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# Arrests Target Press Freedom In Hong Kong

Police Raid Newsroom, Citing Security Law

> By AUSTIN RAMZY and TIFFANY MAY

HONG KONG — In a high-profile attack on free speech and dissent in Hong Kong, the police on Monday arrested Jimmy Lai, a prominent pro-democracy media tycoon, and raided the offices of his newspaper, demonstrating China's resolve to silence the opposition and bring the city to heel.

The arrest was part of a striking crackdown against critics and democracy advocates by Beijing and the allied government in Hong Kong, in the six weeks since China adopted a sweeping new national security law. And it validated fears that the authorities would make aggressive use of the law to smother the territory's freewheeling press and political culture.

"It just gives the lie to any assurances that the national security law would just target a few people involved in rioting," said Keith Richburg, director of the University of Hong Kong's journalism school. "It's put a chilling effect over everything here."

Mr. Lai and his media company, long a thorn in the side of the Chinese Communist Party, supported the antigovernment, pro-democracy protests that gripped the city last year. On Monday, police officers led him out of his mansion in handcuffs and, hours later, more than 200 officers filed into the newsroom of his newspaper, Apple Daily, and rifled through

Some Apple Daily reporters livestreamed video of the raid, documenting a story unfolding in their own offices, while others looked on in stunned silence. When one asked Mr. Lai about the arrest and the raid, he replied gruffly, "How should I think about it, dude?

The police also arrested Mr. Lai's two sons, who are not involved in his media business, and four executives from his company, Next Digital, including its chief executive, Cheung Kim-hung.

Since the security law took effect, the Hong Kong authorities have arrested people for T-shirts and tweets that were seen as advocating independence from China, have asserted a right to barred 12 pro-democracy candidates from legislative elections and have postponed those elections by a year.

Those moves, like the arrest of Mr. Lai, signaled that China means to deal with Hong Kong as Continued on Page A12



The police arrested Jimmy Lai.



## Legacy of Suffrage Lives On

Joyce Stoke Jones and her daughter Michele Jones Galvin, descendants of Harriet Tubman. A century after the passage of the 19th Amendment, a new generation of activists traces its inspiration to the major figures of the movement. Page A18.

## College Players Battle to Save Season at Risk

By ALAN BLINDER and BILLY WITZ

Five years ago this month, a push to unionize college football players ended in defeat.

But with the coronavirus pandemic raging so widely that fall sports seasons had become imperiled, college football's stars on Monday mounted a ferocious public campaign to salvage their games — and to assert power in a multibillion-dollar industry.

The organization, speed and reach of the pressure campaign at student-at many of them already engaged in an off-season of activism around racial and systemic injustices, were mastering and embracing bold public strategies that could eventually remake the relationship between universities and the people who play sports for them for little more than scholarships.

University administrators and coaches have spent the years since the unionization effort failed in 2015 watching the relative powerlessness of college athletes come under scrutiny on Capitol Hill and in America's statehouses. And while it is not yet clear what the merged #WeWantToPlay and #WeAreUnited campaigns will accomplish, college sports leaders think they have little choice but to notice and, in some cases, stand alongside the players.

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# F.D.A. Chief Besieged by Politics at Key Moment

Concerns That Science

Won't Be Sole Factor

By SHEILA KAPLAN

As the coronavirus surged across the Sun Belt, President Trump told a crowd gathered at the White House on July 4 that 99 percent of virus cases are "totally

The next morning on CNN, the host Dana Bash asked Dr. Stephen Hahn, the commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration and one of the nation's most powerful health officials: "Is the president wrong?

Dr. Hahn, an oncologist and former hospital executive, certainly understood the deadly toll of the virus, and the danger posed by the

in Vaccine Search president's false statements. But

he ducked the journalist's ques-

"I'm not going to get into who's right and who's wrong," he said.

The exchange illustrates the predicament that Dr. Hahn and other doctors face working for a president who often disregards scientific evidence. But as head of the agency that will decide what

treatments are approved for Covid-19 and whether a new vaccine is safe enough to be given to millions of Americans, Dr. Hahn may be pressured like no one else. Unlike Dr. Anthony S. Fauci or

Dr. Francis S. Collins, leaders at the National Institutes of Health who have decades of experience operating under Republican and Democratic administrations, Dr. Hahn was a Washington outsider.

Now seven months into his tenure, with the virus surging in parts of the country and schools debating whether to reopen, the push for a vaccine is intensifying. The government has committed

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Dr. Stephen Hahn was a Washington outsider before his appointment, unlike his predecessor.

Chicago Staggers Anew in a Torrent of Looting

# **GOVERNORS ARGUE** ORDER BY TRUMP **IMPERILS BUDGETS**

FIGHT OVER JOBLESS AID

After Bipartisan Doubts, White House Weighs Loosening Rules

This article is by Luke Broadwater, Emily Cochrane, Sarah Mervosh and Alan Rappeport.

WASHINGTON — Governors across the United States struggled on Monday with how to make good on President Trump's order that their economically battered states deliver billions more in unemployment benefits to jobless residents.

Democrats were harshly critical of Mr. Trump's order, which he signed on Saturday night after talks with Congress on a broad new pandemic aid package collapsed. But even Republican governors said the order could put a serious strain on their budgets and worried it would take weeks for tens of millions of unemployed Americans to begin seeing the benefit.

Congress initially provided a \$600-a-week supplement to unemployment benefits when the coronavirus pandemic shut down much of the United States in March. But that benefit lapsed on July 31, after talks between the White House and Congress broke down. Republicans had pushed for a \$400 supplemental benefit, Democrats said it was not enough, and so on Saturday Mr. Trump ordered the \$400 benefit - but said it was contingent on states to come up with \$100 of that on their

Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo of New York told reporters on Monday that Mr. Trump's directive would cost his state about \$4 billion by the end of the year, making it little more than a fantasy. He said that no New Yorker would see enhanced unemployment benefits because of the president.

"This only makes a bad situation worse," Mr. Cuomo said. "When you are in a hole, stop digging. This executive order only digs the hole deeper."

His comments were echoed by Gov. Andy Beshear of Kentucky, a Democrat like Mr. Cuomo, who said Mr. Trump's order would cost his state \$1.5 billion through the end of the year.

"It's not workable in its current form," Mr. Beshear said. "It's something virtually no state can

Republicans largely praised the president for trying to act where Congress's dysfunction had failed. but they said they would need to pull funds from other pressing budgetary needs.

Gov. Asa Hutchinson of Arkansas, a Republican, said it was possible to comply with Mr. Trump's executive order, but he would have to reallocate money from another portion of the budget.

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# McDonald's Accuses Ex-C.E.O. of Lying and Fraud

#### By DAVID ENRICH and RACHEL ABRAMS

Eight months had passed since McDonald's fired its chief executive, Steve Easterbrook, for sexting with a subordinate. Mr. Easterbrook had apologized and walked away with tens of millions in compensation, and the fast-food chain had moved on under a new chief executive. Then, last month, a McDonald's

employee made a fresh allega-

### Seeks Reimbursement of Severance Payout

tion: Mr. Easterbrook had a sexual relationship with another subordinate while he was running the

That accusation has now ignited a rare public war between a major company and its former leader: McDonald's filed a lawsuit

on Monday against Mr. Easterbrook, accusing him of lying, concealing evidence and fraud.

The lawsuit, filed in state court in Delaware, claims that Mr. Easterbrook actually carried on sexual relationships with three Mc-Donald's employees in the year before his ouster and that he awarded a lucrative batch of shares to one of those employees. McDonald's said it was seeking to recoup stock options and other compensation that the company Continued on Page A15

This article is by Julie Bosman, Christine Hauser and Johnny Diaz.

CHICAGO — All summer, demonstrators have marched through Chicago to protest police misconduct. In many neighborhoods, gun violence has been unrelenting, soaring to levels not seen in decades. The coronavirus pandemic is resurging, now sickening hundreds of people each day.

Then early Monday morning, hundreds of people, spurred by a

## Over 100 Arrested in Clashes With Police

police shooting and by calls on social media to take action in the gleaming heart of the city, converged on the Magnificent Mile, Chicago's most famous shopping district. They broke windows, looted stores and clashed with the police, a chaotic and confusing

scene that prompted city officials to briefly raise bridges downtown and halt nearby public transit to stem the unrest. Two people were shot and at least 13 police officers were injured.

The events instantly played into the broader political dynamics of this season, in which President Trump has regularly portrayed Chicago as a poorly governed hotbed of violent crime. Mayor Lori Lightfoot, a Democrat, expressed fury over the violence and ordered

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## Lebanese Leaders Resign

Lebanon faced new political uncertainty after its cabinet stepped down as fury over a giant explosion last week in Beirut spurred new protests. PAGE All

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streets for walking, biking, dining and schools, even as traffic returns. PAGE A4

## Open Schools and Closed Pubs

The British prime minister is pushing to reopen schools, but as cases rise, that might mean closing the bars. PAGE A5



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Riders at a motorcycle rally in Sturgis, S.D., seem unconcerned about the coronavirus, to residents' dismay. PAGE A13

## Stalled Near the Top

A female chief says the New York Police Department systematically limits highlevel opportunities for women. PAGE A20 **BUSINESS B1-6** 

## Biden Team Lets Big Tech In

While Joe Biden has criticized the largest tech companies, his teams have welcomed allies of those companies onto staff and policy groups.

## The Worst Never Came

The doomsday warnings about tech start-ups failing in the pandemic have not yet come to pass. PAGE B1

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#### On a Course, Not a Court With the Warriors out, Stephen Curry

has time to attend a major golf event and prepare for a resurgence. PAGE B7 ARTS C1-6

## AIDS Quilts in a New Pandemic

Tom Rauffenbart had resolved to create a tribute to his partner, the artist David Wojnarowicz. A sewing circle of women took up the cause for both men, stitching through lockdown.

## Monologues, Minus the Theater

A collection of short one-person works from the Weston Playhouse in Vermont, presented on YouTube, furthers the redefinition of theater online - and of life in isolation. PAGE C1

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## She'll Never Forget the Journey

After decades in captivity and a 1,700mile trip from Argentina into Brazil, an Asian elephant named Mara finally got a chance to roam.

