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Covid Vaccines Endorsed For Youngest Americans

Panel's Vote Sets Stage for F.D.A. Clearance of Doses by Pfizer and Moderna

By SHARON LAFRANIERE and NOAH WEILAND

WASHINGTON — The only the roughly 20 million children un-mericans still not eligible for co-der 5, everyone has had access to Americans still not eligible for codlers and preschoolers — appear on the verge of finally getting cleared to receive them after an advisory panel to the Food and Disease Control and Prevention sistration voted unani-

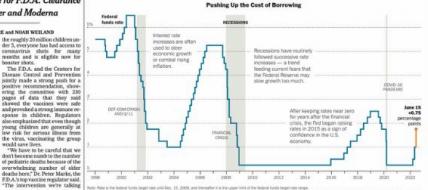
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The committee's 21-0 votes came after a daylong review of clinical trial data and signaled the control of the committee of the clinical trial data and signaled the control of the control end of a process that involved months of false starts and dashed youngest Americans. Except for

WITH BIGGEST RATE INCREASE SINCE '94. FED GETS TOUGH ON SOARING INFLATION



Had 'Heated Fight' Over Election

By LUKE BROADWATER and MAGGIE HABERMAN

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WASHINGTON — A lawyer ad-ising President Donald J. Trump fight underway," Mr. Eastman claimed in an email after Election wrote, according to the people Day 2020 to have insight into a briefed on the contents of the "heated fight" among the Su-prome Court justices over whether to hear arguments about the president's efforts to overturn email. Referring to the process by which at least four justices are preme Court justifies over whither to bear arguments about the president's efforts to overturn his defeat at the polls, two people thriefed on the email said. Ing them a Wisconsin cert petition to add into the mix."

The lawyer, John Eastman, made the statement in a Dec. 24, 2020, exchange with a Wisconsin lawyer and Trump campaign officials over whether to file legal papers that they hoped might prompt four justices to agree to hear an election case from Wis-

Flood Disaster At Yellowstone

Is Just the Start

By STEVEN ERLANGER

BRUSSELS - President Bider for Ukraine, as the United States and its allies met to craft a re sponse to Ukraine's increas reent calls for advanced arms to

rgent caus for savanced arms to leat back Russia's invasion. The package, detailed by Secre-ary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III fter a meeting with allies at NATO headquarters in Brussels. includes more long-range artillery, antiship missile launchers The Wisconsin lawyer, Kenneth Chesebro, replied that the "odds of action before Jan. 6 will become and more rounds for howitzers and more rounds for nowitzers and for a sophisticated American rocket system on which Ukraini-ans are currently being trained. Overall, the United States has now committed about \$5.5 billion in semore favorable if the justices start ns that they hoped mignifer country assistance to Ukraine since many four justices to agree to on Jan. 6 unities siny many country assistance to Ukraine since many many country assistance to Ukraine since with a Mary Baden said in a statement that the had not president of the third baden to the the had not president voloidymy? Zelessky of Ukraine to fear that there will be 'wild' cha-

Arms to Help Weather 'a Pivotal Moment on the Battlefield'

about the new weapons during a 40-minute call Wednesday morn-ing. Mr. Zelensky and his aides pressure on the West to supply nent to the Ukrainian cause and

Mr. Austin, together with Ukraine's defense minister, Olek-sii Reznikov, met at NATO headquarters with defense officials But Western officials and arms experts caution that flooding the rom some 45 countries supporting Ukraine, to try to assess what weapons Ukraine needs right now and how its allies can best provide

"We can't afford to let up, and

raising backles in Ukraine

Lawyer Is Said to Claim Justices U.S. to Send \$1 Billion More in Aid to Ukraine

have recently ramped up public pressure on the west to supply vastly more of the sophisticated armaments it has already sent, questioning their allies' commitinsisting that nothing else can ston the inexprable boutal Rossian advance in eastern Ukraine.

battlefield with advanced weapons is far slower and more difficult than it sounds, facing obstacles in

Could Be Followed by Similar Action The leaders of the European Next Month Union's largest countries — Ger-many, France and Italy — are ex-pected to pay their first visit to Mr. Zelensky in Ukraine on Thursday, in a show of solidarity, but it re-

By JEANNA SMIALEK The Federal Reserve took its mains unclear whether they will most aggressive step yet to try to tame rapid and persistent inflahave much to offer. The leaders tame rapol and persestent intra-tion, raising interest rates by three-quarters of a percentage point on Wednesday and signaling that it is prepared to inflict eco-nomic pain to get prices under Chancellor Olaf Scholz, President Emmanuel Macron and Prime Minister Mario Draghi — have all expressed the desire for a more rapid conclusion of the war through peace talks with Russia.

The rate increase was the centrai bank's biggest since 1994 and could be followed by a similarly chair, underscoring just how much America's unexpectedly stubborn price gains are unsettling Fed officials

As central bankers drive their policy rate rapidly higher, it will make buying a home or expanding a business more expe training spending and slowing the broader economy. Officials ex the broader economy. Officials ex-pect growth to moderate in the coming months and years and predicted that unemployment will rise about half a percentage point to 4.1 percent by late 2024 as their policy squeezes companies and

Mr. Provell acknowledged that it Ms. Proved acknowledged max is was becoming increasingly diffi-cult for the Fed to slew inflation without causing a recession as outside forces, including the war in Ukraine and factory shutdowns in China, threaten to curb the supply of goods and commodities like oil. If the Fed has to quash deoil. If the Fed has to quash de-mand to an extreme degree in an effort to bring it into line with lim-ited supply, it could make for a slump that leaves businesses shattered and people unem-

"We're not trying to induce a re-"we're not trying to induce a re-cession right new, let's be clear about that," Mr. Powell said, ex-plaining that the Fed still wants to sduce inflation to its 2 percent goal while keeping the labor mar ket strong — an outcome econo-mists call a "soft landing."

control," he said, later adding that "the environment has become more difficult, clearly, in the last

The latest move set the Fed's policy rate in a range of 1.50 per-cent to 1.75 percent, and more rate increases are to come. Mr. Powell signaled that the debate at the Pederal Open Market Commit-tee's next meeting in July will be over whether to raise rates half a

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point, signals further

By Nick Tradeaco

rapid tightening in 2022

The Federal Reserve ap-proved its largest interest rate increase since 1994 and sig-

sates this year at the mos

rapid pace in decades to com-bat inflation that is running at

Officials agreed to a 6.75-percentage-point rate rise at their two-day policy meeting that concluded. Wetnesday, which will increase the Fed's benchmark federal-funds rate to a range between 1.5% and 1.75%. New projections, thoused all

ference.
But he said it was becoming more difficult to achieve a so-called "soft landing," in which the economy slows enough to bring Inflation down while avoiding a recession. That represented an implicit excession

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What's News

Business & Finance

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- declined in May as consum-ers felt the pinch from infla-tion, higher gasotine prices and rising interest rates. A6
- Total U.S. home equity
- Musk is expected to confirm his desire to own Twitter
 when he speaks to the company's employees on Thurs-day, according to a person familiar with the matter, B1
- Tesia reported the most vehicle crashes suspected of icle crasnes suspected or siving advanced driver-stance technology in the U.S. government's first-ever survey of such incidents. Bt · McDonald's has agreed

to pay roughly \$1.3 billion in fines and back taxes to settle a tox dispute in France, BS An EU court scrapped a \$1.04 billion fine that the

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World-Wide

• The U.S. is sending \$1 bil-• the U.S. is sending 51 bits in new military assistance to help Ukraine combat Russia's lavasion, in response to urgent pleas from Kylr for better weapons and amid growing strains among Western capitals. Al, A8-9

U.S. led coelition forces seized a man officials de-scribed as a senior leader of Islamic State in an oper-ation in northeast Syria late Wednesday, AIB

Experts advising U.S. health regulators backed giving Coxed-19 vaccines from Pficer and BioNTech and from Moderna to children as young as six months old. All

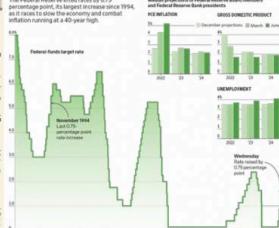
Biden urged U.S. oil re-finers to expand capacity and accused the compa-nies of profittering as the public pays record gaso-lise prices at the pump. A4

Pederal prosecutors brought have-crimes charges against the man ac-cused of killing 10 people in a racist massacre at a Raf-falo, NY, supermarket. A3

instate a Trump era regulation ponalizing lawful immigrants for using welfare benefits. A4 • The high court said HHS

four or five months."

Fed Sets Biggest Rate Rise Since '94



Bid to Quell Inflation Buoys Stocks

Dow, S&P jump after central-bank chairman signals increase was 'unusually large one'

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U.S. to Send \$1 Billion More In Military Aid to Ukraine

The Supreme Court dis-missed a case regarding the effort by GOP-led states to re

unlawfully cut incrative pharmaceutical subsidies to some hospitals, in a vic tory for hospitals that had disputed the move. A4

> • The EU announced fresh. British government over its of the Brexit agreement, Alls

What the BLEEP? Maine Cracks Down on Obscene License Plates

End of vanity-plate free-for-all likely to cause recall of hundreds of vulgar tags

Journal analysis of the roughly Maine Secretary of State 115,000 vanity plates found. vice for the families pouring sexual.

Into her state this summer for The free-for-all is supposed a quintessential New England to end later this year when the family excation: "Parental ad-state's new Vanity Plate Re-

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Delta clamps down on how long travelers can



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McMahon settlement with former employee under investigation by

Why Rural Americans Keep Waiting for Fast Internet

Flaws in government programs have left some residents behind

By RIVAN TRACY AND ANTHONY DEBASSOS

The U.S. government has spent billions of grade internet speeds in rural areas over the idents are still stuck with service that isn't Wew Committee
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though the FCC's programs have made proress, some rural Americans still can't g Mbps download and I Mbps upload spe the level of service that was the federal standard in 2011.

The broadband saga around Heavener Okla., illustrates some of the problems Heavener, with a population of around 3,000, is surrounded by cattle pastures and for-exted hills. Today some buildings on the but the internet deteriorates outside town,

This article is by Jim Robbins, Thomas Fuller and Christine Chung. GARDINER Mont. - Before evacuating their rental cabin on the edge of Yellowstone National Park, the Manning family watched a nearby house plunge

from the riverbank into the ragfrom the reversess into the rag-ing, flood-swellen waters.

"The earth off the bank was coming off in sheets," said Parker Manning, who had traveled from Terre Haute, Ind., to Yellowstone with his family for a summer vaca-

"It was crazy when the house, when the building, finally hit the water," Mr. Manning said. "It was floating down the river like a

out bridges, poured through homes and forced the evacuation of thousands of visitors from the nation's oldest national park.

rapidly warming climate - rivers have flooded for millenniums but scientists are raising the alarm that in the coming years de-| Intillas of logs — African teak, in the rainforest. But puny ver- amounts of carbon dioxide out of wenge and bomanga in colors of sions also make their way down- the air, making them essential to Continued on Page A24

The vast rainforest of the Congo Basin, one of the most important crews in the Democratic Republic in the world, has long been protected by its remoteness: In many places mads are rare

of Congo live aboard these perilous rafts, piloting the timber in pursuit of a sliver of profit from the dismantling of a crucial forest. The biggest rafts are industrial The mighty Congo River has bein scale, serving mostly interna-tional companies that see riches in the rainforest. But puny vercome a highway for sprawling flotillas of logs — African teak,

licerice, candy bars and carrot sticks. For months at a time, Clearing Trees for Profit or Personal Survival

A log raft on the Ruki River in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Vast quantities of rainforest timber are sent downriver for export

Ravaging the Congo Basin's Essential Rainforest, Raft by Raft

river tended by men and their river, tended by men and their families who work and sleep atop the floating logs. Forests like these pull huge

expanded scale of illegal logging imperils their role in protecting amanity's future.

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The Congo Basin rainforest, second in size only to the Amazon, is becoming increasingly vital as a defense against climate change as

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