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Today, sunshine mixed with clouds, warmer, high 70. Tonight, cloudy, showers late, low 51. Tomorrow, afternoon showers, breezy, high 64.

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Chip Shortage Creates Chaos For Carmakers

Auto Production Cuts Hamper Recovery

By JACK EWING and NEAL E. BOUDETTE

Around the world, auto assembly lines are going quiet, workers are idle, and dealership parking lots are looking bare.

A shortage of semiconductors, the tiny but critical chips used to calibrate cars' fuel injection, run infotainment systems or provide the brains for cruise control, has upended automaking.

A General Motors plant in Kansas City, Kan., closed in February for lack of chips, and still has not reopened. Mercedes-Benz has begun to hoard its chips for expensive models and is temporarily shutting down factories that produce lower-priced C-Class sedans. Porsche warned dealers in the United States this month that customers might have to wait an extra 12 weeks to get their cars, because they lack a chip used to monitor tire pressure.

The French automaker Peugeot, part of the newly formed Stellantis automaking empire, has gone so far as to substitute oldfashioned analog speedometers for digital units in some models.

The disruption could not come at a worse time. Demand for cars has bounced back strongly from the pandemic slump, with consumers ready to spend money they saved over the past year, eager to avoid airplanes by taking



Vehicles at a General Motors plant in Wentzville, Mo.

road trips. The supply of semiconductors is depriving carmakers of a chance to make up sales they

"We have already a robust demand situation being more held back by the semiconductor issue than anything else," Ola Källenius, the chief executive of Daimler, said in an interview.

Some automakers, like Renault, have begun to triage their chips, reserving them for more costly models that bring more profit. "We're trying to find an intelligent way to prioritize cars with the higher margins," Clotilde Delbos, Renault's deputy chief executive, told analysts on Thursday.

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Brazilians lined up for soup and sandwiches in downtown São Paulo. About 117 million people nationwide are facing food insecurity.

As Talks End, U.S. Must Sell Climate Goals

By SOMINI SENGUPTA

Now comes the hard part.

President Biden's summit meeting on climate change ended on Friday with the United States promising to reduce its dependence on fossil fuels and help other countries do the same. But the real test will be Washington's ability to steer the rest of the world toward cleaner energy fast enough to avert catastrophe.

The limits of America's influence were clear. Australia, India, Indonesia, Mexico and Russia made no new pledges to cut down on oil, gas or coal. Some countries said that they were being asked for sacrifices even though they had contributed little to the problem, and that they needed money

Away from the summit, the Chinese foreign minister demonstrated the difficulties the Biden administration faces in working with the country most crucial to lowering global greenhouse gas emis-

The minister, Wang Yi, warned that Chinese cooperation would depend on how the United States responded to Beijing's policies regarding Hong Kong, Taiwan and Xiniiang Province.

"Our two countries still have many differences, but still, Presi-Continued on Page A11

Millions Go Hungry as Virus Rips Through Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO — Rail-thin teenagers hold placards at traffic stops with the word for hunger fome — in large print. Children, many of whom have been out of school for over a year, beg for food outside supermarkets and restaurants. Entire families huddle in flimsy encampments on side-

By ERNESTO LONDOÑO

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A year into the pandemic, millions of Brazilians are going hun-

walks, asking for baby formula,

crackers, anything.

The scenes, which have proliferated in the last months on Brazil's streets, are stark evidence that President Jair Bol-

Bet by Bolsonaro Fails, Hurting an Economy and a Populace

sonaro's bet that he could protect the country's economy by resisting public health policies intended to curb the virus has failed.

From the start of the outbreak, Brazil's president has been skeptical of the disease's impact, and scorned the guidance of health experts, arguing that the economic damage wrought by the lockdowns, business closings and mobility restrictions they recommended would be a bigger threat

than the pandemic to the country's weak economy.

That trade-off led to one of the world's highest death tolls, but also foundered in its goal — to keep the country afloat.

The virus is ripping through the social fabric, setting wrenching records, while the worsening health crisis pushes businesses into bankruptcy, killing jobs and further hampering an economy that has grown little or not at all for more than six years.

Last year, emergency government cash payments helped put food on the table for millions of Brazilians — but when the money was scaled back sharply this year, with a debt crisis looming, many

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ONE-DOSE VACCINE **CLEARED FOR USE** AGAIN IN THE U.S.

WARNING TO BE ON LABEL

F.D.A. Decided Benefits Outweighed Risks of Rare Blood Clots

This article is by Denise Grady, Julie Bosman and Noah Weiland.

Use of the one-shot Johnson & Johnson Covid vaccine will resume within days, but with a warning added to its label about the risk for a rare blood-clotting disorder that has occurred among young women, the Food and Drug Administration said on Friday.

Concerns about the disorder had led to a pause in the use of the vaccine that began 10 days earlier.

The F.D.A. decided against limiting the vaccine's use by age or gender, although some European countries have imposed such restrictions on a vaccine made by AstraZeneca because of a similar clotting disorder.

Federal health officials said information about the disorder would be provided at vaccination sites. Dr. Peter Marks, the F.D.A.'s top vaccine regulator, predicted that the vaccine could be deployed again by Saturday morning.

The Johnson & Johnson suspension came after officials learned that six women had developed a severe disorder that led to blood clots in their brains within about two weeks of receiving the vaccine. One died.

The pause was widely considered a blow to national and global vaccination efforts and removed an effective vaccine that many states and countries had counted on to deploy in hard-to-reach places. Unlike the vaccines made by Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna, Johnson & Johnson's vaccine requires only one shot and is easier to store and distribute because it does not require extremely cold temperatures.

At an advisory panel meeting about the blood-clotting issue on Friday, the C.D.C. reported that it had identified a total of 15 cases, including three deaths. But the risk is considered extremely small — nearly eight million Americans have received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine — and the panel ultimately decided that the vaccine's benefits far outweighed its risks. It also concluded that failing to use it would lead to more deaths than the clotting disorder might cause.

The panel voted 10 to 4 to resume using the vaccine with the warning label. Some who voted "no" wanted a more prominent warning about the risk to younger women and the availability of other Covid vaccines that do not appear to pose the same risk.

Lifting the pause will allow many states to restart giving the one-dose shot to college students and hard-to-reach populations like rural Americans, migrants and the homebound elderly. Their access had been hampered by the suspension, which left roughly 10 million doses sitting on shelves.

In Wisconsin, where one-third of the population is fully vaccinated, officials said they intended to begin using their Johnson &

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Leaving Gravity Behind

A SpaceX craft carrying four astronauts to the International Space Station took off Friday in Florida.

New York City Jail Records Show Guards' Brutality and Cover-Ups

By JAN RANSOM

One New York City Correction officer struck a jailed person in the face for no legitimate reason. Another put a detainee in a banned chokehold several times. A third failed to stop subordinates from using unnecessary force, according to newly released discipline records.

But what was equally notable was what happened after the encounters: In each case, the guards lied or provided inaccurate information about what had occurred.

In fact, more than half of the officers in New York City's jail system who were disciplined over a 20-month period gave false, misleading or incomplete accounts on

official forms or in statements to investigators, according to a New York Times analysis of records recently made public after a long court battle. The data suggests pervasive at-

tempts by guards to cover up uses

of force or other infractions at a

time when the city has tried to rein in violence in the jails. Councilman Keith Powers, a Manhattan Democrat who heads the criminal justice committee, said the data "highlights how bro-

make real efforts to reform it." "It's a turning point to providing more visibility to an often in-Continued on Page A17

ken this process is and a need to

Trump Out of Office, a U.K. Agitator Shifts His Focus to Russia

By JANE BRADLEY and MICHAEL SCHWIRTZ

LONDON - Two days after supporters of former President Donald J. Trump stormed the U.S. Capitol, but failed to reverse his election defeat, a defiant shout sounded from across the ocean. Tommy Robinson, Britain's loudest amplifier of anti-Islam, far-

right anger, insisted the fight was

"You need to pick yourselves back up," Mr. Robinson said in an online video viewed tens of thousands of times. "As Donald Trump says, it's only just beginning."

A former soccer hooligan and founder of the English Defence League, one of Britain's most notorious nationalist groups, Mr. Robinson has largely been a pariah in his home country but Trump loyalists embraced him

Pariah Who Inspired Far Right in U.S.

much the way they embraced many of the American extremist groups whose members would join the Capitol riot, including the Proud Boys and the Oath Keepers.

Mr. Robinson appeared on Fox

News and Infowars. A right-wing U.S. research institute even bankrolled a 2018 rally in London that foreshadowed the violence at the Capitol: Mr. Robinson's supporters attacked police officers in a street fight near Parliament. A month later, Representative Paul Gosar, Republican of Arizona, flew to London to speak at a second rally for Mr. Robinson.

His message? Keep fighting. Continued on Page A10



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The French president traveled to the state funeral, highlighting the country's strategic importance to Paris. PAGE A9

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Three weeks in, the Russian opposition leader said he had accomplished at PAGE A12 least some of his goals.

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How one Minnesota family responded as protesters and the police clashed just on the other side of the glass. PAGE A14

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Drugs killed more people in the city last year than the coronavirus did. Some blame a culture of tolerance. PAGE A21

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Plant Sent Doses Out of U.S.

The White House said it did not know of problems at an Emergent factory in Baltimore when it approved shipments of the AstraZeneca vaccine.



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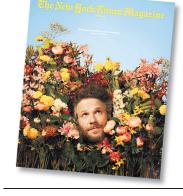
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Star Gymnast Swaps Sponsors

Simone Biles left Nike and joined Athleta, which agreed to back an exhibition tour that she would organize in a challenge to U.S.A. Gymnastics. PAGE B8

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