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## Daily Read: Global Stocks Hit Record on US Stimulus — Covid Vaccinations Grow — NY Expands Vaccine Eligibility — AstraZeneca's Booster Against Variant

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***‘Tampa Brady’ Schools the Kids in Super Bowl Rout: The Tampa Bay Buccaneers [overpowered](#) the Kansas City Chiefs last night to win the franchise’s second Super Bowl 31 - 9.***

***Tampa quarterback Tom Brady, 43, is the oldest to win the championship game.***

***The numbers tell an incredible story: Brady has played in the Super Bowl in 10 of 21 seasons played — an astounding 47%.***

***For comparison, that’s better than the three-point average of NBA superstar Steph Curry, who made 43% of his career three-point shots.***

***In other words, it’s more likely that Tom Brady plays in a Super Bowl than Steph Curry makes a three-pointer. That’s what you call The Greatest of All Time.***

**Watch the halftime show featuring The Weeknd [here](#) and watch the 10 best ads of the night [here](#).**

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## **The Great Global Vaccination Effort Takes Hold.**

**More than 131 million doses** of a coronavirus vaccine have been administered across 73 countries, including 42 million in the U.S., according to [data](#) collected by Bloomberg.

**Israel, at the top of the global vaccination race**, has provided at least the first dose of a vaccine to nearly 40% of its population. This equates to 58 doses per 100 people in the country.

**In the U.S., 8.7% of the population** has received their first dose of a vaccine, which means administrators have given 11.17 doses per 100 people.

**Other countries with high vaccination** rates include the United Arab Emirates and the UK, both of which have administered more than 10 doses per 100 people. In Europe, the rates range from 2.82 per 100 people in France to 5.13 doses per 100 in Denmark.

**China, which is currently** reporting around 60 new cases per day, has administered just 2.23 doses per 100 people.

**It's the beginning** of a long effort.

**“More than three-quarters of vaccinations** are in just ten countries that account for almost 60% of the global GDP, and almost 130 countries with 2.5

*billion people have yet to administer a single dose," explains [Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus](#), Director-General of the World Health Organization, which [confirmed](#) Mike Bloomberg for his third term as WHO Global Ambassador for Noncommunicable Diseases on Feb. 3.*

***Read more and check out the [Bloomberg vaccination tracker](#) here.***

***In the world map below, the darker the area, the more doses have been administered per 100 people.***

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## **N.Y. Expands Vaccine Access to People With Chronic Conditions.**

**Good News For New Yorkers: [Gov. Cuomo Expands List of Those Eligible for Vaccine to People With Cancer, Heart Conditions, Obesity, More](#)** (New York Times)

***Some of the [conditions](#) that would qualify people to be eligible for the vaccine as of Feb. 15 include cancer, heart conditions, lung diseases, liver disease, diabetes, obesity, diabetes and pregnancy — although the CDC's advisory committee has told pregnant women to consult with their doctors before receiving the vaccine.***

***New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo's announcement came as he said that state health data showed that 75 percent of New York's hospital workers had received at least one dose of the vaccine.***

***The state will give hospitals one more week to inoculate remaining employees before it begins to reallocate vaccine doses to give them to people with comorbidities.***

**Read the full list of conditions [here](#).**

**UK Connection:** *Across the pond*, people aged 16 to 64 with underlying health conditions are [already considered](#) a priority vaccination group.

**This includes those with chronic respiratory disease**, severe and profound learning disabilities, diabetes, cancer, mental illness and morbid obesity.

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## Covid Today.

**UK's Vaccination Spree:** [Almost 1,000 People a Minute Got Shots During Just One Hour On Saturday](#) (Bloomberg)

**Let's See How *This* Works:** [UK Restaurants and Pubs Could Reopen As Soon As April If They Agree Not to Sell Alcohol](#) (BBC News)

**Germany Lockdown:** [Chancellor Angela Merkel Says Stay-At-Home Orders Likely to be Extended Until End of February](#) (Bloomberg)

**U.S. Cases Continue to Fall:** [Infections Have Declined 50% Since Jan. 8 High, But Still Eclipse Spring and Summer Peaks](#) (New York Times)

**Vaccine Surprise:** [Putin's Once-Scorned Shot Now Favorite in Pandemic Fight After Lancet Study Finds 91.6% Efficacy Rate Against Virus](#) (Bloomberg)

**AstraZeneca Update:** [Developing Booster Shot to Combat South Africa Variant](#) (Bloomberg)

**Variant Alarm:** [Mutated Virus May Reinfect People Already Who've Already Had Covid, Says New Study](#) (Washington Post)

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# Hawkfish: Mission Accomplished.

## [Hawkfish to Wind Down Political Data and Analytics Business](#) (Axios)

*In a memo to employees on Friday, Hawkfish CEO Josh Mendelsohn said: “Hawkfish was built with the goal of helping defeat Donald Trump and electing Democrats in November 2020.*

*“We take enormous pride in what we've accomplished – and the meaningful impact our work had on Joe Biden’s margin of victory in the 2020 election.*

*“We anticipated, educated the media, and coined the “Red Mirage;” we embedded several of our colleagues in the Biden campaign and powered the analytics and voter registration in key battleground states; we executed on Biden campaign media buys in the election’s home stretch; we targeted and powered the digital ads for the historically successful virtual Democratic National Convention; and we served dozens of progressive clients across 16 states where we succeeded in reaching, registering, and engaging hundreds of thousands of voters to help remove a dangerous President from the White House.*

*“The decision to wind down Hawkfish’s operations was not made lightly or without considering other courses of action. The company expects wind down by May, providing staff with a three-month runway to remain at-will employees of Hawkfish and continue to be eligible for pay and benefits while they secure their next position.*

*“We assembled an unprecedented team, bound by talent and a common mission, that built cutting-edge data technology and modeling that proved a pivotal part of Democrats’ success in 2020 and will serve the Democratic Party for years to come.”*

**Read the full [story](#).**

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## Hope For Climate Change.

**Mike Bloomberg** was [named](#) on Friday as the first Global Ambassador for the UNFCCC Champions for Climate Action's Race to Zero and Race to Resilience campaigns.

[Race to Zero](#) is a **global campaign** to rally leadership and support from businesses, cities, regions, investors for a healthy, resilient, zero carbon recovery.

**It mobilizes a coalition** of leading net zero initiatives, representing 454 cities, 23 regions, 1,397 businesses, 74 of the biggest investors, and 569 universities committed to achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2050 at the latest.

[Race to Resilience](#), its **sibling campaign**, aims to build the resilience of 4 billion people from vulnerable groups and communities to climate risks by 2030.

**The campaign will focus on** helping frontline communities to adapt to impacts of climate change, such as extreme heat, drought, flooding and sea-level rise.

**In this new role**, Mike will continue to draw on his long track record of spurring ambitious subnational climate action.

**He will work with the UN's Climate Ambition Alliance** to rally leadership and mobilize support from cities, regions, businesses, and investors in the largest ever coordinated campaign to achieve net zero emissions by 2050 at the very latest.

**Read the full [announcement](#).**

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## **The Week Ahead: Impeachment.**

**Preview:** [Trump's Trial, Televised Tuesday Starting at 1 P.M. EST, Brings a Reckoning Even If Acquittal Is Likely](#) (Bloomberg)

***Evidence from the House prosecution of Trump** will include images of the Capitol rioters attacking police, guards barricading the door to the House chamber, a masked person in paramilitary garb roaming the Senate gallery with zip-tie restraints*

***“The whole world were witnesses to this,”** House Speaker Nancy Pelosi told reporters.*

***The trial will be held in the same Senate chamber** that members fled a month ago, minutes ahead of invading rioters demanding a lynching of then-Vice President Mike Pence.*

*Photos: Getty Images*

***At least 17 Republican senators** would need to join all 50 Democrats to convict Trump by a two-thirds majority.*

***The latest tally:** [34 would vote](#) to support the conviction, 36 would vote against conviction, and 28 are undecided — 13 Republicans, 14 Democrats and 1 Independent.*

***On the fence: The 13 undecided Republican*** include Susan Collins, Lisa Murkowski, Mitt Romney, Ben Sasse, Patrick J. Toomey and Mitch McConnell.

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## What I'm Reading.

**Markets Surge:** [Global Stocks Rally to Record on U.S. Stimulus Hope](#)  
(Bloomberg)

**Biden's Stimulus Push:** [President to Bypass GOP on \\$1.9 Billion Stimulus](#) (New York Times)

***“If I have to choose between getting help*** right now to Americans who are hurting so badly and getting bogged down in a lengthy negotiation or compromising on a bill that’s up to the crisis, that’s an easy choice. I’m going to help the American people who are hurting now,” Biden said.

***“What Republicans have proposed*** is either to do nothing or not enough.”

**U.S. Economy:** [Janet Yellen Sees Full Employment Next Year With Joe Biden's Stimulus Plan](#) (Bloomberg)

***Yellen said that low-wage earners,*** minorities and women are suffering the most and could face “permanent” damage from a prolonged slowdown. “We’re in a deep hole with respect to the job market and a long way to dig out.”

***Without adequate support,*** it could take until 2025 for the U.S. labor market to recover, Yellen said.

**Final Trump Job Numbers:** [Administration Ended With 6.3% Unemployment Rate, Well Above 4.7% That Barack Obama Left Behind](#)  
(Axios)

**Poll: [Biden at 61 Percent in New Poll, Outdoing Trump as He Undoes His Agenda](#)** (New York Times)

**Fighting Disinformation: [Senate Intelligence Committee to Examine Foreign Powers' Support of Proud Boys, QAnon, Other Antigovernment Extremists](#)** (New York Times)

**UES Insurrectionist: [Misogynistic 'Dating Coach' Charged in Capitol Riot](#)** (New York Times)

***On Jan. 20, F.B.I. agents arrested Samuel Fisher outside his apartment on the Upper East Side in connection with his involvement in the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol.***

***Stashed in his Chevrolet Tahoe, parked on East 88th Street, investigators found a shotgun, machetes and more than a thousand rounds of ammunition, according to court records.***

**Commercial Real Estate: [Manhattan Office Prices Seen Falling as Much as 30% in a Year](#)** (Bloomberg)

**After Peloton Delivery Delays: [Home Fitness Giant Spending \\$100 Million to Speed Up Shipping of New Bikes](#)** (CNN)

**In Memoriam: [George Shultz, Who Led Reagan's Cold-War Diplomacy, Dies](#)** (Bloomberg)

***In a statement posted [on Twitter](#), Mike said Shultz “was a giant on the world stage. His accomplishments, which include ushering in the end of the Cold War, touched all facets of American life.”***

## Best of Late Night.

"A Florida man spent lockdown building a roller coaster for his children in the backyard. 'Wow, I'd love to see it,' said Child Services."

-- [Colin Jost](#) on SNL

"Mitch McConnell criticized GOP representative and conspiracy huffer Marjorie Taylor Greene, saying that her 'loony lies and conspiracy theories' are a 'cancer' to the Republican party. But keep in mind, Greene believes cancer is a bioweapon created in a secret Jewish lab."

-- [Colin Jost](#)

"A new report shows that a number of people who stormed the Capitol didn't actually vote in the election. So maybe they weren't the savvy political geniuses we all thought they were."

-- [Michael Che](#)

"Former social media influencer Donald Trump will not testify at his impeachment trial. And I think I speak for all of us when I say, 'Aw please?'"

-- [Colin Jost](#)

***And finally, don't miss the [Cold Open](#) featuring James "No, Not That One" Brown (Kenan Thompson) interviewing Kansas City Chiefs coach Andy Reid (Aidy Bryant) and Tampa Bay Buccaneers coach Bruce Arians (Aidy Bryant) on a Super Bowl pre-game show.***

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