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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
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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 DOCKSER 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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THE RISE AND FALL OF JACK MA

The billionaire who got too big
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Growth confirms China's resilience

First quarter shows rebound Year since lockdown hit output Crisis damage still evident

THOMAS MALE — HONG KONG
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China's economy continued its strong recovery from coronavirus in the first quarter of 2021 as the country reported a record growth rate compared to last year, but the figures masked the lingering damage left by the pandemic.

Output leapt 18.3 per cent year-on-year in the first three months, the fastest rise since records began in the early 1990s. The high rate was expected because in the same period last year the economy contracted for the first time in decades as China went into lockdown.

On a quarter-on-quarter basis, the

economy expanded 0.6 per cent, according to the National Bureau of Statistics, well below expectations.

The official figures nonetheless highlight the rapid recovery that has unfolded across China's economy since the first quarter last year, when the city of Wuhan was first to be placed under lockdown as the outbreak emerged.

The containment of coronavirus cases and frenzy of industrial output meant that GDP growth surpassed its pre-pandemic rate by the end of last year.

China benefited from being the first big economy to emerge from lockdown, although the US is catching up rapidly, boosted by Joe Biden's \$1.9tn stimulus.

It is on track to regain its pre-pandemic output level in the first half of the year.

By contrast, the eurozone is grappling with rising coronavirus infections and national lockdowns which are expected to drag the bloc into a double-dip recession in the first three months of the year. Its GDP is not expected to return to pre-pandemic levels until mid-2022.

The IMF last week forecast that by 2024, the US would be one of the few large economies to be bigger than it would have been if the pandemic had not taken place, based on earlier estimates — while it predicted China and Europe would both still be smaller.

Eswar Prasad, a China finance expert



A frenzy of industrial production meant growth surpassed its pre-pandemic rate by the end of last year

at Cornell University, said that even after taking into account the "phantom effect" of the low-base comparison from last year, the first-quarter figure was "clear confirmation of the resilience and momentum of the Chinese economy".

Louis Kuijs, head of Asia economics at Oxford Economics, said: "The headline year-on-year data really doesn't tell us the story of how the economy has performed in the first quarter... in fact that performance was a bit disappointing. The silver lining is that March was better than the first two months."

Additional reporting by Xinning Liu in Beijing and Tom Mitchell in Singapore
Wealthy Chinese splash out page 12

Voice of unity Fightback in Myanmar

A demonstrator attends a protest in Mandalay yesterday against the coup on February 1 that toppled Myanmar's democratically elected government.

Aung San Suu Kyi, the country's deposed leader, remains under arrest but her supporters yesterday unveiled a parallel "national unity government" that will seek foreign aid and diplomatic recognition in its efforts to rally resistance to the military takeover.

The formation of the civilian unity government coincides with escalating violence by the junta, a deteriorating economy and a widening of the conflict into Karen and Kachin states.

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Einhorn says absent watchdogs have allowed 'quasi-anarchy' on Wall Street

ROBIN WIGGLESWORTH — OSLO

Prominent hedge fund manager David Einhorn has savaged US regulators for allowing "quasi-anarchy" in markets, with their inaction on issues such as the GameStop frenzy exposing small investors to harm.

In a letter to his investors, the president of Greenlight Capital said the market mayhem surrounding the struggling videogame retailer in January was exacerbated at "a critical moment" by venture capitalist Chamath Palihapitiya and Tesla's Elon Musk, with the latter pouring "jet fuel" on the saga.

However, his most incendiary comments were aimed at US regulators and lawmakers for what he saw as their absent or supine enforcement of the rules that govern markets.

"For the most part, there is no cop on

the beat," Einhorn wrote. "It's as if there are no financial fraud prosecutors; companies and managements that are emboldened enough to engage in malfeasance have little to fear."

The hedge fund manager said it was healthy that ordinary investors discussed stock bets online — and lauded Keith Gill, the retail trader who sparked the GameStop frenzy, for a "great call". But Einhorn argued that Congress should be holding hearings on feeble enforcement more broadly, rather than focusing on the GameStop situation.

"Many who would never support defunding the police have supported — and for all intents and purposes have succeeded — in almost completely defunding, if not defunding, the regulators. For the most part, quasi-anarchy appears to rule in markets," he said.

As an example of how regulators are

allowing small investors to be harmed, Einhorn highlighted Hometown International, a microstock that owned a single shop in rural New Jersey but was valued at \$113m as of February 8 — despite sales of only \$13.97m last year. "The past must be amazing," he said.

Einhorn's remarks echo wider criticism of the slow implementation of the post-crisis Dodd-Frank Act. That was a factor behind how the opaque investment group Archegos was able to quietly build up enormous, leveraged stock market bets, which collapsed and inflicted multibillion-dollar losses on banks in late March.

Morgan Stanley was the latest to reveal its exposure to Archegos yesterday, unveiling a \$911m loss.

Musk and Palihapitiya were not available for comment.

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Royal funeral highlights dichotomy of British values

Covid rules have pared back Prince Philip's funeral, but his passing poses big questions about Britons' views of the royals and each other. The wave of nationalist sentiment is not shared by all. Fashionable metropolitans are sceptical of the monarchy and Brexit; remarks one observer. But as the UK plots its path outside the EU, another says the prince, of Greek, Danish and German blood, embodied the fact that the royal family is a multinational firm.

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Nasdaq Composite	14023.61	14038.76 -0.11	\$ per £	1.262	1.279	UK Gov 10 yr	0.76	0.03
Dow Jones Ind	34122.89	34035.96 +0.26	€ per £	0.867	0.868	Ger Gov 10 yr	0.76	0.03
FTSE 100	1703.30	1699.15 +0.00	¥ per \$	106.915	106.730	Japan Gov 10 yr	116.42	0.09 -0.08
Euro Stoxx 50	4204.14	3993.43 +0.02	¥ per €	150.382	149.970	US Gov 30 yr	106.96	2.28 -0.05
FTSE 100	7019.53	6983.50 +0.52	Sfr per €	1.101	1.104	Ger Gov 2 yr	106.42	-0.69 -0.01
FTSE All-Share	4006.76	3988.72 +0.45	€ per \$	0.835	0.835			
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Xetra Dax	15459.75	15255.33 +1.34						
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Hong Kong	28999.71	28793.14 +0.61						
MSCI World \$	2941.75	2913.53 +0.97						
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Oil Brent \$	88.95	89.94 -0.09		0.02	0.02 -0.00
Gold \$	1797.20	1795.98 +0.25		0.02	0.02 -0.00

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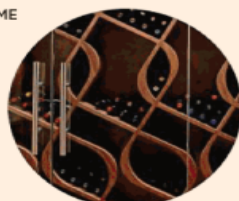
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Today, intervals of clouds and sunshine, a bit milder, high 64. Tonight, clouds, seasonable, low 49. Tomorrow, clouds and sunshine, showers, high 66. Weather map, Page 26.



A Quiet Farewell

Queen Elizabeth II sat alone in St. George's Chapel at the funeral for her husband of 73 years, Prince Philip, on Saturday. Page 12.

Shooter Bought 2 Rifles Months After Warnings

This article is by **Andrés R. Martínez, Mitch Smith, Alison Saldaña, Campbell Robertson and Ali Watkins.**

INDIANAPOLIS — Brandon Hole, the 19-year-old man who the police say fatally shot eight people at a FedEx facility on Thursday night, legally purchased two semiautomatic rifles he used in the attack just a few months after the police seized a shotgun from him, the chief of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department said on Saturday.

In March 2020, the police seized a shotgun from Mr. Hole after his mother raised concerns about his mental state, records show. But, Chief Randall Taylor said, the fact that Mr. Hole was legally able to make the more recent gun purchases indicated that — despite his mother's warning and the police seizure of a gun — the authorities had not deemed him subject to Indiana's so-called red flag law, which bars people from possessing a firearm if they are found by a judge to present a dangerous risk.

The revelation came as Indianapolis mourned the deaths of workers at the sprawling FedEx facility near the edge of city limits. The deaths, and the gunshot wounds sustained by at least seven others during a shift change on a chilly night, jolted a nation where mass killings have become commonplace.

At least four of the victims were members of the Sikh community, and the attack renewed the fears among American Sikhs, who have over the years been accused for wearing turbans and attacked in a

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Plasma Boom Ends, With Little to Back Up Hype

By **KATIE THOMAS and NOAH WEILAND**

Scott Cohen was on a ventilator struggling for his life with Covid-19 last April when his brothers pleaded with Plainview Hospital on Long Island to infuse him with the blood plasma of a recovered patient.

The experimental treatment was hard to get but was gaining attention at a time when doctors had little else. After an online petition drew 18,000 signatures, the hospital gave Mr. Cohen, a retired Nassau County medic, an infusion of the pale yellow stuff that some called "liquid gold."

In those terrifying early months of the pandemic, the idea that anti-

Early Optimism Faded for Covid Therapy

body-rich plasma could save lives took on a life of its own before there was evidence that it worked. The Trump administration, buoyed by proponents at elite medical institutions, seized on plasma as a good-news story at a time when there weren't many others. It awarded more than \$800 million to entities involved in its collection and administration, and put Dr. Anthony S. Fauci's face on billboards promoting the treatment.

A coalition of companies and nonprofit groups, including the Mayo Clinic, Red Cross and Microsof, mobilized to urge donations from people who had recovered from Covid-19, enlisting celebrities like Samuel L. Jackson and Dwayne Johnson, the actor known as the Rock. Volunteers, some dressed in superhero capes, showed up to blood banks in droves.

Mr. Cohen, who later recovered, was one of them. He went on to donate his own plasma 11 times.

But by the end of the year, good evidence for convalescent plasma had not materialized, prompting many prestigious medical centers to quietly abandon it. By February

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A Time for Transformation

Certain moments in life have the power to shift our core sense of being. The pandemic is one of them. Special Section.

In Hollywood Horror, Shrinking Oscar Audience

By **NICOLE SPERLING and BROOKS BARNES**

LOS ANGELES — Neither intimate looks into stars' living rooms nor scantily clad pop stars performing provocative hits have been able to stop audiences from tuning out award shows this year. The ratings for the Grammys were down by 53 percent. The Golden Globes plummeted by more than 60.

Now, as Hollywood prepares for a coronavirus-delayed Academy

MOVIES IN A PANDEMIC YEAR

Some lessons from the nominations: The good, the bad and the broken. *Arts & Leisure*, Page 6.

Awards telecast on April 25 on ABC, it is faced with the ultimate doomsday scenario: that the viewing public is ready to toss its premier showcase into the entertainment dustbin, plopped next to variety shows. Oscar, meet Lawrence Welk and his bubbles.

At a time when the traditional

film industry is fighting for its primacy at the center of American culture — with at-home entertainment soaring in popularity and pandemic-battered theater chains closing — a collective shrug for the Oscars would send Hollywood deeper into an identity crisis. And a shrug certainly could happen. Guts + Data, a research firm that focuses on entertainment, said last month that only 18 percent of active film watchers (in theaters or at home) had heard of "Mank," the Netflix film leading the Oscar

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Twitter Without Trump: A Nation Calmly Scrolls

By **SARAH LYALL**

That soothing sound that Gary Cavalli hears emanating from Twitter these days? It is the sound of silence — specifically, the silence of former President Donald J. Trump.

"My blood pressure has gone down 20 points," said Mr. Cavalli, 71, whose obsessive hate-following of Mr. Trump ended for good when Twitter permanently barred the former president in January. "Not having to read his

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latest dishonest tweets has made my life so much happier."

It seems like just yesterday, or perhaps a lifetime ago, that Mr. Trump swaggered through the corridors of Twitter as if he owned the place, praising himself and denigrating his enemies in an endless stream of poorly

punctuated, creatively spelled, factually challenged ALL-CAPS DIATRIBES that inflamed, delighted and terrified the nation to varying degrees. That all ended on Jan. 8, two days after a mob egged on by his incendiary remarks had stormed the United States Capitol in an ill-conceived effort to overturn the results of the presidential election.

One hundred days have now elapsed since the start of the ban — a move that raised questions of free speech and censorship in

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The pandemic has changed so much about our lives, including, in many, our bodies. Ignore that inner critic that generates anxiety. PAGE 6

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A couple had given up on having more than one child. Then, in their 60s, they got a letter from the hospital where they once had I.V.F. treatment. PAGE 1

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After renewed attention to claims of bullying, Scott Rudin, the producer of "The Book of Mormon," said he's stepping back from current projects. PAGE 20

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Some Republican lawmakers who encouraged their followers to protest in Washington on Jan. 6 have seen their campaign coffers swell. PAGE 14



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The pandemic has given California the opportunity to combat its obstacles to affordable housing and allow thousands to take refuge from the streets. PAGE 1

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A Chelsea Hotel Once Again?

Mark Twain and Bob Dylan slept there. Now, developers hope to lure tourists, but some tenants are frustrated. PAGE 1



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Eyes on the prize of justice for Black families

Police brutality took loved ones. Verdict in Chauvin murder trial could provide closure.

BY KURTIS LEE

MINNEAPOLIS — Philonise Floyd wrapped his arm around Gwen Carr's shoulder, staring into the throng of television cameras outside the Hennepin County Government Center.

Before the news conference on a recent afternoon, the two — bound by the grief of losing a loved one at the hands of police — had only met a few times.

Carr, whose son, Eric Garner, was killed by a police officer's chokehold in New York in 2014, traveled here in the days after George Floyd, Philonise's older brother, died last May under the knee of a police officer.

They cried together and prayed together. And now, they were together, again, publicly calling for justice.

"One thing I can tell you," Philonise said, looking at Carr, "after we get this conviction — we will be able to breathe."

As the nation focuses on the final days of the murder trial of former Minneapolis Police Officer Derek Chauvin, who knelt on Floyd's neck for more than nine minutes, so too do the families of dozens of other Black people killed in recent years by police, many of whom, like Floyd and Garner, had their final breaths captured on video that rocketed across the country.

Some relatives, including [See Families, A15]



BEFORE KILLINGS, A MOTHER UNRAVELED

By Matt Hamilton and Richard Winton

Liliana Carrillo's unraveling over the last year alarmed people in her life.

On Facebook, she spoke of "random invasive feelings of despair and pain." She said she was "hating being a parent" to her brood of young children and wished she could go back in time.

"I have absolutely no patience or tolerance left," she added.

More recently, she began to echo the delusion of QAnon believers. She was consumed by the idea that Porterville, Calif., was the site of a child sex-trafficking ring, according to court records, and contended that the blame for the pandemic rested on her shoulders.

It was clear she was struggling with postpartum depression, with anger, with childhood trauma and with the frustrations of young motherhood, her boyfriend, the father of her children, recounted in court records.

Last month, the situation got gravely worse. She started making wild allegations of child abuse,



"I DROWNED them," LAPD Lilianna Carrillo said of her children in a TV interview from jail. The children's father, Erik Denton, top photo, had recently gained custody of Sierra, 6 months; Joanna, 3; and Terry, 2. He said their killings came a day before she was to turn them over.

according to court records. Social workers and police in two counties got involved. The children's father, Erik Denton, convinced a judge to award him physical custody of their three children, saying Carrillo was experiencing a psychotic episode and he feared for the kids' well-being.

But Joanna, 3; Terry, 2; and Sierra, 6 months, remained with Carrillo.

Last weekend, a day before Denton said Carrillo was to turn the children over to him, her mother discovered the three grandchildren dead in the Reseda apartment they shared. In an extraordinary television interview from a Bakersfield jail on Thursday, Carrillo confessed to killing the kids, saying she was trying to protect them from sex trafficking.

"I drowned them," she said, claiming she did so "softly." She added, "I hugged them and I kissed them and I was apologizing the whole time."

"Do I wish that I didn't have to [See Mother, A14]



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PRINCE Hamzah, right, in 2006, with brother Prince Hashem. Hamzah was once crown prince of Jordan.

Jordan undergoes a royal reappraisal

The palace rift lifts lid on malaise and, for many, indicates a need for 'serious change.'

BY NABIH BULO

AMMAN, Jordan — A century ago this month, the British created Jordan.

In possibly the world's first instance of nation-building as consolation prize, they carved out a piece of desert with little water and even less oil from the ruins of the Ottoman Empire and gifted it to their Hashemite ally, Emir Abdullah bin Hussein, whose brother had been granted control of Iraq.

A hundred years later, the emir's great-grandson,

King Abdullah II, celebrated the centennial of a country few believed then would still exist. Dressed in a gold-braided military uniform, the king marched to bagpipe music April 11 along an avenue lined with soldiers. Later, officials unfurled an almost 7,000-foot-long Jordanian flag they hope will enter the Guinness Book of World Records.

But the stately pomp was belied by a surprising circumstance: namely, the Jordan's monarchy is now embroiled in arguably its worst crisis ever, with many people here questioning its effectiveness, the political system that has ensured its survival and the price they themselves have paid to preserve the country's much-vaunted stability.

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The dilemma in pausing J&J shots

Weighing risk of rare clots versus vaccine hesitancy and virus deaths, experts grapple with 'Do no harm'

BY MELISSA HEALY

"Do no harm." The phrase, from the Hippocratic oath, is the guiding principle of medical care. It was uttered multiple times during a highly charged meeting last week of vaccine experts who convened to advise the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on the safest

course of action after six people who got Johnson & Johnson's COVID-19 vaccine developed a rare blood-clotting disorder.

The experts on the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, or ACIP, decided to hold off on making decisions until more data — and potentially more patients with blood clots — emerge.

But they made clear that

even a brief pause in the use of one of three authorized vaccines will leave some Americans vulnerable a little longer to a serious case of COVID-19.

Some of them will surely join the more than 566,000 Americans who have died of the disease. But some who would have gotten the vaccine and gone on to develop a blood clot might also [See Vaccine, A15]

Stanford testing includes kids 2-5

Goal is to have vaccine for patients as young as 6 months. CALIFORNIA, B3

J&J vaccine pause hurts poor nations

What makes sense for U.S. may cost many lives elsewhere. WORLD, A3

Global deaths surpass 3 million

New cases rise in India, Brazil, France and other hot spots. WORLD, A4

Anti-Asian hate widened in 2020

A new LAPD study documented 15 crimes, more than double that of 2019. CALIFORNIA, B3

Sikhs mourning shooting victims

Community grieves for the employees killed at an Indianapolis FedEx warehouse. NATION, A13

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Britain's Queen Elizabeth II sits alone in St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle during the funeral for her partner of the last 73 years. WORLD, A6

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Afghan exit stirs security warnings

U.S. agencies fear pullout could permit diminished al-Qaeda to regroup

BY MISSY RYAN,
 SHANE HARRIS
 AND PAUL SONNE

The military and intelligence agencies are racing to refine plans for countering extremist groups in Afghanistan following President Biden's planned troop withdrawal, but current and former officials warn it will be far more difficult to head off threats to U.S. security from afar.

Biden said the United States would reposition personnel and equipment once the Pentagon pulls its forces out of Afghanistan ahead of the 20th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

"We'll not take our eye off the terrorist threat," Biden said as he announced his decision to end a war that is now America's longest, a goal that has eluded earlier presidents.

Top Biden aides said the move, which came despite warnings from military and intelligence leaders that withdrawal could permit a diminished al-Qaeda to regroup, was necessary to comply with a 2020 withdrawal agreement President Donald Trump negotiated with the Taliban, and to allow the United States to focus on more pressing challenges, like China's military rise.

But some officials cautioned that the trade-offs for American security, especially given the anemic state of peace talks between

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Federal aid often fails to reach poorest Americans

In Peoria, Ill., hundreds lost electricity as their pandemic bills piled up

BY GREG JAFFE

PEORIA, ILL. — In early March, with the weather warming and her day of reckoning with the power company fast approaching, Shawna Brewer slid her bill from the envelope and tried not to cry. She owed \$4,242.44.

It was the beginning of another month for Shawna, 38, in which her main goal was survival.

Like millions of Americans, she was not just poor, she was poor in ways that often rendered her unaccounted for by many of the government aid programs and charitable groups that could offer help. Her blighted Zip code had become the sort of place where hundreds of families could lose their electricity; few would complain and no one in a position of power or influence would even notice.

Illinois law prohibited winter cutoffs for nonpayment, but Shawna knew that the disconnections would start again soon, and she knew that she would likely be at the top of the power company's list. "I've got a \$4,000 light bill

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The lives lost in the FedEx shooting in Indianapolis

Some were just starting out. Others were advanced in life. All had their dreams.

BY WASHINGTON
 POST STAFF

The FedEx package sorting facility near the Indianapolis airport is a sprawling, nondescript warehouse with multiple shifts of workers — a popular workplace for recent high school graduates starting their adult lives, but also a gathering place for older Indian immigrants searching for community in addition to a paycheck.

Eight of those who worked at the facility were killed Thursday night by a 19-year-old former fellow co-worker who opened fire in the parking lot and then continued his rampage inside, shattering lives and communities as he went. The tragedy was the third mass shooting in the city this year, and the sixth public mass



A prayer vigil is held at Olivet Missionary Baptist Church in Indianapolis for the eight people slain Thursday when a former FedEx employee went on a shooting rampage at the facility where he had worked.

In Indianapolis: Vigils are held as the investigation continues. **A9**

shooting in the United States in five weeks.

Four of the eight victims were Indian immigrants from Indianapolis's close-knit Sikh community.

Amarjeet Kaur Johal, a 66-year-old grandmother, worked at the sorting facility so she could help support her family and spoil her grandchildren. Jaswinder Singh, 68, was in his second week of working there because he was bored at home and wanted to be around other immigrants from Punjab. Jasvinder Kaur, 50, and Amarjit Sekhon, who was in her late 40s, were relatives and worked together to support their families.

The oldest victim was John "Steve" Weisert, a 74-year-old Air Force veteran and box han-

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Attacks dial up urgency on guns

ACTIVISTS AIM TO END FAMILIAR CYCLE

A numbness to tragedy poses hurdle for action

BY TOLUSE OLORUNNIPA
 MARIANNA SOTOMAYOR

The routine has become so predictable that some gun-control activists see the familiarity of tragedy as their biggest obstacle to achieving the change they've been seeking for the past decade.

A gunman's rampage that claimed eight lives Thursday in Indianapolis became the latest mass shooting to set off the well-known pattern of condolences, lowered flags and a somber presidential statement calling on Congress to act.

With the cycle typically ending in legislative gridlock before repeating itself, activists are seizing on the most recent spate of deadly shootings to try to disrupt the system.

"God help us if we ever become complacent, or if this should ever just become routine and we just look the other way," said Mark Barden, a co-founder of the gun violence prevention group Sandy Hook Promise. "I do believe that we have an opportunity now for a bipartisan solution to gun safety, and I am trying to convey to folks that it's all hands on deck."

With Democrats in control of the White House, the House and the Senate for the first time in a decade, the recent string of mass shootings has encouraged activists to make a concerted push for fresh legislation restricting access to guns. But with no clear consensus on how to achieve an elusive goal — and with the White House reluctant to spend limited political capital on a prospect with long odds — there's a palpable fear among gun-control groups that their best chance in years to change the nation's gun laws could once again end in failure.

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A monarch alone

Queen Elizabeth II sits in St. George's Chapel in Windsor, England, on Saturday at the funeral of her husband of 73 years, Prince Philip, who died April 9 at age 99. The Duke of Edinburgh was honored in a modest and intimate ceremony that only 30 people were allowed to attend, under Britain's strict coronavirus restrictions. **Full coverage, A18-A19**

VA traverses rural West to coax vaccine skeptics

Mobile unit brings doses to vulnerable veterans in hopes of changing minds

BY LISA REIN

LIBBY, MONT. — On the morning he was scheduled to get his first shot of coronavirus vaccine, Mike Jellesed woke in a fury and wheeled his pickup out of his trailer park, headed for the Veterans of Foreign Wars post in town.

A giant star-spangled bus that had crossed 160 miles of the Rocky Mountains from Spokane, Wash., was waiting for him in the parking lot. Inside were three Department of Veterans Affairs workers and 26 Moderna syringes ready to go. Jellesed, a 61-year-old Air Force veteran with scarred lungs that left him vulnerable to covid-19, had driven there with his 11-year-old son to tell the VA crew all the reasons — despite his scheduled appointment — he

didn't believe in the vaccine. He felt like a lab rat. "That's what I am," he said. "I don't like being told what to do."

The VA mobile medical unit's third visit since January to Libby, an old mining and lumber town 70 miles from the Canadian border in a deep-red band of America, had been unexpectedly rough. Even as the Biden administration's campaign to inoculate the country accelerates each day, the agency has struggled to persuade a vulnerable population to protect itself and help the country get to herd immunity. The rugged communities that stretch from eastern Washington through the Idaho Panhandle into northwestern Montana include some of the country's highest concentrations of former service members. Mostly conservative and White, they are also highly suspicious of coronavirus vaccines.

In many cities and suburbs, millions are lining up for shots they have waited more than a year to get. Here, the political and

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El equipo catalán goleó 4-0 a Athletic Bilbao y obtuvo la Copa del Rey; el rosarino se afirmó como el más ganador en la historia del club, dos meses antes de que venza su contrato. Página 4

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Tras los cruces, la oposición rechaza acordar proyectos con el oficialismo

CORONAVIRUS. Es una reacción por la pelea con la Ciudad; incluye la comisión de seguimiento de la pandemia, las PASO y los temas judiciales

Las tensiones entre el presidente Alberto Fernández y el jefe de gobierno porteño, Horacio Rodríguez Larreta, por la suspensión de las clases presenciales ya impactan en toda la relación entre el oficialismo y la oposición. Después de los cru-

ces de esta semana, en Juntos por el Cambio anticiparon que dejarán de coordinar acciones con el Gobierno, especialmente en el Congreso.

Este nuevo escenario incluye desde la comisión de seguimiento de la pandemia hasta la posibilidad de

postergar las PASO y la discusión sobre las demoradas iniciativas judiciales. Página 26

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La tenaz avanzada bonaerense

Jorge Liotti

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La semana se empezó a torcer a la media tarde del miércoles. También la historia de la gestión de la pandemia. El Presidente, recién dado de alta, convocó a su primera actividad presencial en Olivos. Allí, junto con Santiago Cafiero, Carla Vizzotti y Julio Vitobello, terminó de definir las medidas que anunciaría a la noche y que derivarían en un sismo político y social. Continúa en la página 8

EL ANÁLISIS

La peste, la inflación y las cacerolas

Joaquín Morales Solá

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El 95 por ciento de la capacidad sanitaria privada de la Capital y el conurbano está completa. El colapso del sistema ya no es una hipótesis: simplemente está a la vuelta de la esquina. No es culpa de la Capital ni de los runners ni de los que viajan al exterior. Tampoco la solución vendrá de negarles a los jóvenes las clases presenciales ni de cerrar el interior de los restaurantes ni de poner a la Gendarmería en la calle. Continúa en la página 39



En el adiós a Felipe, una reina en soledad

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Un estricto protocolo anti-Covid limitó el funeral del duque de Edimburgo; Isabel se sentó lejos de su familia en la capilla. Página 22

JONATHAN BRADY/DPA

Guzmán. "Debemos evitar un shock negativo en la economía argentina"

El ministro dijo que el Club de París "está trabajando" en los pedidos del país

Luisa Corradini
CORRESPONSAL EN FRANCIA

PARÍS.—Después de haberse reunido anteayer con el presidente del Club de París y con su par francés, Bruno Le Maire, el ministro de Eco-

nomía, Martín Guzmán, no pierde la esperanza de llegar a un acuerdo con el Fondo Monetario Internacional en mayo. Es la condición que el Club le exigió para aceptar una postergación del pago que la Argentina debe hacerle el 31 de mayo, por US\$2400

millones, y así evitar el default.

En diálogo con LA NACION, Guzmán reconoció ayer que será difícil "por los múltiples consensos que se deben alcanzar", pero confió en que el Club analizará el pedido argentino. Continúa en la página 27

Alerta. Los conflictos que elevan la tensión global

La escalada en cinco disputas enciende las alarmas

PARÍS (De nuestra corresponsal).—Si bien en 2020 el mundo pareció olvidarse durante meses de las rivalidades planetarias para protegerse del coronavirus, la escalada en cinco conflictos volvió a encender las alarmas. El despliegue militar ruso en el

límite con Ucrania; el avance de Irán con su plan nuclear; los enfrentamientos armados en la frontera entre Venezuela y Colombia; la tensión entre China y Taiwán, y el conflicto que agita al Mar de la China Meridional quedaron en la mira. Página 18

Cresce entre senadores pressão para investigar STF

Em paralelo às discussões em torno da CPI da Covid, cuja criação foi determinada pelo ministro Luís Roberto Barroso, senadores retomaram a carga para levar adiante iniciativas para investigar e afastar integrantes do STF (Supremo Tribunal Federal), além de propostas para alterar procedimentos e mandatos da corte. Poder A4

Bolsonaro dá as cartas na PF um ano após reunião

A reunião ministerial que Sérgio Moro dizia provar interferência de Jair Bolsonaro na autonomia da PF faz um ano na quinta (22). Desde então, ele passou a dar as cartas no órgão, mas também perdeu seis ministros presentes naquele encontro. Poder A8

PAINEL

Esquerdistas na Cultura viram alvo de dossiê de radicais

Olavistas da Secretaria Especial da Cultura criaram dossiês sobre a visão política de servidores, para guiar exonerações ou promoções. Seis tidos como esquerdistas estavam entre os indicados a sair. A4

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Ana Carolina Amaral Cúpula definirá o lugar do Brasil

A Cúpula do Clima convocada pelos EUA na quinta (22) será um teste da nova configuração política global. Com o prazo apertado para corrigir rumos, Joe Biden poderá fazê-lo ao lado ou por cima do Brasil de Jair Bolsonaro. Mundo A20

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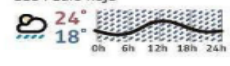
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Lilian Varella, 60, no seu Drosophylla Bar, que fechou em São Paulo após oferecer sem sucesso serviço de delivery; 'o setor está acabado', diz. Eduardo Knapp/Folhapress



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Antes de segurar bebê, Bolsonaro apertou ao menos 144 mãos em Goiás A6

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Roberto Carlos, 80

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Kate Winslet volta à TV como detetive atormentada em nova série da HBO

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Diretor e ator falam sobre 'Minari', filme falado em coreano e indicado ao Oscar

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Casamento em crise

Pandemia arruina o setor de casamentos e faz com que organizadores, estilistas, maquiadores e fotógrafos vislumbrem o futuro e busquem diversificar.

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Ideia frustrada de rebatizar Maracanã reaviva memória de Mario Filho

Renda da classe média cai de 20% a 50% na pandemia

Oito em dez famílias são afetadas, e 7% perdem tudo, aponta levantamento

Ainda que os mais pobres formem a fatia mais vulnerável aos efeitos da Covid-19, com forte retração nos ganhos especialmente entre trabalhadores informais, a pandemia também impõe prejuízo para as camadas médias, mostra análise dos números da Pnad Contínua.

Oito em cada dez famílias em que o rendimento mensal com emprego fica acima de cinco salários mínimos ganharam menos no quarto trimestre de 2020 ante igual período do ano anterior, já considerada a inflação, segundo o levantamento feito pela consultoria IDados.

A maior parte desses domicílios perdeu entre 20% e 50% do que costumava auferir por mês, sendo que 7% dessas famílias ficaram sem nenhum salário. O desemprego no país era de 14,2% no trimestre que vai de novembro até janeiro, o equivalente a 14,3 milhões de pessoas.

"As famílias enfrentam queda de qualidade de vida e de consumo, também pela inflação", afirma Sandro Sacchetti de Carvalho, do Ipea.

As classes média e média-alta foram as mais afetadas pelo aumento de preços em março, sobretudo devido aos combustíveis. Mercado A21



Casal se beija após cerimônia ao ar livre no Terraço Itália, em São Paulo. Alexandre Macedo / Dinárgio

Governo já pagou R\$ 1,7 bi por doses que não recebeu

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PAINEL S.A. Liliana Aufiero Produção de máscaras está uma loucura hoje

Herdeira e presidente da Lupo fala em entrevista à Folha, parte da série Histórias Centenárias, sobre a produção de máscaras e diz fabricar hoje 250 mil por dia, com fila até junho. "Eu preferia que não tivesse fila de espera e acabasse a pandemia." Mercado A22

Antonio Prata Precisamos falar sobre Hilbert

A chaga ardente nos corações de cada marido e esposa do Brasil tem nome, RG, 1,90 m, 40 anos, melnas loiras e porte atlético: chama-se Rodrigo Hilbert. Imagino a minha mulher comparando-o com o comigo, pau a pau — sem trocadilho, por favor. Cotidiano B6

Vacinação no Brasil

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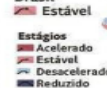
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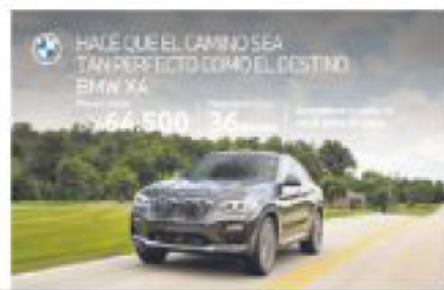
Números da pandemia

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Gel : l'agriculture française sous le choc



La vague de froid survenue après la chaleur exceptionnelle de la fin du mois de mars a des conséquences catastrophiques pour un tiers des exploitations françaises. **PAGES 2, 4 ET L'ÉDITORIAL**

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

dependra 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. Préser-
vons-les des aléas idéologiques. ■

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