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- ◆ A greater share of people with low credit scores has been falling behind on car payments in recent months, a sign of stress among consumers whose finances have been hit hard by the pandemic. A1
- **♦** Homeowners in arrears would generally not face foreclosure until 2022 under a proposal floated by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. A3
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- ◆ GameStop said it could raise hundreds of millions of dollars from stock sales in coming months, as the videogame retailer turns to public markets to help support its turnaround plan. B1
- ◆ Coinbase's offering prospectus classifies two holders of significant stakes in the cryptocurrency exchange, including a co-founder, as independent directors. B1
- ◆ SoftBank Group agreed to pay \$2.8 billion for a 40% stake in Norwegian warehouse-automation company AutoStore. **B1**
- **◆ LG Electronics will exit** its unprofitable smartphone business after years of struggling to compete with industry leaders Apple and Samsung, as well as other rivals. B3

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- ◆ Yellen argued for a global minimum corporate tax rate, seeking international cooperation that is crucial to funding the Biden administration's \$2.3 trillion
- infrastructure proposal. A1 ◆ Senate Democrats offered proposals to increase taxes on U.S. firms' foreign profits and move the system in the same general direction as the administration's plan. A2
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#### **Baylor Trounces Gonzaga 86-70 to Win NCAA Hoops Title**



NO CONTEST: Players for the Baylor Bears celebrate after winning college basketball's men's national championship Monday night in Indianapolis. They ended Gonzaga's chance to be the first undefeated champion since the Indiana Hoosiers in 1976. A12

## Google Wins Copyright Fight With Oracle in Supreme Court

BY BRENT KENDALL AND TRIPP MICKLE

WASHINGTON—The Supreme Court ruled for Alphabet Inc.'s Google in a multibillion-dollar battle with Oracle Corp. over elements of Google's Android smartphoneoperating system, a decision that could weaken software copyright protections but allow developers more room to

build on each other's products. The court, in a 6-2 opinion

Monday by Justice Stephen Breyer, threw out a lowercourt ruling for Oracle that said Android infringed its copyrights on the Java software platform. The high court said Google's copying of some Java API code was fair use. APIs, or application programming interfaces, are prewritten packages of computer code that allow programs, websites devices world-wide. or apps to talk to one another. "Google's copying did not

violate the copyright law," Justice Breyer wrote.

Oracle, which acquired the Java technology when it bought Sun Microsystems Inc. in 2010, accused Google of illegally copying more than 11,000 lines of Java API code to develop Android, which runs more than two billion mobile

Oracle previously sought as

much as \$9 billion in damages from Google, though the company might have faced challenges in collecting that much in penalty proceedings had it won in the high court.

The ruling didn't do away with copyright protections for APIs but dealt a blow to them nevertheless, a potential set-Please turn to page A6

#### For Global Minimum Corporate Tax Rate

U.S. Aims

Biden team, seeking revenue, hopes to keep foreign firms from having an advantage

By RICHARD RUBIN AND KATE DAVIDSON

WASHINGTON-Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen argued for a global minimum corporate tax rate Monday, seeking international cooperation that is crucial to funding the Biden administration's \$2.3 trillion infrastructure proposal.

President Biden's proposal to raise the corporate tax rate to 28% from 21% would push the U.S. from the middle of the pack among major economies to near the top. The Biden plan would also impose a 21% minimum tax on U.S. companies' foreign income, remove an export incentive and raise taxes on some foreign companies' U.S. operations.

If the U.S. raises its tax rates and imposes higher burdens on U.S. companies' foreign profits, a global minimum tax would help prevent companies headquartered in other countries from having a significant potential advantage. That coordination and the ensuing tax revenue—not necessarily the aims of U.S.-based companies—rank high on the administration's Please turn to page A2

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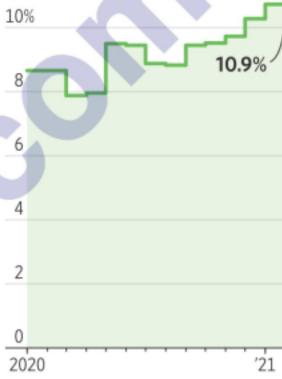
By AnnaMaria Andriotis AND BEN EISEN

A greater share of people with low credit scores has been falling behind on their car payments in recent months, a sign of stress among consumers whose finances have been hit hard by the pandemic.

Some 10.9% of subprime borrowers with outstanding auto loans or leases were more than 60 days past due in February, up from 10.7% in January and 8.7% a year prior, according to credit-reporting firm Trans-Union. It marked the sixth consecutive month-over-month increase and the highest level in monthly data going back to January 2019.

More than 9% of subprime auto borrowers were more than

 Consumer agency seeks to restrict foreclosures...... A3 Share of subprime auto borrowers who are more than 60 days late on payments

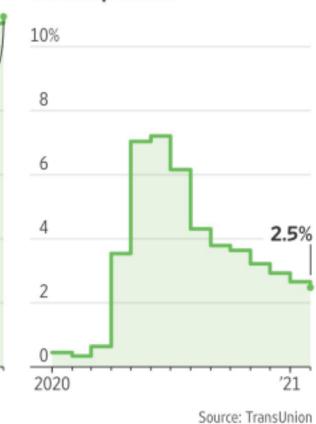


Note: Monthly rates

60 days past due in the fourth quarter, the highest quarterly figure in data going back to 2005.

The missed payments are in-

Share of auto accounts in deferment or other hardship status



creasing in what has otherwise been a period of relatively low consumer delinquencies, with stimulus payments, unemploy-Please turn to page A6

#### China Is Creating Digital Currency, First For a Major Economy

Cyber yuan will let Beijing track spending in real time, pose challenge to dollar

By James T. Areddy

A thousand years ago, when money meant coins, China invented paper currency. Now the Chinese government is minting cash digitally, in a re-imagination of money that could shake a pillar of American power.

It might seem money is already virtual, as credit cards and payment apps such as Apple Pay in the U.S. and WeChat in China eliminate the need for bills or coins. But those are just ways to move money electronically. China is turning legal tender itself into computer code.

Cryptocurrencies such as bitcoin have foreshadowed a potential digital future for money, though they exist outside the traditional global financial system and aren't legal tender like cash issued

by governments. China's version of a digital currency is controlled by its central bank, which will issue the new electronic money. It is expected to give China's government vast new tools to monitor both its economy and its people. By design, the digital yuan will negate one of bitcoin's major

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#### Diners Start Dipping Back In, But Ketchup Can't Catch Up

Pandemic turned restaurants into takeout specialists, boosting demand

HEIN2/

TOMATO KETCHUP

By Heather Haddon AND ANNIE GASPARRO

Supply chain problems are reaching into a far corner of the business universe: Ketchup packets. After enduring a year of

closures, employee safety fears and start-stop openings, many American restaurants are now facing a nationwide ketchup shortage. Restaurants are trying to secure the tabletop staple after Covid-19 upended the condiment world

order. Managers are using generic versions, pouring out bulk ketchup into individual cups and hitting the aisles of Costco for substitutes. "We've been hunt-

ing high and low,"

said Chris Fuselier,

this year. The pandemic turned many

sit-down restaurants into takeout specialists, making individual ketchup packets the primary condiment currency for both national chains and mom-and-pop restaurants. Packet prices are up 13% since January 2020, and their market share has exploded at the expense of tabletop bottles, according to restaurant-business platform Plate IQ.

based Blake Street Tavern,

who has struggled to keep

ketchup in stock for much of

Even fast-food giants are pleading for packets. Long John Silver's LLC, a nearly 700-unit chain, had to seek ketchup from secondary suppliers because of the rush in demand. The industry's pandemic shift to

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From Xinjiang

Carries a Cost

This article is by Peter S. Good-

Faced with accusations that it

was profiting from the forced la-

bor of Uyghur people in the Chi-

nese territory of Xinjiang, the

H&M Group - the world's sec-

ond-largest clothing retailer -

promised last year to stop buying

But last month, H&M con-

fronted a new outcry, this time

from Chinese consumers who

seized on the company's re-

nouncement of the cotton as an at-

tack on China. Social media filled

with angry demands for a boycott,

urged on by the government.

Global brands like H&M risked

alienating a country of 1.4 billion

The furor underscored how in-

ternational clothing brands rely-

ing on Chinese materials and fac-

tories now face the mother of all

conundrums — a conflict vastly

more complex than their now-fa-

miliar reputational crises over ex-

ploitative working conditions in

If they fail to purge Xinjiang cot-

ton from their supply chains, the

apparel companies invite legal en-

forcement from Washington un-

der an American ban on imports. Labor activists will charge them with complicity in the grotesque

But forsaking Xinjiang cotton entails its own troubles - the wrath of Chinese consumers who

denounce the attention on the

Europe, or preserve their markets

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Today, sunshine and patchy clouds, mild, high 66. Tonight, partly cloudy, low 49. Tomorrow, plenty of sunshine, mild for early April, high 68. Weather map appears on Page A20.

Richest in City Would Pay Most in the U.S.

> By LUIS FERRÉ-SADURNÍ and JESSE McKINLEY

Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo and New York State legislative leaders were nearing a budget agreement on Monday that would make New York City's millionaires pay the highest personal income taxes in the nation, a stark result of the pandemic's economic fallout.

For years, Mr. Cuomo resisted such a move, arguing that raising taxes, especially on the wealthy, would drive business out of state. But the coronavirus-related revenue shortfalls - combined with the growing strength of the Legislature's progressive wing and the governor's waning influence created sudden momentum.

If enacted, the deal would raise income and corporate taxes to generate an extra \$4.3 billion a year and would potentially legalize mobile sports betting to raise an additional \$500 million in new tax revenue.

Under the proposed new tax rate, the city's top earners could pay 13.5 percent to 14.8 percent in state and city taxes, when combined with New York City's top income tax rate of 3.88 percent, more than the top marginal income tax rate of 13.3 percent in California, currently the highest in the nation.

The question of who should pay

The president is also expected to propose tax increases on highearning individuals, a maneuver that many states are also weighing. Lawmakers in California are considering a wealth tax, while Minnesota's governor has proposed a new top income tax rate in the state. In Washington State, the State Senate last month narrowly approved a new 7 percent tax on capital gains of more than \$250,000, which Gov. Jay Inslee, a Democrat, has said he supports.

The personal income tax rate would increase to 9.65 percent Continued on Page A17

#### **DEMOCRATS PUSH** FOR HIGHER TAXES ON GLOBAL FIRMS

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**FUNDING FOR BIDEN PLAN** 

Yellen Makes Own Pitch for an International Finance Overhaul

> By JIM TANKERSLEY and ALAN RAPPEPORT

WASHINGTON — The Biden administration and top Democrats in Congress began detailing plans for significant changes to how the United States and other countries tax multinational corporations as they look for ways to raise revenues and finance President Biden's \$2 trillion infrastructure proposal.

On Monday, Treasury Secretary Janet L. Yellen threw her support behind an international effort to create a global minimum tax that would apply to multinational corporations, regardless of where they locate their headquarters. Such a global tax, she said, could help prevent a "race to the bottom" in which countries cut their tax rates in order to entice companies to move headquarters and profits across borders.

"Together, we can use a global minimum tax to make sure the global economy thrives based on a more level playing field in the taxation of multinational corporations," she said. The effort is aimed at "making sure that governments have stable tax systems that raise sufficient revenue to invest in essential public goods and respond to crises, and that all citizens fairly share the burden of financing government."

At the same time, Democrats in Congress released their own proposal to add teeth to the de facto minimum tax that the United States already imposes on income earned abroad - one that would apply to American multinational companies regardless of what the rest of the world does. The proposal could raise as much as \$1

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Treasury Secretary Janet L.

#### New York Is Set To Raise Taxes Of Millionaires

to help revive the country, still recovering from the pandemic's devastation of the economy, is percolating across the nation. In Washington, President Biden has proposed 15 years of substantial increases in corporate taxes to help pay for an eight-year, \$2 trillion package of infrastructure spending.

In New York, two new personal income tax brackets would be temporarily created: 10.3 percent for income from \$5 million to \$25 million, and 10.9 percent for income over \$25 million, according to preliminary details obtained by The New York Times. The new rates would expire by the end of 2027.



Yellen advocated a global tax for multinational corporations.

#### Uyghurs as a Western plot to sabotage China's development. The global brands can protect their sales in North America and A Taste of Normalcy in Israel

Israelis enjoyed a rock concert last month using the Green Pass, which proves vaccination. Page A8.

#### Chief Condemns Chauvin and Says He 'Should Have Stopped'

Workers in a cotton field in Xinjiang. China's use of forced labor in the region has prompted some companies to shift their suppliers.

By DAMIEN CAVE

Julia Banks arrived in Parliament

five years ago after a successful

career in law and business, she

felt as if she'd stepped back into

the '80s. Alcohol flowed freely. She

occasionally smelled it on the

breath of male lawmakers when

Many men in Australian politics

also thought nothing of belittling

women, she said, or spreading

sexual rumors. More than a few

treated junior employees like

playthings. Once, Ms. Banks said,

a fellow lawmaker introduced a

new intern while slowly rubbing

his hand up and down the young

"I could see her visibly flinch,"

they voted.

woman's back.

SYDNEY, Australia - When

Australia Parliament Labeled a Sexist Backwater

Women Criticize Seat

of Government

as 'Unsafe'

Ms. Banks said. "She and I locked

eyes, and I'm sure the nonverbal

cue to me was 'don't say anything,

please don't say anything, I'll lose

"It is the most unsafe workplace

Australia's #MeToo moment

has arrived, late but strong, like a

tsunami directed at the country's

political foundation. Six weeks af-

ter a former legislative staffer,

Brittany Higgins, accused a sen-

in the country," she added.

my job."



STILL IMAGE VIA COURT TV

Chief Medaria Arradondo gave testimony on Monday.

This article is by Nicholas Bogel-Burroughs, Shaila Dewan and John Eligon.

MINNEAPOLIS prospect that a police chief would take the witness stand against a fellow officer is exceedingly rare. But there was the chief of the Minneapolis Police Department on Monday, condemning the actions of Derek Chauvin, the officer charged with murdering George Floyd, as wrong by every imagi-

#### Rare Testimony From a Top Police Official

nable measure.

"To continue to apply that level of force to a person proned out, handcuffed behind their back that in no way, shape or form is anything that is by policy," said the chief, Medaria Arradondo. "It is not part of our training. And it is certainly not part of our ethics or our values."

DAN BALILTY FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES

ior colleague of raping her in the

defense minister's office, thou-

sands of women are standing up to

share their stories, march for jus-

by Prime Minister Scott Morrison

is now facing a historic backlash,

which has started to depress his

polling numbers as he confronts

While the misogyny problem is

widespread, the focal point has be-

come politics - a realm that more

and more women describe as Aus-

tralia's most sexist backwater,

where many men have long as-

sumed they can act like kings.

Women of every party say that for

years, they have been demeaned

while trying to do their jobs. They

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The conservative coalition led

tice and demand change.

one scandal after another.

The chief's appearance, following testimony by two other Minneapolis police officials last week, underscored the difficulty that Mr. Chauvin and his lawyers will have in persuading the jury that the officer was just doing his job when he pinned Mr. Floyd to the ground with his knee for more than nine minutes last May.

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#### Biden Redefines Infrastructure, And the G.O.P. Isn't Buying It

By JIM TANKERSLEY and JEANNA SMIALEK

political and economic debate over President Biden's \$2 trillion American Jobs Plan is being dominated by a philosophical question: What does infrastructure really mean?

Does it encompass the traditional idea of fixing roads, building bridges and financing other tangible projects? Or, in an evolving economy, does it expand to include initiatives like investing in broadband, electric car charging stations and care for older and disabled Americans?

That is the debate shaping up as Republicans attack Mr. Biden's plan with pie charts and scathing quotes, saying that it allocates only a small fraction of money on "real" infrastructure and that

WASHINGTON - The early spending to address issues like home care, electric vehicles and even water pipes should not count. "Even if you stretch the defini-

tion of infrastructure some, it's

about 30 percent of the \$2.25 trillion they're talking about spending," Senator Roy Blunt, Republican of Missouri, said on "Fox News Sunday." "When people think about infra-

structure, they're thinking about roads, bridges, ports and airports," he added on ABC's "This Week."

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#### Minneapolis police chief testifies against his officer in the death of George Floyd

Chief Medaria Arradondo, above, says Derek Chauvin used excessive force when he pinned George Floyd under his knee for more than nine minutes. The chief's measured tone stood in contrast to the wrenching testimony of previous witnesses. At right, Floyd's brother Philonise is flanked by wife Keeta and attorney Benjamin Crump. NATION, A5



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### Bridging a divide after massacre

Asian American Christians confront racism, evangelical 'purity culture'

By Jaweed Kaleem and Jenny Jarvie

Before Robert Aaron Long burst into three Atlanta massage spas and allegedly killed eight people — six of them women of Asian descent — he was a teenager struggling to conform to Evangelical teachings on "purity culture" and abstinence from

The Rev. Chul Yoo knew Long back then. A former minister in Long's church, Yoo understood the pressure and obligation the young in the congregation faced in resisting premarital sex. The Bible wanted them sanctified and saved from the immorality of an increasingly permissive world.

rld. But when news broke last



ABOUT 200 people join a March 26 rally in Alhambra to denounce anti-Asian racism.

month that Long, who is white, claimed he killed the women to erase temptation, Yoo, a Southern Baptist preacher and an Asian American, also recognized why a nationwide outcry erupted against an accelerating racism toward people who looked liked him. For Yoo, rigid religion and racial hatred had become entwined in one of the nation's worst mass shootings since the COVID-19 pandemic emerged.

Investigators have offered little on the motive in the Georgia deaths. There is no hate crime charge. Statements from law enforcement and those who knew Long point to someone ridden with guilt and anger over his visits to Asian-run spas that he believed went against the word of God.

[See Christians, A6]



Allen J. Schaben Los Angeles Times

**DINERS** feast on a Sichuan-style hot pot at Hai Di Lao restaurant, which provides outdoor dining, at the Westfield Santa Anita mall in Arcadia.

#### COLUMN ONE

### A warm family tradition

#### Asian Americans relish the ritual of hot pot

By Andrew J. Campa

n this time of isolation, fear and grief, Americans are baking bread and cookies, simmering chili and pozole for hours, digging into buttery mashed potatoes.

And some are firing up their hot pots.

When Jessica Wu needs a taste of home, a warmth in her stomach to fend off pandemic malaise, she puts a pot of soup at the center of her dining table, a portable electric stove keeping the liquid at a constant boil. She dunks raw ingredients — thinly sliced lamb, tofu, shrimp balls, corn on the

cob, mushrooms, cabbage — into the soup one bite at a time, just a few seconds for meat, longer for the vegetables.

In Japanese, it is called *shabu shabu*— "swish swish," for the motion diners
make with their chopsticks when blanching a mouthful. In Mandarin, it is *huoguo*, meaning hot pot, with broth
that can range from a mouth-numbing
Sichuan peppercorn concoction to a
milky herbal mix. Vietnamese people call
it *lau* — "to scoop" or "to fish out."

Korean hot pot, *jeongol*, is said to have originated from cooking in soldiers' iron helmets — called *jeonlip* — in a long-ago time of need.

With its large and diverse Asian immigrant population, the L.A. area is an [See **Hot pot**, A7]

# S.F. set to pause on renaming campuses

By Faith E. Pinho and Maura Dolan

SAN FRANCISCO — Back in January, the San Francisco Board of Education voted 6 to 1 to rename more than 40 schools as supporters cheered the board for "unapologetically" targeting historical figures they deemed racist, including Abraham Lincoln.

That set off a political furor that subjected the school board to local and national ridicule. On Tuesday, that same board is expected to approve a resolution that would officially suspend renaming efforts.

The school board will return to the renaming issue later — after students are back in classrooms full time, the board's leader stated Monday.

"There is a hope and opportunity to uplift communities that are often underrepresented," board President Gabriela López said. "It deserves more full attention than we're able to give right now."

For months, the school renaming controversy has roiled the city, distracting lo[See Renaming, A7]

By Priscella Vega,
Lila Seidman,
Colleen Shalby
and Luke Money

Californians

The gamblers, donning masks, couldn't display their best poker faces on Monday at the Bicycle Hotel & Casino. But they were able to play indoors for the first time in more than one year.

Some are vaccinated

and ready for normal

life; others are wary.

L.A. experts' stance:

Cautiously optimistic.

"I feel safer now," said Ming Huang, 70, a retired accountant who recently received a COVID-19 vaccine. "Cases are down. Time to come back. Nothing better to do."

But Chris Lopez, 43, couldn't stop looking behind his back, making sure people weren't too close to him at the club in Bell Gardens where partitions separate the players. After a few hands, he left in such a hurry that he didn't even cash in his chips.

"I couldn't focus," said Lopez, a La Puente resident. With the vaccine rollout

With the vaccine rollout expanding, coronavirus cases flattening and stay-athome restrictions lifted, Southern California is coming back to life.

Some merchants are reporting their best business since the pandemic began. Griffith Park saw such a crush of visitors during Easter Sunday that it had to temporarily turn people away. In Pasadena, nearly 20,000 cars passed through city-owned structures last week. That's more than double the number that passed through in the week that ended Jan. 24.

"It's almost like pre-COVID, the way we're seeing people out and about," Pasadena spokesperson Lisa Derderian said Monday. "That's a good thing, mentally. It's good that people are trying to return to some type of normalcy. But we don't want people to let their guard down."

More people than ever are sensing it becoming safer to venture out — and that it won't lead to another surge. Many of those out and about have been vaccinated, and there were signs people were generally following various safety protocols.

But health officials and experts continue to urge residents to remain vigilant, especially as the state reopens and the number of coronavirus variants continues to grow in California, and other states report new

curac

begin to venture

out. Too soon?

"It just seems like generally people are less concerned, but, as a city, it's still a concern for us," said Joe DeVries, the director of interdepartmental operations in Oakland, where Lake Merritt saw thousands of visitors this weekend.

L.A. County officials continue taking a cautiously optimistic approach. While the coronavirus case rate has dropped to a level not seen since the early days of the pandemic, Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer said that still "means that there are hundreds and hundreds of known cases that get diagnosed each day," though the actual number of people be-

ing infected is likely higher."
Federal officials have been particularly alarmed as cases rise elsewhere in the [See Crowds, A12]

# Massive effort to reopen schools

Mandatory testing and vaccination centers are among safety measures at 1,400 L.A. campuses.

By Howard Blume

The complex logistics of awakening 1,400 Los Angeles schools are reaching a crescendo this week with officials especially focused on safety — announcing plans to open 25 community vaccination centers and urging all returning families to sign their students up for mandatory coronavirus testing.

Principals are jiggering schedules. Families are pondering whether to return. Teachers are moving school supplies from bedrooms, kitchen tables and garages into classrooms. The nation's second-largest school system is ramping up to welcome back 465,000 kindergarten-through-12th-grade students next week after 13 months.

months.
Safety continues to be the crux of planning — as emphasized in remarks broadcast Monday by L.A. schools Supt. Austin Beutner. He reminded families of

all that has been done — in-[See **Schools**, A12]



BRIAN VAN DER BRUG Los Angeles Times

JONATHAN PAUL works out at John Reed Fitness on Monday in downtown Los Angeles.

#### Weinstein fights rape conviction Fallen mogul appeals,

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In a reversal, Jordan's former crown prince says he would rally behind the royal as country's leader. **world**, A3

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Democracy Dies in Darkness

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#### Chief says Chauvin violated policies

Use of force in Floyd case 'not part of our ethics or values,' he testifies

> BY HOLLY BAILEY AND MARK BERMAN

MINNEAPOLIS — Derek Chauvin "absolutely" violated Minneapolis Police Department policies and his sworn oath to serve and protect when he knelt on George Floyd's neck for more than nine minutes, the city's police chief testified Monday.

During one of the most anticipated moments in the trial, Minneapolis Police Chief Medaria Arradondo unequivocally told the court that Chauvin had failed to follow policies on de-escalation, use of force and offering medical aid to those in need when he ignored Floyd's cries for help while the man lay pinned beneath his knee.

The use of force should have ended as soon as Floyd stopped resisting, the chief said.

"Once Mr. Floyd had stopped resisting, and certainly once he was in distress and trying to verbalize that, that should have stopped," Arradondo said.

"Clearly when Mr. Floyd was no longer responsive - and even motionless — to continue to apply that level of force to a person proned out, handcuffed behind SEE TRIAL ON A4

#### Republicans attack firms that condemn Ga. vote law

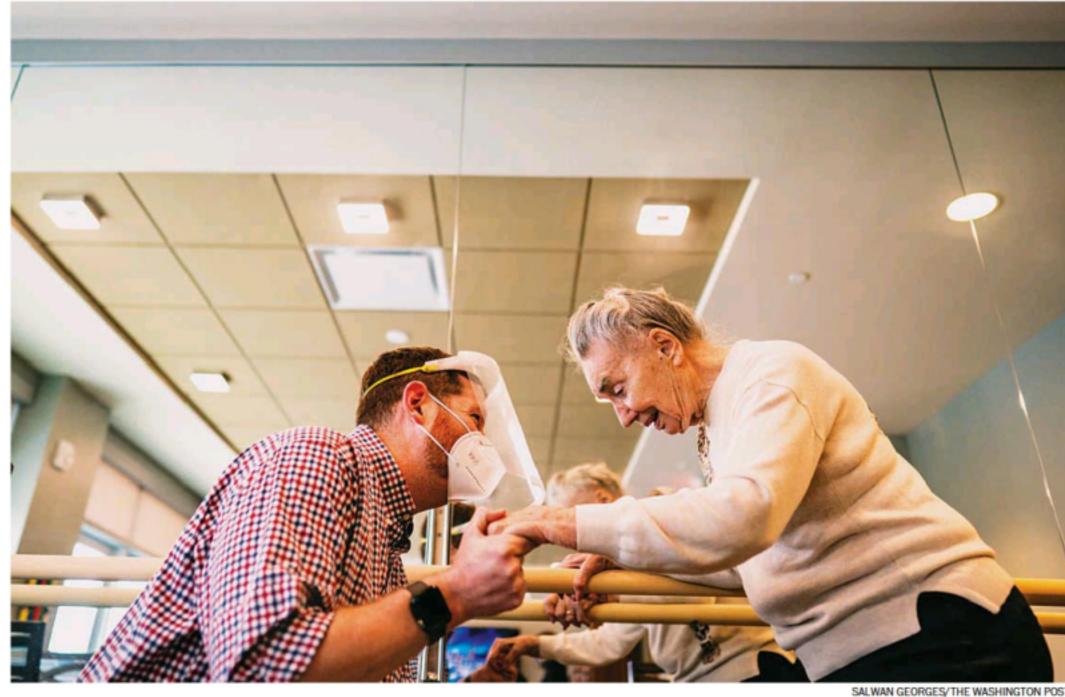
BY MARIANNA SOTOMAYOR AND TODD C. FRANKEL

Republicans are attacking corporations over their decision to condemn the controversial Georgia voting law, part of the party's embrace of the populism espoused by President Donald Trump even as it creates tensions with traditional allies in the business community.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) on Monday accused corporations of siding with Democrats' portrayal of the law as the new Jim Crow, which he called an attempt to "mislead and bully the American people." He argued that it would expand, not restrict, voter access to the polls, and his statement included a threat of unspecified "serious consequences" if companies continued to stand opposite Republicans on a variety of issues.

"From election law to environmentalism to radical social agendas to the Second Amendment, SEE GOP ON A4

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#### For health-care industry, an agonizing debate

he workers at 22 assisted-living communities run by a company called Silverado help people with receding memory - dementia or other waning. Even before coronavirus vaccines were available, company leaders last fall waged a wrenching internal debate: How could they ensure their staff would get shots to protect themselves and the exquisitely vulnerable residents in their care?

Silverado medical directors and nurses, human resource specialists and lawyers teased out the pros and cons of a mandate. Initially, they rejected that idea in favor of long, frequent webinars urging the shots and on-site vaccination clinics starting the first week of January at the company's Austin, Dallas and Houston facilities.

Whether bosses should be able to dictate vaccinations

is a polarizing matter among front-line workers, a recent Post-Kaiser Family Foundation poll shows

BY AMY GOLDSTEIN

Then, Silverado pivoted. When the first round of vaccination clinics companywide ended, no site had more than about 80 percent of the staff immunized, and a

Jack Bal, a physical therapist partner, works with Charlotte Anastasion at Silverado Alexandria Memory Care Community

in Virginia. Nearly 6 in 10 medical workers say they would support vaccine mandates from employers, a poll found.

few were at barely half. The pandemic's winter surge, meanwhile, brought frightening coronavirus variants into a halfdozen California facilities. On March 1, Silverado, with 1,340 memory-care workers and 1,100 cognitively impaired people in locations from Los Angeles to Alexandria, Va., became the nation's first longterm care company to require that employees have at least an appointment for a shot as a condition of their job.

It will not be the last.

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#### Variant in Brazil imperils region

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Hospitals near collapse across South America

BY LUCIEN CHAUVIN, ANTHONY FAIOLA AND TERRENCE McCoy

LIMA, PERU — With a sense of dread, the doctor watched the patients stream into his intensive care unit.

For weeks, César Salomé, a physician in Lima's Hospital Mongrut, had followed the chilling reports. A new coronavirus variant, spawned in the Amazon rainforest, had stormed Brazil and driven its health system to the brink of collapse. Now his patients, too, were arriving far sicker, their lungs saturated with disease, and they were dying within days. Even the young and healthy didn't appear protected.

The new variant, he realized, was here.

"We used to have more time," Salomé said. "Now, we have patients who come in and in a few days they've lost the use of their

The P.1 variant, which packs a suite of mutations that make it more transmissible and potentially more dangerous, is no longer just Brazil's problem. It's South America's problem - and the world's.

In recent weeks, it has been carried across rivers and over bor-SEE LATIN AMERICA ON AS

#### Colleges see an urgent mental health crisis

Pandemic disruptions raise students' feelings of isolation, inadequacy

BY LAUREN LUMPKIN

Jesse Brownell said she felt lost last spring, when the coronavirus pandemic upended her freshman year at Dartmouth College. But in the months that followed, the 19-year-old regained her footing. She moved into a house near campus with friends this school year and restarted practices with the women's squash team.

Then, last month, she contracted the coronavirus and had to spend more than a week in isolation housing. She couldn't be around friends and was barred from playing sports. Alone, she consumed herself with schoolwork.

"I felt like I was spiraling," Brownell said. She says she doesn't think she'll feel comfortable being alone for a while: "I just didn't expect the mental impact. I definitely am still feeling a little more mentally down, mentally fuzzy."

Across the country, some school leaders and experts say



American University freshman Grace Zopelis lives alone off campus and reports feeling that she's missing out socially.

the pandemic has brought new urgency to a mental health crisis that had been unraveling on college campuses for years. From social isolation to heightened feelings of inadequacy, students say it has made it harder to concentrate on school and put a strain on

families and friendships.

Young adults between the ages of 18 and 24 for years have struggled disproportionally with mental illness compared with older groups, and experts cite such underlying factors as high expectations, social media SEE MENTAL HEALTH ON A16 **CLIMATE SOLUTIONS** 

#### Block by block, he's working to save the planet

Start-up founder has made it his mission to fight injustice, bring clean energy to low-income areas

BY SARAH KAPLAN IN BROOKLYN

Donnel Baird kept his coat on while he toured the aging sanctuary. His breath froze on his mask as he took in the peeling plaster, the dusty basement, the failing boiler that never seemed able to make Bright Light Baptist Church warm.

But when he peered into the kitchen, the shiver he felt was one of recognition. Every burner on the stove was lit. The oven door was open, its temperature set on high.

It was exactly how Baird's family tried to heat his childhood home more than three decades earlier, in another Brooklyn building with a dysfunctional HVAC system. The landlord wouldn't address the problem, and the family

couldn't afford to move. So they stayed, the need to keep their children warm outweighing the danger of toxic fumes and open

Baird, 40, has made it his life's work to ensure other people don't have to make that choice.

That's why he launched BlocPower. Since its inception in 2012, his Brooklyn-based start-up has brought clean energy to more than 1,100 low-income buildings across the New York area. Baird's business plan is simple: The company replaces heating and cooling systems that run on fossil fuels with greener, more efficient alternatives such as electric heat pumps and solar panels. That reduces the pollution driving climate change while also making indoor air healthier. The gains in SEE BAIRD ON A20

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# Johnson pledges return to a 'semblance of normality'



PM confirms lockdown easing but dampens hopes for foreign travel

#### **Aubrey Allegretti Ian Sample Jasper Jolly**

Life will start returning to "some semblance of normality" in June, Boris Johnson pledged as he gave the green light for pubs, shops, hairdressers and gyms to reopen across England from Monday but refused to say when foreign holidays could resume.

The prime minister said moving to the next stage of his roadmap out of lockdown was "fully justified" by the success of the vaccination programme and the drop in cases and hospitalisations, allowing a range of venues to operate for the first time in three months. But he suggested that Covid status certificates and mass weekly testing could be the key to further restrictions being eased, raising the prospect of such interventions being in place for months to come.

Hopes that foreign holidays may be allowed from 17 May were dampened, with Johnson saying: "I do not wish to give hostages to fortune" and admitting he was nervous about "the virus being reimported into this country from abroad" given a surge in cases across Europe.

Before a Downing Street press conference, scientists from the Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies said next week's reopening of venues, with outdoor service only at pubs and restaurants, was "highly unlikely" to overwhelm the NHS. But they warned that further easing in May and beyond could unleash a

▲ Boris Johnson at yesterday's briefing, where he confirmed a range of venues could open from Monday PHOTOGRAPH: STEFAN ROUSSEAU/PA

third wave as deadly as the one in winter, when more than half of the UK's Covid deaths occurred.

Work by the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine found that, with pessimistic but realistic

'We will have problems with Covid for the foreseeable future ... we shouldn't pretend otherwise'

Chris Whitty England's chief medical officer

assumptions about the effectiveness of the vaccine, a third wave could peak at the end of July or early August with as many patients in hospital as in January. Most other modelled scenarios showed a smaller potential third wave peak.

Speaking with Prof Chris Whitty and Sir Patrick Vallance, Johnson confirmed that hospitality venues will be able to operate outdoors-only from next Monday, with no curfew or requirements for customers to eat a substantial meal when drinking.

"I will be going to the pub myself and cautiously but irreversibly raising a pint of beer to my lips," he said.

Johnson said Covid status certificates, for people to prove they have had either a vaccine, a recent negative Covid PCR or rapid test, or antibodies from a coronavirus infection in the past six months, remain 2 under review for use within

#### **Khan looks** at feasibility of legalising cannabis

#### **Exclusive Patrick Butler**

Social policy editor

The mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, is to launch a review examining the feasibility of decriminalising cannabis as part of a new approach to tackling drug-related crime.

The Labour mayor has said that should he be re-elected on 6 May, he will set up an independent London drugs commission to examine the potential health, economic and criminal justice benefits of decriminalising the class-B drug.

Khan believes there is widespread public support for a more relaxed approach to decriminalisation, citing polls showing more than half of the UK - and nearly two-thirds of those in London - support legalising cannabis for adult recreational use.

Although he has ruled out decriminalisation of class-A drugs such as heroin and cocaine, Khan is willing to consider supporting changes to the legal status of cannabis if that is what the commission concludes.

"It will be for the commission to look at the evidence in the round but nothing is off the table in the context of what is best

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## Johnson set for clash with Tories after backing Covid passports

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GEORGE PARKER, CLIVE COOKSON AND JASMINE CAMERON-CHILESHE

Boris Johnson was heading for a showdown with his own MPs yesterday after throwing his weight behind domestic "Covid passports", with his government saying it was "right" to provide a way for people to prove their virus status and reassure businesses.

The move came as the prime minister confirmed that England would take step two of easing the lockdown on April 12, with outdoor pubs, clothes shops, hair-dressers and indoor gyms reopening.

Although Johnson was upbeat about progress in containing the virus, government scientists warned that a resurgence in hospitalisations and deaths was "highly likely" after all legal restrictions on mixing had been removed in June.

Johnson remained confident that the timetable for lifting the lockdown was on track, telling a Downing Street press conference there was "nothing in the present data that makes us think we will have to deviate from that road map".

He warned that the reopening of the economy would throw up some stark ethical choices, such as whether people should have to provide proof in certain circumstances of their Covid-19 status.

More than 70 MPs last week vowed to oppose the introduction of such certificates for domestic use, including 41 Tories, arguing that they would be "divisive and discriminatory".

The government said yesterday in an interim statement on its review of any Covid-19 certification: "Introducing a ban on this would in most cases be an unjustified intrusion on how businesses choose to make their premises safe."

Public services, public transport and essential shops were given as examples of where the state would ensure that Covid-19 certificates would never have to be shown to ensure "access for all".

A review, led by Cabinet Office minister Michael Gove, will continue to look at "equity and ethical concerns", but the interim report confirmed businesses



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could ask for Covid-status proof, provided they observed equalities laws.

The review said certificates could help reopen sports events, theatres and nightclubs. They are expected to be based on the NHS app, which will record vaccinations, test results and immunity.

Mark Harper, chair of the lockdownsceptic Tory Covid Recovery Group, said MPs must be given a vote on "domestic vaccine passports".

Johnson also provided a cautious update on plans to reopen foreign travel. His review said the government "hopes people will be able to travel to and from the UK to take a summer holi-

day this year but it is too soon to say what is possible". A traffic-light system will grade foreign destinations on their record on vaccines, the prevalence of new variants and infection rates.

Meanwhile, government scientists warned that in spite of the success of the UK's vaccination scheme, with more

A ban on Covid passports would intrude 'on how businesses choose to make their premises safe' than 31.5m people having received their first dose, risks remained of a Covid-19 resurgence after June 21. In some "pessimistic but plausible" scenarios, as many people would be in hospital with the disease in August and September as during the previous peak in January, they said.

Although the scientists emphasised that "the scale, shape and timing of any resurgence remain highly uncertain", all the modelling showed some increase in cases, hospitalisations and deaths, because increased transmission resulting from social mixing would outweigh the protective effect of vaccination.

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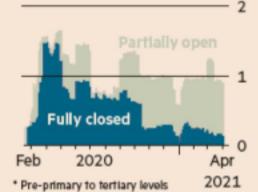
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School's (still) out Students\* worldwide affected by closures due to Covid-19 (billions)



students globally are still affected by full or partial closures of educational establishments. At the peak last year more than 90 per cent of the world's 1.75bn students were affected by closures.

More than 900m

#### Virus sparks louder calls for Welsh independence

Support for Welsh independence is growing, especially among younger voters. A recent poll found that 45 per cent of those aged 16 to 24 in Wales favoured breaking away from the UK, with the pandemic giving Welsh citizens more confidence in how the country could self-govern. Lord Peter Hain, who had a leading role in establishing the Cardiff parliament, said: 'Boris Johnson is acting as the prime minister of England, not the UK.'

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#### Commodities groups investigate web domains with links to Gupta's empire

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Commodities trading houses have launched investigations after web domains resembling their own were registered to an email address of an employee at Sanjeev Gupta's metals empire.

domains were registered with a Liberty House email address. Liberty House is Gupta's commodities trading and industrial group and part of his GFG Alliance conglomerate. The registrations include gunvorsg.com, a name that resembles Gunvor, one of the world's largest oil traders. Gunvor declined to comment.

The Financial Times discovered that the

London-based trading house Concord Resources said it would send a cease and desist letter to Liberty House over the registration of concordresources.net.

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"We will be formally reminding Liberty House that our business name Concord Resources is trademarked in a number of jurisdictions, including the United Kingdom and Singapore for use in regards to resources wholesaling and other similar business uses," said Mark Hansen, chief executive of Concord Resources.

In April 2017, the szmhgroups.com domain was registered, which resembles the szmh-group.com website of steel trader Salzgitter Mannesmann. The steel trading group said that it regarded the use of the domain by external parties as "misleading" and that it would investigate the matter to review options to "prevent the misuse" of the domain.

The purpose of the registrations is unknown. It is also unclear if the corresponding websites were ever set up, but registering a domain allows the use of associated email addresses.

Until its collapse in March, Greensill Capital lent billions of dollars to Gupta's group on the basis of invoices.

The FT has since revealed that Greensill Capital's administrator has been unable to verify some of these invoices, with companies listed on the documents denying they had ever done business with Gupta. Gupta later told the FT that a company named on Friday, RPS Siegen GmbH, had only been "identified as a potential customer" and financing was provided on that basis.

Invoice-based financing propelled the rise of Gupta's GFG Alliance, a loose collection of family-owned businesses that employ 35,000 people around the world and is now in jeopardy.

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## La izquierda se rearma en Madrid tras el empate que vaticina el CIS

El sondeo refleja una batalla muy igualada entre los dos bloques

CARLOS E. CUÉ, Madrid La batalla electoral por la Comunidad de Madrid está muy igualada, según la encuesta del Centro de Investigaciones Sociológicas (CIS), la mayor de las elaboradas

#### Junts fulmina a un cargo del Parlament por cuestionar la desobediencia

CAMILO S. BAQUERO, Barcelona Laura Borrás, presidenta del Parlamento catalán, apartó ayer a Jaume Alonso Cuevillas del puesto de secretario segundo. El diputado de Junts per Catalunya puso su cargo a disposición del partido tras haberse desmarcado de la tramitación de resoluciones "declarativas" contra las que han advertido los tribunales. PÁGINA 17

#### Las secuelas de los enfermos de covid saturan las terapias de rehabilitación

JESSICA MOUZO, Barcelona La pandemia de covid causa una amalgama de secuelas en los pacientes que amenaza con desbordar los servicios de rehabilitación en la sanidad española. Una cuarta parte de los infectados continúa con síntomas un mes después del diagnóstico, y un 10% tras 12 semanas, según los datos de la OMS. PÁGINAS 22 Y 23

hasta ahora, con 4.124 entrevistas realizadas entre el 19 y el 28 de marzo. El sondeo ha supuesto una importante invección de moral en la izquierda, que venía de una clara desventaja en encuestas previas. El empate que refleja el CIS a 68 escaños entre los dos bloques -en Madrid se eligen ahora 136 diputados por el aumento de población- supone un acicate para el PSOE, Más Madrid y Unidas Podemos, que ven cómo, pese al espectacular crecimiento del PP, existe una posibilidad real de que el bloque de la derecha no sume mayoría. De ese modo, la izquierda recuperaría Madrid tras 25 años de oposición.

El bloque progresista ya sumó más escaños en 2003, pero el denominado tamayazo -la traición de dos diputados socialistas-impidió que Rafael Simancas fuera presidente y permitió a Esperanza Aguirre lograr mayoría absoluta en la repetición de elecciones. La derecha ha sumado más desde entonces, aunque nunca con una gran distancia. Páginas 14 y 15

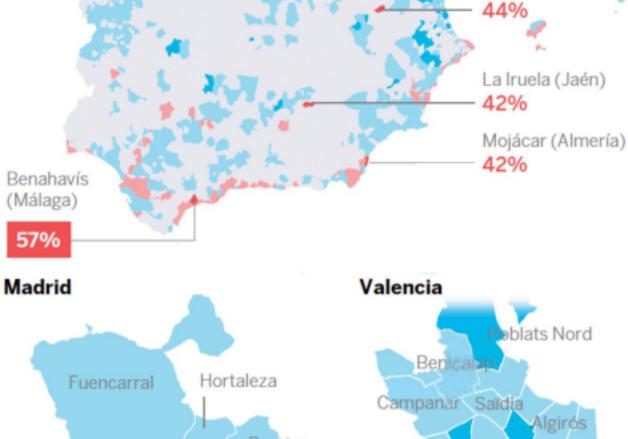
#### Las zonas tensionadas del mercado

Son los municipios donde los alquileres han subido cinco puntos por encima del IPC y en los que se invierte un 30% o más de la renta en el alquiler y gastos de la vivienda.





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#### Los alquileres, tensionados en más de cien municipios

Málaga, Alicante, las islas, Barcelona y Madrid concentran las áreas que cumplirían los criterios que maneja el Gobierno para la futura ley

J. L. ARANDA / D. GRASSO, Madrid Al menos 109 municipios españoles y 36 distritos de las mayores ciudades registran mercados de alquiler tensionados, esto es, en los que los precios suben más de cinco puntos por encima del IPC regional y el gasto en vivienda supera el 30% de la renta de los hogares. Son los criterios que maneja el Gobierno para definir un mercado tensionado, en un periodo de cinco años, con vistas a la nueva ley. EL PAÍS analiza datos oficiales basados en el IRPF declarado hasta 2018 (sin País Vasco ni Navarra), por lo que no recogen el impacto de la pandemia. Los municipios más afectados están en Málaga, Alicante, Canarias, Baleares, Barcelona y Madrid. Página 37

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Ursula Kuczynski era oficial del Ejército Rojo a la vez que ama de casa

#### Lo que nunca se supo de la mejor espía

JUAN CARLOS GALINDO, Madrid Ursula Kuczynski (1907-2000) fue una espía de primer nivel, oficial del Ejército Rojo que llegó a coronel y escritora de éxito de cuyo trabajo para la inteligencia soviética no se sabía nada. Era a la vez un ama de casa, lo que le servía de coartada. "Ser una mujer ha sido su gran disfraz", dice el histo-

riador Ben Macintyre, que investigó su figura y publica el libro Agente Sonya, titulado como uno de sus alias. Hija de una familia judía en Alemania, a los 19 años se afilió al partido comunista y asumió un compromiso duradero con su causa. "Sus hijos se preguntaban hasta qué punto la conocían", cuenta Macintyre. Página 27

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## Covid: el Gobierno muestra cifras para sacar medidas más duras

La ministra de Salud, Carla Vizzotti, es la encargada de preparar el terreno con datos que puedan justificar mayores restricciones. La postura del Ejecutivo estará en línea con lo que plantea la provincia de Buenos Aires, en el sentido de acotar reuniones sociales, el transporte público y el bloqueo total de actividades entre las 22 y las 6. La idea es forzar a la Ciudad, que no quiere imponer nuevas limitaciones sino aumentar testeos y los controles sobre los protocolos vigentes. P.3

#### 272 muertes

Son las registradas ayer, la cifra más alta en los últimos dos meses.

la suba de precios que en el primer trimestre ya arroja un 13%, cuando la pauta anual es del 29%. En marzo, ya pisaron el dólar. Y mañana amplían 20% la lista de productos

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#### Ahora Boudou dará clases sobre lawfare en la UBA

Primer vice argentino condenado por corrupción, tiene pena de 5 años y 10 meses de cárcel en la causa Ciccone. Mientras goza de arresto domiciliario, Amado Boudou expondrá el 3 de mayo en un seminario sobre "El periodismo en su laberinto: noticias falsas y guerras jurídicas". P. 15



El ex vice, hoy. Disertante universitario.

#### El viaje soñado que terminó en tragedia

Carla Ferrelli, contadora de 28 años, oriunda de Necochea y residente en Tandil, viajó con una amiga a Ushuaia en Semana Santa. En una excursión se descompensó y murió. Ahora investigan si hubo negligencia de los guías o en el rescate. P.30

DESPUÉS DE UN AÑO SIN CLASES

Por un paro, encierran en sus aulas a alumnos del Buenos Aires

Ayer se retomaron las clases presenciales en el Nacional Buenos Aires. Pero los profesores nucleados en el gremio AGD, minoritario, decidieron no concurrir, bajo el pretexto de que "no estaban dadas las condiciones sanitarias", y que pretenden estar vacunados antes de retomar el trabajo. Por

eso, según contaron los padres, los chicos debieron permanecer dentro de las aulas. Como se arman burbujas para evitar contagios, no podían abandonarlas ni salir siquiera a espacios comunes. Para la UBA el paro tuvo una adhesión menor al 10%, pero el conflicto sigue. P.34

Otro tiempo. Carla en un

destino de nieve y montaña.

viaje anterior, en otro

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Gonzalo Abascal

Nacional Buenos Aires, de aquel orgullo a este dolor

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## LA NACION

Martes 6 de abril de 2021

## Negocian restringir la circulación nocturna y la Ciudad se opone a confinar

covid. El Gobierno busca un acuerdo en el área metropolitana para limitar salidas y el uso del transporte; los delegados de Kicillof reclaman una cuarentena total para enfrentar la segunda ola

La Nación, la Ciudad y la Provincia de las nuevas restricciones. Según pares de la ciudad, Felipe Miguel, limitar la circulación nocturna para morigerar el impacto de la segunda ola de coronavirus en el país.

Las autoridades de las tres administraciones compartieron la "preocupación" por el incremento de casos durante un encuentro en la Casa Rosada. Sin embargo, no hay acuerdo sobre el alcance

coincidieron ayer en la necesidad de confiaron testigos de la reunión, el y de la provincia de Buenos Aigobierno de Axel Kicillof planteó la necesidad de un cierre general, algo que en la Ciudad descartaron de plano. Por lo tanto, el punto de entendimiento gira en torno a la restricción de las salidas nocturnas y los encuentros sociales. Del encuentro participaron el jefe de Gabinete, Santiago Cafiero, y sus

res, Carlos Bianco. También asistieron la ministra de Salud de la Nación, Carla Vizzotti; el ministro porteño, Fernán Quirós, y el viceministro bonaerense, Nicolás Kreplak. Ayer se registró el número más alto de muertes desde el 5 de febrero, con 272 fallecimientos. Página 2

Sin fondos, las provincias resisten las restricciones Gabriela Origlia

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#### Alerta por el golpe en la economía de otro cierre

Hoteles, restaurantes, construcción y comercio serían los más afectados

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Frente a la posibilidad de un aumento de las restricciones por la nueva ola de Covid-19 y un eventual regresoa la fase 3, economistas analizaron qué sectores se verían más impactados y cuáles lo estarían menos sobre la base de la experiencia delaño pasado. Entre los primeros estarían hoteles y restaurantes y otros servicios, mientras que el agro y la industria seguirían funcionando. Continúa en la página 4

#### Cristina presiona para anular causas

**TENSIÓN**. Objeta la intervención de dos jueces que visitaron a Macri en Olivos

La vicepresidenta Cristina Kirchner acelera en su estrategia para conseguir que la Justicia le quite de encima los procesamientos que pesan sobre ella. Su abogado Carlos Alberto Beraldi anunció que pedirá la nulidad de la causa por el memorándum con Irán por el atentado contra la AMIA, a raíz de la intervención en el expediente de los jueces Gustavo Hornos y Mariano Borinsky, de la Cámara de Casación.

El kirchnerismo acusó a Hornos y a Borinsky de actuar con parcialidad a partir de la difusión de una serie de reuniones que tuvieron en la quinta presidencial de Olivos con Mauricio Macri.

"Ella me acaba de instruir que tome su defensa en la causa -dijo Beraldi, que reemplaza en la función a Roberto Boico, recien-

temente designado camarista federal-. Una de las primeras cosas que voy a plantear es la nulidad por la intervención ilícita que tuvieron Hornos y Borinsky en esta causa".

El voto de esos dos jueces fue decisivo en 2016 para reabrir la causa iniciada con la denuncia del fiscal Alberto Nisman (que había sido desestimada en los meses finales de la presidencia de Cristina Kirchner).

La ofensiva kirchnerista podría ampliarse a otras causas.

En paralelo, entró ayer en el Consejo de la Magistratura una denuncia contra Borinsky por sus ingresos a Olivos. Página 14

Una jugada que pone en jaque a otras causas de corrupción Hernán Cappiello. Página 15

#### Putin eterno: puede aspirar al Kremlin hasta 2036

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#### Piden 50 años de cárcel por el copamiento de una comisaría

**HISTÓRICO**. Es para la banda que, a los tiros, intentó rescatar a un preso en La Matanza

#### El último Dalí



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La salida a la venta de Madona cósmica, obra de Dalí que se vio por última vez en Nueva York en 1965 y que lleva 50 años en un salón privado, reveló cómo es en colores esta pintura poco conocida del genio catalán, que sería la última fuera de una colección. Página 20

#### Rechazo de la oposición a la suspensión de las PASO

**ELECCIONES.** La había lanzado Massa; aceptarían una postergación

Juntos por el Cambio rechazó ayer la propuesta de Sergio Massa, titular de la Cámara de Diputados, de suspender las elecciones primarias, o bien que se realicen el mismo día de las elecciones generales.

Aunque se oponen a la suspensión, en Juntos por el Cambio hay quienes apoyan postergar un mes las elecciones primarias por la pandemia, como lo expresó la exdiputada Elisa Carrió.

Hoy, los principales referentes de la coalición opositora buscarán unificar su postura. Y mañana, el ministro del Interior, Eduardo "Wado" de Pedro, propondrá la postergación de los comicios ante los líderes políticos del Congreso. Página 17

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Los problemas de la elite kirchnerista

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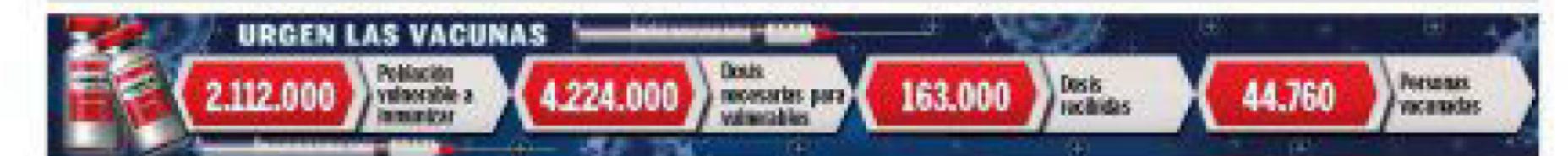
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#### Orçamento atrasa programas contra crise já anunciados

Ainda sem solução para sancionar o Orçamento de 2021, o governo Jair Bolsonaro atrasa o lançamento de medidas de combate à crise que já haviam sido anunciadas, como a antecipação do 13º dos aposen-tados e a reedição do programa de corte de jornada e de salários. Mercado A13

#### **Tesouro dos EUA** pede alíquota mínima mundial

Janet Yellen defendeu ontem a adoção de uma alíquota mundial mínima para impostos sobre empresas. O objetivo, em linha com o esforço do governo Joe Biden por mais arrecadação, é impedir que companhias transfiram lucros para fora dos EUA a fim de evitar tributos. Mercado A26



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FOME ATINGE 19 MILHÕES DE PESSOAS NO BRASIL NA PANDEMIA EM 2020

Márcio, 42, e Michele, 31, que vivem em situação de rua na zona oeste do Rio de Janeiro e dependem de alimentos encontrados no lixo para refeições Cotidiano BS

#### LG encerrará sua produção global de smartphones

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#### Vacinação no Brasil % da população vacinada\*

Brasil	2ª dose 3,5	1ª dose 12,4
MS	4,9	16,8
AM	5	15,6
BA	3	15,6

#### Cobertura da primeira dose\*



lotal de doses		
aplicadas	5,6 mi	20 m
1º SP	1,7 mi	7,9 mi
2º MG	560 mil	1,7 mi
30 BA	336.9 mil	1.7 mi

#### Números da pandemia

Total	Casos 13,0 mi	Óbitos 333,2 mil
5.abr**	63,7 mil	2.698
Variação d	*** -15,3%	17,4%



Dados das 20h de 5.abr \*Acima de 18 anos \*\*Média móvel de 7 dias \*\*\*Em relação a 14 dias

Limite de pontos da CNH e regras de cadeirinhas mudam no dia 12 B7

A atriz Cacilda Becker em retrato de 1960 Arquivo Agência O Globo

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#### Cacilda, 100

Atriz que deu luz a um novo teatro no Brasil, Cacilda Becker completaria hoje cem anos de idade. Morta em 1969, ela conquistou público, artistas e críticos teatrais e virou um símbolo da luta contra a censura da ditadura militar.

#### **Esporte B8** Desfalques ilustres na

Champions acirram os ânimos entre clubes e seleções

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## Gilmar veta cultos em SP, e discussão vai para o plenário

Procurador-geral pede ao STF que relatoria do processo seja de Kassio, que em ação anterior liberou celebrações

O ministro do STF (Supremo Tribunal Federal) Gilmar Mendes manteve o veto à realização de cultos presenciais no estado de São Paulo.

A decisão respondeu a ação em que o PSD (Partido Social Democrático) argumentava que decreto do governador João Doria (PSDB) proibindo celebrações com presença de público era inconstitucional por ferir a liberdade religiosa.

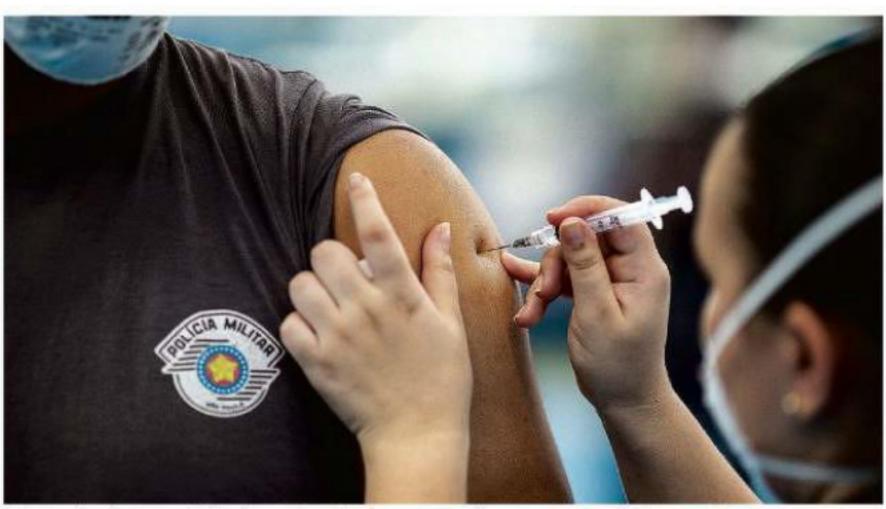
O magistrado também enviou o caso ao plenário da corte. O colegiado decidirá se a medida dele é aplicável em todo o país. O presidente do tribunal, Luiz Fux, pautou o debate para amanhã.

No sábado (3), o ministro Kassio Nunes Marques havia liberado reuniões em templos e igrejas de todo o país, vários dos quais abriram as portas e ficaram lotados no domingo de Páscoa (4).

O procurador-geral da República, Augusto Aras, pediu ontem a Fux que a relatoria do processo saia das mãos de Gilmar e vá para Kassio.

Ele defende que a regra de distribuição estabelece que processos que tratam de mesmo tema sejam juntados no mais antigo. saúde B1

Judiciário provoca abre e fecha de escola e igreja e fura a fila nas UTIs BI



PM recebe dose no 1º dia de vacinação de agentes de segurança pública em SP Danilo Verpa/Folhapress

#### Válida no Brasil, vacinação privada só existe na Ásia

A vacinação privada contra Covid-19, cuja flexibilização se estuda no Brasil, é aplicada na Índia e é avaliada em outros países asiáticos. Nas Filipinas, ela é válida, mas 50% das doses vão para o governo. Na Europa, não há previsão de que ocorra antes da imunização gratuita. Saúde B4

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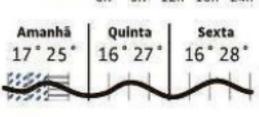
#### Bolsonaro tenta se reaproximar de empresariado

O presidente vai jantar com empresários amanhã, em São Paulo, na casa de Washington Cinel, dono da empresa de segurança Gocil. O tema central será a pandemia e a vacinação do Brasil, mas a agenda liberal e as reformas econômicas também devem ser discutidas. Mercado A22

Prefeito pró-cloroquina receberá o presidente após fazer lockdown вз

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#### Rússia coloca forças perto da Ucrânia e alarma o Ocidente

Grande deslocamento militar russo na fronteira da Ucrânia e na península da Crimeia elevou a tensão no leste do país europeu, levando nações do Ocidente a prometer apoio a Kiev em caso de agressão. Líder separatista, apoiado por Moscou, disse que a guerra é inevitável. Mundo A10

EUA e China se testam e enviam porta-aviões a áreas disputadas A10

Índia supera 100 mil casos diários do vírus e culpa variantes A12

#### Com Exército ressentido, Braga Netto assume hoje

O general Walter Braga Netto toma posse hoje como novo ministro da Defesa, com parte expressiva da cúpula do Exército ainda ressentida com a troca feita no comando das Forças Armadas na semana passada e crítica a falas recentes de Jair Bolsonaro sobre a pandemia. Poder A4

#### Vera Iaconelli

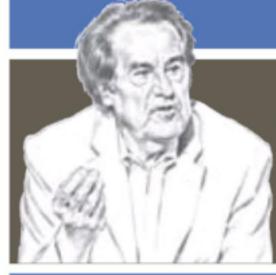
#### A linha que separa os filhos dos pais

O superinvestimento nos filhos, que se inicia com a modernidade e vive o paroxismo na atual geração, se revela problemático para que jovens achem formas de se separar. Diante de adultos frágeis, alguns escapam ao dilema evitando se perguntar sobre o próprio desejo. saúde B3

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« Sans la liberté de blâmer, il n'est point d'éloge flatteur » Beaumarchais



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#### Réponses à la question de lundi :

Covid-19 : faut-il organiser le vote des régionales en plein air au mois de juin ?

> OUI **65**%

NON **35%** 

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FABIEN CLAIREFOND-THOMAS COEX/ AFP-ANTOINE SÉGUIN



À quelques jours d'un vote à l'Assemblée sur la fin de vie, l'écrivain prend position dans *Le Figaro*. Dans le prolongement d'une œuvre qui explore les failles et les tentations de la société, il s'élève contre la légalisation de l'euthanasie, qu'il considère comme une rupture anthropologique irrémédiable. PAGE 16

# Europe-Turquie: l'impossible réconciliation?

Après une année 2020 explosive, Ursula von der Leyen et Charles Michel se rendent, ce mardi, à Ankara, afin de tenter d'obtenir des gages du président turc.

À la demande de Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Charles Michel et Ursula von der Leyen font le déplacement, ce mardi, en Turquie, pour une visite à haut risque.

Cette visite des présidents du Conseil européen et de la Commission est censée remettre sur les rails les relations entre l'UE et la Turquie après une année 2020 mouvementée durant laquelle Ankara avait multiplié les provocations: ouverture des frontières pour laisser passer des réfugiés vers la Grèce, forages en Méditerranée orientale, attaques verbales visant des dirigeants de l'UE, implication de la Turquie dans les conflits en Syrie, Irak et Libye, ainsi qu'au Haut-Karabakh.

Charles Michel et Ursula von der Leyen vont rencontrer le président turc armés d'un mandat clair. Cependant, malgré quelques ouvertures timides, le président Erdogan maintient sur l'UE la pression d'une ouverture des vannes de l'immigration vers le continent et continue de rudoyer les droits de l'homme et l'État de droit.

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#### La grande mue des gares françaises malgré la pandémie

La SNCF poursuit les grands chantiers de transformation de ses gares, malgré la perte importante d'activité liée à la crise sanitaire. Après Nantes en 2019 et Rennes en 2020, la gare Montparnasse fera peau

neuve à la rentrée de septembre. Elle sera plus lumineuse et disposera de davantage de commerces. L'ouverture à la concurrence pourrait aussi redonner vie aux petites gares. **PAGES 20 ET 21** 

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#### Fragile humanité

a France est entrée dans un troisième confinement. La principale raison de cette décision est toujours d'éviter l'engorgement des hôpitaux. Le spectre du « tri » - de la désorganisation - plane régulièrement. Ce souci appuyé de faire prévaloir la santé et la vie de malades souvent âgés sur toute autre considération explique l'acceptation in fine par les Français de nouvelles restrictions pourtant de plus en plus contraignantes.

C'est dire le caractère intempestif de la proposition de loi débattue à l'Assemblée qui vise à instaurer une « assistance médicalisée active à mourir ». En plein combat pour la vie, un vote sur la mort... Ce texte demande un « droit à une fin de vie libre et choisie ».

Derrière ces périphrases se cache le visage terrifiant de l'euthanasie, mot qui n'est pas employé, tout simplement parce que sa réalité fait peur, à juste titre. Les éternels arguments sont avancés : cas extrêmes qui suscitent la compassion, sondages « favorables » et enfin « retard » de la France... Les plus modérés avancent que la loi Leonetti-Claeys serait mal connue, mal appliquée... Des détresses, l'imperfection d'une loi doivent-elles pour autant pousser une société à consentir à ce geste grave que constitue l'interruption légale d'une existence, fût-ce pour «toute personne en phase avancée ou terminale d'une affection grave et incurable lui infligeant une souffrance physique ou psychique»? Sa souffrance n'appelle-t-elle pas au contraire sollicitude et soins, éventuellement palliatifs?

Le pacte avec la vie, des origines à la fin, est une marque de notre civilisation, quoiqu'il soit

Combat pour la vie, vote sur la mort très fragile, rendu incertain par les lois bioéthiques. Inlassablement, cependant, l'esprit humain cherche la voie étroite entre une juste prise en compte de si-

tuations dramatiques et des principes seuls capables de construire une société et de protéger les plus faibles. Vous vous souvenez du cri de Jupiter dans Les Mouches? «L'ordre d'une cité et l'ordre des âmes sont instables: si vous y touchez, vous provoquerez une catastrophe.»

Un équilibre est à maintenir, cela demande de l'humilité, afin d'écarter la tentation prométhéenne, qui est dans l'air du temps, de tout régir, jusqu'à la vie et la mort. ■

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