controlled by drug traffickers the deadliest in the city’s history.

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U.S.

Russian Spy Team Left Traces That Bolstered C.I.A.’s Bounty Judgment

By Charlie Savage, Eric Schmitt and Michael Schwartz

But the U.S. lacked “evidence that the Kremlin directed this operation,” newly declassified information about the Russian team showed.

After a Decade Without Executions, South Carolina’s Solution: Bring Out the Firing Squad

By Richard Fausset and Rick Rojas

State lawmakers have voted to add the firing squad as an alternative to the electric chair or lethal injection, with the drugs used for capital punishment in short supply.

Granted Parole or Awaiting Trial, Inmates Died of Covid-19 Behind Bars

By Rebecca Griesbach and Libby Seline

Among the thousands who have died in prisons and jails from the coronavirus were dozens of people approved for parole or not convicted of a charge for which they were arrested.

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Politics

Arizona Review of 2020 Vote Is Riddled With Flaws, Says Secretary of State

By Michael Wines

Arizona's top election official said the effort ordered by Republican state senators leaves ballots unattended and lacks basic safeguards to protect the process from manipulation.

Stefanik Resurfaces False Election Claims as She Moves to Oust Cheney

By Catie Edmondson and Luke Broadwater

Republicans say Liz Cheney, their No. 3, is being targeted because she won't stay quiet about Donald J. Trump's election lies. Her would-be replacement is campaigning on them.

Florida and Texas Join the March as Republicans Press Voting Limits

By Nick Corasaniti and Reid J. Epstein

The efforts in two critical battleground states with booming populations and 70 Electoral College votes between them represent the apex of the Republican effort to roll back access to voting.

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Business

Meme Stocks and Archegos: Fed Calls Out Financial Weak Spots

By Jeanna Smialek

The Federal Reserve painted a picture of a generally stable financial system, but one bubbling with risk-taking that merits attention.

Biden Aides Quietly Say His Tax Increases Would Help Charities

By Jim Tankersley

The administration has been making the case to allies that to avoid paying the additional taxes the president has proposed, wealthy Americans would give more to nonprofits.

U.K. and France Call in the Navy, Sort of, in Channel Islands Fishing Dispute

By Mark Landler and Stephen Castle

French fishing crews dropped their threat to blockade a port on the island of Jersey, but a standoff over post-Brexit fishing rights augured a future of similar disputes.

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Technology

Opposition to Net Neutrality Was Faked, New York Says

By David McCabe

The state attorney general's office reached an agreement that levies millions in penalties on third-party services that generated the comments.

WHEELS

When One Man's Trash Is Another Man's Transmission

By Mercedes Lilienthal

Building cars from old fridges and junkyard parts, these tinkerers make the most of castoff materials to build an array of wild and impressive cars.



Ohio State Senator Is Caught Zooming and Driving

By Marie Fazlo

Andrew Brenner, a Republican, used a background to make it appear as if he were at home rather than behind the wheel of his car during a state meeting. The giveaway? His seatbelt.

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Sports

ON PRO HOCKEY

Fighting in the N.H.L. Reveals Few, if Any, Winners

By John Branch

When the Rangers and the Capitals dropped their gloves to settle a score, the old-school spectacle was greeted with disgust, nostalgia and excitement.

ON BASEBALL

With No-Hitter, John Means Opens Up a World of Possibilities

By Tyler Kepner

"Now, every time he takes the ball, he is well aware — because he's done it — that he could pitch a no-hitter," said Jim Palmer, the last Orioles pitcher to throw one on his own.

Even in a Loss, Yankees (and Their Fans) Show Some Pluck

By James Wagner

A recent hot streak and a series win over the hated Houston Astros have dramatically improved spirits in the Bronx.

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Arts

Lonnie Holley's Life of Perseverance, and Art of Transformation

By Yinka Elujoba

The Alabama artist and musician has arrived at a career milestone, with two exhibitions in the Hamptons and a gallery to map his future.



CRITIC'S PICK

Review: Sofia Coppola Brings New York City Ballet Back to Life

By Gia Kourlas

Her film for City Ballet's virtual spring gala, featuring a new solo by Justin Peck, explores the nooks and crannies of the company's theater.

ART REVIEW

Frieze New York, First Live Art Fair in a Year, Kicks Off at the Shed

By Will Heinrich and Martha Schwendener

Our critics toured more than 60 booths — a sight for art-starved eyes. Here are 16 highlights to catch, in person or virtually.

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Movies

'State Funeral' Review: Saying Goodbye to Stalin

By A.O. Scott

Sergei Loznitsa's new found-footage documentary illuminates Soviet life in the immediate aftermath of the dictator's death.

CRITIC'S NOTEBOOK

The Film That Made 'Sweet Sweetback's Baadasssss Song' Possible

By Nicolas Rapold

Melvin Van Peebles had to go to France to make "The Story of a Three Day Pass," the tale of a Black soldier on leave that's full of bold directorial choices.

'Paper Spiders' Review: Maternal Melodramatics

By Teo Bugbee

Lili Taylor plays a mother who spirals into madness in this unfortunately bland melodrama.

'The Boy From Medellín' Review: A Dizzying Week in J Balvin's World

By Beatrice Loayza

A documentary about the reggaeton star from Colombia is a relatively sophisticated form of celebrity publicity.

‘Pink Skies Ahead’ Review: Partying Through Anxiety

By Kristen Yoonsoo Kim

Kelly Oxford’s ’90s-set coming-of-age story follows a college dropout as she navigates a new romance and a new medical diagnosis.

‘Silo’ Review: When Life on a Farm Is Far From Wholesome

By Ben Kenigsberg

A mainstay of American agriculture, corn can become a suffocating trap when a human comes up against tons of it in a vertical storage bin.

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New York

The Wealthy Lobbyist Behind Andrew Yang’s Campaign for Mayor

By Dana Rubinstein and Emma G. Fitzsimmons

Andrew Yang’s relationship with Bradley Tusk, a tech investor, has raised concerns about conflicts of interest if he is elected.

2 Men Charged in Killing of 1-Year-Old Boy at Brooklyn Cookout

By Ashley Southall

Investigators believe the men charged in the death of Davell Gardner, the city’s youngest gun violence victim last year, were part of a deadly feud between gangs in Brooklyn.

New York City May Freeze Rent Again for More Than 2 Million Tenants

By Matthew Haag

The city board that sets rents on regulated apartments said one-year leases might be kept as is and two-year leases might rise slightly.

Media & Advertising

Wide-Angle Oddity: Giant Bidens Meet Tiny Carters

By Heather Murphy

A picture of two presidents and first ladies led to many Hobbit jokes online. We explain what happened.

F.E.C. Asks Congress to Ban Prechecked Recurring Donation Boxes

By Shane Goldmacher

The recommendation by the election commission came a month after a Times investigation showed that Donald J. Trump's political operation had steered many unwitting supporters into repeated donations through the tactic.

Hong Kong Pushes 'Fake News' Label as Media Face 'Worst of Times'

By Austin Ramzy

The police distributed a magazine denouncing "rumors and lies," and have warned news outlets against undermining national security.

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Science

Heads Up! A Used Chinese Rocket Is Tumbling Back to Earth This Weekend.

By Steven Lee Myers and Kenneth Chang

The chances of it hitting a populated area are small, but not zero. That has raised questions about how the country's space program designs its missions.

MATTER

This New Covid Vaccine Could Bring Hope to the Unvaccinated World

By Carl Zimmer

The German company CureVac hopes its RNA vaccine will rival those made by Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech. It could be ready next month.



Pfizer-BioNTech Vaccine is Highly Effective Against Variants, Studies Find

By Emily Anthes

Two studies showed the vaccine to be more than 95 percent effective at protecting against severe disease or death from the variants first identified in South Africa and the U.K.

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Obituaries

Lucinda Franks Dies at 74; Prize-Winning Journalist Broke Molds

By Katharine Q. Seelye

She avoided covering beauty pageants by going to Northern Ireland on her own and was later the first woman to win a Pulitzer for national reporting.

David Swensen, Who Revolutionized Endowment Investing, Dies at 67

By Geraldine Fabrikant

At Yale, a colleague said, he showed “there was a way to compete hard and well in financial markets, but to have our lives be about something that mattered more.”

Jonathan Bush, Last of a Political Generation, Dies at 89

By The Associated Press

While working in finance he was a force in New York Republican politics and supported the political careers of his older brother, George, and his nephews George W. and Jeb.

James Serritella, Counselor in Church Sex-Abuse Crisis, Dies at 78

By Sam Roberts

He advised four Chicago cardinals and advanced the U.S. bishops’ zero-tolerance policy toward clergy guilty of sex crimes.

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DAVID BROOKS

Our Pathetic Herd Immunity Failure

By David Brooks

The United States is incapable of collective action.

FARHAD MANJOO

Josh Hawley and Donald Trump Haven't Been 'Silenced'

By Farhad Manjoo

But it's not clear how Facebook should deal with them or how we should deal with Facebook.

GUEST ESSAY

India's Problem Is Now the World's Problem

By Abhijit Banerjee and Esther Duflo

The country's coronavirus disaster is the world's problem.

LINDA GREENHOUSE

Will the Supreme Court Write Guantánamo's Final Chapter?

By Linda Greenhouse

The justices may get a chance to redeem the court's own failed promises.

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Save Snow Days!

By Michelle Goldberg

Haven't kids lost enough this year?

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Top News

Bombing Outside Afghan School Kills at Least 50, With Girls as Targets

By Thomas Gibbons-Neff and Najim Rahim

The attack, which came at the end of a particularly violent week, underlined growing concerns about the American troop withdrawal.

POLITICAL MEMO

Marooned at Mar-a-Lago, Trump Still Has Iron Grip on Republicans

By Lisa Lerer

The vilification of Liz Cheney and a bizarre vote recount in Arizona showed the damage from his assault on a bedrock of democracy: election integrity.

Cyberattack Forces a Shutdown of a Top U.S. Pipeline

By David E. Sanger, Clifford Krauss and Nicole Perloth

The operator, Colonial Pipeline, said it had halted systems for its 5,500 miles of pipeline after being hit by a ransomware attack.

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TECHNOLOGY

Online Cheating Charges Upend Dartmouth Medical School

By Natasha Singer and Aaron Krolak

The university accused 17 students of cheating on remote exams, raising questions about data mining and sowing mistrust on campus.

OPINION | ELIZABETH BRUENIG

I Became a Mother at 25, and I'm Not Sorry I Didn't Wait

By Elizabeth Bruenig

More women are delaying parenthood because they think having kids early will be hard. It is. It's also great.

World

Where Ukrainians Are Preparing for All-Out War With Russia

By Anton Troianovski

A dried-up canal running from Ukraine into Russian-occupied Crimea is emerging as one of Europe's main flash points.

CZECH REPUBLIC DISPATCH

Village Caught in Czech-Russia Spy Case Just Wants Things to Stop Blowing Up

By Andrew Higgins

Was a huge blast at a Czech weapons depot sabotage by Russian spies? The villagers where it happened aren't sure, but they do know they only want to watch James Bond films, not live inside one.

A Farmer Moved a 200-Year-Old Stone, and the French-Belgian Border

By Anna Schaverien

A marker that was moved seven feet into French territory by a farmer in Belgium might have changed the countries' border forever if not for a sharp-eyed group of friends.



U.S.

Ma'Khia Bryant's Journey Through Foster Care Ended With an Officer's Bullet

By Nicholas Bogel-Burroughs, Ellen Barry and Will Wright

The 16-year-old girl was fatally shot while threatening a young woman with a knife. She had spent two years shuttling among Ohio foster homes, hoping to return to her mother.

Alabama Police Officer Is Convicted of Murdering a Suicidal Man

By Michael Levenson

Jeffrey Parker had called 911 to report that he was suicidal and was holding a gun to his head when he was fatally shot by Officer William Darby, prosecutors said.

'Will I Recognize You?' She Traveled 2,500 Miles to Reach Her Mother.

By Miriam Jordan and Mark Abramson

Migrant children are crossing the southwestern border by the thousands each week. They are often rejoining parents who immigrated to the United States years ago.

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Politics

'This Is Politics': Dr. Rachel Levine's Rise as Transgender Issues Gain Prominence.

By Sheryl Gay Stolberg

President Biden's assistant secretary for health is the highest-ranking openly transgender person ever to serve in the federal government.

As Texas Voting Restrictions Near Passage, Democrats Stage Protest

By David Montgomery

The former presidential aspirants Beto O'Rourke and Julián Castro spoke to a crowd demonstrating outside the State Capitol.



Bo, the Obamas' Portuguese Water Dog, Dies

By Michael Levenson

Former President Barack Obama said the family had lost “a true friend and loyal companion.”

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How Child Care Went From ‘Girly’ Economics to Infrastructure

By Emily Peck

Experts who sounded the alarm about the care economy were often shunted to the side of policy discussions. Not anymore.

STRATEGIES

The Stock Market Loves Biden More Than Trump. So Far, at Least.

By Jeff Sommer

Stocks have soared under the new president, and the Dow has generally preferred Democrats since 1901. But don't count on that for the future.

WORK FRIEND

The Dead Moose in the Office Next Door

By Roxane Gay

Sometimes you do have to draw boundaries, and sometimes you have to learn to live with other people's predilections.

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Technology

The Separate Worlds of Bill and Melinda Gates

By Nicholas Kulich, Rebecca R. Ruiz and David Gelles

They built an empire that was essential in the pandemic. Now, their impending divorce makes personal a shift that confidants say was well underway in their philanthropic roles.



Elon Musk: Memelord or Meme Lifter?

By Taylor Lorenz

The billionaire has been posting content creators' work without credit. Some are frustrated; others, simply puzzled.

Digital Horses Are the Talk of the Crypto World

By Taylor Lorenz

Horse racing meet NFT mania on Zed Run, a digital platform where some top steeds are fetching six-figure sums.

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Sports

N.C.A.A. Chief, Pressured by State Laws, Pushes to Let Athletes Cash In

By Alan Blinder

Five states are poised to allow college athletes to profit from their fame starting on July 1, and the N.C.A.A.'s leader says the association is preparing to respond.

A Boxer May Miss the Olympics Because of Her Prepandemic Pregnancy

By Ken Belson

Olympic organizers changed how boxers from the Americas would qualify for Tokyo because of the pandemic. Now one of the best Canadians is on the outside looking in.

ON PRO BASKETBALL

The Root of the Knicks' Success? Caring When They Didn't Have To.

By Harvey Araton

In a season of uncertainty, the Knicks gave fans, and opponents, one thing to count on: "They were coming to play," one observer said.

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Arts

The Epic Journey to ‘The Underground Railroad’

By Reggie Ugwu

How Barry Jenkins and his band of indie filmmakers made television’s most ambitious take on American slavery since “Roots.”

For Chakaia Booker, Whose Medium Is Tires, the Art Is in the Journey

By Siddhartha Mitter

First things first: “I sculpt myself every day,” says Booker, who appears swathed in yards of textiles, from headdress to sneakers.

Stacey Abrams Contains Multitudes

By Sarah Lyall

Her obsessions with public policy and pop culture came together in the new Supreme Court thriller “While Justice Sleeps,” the first time she has used her own name on one of her novels.

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New York

How a \$180 Million Parking Lot Could Change N.Y.C.’s Historic Character

By Amy Sohn

Will a skyscraper at the South Street Seaport set a precedent for development in historic districts?

3 Shot, Including a 4-Year-Old, in Times Square, Police Say

By Troy Closson and Michael Levenson

The police said that the child, who was shot in the leg, as well as two other victims, both women, were expected to survive.

And Then There Was One: G.O.P. Defends Its Last Seat in Queens

By Corey Kilgannon

The party struggles to hold on in an increasingly diverse borough, even as it fights its own internal battles.

Media & Advertising

The Composer at the Frontier of Movie Music

By Jamie Fisher

Nicholas Britell's scores — for "Succession," "Moonlight" and "The Underground Railroad," among others — suggest whole new ways of writing for film and television.

Musicians Say Streaming Doesn't Pay. Can the Industry Change?

By Ben Sisario

Services like Spotify and Apple Music pulled the business back from the brink. But artists say they can't make a living. And their complaints are getting louder.

For Mother's Day, Movies All About 'Mother'

By Erik Piepenburg

Mom's the word — the only word — in the titles of these films to stream that celebrate the darker side of motherhood.

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Science

Covid Forces Families to Rethink Nursing Home Care

By Reed Abelson

Even with vaccines, many older people and their relatives are weighing how to manage at-home care for those who can no longer live independently.

Melting Glaciers Have Exposed Frozen Relics of World War I

By Jacey Fortin

Artifacts from the White War — a battle between Italian and Austro-Hungarian troops that took place in the forbidding heights of the Alps — are on their way to a museum.



These Neanderthals Weren't Cannibals, So Who Ate Them? Stone Age Hyenas.

By Elisabetta Povoledo

An archaeological excavation south of Rome uncovered fossil remains of nine Neanderthals, along with the bones of hyenas, elephants and rhinoceroses.

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Magazine

The Artist Upending Photography's Brutal Racial Legacy

By Jenna Wortham

Deana Lawson's regal, loving, unburdened photographs imagine a world in which Black people are free from the distortions of history.

What If Everything We Know About Gymnastics Is Wrong?

By Lizzie Feidelson

In the wake of a seismic scandal, Chellsie Memmel and other gymnasts are done with inhumane coaching — and the idea that they have to peak in their teens.

The G.O.P. Won It All in Texas. Then It Turned on Itself.

By Elaina Plott

The Republican Party trounced the Democrats at every level in Texas in November, only to see its politicians turn on one another over the pandemic and voter-fraud conspiracy theories.

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Travel

Cruise Line Threatens to Skip Florida Ports Over Proof-of-Vaccination Ban

By Jesus Jiménez

Norwegian Cruise Line plans to require Covid-19 vaccine documentation from its crew members and customers, but Florida recently enacted a law that bars businesses from doing so.



'It's Not Quite Like Riding a Bike': Pilots Get Ready to Fly Again

By Ceylan Yeginsu

As airlines ramp up service, pilots who have been furloughed or laid off need to be retrained in everything from dealing with the control tower to "volcanic ash" scenarios.

THE WORLD THROUGH A LENS

Mozambique Mints a New National Park — and Surveys Its Riches

By Jen Guyton

In the wake of wars, natural disasters and insurgencies, Mozambique is experiencing an environmental renaissance. One of the results is a new and stunningly beautiful national park.

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Real Estate

Old Buildings, New Views

By Caroline Biggs

Recent renovations around town have uncovered views of Manhattan that had been hiding in plain sight.

ON LOCATION

In Miami, a Sculpture Built to Live In

By Tim McKeough

Christopher Carter, an artist who works with salvaged materials, set out to create his biggest work ever. Now it's his home, and the subject of a new exhibit.

IN THE GARDEN

The Elusive Deer-Proof Garden

By Margaret Roach

The bad news? It doesn't exist. But there are still plenty of things you can do to deter what some call 'nuisance wildlife.'



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WITH ...

Ewan McGregor: Dahling, He's Halston!

By Maureen Dowd

For a new Netflix series, the actor dropped his lightsaber and picked up the cigarettes and scissors.

What Will We Do With Our Masks Now?

By Dina Gachman

As more people are vaccinated and guidelines around mask wearing are easing, some are finding ways to preserve, repurpose and recycle their face coverings.

MODERN LOVE

Doing 'The Washing Machine' With My 84-Year-Old Mother

By Erika Shimahara

How a ridiculous dance — several, actually — kept us connected through Covid.

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T Magazine

The Artist Who Transforms Galleries Into Forests and Fields

By Coco Romack

Precious Okoyomon's vast installations, which often incorporate plants as well as poetry and sculpture, celebrate the chaos of nature, and warn against its destruction.

From Claire Rousay, Field Recordings for a Modern World

By Jenn Pelly

With her new album, the emo ambient musician has learned to embrace everyday pleasures.

ON THE VERGE

Myung Eun Cha's Avant-Garde Loungewear

By Megan Conway

Stuck in her apartment, the designer found inspiration in her surroundings, conceiving of a highly conceptual collection that provides literal support.

Obituaries

Pamela Kraft, 77, Dies; Arts Magnet and Champion of Indigenous Rights

By Alex Williams

She immersed herself in New York's creative underground, then shifted to globetrotting activism for decades as the founder of Tribal Link.

Geoff Crowther, 77, Dies; Guided Travelers Looking to Get Lost

By Sam Roberts

An early author for Lonely Planet, he tempted a generation of adventurers on journeys to exotic locales full of surprises.

Bob Abernethy, Longtime Host of PBS Show on Religion, Dies at 93

By Sam Roberts

He conceived and produced "Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly" and was its face for 20 years, after four decades as an NBC News correspondent.

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Opinion

THE EDITORIAL BOARD

Immigration Courts Aren't Real Courts. Time to Change That.

By The Editorial Board

As long as these judges are subject to political pressures, there can be no true judicial process.

MAUREEN DOWD

Liz Cheney and the Big Lies

By Maureen Dowd

Vice wasn't something she always worried about.



NICHOLAS KRISTOF

Remember the Homeless Chess Champion? The Boy Is Now a Chess Master.

By Nicholas Kristof

A soaring chess prodigy is a reminder: Talent is universal, but opportunity is not.

ROSS DOUTHAT

Is Capitalism Killing Conservatism?

By Ross Douthat

The conservative responses to stagnation and decay are incoherent and insufficient. But do liberals have any?

GUEST ESSAY

Was Nazi Germany Defeated or Liberated? Germans Can't Decide.

By James Angelos

It will be very dangerous if Germany starts to see itself as a victim of the Nazis.

The Sound of Cicadas Is Music If You Take the Time to Listen

By David Rothenberg

For cicadas and humans, it's time to make music together.

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After Raid on Aqsa Mosque, Rockets From Gaza and Israeli Airstrikes

By Patrick Kingsley and Isabel Kershner

Gaza officials say 20 people were killed in the airstrikes. The escalation followed clashes between the Israeli police and Palestinian protesters at Al Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem.

F.D.A. Authorizes Pfizer-BioNTech Vaccine for Children 12 to 15

By Apoorva Mandavilli

The shots may allow millions of youngsters to get back to school, camps, sleepovers and hangouts with friends.

F.B.I. Identifies Group Behind Pipeline Hack

By David E. Sanger and Nicole Perrotti

The attack by DarkSide, a relatively new criminal group believed to have roots in Eastern Europe, exposed the remarkable vulnerability of key American infrastructure.



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BUSINESS

I.P.A. Signing Bonuses and Free Subs: Luring Labor as a Beach Economy Booms

By Jeanna Smialek and Jim Tankersley

Restaurants are cutting lunch hours and gas stations are paying signing bonuses as a beach town's boom serves as a possible preview to the nation.

OPINION

Kathryn Garcia for Mayor

By The Editorial Board

The editorial board's endorsement for the Democratic mayoral primary.

Today's Videos

Video VIDEO: Hundreds of Palestinians Hurt After Israeli Police Enter Aqsa Mosque

By The New York Times

More than 330 Palestinians were injured on Monday after the Israeli police entered the Aqsa mosque compound in Jerusalem. The police fired rubber-tipped bullets and stun grenades, while Palestinians threw rocks at officers.

Video VIDEO: Virus Variant in India May Be More Transmissible, Says W.H.O.

By Reuters

The World Health Organization said Monday that the B.1.617 variant of the coronavirus, which has spread throughout India is now a "variant of concern," and may be fueling a rise in infections.

Video VIDEO: 'Moving in the Right Direction,' Biden Says of Economic Growth

By The Associated Press

On Monday, President Biden gave an update on the economic outlook for the country after a disappointing monthly jobs report on Friday. The president maintained in his speech that economic growth was continuing, despite pandemic losses.

World

China Targets Muslim Women in Push to Suppress Births in Xinjiang

By Amy Qin

In most of China, women are being urged to have more babies to shore up a falling birthrate. But in Xinjiang, they are being forced to have fewer.

China's 'Long-Term Time Bomb': Falling Births Stunt Population Growth

By Sui-Lee Wee

Only 12 million babies were born last year, the lowest number of births since 1961, providing fresh evidence of a looming demographic crisis that could complicate Beijing's ambitions.

Paris Teenager's New Gig: Would-Be Queen of Italy. A Nation Shrugs.

By Jason Horowitz

The son of Italy's last king has tapped his teen granddaughter to eventually lead the House of Savoy, pretenders to Italy's defunct throne. "Totally illegitimate," says a rival clan.

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U.S.

Police Say Boyfriend Responsible for Shooting at Colorado Birthday Party

By Dave Philipps and Julie Bosman

More than half of mass shootings in recent years involve a perpetrator who killed an intimate partner or family member, including the gunman who killed six people in Colorado Springs.

Covid Relief Funds Fueled a High-Performance Shopping Spree, Prosecutors Say

By Azi Paybarah

A California man was indicted on charges that he used money from the Payment Protection Program to buy a Lamborghini, a Ferrari and a Bentley, federal authorities said.

A Wandering Tiger Unnerved Houston. The Man Who Fled With It Is a Murder Suspect.

By Neil Vigdor

The man who was seen with the big cat was taken into custody on Monday night, the police said. But the tiger's whereabouts remained unknown.

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Politics

Biden Administration Restores Rights for Transgender Patients

By Michael D. Shear and Margot Sanger-Katz

Officials invited people subject to health care discrimination to file complaints. But formal rule-making will be needed before a Trump-era policy can be fully reversed.

Glenn Youngkin Wins G.O.P. Nomination for Virginia Governor

By Trip Gabriel

Mr. Youngkin, a wealthy newcomer to politics who walked a line between the Trump base of the G.O.P. and business interests, will look to test Democrats' strength in the blue-leaning state in November.

U.S. Defends Detention of Afghan at Guantánamo Despite Pullout

By Carol Rosenberg

In the first Guantánamo habeas corpus case under the Biden administration, the government said U.S. forces' withdrawal from Afghanistan did not erode its detention authority.

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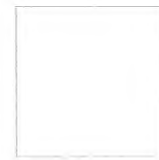
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Business

Cases of Unruly Airline Passengers Are Soaring, and So Are Federal Fines

By Neil Vigdor

Dozens of people face fines of up to \$35,000 for assaulting and interfering with flight attendants under a zero-tolerance policy introduced by the F.A.A. this year.



Biden Defends Unemployment Benefits, Provided Workers Accept Job Offers

By Jim Tankersley and Alan Rappeport

The president's comments and a raft of policy announcements were a pushback to Republican criticism of his economic plan after a disappointing jobs report on Friday.

Complaint Accuses Mexican Factories of Labor Abuses, Testing New Trade Pact

By Thomas Kaplan

The A.F.L.-C.I.O. and other groups are seeking to make use of a new enforcement mechanism in the updated North American trade deal.

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Technology

As Cars Go Electric, China Builds a Big Lead in Factories

By Keith Bradsher

Fueled with money from Wall Street and local officials, automakers plan to build eight million electric cars a year there, more than Europe and North America combined.

How the Colonial Pipeline Became a Vital Artery for Fuel

By Clifford Krauss

Growing domestic production of oil and gas has led to reduced refining capacity in the Northeast, increasing the reliance on fuel sent from Texas.

TECH TIP

How to Power Up Your To-Do List

By J. D. Biersdorfer

The free task-reminder app on your phone can keep you and your projects on track.

Sports

WITHOUT A PLAYBOOK

Cal Survived Covid. Now, Back to Its Usual Problems.

By John Branch and Jim Wilson

The university conducted tens of thousands of coronavirus tests, aborted the football season and lost \$10 million. Is that light at the end of the tunnel another train?

On the Airwaves, Baffert Rails Against Cheating Allegations

By Joe Drape

A day after the Kentucky Derby winner Medina Spirit was revealed to have failed a drug test, the horse's trainer cited "cancel culture" in his denials.

Tamika Catchings Is Taking Her 'Superpower' to the Hall of Fame

By Gordon Jones

Catchings, a 10-time W.N.B.A. All-Star, said her hearing loss helped her have greater court awareness and better anticipate her opponents' moves.

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Arts

One Surreal Night With the Rap Veterans of Mount Westmore

By David Peisner

Snoop Dogg, Ice Cube, E-40 and Too Short — the old school titans in this new supergroup — made their live debut at an event featuring pop stars and TikTok influencers.

Are Animated Dads Getting Hotter? An Investigation

By Kyle Buchanan

A chiseled chest and relationship-oriented, too? Sure, they're cartoons, but you can see the appeal.



Covid, the Musical? Jodi Picoult Is Giving It a Try.

By Elisabeth Egan

Working with a playwright, the best-selling author has turned the symptoms of illness into songwriting prompts for a new musical called “Breathe.”

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New York

Shootings and Subway Attacks Put Crime at Center of N.Y.C. Mayor’s Race

By Katie Glueck and Jeffery C. Mays

Rising concerns over crime have led candidates to issue strong appeals for public safety, less than a year after the city was under pressure to defund the police.

No Scrum for Seats. No Quiet-Car Brawls. Is This Really My Commute?

By Dan Barry and Bryan Anselm

The pandemic has made New Jersey Transit unrecognizable.

As Cuomo Fights for Survival, He Revives His Combative Image

By Luis Ferré-Sadurní

The governor has begun to publicly undermine the state attorney general, Letitia James, who is overseeing investigations into Mr. Cuomo’s conduct.

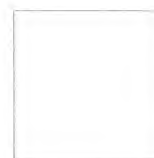
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Media & Advertising

NBC Says It Will Not Air the Golden Globes in 2022

By Matt Stevens and Cara Buckley

The group behind the awards, the Hollywood Foreign Press Association, has been under pressure for its lack of Black members and its financial practices.



Teen Vogue has a new top editor.

By Katie Robertson

Two months after a botched hire, Versha Sharma, an editor at the news website NowThis, will take over the Condé Nast site.

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Travel

The Price They Pay for Your Perfect Vacation Photo

By Priyanka Runwal

Scientists are concerned about unregulated feeding of ocean wildlife by tour operators.

Humans Have Been Sharing Food With Animals for Centuries. Why Is That?

By James Gorman

Researchers want to learn more about the connections between humans and the feeding of birds, beasts and other fauna.

In Covid Vaccine Data, L.G.B.T.Q. People Fear Invisibility

By Jillian Kramer

Few states collect sexual orientation or gender identity data, so no one knows how many people in some communities are getting vaccinated.

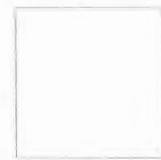
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Obituaries

Helmut Jahn, 'Convention-Busting' Architect, Dies at 81

By Richard Sandomir

He helped redefine Chicago architecture with his postmodern designs of the Thompson Center and the United Airlines terminal at O'Hare International Airport. But he was also known worldwide.



THOSE WE'VE LOST

Soli Sorabjee, Eminent Indian Jurist and Jazz Lover, Dies at 91

By Sameer Yasir

Mr. Sorabjee was a constitutional expert and free speech advocate who served two stints as the nation's attorney general. He died of the coronavirus.

Manzoor Ahtesham, Writer Who Brought Bhopal to Life, Dies at 73

By Katharine Q. Seelye

He focused with forensic precision on his native city, which was marked by an industrial tragedy in 1984. He was among the thousands in India to die of Covid-19 in the last few weeks.

THOSE WE'VE LOST

Mohammad Ashraf Sehrai, Kashmiri Separatist, Is Dead at 77

By Iqbal Kirmani

He was a close aide to the most powerful Kashmiri separatist leader for 50 years, but he was arrested a year ago and imprisoned. He died in a hospital of the coronavirus.

THOSE WE'VE LOST

James Williams, Gay Activist in India, Dies at 35

By Katharine Q. Seelye

An American, he hoped to improve the representation of gay people in Indian media in the manner of "Will & Grace." He died of Covid-19.

THOSE WE'VE LOST

Vira Sathidar, Cultural Figure Who Fought India's Caste System, Dies at 62

By Mujib Mashal and Hari Kumar

After a career of activism on behalf of the lower castes, Mr. Sathidar was cast in a movie that reflected his life. He died of complications of Covid-19.

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Opinion

Quintin Jones Is Not Innocent. But He Doesn't Deserve to Die.

By Suleika Jaouad

Quintin Phillippe Jones is scheduled to be executed on May 19. Today I tell the story of our friendship in the hope that it will save his life.

GUEST ESSAY

Mother and Daughter Do the Same Job. Why Does One Make \$9 More an Hour?

By Brigid Schulte and Cassandra Robertson

A tale of two home care workers.

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Republicans Are Still Waging War on Workers

By Paul Krugman

Times are good? Punish the unemployed. Times are bad? Punish the unemployed.

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The Cicadas Are Coming. It's Not an Invasion. It's a Miracle.

By Margaret Renkl

I'm jealous of all of you whose skies will soon be blurred by wings and whose trees will be filled with song.

Who Wins in a Meme Stock World?

By 'Sway'

Jannick Malling, Public's co-C.E.O., weighs the risks and rewards of the retail trading boom.

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