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◆ **Apple Music disclosed to artists that it pays a penny per stream, according to a letter viewed by The Wall Street Journal. A1**

◆ **Morgan Stanley lost \$911 million when Archegos imploded last month, tarnishing a record-setting quarter for the Wall Street firm. B1**

◆ **New estimates from the Fed suggest that the economic toll from the pandemic for smaller businesses wasn't as bad as feared. B1**

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Gunman Kills Eight People at Indianapolis FedEx Facility



CARNAGE: A body was taken away on Friday after an assailant shot and killed eight people and wounded several others Thursday night at a FedEx site in Indianapolis. Authorities said the 19-year-old suspect, a former FedEx employee, killed himself. **A3**

Biden to Increase Refugee Cap After Outcry by Progressives

BY MICHELLE HACKMAN
AND TARINI PARTI

WASHINGTON—In a reversal, President Biden will increase the cap on refugee admissions for the rest of this fiscal year by May 15, the White House said late Friday, after an executive order keeping it at a record low 15,000 earlier in the day drew swift political backlash from progressives.

The initial order, which the

White House announced mid-day Friday, eliminated restrictions the Trump administration had put in place concerning which types of refugees qualify under the cap, but left the limit at 15,000 refugees for the year ending Sept. 30.

In February, Mr. Biden had promised to raise the cap to 125,000 for the next fiscal year, and that he would make a "down payment" toward that goal for the current year. The

order signed Friday surprised many in his party.

"Completely and utterly unacceptable," said Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D, N.Y.) in a tweet after the executive order was announced and before the later statement. "Biden promised to welcome immigrants, and people voted for him based on that promise."

A White House official said ahead of the signing of the initial order Friday that the ad-

ministration hadn't ruled out increasing the cap this fiscal year and would revisit the issue once the 15,000 cap was reached.

Later in the day, following a wave of criticism, the White House said Mr. Biden would set a final, increased refugee cap for the remainder of the fiscal year by May 15.

A group of House Democrats, led by Rep. Ilhan Omar

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Apple Tells Music Artists What It Pays Per Stream

BY ANNE STEELE

Apple Music told artists it pays a penny per stream, according to a letter viewed by The Wall Street Journal.

The disclosure, made in a letter to artists delivered Friday via the service's artist dashboard and sent to labels and publishers, reflects music-streaming services' increasing efforts to show they are artist-friendly.

Apple Inc.'s move can be seen as a riposte to Spotify Technology SA, which last month shared some details of how it pays the music industry for streams on its platform.

Apple's penny-per-stream payment structure—which music-industry experts say can dip lower—is roughly double what Spotify, the world's largest music-streaming service, pays music-rights holders per stream. Spotify pays an average of about one-third to one-half penny per stream, though its larger user base generates many more streams. Apple's payments come out of monthly subscription revenue from users.

Artists, managers and lawyers, still reeling from the loss of touring revenue during the pandemic, have been calling for higher payouts from music streaming, which has grown rapidly in the past year. Many fans have joined the push to raise artists' compensation.

The Union of Musicians and Allied Workers weighed in on Apple's letter Friday, saying that all music streamers should pay one penny per

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One Family, Two Views of Its History

Researching a woman named Ann led her descendants to confront a painful past

BY AMY DOKSER MARCUS

Kim Lee Finger and Michelle Brooks, like many Black Americans, grew up knowing they are descended from slaves.

Over the years, each had heard fragments of family stories about their great-great-grandparents, who were children of a woman named Ann.

Ann was once owned by a white farmer from a well-known family that helped found what became Fairfax, Va. Documents indicate she was also the mother of his children.

Yet much about Ann was unknown. There were no pictures of her, no written accounts chronicling her life or preserving her voice. The two women, who had never met, would search for

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Kim Lee Finger, left, and Michelle Brooks struggled with some of the information they learned about the past. They both wanted to know more about their ancestor.

EXCHANGE



POWER MOVE

Texas debates how to overhaul electricity market. **B1**

Listeners Add Commentary To Fed Chief's

Chat rooms during 'JPow's' talks can provide an earful

BY PAUL KIERNAN

Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell has worked hard to explain the central bank's policies to ordinary people, hoping to shore up trust at a time of wavering public faith in institutions. The effort has produced some unintended results.

On Wednesday, for instance, Mr. Powell outlined the Fed's

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Cheating at West Point Spurs End to Leniency

BY TAWNELL D. HOBBS

WEST POINT, N.Y.—Cadets at the U.S. Military Academy are constantly reminded about the importance of integrity.

The students must memorize an honor code, warning them to "not lie, cheat, steal, or tolerate those who do." The words are inscribed in marble at the Honor Plaza, in an area of the campus where hundreds, perhaps thousands, of future U.S. Army officers walk by every day.

Now, Covid-19 has put that code to the test. The U.S. Military Academy at West Point this month concluded investigations into its largest cheating scandal in at

least four decades. It punished dozens of cadets found to be dishonest on an exam while studying remotely, though those avoiding expulsion won't have a permanent blemish on their records.

A final summary report of their transgressions, including a decision to end a policy that for years has protected wayward cadets from being kicked out, is being reported for the first time by The Wall Street Journal.

The policy, known as the "willful admission process," can protect a cadet who admits to wrongdoing from being thrown out. It was put in place in 2015 to increase self-reporting with-

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IN INDIANAPOLIS, 3RD MASSACRE IN 3 MONTHS

Biden Wavers On Restricting Refugee Entry Backlash Over Retreat From a Big Increase

By ZOLAN KANNO-YOUNGS
and MIRIAM JORDAN

WASHINGTON — The White House announced on Friday that President Biden would limit the number of refugees allowed into the United States this year to the historically low level set by the Trump administration, reversing an earlier promise to welcome more than 60,000 people fleeing war and persecution.

But the move to cap the number at 15,000 prompted such an immediate backlash from Democrats and human rights activists that the White House later retreated and promised to announce a final, increased number by May 15.

The White House press secretary, Jen Psaki, did not specify how many refugees would be allowed into the country, but she did say that Mr. Biden's initial goal of welcoming 62,500 seemed "unlikely."

The wavering showed the Biden administration's struggle to find its footing as it tries to reverse President Donald J. Trump's harsh immigration policies amid a record surge of children and teenagers crossing the southwestern border.

"This Biden administration refugee admissions target is unacceptable," said Senator Richard J. Durbin, Democrat of Illinois and the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee. "Facing the greatest refugee crisis in our time, there is no reason to limit the number to 15,000. Say it ain't so, President Joe."

Unauthorized migrants crossing the border are processed differently from refugees, who are vetted and approved for resettlement before arriving. But Mr. Biden was concerned that lifting the Trump-era cap on refugees would overwhelm the already-strapped

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Pleading Guilty, Rioter at Capitol Will Aid Inquiry

By ALAN FEUER

A member of the Oath Keepers militia who was charged in connection with the riot at the Capitol pleaded guilty on Friday and agreed to cooperate with the government — potentially against other members of the far-right extremist group.

The guilty plea by the Oath Keeper, Jon Ryan Schaffer, 53, of Indiana, was the first to be entered publicly by any of the more than 400 people who have been charged so far in the Jan. 6 attack. News of the plea emerged last week after sealed documents in Mr. Schaffer's case were briefly — and accidentally — made available on a federal court database.

Mr. Schaffer's cooperation with the government could prove instrumental in helping prosecutors pursue a separate and much broader conspiracy case against 12 other members of the Oath Keepers who stand accused of some of the most serious charges in the sprawling investigation into the storming of the Capitol. Though he was not charged as part of that case, Mr. Schaffer's agreement to assist the government was apparently significant enough that prosecutors said at a court hearing on Friday that they would sponsor him for the witness protection program.

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A gunman opened fire on FedEx employees in Indianapolis during a shift change on Thursday.

A Partial List of Mass Shootings in 2021

Shootings never stopped during the pandemic. They just weren't as public. The Gun Violence Archive, which defines a mass shooting as one with four or more people injured or killed, not including the perpetrator, has counted 11 mass murders in 2021. This list offers a glimpse of the gun violence the country has already suffered this year. DANIEL VICTOR and DERRICK BRYSON TAYLOR

Indianapolis

APRIL 15 • EIGHT DEAD

At least eight people were killed after a gunman opened fire in a FedEx warehouse. Relatives said that workers were unable to use their cellphones on the job, leaving them unable to confirm their safety for hours.

Rock Hill, S.C.

APRIL 7 • SIX DEAD

A former N.F.L. player shot and killed a doctor, the doctor's wife and their two grandchildren inside their house, as well as two air-conditioning technicians. The gunman later killed himself, the authorities said.

Allen, Texas

APRIL 3 • FOUR DEAD

The authorities said two brothers killed four family members before killing themselves. The bodies were discovered after the police arrived at a home for a welfare check.

Orange, Calif.

MARCH 31 • FOUR DEAD

A gunman opened fire at a real estate office, killing four people, including a 9-year-old boy. The shooting was most likely related to a "business and personal relationship," the authorities said.

Essex, Md.

MARCH 28 • FOUR DEAD

A gunman killed his parents, two people at a convenience store and then himself in a shooting spree, the police said.

Boulder, Colo.

MARCH 22 • 10 DEAD

A gunman inside a grocery store killed 10 people, including the first police officer to arrive at the scene. The gunman was injured and taken into custody.

Atlanta

MARCH 16 • EIGHT DEAD

Eight people, including six women of Asian descent, were killed at three spas, at least two of which had been frequented by the gunman. The attack caused particular alarm among many Asian-Americans.

Indianapolis

MARCH 13 • FOUR DEAD

A shooting near the city's east side left four people dead, including a 7-year-old child, and critically wounded a woman, the authorities said. The police said the shooting stemmed from a domestic problem.

Muskogee, Okla.

FEB. 2 • SIX DEAD

Five children and a man were killed and a woman was seriously injured when they were shot at a home. A brother of one of the victims was arrested. The police said they believed that the victims were related.

Indianapolis

JAN. 24 • FIVE DEAD

Five people, including a pregnant woman, were found dead inside a home after the authorities came in contact with a juvenile male, who was suffering from gunshot wounds. A day after the shooting, he was arrested.

Evanston, Ill.

JAN. 9 • FIVE DEAD

At least five people, including a 15-year-old girl, were killed in a shooting spree in the Chicago area, the police said. The gunman shot a total of seven people before he was killed by the police.

At Ukraine Border, Russia Bares Military Might

By ANDREW E. KRAMER

MASLOVKA, Russia — Deep in a pine forest in southern Russia, military trucks, their silhouettes blurred by camouflage netting, appear through the trees. Soldiers in four-wheel-drive vehicles creep along rutted dirt roads. And outside a newly pitched tent camp, sentries, Kalashnikovs slung over their shoulders, pace back and forth.

Over the past month or so, Russia has deployed what analysts are calling the largest military

Display Poses an Early Challenge for Biden

buildup along the border with Ukraine since the outset of Kyiv's war with Russian-backed separatists seven years ago.

It is far from a clandestine operation: During a trip to southern Russia by a New York Times journalist, evidence of the buildup was everywhere to be seen.

The mobilization is setting off

alarms in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, European capitals and Washington, and is increasingly seen as a test for the Biden administration, which just hit Moscow with a new round of sanctions. Russia responded almost immediately, announcing on Friday that it would expel 10 U.S. diplomats.

The American sanctions were intended to punish Russia for numerous past actions, including its meddling in United States elections, the "Solar Winds" hacking of government agencies and cor-

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8 Are Killed at FedEx Warehouse — Gunman Once Worked There

This article is by Sarah Bahr, Mitch Smith and Campbell Robertson.

INDIANAPOLIS — He appeared in the parking lot after dark — a hooded figure with a gun who immediately began spraying bullets in every direction.

He stepped into the FedEx warehouse, a place where he had once worked, and continued shooting, "firing into the open," according to one witness.

He shouted unintelligibly as he fired off round after round, and then, before the police could even arrive, he had killed himself, leaving in his wake eight dead and at least seven wounded.

On Thursday night, in a terrifyingly quick spasm of violence, Indianapolis faced its third mass shooting since the start of the year. And a nation already weary from a pandemic grappled with yet another bloody rampage, only weeks after back-to-back mass shootings last month at spas in the Atlanta area and at a grocery store in Boulder, Colo.

"It is a national embarrassment, what's going on," President Biden said in a news conference on Friday, as he repeated his support for a ban on assault weapons. "And it's not only these mass shootings that are occurring. Every single day, every single day, there's a mass shooting in the United States if you count all those who are killed out on the streets of our cities and our rural areas. It's a national embarrassment and must come to an end."

The mayor of Indianapolis, Joe Hogsett, told reporters of the "scourge of gun violence that has killed far too many" in his city and in the country as a whole. "What

we are left with this morning is grief," he said, "grief for the families of those killed, grief for the employees who have lost their co-workers and grief for the many Americans struggling to understand how tragedies like this continue to occur, again and again."

The gunman was identified by law enforcement officials on Friday as Brandon Scott Hole, a 19-year-old who used to work at the warehouse, and who was already on law enforcement radar.

The victims were identified by the police as Matthew R. Alexander, 32; Samaria Blackwell, 19; Amarjeet Johal, 66; Jaswinder Kaur, 64; Jaswinder Singh, 68; Amarjit Sekhon, 48; Karli Smith, 19; and John Weisner, 74. Some family members of victims who are Sikh provided different spellings and ages: Jaswinder Kaur, 50; Amarjit Sekhon, 49; and Jaswinder Kaur Singh, 70.

Chief Randal Taylor of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department said he had been told that a large number of Sikh employees worked at the FedEx warehouse, and the Sikh Coalition, a national nonprofit group, said on Twitter that at least four of those killed were members of the city's Sikh community.

Officials described Thursday night's rampage as unfolding in just a couple of minutes, as Deputy Chief Craig McCarty said to reporters.

Around 11 p.m., the gunman arrived at the facility, a huge warehouse lined with loading docks sitting a few miles outside of the Indianapolis airport. There were at least 100 people inside around that

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Why Workers Chose Amazon Over a Union

By KAREN WEISSE
and NOAM SCHEIBER

When Graham Brooks received his ballot in early February, asking whether he wanted to form a union at the Amazon warehouse in Alabama where he works, he did not hesitate. He marked the NO box, and mailed the ballot in.

After almost six years of working as a reporter at nearby newspapers, Mr. Brooks, 29, makes about \$1.55 more an hour at Amazon, and is optimistic he can move up.

"I personally didn't see the need for a union," he said. "If I was being treated differently, I may have voted differently."

Mr. Brooks is one of almost 1,800 employees who handed Amazon a runaway victory in the company's hardest-fought battle to keep unions out of its warehouses. The result — announced last week, with 738 workers voting to form a union — dealt a crushing blow to labor and Democrats when conditions appeared ripe for them to make advances.

For some workers at the warehouse, like Mr. Brooks, the minimum wage of \$15 an hour is more than they need to pursue jobs and provided a powerful incentive to side with the company. Amazon's health insurance, which kicks in on the first day of employment, also encouraged loyalty, workers said.

Carla Johnson, 44, said she had learned she had brain cancer just a few months after starting work last year at the warehouse, which is in Bessemer, Ala. Amazon's health care covered her treatment.

"I was able to come in Day 1 with benefits, and that could have possibly made the difference in life or death," Ms. Johnson said at

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VARTAN GREGORIAN
1934-2021



Unlikely Savior Of a Landmark For Book Lovers

By ROBERT D. McFADDEN

Vartan Gregorian, the ebullient Armenian immigrant who climbed to pinnacles of academic and philanthropic achievement but took a detour in the 1980s to restore a fading New York Public Library to its place at the heart of American intellectual life, died on Thursday in Manhattan. He was 87.

The death, at a hospital, was confirmed by his son Dareh Gregorian. No cause was given.

Dr. Gregorian liked to tell the story of "the most painful experience of my entire life." It happened in 1980, when he was provost of the University of Pennsylvania, its top academic official. Powerful trustees told him that he was a shoo-in to replace the outgoing president. He was so sure of the post that he withdrew his name from consideration as chancellor of the University of California at Berkeley.

He heard the bad news on his car radio. The Penn trustees had chosen another academic star.

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Air fresheners hung from rearview mirrors can give the police a reason to stop drivers in many states. PAGE A13

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Jimmy Lai, a media tycoon, and other pro-democracy leaders received prison terms over a peaceful protest. PAGE A7

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The popular drink's main ingredient, tapioca pearls, could soon be in short supply because of delays in unloading cargo ships from Asia. PAGE B1

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Elon Musk's company bested Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin and others for a NASA contract to carry American astronauts to the lunar surface. PAGE B4

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For Gina Prince-Bythwood, seeing her film premiere at the ArcLight was a triumph. News of the chain's closure has hit her and others hard. PAGE C1

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Ruled Out of the Olympics

The ban of the champion sprinter Christian Coleman isn't shortened enough to let him compete in Tokyo. PAGE B8

THIS WEEKEND

A Time of Transformation

Some moments have the power to shift our core sense of being. The pandemic is one of them. We asked people to tell how it reshaped them. Special section.



COLUMN ONE

Lost for decades, a hero is home

18-year-old Jacob Cruz was killed in action in World War II. Last year, his niece got a call: He was finally coming back to L.A.

GUSTAVO ARELLANO

The word came in the morning, as Grace Cruz and her children gathered in the family home in Boyle Heights on Christmas Eve, 1943.



Her oldest son, Jacob, was dead. A telegram from the United States Marine Corps said the 18-year-old private was killed in action, but divulged little else. The ongoing Pacific campaign meant Jacob would be buried in a temporary grave on the Tarawa atoll, where he and more than 1,000 other Marines and sailors died fighting the Imperial Japanese Army.

Weeks turned into months and into years. The military finally admitted it couldn't find Jacob's burial place. His name was etched at the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Hawaii.

Jacob's family did their best to honor him for the rest of their lives. Grace opened a diner named after him in Boyle Heights, and kept his letters, newspaper clippings of his death and his medals — a Purple Heart and Silver Star, among others — in a cosmetics case. His four siblings shared stories of their brother with their own children, some of whom joined the military. Nephews who never knew their *tio* tattooed their arms and legs with his name and face and years of life.

Grace died in 1974, and Jacob's siblings would follow until only two, Isaac Cruz Jr. and Ruth Soto, were left. Tears eventually dried, replaced by a longing for closure the family assumed would never come.

Then, in April of last year, Ruth's daughter, Ruthie, received a phone call at work: Jacob was coming home.

The news was so impossible to believe that she hung up mid-conversation to gather herself. Born in Arizona, Jacob Cruz had moved to Boyle Heights with his family in the 1930s. As the oldest son, it was his job to help out his single mother, a Mexican. [See Arellano, A8]



MICHAEL CONROY Associated Press

8 KILLED IN INDIANAPOLIS SHOOTING

A body is taken from the scene on Friday as officials released the names of the eight victims — four of whom were Sikhs — fatally shot by a former employee at a FedEx facility in Indianapolis. **NATION, A5**

When relatives drag feet, vaccine hunters twist arms

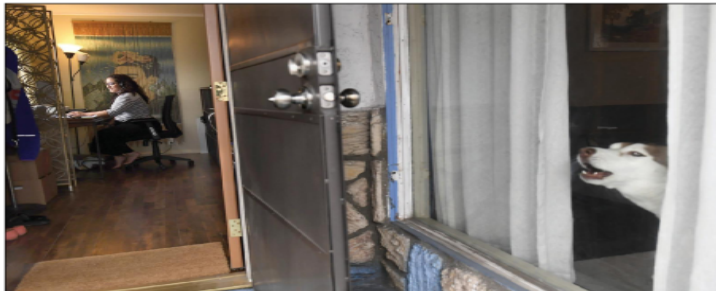
Multitaskers make it their mission to book shots for their loved ones

By BRITTNY MEJIA AND MARIA L. LA GANCA

Jackie Cornejo held her father's hand for the last time on Jan. 31, as he died from complications of COVID-19. Ricardo Cornejo was "a true warrior," her beloved *viejito*, who taught his daughter to be both generous and strong.

As she helped arrange her father's funeral, she booked an appointment for her mother, Martha, to get vaccinated. When food-service workers were eligible for the vaccine, she made an appointment for her little brother. Then one for her in-laws, her godmother, a sister and friends. At least nine — so far.

[See Appointments, A7]



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JACKIE CORNEJO, who lost her father to COVID-19, sits in her home office in Los Angeles, where she makes vaccination appointments for her extended family. [See Refugees, A6]

SpaceX gets U.S. moon mission

By BRENDAN CASE, JUSTIN BACHMAN AND SAMANTHA MASUNAGA

Elon Musk's SpaceX won a NASA contract to develop a system for landing astronauts on the moon, beating out fellow billionaire Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin and a unit of Leidos Holdings Inc. NASA awarded the lander contract Friday after 10

months of development work. The plan by SpaceX — which is based in Hawthorne and whose full name is Space Exploration Technologies Corp. — depends on refining its Starship vehicle and Super Heavy rocket, which are also in development, as a fully integrated lunar landing system, Musk said last year. The Starship craft is nearing its fifth test; the

previous four suffered mishaps including fires and an explosion. The company is building and testing its Starship spacecraft in Boca Chica Village, Texas. Musk has said he wants to create a city called Starbase, which would encompass the village and surrounding area, and has put out a call on Twitter for engineers, technicians [See SpaceX, A8]

In China, shots come with free eggs, other perks

Officials seek to boost inoculations as the efficacy of vaccines is called into question.

By ALICE SU

BEIJING — The poster was not the slickest marketing campaign, but it made its point: "Come get your eggs!!!!"

Every person above age 60 who got a COVID-19 vaccination at this community center in Beijing would be entitled to two boxes of free eggs. The deal was part of a nationwide push to raise vaccination rates in a country where successful containment of the pandemic has spurred complacency, despite ample supplies of vaccine.

Chinese authorities have set a target of vaccinating 40% of its population of 14 billion by June. As of Wednesday, nearly 180 million doses had been administered, according to health authorities, though the number of fully vaccinated people that represents is unknown.

To reach their goal, au-

thorities have dispatched community-level workers to knock on doors, broadcast calls on village loudspeakers and offer perks for the vaccinated.

Free eggs and park tickets have been a common offering in Beijing. In one district of Shenzhen, companies donated 2,500 coupons for roast pigeon and free soy milk to lure people to roll up their sleeves. In another, patriotic films were shown to "warm the hearts" of those who got vaccinated.

One reason for China's initially slow vaccine rollout is its success in stopping the spread of the coronavirus. China has had only a handful of small outbreaks this year, all quickly contained through severe lockdowns and quarantines. Most of the country has been living normally for months, with group gatherings, open schools and workplaces and little sense of urgency surrounding vaccination.

At the same time, a degree of skepticism has arisen around the efficacy of China's vaccines, which, as part of Beijing's vaccine diplomacy, have been sent to dozens of countries even [See China, A4]

Cuba leader Raul Castro to step down

The 89-year-old said he'll resign as head of the Communist Party, ending an era that he and his brother began in 1959. **WORLD, A3**

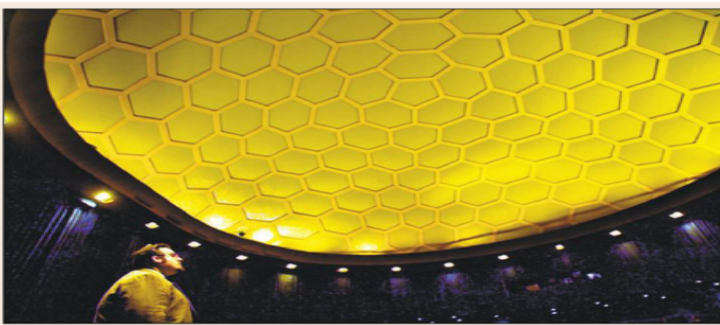
Elder fought for the Tongva tribe

Julia Bogany, who worked to correct history and revitalize her culture, has died at 72. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

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Mostly sunny. L.A. Basin: 76/61. **B10**

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A HOLLYWOOD LANDMARK

The ArcLight Hollywood and its Cinerama Dome need to be saved, but they don't require a reinvention, columnist Nita Lelyveld writes. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Refugee cap sparks furor, then a reversal

Biden backtracks after saying he'd maintain Trump's low ceiling

BY SEAN SULLIVAN, SEUNG MIN KIM AND TYLER PAGER

President Biden on Friday all but abandoned a pledge to enable tens of thousands of refugees fleeing danger abroad to come to the United States this year, then abruptly backtracked after drawing a furious response from human rights advocates and fellow Democrats.

In a directive issued early Friday, the administration announced that it would leave the cap on refugees at 15,000, the record-low ceiling set by President Donald Trump. But after hours of blistering criticism from allies, White House press secretary Jen Psaki reversed the announcement, issuing an unusual statement saying that the order had been "the subject of some confusion."

Psaki said that Biden would actually set the final cap — which sets the refugee allotment through the end of September — by May 15, and that while the White House expects it will be higher than Trump's ceiling, it is "unlikely" to rise to the 62,500 that Biden had put forward with some fanfare in February.

Psaki said Biden could not keep that promise because the Trump administration had "decimated" the refugee program. But advocates dismissed that explanation as unpersuasive, saying the Biden

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The fight for the future of transgender athletes

Women's sports figures support plan that LGBT activists view as perilous

BY WILL HOBSON

The women timed their announcement carefully, holding it the day before National Girls and Women in Sports Day, created three decades ago to promote female athletes.

Among them were trailblazers: Donna de Varona, the Olympic swimmer who lobbied for Title IX's passage in 1972; Donna Lopiano, the former chief executive of the Women's Sports Foundation; and Nancy Hoghead-Makar, Olympic swimmer and law professor who wrote a book on Title IX.

Before that day in early February, they were universally respected as pioneers in the long fight for women's equality in sports. Then they unveiled their project: changing the way transgender girls and women participate in women's sports. Almost immediately, their proposal drew bitter criticism in the fraught debate

over transgender rights.

For starters, they said, they planned to lobby for federal legislation requiring transgender girls and women, in high school sports and above, to suppress testosterone for at least one year before competing against other girls and women, making universal a policy already in place in some states and some higher levels of sports. For transgender girls in high school who do not suppress testosterone, they suggested "accommodations," such as separate races, podiums or teams.

They called themselves the Women's Sports Policy Working Group.

"To give girls and women an equal opportunity to participate in sports, they need their own team. Why? Because of the biological differences between males and females," said Hoghead-Makar, CEO of Champion Women, a women's sports advocacy organization.

They portrayed their proposals as a science-based compromise between two extremes: right-wing politicians seeking wholesale bans of transgender athletes and transgender activists who argue for full inclusion — and who

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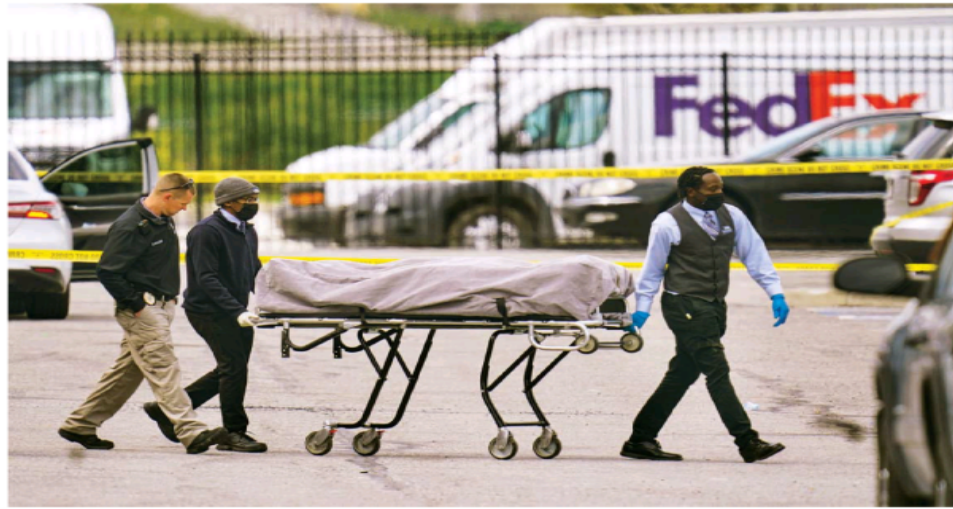
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Indianapolis adds to national sorrow



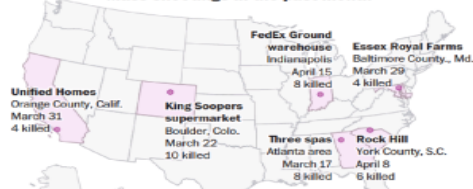
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ABOVE: A body is removed from the FedEx Ground facility in Indianapolis on Friday after a shooting left eight people dead and seven injured. The gunman then killed himself. BELOW: Relatives of workers waited for hours Friday to learn their loved ones' fates.



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Mass shootings in the past month



Note: The Washington Post defines a mass shooting as one that happens in a public place and in which four or more people, not including the shooter, are killed.

8 ARE KILLED AT FEDEX WAREHOUSE

Shooter, an ex-employee, was known to police

BY MARY CLAIRE MOLLOY, TIMOTHY BELLA, MARK BERMAN AND GRIFF WITTE

INDIANAPOLIS — The gunman who carried out a massacre at a FedEx sorting facility, killing eight people before shooting himself, was a 19-year-old former employee who had a shotgun seized by authorities last year, Indianapolis police said Friday.

The shooting, which left seven injured, came during a shift break at the facility, and left bodies throughout the parking lot and inside the cavernous warehouse just after 11 p.m. Thursday.

Authorities said they were investigating what might have motivated the killer, whom they identified as Brandon Hole. He appeared to have fired his rifle at "random," officials said, and the entire attack lasted no more than a couple of minutes. For hours afterward, relatives of those who had been at work at FedEx waited to learn whether their loved ones had lived or died.

Authorities identified the victims as Matthew R. Alexander, 32; Samaria Blackwell, 19; Amarjeet Johal, 66; Jaswinder Kaur, 64; Jaswinder Singh, 68; Amarjit Sekhon, 48; Karl Smith, 19; and John Weisert, 74. A family member gave a different age for Sekhon — 49 — and a different age and name spelling for Jaswinder Kaur, age 50.

At least four of those killed were members of the Sikh community in Indianapolis, according to the Sikh Coalition, a national advocacy group. Among them was Johal — a hard worker who took night shifts at the FedEx facility to support her family, including at least three grandchildren, according to

SEE SHOOTING ON A6

An unsettling spotlight

In a Va. town, police pepper-spray case illuminates racial tensions

BY GREGORY S. SCHNEIDER

WINDSOR, VA. — The Rev. Willie Williams saw the news on TV last week like most other people: An Army lieutenant, Black and Latino, had been pepper-sprayed by police and hauled from his SUV onto the pavement — just down the road, in town.

The reverend's phone lit up with texts and emails. A pastor friend called from outside Richmond: "What's going on in Windsor?"

To Williams, 75, who is Black and grew up in the surrounding Isle of Wight County being taught to say "yes, sir" and "no, sir" to all White men, it was a shocking public example of what he once viewed as just "the way it is" in that part of the old Confederate state's Southside.

But as he toggled between his phone and watching coverage of the trial of Derek Chauvin, the Minneapolis police officer charged with murder in the death of George Floyd, Williams realized there could be power in the spot-



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"We have a problem of racism," said the Rev. Willie Williams, who grew up in Isle of Wight County, Va.

light suddenly being shone on his little corner of rural Virginia.

The raw footage of police pointing guns at Army 2nd Lt. Caron Nazario, 27, in his military fatigues — captured at the BP gas station in Windsor on Dec. 5 but having just now come to light — was going to shake things up. "Perhaps this incident here will open up eyes of more people and may

be the catalyst to challenge the culture of Windsor," Williams said this week.

So on Tuesday night, Williams did something he's never done before: He made the 10-minute drive into town to attend a Windsor Town Council meeting. Dozens of other people had the same idea. TV crews showed up. Protesters from BLM 757, a Black Lives

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For Afghans, fear, hope and a sense of betrayal

BY SUSANNAH GEORGE, AZIZ TASSAL AND SHARIF HASSAN

KABUL — When the 44-year-old women's rights activist saw the news that all U.S. forces would withdraw by Sept. 11, her thoughts immediately flashed to fear of the Taliban returning to power.

"To be honest, my first feeling was, 'I was scared,'" said Astila Wardak, who is also a former Afghan diplomat. As a divorced woman, she doesn't think twice about going to the market alone, something that was — and might again be — forbidden under Taliban rule.

But her fear has since given way to a wholly different feeling — hope.

"I'm hopeful because, as Afghans, we have to stand on our own," she said. "The United States was here to help, but they were not 100 percent successful." The way she sees it, the United States withdrawing while the Taliban grows more powerful puts

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Bolsonaro prevê reajuste a servidor em ano eleitoral

Pela primeira vez no mandato de Jair Bolsonaro, o governo incluiu na estrutura do Orçamento autorização de reajuste salarial aos servidores públicos federais. A liberação foi inserida nas diretrizes orçamentárias para 2022, ano de eleições. Desde o início da gestão, aumentos para servidores foram travados — a única exceção feita foi para militares. Mercado A15

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Indicado para fazer parte da CPI da Covid, o senador (PSDB-CE) é crítico da condução do Planalto na crise do coronavírus e prevê cenário árduo para Jair Bolsonaro. "Não há dúvida que um dos principais culpados pela situação é o governo federal." Poder A7

Acordo por Aziz e Renan na CPI da Covid avança

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Câncer de Covas atinge fígado e ossos, diz boletim

Exames mostram surgimento de novos focos de câncer no fígado e em ossos de Bruno Covas (PSDB). Segundo boletim, o prefeito paulistano está clinicamente bem e recebeu ajustes no tratamento. "Vou seguir lutando", disse nas redes. Cotidiano B5

CNN Brasil apura atos de racismo contra jornalista

A jornalista Basília Rodrigues, comentarista da CNN Brasil, teria sido vítima de racismo por parte de colegas de emissora, segundo relatos publicados por agência. Em nota, a empresa diz que a acusação é gravíssima e está sendo investigada. Cotidiano B7

Em Cuba, Raúl Castro anuncia aposentadoria

Raúl Castro, 89, anunciou ontem que está deixando o comando do Partido Comunista de Cuba (PCC), encerrando um período de mais de seis décadas em que ele e seu irmão mais velho, Fidel Castro (1926-2016), estiveram na liderança do país. Mundo A14



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MOTOBOYS PROTESTAM DE NOVO POR MELHORES TAXAS

Entregadores de aplicativo durante ato na Marginal Tietê, em São Paulo, ontem; a manifestação pediu tarifa mínima por pedido e vacinação para profissionais desse setor Mercado A20

Vacinação no Brasil

% da população vacinada*

	2ª dose	1ª dose
Brasil	5,7	16,0
RS	5,5	20,9
MS	7,9	19,7
PB	6,0	18,8

Dados das 20h de 16.abr
*Acima de 18 anos
**Média móvel de 7 dias
***Em relação a 14 dias



Cobertura da primeira dose*

Números da pandemia

	Casos	Óbitos
Total	13,8 mi	369,0 mil
16.abr**	65,6 mil	2.870
Varição***	-9,1%	-4,5%
Em 24 h	76,2 mil	3.070

PAINEL

Ex-chefe da PF no Amazonas é citado como 'alvo a ser abatido'

Alexandre Saraiva, trocado da chefia da Polícia Federal no Amazonas, é citado em troca de mensagens de madeiros investigados como "alvo a ser abatido". Para a PF, os diálogos mostram disposição para a violência. Poder A4

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Atentado público

O delegado Alexandre Saraiva honrou a autonomia que se espera de uma instituição crucial do Estado ao agir contra a pressão do antiministro Ricardo Salles.

Doria reabre lojas e cultos ainda na fase vermelha

Mudanças entram em vigor amanhã no estado; restaurantes, salões de beleza e academias voltam no dia 24

O governo João Doria (PSDB) anunciou ontem a criação de uma fase de transição em seu Plano SP de combate ao coronavírus, com a reabertura do comércio e permissão de cultos religiosos a partir de amanhã. "A fase de transição é para que a gente possa dar passos seguros diante sem o risco de retroceder", disse o vice-governador Rodrigo Garcia (DEM), durante entrevista no Palácio dos Bandeirantes sem a presença de Doria. No próximo sábado (24), a retomada passa a valer para o setor de serviços, incluindo restaurantes, salões de beleza e academias.

Haverá restrições. O comércio funcionará das 11h às 19h, e bares, na etapa seguinte, só poderão operar como restaurantes, vendendo bebidas com refeições. A abertura dos estabelecimentos deve ocorrer com até 25% da capacidade. Continuarão vigentes o toque de recolher das 20h às 5h e o escalonamento de entrada e saída de comércio, serviços e indústrias. Paulo Menezes, do centro de contingência, afirmou que a pandemia está em nível elevado, embora tenha havido avanços. O total de internados no estado caiu 10% na semana. Saúde B1



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CHINA BUSCA AMPLIAR COOPERAÇÃO COM EUROPA E COBRA EUA SOBRE CLIMA

O líder Xi Jinping se reuniu virtualmente com o presidente da França, Emmanuel Macron, e a primeira-ministra da Alemanha, Angela Merkel (ambos na tela), para discutir temas da área ambiental às vésperas da cúpula climática de Joe Biden Mundo A12

Médicos de teste com cloroquina receberam a mais

Michelle Chechter e Gustavo Maximiliano Dutra, que fizeram aplicação ilegal de hidroxiquina nebulizada em pacientes com Covid-19, atuaram por cinco dias na rede pública do AM, mas receberam quantias que equivalem a três meses de trabalho. Saúde B4

Brasil teve que ser cobrado para pedir insumos

A Fiocruz pediu ajuda à gestão Jair Bolsonaro para destravar a importação de insumos e registrou, em ofício, que a China exigia manifestação do governo brasileiro, o que não vinha ocorrendo. O atraso retardou em três meses a produção de doses. Saúde B2

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Guilherme Casarões Bolsonaro deveria seguir Collor

Jair Bolsonaro está diante do maior desafio de política externa de seu mandato, a Cúpula do Clima. Limpar a péssima imagem será difícil, mas não impossível. Fernando Collor de Mello é um precedente interessante. Mundo A13 Cientista político e professor da FGV

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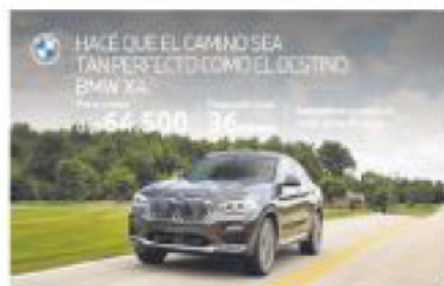
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Le Royaume-Uni rend un dernier hommage au prince Philip

C'est un enterrement royal très particulier qui aura lieu ce samedi après-midi à Windsor. En raison de l'épidémie de Covid-19, seuls trente membres de la famille proche participeront, masqués, à l'office célébré par l'archevêque de Canterbury. La reine a prêté attention à chaque détail de la cérémonie, diffusée à la télévision. **PAGE 9**



Laurent Wauquiez : « Qui aura le courage d'arrêter la décadence ? »

Dans un entretien au *Figaro*, le président LR de la région Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes en appelle au « sursaut » face au risque de « décrochage lourd et long de notre pays ». À un an de l'élection présidentielle, il affiche ses ambitions, mais met en garde ses concurrents à droite, dont Xavier Bertrand, contre un excès de « précipitation ». **PAGES 6 ET 7**

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Un trésor à protéger

Le sort s'acharne sur les agriculteurs. Vignes, vergers, betteraves, céréales : en quelques jours, le gel a causé des dommages irréparables et détruit des centaines de milliers d'hectares. Victimes, comme tout le monde, de la « pire crise économique depuis celle de 1929 », nos paysans subissent en même temps « la pire catastrophe agricole du XXI^e siècle ». Ces superlatifs décrivent l'ampleur du désastre. Ils ne disent en revanche rien du désespoir de ces hommes et de ces femmes qui se nourrissent de la terre et ont tout perdu. De ces jours sans fin consacrés à leur production, en toutes saisons et par tous les temps, réduits à néant. De ces dernières nuits passées dehors à tenter de sauver avec l'énergie du désespoir ce qui pouvait l'être. En vain. Au-delà de l'émotion qu'elle suscite et de la solidarité qu'elle exige, cette calamité vient à point nommé nous rappeler quelques vérités. La première est que notre souveraineté alimentaire, dont nous avons mesuré toute la valeur pendant le confinement, tient à un fil. La perte d'une partie significative des récoltes se paiera au prix fort et la France

dépendra en partie des autres pour son approvisionnement. Notre industrie agroalimentaire s'en trouve, elle aussi, fragilisée. Surtout, nous prenons conscience aujourd'hui de la précarité dans laquelle vivent nos agriculteurs et de la nécessité de les protéger. Une partie du chemin a été faite face à la grande distribution et à l'industrie, sommées de payer les produits à leur juste prix. Ces règles restent largement perfectibles. L'autre grand enjeu est à présent d'accompagner la révolution verte - que le monde agricole a largement entamée - sans céder aux diktats d'un écologisme forcené. Les débats caricaturaux sur les pesticides, qu'il faudrait éliminer du jour au lendemain, ou sur la taille des élevages, qu'il faudrait réduire à la portion congrue, témoignent de la difficulté de l'exercice. Les aléas climatiques font, de tout temps, partie de la vie des agriculteurs. Préservons-les des aléas idéologiques. ■

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Green light for pregnant women to have Covid jab

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Hundreds of thousands of pregnant women in Britain have been given the green light to receive a Covid vaccine, in a move welcomed by bereaved families and campaigners.

All pregnant women will be offered the Pfizer or Moderna jab after real-world data from the US showed about 90,000 pregnant women had been vaccinated without any safety concerns, the UK's Joint Committee on

Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) has said. Pregnant women, who had previously been advised not to take the vaccine because of a lack of data on any potential effects, will be able to have it at any stage. About 700,000 women give birth in England and Wales each year.

The new guidance states women who are trying to get pregnant, have recently had a baby or are breastfeeding can be given any jab, depending on their age and clinical risk group.

Prof Wei Shen Lim of the JCVI said women should discuss the risks and

benefits with their clinician, and those at increased risk should take up the offer of vaccination promptly.

"There have been no specific safety concerns from any brand of Covid-19 vaccines in relation to pregnancy," he said. "There are more real-world safety data from the US in relation to the Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna vaccines in women who are pregnant - therefore, we advise a preference for these to be offered to pregnant women."

The Oxford/AstraZeneca jab has not yet been approved in the US.

Ernest Boateng, whose wife, Mary Agyeiwaa Agyapong, died after contracting coronavirus, days after giving birth, said he hoped the vaccine would prevent other families having to go through the pain he and his children had suffered. "I lost my wife, and she has left two kids behind. No family would want to see their pregnant wife go to hospital and not come home with her baby," he said.

Dr Mary Ramsay, head of immunisation at Public Health England (PHE), said the data gave "confidence that [mRNA]



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