Easing curbs
Merkel warns against haste

German Chancellor Angela Merkel at the Bundestag yesterday, where she warned Germany could “quickly suffer” if new curbs are not kept in place. She said the country must ensure “as normal a life as possible” for its citizens.

The country has the EU’s highest number of infections per million people. But Germany has managed to keep this number relatively low, which has contributed to its reputation for being a model of effective pandemic management.

On the UK’s response, she said our government needs to ensure that the current lockdown measures are maintained and that people follow the rules.

She also highlighted the importance of vaccination, saying that the country needs to ensure that enough vaccines are available and that the current distribution system is working efficiently.

Potential anti-coronavirus drug fails to clear first clinical hurdle

- Gilead’s remdesivir flops
- Blow to scientists and investors
- WHO draft issued in error

The WHO’s draft document, which is undergoing peer review, was published last week. However, it concluded that Gilead’s drug remdesivir failed to meet the necessary criteria for approval.

The WHO said the drug did not show a clear benefit to patients and did not meet the standard of evidence required for a new drug.

Gilead’s CEO, Danielmacros, said the company would continue to work on developing new treatments for COVID-19.

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In this study, hospitalized patients with severe COVID-19 that was not terminated prematurely, remdesivir was associated with clinical versus placebo treatment.

Datawatch

Netflix growth

Netflix stock is up 10% in the past month, closing at $586.80 on the NASDAQ, the latest in a series of strong performances for the streaming giant. The company has continued to expand its global footprint, with recent moves into Asia and Europe.

Work from home

Homeworkers ditch deodorant, wash less and put off shaving, says Unilever

According to a survey conducted by Unilever, many homeworkers have developed new habits over the past year, including less frequent washing and shaving. The survey found that 65% of respondents had reduced their use of deodorant, with 50% saying they now shave less often.

Unilever’s study also found that 40% of respondents had increased their online spending, while 30% said they now eat more takeaway food.

“While this may be a temporary change, it highlights the need for companies to adapt their products and services to meet the needs of their customers,” said Unilever’s CEO, Paul Polman.

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**Aiming high**

Sculptor's charity work

German artist Sebastian Scherer shows off a colossal cruciform sculpture, which he hopes will raise money for charity. Scherer, who was born in 1969, has dedicated much of his career to creating monumental sculptures and has already raised over €1 million for various causes.

**Ending lockdown. Health risks debate**

School openings divide experts

Urgent vaccination plans target UK's schools by Easter

The UK government has announced plans to vaccinate all school-aged children by Easter, with a goal of vaccinating all children aged 12-18 by the end of April.

**Public backlash**

Putin pledges on pandemic masks Russian economic challenges

Russia's ban on foreign goods will push up prices for consumers, but the US is still a major source of supplies, Putin said. The ban will affect supplies of goods from China and Japan, but not from the US.

**Bundestag speech**

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US lockdown critics assume role of champions of liberty and business

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International probe
China gives WHO extra $300m to fight crisis

Donation comes after US hallmarks of being feuding defends its response

TORONTO — UNESCO

China has announced it will give the World Health Organization (WHO) $300 million in order to support its efforts in combating the coronavirus pandemic, which is expected to last for several more months. This is in addition to the $675 million China gave last April to help fund the WHO's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The move comes amid rising concerns about the potential health risks posed by the virus, including in the region where the virus first emerged. The donation will also go towards the later stages of vaccine production, and it is expected to provide much-needed resources for countries around the world in the fight against the pandemic. The donation will be used to support research and development of potential vaccines and treatments, as well as to provide essential medical supplies and equipment to countries struggling to contain the outbreak. The WHO has been criticized for its response to the pandemic, especially for its slow response in providing accurate information and guidance to affected countries. However, the organization has also been praised for its efforts in coordinating global health efforts and for its role in managing the pandemic. The donation from China is seen as a significant boost to the WHO's efforts in the fight against COVID-19, and it is expected to help strengthen global health systems and public health infrastructure in the wake of the pandemic. This will allow countries to better respond to future health crises and to improve their ability to protect their citizens. The donation is also seen as an important step in rebuilding trust between China and the WHO, which has been damaged by the early stages of the pandemic. The announcement was made by China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi, who said the country was committed to helping the world overcome the pandemic.

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Expert committee
Japan rejects WHO's advice because virus will resurge, says doctor

TORONTO — The University of Tokyo

A doctor in Japan has advised the government to consider using new technologies to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. While many countries have relied on lockdowns and other measures to control the pandemic, the doctor suggested that Japan could use advanced technology to track and monitor the virus. The doctor's advice is based on the latest research, which suggests that new technologies could be effective in controlling the spread of the virus. The doctor noted that Japan has the technology and expertise to develop these new technologies, and that they could be used to help prevent the virus from spreading further. The doctor also emphasized the importance of collaboration between governments, researchers, and the public to ensure that the new technologies are developed and implemented effectively. The doctor's advice is likely to be considered by the government, which has been facing pressure to develop new approaches to controlling the pandemic. The government has already been working with scientists and experts to develop new strategies for controlling the virus, and it is likely that the doctor's advice will be taken into account. The government's approach to the pandemic has been praised for its effectiveness, and it is expected that the new technologies could help to further reduce the spread of the virus.
**Inside Wuhan:** how China struggled to control the virus – and the narrative

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Investors tell drugmakers to collaborate on vaccine virus

- Asset managers demand joint action
- BlackRock and AxaChase lead charge

Motorcycle diary: Indian rescuer TVS vows to revive glory days of luxury-bike group Norton

- Norton Motorcycles, the British brand owned by the TVS group and BlackRock, aims to develop motorcycles and launch new products after being bought out of administration.
- TVS, India's third-largest motorcycle maker, bought the brand from British company Norton Motorcycles in 2012. The TVS group has set up a new executive team and has invested heavily in the brand.

Fears Elliott activist exerts hedge fund after 19 years

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Outgoing chief apologises to Tojo after flight paid for by his successor

SUGIKO NIINO - OLYMPICS

The chief executive of Norway's tiny oil fund, which is building up China's economy, has apologised for accepting a flight paid for by his predecessor. Nichoel Stavely, who is known in the City as "Mr China", has resigned after the fund's chief executive, Kjell Danielson, admitted to paying for a flight to China for Stavely's predecessor, who is now chairman of the state-owned oil giant."I was absolutely wrong to accept the flight," Stavely said in a statement. "I am truly sorry for letting you down, for setting the reputation of Norway and the oil fund at risk, and for breaking our ethical principles." The profit motive will now cross the Board of Directors might be a problem for the fund's chairman, who has been a strong supporter of Stavely's. Kjell Danielson has said that he intends to resign, and that he will be replaced by a new CEO in the fall. The fund's governing council may also be replaced. The Norwegian government has said that it will review the fund's governance and operations. This week's news will also be seen as the latest in a series of shocks to Norway's finance sector, which has been hit by a combination of low oil prices and a strong krone. Norway's biggest banks have had to raise their capital requirements, and some have even had to be nationalised. Norway's oil fund, which is the world's largest, has been a major investor in China, and has been seen as a key player in the global economy. The fund's new chairman, who is expected to be announced next week, will have a tough job in restoring its reputation. The fund's performance has been lackluster in recent years, and its holdings in China have been a source of controversy. The fund's investments in China have been seen as a way to diversify its holdings, but they have also been criticized for their lack of transparency and their impact on China's economy. The fund's new chairman will have to address these issues, and will have to work closely with the Norwegian government and the finance sector to restore confidence in the fund. The fund's new chairman will also have to deal with the fund's investments in the oil sector, which have been hit by low oil prices. The fund's investments in oil and gas have been a major source of revenue for the fund, but they have also been a source of controversy. The fund's new chairman will have to work closely with the Norwegian government and the finance sector to restore confidence in the fund.
Big Oil's survival at stake in world where 'everything has changed' 

Jobs versus dividends is next painful choice facing groups hit by slide in crude prices

**Companies & Markets**

**Andrew Rudy, P.E., Chairman**

Gas prices. Head of the American Association of Oil & Gas Producers, has been a member of the organization for over 30 years, but for the last several years, the state of the industry has changed dramatically.

"At one point in time, the oil industry was booming," Rudy said. "But now, with the decrease in demand and the rise of renewable energy, the industry is facing unprecedented challenges."

Big Oil has faced a significant drop in revenue in recent years due to falling oil prices and increasing competition from renewable energy sources. This has led to a sharp decline in profits and a drop in the value of oil company stocks, making it difficult for companies to fund their operations.

"The industry is trying to find a way to adapt to these new realities," Rudy added. "But it's not easy."

The cost of oil has dropped significantly in recent months, putting pressure on oil companies to reduce costs and improve efficiency. This has led to layoffs and cutbacks in production, as companies try to preserve their cash reserves.

"The industry is facing a steep uphill battle," Rudy said. "But we're confident that we can weather this storm and come out stronger on the other side."

The American Association of Oil & Gas Producers is working with government officials and industry leaders to find solutions to the challenges facing the industry.

"We are committed to working with all stakeholders to find a way forward," Rudy said. "We believe that the oil industry has a vital role to play in the world's energy supply, and we will continue to work hard to ensure its continued success."
**Cross asset: Trading worries**

Investor faith in classic bond markets under threat

**Fixed income**

ECB to take ‘fallen angel’ bonds as collateral

The European Central Bank has changed its rules to allow banks to use so-called “fallen angel” bonds that lost their investment grade credit rating but that have since improved in price and quality for central bank collateral. In a move that is expected to provide a boost for debt markets that might otherwise face a squeeze on the use of expected credit rating downgrades in reports of the future

The move is expected to have a significant effect on the bond market, as it allows banks to use a wider range of debt instruments as collateral. The ECB has already announced plans to expand the list of eligible securities, which currently includes only sovereign bonds and euro area supranational debt.

The decision comes as a welcome development for investors, who have been facing increased pressure to reduce their exposure to non-investment grade securities. The move is also expected to benefit smaller banks and credit institutions, which have struggled to access funding in recent months.

The ECB’s decision is also expected to provide a boost for the real economy, as it will help to lower borrowing costs and improve access to credit for businesses and consumers.

**Fixed income**

Netflix lowers its borrowing cost after EU rule change on high-yield issuance

**Robert Smith and Joe Rinaldi**

London

Netflix slashed its interest cost on $7.5 billion of bonds by more than it had expected as a result of a change in EU law.

The online video company, which has a market capitalization of $78 billion, had been expected to pay between 7.25% and 7.5% on its existing $7.5 billion of bonds due in 2029. However, a change in EU law means that Netflix is now able to borrow at a lower rate.

“Netflix is particularly pleased with the outcome of this ruling,” said company spokesperson.

The move is expected to save the company more than $50 million per year, which will help to offset the costs of maintaining its extensive content library.

**Argentina wrestles with creditors over repayment with debt default looms**

**Gustavo Sáenz, New York**

**Bloomberg News**

Argentina and a group of banks have reached an agreement to fully settle the debt default that the country declared in 2013. The deal, which is expected to be signed on Thursday, will allow the country to have no further obligations to pay the bondholders.

The agreement is a major step forward in the country’s efforts to resolve its debt crisis. It will also help to stabilize the country’s currency and reduce the risk of further economic turmoil.

**Investor faith in classic bond markets under threat**

One of the basic rules of investing is that it pays to be patient. In fact, most of the past decade, this relationship has held true. But down days have surged as prices have fallen along equities, pushing healthy gains but让ing much protection bonds can offer in downturns. The recent market selloff followed by the coronavirus pandemic has underscored the problem with relying on the past period in which yields went in line with yields and equities had substantial rallies. The benefits of bond diversification for the investor’s portfolio is well known. Westacott & Partners R.F. wrote in Financial Times earlier this month, “The benefits of diversifying your portfolio are well known. Not only do bonds protect your portfolio, but they also provide a buffer against the volatility of equities. The old adage that a diversified portfolio is a good thing is true.”

The classic balanced portfolio contains 60% of equities and 40% of bonds. However, this percentage is attractive to everyone from the novice investor to the proactively managed accounts. It is a portfolio designed to provide an investor with the best possible returns.

The key benefit of bonds is that they act as a hedge against inflation and as a means of diversification. The primary benefit of equities is that they provide capital gains and income. By combining the two, investors can achieve a balanced portfolio that meets their individual financial goals.

In the March 12 quarter, managers and analysts were watching 10-year bonds more than the 30-year bond. The 10-year bond was down from its record high, which many analysts believe is a sign of trouble ahead for the economy. The 30-year bond, on the other hand, has been relatively stable, suggesting that the economy may be stronger than expected.

One key to understanding bond yields and the economy is to look at the yield curve. When the yield curve is steep, it suggests that the economy is strong. When the yield curve is flat, it suggests that the economy is weak. The yield curve is currently flat, which many analysts believe is a sign of trouble ahead for the economy.
The day in the markets

What you need to know

- Wall Street climb despite another batch of pandemic-related headlines: Households build US ten-year yields higher as Taylor Swift, who has worked closely with UN officials, touring the world seeking support claims in the world's top 10 economies.

- Global stocks on Wednesday to the lull in the global growth momentum, but the latest in Germany, France and Italy, adding to the pressure on US bond yields.

- Another data standout was for first-time home sales, which fell for the third straight month as prices continued to rise, with the housing starts numbers in the US and Canada.

- While the US dollar has remained weak, the US dollar has strengthened against the major currencies, with the US dollar index rising to a fresh one-year high.

- Housebuilders and banks build US benchmark 10-year yields higher as Taylor Swift and her husband, who has worked closely with UN officials, touring the world seeking support claims in the world's top 10 economies.

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Wall Street

Las Vegas Sands sells US casino operations higher as Wall Street analysts remain optimistic about the company’s future prospects.

Lauren Mather

- Las Vegas Sands sold its US casino operations for $6.3 billion to a consortium of buyers, including TPG Capital and Apollo Global Management, in a deal that values the Las Vegas Sands at $11 billion.

- The sale is part of the company’s strategy to focus on its casino operations in Las Vegas, where it has a strong presence, and to diversify its revenue streams.

- The deal includes two of the company’s leading properties, the Venetian and the Palazzo, which are located on the Las Vegas Strip.

- The sale is expected to generate $5.7 billion in net proceeds for the company, which plans to use the proceeds for general corporate purposes.

Eurozone

The Eurozone economy is on track for a strong rebound with a growing number of EU countries either on track to exit the pandemic or on track to exit the pandemic in 2022.

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Global organisations today face complex issues that can't be solved by generic solutions.

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Pandemic focus threatens precarious progress

Coronavirus could set back the fight against malaria by 20 years, with Africa hit worst, writes Andrew Jack

Coronavirus disruption could disable the member of deaths from malaria in Africa this year, as a result of delays in mosquito spraying, bednet distribution and the provision of antimalarial drugs.

Modelling released on Tuesday by the World Health Organization showed that malaria deaths in Africa — which suffer most from the pandemic may jump from a previous estimate of 3.4 million in 2019 to 5.3 million this year, causing widespread social and economic devastation.

“The worst is yet to come,” said Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, director of the World Health Organization’s global malaria programme. “Eighty per cent of our workers are in the pandemic, trying to align our partners and mitigate the impact of the disruption it will cause to our work in the next six months.”

While Casals has been a global pandemic, malaria figures as a severe public health threat to about 260 million people in 100 countries. An estimated 3.4 million people died from malaria in 2019, with 99 per cent of malaria deaths occurring in Africa. The continent, which has been more prone to the disease caused by Plasmodium falciparum in 2019, saw an estimated 226 million cases and 395,000 deaths in 2018.

Recent attention turned to the coronavirus outbreak, which is estimated to have killed nearly 200,000 people in 2019, threatening progress in tackling malaria was already slowing. Now it will suffer from the pandemic, with a new strain of H5N1 influenza, which is already spreading in Africa.

The global health community offers the following recommendations:

1. Increase global investment in malaria prevention and control.
2. Strengthen national capacity for malaria control and surveillance.
3. Accelerate the development and implementation of new and effective antimalarial drugs.
4. Strengthen health systems to better respond to health emergencies.
5. Promote global partnerships and collaborations.

At-risk community health workers give a child antimalarial drugs in a village outside Durban Fava’s capital, Oshakabira, last year. — AFP
India's Covid-19 lockdown halts life-saving work

Prevention: Outbreak delays programme amid fears of a drug 'hijack'. reports Stephanie Findlay

in the months before the monsoon rains pour down, baking the heat, India’s health system hardly has time to recuperate from the ravages of the second wave. But this year, India’s lockdowns of its 1.3 billion people to contain the coronavirus run-for-success has delayed its start. The campaign, which takes place before India’s peak monsoon season from June to October, this time is unsuccessful in halting the threat of a third wave. India’s experience is a cautionary tale for other countries.

The world's largest democracy has long struggled to halt the spread of the virus, which has killed more than 350,000 people and infected over 6 million. This year, the country’s lockdown measures have been more robust, but they have failed to control the pandemic, with cases rising sharply in recent weeks. The situation has been exacerbated by a lack of vaccine supplies and a surge in cases in rural areas, where health care facilities are limited.

The government has been criticized for its handling of the pandemic, with reports of a lack of cooperation between the central and state governments, and a failure to provide adequate medical supplies and equipment. The situation has been made worse by a lack of testing and tracing, and a lack of isolation and quarantine facilities.

India’s lockdowns, which were initially successful in controlling the spread of the virus, have now been lifted, and cases have begun to rise again. This is a worrying trend, as it suggests that the country may not be able to control the pandemic once again.

The world is watching India as it battles the pandemic, and the country’s experience is a reminder of the challenges that lie ahead for other countries as they try to control the spread of the virus. India’s experience also highlights the importance of investment in public health systems and of strong, coordinated leadership in response to pandemics.

India’s Covid-19 lockdown halts life-saving work

Africa must have research and treatment tailored to its reality

Opinion

Kelly Chibale

These 100 and 200 patients. Growing up in the poor villages and farming of Zambia, seremanged to be infected. We received a lot of support from the organization. The treatment was focused on people who were infected with the virus, and we have been able to treat them successfully. Our research has been published in several high-impact journals, and we have been invited to speak at international conferences.

As a boy growing up in the poor village of Zambia, I was infected multiple times and spent days in hospital.

WORLD RED CROSS DAY

More than ever, nets are needed to save lives

The world has achieved great progress against malaria over the last two decades, saving millions of lives and preventing 100 million cases every year.

COVID-19 threatens that progress. If people at risk of malaria do not receive preventive drug treatments, they may be infected with the malaria parasite and develop severe malaria, which can be deadly.

This World Malaria Day 2020, we commend our partners the WHO, RBM, and others, for their efforts to prevent and control malaria. We also commend the efforts of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria, in supporting countries to protect and empower health workers on the frontlines.

We ask leaders and the global community to continue the safe and rapid distribution of life-saving LLINs, reducing the burden on our health systems and strengthening the resilience to challenges such as COVID-19.

Africa is starting to play a more active role in the battle. The continent has been able to control the spread of the virus, and has been able to lower the burden of malaria. The continent is now on track to meet the 2030 goal of eliminating malaria.

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MAKING A DRAMA OUT OF A CRISIS

When I talk to dramatist Damian Marcellus Waller, Grounded, he is in a break-down room.

Usually that's where you find the acting company of any theatre company, equipped with a large mirror, where actors can rehearse and perform in a room and each other's performances. Now the room is being used by the actors to prepare for the show, which has been delayed due to the coronavirus pandemic.

In Grounded, the main character, a baseball player, is in the middle of a break-down room, struggling to deal with the loss of his father, who was a professional baseball player.

While preparing for the show, the actors are forced to wear protective masks and maintain social distancing. The director, who is also the producer, has to make sure that the actors are aware of their surroundings and are safe at all times.

The show itself is a reflection of the current situation, with the actors having to perform in a small room, separated by a few feet of space.

Despite the challenges, the actors are determined to bring their characters to life and make the audience experience the emotions of the characters they are portraying.

The show has been delayed due to the pandemic, but the actors are looking forward to performing in front of a live audience soon.

Theatre is not just a form of entertainment, but a form of therapy, and the actors are grateful for the opportunity to continue their work.

Ronnor Holm

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Bingewatch

One of the first things I did when I heard the news was to start streaming all the shows that I was interested in. My friends soon began to play games on my phone, such as Fortnite and Call of Duty, and we would watch them together. The joy of sharing this experience with others is what makes it so special.

In my opinion, streaming offers a unique advantage over traditional television. You can pause, rewind, and fast-forward as many times as you like, which makes it easier to catch up on episodes you may have missed.

However, I am concerned about the impact of streaming on the film and television industry. With so much content available online, it may be difficult for creators to make a living from their work.

Nevertheless, I believe that streaming is here to stay, and it will continue to shape the way we consume media.

Rebecca Rose

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Call centre automation is already under way but the pandemic has accelerated the process, threatening thousands of jobs, and leaving the industry in the Philippines especially vulnerable.

By John Reed, Mercedes Raadhil and Benjamin Parkin

The Philippines president appears to have taken a leaf out of the book of some of his overseas counterparts.

This is a leading country on social distancing and is an example for others to follow. The Philippines has implemented strict lockdown measures and is one of the few countries that have not reported any new cases of COVID-19 for over a week. This has allowed the government to reopen the economy, with some sectors such as construction and manufacturing, allowing thousands of workers to return to their jobs.

In addition to implementing strict lockdown measures, the Philippines has also implemented a contact tracing app called “SusQueM.” This app uses facial recognition technology to track the movements of citizens, allowing officials to quickly identify and quarantine individuals who come into contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

The Philippines has also been proactive in its vaccination efforts, with millions of doses of the COVID-19 vaccine being administered. This has allowed the government to gradually reopen the economy, with businesses and schools able to operate at a limited capacity.

Despite these efforts, the Philippines is still facing challenges, with the economic impact of the pandemic being felt across the country. However, the government and the private sector are working together to ensure a smooth transition back to normalcy.

The Philippines' experience in handling the pandemic is an inspiration to other countries, and its approach to call centre automation provides a valuable lesson for businesses in the industry. By implementing strict lockdown measures, contact tracing, and vaccination efforts, the Philippines has been able to not only control the spread of the virus but also accelerate the process of call centre automation, allowing businesses to continue operating during the pandemic.
The case for a global probe of Covid-19 origins

China could build trust by allowing an international expert mission

China is facing mounting global pressure to cooperate fully with an international expert mission. As the United States and several other countries have demanded a probe into the origins of the virus, China has committed to an investigation of its own. However, the Chinese government has so far refused to permit an international team of experts to visit China. Beijing has instead proposed a Chinese-led investigation, which has been met with skepticism by the international community.

Bonds ETFs want it both ways

ETFs want to have it both ways. On the one hand, they are seeking to attract institutional investors by offering diversification benefits and low fees. On the other hand, they are keen to maintain their appeal to retail investors by providing easy access to a wide range of assets. This dual focus reflects the growing importance of ETFs in portfolio diversification, as investors seek to balance risk and return.

Arabs are not barred from any profession in Israel

Arabs are not barred from any profession in Israel. Despite claims of discrimination, the Israeli government has lifted restrictions on the practice of law by Arab citizens. This change reflects the government's commitment to promoting social justice and equality for all citizens, regardless of their ethnic background.

No rational banker would lend to struggling businesses

A rational banker would not lend money to struggling businesses. This is because there is a high risk of default and loss of capital. Instead, a rational banker would seek to lend money only to businesses that are expected to generate sufficient returns to cover the loan.

Germany shows how to meet the testing challenge

Germany is one of the countries that has successfully managed to contain the spread of the virus. This is due to its robust testing strategy, which involved widespread testing and contact tracing. The German government has implemented this strategy effectively, leading to a significant reduction in the number of new cases.

Suddenly it’s OK to make paying staff disinfect

Some companies have started requiring employees to disinfect before entering the workplace. This is a departure from the previous guidance, which recommended that employees self-monitor their health and report any symptoms.

Lesson of pandemic is societal fairness needs firm policy

The pandemic has highlighted the need for strong policies to ensure fairness and equality in society. The lesson is that governments must take decisive action to protect vulnerable populations, provide economic support, and ensure access to healthcare.

US democracy must not fall victim to coronavirus

The US election is scheduled for November 3, 2020, and the coronavirus pandemic could have a significant impact on the outcome. The election is crucial for the future of the country and the world, and the process of democracy must be protected.

Postal voting should be an option for all in the presidential election

Postal voting should be an option for all in the presidential election, regardless of their health status. This will ensure that all eligible voters can exercise their right to vote, even if they are unable to be present in person.

Cynical Ottawa removes Bavaria’s frost

The Canadian government has removed the Ecclesiastical Division of Bavaria from its list of sanctioned countries, which has been imposed as a punitive measure against the German government. This decision reflects the government’s recognition of Bavaria’s role in supporting the international community in the fight against the pandemic.
How politics thwarted UK’s virus strategy

Philip Stephens

The inexorable advance of the pandemic is the greatest political triumph of all. The ruling class is exploiting it for all it’s worth. The UK is becoming a ‘post-covid’ society, where people are being told to ‘live with the virus’.

The government has been slow to act on the pandemic, and slow to react to it. The country is being run by a government that is out of touch with the public.

The prime minister’s default response to bad news is that things will sort themselves out. The government has been slow to act on the pandemic, and slow to react to it. The country is being run by a government that is out of touch with the public.

It is not about saving lives or the economy; it’s lives and the economy

Martin Wolf

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But there is a crisis of care in the UK, and it is worsening. The pandemic has increased the pressure on the NHS, and the government has been slow to react.

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**US MeA: pick your poison**

*by Jonathan Harley* and *Annie Veale*

"These defenses, known as shareholder rights plans, are designed to discourage raider from using open-market purchases to acquire control. Smaller companies mostly use them, but big acquirers looking ahead at the market risk."

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**Unlever: no clean sweep**

For a company that was championing house hunting and long-term local business, Unlever’s latest product could come as a surprise to some investors. The company’s household products division, which includes the brands of Persil, Signal, and Dove, have been facing challenges in recent years. Unlever was founded in 1907 and is headquartered in the United Kingdom. It is one of the world’s largest consumer goods companies, with operations in over 190 countries. The company’s products range from personal care to food and beverages, and include well-known brands such as Dove, Persil, and Signal.

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**Long-term decline**

*US-listed Brazilian real estate companies* (REITs) have been facing a long-term decline in their share prices. The decline has been attributed to various factors, including changes in the global real estate market, economic downturns, and regulatory changes. REITs are companies that own and operate income-producing real estate and are owned by shareholders. They are listed on stock exchanges and are required to distribute most of their income to shareholders in the form of dividends. REITs are popular investments because they offer stable income and diversification opportunities. However, they are also subject to market risks, and their share prices can be volatile.

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**The poison pill spike**

*US shareholder rights action volume* has spiked recently, with companies using poison pills to protect against hostile takeover attempts. A poison pill is a defensive tactic used by companies to deter potential acquirers from taking control of the company. It typically involves the company’s board of directors issuing additional shares to existing shareholders, making it difficult for a potential acquirer to gain control of the company. Poison pills are commonly used by companies to protect against hostile takeovers, and they can be effective in deterring potential acquirers from making an offer.

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**Blackstone: swipe right**

*Blackstone Group* is a private equity firm that specializes in buying and selling businesses. The firm's investment strategy is to acquire and improve businesses, then sell them at a profit. Blackstone has a diverse portfolio of businesses, including real estate, private equity, and real estate investment trusts (REITs). The company is headquartered in New York City and was founded in 1985 by Stephen A. Schwarzman, who is currently the CEO.

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